

**SECOND QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR  
TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO  
April 1 – June 30, 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:** New business owners and taxes; Side-by-Side Choir for dementia patients; Alabama Securities Commission precautions about virtual casinos; Women for Women International in war torn countries; Drone technology and training at Troy University; Earth Day; Better Business Bureau precautions about vacation scams; Storytelling and the Moth Radio Hour; BBB precautions about cryptocurrency scams; The Primary Election; Public Gardens Day; Inflation's effects on gasoline and food prices; Troy University Professor Music Diane Orlofsky's contributions to choral music with contemporary composers; Herbal teas and their functions; Affinity fraud; Falconry and the use of raptors for hunting game; Hiking for fitness; World Otter Day; Stagflation; Veterans' issues; Boombox sculpture plus sound; Fake check scams; Art of the late Priscilla Crommelin; World Elder Abuse Awareness Day; Groundbreaking for the new Enterprise, AL, Veterans Home; Gun violence; Alabama's prison crisis; Fed's efforts to control inflation; Covid-19 vaccination update for children; Alabama Asthma Coalition's asthma camps for children this summer.
- B. Historical Issues:** National Poetry Month and the writings of Helen Keller, advocate for people with disabilities; Sacred Harp music; Portraits from the Montgomery Bus Boycott of the 1950s; Aboriginal Native American Dugout Canoe; the 2004 Springford murders; Alabama actress Sandra Ellis Lafferty's research on music legend Maybelle Carter; Flag Day family story of the U.S. flag that flew over the House of Representatives the day after Pearl Harbor; Juneteenth remote broadcast.

Note: Repeated programs during vacation: May 24 Mt. Sinai Rosenwald School; May 25 Talladega Flying Machine; May 26 The Virus Hunters (zoonotic diseases); May 31 Fourteenth Colony (during Colonial times); June 1 Wastewater Issues and disease.

## **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, beginning at 12:40 p.m. Central time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. On Mondays, In Focus presented The Exchange, dealing with economic and consumer issues, at 7:45 a.m. and 12:35 p.m.

### **A. Societal Issues:**

-Broadcast on April 11:

A discussion with guest CPA Kendra James about tax considerations for people starting their own businesses. During the pandemic, some employees have left their regular jobs to start a business. This is a program for The Exchange.

-Broadcast on April 12:

A discussion with guest Becky Taylor, Conductor of the Side-by-Side respite choir for patients with dementia and their caregivers. The choir was formed as a music ministry of several Montgomery churches, because music has a positive impact on people with memory loss.

-Broadcast on April 18:

A discussion with guest Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, with precautions about virtual casinos. This is a program for The Exchange.

-Broadcast on April 19:

A discussion with guest Marie Clarke, Vice-President of Global Programs for Women for Women International, about programs to help survivors of the war in Afghanistan. Note: Troy Public Radio's coverage area encompasses several military bases, with personnel and soldiers who have been in the Middle East wars.

-Broadcast on April 21:

A discussion with guest Col. Al Allenback (USAF Ret.), Director of the Troy University Unmanned Aerial Systems course of study, about drone technology training. Drone technology is being used in the war in Ukraine and also in various sectors of the U.S. economy – forestry, agriculture, land surveys, law enforcement, mapping, videography, etc.

-Broadcast on April 22:

A discussion with guest Jean Szabo of the Alabama Herb Society about the various uses of herbs by consumers. She also previewed Herb Day April 23 and the educational presentations available.

-Broadcast on April 25:

A discussion with guest Monde Donaldson, Vice-President of the Better Business Bureau Serving Central and South Alabama, with precautions about vacation scams. This is a program for The Exchange.

-Broadcast on April 28:

A discussion with guest Catherine Burns, Artistic Director of The Moth Radio Hour, about the importance of storytelling as a tool of oral history and learning public speaking. The program is coming to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival May 7<sup>th</sup>.

-Broadcast on May 2:

A discussion with guest Monde Donaldson, Vice-President of the Better Business Bureau, Serving Central and South Alabama, about cryptocurrency scams, which have quadrupled between 2020 and 2021. This is a program for The Exchange.

-Broadcast on May 3 and 11:

A two-part discussion with guest John Merrill, Alabama Secretary of State, about the upcoming primary election's voting rules and procedures.

-Broadcast on May 4:

A discussion with guest William Holman, Executive Director of Dothan Area Botanical Gardens, about Public Gardens Day May 7<sup>th</sup>. In this pandemic era, public gardens are important venues to give people safe spaces outdoors to enjoy and learn about plants.

-Broadcast on May 9:

A discussion with guest economist Judson Edwards, Dean of the Troy University Sorrell College of Business, about inflation's impact on vacation planning, with escalating gasoline and food prices. This is a program for The Exchange.

-Broadcast on May 10:

A discussion with guest Professor Diane Orlofsky, Troy University Department of Music, about her career bringing the innovative music of contemporary composers to her students and audiences.

-Broadcast on May 12:

A discussion with guest James Jones, who specializes in herbal teas and blends, as used by various cultures.

-Broadcast on May 16:

A discussion with guest Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about the prevalence of various types of affinity fraud and how to recognize and fight it. This is a program for The Exchange.

-Broadcast on May 17:

A discussion with guest naturalist Sy Montgomery about Falconry and how raptors have been used historically in cultures around the world to hunt game. She is author of the book, *The Hawk's Way: Encounters with Fierce Beauty*.

-Broadcast on May 18:

A discussion with guest James Bullinger of Level Plains, Alabama, about his induction into the Alabama Sports and Adventure Hall of Fame. Several years ago, he began hiking for health reasons and fitness, so he shared the story of how the activity has changed his life.

-Broadcast on May 19:

A discussion with guests Michelle Johnson, Conservation and Enrichment Manager, and Jen Hamilton, Zoo Keeper, about two otters at the Montgomery Zoo. Otters are an indicator species of the health of the environment, and World Otter Day May 25<sup>th</sup> would call attention to their importance.

-Broadcast on May 23:

A discussion with guest economist Judson Edwards, Dean of the Troy University Sorrell College of Business, about the prospects for stagflation – inflation in a stagnant economy, given the scenario of rising gasoline and food prices, plus the supply chain slowdown. This was a program for The Exchange.

-Broadcast on May 30:

A discussion with guest Rear Admiral Kent Davis (U.S. Navy Ret.), Alabama Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, for Memorial Day, recounting the sacrifices of men and women who have served in the U.S. military, and the sacrifices of their families.

-Broadcast on June 2:

A discussion with guests Bayette Ross-Smith, artist, and Jennifer Jankauskus, curator, at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts about the newest installation – a towering boombox sculpture by the artist, fusing sculpture with the sound of oral history recorded by community residents who visited the museum.

-Broadcast on June 6:

A discussion with guest Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about counterfeit checks. Fake check scams are on the rise. This is a program for The Exchange.

-Broadcast on June 7:

A discussion with guest Mark Pinsky, a true crime writer who covered the 2004 murders of Brent, Sr., and Charlotte Springford in Montgomery by their son, Brent, Jr. Research revealed that the son came under the influence of a self-professed shaman in Colorado. Pinsky is the author of the book, *Drifting into Darkness, Murder, Suicide, and a Death Under Suspicious Circumstances*. Pinsky's research papers will be donated to the Troy University Library.

-Broadcast on June 8:

A discussion with guests Priscilla Crommelin-Ball and her daughter Priscilla Crommelin-Monnier McMullan about their mother/grandmother, the late Priscilla Crommelin. Named for President John Tyler's daughter-in-law Priscilla, who served as First Lady, the artist traveled the world with her husband, Admiral Quentin Crommelin, a World War II hero, painting what she saw. Her colorful paintings are displayed in museums and reflect an American artist's interpretation of Impressionism.

-Broadcast on June 13:

A discussion with guest Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The Commission worked with the Alabama Legislature to pass the Protection of Vulnerable Adults from Financial Exploitation Act in 2016, which adds a layer of legal protection for Alabama adults who may be susceptible to financial abuse or exploitation. This is a program for The Exchange.

-Broadcast on June 15:

A discussion with guest Alabama Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Rear Admiral Kent Davis, U.S. Navy Ret., about plans for the new Veterans Home in Enterprise, AL, with groundbreaking this week. The home is being named in memory of Command Sergeant Major Bennie Adkins, who served in the Special Forces in Vietnam and was awarded the Medal of Honor. Enterprise was chosen because of its location in the geographic area of greatest need.

-Broadcast on June 20:

A discussion with guest economist Judson Edwards, Dean of the Troy University Sorrell College of Business, about his research into Alabama's state gasoline tax. This is a program for The Exchange.

-Broadcast on June 22:

A discussion with guest Montgomery County Sheriff Derrick Cunningham about the rise in violent crime. With the proliferation of guns, as authorized by the Alabama Legislature with its recent approval to carry guns in public without a permit, the sheriff expressed grave concerns about young people committing crimes with guns. He talked about the pressures from social media on young people and shared how parents can test teens for drug use and be alert for signs of stress in their children.

-Broadcast on June 23:

A discussion with guest Mary Scott Hodgin, health and science reporter for WBHM public radio, about her research into the Alabama prison crisis. A seven-episode podcast is the result of several years of her investigation: *Deliberate Indifference: Inside Alabama's Prison Crisis*, available at the website, [www.deliberateindifference.org](http://www.deliberateindifference.org).

-Broadcast on June 27:

A discussion with guest economist Judson Edwards, Dean of the Troy University Sorrell College of Business, about the Fed's efforts to cool the economy and control inflation. This program is for The Exchange.

-Broadcast on June 29:

A discussion with guest Dr. Karen Landers, Board-certified pediatrician and newly appointed Chief Medical Officer for the Alabama Department of Public Health about the recently approved Covid-19 vaccinations for young children. She talked in depth about Covid's effects on children, and she also shared precautions about heat sickness symptoms as we approach July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

-Broadcast on June 30:

A discussion with guest Linda Gibson-Young, Chair of the Alabama Asthma Coalition, about asthma in children. She shared advice about continuing to wear masks and social distancing during the pandemic, to avoid additional illness in children with a chronic lung condition. She previewed asthma camps sponsored by the coalition, with costs covered by contributing organizations. Gibson-Young is a PhD. Nurse Practitioner and AU Professor.

## **B. Historical Issues:**

-Broadcast on April 14:

A discussion with guest poet Jeanie Thompson, Executive Director of the Alabama Writers Forum, about National Poetry Month and the writings of Helen Keller, advocate for people with disabilities. Thompson is the author of the book about Helen Keller, *The Myth of Water*.

-Broadcast on April 15:

On Good Friday, a discussion with guest composer Stanley Smith of Ozark about the tradition of Sacred Harp music, which is still being sung in rural areas today.

-Broadcast on April 27:

A discussion with guest artist Lava Thomas about her exhibition at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts of portraits drawn from the mugshots of women who led the Montgomery Bus Boycott in the 1950s.

-Broadcast on May 5:

A discussion with guest archaeologist Ben Hoksbergen about an aboriginal Native American dugout canoe found in the Tennessee River in the 1940s. The canoe reflected the workmanship of Indians prior to contact with European civilization and is now lost to time, since it disintegrated outside Cathedral Caverns, where it was on display.

-Broadcast on June 9:

A discussion with guest actress Sandra Ellis Lafferty of Fort Payne, Alabama, about her research for the role of Mother Maybelle Carter in the award-winning *Walk the Line* movie about the life of singer Johnny Cash.

-Broadcast on June 14:

A Flag Day discussion with retired Colonel Bryan Morgan, who served as the State Judge Advocate for the Alabama Military Department, about the flag his uncle, Congressman Luther Patrick, saved following President Roosevelt's address to the joint session of Congress on Dec. 8, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked. The flag flew over the U.S. House of Representatives, and Col. Morgan's father, a Congressional page, remembered the speech.

-Broadcast on June 16:

Remote Broadcast: Discussions with guests - historian and tour guide Richard Bailey, author of the books, *They, Too, Call Alabama Home* and *Neither Carpetbaggers Nor Scalawags*, and food historian Carolyn Quick Tillery, author of *The African-American Heritage Cookbook, Traditional Recipes and Fond Remembrances from Alabama's Renowned Tuskegee Institute*, about Juneteenth, its history and relevance today. Also joining the broadcast, hosted by Kyle Gassiot and Carolyn Hutcheson, was guest Madeline Burkhart, curator at the Troy University Rosa Parks Museum, with a preview of the Juneteenth Saturday celebration at the Museum. Note: Carolyn Quick Tillery was the guest on the actual Juneteenth holiday of June 21, sharing more of the history and role of foods in African American traditional culture.