

Alabama Radio Network Public Affairs Programming for 2022 Quarter 2

Saturday April 2nd, Sunday April 3rd, 2022

Enterprise Alabama Businessmen **Chad “Chig” Martin** Joins John on Viewpoint to talk about his run for Governor. He explains his platform and some of the issues he is passionate about, as well as his plans to address those things. He also addresses what he believes to be the biggest shortcomings of the Ivey administration and explains his vision to improve those things.

In Part two of Viewpoint, **Brian Rushing** with the 100 Alabama miles challenge, talks about his program to encourage all Alabamans to get out doors to see all that Alabama has to offer as we also get some much needed exercise. This Challenge is a free public program that encourages all who live in the state to Walk, run, Bike, swim, or just move as they explore the state and also connect with others.

Saturday April 9th, Sunday April 10th, 2022

The Jefferson County Town of Brookside has been accused of being part of a policing for prophet scheme that is alleged to have deprived many of its residents of both property and dignity. This week on Viewpoint Alabama John Mountz talks with Brookside resident **Michelle Jones**, Alabama Representative **Juandalynn Givan** and also Attorney **Jaba Tsitsuashvili** with the Institute for Justice and the class action lawsuit that has been filed on behalf of the people who have been effected by the policing practices of the Brookside police department.

Then in Part two of Viewpoint John talks with **Kim Carter Evans** from SOAR (The Southern Opportunity and Resilience) Fund. This non-prophet program offers low interest loans to individuals and small businesses in Alabama who need funding to get an idea off the ground or perhaps just to get back to full speed as we emerge from the Pandemic

Saturday April 16th, and Sunday April 17th, 2022

Alabama Congressmen **Mo Brooks** represents the 5th congressional district of the state (The Tennessee Valley and the Shoals area) He is one of the main candidates seeking the open Senate seat of Richard Shelby when he retires at the end of his term. He is taking on Katie Britt and Mike Durant of Blackhawk Down fame. He joins John Mountz on Viewpoint to share his vision for Alabama and what he plans to do if he is elected.

Then Jim Faherty talks with Jefferson County Republican Party Chairman **Paul DeMarco** as he recaps what was accomplished in this year's Legislative session in Montgomery and why he believes will be the next moves our legislators will make as they move into the busy Primary election Season in May.

Saturday April 23rd, and Sunday April 24th, 2022

Executive Vice President of Corporate Communications **Beth Moore** with the Patent Advocacy Foundation has an update on options and resources for people in Alabama that are facing medical bills and out of pocket costs associated with care they have received or may be needing. Beth addresses many of the most common problems and offers strategies to best control medical costs and to negotiate payment with providers.

Then Mary Booth in Mobile talks with **Don Davis** Mobile County Probate Judge and Chief Election Officer about Alabama's upcoming elections in 2022. Judge Davis addresses issues like voter registration, poll worker compensation and cross-over voting in the state of Alabama.

Saturday April 30th, and Sunday May 1st, 2022

With Alabama's Economy becoming increasingly tied to the success of the Automotive manufacturing industry and the news that 3 Alabama manufacturers in the last month have started assembly lines to build EVs or Batteries to power EVs, John Mountz talks with **Jack Kerfoot** is an energy expert, scientist, and the author of FUELING AMERICA: An Insider's Journey. Jack answers questions regarding sustainability and practicality of EVs.

Then in part 2, Ryan Gorman talks with **Mary Partin** CEO of the Dan Mareno Foundation about Autism and the goals of Dan's organization.

Saturday May 7th, and Sunday May 8th, 2022

As the fighting continues in Ukraine, Many in Alabama are looking for ways to help. A local High School student at the Altamont School (<https://www.altamontschool.org/>) joins Viewpoint to explain what he is doing to bring awareness of the situation to his school and how he is working to connect Alabama students with students in Ukraine. **Alexander Skowronski** invites guests Alexei Serdyuk and Dr. Katia Zahorodna to join our broadcast live from Ukraine to tell Alabama what the situation is like on the ground in Ukraine and what students are in need of the most. He encourages donations to www.fortunaclinical.com/ukraine.

Saturday May 14th, and Sunday May 15th, 2022

Purple Heart Homes provides housing solutions for service-connected disabled and aging Veterans. JT talks with **John Gallina**, CEO and Co-Founder who explains what they are doing for the people of Alabama and how we can help them provide for Alabama Vets.

Then John Mountz talks with **Dr. Tom Ellison**, Medical Services Director for Project HELP and Alabama State Director for Doctors For America Inc. He says Covid is not over, but we are moving into a new phase with this virus, and there are still things we should be doing to keep ourselves and others safe.

Saturday May 21st, and Sunday Mat 22nd, 2022

Eating local helps both your health and the local economy. **Ellie Watson** Director of "Sweet Grown Alabama" a Non-Profit organization joins John to explain how they are connecting local famers with consumers in Alabama, and the result is better food that spends less time in transit and puts more money back into our local Alabama economy.

Saturday May 29th, and Sunday May 30th, 2022

On Honor of the Memorial Day holiday, we talk with Retired US Navy Vice Admiral **John Byrd** About the true meaning of Memorial Day and what we can all do to honor the sacrifice of those who served as well as well as support the families they may have left behind.

Then May is Mental health awareness month. President and CEO of a Crisis center of Tampa Bay Clara Reynolds explains that the pandemic has created a secondary mental health emergency. She also reminds listeners of the challenges encountered in informing the public about the plight of those effected, and the importance of destigmatizing mental health emergencies.

Saturday June 4th, and Sunday June 5th, 2022

In the wake of the school shooting in Uvalde TX, parents are searching for ways to talk with their young children about the event in a way that is both compassionate but also factual. Pediatrician and author **Dr. Harvey Karp** offers some strategies for parents on how to talk about these issues with their kids.

Then **Dr. Rom Kopacka** joins us for an update on the latest with the Omicron variant of the Corona Virus and explains why we can't let our guard down and its import to protect especially those of our population who are the most vulnerable.

Saturday June 11th, and Sunday June 12th, 2022

The Head of Advisory Services at Hope Lab **Fred Dylan** talks about the projects they are engaged in to improve the mental health for youth and adolescents. They have taking innovative steps like creating video games that teach lessons and behaviors. They are also working to analyze and improve the experience through social media.

Mark Folman, author of the book Trigger points. He offers insights on how to prevent shootings like the one in Uvalde Texas this in the future. He taps into the FBI's database to gain information on how to spot threats before

Saturday June 18th, and Sunday June 19th, 2022

Recently in Gadsden Alabama, a Mentally unstable man with a long criminal history attempted to gain entrance to an elementary school. When he was confronted by a school resource officer (SRO), than man attempted to take the officer's gun. The scuffle injured the officer but resulted in the death of the wood-be intruder. This week on Viewpoint Alabama, we talk with **Mo Canady**, the National Association of School Resource officers executive Director. He explains the important roll school resource officers play in situations like this.

Then Ryan Gorman talks with **Dan Kudloski** Accuweather's Lead forecaster about the projections for this years upcoming gulf coast hurricane season. Dan also has some reminders about how we can prepare for what is projected to be a particularly active season.

Saturday June 25th, and Sunday June 26th, 2022

With the new approval of vaccinations for kids 6 months to 5 years for Covid, John Mountz talks with **Dr. Tom Ellison**, Medical Services Director for Project HELP and Alabama State Director

for Doctors For America Inc. He also talks about measures we can take to be safe as we go into the Summer Covid season in the South.

Then JT talks with **Michelle Lunsford** about her efforts to encourage legislators to pass distracted driving legislation. Michelle lost her teenage daughter in a car accident 4 years ago on I-65 south of Birmingham that was caused by distracted driving.