

Quarterly Issues Report For Blue Ridge Public Radio – 1st Quarter of 2022 (January 1st to March 31st)

Blue Ridge Public Radio serves a 17-county area of Western North Carolina and North Georgia with its 24-hour broadcast day schedule. Local newscasts and stories are produced by the BPR news team Monday through Friday during both Morning Edition and All Things Considered. A rotation of the three podcasts produced at the station – The Waters & Harvey Show, Going Deep: Sports in the 21st Century, and The Porch – air Friday mornings at 9 and Saturday evenings at 8, in addition to select national special programming from our various distributors.

ISSUE SHOW/DATE/DURATION

Health

Destruction of Knoxville Planned Parenthood due to arson impacts WNC – All Things Considered – 1/11/22 – 1 minute

In Relationship – The Waters & Harvey Show – 1/28/22 – 57 minutes

Indoor mask mandate expires in Buncombe County – Morning Edition – 2/17/22 – 1 minute

Mission Health fined by NC Department of Labor for failing to report an employee's COVID-19 death – All Things Considered – 3/23/22 – 1 minute

Race & Identity

Super Bowl 56 & the Brian Flores Lawsuit against the NFL – Going Deep: Sports in the 21st Century - 2/4/22 - 57 minutes

The history of Black History Month – The Waters & Harvey Show – 2/11/22 – 57 minutes

An LGBTQIA+ Affirming Athlete Ministry – Going Deep: Sports in the 21st Century - 3/3/22 – 57 minutes

Beyond the ban: Haywood County bookstores continues community conversation around 'Dear Martin' – Morning Edition – 3/23/22 4 minutes

Local Government & Politics

The growing GOP schism, and will it matter at the polls – The Porch 1/20/22 - 20 minutes

Waiting on the NC Supreme Court – The Porch 1/20/22 – 20 minutes

New maps mean GOP incumbents will face each other for two WNC General Assembly seats – All Things Considered – 3/10/22 – 2 minutes

WNC politics roundup – The Porch – 3/18/25 – 36 minutes

Arts & Culture

Two new books are the fruit after many years of labor for Asheville author Heather Newton – All Things Considered – 1/5/22 – 4 minutes

'Terrible' musicians John and Cinnamon Kennedy are drive to save peers from overdoses – Morning Edition – 1/13/22 – 4 minutes

Asheville playwright Jamie Knox has collaborators, some of whom speak within – All Things Considered – 2/3/22 – 4 minutes

Secret Shame vocalist Lena Machina emerges from the shadows of her mind and microphone – Morning Edition – 3/3/22 4 minutes

Public Safety

What the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization means for Western North Carolina – All Things Considered – 3/24/22 4 minutes

Business and Economy

*Local leaders discuss rural broadband funding heading to WNC – **All Things Considered** – 3/23/22 – 2 minutes*

*As pandemic protocols loosen, concert and theater venues struggle to balance safety moving forward – **Morning Edition** – 3/24/22 – 4 minutes*

Environment

*What's in the Nantahala-Pisgah Forest Plan: and when the new policies start – **Morning Edition** – 1/27/22 – 2 minutes*

Historic Preservation

*Welcome Back – **The Waters & Harvey Show** – 1/14/22 – 57 minutes*

*Growing Older In The Mountains – **The Porch** – 2/18/22 – 57 minutes*

*Two years of COVID-19 in WNC – **The Porch** – 3/18/22 – 15 minutes*

*Preserving North Carolina History: A Conversation With The Director Of North Carolina's State Historic Sites – **The Waters & Harvey Show** – 3/25/22 – 57 minutes*