

Quarterly Issues & Program List

**January 1 – March 31, 2020**  
**Placed in the Public File – April 10, 2020**

**Section I. Issues.**

The station has identified the following as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Arts & Culture:** Diverse music; local, regional, and national theater; arts and the LGBTQ community; performance arts and history; arts education and equity; arts, entertainment, and culture.
- B. **Business & Economy:** Technology; redevelopment and public investment; local development; sports and real estate; religious institution finances; taxes and government spending.
- C. **Education:** African cultural studies; changes in culture and a look at history in public schools; the changing landscape for religious education; student participation in government; grant funding for Native American students; alternatives for arts education.
- D. **Health & Wellness:** Health care costs; health disparities; tobacco and electronic cigarettes; AIDS; marijuana legalization and vaping.
- E. **Mental Health:** Mental health in schools; depictions in popular culture; mental health recognition; inclusivity and stigma; mental health services in the community; mental health at the holidays.
- F. **Older Adults:** Hearing loss; nursing homes and safety; older refugees and integration; voting and election trends; volunteerism; complications of aging.
- G. **Women:** Women's professional hockey; pay equity and employment practices; women in government; women in sports; women in business and healthcare; podcasting.

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**Section II. Responsive Programs.**

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

**A. Arts & Culture:**

[From The Beach Boys to Hanson, Buffalo rock chorus promotes inclusivity for music learners](#)

Broadcast on 01/02/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:39

Feature on a local chorus that allows everyday people a chance to sing and perform popular songs.

[Buffalo has a 'gamelan scene', Indonesian artifacts and music on display at science museum](#)

Broadcast on 01/10/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:40

Feature on an artistic performance featuring Indonesian music and shadow puppets.

[Thursday Night Terrors returns, expected to collaborate with Nickel City Con again](#)

Broadcast on 01/23/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:49

Interview with the creator/host of a monthly cult and horror film series at an independent movie theater.

[Oscars conductor using baton made by Buffalo's Phil Aguglia](#)

Broadcast on 02/07/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:14

Feature spotlighting a local baton maker who created a special baton that was used by the conductor at this year's Academy Awards ceremony.

[Exhibition takes a deep dive into plastics pollution in Lake Erie](#)

Broadcast on 02/07/20 06:45 AM Duration 04:05

Feature on a local artist who used plastic found at local beaches to create an exhibit highlighting the issue.

[WNY students perform words of August Wilson, writer of 'Fences,' for Black History Month](#)

Broadcast on 02/28/20 06:45 AM Duration 2:28

Feature on Buffalo high school students who brought to life the words of a renowned African American playwright.

**B. Business & Economy:**

[State to help WNY nonprofits train workers with second round of Workforce Development Challenge](#)

Broadcast on 01/16/20 06:45 AM Duration 1:55

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Story on a program that trains Buffalo social services recipients to work in hospitals preventing infections.

### [Black Restaurant Week starts Tuesday in Buffalo](#)

Broadcast on 2/17/20 06:45 AM Duration 1:01

Story on a local initiative aimed at highlighting African American restaurants, giving them business and exposure.

### [Fantasy Island amusement park closes after nearly 60 years](#)

Broadcast on 02/19/20 06:45 AM Duration 1:47

Story on the closing of a longtime amusement park that was struggling financially after nearly 60 years in business.

### [Farm-to-Table: Raising pigs the old-fashioned way](#)

Broadcast on 02/24/20 06:45 AM Duration 3:54

Feature (part of a five-part series) on a local farm that is raising high-quality heritage pork.

### [State keeping quiet over IBM's possible struggles in Buffalo](#)

Broadcast on 02/27/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:18

Conversation about a high-profile economic development project that has run into trouble, leading to questions about its future.

### [Press Pass: Coronavirus is taking its toll on local business](#)

Broadcast on 03/17/20 06:45 AM Duration 3:46

Conversation with an expert about how the coronavirus pandemic is having a major impact on local businesses.

## C. Education:

### [‘Your story is in the textbooks. Ours isn’t.’ Buffalo schools adopt The 1619 Project](#)

Broadcast on 01/17/20 06:45 AM Duration 3:59

Feature on how the Buffalo public school district is changing the way students are taught about slavery.

### [‘Almost impossible to find a slot:’ State's child care crisis worst for upstate, WNY infants](#)

Broadcast on 02/04/20 06:45 AM Duration 5:03

Story on the difficult quest to find affordable child care, particularly for infants.

### [Educators raising concerns over active shooter drills](#)

Broadcast on 02/12/20 06:45 AM Duration 2:28

Story on educators rethinking their approach to active shooter drills in schools.

### [With music ed lawsuit looming with BPS, retired Hutch Tech teacher and alumni speak](#)

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Broadcast on 03/04/20 06:45 AM Duration 2:02

Story on a court battle over whether students in Buffalo public schools are receiving adequate music education.

### [Colleges say NFTA bus program costs too much, doesn't help low-income students](#)

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Broadcast on 03/11/20 06:45 AM Duration 3:53  
Feature on cost issues affecting college students who rely on public transportation.

[Buffalo schools kick off free grab-and-go meal service](#)

Broadcast on 03/18/20 06:45 AM Duration 2:38  
Story on the distribution of school meals to students whose buildings have closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

**D. Health & Wellness:**

[Healthcare providers seek to end unsafe sleep deaths among infants](#)

Broadcast on 01/24/20 06:45 AM Duration 1:29  
Story on efforts by healthcare experts to encourage safe sleep practices for infants.

[Closing of Irving emergency room raises concerns over care, long commutes](#)

Broadcast on 02/03/20 06:45 AM Duration 1:21  
Story on how the closing of a rural emergency department could affect the healthcare needs of people in the community.

[An Orchard Park church's bold move to normalize opioid overdose drug](#)

Broadcast on 02/21/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:14  
Feature on a local church that is helping make an opioid overdose drug more available.

[Canada's COVID-19 response vs. the U.S.: Testing, universal health care and maybe a little luck](#)

Broadcast on 3/13/20 06:45 AM Duration 5:12  
Feature on how Canada's response to the coronavirus outbreak compares to the U.S.

[COVID-19 pandemic bringing 'gender inequalities' to the forefront](#)

Broadcast on 03/19/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:01  
Conversation on how the coronavirus pandemic is exposing gender inequalities that greatly affect women's lives.

[Concern grows for inmates in state prison system](#)

Broadcast on 03/24/20 06:45 AM Duration 3:12  
Feature on the effect the coronavirus pandemic is having on prison populations and what is being done to help the situation.

**E. Mental Health:**

[VIDEO: How Buddhist chanting helps Lisa Maria Cruz thrive with schizophrenia](#)

Broadcast on 01/16/20 06:45 AM Duration 3:35

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Story and video on how Buddhist chanting is helping one woman cope with her mental illnesses.

[VIDEO: A caregiver's tale of mental illness](#)

Broadcast on 01/29/20 06:45 AM Duration 3:50

Story of a caregiver who tells of the impact mental illness has had on two family members.

['Music is my salvation': College radio helped a present-day mental health expert find stability](#)

Broadcast on 01/30/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:24

Feature on how music helped a prominent mental health advocate deal with his own struggles when he was young.

[Mental Health Peer Connection launches public awareness campaign](#)

Broadcast on 02/21/20 06:45 AM Duration 1:18

Story on a public awareness campaign aimed at ending the stigma around mental illness.

[Suicide Prevention Coalition campaign aims to normalize men talking about their mental health](#)

Broadcast on 02/27/20 06:45 AM Duration 5:38

Story on a campaign that encourages men to speak up about their mental health.

**F. Older Adults:**

['I want to hear that fines have been levied.' Legislature grills Senior Services about Ruthie's Law](#)

Broadcast on 01/24/20 06:45 AM Duration 2:07

Story on local lawmakers seeking enforcement of a law aimed at protecting nursing home residents.

[FeedMore WNY plans for 2020 include Niagara County expansion, sending seniors home with groceries](#)

Broadcast on 01/31/20 06:45 AM Duration 2:42

Feature on how a food bank is providing groceries to older adults.

[Despite renewed scrutiny, half of Erie County nursing homes still not complying with Ruthie's Law](#)

Broadcast on 02/05/20 06:45 AM Duration 2:27

Story on how many local nursing homes are still not complying with a law aimed at protecting residents from abuse.

[An inside look at Erie County's unannounced visits on nursing homes not complying with Ruthie's Law](#)

Broadcast on 02/10/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:02

A firsthand look at efforts to enforce a law aimed at protecting nursing home residents through unannounced visits.

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[Meals on Wheels seeking younger, less at-risk people to deliver food to seniors](#)

Broadcast on 03/23/20 06:45 AM Duration 1:48

Story on how an organization that delivers meals to seniors is seeking younger volunteers to help during the coronavirus pandemic.

[Nursing homes, 'on the front line of COVID-19,' adjust to visitor ban](#)

Broadcast on 03/26/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:01

Feature on how the coronavirus pandemic is changing the ways family members can look after their loved ones living in nursing homes.

**G. Women:**

[It's not your mother's roller derby resurging at Riverworks](#)

Broadcast on 01/06/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:11

Feature on the resurgence of roller derby among women both young and older.

[Lockport woman's letters to ERA author at heart of suffrage exhibit](#)

Broadcast on 02/06/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:26

Feature on an exhibit honoring women's suffrage that is based on one woman's connection to the movement.

[Trailblazing Women planning monuments of 3 local trailblazing women](#)

Broadcast on 02/21/20 06:45 AM Duration 1:21

Story on an effort to build more monuments honoring the achievements of trailblazing women.

[Beauts Breakdown: Year in review for Beauts, playoffs start next week](#)

Broadcast on 02/27/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:30

Conversation with a women's hockey writer on the state of the Buffalo Beauts professional team.

[Girl Power Part 1: Battle of the Sexes](#)

Broadcast on 03/02/20 06:45 AM Duration 3:22

Part of a series on efforts to level the sports playing field for girls and women in Western New York.

[Lovejoy, St. John, Ripley: Meet the women who gave Buffalo streets their names](#)

Broadcast on 03/26/20 06:45 AM Duration 4:38

Feature on local streets named after prominent women.