

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING**

**During the 2nd quarter of 2013, 101.7 WBEI broadcasts one 30-minute public affairs program, focusing on various issues of concern to the community. From April 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013, Public Affairs Director Jade N. Gibson and Phillip Coleman each host a 15-minute segment on Pinto Beans and Collard Greens.**

## **ISSUES/PROGRAMS**

**April 1, 2013 – July 31, 2013**

The following is a list of top issues of primary concern to the 101.7 WBEI listening area as ascertained by WBEI management and staff. Included with this list is a reference to WBEI public affairs programming as summarized in this report. Issues are not necessarily listed in order of importance.

### **ISSUE: DATE**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: 04/07, 04/14, 04/21, 04/28, 05/05, 05/19, 05/26, 06/09, 06/23**

**HEALTH: 04/14, 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 05/26, 06/09, 06/16**

**EDUCATION: 04/07, 04/14, 04/21, 04/28, 05/05, 05/12, 06/09, 06/16, 06/23, 06/30**

**FINANCES: 04/07, 04/28, 05/12, 06/16, 06/23**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: 04/14, 04/28, 05/19, 06/02, 06/16, 06/30**

**FUNDRAISING: 06/30**

**ENVIRONMENT: 04/07, 04/14**

**RECREATION: 04/21, 04/28, 05/19, 06/02, 06/30**

**VOLUNTEERISM: 05/19, 06/02, 06/09**

**CRIME PREVENTION/SAFETY: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12, 05/26, 06/09, 06/16, 06/23**

**AIR DATE: 04/07/13**

**DURATION: 30 minutes**

**ISSUES: Environment, Community Development, Finances**

**GUEST: Tuscaloosa County Commissioner Jerry Tingle**

**SUMMARY: Commissioner Tingle discussed the work being done in the Holt Community to revitalize the area, which has remained mostly untouched after the April 27, 2011 tornado. He also talked about other projects in the works in District 2.**

**ISSUES: Finances, Education**

**GUEST: Mr. Eric Prewitt, Veterans Affairs and Financial Aid at Shelton State Community College**

**SUMMARY: Mr. Prewitt provided information on college financial aid for veterans.**

**AIR DATE: 04/14/13**

**DURATION: 30 minutes**

**ISSUES: Education, Youth Development, Community Development**

**GUEST: Superintendent of Tuscaloosa City Schools, Dr. Paul McKendrick**

**SUMMARY: Dr. McKendrick gave an update on the progress of the Tuscaloosa Career and Technology Academy as well as the Alberta School and the opening of University Place Schools for residents outside of that school zone.**

**ISSUES: Environment, Health**

**GUEST: Ms. Riva McAlpine, Director of the Respiratory Therapist Program at Shelton State Community College**

**SUMMARY: Ms. McAlpine advised of steps that can be taken to lessen the impact of the allergy season.**

**AIR DATE: 04/21/13**

**DURATION: 30 minutes**

**ISSUES: Recreation**

**GUEST: JoAnn Miles and Barbara Kucharski with the Tuscaloosa Preservation Society**

**SUMMARY: Ms. Miles and Mrs. Kucharski invited listeners to take part in the Preservation Society's upcoming Heritage Celebration, which featured events that were family friendly as well as those targeting mostly adults.**

**ISSUES: Community Development, Education**

**GUEST: Ms. Julia Chancy with the Adult Literacy Program of the Shelton State Community College Adult Education Division**

**SUMMARY: Ms. Chancy discussed the rates of illiteracy in the adult population and how Shelton State's Adult Literacy Program works to combat that problem in our local area.**

**AIR DATE: 04/28/13**

**DURATION: 30 minutes**

**ISSUES: Youth Development, Community Development, Recreation**

**GUEST: Jocqueline Richardson with the Links of Tuscaloosa**

**SUMMARY:** Mrs. Richardson explained what the Links is and how the organization serves the Tuscaloosa community. She then invited area residents to a display of the arts and academia by area students.

**ISSUES:** Finances, Crime Prevention/Safety, Education

**GUEST:** Ms. Betty Brown-Bogan, Recently Retired College Financial Aid Advisor and Counselor at Shelton State Community College

**SUMMARY:** Ms. Brown-Bogan discussed Internet financial aid scams and talked about how she still works with students on obtaining college financial aid even after her retirement.

**AIR DATE:** 05/05/13

**DURATION:** 30 minutes

**ISSUES:** Health, Crime Prevention/Safety

**GUEST:** Billy Kirkpatrick, Executive Director of the West Alabama AIDS Outreach

**SUMMARY:** (Part 1) Mr. Kirkpatrick talked about a recent case of a young man's HIV/AIDS status being made public and how alarming it was for the Tuscaloosa community but how it also increased the number of those being tested.

**ISSUES:** Community Development, Education

**GUEST:** Ms. Deborah Brown, Executive Director of the Westside Community Development Corporation

**SUMMARY:** Ms. Brown invited the community to a homeownership class hosted by the Westside Community Development Corporation. The event was to assist those planning to become first-time home buyers as well as current home owners, looking to make the most of the home owning experience.

**AIR DATE:** 05/12/13

**DURATION:** 30 minutes

**ISSUES:** Health, Crime Prevention/Safety

**GUEST:** Billy Kirkpatrick, Executive Director of the West Alabama AIDS Outreach

**SUMMARY:** (Part 2) Mr. Kirkpatrick discussed the rising rates of HIV/AIDS in the adolescent and senior demographics, education about the diseases, and methods of prevention.

**ISSUES:** Education, Finances

**GUEST:** Mr. Curtis Coleman, GED Site Coordinator with Adult Education of Shelton State Community College

**SUMMARY:** Mr. Coleman talked about how the cost of taking the GED Test will more than double next year and ways that Shelton State Community College Adult Education is working with current students to help them pass the test beforehand.

**AIR DATE:** 05/19/13

**DURATION:** 30 minutes

**ISSUES:** Youth Development, Volunteerism, Recreation, Community Development, Health

**GUEST:** Laura Peyton, Youth Director at the Benjamin Barnes Branch of the

**YMCA**

**SUMMARY:** Ms. Peyton informed listeners of summer programs available at the YMCA and provided details about their Children's Resource Center.

**ISSUES:** Youth Development, Recreation

**GUEST:** Ms. Shannon Camper with Corporate Training and Community Education at Shelton State.

**SUMMARY:** Ms. Camper explained how Kids College and other educational programs for young learners through Shelton State's Division of Community Education keeps children occupied and maintains a learning momentum through the summer.

**AIR DATE:** 05/26/13

**DURATION:** 30 minutes

**ISSUES:** Community Development

**GUEST:** Tuscaloosa City Councilman William Tinker

**SUMMARY:** Councilman Tinker discussed changes made in District 7 and the rebuilding of areas affected by the April 27, 2011 tornado.

**ISSUES:** Health, Crime Prevention/Safety

**GUEST:** Dr. John Fisher, Director of the Alabama Poison Center

**SUMMARY:** Dr. Fisher expressed how common household substances can result in injuries and tragedies, especially in the summer as children spend more time at home.

**AIR DATE:** 06/02/13

**DURATION:** 30 minutes

**ISSUES:** Youth Development, Recreation, Volunteerism

**GUEST:** Roland Lewis with Tuscaloosa's One Place

**SUMMARY:** Mr. Lewis talked about the services provided by TOP and invited families to participate in their "Family Fun Day: Fathers in the Park," which focused on fathers spending quality time with their children.

**ISSUES:** Youth Development, Recreation, Volunteerism

**GUEST:** Mr. David DeShazo, Coordinator with the Fatherhood Program at Tuscaloosa's One Place and Mr. Patrick Sprunger, Child Support Supervisor with the Department of Human Resources in Tuscaloosa County

**SUMMARY:** Mr. DeShazo and Mr. Sprunger invited families, especially fathers, to Fathers in the Park.

**AIR DATE:** 06/09/13

**DURATION:** 30 minutes

**ISSUES:** Community Development, Education, Volunteerism, Crime Prevention/Safety

**GUEST:** Rev. Roxanne Harris with the Woman to Woman Empowerment Program

**SUMMARY:** Rev. Harris explained the functionality of the Woman to Woman Empowerment Program, which is of benefit to all women but focuses on those released from incarceration.

**ISSUES:** Health, Crime Prevention/Safety

**GUEST:** Dr. Milady Murphy, Director of the Wellness Center at Shelton State Community College

**SUMMARY:** Dr. Murphy talked about the importance of remaining hydrated while exercising as well as working in the heat in addition to our daily regimen of fluid intake throughout the day.

**AIR DATE:** 06/16/13

**DURATION:** 30 minutes

**ISSUES:** Youth Development, Health, Crime Prevention/Safety

**GUEST:** Mr. Tim Robinson, founder of Against All Odds

**SUMMARY:** Mr. Robinson discussed the importance of fathers in their children's lives as well as male mentorship, family structure, and issues men face in family court.

**ISSUES:** Finances, Education

**GUEST:** Ms. Amanda Harbison, Assistant Dean of Student Financial Aid at Shelton State Community College

**SUMMARY:** Ms. Harbison expressed the importance of applying for college financial aid for the fall semester and encouraged potential students and their parents to attend the upcoming Financial Aid workshops.

**AIR DATE:** 06/23/13

**DURATION:** 30 minutes

**ISSUES:** Community Development, Crime Prevention/safety

**GUEST:** Katherine Bridgers, Executive Director of Turning Point

**SUMMARY:** Ms. Bridgers cleared up a common misconception that Turning Point is only for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. She said that they serve men, too. She also discussed the rates of domestic violence in West Alabama and ways to prevent it.

**ISSUES:** Education, Finances

**GUEST:** Mr. Curtis Coleman, GED Site Coordinator with Adult Education of Shelton State Community College

**SUMMARY:** Mr. Coleman discussed why it's necessary to have a college degree and how enrolling in a summer GED class for those who lack a high school diploma could give a participant the opportunity to enroll in college courses as early as the fall.

**AIR DATE:** 06/30/13

**DURATION:** 30 minutes

**ISSUES:** Fundraising, Youth Development, Recreation

**GUEST:** Mr. Romel Gibson, Campus Life Director with Tuscaloosa Youth for Christ

**SUMMARY:** Mr. Gibson addressed the issue of children with idle summers and talked about the things YFC is doing throughout the summer to keep teens engaged at a minimal cost.

**ISSUES:** Education

**GUEST:** Dr. Joan Davis, Interim President of Shelton State Community College

**SUMMARY:** Dr. Davis explained the work she hopes to accomplish as interim president of Shelton State and gave listeners more insight into her life as a professional.