

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT

WNEO/WEAO

October – December 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 fourth quarter of 2023. All programs aired on PBS Western Reserve (WNEO 45.1 / WEO 49.1) unless otherwise indicated.

Aging

The Art of Aging Well

Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 10:30 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEO 49.2) (30 min.)

This program features practical tips, real-life success stories and the latest from leading medical experts on aging while giving older adults the insights and inspiration they need to live healthier, more satisfying lives. In this COVID era, the timing is right for the message of hope and inspiration the film communicates. Anyone over 50 will find this program speaks directly to them.

Forum 360, Living in a Retirement Community

Monday, Dec. 4, at 5:30 PM (30 min.)

Host Ardith Keck hears from guests Mary Ann Kyle and Ruth Fowler about life in retirement communities. Kyle and Fowler are proud residents of The Village of St. Edward in Fairlawn and Ohio Living Rockynol, respectively. The guests discuss their decision to move into retirement communities and why they enjoy their lives there, detailing the space and services provided to them.

Sages of Aging

Monday, Dec. 11, at 5 PM (60 min.)

This program synthesizes inspirational and insightful comments culled from unique interviews with a dozen leading experts in the field of aging. Conceived and hosted by Ken Dychtwald, PhD, this hourlong special provides viewers the opportunity to reflect on the breadth of knowledge, years of experience and untold lessons learned from these pioneers who forged today's aging field.

Arts and Culture

Appalachia Heart

Monday, Oct. 2, at midnight (30 min.)

Travel with visual artist Charmaine Wheatley on a year-long project to paint portraits of people affected by the opioid crisis in two rural Eastern Kentucky communities, connecting us by our common humanity.

American Masters, Max Roach: The Drum Also Waltzes

Friday, Oct. 6, at 9 PM (90 min.)

Explore the extraordinary life and musical career of the legendary drummer, composer and social activist. The film follows Roach's career and personal struggles and triumphs, across a series of masterful musical innovations and artistic reinventions. His creativity and unshakable sense of mission kept him at the forefront of music and activism across seven decades.

Around Akron with Blue Green

Thursday, Nov. 23, at 10:30 PM (30 min.)

Host Blue Green visits Sam Chestnut of the Lippman School to learn about the Northern Cheyenne and their connection to Akron, Ohio. He then visits the Institute for Human Science and Culture and the Cummings Center for the History of Psychology — both located at The University of Akron.

Civic Issues

Around Akron with Blue Green

Saturday, Oct. 21, at 5 PM (30 min.)

Amazing transformations are happening in North Hill thanks to the NHCDC. In Goodyear Heights, learn about the legacy of Linda Theatre and the upcoming openings of Cafe Rewind and The Afterlife Nightclub.

Forum 360, A New Akron Era — Shammias Malik

Monday, Nov. 6, at 5:30 PM (30 min.)

Host Leslie Ungar introduces Shammias Malik, presumptive mayor of Akron. He discusses his four-point plan for the city, which centers on safety.

The Sound of Ideas

Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 9 AM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2) (60 min.)

The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission is completing a year-long study looking to address the issue of urban and suburban sprawl. Huge multi-lane highways like Interstate 90 or Interstate 480 cut through neighborhoods and feed into large thoroughfares lined with parking lots, shopping centers and industrial parkways throughout Northeast Ohio. Sprawl might seem innocuous, but critics say when populations and businesses move away from an urban core, they not only take tax revenue with them; they also have detrimental impacts on the environment, human health and safety.

Environment

Evolution Earth, Grasslands

Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 10 PM (60 min.)

Grasslands are one of the planet's most important, yet most overlooked habitats. Follow scientists as they discover animal species with the power to transform and restore our grasslands, turning them into carbon sinks that could slow climate change.

Earthshot Prize 2023

Monday, Nov. 13, at 5 PM (60 min.)

Founded by Prince William in 2020, The Earthshot Prize aims to discover and help scale the world's most innovative climate and environmental solutions to protect and restore our planet. A star-studded awards ceremony, filming in Singapore on Nov. 7, celebrates this year's 15 finalists before awarding the five winners of The Earthshot Prize.

Great Lakes Now, Rivers of Water & Sand

Saturday, Dec. 30, at 6 PM (30 min.)

Indiana shoreline residents take drastic action to save their homes from powerful waves, Michigan DNR officials defend against climate change by removing old dams, and The Catch offers news from around the region.

Youth

Forum 360, Young People Doing Extraordinary Things

Monday, Oct. 2, at 5 PM (30 min.)

Host Leslie Ungar learns about the ways educational and philanthropic trips impact today's youth from two local Gen-Zers Olivia Valentine and Kyrsten Maimone. Valentine discusses her recent visit to Europe where she learned about Jewish life before, during and after the Holocaust. Maimone recounts her many visits to Nicaragua and the inspiring ways the trips impacted her life and goals.

Forum 360, It's a Girl's Life

Monday, Oct. 2, at 5:30 PM (30 min.)

Studies show that young girls often experience imposter syndrome and pressure to be perfect — that's why Cleveland native Charlotte Wasserman started It's a Girl's Life, a nonprofit organization and podcast that aims to empower young women. Wasserman shares how she started her organization as a blog while she was still a teenager before branching out into public speaking and community outreach.

Chaos & Courage, Protecting Our Children

Saturday, Oct. 14, at 9:30 PM on FNX (WNEO 45.3 / WEAO 49.3) (30 min.)

Of the 30,000 children in ministry care across Canada, half are Aboriginal. Most of these children are removed not only from family, but from community and culture, and few are equipped to cope once they age out of the system. Meet some of the women, including BC's Representative for Children, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, working to address this issue.