

**THIRD QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR
TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO
JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
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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:** Alabama Department of Archives and History recommitments to racial inclusiveness; Drone technology and educational opportunities; Coronavirus update from State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris; Hospitals surge from Coronavirus admissions; Domestic Violence in the Safer at Home initiative during the pandemic; Civil Rights legend and Congressman John Lewis; Alabama State Department of Education's plans for coping with the pandemic in the school year; Cloverdale Playhouse's online "Project Playhouse;" Virus transmission across the world; Face Masks for Coronavirus; The U.S. Census; Hand Sanitizer effectiveness for Coronavirus; National Radio Day – a Health podcast written and performed by men in a maximum security correctional facility; Consumer Fraud during the pandemic; National Voter Registration Month; Alabama Industries for the Blind; Asian Wet Markets and Coronavirus; Freeport Flag Ladies and Sept. 11, 2001; Alzheimer's Disease; Civil Rights Land case for Cherokee Indians.
- B. Historical Issues:** American Revolutionary War hero the Marquis de Lafayette's 1825 visit to Alabama; Spanish Flu and World War I soldiers in Alabama; President Harry S. Truman; "Second Samuel," the film that tackled community issues in 1949; Cultural influences on Montgomery's historic restaurants; European diseases that decimated Native populations in the New World; "Montgomery: Mark of Distinction" historical documentary; West Point Pepperell Mill Village.

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

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Special Note: This quarter, the *In Focus* program continued its emphasis on the Coronavirus pandemic and related issues. Also, the “History in Your Hands” series about archaeology continued, with input from the Alabama Archaeological Society.

A. Societal Issues:

-Broadcast on July 9:

A discussion with guest Steve Murray, Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, about the state agency and board’s recommitment to racial inclusiveness in its exhibits, presentations, and staff composition. The agency reviewed its early 20th century practice of documenting the story of white citizens, while neglecting the story of African Americans.

-Broadcast on July 14:

A discussion with guest Col. Al Allenback (USAF ret.), Course Director of the Unmanned Aerial Systems program at Troy University, about drone technology and the opportunities for training and employment in this emerging field.

-Broadcast on July 15 and 16:

A two-part interview with guest Dr. Scott Harris, State Health Officer, about Alabama’s battle with the Coronavirus pandemic. The infectious disease physician shared his concerns over the spike in cases this summer and talked about what it will take to gain some measure of control over the virus.

-Broadcast on July 21:

A discussion with guest Dr. Don Williamson, President of the Alabama Hospital Association, about how hospitals across Alabama are coping with the Coronavirus spike in admissions. Dr. Williamson is an infectious disease physician.

-Broadcast on July 22:

A discussion with guest Marjorie Baker, Licensed Professional Counselor and Executive Director of the One Place Family Justice Center in Montgomery, about domestic violence. With the pandemic’s Safer at Home restrictions, domestic violence can escalate, threatening the lives of adult victims and children.

-Broadcast on July 23:

A discussion with guest Dawn Porter, documentary filmmaker, about working with Congressman John Lewis on the creation of the film, “John Lewis, Good Trouble.” Little realizing that his death was only days away, she shared her remembrances of the vitality of the Civil Rights icon and his packed schedule.

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-Broadcast on July 28 and 29:

A two-part interview with guest Michael Sibley, Communications Director for the Alabama State Department of Education, about plans for the start of school in the midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic. He talked about how CARES Act funds will help Alabama schools, and how parents are choosing between classroom and virtual learning for their students.

-Broadcast on August 4:

A discussion with guest Sarah Walker Thornton, Artistic Director of Montgomery's Cloverdale Playhouse, about serving the community in a new way during pandemic restrictions, with theater online via "Project Playhouse" with some 48 contributors.

-Broadcast on August 5:

A discussion with guest Maryn McKenna, Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of Human Health at Emory University, about her research for her Smithsonian magazine article, "The Virus Hunters," in the current July-August issue. Her findings reveal the animal-human transmission link that commonly triggers pandemics.

-Broadcast on August 11:

A discussion with guest Dr. Jill Marsh of UAB School of Medicine and Medical Center, about the importance of face masks in preventing the spread of Coronavirus to vulnerable populations, especially elderly patients. She practices geriatric and family medicine.

-Broadcast on August 12:

A rebroadcast of a discussion with guest Marilyn Stephens, the U.S. Census Bureau's Regional Census Manager and liaison with the Atlanta Region's seven governors, about the importance of completing the Census, so that Alabama can receive its full share of federal dollars and retain a Congressional seat.

-Broadcast on August 18:

A discussion with guests Carole King and Karren Pell, co-authors of the book, "Classic Restaurants of Montgomery," about cultural influences and stories surrounding the Capital City's famous eating establishments – Greek and African American culture; Dale's Penthouse Fire.

-Broadcast on August 19:

A discussion with guest Dr. Stephen Chandler, otolaryngologist and surgeon, about the efficacy of different types of hand sanitizers to mitigate Coronavirus germ transmission. Dr. Chandler also is an inventor, who has equipped frontline medical workers with SaniStrap hand sanitizer dispensers worn on the wrist.

-Broadcast on August 20:

For National Radio Day, a discussion with guest Dr. Connie Kohler of the UAB School of Public Health about a unique podcast she developed with men at Donaldson Correctional Facility in Bessemer, Alabama. The "Corrections – Survival of the Fittest" audio drama serial centers on health issues inside a maximum security correctional facility.

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-Broadcast on August 26:

A discussion with guest Thomas Govan, Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Alabama, about new ways that con artists are defrauding victims during the Coronavirus.

-Broadcast on September 1 and 2:

A two-part interview with guest John Merrill, Alabama Secretary of State, to kick off National Voter Registration Month. Discussion items included voter fraud, state requirements for voting, absentee ballots, provisional ballots, Photo ID, the need for poll workers, and voting procedures.

-Broadcast on September 3 (Pre-Labor Day):

A discussion with guest Donovan Beitel, Diversity and Outreach Coordinator at the Alabama Industries for the Blind, about Alabama's largest employer of people with vision loss. With 275-plus employees, AIB serves the State of Alabama ALDOT and other agencies, as well as Troy University and other schools with a large variety of products.

-Broadcast on September 9:

A discussion with guest Marty Irby, Mobile native and Executive Director of Animal Wellness Action nonprofit in Washington, D.C., about the link between Asian wet markets and the Coronavirus. He explores the human-animal interface that scientists attribute as a cause of viral pandemics.

-Broadcast on September 10:

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 15:

A discussion with guest Kay Jones, Executive Director of the Alzheimers Resource Center in Dothan, about her mother's story and how the treatment of Alzheimer's patients has changed with caregiver support. The nonprofit provides activity supplies for patients, as well as caregiver counseling.

-Broadcast on September 16:

A discussion with guests Margaret Dunn, R.N. of Jasper, AL, and the Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama; Stewart Anglin, Corporate Board Member from Delaware; and Attorney Michael Gabriel from California, about a landmark Civil Rights case brought by the Cherokee Indians against the federal government to get a portion of their lands back, lands that currently are not in use.

B. Historical Issues

-Broadcast on July 1:

A discussion with guest scholar Lawrence Krumenaker, author of the book, "Nine Days Traveling, Lafayette's 1825 Alabama Tour, Today's Historical Road Trip," about the French general's impact on east Alabama and Montgomery fifty years after the Revolutionary War.

-Broadcast on July 2:

A discussion with guest Teresa Paglione, board member of the Alabama Archaeological Society and vice-president of the Lee County Historical Society, about the impact of the Spanish Flu on Alabama soldiers in World War I. This is a History in Your Hands segment.

-Broadcast on July 7:

A discussion with guest Clifton Truman Daniel, actor who portrays his grandfather in the new film, "Second Samuel," based on the play. Daniel talked about President Truman in 1949 and his legacy.

-Broadcast on July 8:

A discussion with Dothan guest Sherri Lipscomb, a producer of the independent film, "Second Samuel," based on the award-winning play filmed in southeast Alabama about community issues in the South in 1949.

-Broadcast on August 27:

A discussion with guest Teresa Paglione, board member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, about diseases brought to the New World by European explorers and settlers that decimated Native populations. In the current era of Coronavirus, the discussion was a reminder that diseases like smallpox ravaged entire communities across the Americas. This is a History in Your Hands segment.

-Broadcast on September 6:

A discussion with guest historian Richard Bailey about the new documentary film, "Montgomery: Mark of Distinction," featuring historical points of importance in downtown Montgomery. The project was filmed by Capital City Connection television, operated by Troy University for the City of Montgomery. For decades, historians Bailey and Mary Ann Neeley led visitors on downtown historical tours to educate them about the story of Alabama's capital city.

-Broadcast on September 30:

A discussion with guest Gerald Andrews, author of the book, "A Mill Village Story – A Southern Boyhood Joyfully Remembered," about his childhood in the West Point Companies' Fairfax Mill Village in east Alabama. West Point Pepperell was a leading textile manufacturer in the U.S. in the late 20th century, before trade was opened up to inexpensive foreign imports.