

**Quarterly Topics Report
WGTE Public Media
Toledo, OH**

For the period October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. The licensee of Station WGTE Public Media has determined that the following issues were of importance to the Toledo community during the past three months and has aired the following most significant programming to address those issues.

TOPICS

ANIMAL PROBLEMS

ELDERLY / SENIOR CITIZENS

ELECTION

RELIGION / ETHICS

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VETERANS

ANIMAL PROBLEMS

Series Title: American Buffalo; The #101
Episode Title: Blood Memory
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/16/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:56:46

The dramatic story of how America's national mammal, which sustained the lives of Native people, was driven to the brink of extinction. Ken Burns recounts the tragic collision of two opposing views of the natural world.

Series Title: The American Buffalo #102
Episode Title: Into the Storm
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 10/17/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:53:50

By the late 1880s, the buffalo that once numbered in the tens of millions is teetering on the brink of extinction. But a diverse and unlikely collection of Americans start a movement that rescues the national mammal from disappearing forever.

Series Title: Nature #4201
Episode Title: The Platypus Guardian
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/18/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:53:10

Witness the story of Pete Walsh, a Tasmanian man who befriends a platypus he names Zoom. With the help of experts, Pete learns more about the platypus's secret world in a mission to protect them from the dangers of urban development

Series Title: NOVA #5014
Episode Title: Ancient Earth: Inferno
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/25/2023 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

252 million years ago, a devastating mass extinction wiped out about 90% of all species on Earth. Follow scientists as they piece together evidence to discover how life survived and set the stage for a new dominant life form: the dinosaurs.

Series Title: Great Polar Bear Feast; The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/6/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Investigate the problems facing a unique population of polar bears due to climate change. At the heart is an extraordinary event – the annual gathering of up to 80 polar bears on Barter Island in the Arctic Ocean each September.

Series Title: Nature #4102
Episode Title: Canada: Surviving the Wild North
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/13/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Journey from Canada's high arctic to boreal forest and discover how polar bears, coastal wolves, lynx and more survive in the North. Timing and seizing opportunity can mean the difference between life and death in this wild and rugged outpost.

Series Title: Great Yellowstone Thaw
Episode Title: Episode 1
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/13/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

A Yellowstone winter is a brutal one. With temperatures that plunge down to minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit the wildlife has to find strategies to survive. Some animals leave, some hide and some tough it out. Grizzlies hunker down and hibernate, but this winter the temperatures have been erratic and some bears are emerging early. Finding food is a huge challenge, but our camera crews follow one male who's lucky enough to hit the jackpot and find a bison that's been released from its icy tomb down in the valley. But he has to hang onto it whilst the scavengers hassle him. Great Gray owls suffer as their prey hides under an icy layer of snow that proves almost impossible to break through. Will this lack of food affect their mating and ability to raise a family in the Spring? Cameraman Jeff Hogan is following them to find out. And top wolf biologist Doug Smith explains why he's concerned about the number one predator. With a winter that's had less snow than usual it's favored the prey and the wolves are starving hungry. Host Kirk Johnson who's the Sant Director of the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, visits this unique wilderness to unravel the story of this particular winter in Yellowstone.

Series Title: Great Yellowstone Thaw
Episode Title: Episode 2
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/20/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Our cameras continue to follow the wildlife dramas in Yellowstone, and Spring brings many new challenges. Whilst the brutal cold temperatures and deep snow of winter have gone, the weather is still erratic and there's the impending danger of the Thaw. When temperatures are high enough to melt the snowpack, millions of tonnes of water will cascade down the mountain, bulldozing everything in its path. Wildlife cameraman Jeff Hogan discovers a nest of Great Gray owls. There are three chicks, but one is a runt, significantly smaller than its siblings and at risk of starvation. And when the worst storms for years hit the Beartooth Mountains, Jeff wonders whether it can hang on. Down on the Snake River the family of beavers is busy making the most of the Spring vegetation. Infra red cameras give Jeff and host Kirk Johnson a secret view of life inside the lodge, as the beavers squabble over food. Kirk also dons a dry suit to head underwater to admire the engineering skills of these rodents. Massive boulders and branches are there to strengthen their dams, but will they be enough to withstand the Thaw.

Series Title: Great Yellowstone Thaw
Episode Title: Episode 3
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/27/2023 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

See how the soaring summer temperatures affect the Yellowstone ecosystem. When a major fire breaks out in the Beartooths, a team scrambles to see if the great gray owl family has survived. How is one particular wolf pack feeding its 11 pups?

ELDERLY / SENIOR CITIZENS

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14127
Episode Title: Episode 127
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/26/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:09

Long-term care is already a huge problem in the United States, one that's growing as the baby boom population ages, and one with big financial costs. William Brangham explores the impact this is having on middle-class Americans and how they are having to rearrange their lives.

ELECTION

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14090
Episode Title: Episode 90
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/3/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:41

In the year and a half since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, abortion rights have been front and center in elections across the country. That will be true again on Tuesday as races in several states could alter the abortion landscape. Geoff Bennett discussed that with Karen Kasler of Ohio Statehouse News and Charlotte Woods of The Richmond Times Dispatch.

Series Title: Washington Week with The Atlantic #6319
Episode Title: Episode 19
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 11/3/2023 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:26:46

President Biden is facing a large set of challenges as he runs for reelection. The most unique challenge of all: no one his age has ever won the presidency. Plus, the latest on the Middle East war and the new House speaker.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14091
Episode Title: Episode 91
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/6/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:41

NPR's Tamara Keith and Amy Walter of the Cook Political Report with Amy Walter join Amna Nawaz to discuss the latest political news, including analysis of the 2024 presidential race and some critical elections happening Tuesday.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14092
Episode Title: Episode 92
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/7/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:34

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., one of the independent candidates seeking to challenge the major party frontrunners in the 2024 election, says he thinks Americans are tired of polarization and feeling like nobody is hearing them. A longtime environmental lawyer and the son of a Democratic icon, Kennedy sits down with Amna Nawaz to discuss his campaign. Watch an extended portion of our interview with Robert F. Kennedy Jr. here.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14092
Episode Title: Episode 92
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/7/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:02

With the presidential election just under a year away, former President Donald Trump is already preparing for what he'd do if he returns to the White House. Devlin Barrett of The Washington Post joins Geoff Bennett to discuss his reporting on how Trump and his allies are drafting plans.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14093
Episode Title: Episode 93
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/8/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:24

Democrats have much to celebrate after securing key victories Tuesday on election night. Abortion access was a driving issue for the party and helped turn out voters for the Democratic ticket, which sets the party up with a plan of action heading into the 2024 election year. Lisa Desjardins reports and Amy Walter of "The Cook Political Report with Amy Walter" joins Geoff Bennett to discuss.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14093
Episode Title: Episode 93
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/8/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:51

School board elections have become a new battleground in American politics, with typically non-partisan races becoming increasingly polarized and garnering national attention. That was true in this week's election among a few closely watched counties. Julie Marsh, a professor of education policy at the University of Southern California, joins Geoff Bennett to discuss.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14094
Episode Title: Episode 94
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/9/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:30

Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia announced Thursday that he will seek reelection next year, raising the stakes in the Democrat's battle to maintain power in the upper chamber. A longtime moderate, Manchin staved off GOP challenges to his seat in a deep red state but his commitment to the center had him often at odds with the party's more progressive base. Lisa Desjardins has more.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14095
Episode Title: Episode 95
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/10/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:11:28

New York Times columnist David Brooks and Washington Post associate editor Jonathan Capehart join Geoff Bennett to discuss the week in politics, including pressure on the Biden administration over how to approach its relationship with Israel, the outcome of the 2023 elections and how Joe Manchin's decision not to seek reelection in 2024 could shake up the U.S. Senate.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14099
Episode Title: Episode 99
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/16/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:53

Election officials across the country have been under attack since 2020, falsely accused of conspiring to steal or rig the last presidential election. These attacks stepped up to a dangerous degree recently, with officials in five states receiving letters containing a white powder that, in some cases, was found to be fentanyl. William Brangham reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14100
Episode Title: Episode 100
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/17/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:10

With a year before Election Day, polls show former President Trump continues to lead the Republican field and could likely be the party's nominee to challenge President Joe Biden. Jonathan Karl is ABC's chief Washington correspondent and the author of, "Tired of Winning: Donald Trump and the End of the Grand Old Party." He joined Amna Nawaz to discuss Trump's influence over Republicans.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14101
Episode Title: Episode 101
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/20/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:36

NPR's Tamara Keith and Susan Page of USA Today join Amna Nawaz to discuss the latest political news, including how Rosalynn Carter transformed the role of First Lady, President Biden's latest approval ratings and a bandaid budget that won't heal the nation's divides or congressional dysfunction in the election year to come.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14108
Episode Title: Episode 108
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/29/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:03

Legal challenges surrounding voting rights in multiple states could alter the nation's political landscape ahead of the 2024 elections. Georgia is redrawing its congressional maps after a judge ruled current maps dilute the power of Black voters. And another ruling could roll back decades of enforcement that protected minority representation. Laura Barron-Lopez discussed more with Janai Nelson.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14120
Episode Title: Episode 120
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/15/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:19

A federal jury in Washington ordered Rudy Giuliani, Donald Trump's former campaign attorney, to pay \$148 million to two Georgia election workers for distress caused by lies he spread following the 2020 election. Geoff Bennett discussed the case with NPR's Miles Park.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14122
Episode Title: Episode 122
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/19/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:10:55

Former President Trump has said he'd be a dictator for one day, echoed anti-immigrant words of Adolf Hitler, called for terminating the Constitution, lied about America's election system and vowed to use the power of the Justice Department as his personal tool for revenge. So how should the press cover Trump in the coming year? Laura Barron-Lopez discussed that with Jeff Goldberg and Jay Rosen.

RELIGION/ETHICS

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14068
Episode Title: Episode 68
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/4/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:02

In our news wrap Wednesday, Pope Francis kicked off a meeting on the future of the Catholic Church with his reform agenda on the line, President Biden hinted he may try to bypass Congress to get more money for Ukraine and this year's Nobel Prize in chemistry goes to three scientists whose research lit up the world of nanotechnology

Series Title: Amanpour and Company #6095
Episode Title: Episode 95
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/10/2023 11:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:17:39

As American Jews face an unprecedented surge in antisemitism, they are also grappling with division in their own communities. The debate over support for Israel is playing out among Jews across the country, with some calling for a ceasefire while others unequivocally back the Israeli government. Journalist and author Emily Tamkin explains this moment of division.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14107
Episode Title: Episode 107
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 11/28/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:11

Over the last five years, more than 170 churches have joined Rev. Dr. Heber Brown III's mission to address disenfranchisement and food insecurity. Rev. Brown shares his Brief But Spectacular take on nourishing the mind, body and soul.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14117
Episode Title: Episode 117
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/12/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:03:56

Hanukkah is Judaism's celebration of finding light in the darkness. But for some Jewish Americans, this year's celebrations are tempered by the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas and antisemitism concerns closer to home. We hear from people across the country about what Hanukkah means to them and if they are celebrating it differently this year.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14119
Episode Title: Episode 119
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/14/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:04

Evangelical Christian leaders have sounded the alarm in recent years about problems of polarization and radicalization in their churches. Laura Barron-Lopez spoke to one pastor trying to shift the conversation.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14122
Episode Title: Episode 122
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/19/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:45

When the printing press was invented nearly 600 years ago, it put an end to centuries of hand-written manuscripts in which scribes, mostly in monasteries, tediously wrote and illustrated sacred texts, such as the Bible. Fred de Sam Lazaro revisits one monastery that brought back that tradition and in the process, is helping bridge divides. It's part of our arts and culture series, CANVAS.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14128
Episode Title: Episode 128
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/27/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:05:09

One of the dominant Christian denominations in the U.S., the United Methodist Church, is experiencing a major split. Since 2019, more than 7,000 congregations have received approval to leave the church. The factions have disagreements in theology, namely how the church considers LGBTQ+ ministers and congregants. Amna Nawaz discussed more with communities correspondent Adam Kemp in Oklahoma.

TAXES

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14115
Episode Title: Episode 115
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/8/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:33

Hunter Biden has been indicted on nine tax-related charges, including three felony counts. According to federal prosecutors, the president's 53-year-old son engaged in a scheme to not pay \$1.4 million in taxes that he owed from 2016 through 2019. Prosecutors allege that he instead spent hundreds of thousands on drugs, escorts and exotic cars. Geoff Bennett discussed the case with Ryan Lucas

VETERANS

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14066
Episode Title: Episode 66
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/2/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:35

Last week in Texas, a jury ruled in favor of LeRoy Torres, a former army reservist exposed to toxic burn pits. The landmark case is seen as a major victory for veterans. William Brangham discussed the verdict with LeRoy's wife, Rosie Torres. Together they founded Burn Pits 360, an organization advocating on behalf of veterans exposed to toxic environments.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14069
Episode Title: Episode 69
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/5/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:07:51

The Army is unveiling new plans for how it will recruit soldiers. Over the past few decades, the service has struggled to meet its recruiting goals and the challenges have only increased thanks to COVID-19, a tight job market and highly publicized cases of sexual assault in the military. Army Secretary Christine Wormuth joined Nick Schifrin to discuss the proposed solutions.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company #6070
Episode Title: Episode 70
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/6/2023 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:55:11

Alexandra Arieiev's sister has been kidnapped by Hamas. Amit Ganish survived their attack on an Israeli music festival. Both join the show to talk about their experience. IDF spokesperson Jonathan Conricus and former Israeli foreign minister Tzipi Livni discuss the situation from Tel Aviv. Efraim Halevy on the failure of Israeli intelligence. Omar Ghraieb & Jan Egeland on the situation in Gaza.

Series Title: War in the Holy Land: A PBS News Special Report
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 10/13/2023 8:30:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:56:44

Co-anchored by PBS NewsHour's Amna Nawaz from Israel and Geoff Bennett from the nation's capital, the one hour primetime special will wrap the historic and devastating week of violence in Israel and Gaza with reports from Nawaz and PBS NewsHour's Middle East-based special correspondent Leila Molana-Allen, as well as interviews and analysis on the history of the conflict and the path forward for the Middle East and rest of the world. The program will also take a look at the Palestinian militant group Hamas, the intelligence failures of Israel and its allies, and the wider conflict in the region.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14115
Episode Title: Episode 115
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/8/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:04:52

The U.S. military will ground its entire fleet of V-22 Osprey aircraft while it investigates the cause of last week's crash off the coast of Japan that killed all eight service personnel on board. The extraordinary step was taken after a preliminary investigation found something wrong with the aircraft itself led to the crash and not errors by the crew onboard. Geoff Bennett reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14116
Episode Title: Episode 116
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/11/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:10

In the nearly two years since Russia invaded Ukraine, 300,000 Russian soldiers have died or been wounded, many of them conscripts. For soldiers from Siberia and Russia's Far East, home to many of Russia's ethnic minorities, the price has been overwhelming. Nick Schifrin and producer Sarah Cutler have some of their stories.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14118
Episode Title: Episode 118
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/13/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:09:50

Israeli troops met renewed and heavy resistance from Hamas militants across the Gaza Strip and civilians remain caught in the middle. The Gaza health ministry says nearly 19,000 people have been killed in the enclave since the Hamas terror attacks of Oct. 7. John Yang discussed the pressure on Israel to increase humanitarian aid and reduce civilian casualties with Natan Sachs.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14123
Episode Title: Episode 123
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/20/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:06:28

In a historic prisoner swap, ten Americans are headed home after the U.S. freed a top ally of Venezuelan President Maduro. Six of the Americans were judged "wrongfully detained" by the State Department. The Maduro government also agreed to free 20 Venezuelan political prisoners and return fugitive defense contractor Leonard Francis to the U.S. Amna Nawaz discussed the deal with Jonathan Franks.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #14124
Episode Title: Episode 124
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 12/21/2023 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-NPS
Format: News (live news only)
Segment Length: 00:08:23

Hezbollah and Israel have been trading fire in a limited but slowly escalating conflict. So far, the skirmishes have killed nine Israeli soldiers, four civilians and more than 100 Lebanese, most of them Hezbollah fighters. Israeli officials have said they are prepared to invade southern Lebanon, raising fears of a regional war. Special correspondent Simona Foltyn reports.