

**FOURTH QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR
TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO
October 1 – December 31, 2022
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Section I. Issues.

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter:

- A. Societal Issues:** Inflation and food prices; United Way; Human trafficking; General Election voting procedures and voter registration; Hispanic entrepreneurs; Outdoor opportunities for families and children; Social Media precautions about celebrity endorsements; Butterflies as environmental indicators; Gift Cards and Crypto ATM precautions; Better Business Bureau precautions about holiday packages; Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform; General Election Alabama's Constitutional Amendment proposals; Student loans and debt relief; Military service and disability; Inflation's impact on small business owners; Alabama's Wiregrass peanut industry; Eye Donation Month; Flu, Covid Omicron Variant, and RSV; Retail businesses and holiday shopping projections during supply chain issues; Alabama Trucking Association and the pandemic supply chain slowdown; The Be Ok Toolkit from Mental Health America-Montgomery.
- B. Historical Issues:** Alabama writer Harper Lee; Blues legend Big Mama Thornton's Wiregrass Alabama roots; International Archaeology Month; Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson National Historic Landmark; Old Alabama Town's acquisition of a nineteenth century astronomical regulator clock; George Washington Carver's peanut research; Montgomery County Historical Society panel commemorates the move of historian Albert Pickett's 1837 home; StoryCorps and family history; Alabama's ancient fossil life; Pearl Harbor Day and the U.S. Flag that flew over the House of Representatives during FDR's "Day of Infamy" speech; Alabama's Coon Dog Cemetery.

Section II: Responsive Programs.

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above referenced issues. Programming on *In Focus*, with host Carolyn Hutcheson, dealt with each issue in a 9-minute time frame, at 12:40 p.m. Central time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. On Mondays, *The Exchange* featured interviews twice daily that addressed consumer and economic issues. Note: the station continues posting its *In Focus* and *The Exchange* programs as podcasts on NPR One,, SoundCloud, and other venues. A special live broadcast on Dec. 2nd took place at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, with guests discussing the radio play, *It's a Wonderful Life*.

A. Societal Issues:

-Broadcast on October 3 and 10: On *The Exchange*, a discussion with guest Katie Funderburk, Registered Dietician and Alabama Cooperative Extension Specialist, about inflation and rising food prices. She shared advice on how to stretch food budget dollars, while maintaining nutrition. This is a two-part program, with the Oct. 10 program addressing meat expenses.

-Broadcast on October 4:

A discussion with guest Jannah Bailey, new President and CEO of the River Region United Way, about community needs and how agency partners are meeting those needs.

-Broadcast on October 5:

A discussion with guest Tay Knight, Executive Director of the Family Sunshine Center, a River Region United Way agency, about how the organization works with victims of human trafficking. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

-Broadcast on October 6:

A discussion with guest John Merrill, Alabama Secretary of State, about the Nov. 8th General Election, voting procedures (including absentee voting), and voter registration update.

-Broadcast on October 12:

A discussion with guest Juliana Bolivar, Director of the Troy University Small Business Development Center, about how the center helps Hispanic entrepreneurs in the Wiregrass succeed with their businesses.

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-Broadcast on October 14:

An on-location discussion at Fort Toulouse-Jackson historical park with guest Verna Gates, Executive Director of the Fresh Air Family nonprofit, about ways the organization offers parents and children outdoor opportunities in a safe environment. With the pandemic, many families have stayed indoors, while supervised outdoor activities can offer a fresh air alternative. Gates was at Fort Toulouse to check out the site for a Fresh Air Family visit.

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-Broadcast on October 17:

On *The Exchange*, a discussion with Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about celebrity endorsements of investment products on social media. Borg cautioned investors about celebrity "influencers," who are paid for their commercial endorsements. The ASC can help investors check out prospective investment ideas ahead of time, as sellers must be licensed.

-Broadcast on October 18:

A discussion with guest William Holman, Executive Director of Dothan Area Botanical Gardens, about the new Butterfly House, which teaches visitors about these indicators of environmental health. The Butterfly houses hundreds of butterflies of various species.

-Broadcast on October 24:

On *The Exchange*, a discussion with guest Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about consumer precautions when using gift cards and crypto ATMs.

-Broadcast on October 31:

On *The Exchange*, a discussion with guest Monde Donaldson, Vice President of the Better Business Bureau Foundation, about ordering holiday packages and preventing theft.

-Broadcast on November 1:

A discussion with guest Nancy Ekberg, Board member of the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform, about the organization's twenty-year study of the Alabama Constitution, the world's longest, with proposed changes to remove racist language and organize its amendments.

-Broadcast on November 2:

A discussion with guest John Merrill, Alabama Secretary of State, about the proposed Constitutional Amendments on the Nov. 8th General Election ballot. Secretary Merrill discussed each amendment and the proposed changes to the Alabama Constitution.

-Broadcast on November 7:

On *The Exchange*, a discussion with guest Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about proposals for student loans and debt relief, and how the details should be closely examined.

-Broadcast on November 8:

A discussion with guest Luke Murphy, retired U.S. Army Sergeant and Purple Heart recipient, about his participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom and subsequent disability. He was preparing to speak to students as the Troy University Helen Keller Lecturer.

-Broadcast on November 10:

Discussions with guests Professor Martin Olliff, Director of Troy University's Wiregrass Archives, about the history of Dothan's National Peanut Festival; Rick Pate, Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries; and a local Wiregrass peanut farmer, about the status of the Wiregrass peanut industry in Alabama. Interviewers were Troy Public Radio's Kyle Gassiott and Ann Kenda.

-Broadcast on November 14:

On *The Exchange*, a discussion with guest Rosemary Elebash, Executive Director of the National Association of Independent Business in Alabama, about the impact of inflation and supply chain issues on small business owners.

Broadcast on November 16:

A discussion about Eye Donation Month with guest Kristin Beauchamp about the loss of her son, an organ donor. Two people received eye transplants through Advancing Sight Network.

-Broadcast on November 17:

A discussion with guest Dr. Wes Stubblefield, Pediatrician and District Medical Officer for the Alabama Department of Public Health, about Flu, the Covid Omicron Variant, and RSV, and ways to tell the difference. He gave advice on when to seek medical care.

-Broadcast on November 21 and 28:

On *The Exchange*, a discussion with guest Nancy King Dennis, Director of Public Relations for the Alabama Retail Association, about projections for the holiday shopping season as business owners and shoppers contend with inflation and supply chain issues. This is a two-part program.

-Broadcast on November 22:

A discussion with guests Pat Clark, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Historical Society, and Ruth Ott, Board member, about the move twenty-five years ago of Alabama historian Albert Pickett's 1837 home, to make room for the construction of the new Federal Building. They are convening a panel to discuss the event and Pickett's life.

-Broadcast on December 5:

On *The Exchange*, a discussion with Mark Colson, President and CEO of the Alabama Trucking Association, about how the supply chain slowdown is affecting commerce during the pandemic.

-Broadcast on December 15:

A discussion with guest Julie Waters, Aging and Disability Specialist, about Mental Health America – Montgomery's "Be Ok Toolkit," an online toolkit that can help people struggling with anxiety, depression, and stress identify their symptoms, with coping ideas and getting mental health help. She also addressed the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

B. Historical Issues

-Broadcast on October 19 and November 15:

A discussion with guest historian Dr. Wayne Flynt, who shared memories of his and his wife's friendship with famed Alabama writer Harper Lee during the last decade of her life. He is the author of the book, *Afternoons with Harper Lee*. This is a two-part program, with part two addressing the editing rewrites of Lee's book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

-Broadcast on October 20:

A discussion with guest Gil Anthony, radio host and co-founder of the Wiregrass Blues Fest, about plans to honor the memory of Big Mama Thornton, a native of Ariton, Alabama, and a trailblazer for female blues singers, as well as inductee in the Blues Hall of Fame. The City of Ariton will name "Big Mama Thornton Circle" in her memory on Oct. 22 in a special ceremony.

-Broadcast on October 26:

A discussion with guest archaeologist Stephen Carmody, Troy University Associate Professor of Anthropology about the University's student participation in excavations in Italy, bringing to light the use of various foods by ancient cultures. October is International Archaeology Month.

-Broadcast on October 27:

An on-location discussion with guests Ovie Jensen, Site Director, and John Gurner, Cultural Resources Specialist, at the Alabama Historical Commission's Fort Toulouse – Fort Jackson National Historic Landmark, about the site's pivotal importance in Alabama and U.S. history. According to Jensen, the story of Alabama begins at Fort Toulouse, an important Native American settlement, French fort, and subsequent headquarters for Andrew Jackson. The park will host Frontier Days in early November, highlighting the various frontier life cultures.

-Broadcast on November 3:

An on-location discussion at Old Alabama Town with guest Carole King, Curator and historic preservationist, about the Montgomery historic site's acquisition of the Belshaw Clock, a nineteenth century astronomical regulator clock, used by railroads for accurate time keeping.

-Broadcast on November 9:

A discussion with guest Dr. Edith Powell, Immunologist and Hematologist and retired professor at Tuskegee University, about her research into George Washington Carver's scientific experiments on the peanut as a way to save the South's economy following the boll weevil destruction of cotton crops. Her book is *More Than Peanuts – the Unlikely Partnership of Tom Huston and George Washington Carver*.

-Broadcast on November 23:

A discussion with guest Austin Toy, Troy Public Radio's new Podcast Manager, about his participation in StoryCorps, the nation's oral history project, several years ago. He interviewed his artist father and learned about the family's history in the mountains of Kentucky. He also talked about podcasts and how they are created.

-Broadcast on December 6:

A discussion with guest Dr. Bill Deutsch, Aquatic Ecologist, about how Alabama was shaped by its ancient life of tropical seas, swamps and associated creatures. His new book is *Ancient Life in Alabama, the Fossils, the Finders, and Why It Matters*.

-Broadcast on December 7:

On Pearl Harbor Day, a discussion with guest Col. Bryan Morgan, retired State Judge Advocate for the Alabama Military Department, about the U.S. Flag that flew over the U.S. House of Representatives after Pearl Harbor and during FDR's Day of Infamy speech. Col. Morgan's great uncle was U.S. Congressman Luther Patrick, and the flag came into the family's possession. The story is to be continued with the flag's return to Congress and subsequent displays at various sites.

-Broadcast on December 8:

An on-location discussion with guests Lee and Franky Hatton, cousins who are perpetuating the legacy of Colbert County's Alabama Coon Dog Cemetery, where 300 coon dogs, many of them champions, are buried.