

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station - WIDR 89.1 FM

April-June 2023

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Section I: Topics

The station has identified the following topics during this quarter as significant issues that are both relevant and educational to our community:

- A. The Importance of African Culture and Music
- B. The Evolution of Society due to Language and the Treatment of Women in Legal Battles by Media Outlets
- C. Relevant Social and Political News in Relation to the City of Kalamazoo, the State of Michigan, and European Countries
- D. A Discussion About Labor Organizing, Tenant Organizing, and Reproductive Rights in Michigan
- E. A Conversation About Social Justice and the Moluccan Community with a Special Guest from the Indigenous Advocacy Committee at WMU
- F. The Alienation that Exists for Other Genders Within Male-Dominated Careers
- G. Body Image and Body Shaming Within Hollywood
- H. Information About Upcoming Live Music from Local Artists in Kalamazoo
- I. Cannabis Incarceration and Safe Consumption of Marijuana
- J. Racial Inequities Related to Cannabis and Safe Consumption of Marijuana
- K. Continuing the Conversation About Cannabis Incarceration and Information on the Recent Spike in Fentanyl-Related Overdoses in Kalamazoo, Michigan
- L. Labor Organizing, Environmentalism, Civil Rights, and Money in Politics
- M. Environmentalism, Environmental Racism, Anti-LGBTQ Bigotry, and Student Debt
- N. Upcoming Events in Kalamazoo, Michigan
- O. Immigration, Homelessness, and Police Brutality
- P. LGBTQ+ Rights, Labor History, Political Extremism, and Imperialism
- Q. Pride Month in Kalamazoo, Giving Exposure to Queer Musicians, and Discussing Drag Story Hour
- R. Recognition of Pride Month and Black Music Month

Section II: Responsive Programs

The station has broadcasted programs dealing with each of the above-referenced topics. Written below are thorough descriptions of each issue and its programming:

The Importance of African Culture and Music

Air Date: 03/30/23

Air Time: 16:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Afrostrings host Daniel Ebo presented a one hour special dedicated to playing music that featured artists from West Africa, East Africa, and South Africa. The music was accompanied by information about the artists and the countries they are from, providing listeners with diverse sounds and knowledge about other cultures.

The Evolution of Society due to Language and the Treatment of Women in Legal Battles by Media Outlets

Air Date: 04/02/23

Air Time: 14:00:00-15:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: The hosts of The Pop Effect analyzed the iHeart Radio Music Awards before discussing a comment made by Jennifer Aniston about how the TV Show *Friends* can be considered an “offensive” show in 2023. This led to a conversation about the evolution of society due to trends and language. Next, the hosts talked about Gwyneth Paltrow’s court trial following a ski crash. This led to a discussion about how women are treated during legal battles and court settings.

Relevant Social and Political News in Relation to the City of Kalamazoo, the State of Michigan, and European Countries

Air Date: 04/04/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Media Cyphers host, Andy Argo, discusses local news concerning the new Events Center in downtown Kalamazoo, racial equity within Kalamazoo Public Schools, and a comment that the Michigan Republican Party made comparing gun control to the Holocaust. In addition, Argo informed listeners of the TikTok ban, the uprising in France, and the War in Ukraine with guest Randy LaPrairie.

A Discussion About Labor Organizing, Tenant Organizing, and Reproductive Rights in Michigan

Air Date: 04/11/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, the host of Media Cyphers, updated the listeners on the rezoning that is threatening the land of Asylum Lake Preserve due to a car wash that is attempting to be constructed. Argo also discusses access to abortion medication in the state of Michigan. This segment also shares news about the labor organization of University of Michigan grad students, eviction defense in Detroit, and liberation theology.

A Conversation About Social Justice and the Moluccan Community with a Special Guest from the Indigenous Advocacy Committee at WMU

Air Date: 04/12/23

Air Time: 15:00:00-16:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Voice of Maluku host Leah Latumaerissa discusses the Moluccan community and social justice with the Representative from Western Student Alliance's Indigenous Advocacy Committee. The conversation also included a conversation about the Moluccan flag and the Parade of Flags hosted by the Haenicke Institute of Global Education's at WMU.

The Alienation that Exists for Other Genders Within Male-Dominated Careers

Air Date: 04/15/23

Air Time: 22:00:00-22:10:00

Length: 10min

Description: Hilary Basing, the host of Post Disco Paradise, discussed how using the pronoun "he" to refer to a DJ or any other male-dominated profession is alienating to other genders.

Body Image and Body Shaming Within Hollywood

Air Date: 04/16/23

Air Time: 13:30:00-13:50:00

Length: 20min

Description: The hosts of The Pop Effect discuss Ariana Grande's response to body shaming comments online. This led to a larger conversation about the struggles of unrealistic body image standards and the problem of body shaming within Hollywood.

Information About Upcoming Live Music from Local Artists in Kalamazoo

Air Date: 04/19/23

Air Time: 14:15:00-14:30:00

Length: 15min

Description: Benjamin Smith, the host of Ben-Jammin, mentioned upcoming local shows to be performed over the weekend, including an Earth Day benefit concert.

Cannabis Incarceration and Safe Consumption of Marijuana

Air Date: 04/20/23

Air Time: 07:00:00-08:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Sydney Kott, host of Variety with Sydney, hosted special programming for April 20th. This included a discussion about cannabis incarceration in addition to providing information about the safe consumption of marijuana. For example, they advised listeners to not drive when they are under the influence of marijuana.

Racial Inequities Related to Cannabis and Safe Consumption of Marijuana

Air Date: 04/20/23

Air Time: 10:00:00-11:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Renaissance Alt host Haley Summerfield hosted special programming for April 20th. She informs listeners about the Party Safe Project created by the Rose Entertainment Group, while encouraging students to only consume marijuana if they are of age, take care of their peers, and party responsibly. Haley also reviews the racial inequities related to cannabis, such as how a majority of Michigan dispensaries are owned by white citizens while there is a high rate of people of color incarcerated for cannabis. Summerfield reminded listeners that it is a privilege to be able to choose whether or not to consume cannabis on April 20th and that some people celebrate by not smoking.

Continuing the Conversation About Cannabis Incarceration and Information on the Recent Spike in Fentanyl-Related Overdoses in Kalamazoo, Michigan

Air Date: 04/20/23

Air Time: 19:00:00-21:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Get Up and Move host Millie Boutwell hosted special programming for April 20th. She discusses the Last Prisoner Project and calls for the Governor of Michigan, Gretchen Whitmer, to act on cannabis convictions. Millie also discusses the recent surge of fentanyl-related overdoses in Kalamazoo.

Labor Organizing, Environmentalism, Civil Rights, and Money in Politics

Air Date: 05/02/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, airs "Slipping", a play by Daniel Smith on organized labor. In addition, Argo updates listeners on the Asylum Lake Car Wash, election day, Harry Belafonte, and Tucker Carlson. He also discusses how state representatives have been expelled and then censured in order to silence them.

Environmentalism, Environmental Racism, Anti-LGBTQ Bigotry, and Student Debt

Air Date: 05/09/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Media Cyphers host Andy Argo discusses the pollution of north Kalamazoo by Graphic Packaging, which disproportionately affects people of color. In addition, the segment includes information on a leak from an Anti-Trans doctor group, student debt, and class struggle in the United States.

Upcoming Events in Kalamazoo, Michigan

Air Date: 05/13/23

Air Time: 21:30:00-21:50:00

Length: 20min

Description: Post Disco Paradise host Hilary Basing informs listeners of upcoming community events such as Pride Kalamazoo, the Kalamazoo vegan chef challenge, and Vintage in the Zoo.

Immigration, Homelessness, and Police Brutality

Air Date: 05/16/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Media Cyphers host, Andy Argo, discusses police brutality at Ampersee Encampment and how a local organizer is currently on trial for the incident. This led to a conversation about immigration justice in America.

LGBTQ+ Rights, Labor History, Political Extremism, and Imperialism

Air Date: 05/30/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers discusses the Memorial Day Massacre and an attempt from fascists to organize and protest against Kalamazoo drag shows during the month of June. Argo also converses about how Ottawa County in Michigan becomes a "Constitutional County" and Henry Kissinger's Legacy after he recently turned 100 years old.

Pride Month in Kalamazoo, Giving Exposure to Queer Musicians, and Discussing Drag Story Hour

Air Date: 06/03/23

Air Time: 21:00:00-23:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Hilary Basing, the host of Post Disco Paradise, aired a special program for Pride Month featuring music from queer artists. Basing informs listeners on Pride and Out Kalamazoo and their upcoming events over the weekend. In addition, educates listeners on Drag Story Hours and queer TV shows such as Drag Race and America's Next Top Model.

Recognition of Pride Month and Black Music Month

Air Date: 06/17/23

Air Time: 20:15:00-20:20:00

Length: 5min

Description: Haley Summerfield, host of Renaissance Alt plays a mixture of classical and contemporary music with recognition of Pride Month & Black Music month.