

April 1, 2023

**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST  
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES  
1/1/23 –3/31/23**

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**WTWA Thomson, Georgia**

“Georgia Focus” is a Georgia News Network program airing Saturday mornings at 5:30 a.m. that is thirty minutes in duration. It is an in-depth look into issues of personal, community and local interest, often with a background report and interviews with key personalities involved with the issue. The following pages represent some of the guest line-ups for “Georgia Focus” that provide the most significant treatment of community issues this quarter.

WTWA writes, produces and airs five-minute local newscasts six times daily in morning drive, midday and evening drive listening hours. These newscasts feature local news and features exclusively on all topics including local government, education, crime, sports and any other topic we know our audience is interested in. Stories are from 30 to 90 seconds in length. Additionally live spot news broadcasts are aired when events warrant. Each Saturday WTWA hosts a five-minute interview with local government leaders discussing issues relevant to our audience.

“Public Service Announcements” promoting local community events, issues, resources and activities are broadcast twice per hour. They are rotated frequently giving maximum coverage at no cost to a large number of community groups, churches, and other organizations that focus on assisting the underserved. Theme projects such as the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, United Way Campaigns, Safety and Anti-Drug and Alcohol Awareness are recorded in participants’ voices and aired according to a pre-approved schedule to enhance visibility of these special events.

The following pages outline all of the topics and guests from “Georgia Focus” that provided the most significant treatment of community issues during this quarter.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023 “Georgia Focus” Public Affairs Issues/Clearance

**Station: WTWA                      Market: Thomson, Georgia**  
**Each Program Aired from 5:30 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. Saturday.**

**Date: January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Flor Mendoza, Georgia Dept. Of Public Health

**Topic:** Lead exposure may have gotten less common over the years, but dangers remain.

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Kennesaw State University Political Science Professor Kerwin Swint on the upcoming Georgia Legislative Session.

**Date: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Author Ed Payne

**Topic:** How the dying wish of a young girl inspired Payne to write Vail’s Tales books.

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Vince Zangaro with a preview of the annual Alzheimer’s Music Fest.

**Date: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Dr. Dana Rickman, President & Dr. Matt Smith, Director of Policy and Research, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education

**Topic:** Top Ten Issues to Watch in Georgia Education for 2023

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Flor Mendoza w/ Ga. Dept. Of Public Health on the dangers of lead exposure.

**Date: January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Chris Brand, President, Friends of Disabled Adults and Children & Former FODAC Client Vince Zangaro

**Topic:** How the organization helps Georgians with disabilities get the equipment they need for daily living.

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Dr. Dana Rickman and Dr. Matt Smith of Georgia Partners for Excellence in Education on Top Ten Issues to Watch in 2023.

**Date: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Dr. Gregg Raduka, Exec. Director, Let’s Be Clear Georgia

**Topic:** Potential dangers surrounding marijuana abuse as state lawmakers consider measures around its use.

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Kim Tong with Bank of America on loan programs for minority-owned businesses.

**Date: February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Bonita Jacobs, President & Col. Joseph Matthews, Commandant of Cadets, University of North Georgia

**Topic:** Growth at the University of North Georgia from a small college to a large university with campuses across the region.

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Joanne Pushkin with DenseBreastInfo.org on the importance of breast cancer screenings.

**Date: February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Federal Trade Commission holds roundtable discussion about personal finances. Guest: Joanne Pushkin speaking about the need for early breast density screening.

**Topic:** Federal Trade Commission / Breast Density

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Find It Early

**Date: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Tara Hall and Marlena Murphy

**Topic:** Turning Point Breast Cancer Center. Turning Point is a breast cancer patient and survivor center that helps women find resource pertaining to breast cancer, but also supplies a support network for patients.

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Wetlands

**Date: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Ashby Worley

**Topic:** The National Conservancy Office in Brunswick discusses what impact global warming has on the coastal wetlands of Georgia.

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Curing Kid's Cancer

**Date: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Dr. Andi Shane

**Topic:** Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta examines the trend of back-to-back illnesses with a focus on how to treat them and how to avoid them.

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Let's Be Clear (The dangers of marijuana Usage)

**Date: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Tim Echols

**Topic:** A board member of the Georgia Public Service Commission speaks about the energy needs of advances in Georgia in 2023.

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Alzheimer's Foundation of America

**Date: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Guest:** Charles Fuschillo

**Topic:** The President of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America provides an overview of living with Alzheimer's and prevention and along with what families need to know about caregiving.

**Ga. Focus Extra:** Public Service Commissioner on the energy needs of Georgia.