

Alabama Radio Network Public Affairs Programming for 2022 Quarter 1

Saturday January 1st 2022 and Sunday January 2nd, 2022

Part 1: The Alabama Radio Network's Jim Faherty along with Jefferson County Republican Chairmen and Former State Representative **Paul DeMarco** look back on the biggest political stories of the past year and also preview what we have to look forward to as we move into 2022.

Part 2: The Food Network's Celebrity Chef **Nate Appleman** and his son Oliver joins us to talk about the importance of plasma donation and why it is important for people like his Son who have serious life threatening illnesses.

Saturday January 8th 2022 and Sunday January 9th, 2022

Alabama author and Rocket scientist **Homer Hickam** joins us to talk about his latest book "Don't blow yourself up" in which he unpacks his life story including his contributions to the space industry in Huntsville Alabama at the Martial Flight center. He recounts the story of working with the legendary Warner Von Brown and conversations he has with president day space innovators in visionaries like Elon Musk. He also explains why he thinks colonization of the moon is not only feasible, but probable.

Saturday January 15th 2022 and Sunday January 16th, 2022

PART 1: Prescription drugs even with the assistance of insurance can still be cost prohibitive in Alabama. **Beth Moore** with the Patent advocate foundation explains what resources are available to people in Alabama to help make drugs and treatments more affordable.

PART 2: Pediatric physician **Adriana Cadilla** explains where we are with children and the vaccine. Dr. Cadilla also lays out what the most appropriate vaccines are for children and what Children under 5 can do to stay safe from Covid.

Saturday January 22nd and Sunday January 23rd, 2022

PART 1: JT talks with **Darryle Powel**, the executive Director of the Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities about the challenges posed by sex trafficking on the Developmentally disabled.

PART 2: John Mountz talks with **Ben Shehan**, author of the new kid's book "What does the constitution say" Ben also addresses common myths about our national and state government in both Washington and Montgomery.

Saturday January 30th and Sunday January 31st, 2022

Alabama Department of Public Health doctors **Karen Landers** and **Wesly Stubblefield** join JT to provide an update on the state of the Pandemic in Alabama, and provide guidance on issues like proper masking in schools, Booster shots and the possibility of the emergence of a new variant.

Saturday February 5th and Sunday February 6th, 2022

Part 1: John Mounz talks with **Shanon Gadbois** and **Terrel Perry** from the US Small Business Administration join us to talk about the low interest loans that the government is making available to people in around central Alabama who experienced property damage following the October floods. They go on to explain how these kind of loans could be available for anyone in Alabama following a natural disaster if our government takes action.

Part 2: Ryan Gorman talks with **Alesha Levey** with Reading is Fundamental about the challenges being faced by young children over the last two years who are now struggling to learn how to read amid Covid lockdowns and other restrictions that make learning difficult for these individuals.

Saturday February 12th and Sunday February 13th, 2022

Part 1: The national spokesperson for the American red cross **Katie Wilks** joins us to talk about the impact that the Pandemic has had on the blood supply. She explains why it is so important that donations continue as the supply is critically low nationwide.

Part 2: From the National Medical Association **Rachelle Villanueva**: Covid 19 vaccinations and its impact on Black and other marginalized communities. Rachelle explains why this virus is hurting people in these communities most, and why our government must increase funding for programs that reach these people.

Saturday February 19th and Sunday February 20th, 2022

Part 1: **Carol Jonson** the administrator at the Health Resources and services division of the with the US Department of Health and Human Services joins us to explain health equity and ensuring that all outcomes are the same for all people regardless of location, ethnicity or gender identity. She is also working to get the best information out to the community to make sure everyone gets vaccinated and boosted.

Part 2: The President and CEO for “Women Heart” **Celina Gorre** explains why they seek to educate all American Women that heart disease is not just a male problem. She is also fighting to make sure there is equitable funding for Women’s health when it comes to Cardiovascular issues.

Saturday February 26th and Sunday February 27th 2022

Part 1: **Ginger Z** NBC Chief Meteorologist and author of the book “A little closer to home” details her mental health struggles. She hopes that in sharing her challenges other people can find some hope for themselves overcome their struggles.

PART 2: **Dr Byron Jasper MD** Founder and CEO of Byja Clinic in Baton Rouge LA, gives an update on the state of the pandemic. He explains why it is still critically important that everyone be vaccinated and fully boosted and continue to wear a mask when around others.

Saturday March 5th and Sunday March 6th, 2022

PART 1: Alabama Author and resident **Natasha Williams** talks about her new book Pushing Forward where she shares her struggles with depression and the profound benefit she found in the cathartic relief of writing the book. She found that many others have been helped by the book, and she now has launched a platform to help other local authors get published so that they too may find their relief and a way out of depression and a path back to a more healthy life

PART 2: Rear admiral **Felicia Colins** with the Department of Health and Human services. She is the Deputy Assistant Secretary at the DHS for minority health Director of the office of Minority health the DHS. She makes the case that while all people in America have experienced disruption in their daily lives over the last two years, minorities are disproportionately effected, and more needs to be done to provide assistance for these people.

Saturday March 12th and Sunday March 13th, 2022

PART 1: An update on the toll the pandemic is taking on healthcare workers across the country along with lessons learned from how Covid 19 impacted our healthcare system with **Dr. Sarah Stevens**, the network medications safety officer with Honor Health.

PART 2: March is Colorectal Cancer awareness Month. With Covid -19 many people over the last year avoided getting their cancer screenings. Dr Sallyanne- Collman King explains what the Screen for Life program is all about and makes the case why it should not be ignored.

Saturday March 19th, and Sunday March 20th, 2022

Dr. Molly Fleece, Assistant Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Alabama at Birmingham provides the latest Data and information about Covid-19 in Alabama. She also explains why its still a good idea to keep vaccinations up to date, even as we begin to relax masking standards and other Covid restrictions in the state.

Saturday March 26th, and Sunday March 27th, 2022

Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Social Workers **Dr. Angelo McClain** talks about the roll that social workers play in our state. He also talks about the effects that the Pandemic has had on Alabama families.