

January-March 2017

THE ATTACHED TOPICS AND NEW STORIES WERE DETERMINED TO MEET THE ISSUES AND NEED OF THE DECATUR, ALABAMA COMMUNITY SERVED BY WEKI FOR THE PRECEEDING QUARTER.

- EDUCATION
- ECONOMY
- ELECTIONS/PUBLIC POLICY
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY
- HEALTH
- CRIME/NATIONAL SECURITY

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED TOPICS WERE ADDRESSED 6AM-8AM MON-FRI

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EDUCATION

1/27/17 Sonya DiCarlo-Director of Communications-Alabama Opportunity Scholarship fund-discusses rally in Montgomery for Nat'l School Choice Week. Choice is making a real difference

2/10/17 Mary Claire Reim-Education Policy Researcher-Heritage Foundation-discusses Education Secretary Betsey DeVos and what we get. Says she will lead the department to step back and let the states innovate.

2/27/17 HOSA State Convention-Lots of area schools showed up well including Mrs. Holland's Sparkman students making the stage 46 times 6 Bronze, 6 Silver & 6 Gold medals. Other schools getting recognition include Huntsville High, Lee/New Century, Grissom, Hartselle, Hazel Green, Bob Jones, James Clemons, Madison County Ctr for Technology, Limestone County, Florence.

3/6/17 Andrew Yerby-Senior Policy Council-Alabama Policy Institute-discusses evolution of the Alabama Accountability Act.

ECONOMY

1/24/17 Joe Gehrdes-Director, PR/Communications-Huntsville Utilities-discusses base rate increase request, technology and conservation.

1/25/17 Rachel Greszler-Senior Policy Analyst in Economics & Entitlements Center for Data Analysis-Heritage Foundation-discusses how many will be affected by Pres Trump's Gov't Hiring Freeze.

2/14/14 What becomes of Gander Mtn and Sears and K-Mart. Does it scare you there won't be stores to see and touch merchandise? It does me.

2/22/17 Larry Lewis-CEO BizTech, Katie Williams-Pgm Dir-WBCNA, Vicki Morris-PR Matt Curtis Real Estate & Hot Coffee, Kim King-Cyber Hsv & Geo Hsv-discuss Innovate Hsv 2017 and its resources for entrepreneurs, investors and ideas.

3/8/17 Ted Hacker-Co Founder & President-American Freedom Foundation-discusses upcoming Warriors to the Workforce Event Tuesday (3/14) at VBC.

3/8/17 Shannon Drake-Director-Community Relations & Outreach-Still Serving Veterans-discusses workshops and local success stories for vets and families seeking transition.

3/9/17 Alabama Biz Confidence Index results. Most optimistic since 2006. First time since Q2 2005 US Outlook topped Alabama's

3/16/17 Tara Hutchinson-Communications Director-Alabama Department of Labor-previews big Regional Job Fair at VBC next Tuesday. Large and varied job opportunity.

3/21/17 Big Regional Job Fair Today at VBC South Hall. Register: labor.alabama.gov/jobfair

3/28/17 Nicole Jones-President-Nicole Jones Development & Nicole Jones Commercial Real Estate-gives us another view of Economic Development. Taking the long view.

ELECTIONS/PUBLIC POLICY

1/3/17 Hans Von Spakovsky-Manager-Election Law Reform Initiative & Senior Legal Fellow-Heritage Foundation-discusses his op-ed Do Illegal Votes Decide Elections? Preview of upcoming hearings, Russia election story.

1/6/17 Anthony Daniels-AL House 53-discusses upcoming session and his leadership aspirations.

1/9/17 David Hebert-Assistant Prof of Economics-Manuel H Johnson Center for Political Economy at Troy University-discusses his op-ed "Why I'm neither worried nor ecstatic about Trump".

1/11/17 Danielle Huntley-Principal-Huntley Inc-specializing in immigration law-discusses her ideas for Pres. Trump.

1/12/17 Looks like Sessions will fly through confirmation....So who Big Luther? He's raised over 300K or a wild card?

1/13/17 Andrew Biggs-Resident Scholar-American Enterprise Institute-writes for Forbes Was the 401K Revolution a Mistake?

1/19/17 J Holland reports from DC as he joins the Alabama delegation celebrating the Inaugural for Pres. Donald Trump.

1/19/17 Hans Von Spakovsky-Senior Legal Fellow-Heritage Foundation-discusses why Democrats turned Sessions' hearing into a show trial.

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1/20/17 Mike Ball-AL House Rep 10-Says after Sessions is sworn in as AG heads will be rolling in Alabama.

2/13/17 Tom Ryan-Chairman-Madison County Democrats-discusses new leadership with election of Anthony Daniels as House minority leader. Vision for Dems in Alabama.

2/14/17 Hans Von Spakovsky-Senior Legal Fellow & Mgr of Election Reform-Heritage Foundation-discusses 9th Circuit ruling with Fox News' Bill Hemmer.

2/15/17 This time I side with the Governor on setting the election for Session's old senate seat. We will be in primary season by this time next year.

2/17/17 Jim Zeigler-AL State Auditor-Is impeachment coming?

2/20/17 Sam Givhan-Chairman-Madison County Republican Executive Committee-discusses his job, party growth and primary process.

2/22/17 Scotty highlights his attendance at the Madison county delegation legislative forum. Topics included Property Taxes, Prisons, Governor Impeachment.

3/20/17 Hans Von Spakovsky-Mgr Election Reform Initiative & Senior Legal Fellow-Heritage Foundation-discusses What 2 Obama appointed judges got wrong, Gorsuch hearings, Comey testimony before House Intel Committee.

3/21/17 Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle-discusses Governor rumors, transportation, economic development,

3/23/17 William Gheen-Pres & Nat'l Director-Americans for Legal Immigration PAC-Wants to keep Pres Trump accountable for DACA repeal.

3/23/17 Mayor Bowling at Decatur State of the City yesterday shared great vision for his city's interaction with the region. But, as was pointed out by one attendee he still has to get through his first budget.

3/28/17 Mo Brooks challenges his colleagues with 2 page bill that repeals Obama Care. It's a TEST.

3/29/17 Devyn Keith-Hsv City Council 1-Talks about TIF's, Living in the District, being the young gun on the Hsv city council.

3/30/17 Twinkle is exploring a run for Governor. She has set herself up well at PSC.

3/30/17 ABC gets the ball rolling on increasing liquor, Beer and wine taxes. Learn lesson from WA state where folks were buying booze in OR & ID.

3/31/17 Congressman Mo Brooks-discusses his two page Obamacare Repeal bill. Has anyone else signed on? Why can't all bills be two pages?

3/31/17 Steve Moore-Distinguished Visiting Fellow-Heritage Foundation & Senior Economics Contributor-Freedom Works-says Everyone in DC hates Donald Trump's new budget. So it must have something going for it. There's lots of duplication and many members of Congress have no idea what some programs do. But they love to play Santa Claus.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

3/1/17 Exchange Club of Greater Hsv Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet. Last night.

Officer of the Year Awards:

Huntsville Police Department-Officer Johnny Hollingsworth
Madison Police Department-Officer Weston Taets
Madison County Sherriff'd Department-Investigator Pete Hose
Redstone Arsenal-Special Agent David R. Smith

3/10/17 Michael Cox-Irish Society of No. AL-previews tomorrow's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

3/20/17 Yari Collado Vega-NASA Scientist-discusses the Spring Equinox and August full eclipse that will give US best view since 1918.

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY

1/6/17 Jessica Chase-NWS Hsv-Timelines our snow event.

3/1/17 Paul Dorian-Meteorologist-Vencosre.com-discusses today's storms, Spring outlook, new NOAA contract for satellite. Advances in reliability of longer range forecasts.

3/9/17 Todd Barron-Warning Coordination Meteorologist-Nat'l Wx Service Hsv-discusses Spring Prep, New technology in forecasting.

3/14/17 Accidents yesterday a plenty. Time change.

3/22/17 Robert Spencer- Urban Regional Extension Specialist-Alabama Cooperative Extension System and co-chair of this year's event-Urban Living Expo 2017-Don't get caught off guard when disaster occurs. Event is Saturday at AAMU Agribition Ctr on Moores Mill Rd.

3/23/17 More left turn in traffic issues this week. We both can't have the right-of-way.

HEALTH

1/23/17 Dr. Kristen Held-MD-discusses Op-Ed Trump, the Media and ObamaCare-she's still calling for portability, Medicaid block grants to states and flexibility.

1/26/17 Roger Olsen-Resource Development Coordinator-Alabama Council on Compulsive Gambling-discusses his goal in Alabama to include those addicted to gambling are included in any expansion. Lots of bets will be placed

1/30/17 Caleb Crosby-President & CEO-Alabama Policy Institute-says in National Review Obamacare Repeal Must Roll Back Medicare Expansion.

1/31/17 Dr. Andrea Klemes-Chief Medical Officer-MDVIP-breaks down Ipsos Survey: Gen X More Pessimistic & Less Prepared For Aging Than Baby Boomers.

2/8/17 Dr. Lawrence Schlachter-Board Certified Neurosurgeon & Attorney-Malpractice: A Neurosurgeon Reveals How Our Health Care System Puts Patients at Risk-has unique connection to Sec. Tom Price.

2/9/17 Dennis Madsen-Manager Long Range & Urban Planning-City of Huntsville-Updates on planning and C6 Zoning.

2/28/17 Leah Durant-Vaccine Attorney-discusses vaccine side effects and vaccine injury. Federal Court claims under Nat'l Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

3/7/17 Dr. Deane Waldman-Director-Ctr for Healthcare Policy-Texas Public Policy Foundation-discusses Repeal & Replace of Obama Care. Repeal & Respect.

3/10/17 Dr. Fred Jacobs-Exec VP & Chair-Department of Medicine-St George's University-Grenada-West Indies-discusses Quality Care Study from Harvard published in the British Medical Journal. It compared outcomes mortality and readmission rates.

3/15/17 Dr. Kris Held-Board Certified Ophthalmologist & Surgeon-discusses the New Republican Health Care Plan versus Health Insurance.

3/17/17 Dr. Lawrence Schlachter-Neurosurgeon & Attorney-Author of Malpractice, a Neurosurgeon Reveals How Our Healthcare System Puts Patients at Risk-discusses Congressional attempts to fix our Healthcare and Insurance System. Proposes 2-tierd system.

3/23/17 Jenny Morris-Walk For Autism-Saturday April 1st-latest news on Autism.

3/30/17 Davis Spillers-CEO Hsv Hospital Health System & Chairman Alabama Hospital Association-discusses Alabama's future with Medicare and Medicaid. We are punished for being more efficient.

CRIME/NATIONAL SECURITY

1/4/17 Elizabeth Garcia-Pres & CEO Better Business Bureau of North Alabama-discusses post holiday scams. New danger on your cell phone. Blocking calls, Fake News. Next shred day is mid April.

1/11/17 David Pinkleton-Fundraiser Chair-Alabama human trafficking Task Force-discusses End It Alabama and today being Alabama Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

3/2/17 Elizabeth Garcia-President & CEO-Better Business Bureau of North Alabama-discusses Character Summit and new ways to make your life challenging. Charging Stations could be stealing your info. USB sticks are still a big danger.