

**THIRD QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR
TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO
JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
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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:** Elder Abuse; Children with Asthma; The Moth Radio Hour's Artistic Director Catherine Burns, originally from Alex City, Alabama, retires; Caregiving challenges; the Octopus and its intelligence; Automotive GPS and Fuel Gauge accuracy; Genealogical Research and unidentified family photos; Heat Illness and Heat Stroke; the aging North American Power Grid; School Zone Safety; Hummingbird behavior; School behavior pointers from a retired teacher; Gees Bend Quilts and Quilters; TSA Pre-Check for Airline Passengers; Gambling Addictions; NATO; Data Breaches in Schools; The Cloverdale Playhouse; Artificial Intelligence; Wetumpka Depot Players; Hate Incidents and Hate Crimes; Sports Betting.
- B. Historical Issues:** Nazis' rise to power in Germany; the Manson murders in 1969; Two Egg, Florida history; Early Civil Rights activist Lillian Smith of Georgia; The Capri Theatre of Montgomery; Two-Toed Tom Giant Alligator in south Alabama and the Florida Panhandle; Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter; America's Black Wall Street.
- C. Special Programming:** The July Fourth weekend, June 29 – July 4, featured several patriotic interviews: Guests Dr. Bill Dean, Maxwell AFB, on Ukraine; Gold Star Family members from Troy; Military historian Daniel Haulman, Tuskegee Airmen author; U.S. Army WWII Six Triple-Eight Postal Delivery Unit veteran Romay Davis, age 103; Vietnam War hero Command Sergeant Major Bennie Adkins (recorded before his death).
- D. Weekend Programming:** *In Focus Weekend* continued to re-broadcast weekday *In Focus* programs for Saturday listeners at 3:40 p.m. and Sunday listeners at 6:40 a.m.
- E. September Programming:** Troy Public Radio held its Fall Fund Drive on-air, which included re-broadcasts of previous *In Focus* programs. Also, in late September Troy Public Radio provided an opportunity for Troy University Hall School of Journalism students to craft *In Focus* programs relevant to their course of study.

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 ½ -minute time frame, beginning at 12:40 p.m. Central time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Mondays, *The Exchange* dealt with money issues in a 4 ½-minute time frame, with broadcasts at 7:45 a.m. and 12:35 p.m. On Thursdays, *The Storyline* presented interviews with authors at 12:40 p.m. in the *In Focus* time slot.

Special Note: September was devoted to the Fall On-Air Fund Drive and re-broadcasts of previous *In Focus* programs.

A. Societal Issues:

-Broadcast on July 10:

A discussion on *The Exchange* with guest Amanda Senn, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about the increase in elder abuse during the pandemic. She shared tips on how to effectively fight elder abuse.

-Broadcast on July 11:

A discussion with guest Linda Gibson-Young, Chair of the Alabama Asthma Coalition, about Camp Eagle on Lake Martin for children with asthma. The camp is sponsored by donors, who make it possible for children to attend at no cost.

-Broadcast on July 18:

An interview with guest Catherine Burns, retiring Artistic Director of "The Moth Radio Hour," about the achievements of the program in bringing voices and stories to the stage and to radio listeners. "The Moth" has extensive educational outreach programs available.

-Broadcast on July 19:

A discussion with guest Jamie Harding, Communications Director for AARP Alabama, about the challenges facing caregivers. Caregiving is on the increase, due to the aging population.

-Broadcast on July 20:

A discussion on *The Storyline* book series with guest naturalist Sy Montgomery, author of "The Soul of the Octopus," about the intelligence of one of the ocean's most unusual creatures.

-Broadcast on July 24:

A discussion on *The Exchange* with guest Clay Ingram of AAA Alabama, about fuel gauge accuracy and GPS system accuracy on today's automobiles. Result - their accuracy is undependable.

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-Broadcast on July 25:

A discussion with guest Lynn Schlick, First Vice-President of the Alabama Genealogical Society, about the latest tools in family research, including identification of family photos, available at the Fall Seminar of the society.

-Broadcast on July 26:

A discussion with guest Dr. Wes Stubblefield, District Medical Officer of the Alabama Department of Public Health, about summer heat illness and heat stroke, as well as predictions about the fall Flu season.

-Broadcast on July 27:

A discussion for The Storyline book series with guest Professor William Forstchen, Military Historian and author of several books about the aging North American Power Grid. His latest book is "Five Years After." He teaches at Montreat College in N.C.

-Broadcast on July 31:

A discussion for The Exchange with guest Clay Ingram of AAA Alabama about School Zone driving safety and safety pointers around school buses and children.

-Broadcast on August 1:

A discussion with guest Master Bird Bander Sarah Driver, the "Hummingbird Lady," about her special techniques for banding hummingbirds. She is presenting workshops at Dothan Area Botanical Gardens to educate attendees about the importance of these birds in the ecosystem.

-Broadcast on August 2:

A discussion with guest Carole King, Landmarks Foundation Curator, about the Gees Bend Quilt Exhibit at Old Alabama Town, featuring several different design styles among the pieces, some of which reflect the styles derived from the quilters' African heritage, and others reflect the styles developed among the quilters as a group.

-Broadcast on August 3:

A discussion on The Storyline book series with guest Troy author and retired school teacher Liz Fryer about the start of school. Using her dog book series, "Spencer and Lulu" and "Through Lily's Eyes," Fryer illustrated the rewards of kindness and inclusion as behaviors at school. Her Sir Spencer Pug's Twitter site has more than 10,000 followers.

-Broadcast on August 7:

A discussion with guest Britney Jones-Dabney, Marketing and Communications Manager at the Montgomery Regional Airport, about the TSA Pre-Check program to expedite passenger screening before boarding the aircraft.

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-Broadcast on August 8:

A discussion with guest Jack Galassini, Founder and CEO of the Alabama Council on Compulsive Gambling, about how gambling as pastime progresses to an out-of-control addiction. Of special concern is video gaming involving credit cards, which can lead young people into addictive gambling.

-Broadcast on August 10 and 17:

A two-part discussion for The Storyline book series with guests Professor Michael Slobodchikoff, Political Science Chair at Troy University, and Troy Political Science Professor Doug Davis, about the current status of NATO. They are editors, along with Brandon Stewart, of the book, "The Challenge to NATO, Global Security and the Atlantic Alliance." Discussion included Russia and China in the Arctic, Hybrid Warfare, and new NATO members.

-Broadcast on August 14:

A discussion for The Exchange with guest Amanda Senn, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about Data Breaches in schools, and how to protect online information.

-Broadcast on August 15:

A discussion with guests Greg Thornton, Actor and Founding Artistic Director of The Cloverdale Playhouse, and Sam Wootten, Artistic Director, about the Joe Thomas Jr. Guitar Pull and the upcoming Cabaret, Improv Show, and play, "The Laramie Project," based on a true event – the murder in Wyoming of a gay person and the aftermath. The guests also discuss the theater's heritage that began with the Montgomery Little Theatre.

-Broadcast on August 16:

A discussion with guest Dale Cox, Historian and author of numerous books, about his investigation into the stories of Two-Toed Tom, a legendary giant alligator that reportedly is over 100 years old and living in a Florida Panhandle lake near Esto, Florida.

-Broadcast on August 21:

A discussion for The Exchange with guest Amanda Senn, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about Artificial Intelligence and their use in Chat boxes on websites.

-Broadcast on August 22:

A discussion with guest Christy Meanor, Artistic Director of the Wetumpka Depot Players, about the Pulitzer Prize winning drama about a priest suspected of child molestation, "Doubt – A Parable," being brought to the stage. Meanor also shares an update on the Penguin Project, where children with disabilities work with peer mentors on an upcoming holiday play.

-Broadcast on August 23:

A discussion with guests Jonathan Ross, First Assistant U.S. Attorney, and Justin Jones, Special Counsel for Civil Rights Outreach, both with the U.S. Department of Justice, Middle District of Alabama, about Hate Incidents and Hate Crimes and how citizens can report them.

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-Broadcast on August 28:

A discussion for The Exchange with guest Troy University Professor Robert Mathner, former NCAA Division One Athletics Compliance Officer, about the status of Sports Betting - illegal in Alabama but on track for legalization in Georgia and Florida. Indian Casinos and online sports wagering currently provide opportunities.

B. Historical Issues

-Broadcast on July 5:

A discussion with guest Rick Dildine, Artistic Director of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, about the award-winning musical, "Cabaret," and the era of the rise of Nazi Germany. The play was based on the Christopher Isherwood novel, "Goodbye to Berlin," and is a cautionary note for today.

-Broadcast on July 6:

A discussion on *The Storyline* book series with guest Jeremy Gray, Alabama reporter and author of *Wicked Women of Alabama*, about the Manson murders in California in 1969 and convicted killer Patricia Krenwinkel's ties to Mobile, Alabama.

-Broadcast on July 13:

A discussion on The Storyline book series with guest historian Dale Cox about his book, "Two Egg, Florida," and how it got its name. Originally, Two Egg was at a crossroads on an Indian trading path between east and west Florida.

-Broadcast on July 12:

A discussion with guest Matthew Teutsch, Director of the Lillian E. Smith Center at Piedmont University, about early Civil Rights activist Lillian E. Smith and the podcast, "Dope for Lime." Smith operated the first camp for girls, Laurel Falls Camp, in the north Georgia mountains from 1920 to 1948.

-Broadcast on August 9:

A discussion with guest Martin McCaffery, Director of the Capri Theatre in Montgomery, about the movie theater's history and renovations. The theater is the longest continually operating movie theater in Alabama.

-Broadcast on August 24:

A discussion for The Storyline book series with guest Frye Gaillard, author of "With Music and Justice for All – Some Southerners and Their Passions" and "Prophet from Plains – Jimmy Carter and His Legacy," about his interviews with Carter, Carter's humanitarian achievements after leaving office, and his legacy of the Camp David Peace Accords with Egypt and Israel.

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-Broadcast on August 31:

A discussion for The Storyline book series with guest Victor Luckerson, Montgomery native and author of “Built from the Fire, the Epic Story of Tulsa’s Greenwood District, America’s Black Wall Street,” about the 1920s-era burning of Tulsa’s prosperous Black-owned Greenwood District at roughly the same time as the numerous Osage Indian murders an hour north of Tulsa, and the violence of the KKK.