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**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES
4/1/19 – 6/30/19**

WTHO-FM Thomson, Georgia

“Georgia Focus” is a Georgia News Network program airing Sunday mornings at 6:30 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.

“The Old Time Radio Show” is a locally produced interview style community issues program airing Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. that is two hours in total duration. Hosted by Cooper Gunby the show features weekly guests from a variety of backgrounds in McDuffie County who are involved in community events, local civic projects, politics and programs of special interest to our listeners. Additionally, we produce and air special long form news reports on topics of significant local interest.

WTHO-FM’s news department writes, produces and broadcasts five-minute local newscasts six times per day, including morning drive, mid-day, and afternoon drive. These newscasts feature local news exclusively and feature stories on all topics of interest including local government, education, crime, and sports. Stories are from 30 to 90 seconds in length. Additionally live spot news broadcasts are aired when events warrant and on Saturdays WTHO-FM frequently hosts a five-minute interview program with local government leaders to address 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. Frequently we host representatives of such concerns on a half-hour long “Guest D.J.” show which airs each Friday from 12:15 until 12:45.

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.

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Georgia Centers for Innovation

The State of Georgia, through the Georgia Department of Economic Development, provides free assistance for small businesses all over the state who have developed innovative ideas and processes and need help launching them. This program is the only one of its kind in the country and Steve Justice, Executive Director of the Georgia Centers of Innovation, discusses the program. Available April 6-7.

This show aired on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.

GA Focus Extra: Red Cross' Ashley Henyan discusses the Sound the Alarm campaign. .

Gov. Brian Kemp

Gov Brian Kemp talks about his first few months in office, the 2019 Legislative Session and other issues of importance to Georgians. Available April 20-21. .

This show aired on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.

GA Focus Extra: The new Children's Hospital in Macon is featured.

Georgia 811

Georgia 811 is dedicated to preventing damage to Georgia's underground utilities and promoting public safety by functioning as a communication system, connecting utility companies with professional excavators and homeowners who are planning mechanized digging activity such as excavation, tunneling, grading, or demolition. GA 811 spokesperson Cliff Meidl discusses the importance of contacting GA 811 before digging. Available April 27-28.

This show aired on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.

GA Focus Extra: Red Cross' Ashley Henyan discusses the Sound the Alarm campaign.

Georgia Dept of Public Health – One Test, Two Lives

In 2018, there were approximately 120,000 babies born in Georgia. The GA Dept of Public Health's goal is to reach every pregnant woman in Georgia with their One Test, Two Lives campaign to test and screen for STDs to prevent congenital syphilis and HIV transmission from mother-to-child. Dr. Gregory Felzien, Medical Advisor, Division of Health Protection and **Michelle Allen**, Infectious Disease Section Director, discuss the importance of getting tested. Available May 4-5.

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Officials Shortage in Georgia

The shortage of high school athletic officials is becoming a problem in Georgia. Allan Smith, Executive Director of the Georgia Athletic Officials Association addresses this issue and what is being done to reverse the trend. Available May 11-12.

This show aired on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.

GA Focus Extra: Upgrades being made at the Georgia Dept of Driver Services.

Bill Curry

In 6 decades Bill Curry has experienced virtually every scenario football provide – Bill Curry talks about his book *Ten Men You Meet in the Huddle*, and shares the wit, wisdom, and tough love of teammates and coaches who turned him from a next-to-last NFL draft pick into a two-time Pro Bowler. Learning from such giants as Vince Lombardi, Don Shula, and Bobby Dodd he led a football life of nonstop exploration packed with adventure and surprise. Available May 18-19.

This show aired on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.

GA Focus Extra: The FCC is working to warn Georgians about phone scams.

Highway Safety for the Summer

Allan Poole, Director of the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety and Sgt. Stephani Stallings, Public Information Officer for Georgia State Patrol, discuss summer highway safety initiatives and provide advice to drivers. Available May 25-26.

This show aired on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.

GA Focus Extra: Chris Clark, President/CEO of the GA Chamber discusses their new Georgia Economy Tour.

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Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month

June is Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month. There are roughly 140,000 Georgian’s living with Alzheimer’s and another 527,000 unpaid caregivers. By 2025, the number is expected to increase by almost 40%. The Alzheimer’s Association Georgia Chapter serves all 159 counties with offices throughout the state with local support groups, education classes and other local resources. Linda Davidson, Executive Director for the GA Chapter Alzheimer’s Assn and Glenn Patton, a board member, discuss the disease and efforts to fight it. Available June 1-2.

This show aired on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.

GA Focus Extra: Sitter Tree is matching parents with good babysitters and helping kids raise money for college.

Curing Kids Cancer

Just one year after the devastating loss of their nine-year-old son Killian to leukemia, Grainne Owen founded Curing Kids Cancer in 2005 in order to celebrate Killian’s life and to fund research to find a cure for childhood cancer. Since then Curing Kids Cancer has raised millions for pediatric cancer research and treatment. Available June 8-9.

This show aired on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.

GA Focus Extra: Ashley Henyan from the Red Cross discusses summer safety.

GA Division of Family and Children’s Services – Fostering

Recently, the GA Division of Family and Children’s Services recognized foster parents, family members, volunteers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes at their Foster Caregivers of the Year Awards Luncheon. Two of the honorees, Gracie Laminak and Cassie Kennard, discuss their experiences as foster parents. Available June 15-16.

This show aired on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.

GA Focus Extra: Larry Jorgenson discusses his book on the history of Coca Cola bottling plants.

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HERO - Highway Emergency Response Operators

Highway Emergency Response Operators (HEROs) are dispatched to traffic-related incidents in metro Atlanta with the primary duty to clear roads so that normal traffic flow is restored. HEROs also assist stranded motorists with flat tires, dead batteries, fuel and other services. Tori Brown, Communications Officer for GA Dept of Transportation and HEROs Frank Salazar and Terrell Brown take listeners on a ride on Atlanta’s highways. June 22-23.

This show aired on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.

GA Focus Extra: Bob Sleppy from Nuci’s Space in Athens discusses their work to provide mental health services to the music community in the area.

Parkinson’s Disease

Bill Bucklew has Parkinson’ disease, a progressive disease of the nervous system that affects movement....but that doesn’t stop him from running marathons, climbing mountains and walking over 2500 miles across the US to raise funds and awareness for Parkinson’s research. His 67-day walk raised over \$100k. Available June 29-30.

This show aired on Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.

GA Focus Extra: Highway Safety for July 4th weekend from Governor’s Office of Highway Safety.