

**FOURTH QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR
TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO
October 1 – December 31, 2021
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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:** Endangered Southern Longleaf Pine Forests; Tri-State Water Wars; Montgomery's Cloverdale Playhouse survives the pandemic; The Future of Afghanistan; A Story of survival from Covid-19; Troy University Choirs cope with the pandemic; The Alabama Dance Theatre's first in-person performance after the pandemic; Native American artist Tori Nicole Edwards draws attention to the value of multicultural perspectives; Panhandle Warrior Partnership for Veterans; The StoryCorps Great Thanksgiving Listen; The Official U.S. Civil Rights Trail book; Honoring the Memory of Veterans on Wreaths Across America Day; How Alabama Hospitals are coping with the Covid-19 pandemic; Long Distance Hiker Dr. Meredith "Sunny" Eberhart walks into history; How the Alabama Shakespeare Festival has emerged through the pandemic; Pulmonologist who treated Alabama's first Covid Case has advice for the holidays.
- B. Historical Issues:** Historic towns and byways; Mt. Sinai Rosenwald School; Civil Rights history's pivotal moments; George Washington Carver, African American agricultural scientist and inventor; Alabama's women criminals; Native American Heritage Month and the Cherokee Trail of Tears; A Family's survival of the Bolshevik Revolution; Memories of Rosa Parks; Opera Tenor Timothy Miller shares memories of singing at Coretta Scott King's funeral; Kyle Gassiott previews a documentary project about the historic Dale's Penthouse fire in Alabama's capital city.

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 and Fridays, Don Dailey, Host- Producer of *Capitol Journal* on Alabama Public Television, recorded two 5-minute political review programs on *In Focus*, reflecting legislative and state government developments.

Special Note: Pandemic-related programming continued this quarter, as a service to listeners.

A. Societal Issues:

-Broadcast on October 5:

A discussion with guest Jon Kressuk, forest researcher, about his project to study Southern Montane Longleaf Pines on Flagg Mountain in the Weogufka State Forest. The Southern Longleaf Pine is the State Tree of Alabama, and longleaf pine forests have shrunk dramatically across the Gulf States over past centuries. In Coosa County, Kressuk found trees that predate the American Revolution, and efforts are underway to restore the South's longleaf pine forests.

-Broadcast on October 7:

A discussion with guest Georgia Ackerman, Executive Director and Apalachicola Riverkeeper, about the status of the Tri-State Water Wars. This month Earth Justice filed a legal appeal in a case to protect the Apalachicola River and Bay, citing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' failure to consider environmental impacts in its water management plan that guides freshwater flows through the A.C.F. river system (Apalachicola (Fla.), Chattahoochee (Ga. and Ala.), Flint (Ga.)). Florida is suffering at the hands of Atlanta's monopoly of the Chattahoochee flows.

-Broadcast on October 13:

A discussion with guest Sarah Walker Thornton, Artistic Director of Montgomery's Cloverdale Playhouse, about ways the community theater has survived the pandemic and its plans to celebrate the holidays with in-person performances during its tenth anniversary.

-Broadcast on October 20:

A discussion with guest Sarah Chayes, former NPR reporter who lived in Afghanistan and ran a cooperative for ten years, to help men and women survive economically. Chayes gave an assessment of the post-U.S. military pullout and its devastating effect on the Afghan people. This was part two of a two-part interview.

-Broadcast on October 26 and 27:

A discussion with guest Alabama State Senator Randy Price of District 13 about his survival from Covid-19. The Opelika representative had an early severe case of the virus, in which his heart stopped for several minutes. He was resuscitated by his doctor at East Alabama Medical Center. This was a two-part interview.

-Broadcast on November 3:

A discussion with guest Dr. Diane Orlofsky, Director of the Troy University Choirs, about how the choral students learned to survive the Covid-19 pandemic and continue to perform. She previewed the upcoming in-person concert as the first since early 2020.

-Broadcast on November 4:

A discussion with guests Kate Seale Smith and Emily Flowers with Alabama Dance Theatre about how the dance school has fared through the pandemic. The school's upcoming in-person performance will feature dances popularized by Smith's late mother, Kitty Seale, the founder.

-Broadcast on November 9:

A discussion with guest Tori Nicole Edwards, known as Bird the Artist, about her multicultural heritage and her art that seeks to celebrate Native American contributions to American life.

-Broadcast on November 11:

For Veterans Day, a discussion with guest Keith Manley, who served in several of the Armed Forces in combat, as an explosive ordnance disposal technician, medic, and on humanitarian missions. As Program Leader for Panhandle Warrior Partnership, Manley talked about the organization's work to help veterans in the Florida Panhandle. He is a Troy University alum.

-Broadcast on November 16:

A discussion with guest Todd Schmidt, Executive Director of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, about his love of the State Theater from his teenage days, and how the renowned theater has weathered the pandemic. Schmidt previewed the in-person holiday productions.

-Broadcast on November 18:

A discussion with guest Dr. David Thrasher, Montgomery pulmonologist whose practice treated Alabama's first Covid cases, about contending with the pandemic during the upcoming holidays.

-Broadcast on November 23:

An on-location discussion on Flagg Mountain, Alabama, with guest Nimblewill Nomad, the trail name for Dr. Meredith "Sunny" Eberhart, who recently made history as the oldest hiker, at age 83, to walk the more than 2000-mile Appalachian Trail. The long-distance Triple Crown Hiker had hiked the Appalachian Trail twice, years ago, and his trail name is taken from the Nimblewill community near Springer Mountain, the AT trail's starting point in north Georgia.

-Broadcast on November 24:

A discussion between guests Don Dailey, News Director for Alabama Public Television, and his niece, Claudia Peppenhorst, a Troy University broadcast journalism major, who is following in his footsteps as a future news broadcaster. The two were participants in The Great Thanksgiving Listen project that connects the generations, for StoryCorps, the nation's largest oral history project, whose interviews are preserved at the Library of Congress.

-Broadcast on December 14:

A discussion with guest Lee Sentell, Alabama's Tourism Director, about his new book, *The Official United States Civil Rights Trail, What Happened Here Changed the World*. Sentell used his newspaper background to tackle the broad Civil Rights Trail story, which covers some 120 landmarks across fourteen states.

-Broadcast on December 15:

A discussion with guest Susan Waldrop, Troop Coordinator for American Heritage Girls Troop 125, about the girls' planned ceremony to honor the memory of U.S. Veterans on December 18, National Wreaths Across America Day. The troop members will place wreaths on the graves of veterans at Brookside Memorial Gardens.

-Broadcast on December 16:

A discussion with guest Dr. Don Williamson, President and CEO of the Alabama Hospital Association, about how hospitals are coping with the Delta variant of the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Williamson predicts a spike in hospitalizations as a consequence of holiday gatherings and the expected Omicron surge.

B. Historical Issues

-Broadcast on October 6:

An on-location discussion with guest Ben Shurett, Chairman of the Mentone Arts and Cultural Center, about the historic village atop Lookout Mountain. The visit was part of our Towns and Byways series.

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-Broadcast on October 12:

An on-location discussion with guest Zenobia Marshall, President of the Mt. Sinai Rosenwald School and Community Center in Autauga County, Alabama. As a student at the historic school, she reminisced about the experience of attending an educational institution founded by Sears magnate Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington to educate African American children prior to school integration.

-Broadcast on October 14:

A discussion with guest T.K. Thorne, retired Birmingham Police Captain and author of the book, *Behind the Magic Curtain, Secrets, Spies, and Unsung White Allies of Birmingham's Civil Rights Days*, about several pivotal moments in Civil Rights history. Much of the documentation of those moments came from the late *Birmingham News* reporter Tom Lankford. This is part one of a two-part interview.

-Broadcast on October 19:

A discussion with guest John Pickle, Jr., whose father was mentored by George Washington Carver, one of the most famous agricultural scientists and inventors of the twentieth century. Carver mentored a number of white male college students in a way that crossed the segregation barrier and inspired them in their future careers. Pickle is author of the book, *One of His Boys, The Letters of Johnnie Pickle and His Mentor, George Washington Carver*.

-Broadcast on October 28:

A discussion with guest Jeremy Gray, crime reporter for several successive news organizations, about his book, *Wicked Women of Alabama*. In this first of a three-part interview, Gray talks about the woman who claimed to be the paramour of John Wilkes Booth, the killer of Abraham Lincoln.

-Broadcast on November 2:

A discussion with guest Jerry Ellis, award-winning author of *One Man's Journey Along the Cherokee Trail of Tears*, about his experiences walking the famed route in reverse from Oklahoma to Alabama thirty years ago. His walk was to honor the memory of the Cherokees who were forced from their Southeastern homeland in 1838.

-Broadcast on November 10:

A discussion with guest Dr. Michael Slobodchikoff, Chair of the Troy University Political Science Department, about his Russian family, who served the Tsar and miraculously survived the Bolshevik Revolution. This is part one of a two-part interview, as Dr. Slobodchikoff's family later moved to China and also survived the revolution there.

-Broadcast on November 17:

A discussion with guest Kyle Gassiott, Operations Manager for Troy Public Radio, about his documentary project – the 1967 Dale's Penthouse fire that changed the history of Alabama's capital city. Input from listeners who remembered the fire are welcome.

-Broadcast on December 1:

On Rosa Parks Day, a discussion with guest Reverend Joseph Rembert about his memories of his friendship with Civil Rights icon Rosa Parks. Today, outside the Troy University Montgomery Campus museum that bears her name, a sculpture by Jon Mangum is being dedicated to the memory of Rosa Parks.

-Broadcast on December 7:

A discussion with guest Timothy Miller, acclaimed Opera Tenor who recently sang at the World Series and also shared memories of singing at Coretta Scott King's funeral. Miller is scheduled to perform at Dothan's MusicSouth Holiday Concert this month.