

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT

WNEO/WEAO

January–March 2023

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PBS Western Reserve is committed to presenting outstanding programs that teach, illuminate and inspire Northeast Ohio viewers. Following is a review of community issues addressed during the first quarter of 2023. All programs aired on PBS Western Reserve (WNEO 45.1 / WEAO 49.1) unless otherwise indicated.

Arts and Culture

The Master Craftsman

.5 hour

Monday, Jan. 2, at 9 PM

For more than 50 years, Richard Grell has been hand-crafting Windsor chairs on his Hudson, Ohio, property, using wood from his farm. His museum-quality chairs are owned by institutions and individuals across the country, including famous actors, musicians, Fortune 500 CEOs and presidents. THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN is an intimate look into Grell's woodworking skills and techniques.

Around Akron with Blue Green

.5 hour

Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 10:30 PM

Creativity abounds at Summit Artspace in downtown Akron, where ZaBre Inspire specializes in designing Christian-themed apparel and Susie Lilley Flashes of Life Photography combines two media—photography and clay. In Cuyahoga Falls, visit Ruff Guide Maps, which creates custom trail and race maps. Back in Akron, Galenas offers soil-grown medical cannabis.

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Friday, Feb. 17, at 8:30 PM

Rubber City Clothing has a new location on the west side of Akron. Table tennis coach Samson Dubina talks about his nationally recognized training center, Samson Dubina Table Tennis Academy. A new plaza and monument in Akron will honor Sojourner Truth and the celebrated speech she gave in 1851.

Civic Issues

Forum 360, New Laws—New Director

.5 hour

Monday, Jan. 2, at 5 PM

Myra Cottrill is the new regional director of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission Akron Regional Office. She gives an exclusive debut interview and talks about significant new changes in Ohio discrimination law.

Forum 360, The Buzz Around Akron: Honey from the Heart

.5 hour

Monday, March 6, at 5 PM

The buzz in Akron is about Brent Wesley, beekeeper and founder of Akron Honey. His company raises honeybees in Akron's neighborhoods, harvesting only their surplus honey in small batches, without filtering or straining.

Forum 360, Discrimination, Defamation or a Half-Baked Court Determination

.5 hour

Monday, March 6, at 5:30 PM

Two legal gladiators debate the state of discrimination litigation today, including the lessons of a recent \$36 million case, Gibson's Bakery vs. Oberlin College. In an exclusive interview, host Sally Henning welcomes the bakery's lead attorney, Lee Plakas, and Cleveland defense attorney Chaz Billington, who reveal secrets of why and how to stay out of court.

Health and Wellness

Forum 360, Minding Mental Health **.5 hour**

Monday, Jan. 2, at 5:30 PM

Voices for Voices is a nonprofit that assists those with mental health concerns, physical disabilities, and accessibility and inclusion challenges. Justin Alan Hayes, the organization's founder, talks about its mission and activities.

Forum 360, Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind **.5 hour**

Monday, Feb. 6, at 5 PM

The Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind is the only certified guide dog center in the Middle East. Michael J. Leventhal, the center's executive director, talks with host Leslie Ungar about the center's mission and services.

Forum 360, Aging Gracefully **.5 hour**

Monday, Feb. 6, at 5:30 PM

Host Ardith Keck welcomes NEOMED's Barb Palmisano and Margaret Sanders, who offer helpful information about the aging process.

Racism

Tell Me More with Kelly Corrigan, Anthony Ray Hinton **.5 hour**

Saturday, Jan. 14, at 5 PM

Kelly Corrigan talks with activist and author Anthony Ray Hinton.

Firing Line with Margaret Hoover **.5 hour**

Sunday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 PM

Reverend Al Sharpton discusses his evolution as a civil rights leader and the challenges and controversies he has faced. He weighs in on the progress of the movement and the power of Black voters.

Independent Lens, The Big Payback **1.5 hours**

Sunday, Jan. 22, at 11 PM

A rookie alderwoman in Evanston, Ill, led the passage of the first tax-funded reparations bill for Black Americans and stirred up a debate about the debt owed from the United States.

PBS American Portrait, I Rise **1 hour**

Sunday, Feb. 26, at 4 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEO 49.2)

Go inside the lives of people working to create an antiracist American future. They film themselves doing the hard work, confronting the obstacles and achieving the small victories that could add up to real change in the movement for racial justice.

Big Sonia **1 hour**

Wednesday, March 1, at 7 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEO 49.2)

In the last store in a defunct shopping mall, 91-year-old Sonia Warshawski—great-grandmother, businesswoman, and Holocaust survivor—runs the tailor shop she's owned for more than thirty years. But when she's served an eviction notice, the specter of retirement prompts Sonia to revisit her harrowing past as a refugee and witness to genocide. A poignant story of generational trauma and healing, BIG SONIA also offers a laugh-out-loud-funny portrait of the power of love to triumph over bigotry, and the power of truth-telling to heal us all.

Veterans' Affairs

After Action

7 hours

Saturdays, Jan. 7–Feb. 18, at 3 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)

This seven-part series captures the raw experience of veterans around military training, deployment and, most of all, life after action.

We'll Meet Again, Lost Children of Vietnam

1 hour

Saturday, Jan. 28, at 1 PM

Witness the dramatic reunions between people separated after the Vietnam War. Tina, born in Vietnam, searches for her American father. Nam hopes to find the Texas cowboy who saved him as a young boy and inspired him to come to America.

Amanpour and Company

1 hour

Monday, Feb. 13, at 11 PM

Hari Sreenivasan interviews Kristofer Goldsmith, founder of Task Force Butler. This nonprofit organization trains veterans in research and operations to counter extremism, teaching the skills and context necessary to keep veterans and their communities safe as they gather intelligence on dangerous individuals and organizations.