

**THIRD QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR
TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO
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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:** Performing Arts during the pandemic; Fine Art Photography; The status of small town newspaper publishing today; NATO's relationship with the U.S. and its new joint initiative, "Outer Space as a Domain;" Delta variant of Covid-19; Advances in Cardiology; Back-to-school plans during the pandemic; Alabama State Health Officer weighs in on the pandemic; Alabama Hospital Association President weighs in on the pandemic; Historic Pine Mountain, Ga.; Community input on Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts collection; Alabama Broadcasters Association provides scholarships to Troy University journalism students; Pulmonologist describes Covid hospitalizations from the front lines; Wreaths Across America's plans for September 11th Commemoration; Sixty years of photographing a changing America; Afghanistan; Community Gardening in a pandemic; Alabama Poison Information Center; The Freeport Flag Ladies and patriotism; Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's Project Lifesaver; Children and Covid-19; ALEA Aviation Unit helicopter rescues.
- B. Historical Issues:** The Freedom Rides Museum; The Pioneer Museum of Alabama; Alabama's prehistoric times; Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution;

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, joined *In Focus* with two 4-minute political review programs that reflect legislative and state government developments.

Special Note: This quarter, the *In Focus* program continued its emphasis on the Coronavirus pandemic and related issues. The program also continued its Towns and Byways series.

A. Societal Issues:

-Broadcast on July 7:

A discussion with guest Paul Pierce, Producing Artistic Director of the Springer Opera House, the State Theater of Georgia, about adapting stage performances to its outdoor venue in Columbus, Ga. The historic theater is celebrating 150 years of storytelling.

-Broadcast on July 8:

A discussion with guest Richard Metzger, Stonehenge Fine Art Gallery Director, about photography's advancement to fine art status. The gallery is hosting an international photography competition with the Society of Arts and Crafts, featuring various categories of fine art photography.

-Broadcast on July 13:

An on-location discussion with guest Ben Shurett, former newspaper publisher of the *Troy Messenger*, about the status of small town newspapers today. He shared memories of Dr. Ralph Adams of Troy State University.

-Broadcast on July 14, 21, 28:

A discussion with guest Camille Grand, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defense Investment, about its new joint initiative with NATO allies, "Outer Space as a Domain." NATO, observing its 70th anniversary, is taking its case for strengthening relationships to the American people. The virtual visit was arranged through the Alabama World Affairs Council.

-Broadcast on July 20:

A discussion with guest Dr. Michael Saag, Professor of Infectious Diseases at UAB and a Covid survivor, about what it will take to defeat Covid-19 and its variants. Dr. Saag was named yop doctor in the U.S. in 2014 by a New York medical organization.

-Broadcast on July 27:

A discussion with guest Dr. Mac Porter about advances in cardiology over the past fifty years. When he first came to Alabama's capital city, there were no cardiologists, and today patients are living longer because of innovations in treatment and medications.

-Broadcast on July 29:

A discussion with guest Joanne Shum, Vice-President of New Beginnings Educational Center in Montgomery, about children returning to school in a pandemic. The retired educator was working with nurses from UAB to set up Covid vaccination sites for students twelve and older in underserved communities.

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-Broadcast on August 4:

A discussion with guest Dr. Scott Harris, Alabama's State Health Officer, about the current state of the pandemic, in light of the Delta variant surge. Dr. Harris is an infectious disease specialist.

-Broadcast on August 10:

A discussion with guest Dr. Don Williamson, President and CEO of the Alabama Hospital Association, about the Delta variant pandemic surge. Hospitals, including ICUs, are strained to capacity, with most of the patients being unvaccinated and having Covid-19. Hospitals are postponing elective surgeries.

-Broadcast on August 17:

A discussion with guest Chuck Holmes, longtime journalist and Executive Director of the Alabama Humanities Alliance, about the decline in weekly newspapers in the U.S. He talked about the impact of a lack of printed newspapers on rural communities. The AHA is involved in a project exploring that impact – "Democracy and the Informed Citizen."

-Broadcast on August 24:

A discussion with guests Sharon Tinsley, President of the Alabama Broadcasters Association, and Joey Hudson, Troy Public Radio Host and Digital Media Producer, about the Educational Foundation's provision of scholarships to Troy University Broadcast Journalism students. Clips were played of several next-generation producers' award-winning *Talk of Troy* segments.

-Broadcast on August 25:

A discussion with guest Jennifer Jankauskus, Curator of Art, about the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts special exhibition of permanent works, "Art Connects, Works from the Vault." The unique aspect of the exhibition was the involvement by members of the community, who acted as guest curators and described what their chosen work meant to them.

-Broadcast on August 26:

A discussion with guest Dr. David Thrasher, a Montgomery pulmonologist whose practice treated the first Covid patients in Alabama, about his views of Covid hospitalizations from the front lines. Doctors, nurses, and other health care providers are working overtime to treat the largely unvaccinated patients in overcrowded hospitals.

-Broadcast on August 31:

A discussion with guest Karen Worcester, Founder of the nonprofit Wreaths Across America organization, about plans for a nationwide waving of the Stars and Stripes on September 7th, commemorating the Tuesday 18-year flag waving efforts by the Freeport, Maine, Flag Ladies, following the terrorist attack on the Twin Towers September 11th, 2001. Alabama's connection to Wreaths Across America is the National Cemetery in Montevallo.

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-Broadcast on September 1:

An on-location discussion with guest John Dersham, Master Photographer and author of the book, *Changing Moods, Sixty Years in Black and White*, about the techniques he has used with his large format camera to capture evocative photographs from his travels. Dersham teaches photography and darkroom film development.

-Broadcast on September 2:

A discussion with guest Major General Walter Givhan (U.S. Air Force Ret.), President of the Alabama World Affairs Council and Senior Vice-Chancellor of Advancement and Economic Development for Troy University, about his experiences in Afghanistan, in light of the current withdrawal of U.S. military forces after twenty years of fighting terrorists in that country.

-Broadcast on September 7 and 16:

A two-part interview with guest Lois Cortell, Co-Manager of the Old Cloverdale Community Garden, an urban reclamation project of the nonprofit Old Cloverdale Association. The organization bought an abandoned lot and turned it into a community garden, complete with raised beds for growing vegetables and flowers for pollinators, a lending library for children, rainwater barrels, and a Monarch Butterfly Waystation. She talked about gardening techniques and the next phase of development, being funded by an AARP grant.

-Broadcast on September 8:

A discussion with guest Ann Slattery, Director of the Alabama Poison Information Center, about calls the center has received from people using Ivermectin as a Covid preventative, and their adverse reactions. She also described the center's services available at no cost to citizens.

-Broadcast on September 10 (re-broadcast):

A discussion with guest Elaine Greene, one of the Freeport Flag Ladies in Freeport, Maine, who with her two friends, began waving the U.S. flag after Sept. 11, 2001, and continued the tradition every Tuesday for 18 years. They also met service members at airports, sent care packages to the troops overseas, and visited the wounded in hospitals. Wreaths Across America nonprofit will continue the Freeport Flag Ladies' patriotic service on Dec. 19, by laying wreaths on the headstones of fallen service members across the U.S., including at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo.

-Broadcast on September 14:

A discussion with guest Corporal Kent Smith of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's Aviation Unit, about Project Lifesaver, which operates across the state to locate missing persons and Dementia/Alzheimer's patients who wander off. Corporal Smith also discussed how the ALEA Aviation Unit works with local law enforcement and other agencies.

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-Broadcast on September 15:

A discussion with guest Dr. Katrina Skinner, President of the Alabama Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, and a Fairhope, Alabama, pediatrician, about children and Covid-10. Increasing numbers of children are being hospitalized with the Delta variant of the virus, so Dr. Skinner weighs in on how best to protect our children.

Broadcast on September 29:

A discussion with guest Greg Rankin, Commander of the Aviation Unit of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, about the rescue work they carry out by helicopter for people who fall in steep wilderness areas, hikers who get lost, or kayakers in trouble in moving water.

Broadcast on September 30:

A discussion with guest Sarah Chayes, former NPR journalist who reported from and lived in Afghanistan for a decade, about the

B. Historical Issues

-Broadcast on July 15:

A discussion with guest Dorothy Walker, Site Director for the Alabama Historical Commission's Freedom Rides Museum in Montgomery, about the acquisition of a vintage restored Greyhound Bus similar to the one ridden by Freedom Riders in 1961. The museum is an official site on the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.

-Broadcast on July 22:

An on-location discussion with guest Barbara Tatom, Director of the Pioneer Museum of Alabama in Pike County, about its notable artifacts that reflect Alabama's pioneer history. The museum houses some 20,000 relics from past eras of settlement in Alabama.

-Broadcast on August 3:

A discussion with guest scientist Bill Deutsch about Alabama's prehistoric times, as reflected in fossil finds across the state and their relation to deep time. He is teaching a course at the Osher Lifelong Learning Center at Auburn University about fossils..

-Broadcast on August 12:

A discussion with guest Cindy Bowden, Project Director for "A Walk Through Time in Pine Mountain, Ga.," and Board member of the Chipley Historical Center, about what has been called the southernmost mountain (1400') in the Eastern United States. Pine Mountain is a geological crossroads, and she discussed this favorite site of President FD Roosevelt, who launched several of his New Deal program ideas from his interactions with rural and poor west Georgians.

-Broadcast on August 18:

A discussion with guest historian Alex Colvin, Public Programs Curator at the Alabama Dept. of Archives & History, about Alabama's contentious ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment.

