QUARTERLY ISSUE/PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2023 FOR TELEVISION STATIONS LICENSED TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN – EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS BOARD (ECB) WHWC-TV, WHRM-TV, WHLA-TV, WPNE-TV, AND WLEF-TV

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ISSUES OF COMMUNITY CONCERN:

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TELEVISION STATIONS LICENSED TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN – EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS BOARD (ECB) WHWC-TV, WHRM-TV, WHLA-TV, WPNE-TV, AND WLEF-TV Quarterly Issues and Programs List July, August, September 2023		
AGRICULTURE	PROGRAM	DATE
Sugar plays an outsized role in what many eat every day with the average American consuming more than 100 pounds in a year, according to the USDA. The multi-billion dollar sugar business is the subject of the new podcast "Big Sugar." (Duration: 6 min, 1 sec)	PBS NewsHour	7/4/23 @ 6 pm
Severe and extreme drought conditions in southern Wisconsin are testing farmers trying to grow crops who are relying on new hybrids and	Here & Now	7/7/23 @ 7:30 pm

management practices to withstand the mostly dry weather. (Duration: 1 min, 34 sec) Moscow announced it will not renew the deal that let Ukraine export its grain through the Black Sea. For the past year, Russian forces allowed Ukraine to ship more than 32 tons of food through the Bosporus Strait and onto the rest of the world. Those critical supplies could now be	PBS NewsHour	7/17/23 @ 6 pm
cut off. (Duration: 8 min, 10 sec) Wis. Farm Bureau Federation President Kevin Krentz considers how farmers facing drought and relying on crop insurance can seek relief with dozens of counties designated as natural disaster areas. (Duration: 5 min, 47 sec)	Here & Now	7/28/23 @ 7:30 pm
Weather presses crops as extremes of heat and precipitation grip the nation, a look who's buying land and its value in the Grain Belt, and more. (Duration: 30 min)	Market to Market	8/6/23 @ 10:30 am
Excessive heat presses on Middle America as tropical storm systems hit the coasts, the arguments for and against a controversial carbon pipeline, incentivizing farmers to protect a natural resource, and more. (Duration: 30 min)	Market to Market	8/27/23 @ 10:30 am
Revised definitions again for "Waters of the United States," using AI to help battle food insecurity, as Congress returns to Washington crop insurance comes back into focus, and more. (Duration: 30 min)	Market to Market	9/3/23 @ 10:30 am
A denial along a major portion of a proposed pipeline, this hot summer set records again around the northern hemisphere, hitting the economic curveballs in the duck production business, and more. (Duration: 30 min)	Market to Market	9/10/23 @ 10:30 am
Congress returns to D.C. with several deals needing to be done, renewable fuels get a boost, several states navigate the pipeline regulation process, and more. (Duration: 30 min)	Market to Market	9/17/23 @ 10:30 am
Low water levels plague a major shipping channel again, fighting back against the use of food as a weapon, breaking barriers in the vet clinic, and more. (Duration: 30 min)	Market to Market	9/24/23 @ 10:30 am
CULTURE	PROGRAM	DATE

Little Blue Ridge Farm - Venison Confit: In this episode, Luke travels to Kendall, WI to visit with Kim Zuhlke of Little Blue Ridge Farm. After Kim and Luke harvest a deer they head back to the Owl Farm kitchen in Viroqua to prepare a Venison Confit dish. (Duration: 30 min)	Wisconsin Foodie	7/2/23 @ 5 pm
It's the 43rd annual edition of the Captiol Fourth celebration, complete with music and fireworks. (Duration: 1 hr, 30 min)	A Capitol Fourth 2023	7/4/23 @ 7 pm
Escanaba, MI: You can taste it in the delicious pasties at Dobber's and in the sweet wines at Leigh's Winery. You can hear it in Ludington Park when the nearly 100- year-old City Band plays. You can feel it in the great outdoors while you fish with Beaver's Lures or watch the sun rise at Terrace Bay Inn. (Duration: 30 min)	John McGivern's Main Streets	7/10/23 @ 11:30 pm
Episode 1: Five noted creators of literature, music and film reveal deep ties to the American South. (Duration: 1 hr)	Southern Storytellers	7/18/23 @ 8 pm
Jerry Apps and daughter Susan Apps-Bodilly share memories and stories surrounding cookbook they wrote based on Eleanor Apps' recipe box. (Duration: 1 hr)	Jerry Apps: Food & Memories	8/15/23 @ 7 pm
Hit the road with celebrated author Michael Perry as he travels to historic Wisconsin theaters, telling some of his most popular stories. Ride along as Perry shares insights and stories from his career and on life growing up in northern Wisconsin. The special features readings from his books, backstage interviews and on-the-road musings. (Duration: 1 hr)	Michael Perry: On the Road	8/17/23 @ 7 pm
Leonard Bernstein's Kaddish Symphony: Performed from Highland Park's Ravinia Festival, Great Performances presents legendary composer Leonard Bernstein's Kaddish symphony featuring the talent of Uniting Voices (formerly Chicago Children's Choir), Chicago Symphony Chorus and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. (Duration: 1 hr)	Great Performances	8/21/23 @ 8 pm
Neenah-Menasha: Explore the story of two Wisconsin cities with a contentious beginning that grew to be collaborative communities of innovation and service. Film, archival images, and interviews with historians, local citizens and experts illustrate the two cities' rich stories and their role in shaping international manufacturing and retailing. (Duration: 1 hr)	Wisconsin Hometown Stories	8/29/23 @ 11 pm

A Millennial Mixtape: Canadian-based Jeans 'n' Classics performs popular songs from the '80s to the '00s at Captiol Square in Madison. (Duration: 1 hr)	Concerts on the Square	9/4/23 @ 8 pm
Allison Russell: Grammy-nominated and lauded poet, singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Allison Russell performs in the subterranean amphitheater of The Caverns in Tennessee's Cumberland Mountains. (Duration: 30 min)	The Cavern Sessions	9/16/23 @ 11:30 pm
ECONOMY	PROGRAM	DATE
Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway discusses what state funding for affordable housing could mean for the city as rapid population growth makes renting or buying a home out of reach for more residents. (Duration: 5 min, 53 sec)	Here & Now	7/7/23 @ 7:30 pm
Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson discusses how the city's approval of a 2 percent bump to sales tax will avert service cuts and layoffs amid concerns about its conditions and impacts on low- income residents. (Duration: 7 min, 29 sec)	Here & Now	7/14/23 @ 7:30 pm
Interest rates are headed higher again, as the Federal Reserve resumes its fight with inflation. That effort is almost a year and a half old now. At the same time, Fed Chair Jay Powell wants to tame inflation without tipping the economy into a recession. (Duration: 5 min, 32 sec)	PBS NewsHour	7/26/23 @ 6 pm
UW-Stevens Point finance professor emeritus Kevin Behr explains how economic measures showing a booming job market, higher pay, falling inflation rates and interest rate hikes are impacting Wisconsin. (Duration: 5 min, 44 sec)	Here & Now	7/28/23 @ 7:30 pm
The U.S. economy added 187,000 jobs in July, slightly fewer than expected but still a sign of a resilient job market. The report also shows the unemployment rate dipped to 3.5 percent. This comes after several encouraging reports in the last two weeks on GDP and inflation. (Duration: 4 min, 20 sec)	PBS NewsHour	8/4/23 @ 6 pm
Yellow, one of the nation's largest freight and trucking companies, announced it is shutting down, leading to one of the largest mass layoffs in recent history and potential shipping cost increases. The company is in bankruptcy just three years after getting a \$700 million loan from taxpayers. (Duration: 7 min, 15 sec)	PBS NewsHour	8/7/23 @ 6 pm

This week, Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo became the latest high-ranking U.S. official to visit China and engage with top Chinese leadership. She went during a time of security and trade tensions between the two global giants and China's ongoing economic slowdown. (Duration: 8 min, 27 sec)	PBS NewsHour	8/31/23 @ 6 pm
The August jobs report portrays a labor market that's steadily growing, but there are signs of cooling in the face of the Federal Reserve's higher interest rates. Employers added 187,000 jobs in August while the unemployment rate ticked up from 3.5 to 3.8 percent. The report paints a complex picture of the current economy. (Duration: 5 min, 39 sec)	PBS NewsHour	9/1/23 @ 6 pm
Labor economist and UW-Madison's Center on Wisconsin Strategy associate director Laura Dresser discusses the group's State of Working Wisconsin 2023 report, from record-high job numbers to a decline of women in the workforce. (Duration: 6 min, 5 sec)	Here & Now	9/8/23 @ 7:30 pm
The Federal Reserve did not hike interest rates Wednesday, but many Americans are still struggling with the burden of the higher costs of borrowing. The Fed's series of hikes over more than a year has triggered a big jump in mortgage rates, pushing them to the highest level in more than two decades. (Duration: 7 min, 50 sec)	PBS NewsHour	9/20/23 @ 6 pm
EDUCATION	PROGRAM	DATE
Billions of dollars were funneled to school districts across the U.S. to help them make up for learning loss from the pandemic. But new research shows that even with that extra money, school districts are still struggling to close the gaps in reading, writing and math. (Duration: 6 min, 27 sec)	PBS NewsHour	7/11/23 @ 6 pm
The Supreme Court ruling against affirmative action in college admissions has renewed the debate over legacy admissions. A Boston-based nonprofit filed a complaint alleging Harvard's legacy and donor-based admissions favors white students, and the NAACP called on 1,600 public and private universities across the country to end legacy admissions. (Duration: 5 min, 37 sec)	PBS NewsHour	7/13/23 @ 6 pm

After the Mukwonago Area School District required students use bathrooms according to their "original sex assigned at birth," the parents of an 11-year-old transgender girl filed a federal lawsuit. (Duration: 6 min, 50 sec)	Here & Now	7/14/23 @ 7:30 pm
UW-Madison Chief Information Officer and Vice Provost for Information Technology Lois Brooks describes how the university is managing the use of generative AI among students, faculty and researchers. (Duration: 6 min, 26 sec)	Here & Now	7/21/23 @ 7:30 pm
Civil rights attorney Jeff Spitzer-Resnick discusses a Wis. Dept. of Public Instruction report on high seclusion and restraint rates for students with disabilities and in elementary school. (Duration: 9 min, 33 sec)	Here & Now	7/27/23 @ 7:30 pm
Wis. Dept. of Public Instruction communications director Abigail Swetz and school psychologist Tim Peerenboom discuss how the agency tracks the practice of seclusion and restraint at school. (Duration: 5 min, 39 sec)	Here & Now	8/4/23 @ 7:30 pm
Wisconsin Policy Forum senior education researcher Sara Shaw explains a study examining a surging number of teachers leaving their jobs and communities where this trend is most acute around the state. (Duration: 5 min, 39 sec)	Here & Now	8/18/23 @ 7:30 pm
Families scramble to find rides as school districts face bus driver shortage. (Duration: 9 min)	PBS NewsHour	9/4/23 @ 6 pm
Ruth Simmons grew up in a deeply segregated part of Texas to become one of the country's most distinguished educators, as president of three colleges and the first African American women to head an lvy League university. But her new memoir takes us to the time before her rise. (Duration: 7 min, 42 sec)	PBS NewsHour	9/19/23 @ 6 pm
The family of Darryl George, a Black student in Texas suspended over his dreadlocks, has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against that state's governor and attorney general. The family alleges they are not enforcing the Crown Act, which says there can be no action taken against someone based on hair texture or hairstyles. (Duration: 4 min, 39 sec)	PBS NewsHour	9/25/23 @ 6 pm
ENVIRONMENT	PROGRAM	DATE

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It has been a week of record-breaking heat around the world. The average global	PBS NewsHour	7/6/23 @ 6 pm
temperature on Wednesday hit 62.9 degrees		
Fahrenheit, matching the record-high set just on		
Tuesday. The grim milestones are the latest in a		
series of climate change driven extremes.		
(Duration: 5 min, 54 sec)		
The Solomon Islands and Australia: Ade sees the	Climate Change: Ade on the	7/6/23 @ 10 pm
damage that climate change is causing, and finds	Frontline	7/0/23 @ 10 pm
out how we can fight it – and whether eating sea	Tronemie	
urchin gonads will help. (Duration: 1 hr)		
The record heat across the world has been	PBS NewsHour	7/20/23 @ 6 pm
unrelenting and the World Meteorological	1 23 Newshour	7720723 @ 0 pm
Organization says it could last into August. The		
extreme weather is not limited to the heat, there		
is also torrential rain in some places. (Duration: 9		
min, 23 sec)		
As heat waves roll across so much of the world,	PBS NewsHour	7/26/23 @ 6 pm
oceans are also heating up with surface		, , , ,
temperatures breaking records. Off the coast of		
southern Florida, surface water temperatures		
have topped 100 degrees Fahrenheit, triggering a		
massive bleaching event of some coral reefs.		
(Duration: 5 min, 28 sec)		
The Urban Jungle: In this episode, Shane explores	Human Footprint	8/11/23 @ 11
the modern city - an ecosystem built by and for		pm
us. He encounters three species thriving in the		
city, reckons with our complex urban history and		
envisions a new and wilder urban future.		
(Duration: 1 hr)		
It's been one year since Pres. Biden signed the	PBS NewsHour	8/17/22 @ 6 pm
Inflation Reduction Act. Despite its title, this law is		
the single biggest U.S. investment in addressing		
climate change and driving a transition to clean		
energy. Hear how the law is working and what it		
means for the country's climate commitments.		
(Duration: 6 min. 38 sec)		
Japan is expected to release treated radioactive	PBS NewsHour	8/23/23 @ 6 pm
water from the wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant		
as soon as Thursday. The government and the		
utility operating the facility say it is safe and the		
release is being closely monitored, but nearby		
countries oppose the move. It's also a concern for		
Japanese fishermen. (Duration: 8 min, 34 sec)		

If you think of landscape architecture, you might	PBS NewsHour	8/29/23 @ 6 pm
conjure gardens and plantings. But in a rapidly		
changing climate fueled by intense heat, flooding,		
fires, smoke and hurricanes, architect and		
designer Kate Orff is helping redefine her field		
and push us all toward new climate adaptation		
solutions. (Duration: 7 min, 33 sec)	NOV/A	0/6/22 @ 0 ===
Saving Venice: Rising seas threaten the survival of	NOVA	9/6/23 @ 8 pm
Venice. Can innovative engineering projects save it? (Duration: 1 hr)		
Islands: Remarkable Island wildlife reveals insights	Evolution Earth	9/13/23 @ 9 pm
into our rapidly changing planet. (Duration: 1 hr)	Evolution Earth	9/13/23 @ 9 pili
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HEALTH	PROGRAM	DATE
For the first time in 20 years, malaria has been	PBS NewsHour	7/3/23 @ 6 pm
locally transmitted within the U.S. The Centers for		
Disease Control and Prevention has identified five		
cases, four in Florida and one in Texas. (Duration:		
6 min, 57 sec)		-//
Wis. Dept. of Health Services Secretary-designee	Here & Now	7/21/23 @ 7:30
Kirsten Johnson discusses how the response to		pm
the state's 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline service		
reflects a need for mental health resources.		
(Duration: 6 min, 34 sec)	POV	7/24/22 @ 0 nm
Eat Your Catfish: Paralyzed by late-stage ALS and reliant on round-the-clock care, Kathryn clings to	POV	7/24/23 @ 9 pm
a mordant wit as she yearns to witness her		
daughter's wedding. Shot from her fixed point of		
view, Eat Your Catfish delivers a brutally frank and		
darkly humorous portrait of a family teetering on		
the brink, grappling with the daily demands of		
disability and in-home caretaking. (Duration: 1 hr,		
30 min)		
Wis. Dept. of Health Services climate and health	Here & Now	7/28/23 @ 7:30
program manager Margaret Thelen describes the		pm
dangers of excessive temperatures and humidity		I ^e
to vulnerable populations as summers get hotter.		
(Duration: 4 min, 59 sec)		
Wis. Medical Society President Dr. Don Lee	Here & Now	8/4/23 @ 7:30
discusses why the group seeks extended team-		pm
based experience and physician collaboration for		
licensing advanced practice registered nurses in		
the state. (Duration: 4 min, 48 sec)	1	1

After years of federal fines for the Wisconsin Veterans Homes in King and Union Grove, a lawsuit alleges poor quality of care in a patient's death, even as a 2023 resident survey shows positive reviews. (Duration: 7 min, 14 sec)	Here & Now	8/11/23 @ 7:30 pm
Epidemiologist Michael Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, considers the ongoing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on public health systems and policies. (Duration: 7 min, 12 sec)	Here & Now	8/18/23 @ 7:30 pm
Doctors Kristin Lyerly, Christopher Ford and Jenn Jury McIntosh — who treat pregnant patients — offer their medical perspectives on joining a lawsuit to overturn a law blocking abortions in Wisconsin. (Duration: 12 min, 39 sec)	Here & Now	8/25/23 @ 7:30 pm
AARP advocacy director Martin Hernandez describes what federal negotiations with pharmaceutical companies over the price of 10 prescription drugs means in terms of costs for Medicare Part D enrollees. (Duration: 7 min, 37 sec)	Here & Now	9/1/23 @ 7:30 pm
The Biden administration has proposed new staffing standards to improve care for the 1.3 million Americans living in nursing homes. And while it's the biggest change to regulations in three decades, many patient advocates say it still falls short of what's needed. (Duration: 5 min, 42 sec)	PBS NewsHour	9/8/23 @ 6 pm
POLITICS	PROGRAM	DATE
Democratic Gov. Evers discusses his motivations for and Republican criticisms of partial vetoes in the biennial state budget that boost education funding and block some income tax cuts. (Duration: 9 min, 59 sec)	Here & Now	7/7/23 @ 7:30 pm
Turkey's president said he would put Sweden's bid for NATO membership before the Turkish parliament. Erdogan had insisted Sweden needed to first crack down on Kurdish militants who have sought refuge in Scandinavia. It comes as leaders from NATO's 31 countries meet in Lithuania for their annual summit. (Duration: 6 min, 27 sec)	PBS NewsHour	7/10/23 @ 6 pm
UW-Madison political science professor emeritus Howard Schweber explains a circuit court ruling on an 1849 state law that's central to a lawsuit	Here & Now	7/14/23 @ 7:30 pm

SOCIAL ISSUES		
(Duration: 6 min, 19 sec)		
2024 presidential race ahead of key elections.		
Their president discusses the effort amid the		
on-the-ground organizations signing people up.		
The League of Women Voters is one of the largest		
to participate in elections up and down the ballot.		
civic holiday to encourage and register Americans		
Tuesday was National Voter Registration Day - a	PBS NewsHour	9/19/23 @ 6 pm
in the job. (Duration: 2 min, 36 sec)		
political maneuvering builds over her continuing		
administrator of the Wis. Elections Commission as		Pili
push for Meagan Wolfe's removal as	TICLE & NOW	pm
Republican legislators held a public hearing to	Here & Now	9/1/23 @ 7:30
Wisconsin's false electors fit into the Trump indictments. (Duration: 7 min, 12 sec)		
Republican presidential debate and how Wisconsin's false electors fit into the Trump		
discuss the candidates in the first 2024		pm
Political panelists Bill McCoshen and Scot Ross	Here & Now	8/25/23 @ 7:30
election results. (Duration: 3 min, 12 sec)		0/0-/00
Trump and others over attempts to overturn 2020		
Georgia's indictment of former President Donald		
included in evidence cited by the state of		pm
Two high-profile Wisconsin Republicans are	Here & Now	8/18/23 @ 7:30
min, 7 sec)		
addressing threats from North Korea. (Duration: ${\bf 6}$		
curbing China's influence in the region and		
they, along with the U.S., share common goals in		
two nations with a long, complicated history. But		
David with the leaders of Japan and South Korea,		
Friday, Pres. Biden will host a summit at Camp	PBS NewsHour	8/17/23 @ 6 pm
min, 36 sec)		
election become a 2020 rematch. (Duration: 6		
former Pres. Trump should the 2024 presidential		
gaining ground and stuck in a dead-heat with	. 55 11011511001	5/ // 25 @ 6 pill
Recent polls show Pres. Biden simultaneously	PBS NewsHour	8/7/23 @ 6 pm
District. (Duration: 6 min, 16 sec)		
the race for Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional		
Chergosky considers the prospects of third-party candidates in the 2024 presidential election and		pm
UW-La Crosse political science professor Anthony	Here & Now	7/21/23 @ 7:30
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Wisconsin. (Duration: 5 min, 17)		
challenging a ban on providing abortions in		

It's been a year since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and the nationwide right to abortion access. Since then, six states have voted on abortion-related ballot measures and in each case, voters have supported abortion rights. (Duration: 6 min, 21 sec)	PBS NewsHour	7/3/23 @ 6 pm
This Fourth of July has brought all of the annual festivities and fireworks. But it's all happening in the shadow of more mass shootings, including two Monday night in Philadelphia and Fort Worth, Texas. Pres. Biden branded the attacks "tragic and senseless" and renewed his plea for new gun laws. (Duration: 2 min, 16 sec)	PBS NewsHour	7/4/23 @ 6 pm
For many years, police use of force against people of color, especially Black Americans, has been under intense scrutiny. Tasers, also known as conducted electrical or energy weapons, may be ranked below guns on the spectrum of police force, but using them has resulted in deaths. (Duration: 8 min, 41 sec)	PBS NewsHour	7/17/23 @ 6 pm
Several legal fights are brewing over migration across the U.SMexico border. A federal judge blocked the Biden administration's attempt to limit asylum seekers after several immigrant-rights groups argued the policy was unfair, and the Dept. of Justice sued Texas for putting floating barriers on the Rio Grande to deter people from crossing. (Duration: 6 min, 2 sec)	PBS NewsHour	7/25/23 @ 6 pm
UW-Madison School of Social Work professor Alejandra Ros Pilarz explains the effects on communities when parents can't afford licensed child care and providers can't afford to pay staff living wages. (Duration: 5 min, 45 sec)	Here & Now	8/11/23 @ 7:30 pm
Unapologetic: Two abolitionists whose experiences shape their activism and views on Black liberation are profiled. (Duration: 1 hr, 30 min)	POV	8/25/23 @ 10 pm
The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963 was one of the most consequential racial justice and equality demonstrations in U.S. history and helped till the ground for passage of federal civil rights legislation. This weekend, thousands gathered for the 60th anniversary to remind the nation of its unfinished goals. (Duration: 9 min, 54 sec)	PBS NewsHour	8/28/23 @ 6 pm

Judy Woodruff recently examined how the loss of thousands of local newspapers across the country is depriving communities of some of the glue that holds them together and fueling division. She now looks at how some news outlets are managing to hang on and whether what they're doing is sustainable. (Duration: 11 min, 28 sec)	PBS NewsHour	8/30/23 @ 6 pm
Growing Up Poor in America: Their families were already struggling to make ends meet. Then came the coronavirus. With the 2020 election approaching, this episode follows three children and their families in the battleground state of Ohio as the COVID-19 pandemic amplifies their struggle to stay afloat. As the country also reckons with issues of race and racism, the children share their worries and hopes about their futures. (Duration: 1 hr)	Frontline	9/6/23 @ 10 pm
Immigrant construction workers seek justice and equality in an industry rife with exploitation. (Duration: 1 hr)	Building the American Dream	9/20/23 @ 10 pm