

Quarterly Issues & Program List

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Section I. Issues.

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

- A. **Education:** Childhood development, initiatives for underserved and diverse populations, school security, graduation rates and curriculum, funding and new development in education.
- B. **Business & Economy:** Local development, employment opportunities, the “Buffalo Billion,” and the impact of U.S.-Canadian trade tensions on the local economy.
- C. **Arts & Culture:** Messages of acceptance, acting in local theaters and prisons, comedy and history, music and activism from students, and Buffalo’s food culture are just some of the highlights of arts and culture in Western New York.
- D. **Health & Wellness:** Opportunities for increasing food access and healthy living, cancer concerns, sports medicine, and technology working to improve health and wellness.
- E. **The Great Lakes:** Opinions from both sides of the international boarder, education on the water, and environmental efforts along the Great Lakes.
- F. **Veterans:** Programs for children of the military, new and old memorials, VA services for veterans, and history in the military.
- G. **Racial Equity:** Housing, law enforcement and jails, discrimination in education, graduation rates in Western New York.
- H. **Seniors:** Relationships in old age, innovative ways to fight cognitive decline.
- I. **Mental Health:** History of the mentally ill, mental health in jails, philosophy on mental health, support in agricultural settings, law enforcement training, requirements for mental health education.
- J. **Women:** Domestic violence services, women in politics, entrepreneurs and entertainment, women’s empowerment.

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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. Education:

“New early childhood report finds some children aren’t ready for kindergarten” – Broadcast on July 16, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:43. A feature about a report outlining critical problems and goals to improve early childhood milestones.

“Summer reading camp reaches children living in poverty” – Broadcast on July 26, 06:45 AM; Duration 5:10. A feature about a summer reading program incorporating fun activities for children living in poverty.

“Immigrant & refugee teenage girls learn computer coding” – Broadcast on July 31, 06:45 AM; Duration 2:56. A feature about a first-of-its-kind program teaching computer coding to female immigrant and refugee students.

“Press Pass: Coach hiring policy & student bus passes” – Broadcast on August 14, 06:45 AM; Duration 4:35. A two-way interview with a local newspaper education reporter on current issues, including local district policy for hiring football coaches and the issue of bus passes for students.

“Tapestry Charter kicks off school year with new building” – Broadcast on September 4, 06:00 AM; Duration 2:14. A super spot about the opening of a new charter school building for K-5 education.

“City school year begins with promising graduation rates” – Broadcast on September 7, 06:45 AM; Duration 2:31. A feature about the outlook of Buffalo’s graduation rates at the start of the school year.

B. Business & Economy:

“Investigative Post: Buffalo Billion convictions should spur more scrutiny” – Broadcast on July 13, 06:45 AM; Duration 5:24. A feature about the origins of investigation into bid-rigging at the state level, and the call for more investigation.

“‘Change your job, change your life’ is message from manufacturing training center” – Broadcast on July 26, 06:00 AM; Duration 1:16. A spot

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news story on a new job training center in Buffalo's East Side and its efforts to increase recruitment.

["How could tariffs help local craft distillers?"](#) – Broadcast on August 20, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:41. A feature about the a Buffalo-area distiller's outlook on trade tensions between the U.S. and Canada.

["Economic argument works to influence immigration policy"](#) – Broadcast on August 27, 06:45 AM; Duration 7:35. A feature about the divide in the national debate over immigration and how the immigrant workforce has been a benefit to the Buffalo region.

["Wegmans becomes first supermarket in nation to offer app-based service for blind shoppers"](#) – Broadcast on September 4, 06:00 AM; Duration 1:47. A super spot about the first store in the nation to offer app-based shopping for people with visual impairment.

["Community input sought to revive 998 Broadway"](#) – Broadcast on September 17, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:14. A feature about a design competition working to breathe new life into a long-vacant commercial property in Buffalo.

C. Arts & Culture:

["Hertel Avenue mural carries message of acceptance"](#) – Broadcast on July 9, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:57. A feature about how public murals are projecting messages of inclusivity and acceptance.

["Theater Talk: 3 Strong Women - a doyenne, a playwright, and an Artie nominee"](#) – Broadcast on July 20, 06:45 AM; Duration 4:58. A weekly conversation about activities in local and regional theater.

["Prisoners find their voice through Shakespeare at Groveland prison"](#) – Broadcast on July 30, 06:45 AM; Duration 5:20. A feature about a program in Western New York's state prisons, helping inmates express themselves through Shakespeare.

["National Comedy Center realizes Lucy's dream and Jamestown's revitalization"](#) – Broadcast on August 1, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:24. A feature about the grand opening of Jamestown's National Comedy Center.

["Student recordings to benefit Music Is Art"](#) – Broadcast on August 24, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:49. A feature about student songs being used to inspire others and benefit Music is Art.

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[“Buffalo food author celebrates wings, but so much more”](#) – Broadcast on September 1, 06:45 AM; Duration 9:54. A two-way conversation with a food critic covering national food and travel, but taking a focus on Buffalo and its culinary creations.

D. Health & Wellness:

[“Buffalo farmers markets aim to provide healthier foods”](#) – Broadcast on July 3, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:45. A feature on how farmers’ markets in very different locations are helping improve access to healthy fresh foods.

[“State seeks answers to Buffalo area's cancer hotspot”](#) – Broadcast on July 27, 06:45 AM; Duration 4:21. A feature on efforts by the New York State Department of Health to identify and research a ‘cancer hotspot’ in Western New York.

[“New UB study says CTE risk not as prevalent as once thought”](#) – Broadcast on August 7, 06:45 AM; Duration 2:33. A feature on a new study from the University at Buffalo that shows less risk of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy than once thought for football players.

[“Online system can reduce ER wait times”](#) – Broadcast on August 7, 06:00 AM; Duration 1:29. A spot news story on a new online check-in system at local emergency departments, meant to minimize wait times.

[“Eating healthy? It’s not just fried food at the Erie County Fair”](#) – Broadcast on August 8, 06:45 AM; Duration 2:49. A feature on healthy options being offered at the 2018 Erie County Fair.

[“Community initiative creates oasis of healthy options in Buffalo's food desert”](#) – Broadcast on September 17, 06:45 AM; Duration 4:41. A feature on an initiative to turn corner stores into go-to locations for healthy foods and nutrition education.

E. The Great Lakes:

[“IJC: Binational Great Lakes Basin Poll results released”](#) – Broadcast on July 10, 06:00 AM; Duration 1:17. A spot news story on the results of a poll asking how Americans and Canadians feel about the Great Lakes.

[“Great Lakes teachers sail away on a cruise, but it's not a tropical vacation”](#) – Broadcast on July 10, 06:00 AM; Duration 1:17. A spot news

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story on the Educate Great Lakes Teachers program, hosted by the US EPA and Sea Grant.

[“Waterkeeper announces plans for water-themed environmental hub”](#) – Broadcast on September 5, 06:00 AM; Duration 1:07. A spot news story on plans to create a hub for ecotourism along Buffalo’s waterfront.

F. Veterans:

[““Little Heroes” program offers grants to bring activities within reach for children of military”](#) – Broadcast on July 5, 06:45 AM; Duration 4:32. A feature on a grant for youth programs for military families.

[“Traveling Vietnam memorial wall arriving in Niagara Falls”](#) – Broadcast on July 11, 06:00 AM; Duration 2:04. A super spot on the arrival of a travelling replica of the Vietnam Memorial to Niagara Falls.

[“A camp of their own: Operation Purple Camp provides summer haven for military children”](#) – Broadcast on July 13, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:53. A feature on a summer camp exclusively for children of military service members.

[“Veterans, congressman say shutdown of VA center without replacement is unacceptable”](#) – Broadcast on August 10, 06:45 AM; Duration 5:38. A feature on the planned closing of a VA Adult Day Health Care facility and the veterans who depend on it for daily services.

[“Last-known surviving Mohawk Code Talker visits Buffalo”](#) – Broadcast on August 17, 06:00 AM; Duration 1:41. A super spot on a New York Native American – the last surviving WWII Mohawk Code Talker.

[“African American veterans monument receives \\$50K boost”](#) – Broadcast on September 5, 06:00 AM; Duration 1:22. A spot news story on new funding for an African American Veterans Monument on Buffalo’s waterfront and the veterans honored by the company that supplied it.

G. Racial Equity:

[“Buying your first house is easier than you thought -- really”](#) – Broadcast on August 14, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:55. A feature on a loan program that is helping members of the black and Latino community achieve first-time home ownership.

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[“Mother of deceased holding center inmate India Cummings speaks out”](#) – Broadcast on August 20, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:46. A feature in which the mother of a young woman who died after being in the Erie County Holding Center speaks out about her daughter.

[“Buffalo State’s student NAACP chapter voices discrimination concerns”](#) – Broadcast on August 27, 06:00 AM; Duration 1:57. A super spot on demands to improve the treatment of students, faculty, and staff of color on a local college campus.

[“Lawsuit alleges inmate abuse still alive at Erie County jails”](#) – Broadcast on August 30, 06:45 AM; Duration 4:02. A feature on a lawsuit filed by a black gay man who claims he was denied medical treatment in the Erie County jail system.

[“Family and friends grieve death of man shot by police, seek answers”](#) – Broadcast on September 13, 06:00 AM; Duration 1:51. A super spot on the shooting of a black man by police in Buffalo’s West Side.

[“Racial Equity: College graduation rate disparity persists among minorities”](#) – Broadcast on September 24, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:41. A feature on minority students learning to help others like them overcome racial disparity in college graduation rates.

H. Seniors:

[“How 81-year-old Loretta Kaminsky started over after losing her husband”](#) – Broadcast on July 5 & 6, 06:45 AM; Duration 5:04 & 4:42. A two-part feature series on finding love after the death of a spouse.

[“From Big Band to Skynyrd, Music and Memory helps family fight dementia”](#) – Broadcast on September 4, 06:45 AM; Duration 4:47. A feature on a continuing care community’s program which uses music to help fight memory problems.

I. Mental Health:

[“Decades-old suitcases of Willard Psychiatric patients depict life stories”](#) – Broadcast on July 20, 06:45 AM; Duration 5:05. A feature on a collection of suitcases left behind by psychiatric patients in an abandoned institution in 1992.

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[“ Cummings death places spotlight on incarceration of the mentally ill”](#) – Broadcast on July 26, 06:45 AM; Duration 5:24. A two-way interview on the India Cummings case with a mental illness advocate.

[“Prominent philosopher shares thoughts on mental health and addiction”](#) – Broadcast on July 30, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:02. A feature conversation with a professor on what causes ‘mental breakdowns.’

[“Support network helps farmers going through difficult times”](#) – Broadcast on September 6, 06:45 AM; Duration 4:01. A feature on a support network for farmers, who often suffer from depression in rural communities.

[“More CIT training for police to interact with those in mental health crisis”](#) – Broadcast on September 11, 06:45 AM; Duration 2:20. A super spot on expanded training for local law to recognize people in mental health or drug abuse crises.

[“WBFO’s Mental Health Initiative: Teaching mental health”](#) – Broadcast on September 13, 06:45 AM; Duration 4:33. A feature on a Facebook Live panel discussion about the newly mandated law for mental health education in New York schools.

J. Women:

[“Domestic violence victims find comfort in Buffalo's Family Justice Center”](#) – Broadcast on July 2, 06:45 AM; Duration 3:51. A feature on the services offered by groups like the Family Justice Center and their plans for expansion.

[“Why do men outnumber women in elected office?”](#) – Broadcast on July 23, 06:45 AM; Duration 1:47. A super spot on a report showing most elected offices in Erie County are held by men, while the population is majority women.

[“Pausa Art House feeling that Afro-Cuban vibe with new push for international talent”](#) – Broadcast on August 10, 06:45 AM; Duration 4:25. A feature on a woman-owned venue that has become a go-to for touring musicians.

[“BPO’s Falletta appears in Macy’s “Remarkable You” campaign”](#) – Broadcast on September 12, 06:45 AM; Duration 5:14. A feature on an ad campaign from Macy’s featuring empowered women, including the conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.