

Issues Programs List

3rd Quarter 2023 Issues Programs List

Station: WALJ FM, WTUG 97.5FM, WTUG 110.9FM, WTBC FM, WTSK AM/FM, WFFN FM, WQRR FM

July 1, 2023 through Sept. 30, 2023

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Senior Care:** A rapidly aging population is creating great needs among the shortages of senior care, especially with memory related issues.
- B. **Youth Programs:** Providing something for youth to do and build their lives on can keep them out of trouble and improve their futures.
- C. **Weather Impacts:** A significant number of severe weather events have resulted in frequent power outages. Alabama Power is attempting help customers track them.
- D. **Voting Rights:** The U.S. Supreme Court ruled the Alabama Congressional District Map violated voting rights and has ordered the legislature to submit a new one.
- E. **Disaster Resilience:** Disasters in frequency and intensity are a killing and destructive force. West Alabama must do more to make their communities disaster resilient to reduce the impacts.
- F. **Municipal Governance:** Tuscaloosa and Northport are the two largest population bases in Tuscaloosa County and both are dealing with the pressures of rapid growth.
- G. **Impact of Higher Education:** The University of Alabama is the largest employer, its near 40,000 students have a major impact on the area economy and UA brings in millions of dollars.
- H. **Hurricane Season 2023:** Land-falling hurricanes have been deadly as they move through inland Alabama and the final months of the 2023 season could be catastrophic.
- I. **Tuscaloosa Economy:** The University of Alabama with 40,000 students and more than 100,000 fans in town for football weekends have a major impact on the local economy.
- J. **Disaster Insurance:** Climate change and resulting growing numbers and strength of storms is causing disastrous impacts on property insurance.
- K. **Military Promotions:** The military claims a hold on senior level officer promotions by Alabama Sen. Tuberville is a threat to our national security.
- L. **Poverty:** Alabama is successfully recruiting new industries, jobs are available, unemployment is at record low levels but the state persists as one of the poorest in the nation.
- M. **Affordable Housing:** There is a housing crisis in this country, especially among the poor and moderate-income citizens. Habitat for Humanity is attempting to do something about it.

Section II. Responsive Programs

| Date(s) Aired | Program Name | Description of Issue Discussed | Duration | Time |
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| 02 Jul 23 | West Alabama on Point | Patriotism. Causes of the precipitous drop in American patriotism are explored with several guests and the impact that could have on the future of this nation is explored. | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |
| 09 Jul 23 | West Alabama on Point | Senior Care. The non-profit Caring Days of West Alabama is providing a valuable and vital service to seniors with memory issues of all | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |

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| | | types and their families. The services available and the need for community support are discussed with Executive Director Laderick Smith. | | |
| 16 Jul 23 | West Alabama on Point | Youth Programs, Sports. Baseball Country is tucked away in a leafy rural area of West Alabama but what goes on there impacts the current and future lives of youth from not just the U.S. but internationally. Baseball Country builds bodies, skills, character, and faith utilizing baseball, softball, and hunting. | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |
| 23 Jul 23 | West Alabama on Point | Weather Impacts. Power outages from repeated severe weather this year have created numerous issues. Alabama Power, which covers most of West Alabama, is offering a way for customers to track outages and restoration. Voting Rights. The Alabama Legislature has spent the week debating more than 100 potential congressional redistricting maps. They passed a controversial rewrite that Democrats and black lawmakers claim will be rejected by the court, potentially forcing a federal re-drawing. | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |
| 30 Jul 23 | West Alabama on Point | Voting Rights. Controversy continues over the map selected by the Alabama for congressional redistricting. It defies a U-S Supreme Court order to create a 2 nd majority minority district. What happens next is explained. U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell address her planned reintroduction of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act. | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |
| 06 Aug 23 | West Alabama on Point | Disaster Resilience. Tornadoes, high winds, torrential rainfall, flooding have increased in frequency and intensity but local communities in West Alabama must do more to become disaster resilient. Dr. Laura Myers at UA, Alabama EMA Director Jeff Smitherman and Tuscaloosa County EMA Director Nick Lolley discuss the process. | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |
| 13 Aug 23 | West Alabama on Point | Municipal Governance. Retaining police officers and the pressures applied by bars on public safety are addressed by Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox. Northport Council President Jeff Hogg discusses controversy over the sale of the Northport Community Center and Park and construction of a tire store next to a neighborhood. | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |
| 20 Aug 23 | West Alabama on Point | Impact of Higher Education. The University of Alabama is seeing unprecedented growth. The increase in students and faculty are resulting in more buildings, more businesses and more residents moving in. UA also has a major impact of the state as a whole. UA President Dr. Stuart Bell discusses the present and future of UA. | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |

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| 27 Aug 23 | West Alabama on Point | Hurricane Season 2023. Tropical meteorologist from DTN Weather Services describe how the warm ocean waters, El Nino and the peak of the hurricane season could result in a more active than expected hurricane season. Which could have a direct impact on West Alabama. | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |
| 3 Sep 23 | West Alabama on Point | Labor and Employment. The battle that was needed to create Labor Day continues as employers still dominate employees in Alabama, a “Right to Work” anti-union state. Also, AL Sec. of Labor Fitzgerald Washington discusses how the state continues to maintain the nation’s lowest unemployment rate. | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |
| 10 Sep 23 | West Alabama on Point | Tuscaloosa Economy. UA brings nearly 2 billion in economic impact to Tuscaloosa annually, \$20 million each college football home weekend. Disaster Insurance. The growing frequency & strength of storms and resultant disasters has prompted the U.S. Senate to investigate the problems that is causing the insurance industry. AL Sen. Katie Britt sits on the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee and comments. Military Promotions. Sen. Tuberville’s hold on military promotions over the Pentagon’s abortion policy is putting national security at risk according to the various military secretaries. Tuberville disagrees. | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |
| 17 Sep 23 | West Alabama on Point | Poverty. Alabama has the eight highest poverty rates in America at 14.9%. Reasons for and ways out are examined with Alabama Possible staff. | 30 minutes | 6:00 AM |
| 24 Sep 23 | West Alabama on Point | Affordable Housing. Habitat for Humanity Tuscaloosa is making tremendous efforts to expand the availability of affordable and quality housing to low- and moderate-income residents. Habitat Executive Director Ellen Potts discuss ongoing efforts to build dozens of new homes, train high school students in the building trade and construct reinforced roof on vulnerable houses. | 30 Minutes | 6:00 AM |