

Community Issues First Quarter 2015

WCQS continues to take advantage of a number of opportunities it has during its twenty-four hour broadcast day to report on issues of importance to the residents of Western North Carolina, **arts and culture, the economy, education, environment, health care, minorities, planning and development, transportation, and politics/government.** Monday through Friday we produce local newscasts on the hour at six, seven and eight in the morning. The morning newscasts are two minutes long.

In addition to our local newscasts we produce in-depth stories that are inserted into our morning news-magazine "Morning Edition" and our afternoon news and cultural affairs program, "Fresh Air" and our afternoon news magazine 'All Things Considered'. These stories are also posted on our web-site www.wcqs.org.

The Quarterly Issues List includes the date, time story aired, and the length story.

Arts and Culture

3/20/15 Tony Kiss Weekend Update 8:44 am length 4:35

3/18/15 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:04-8:04 am Total time 2:55

The Library of Congress will be home to long time Western North Carolina performance story tellers Connie Regan Blake. David Hurand spoke with the story teller about the honor.....

Fri March 13, 2015 duration 5:45 air time 8:44 am

Tony Kiss Weekend Update

By David Hurand

St. Patrick's Day is coming and Tony is in a celebratory mood. Also high on Tony's agenda, the first Asheville Amadeus Festival. If your hungry, the Food Truck Showdown is scheduled to take place Saturday 3/14 in the parking lot adjacent to the Masonic Temple. The music scene welcomes a couple of long time rockers, Eddie Money plays the U.S. Cellular Center and Styx performs at Harrah's Cherokee Casino.

Bills that rework district boundaries and representation on two large North Carolina local governments are heading to the House after their final OKs by the Senate.

Senators voted Thursday for the two measures filed by Republicans that change the structure of the Wake County board of commissioners and Greensboro city council. There was no floor debate Thursday compared to intense discussion Wednesday, when the bills passed initially on party-line votes.

Fri February 27, 2015 length 5:45 air time 8:44 am

Tony Kiss Weekend Update

By David Hurand

Thank goodness, the weekend has arrived. Tony is looking forward to the return of Webb Wilder "the last of the full grown men" to the area. Wilder hits the stage at Isis tonight (2/27). Also tonight, Solas performs Shamrock City at Diana Wortham Theater. There are plenty of Oscar nominated and Oscar winners on the big screen at area movie theaters, American Sniper, Birdman, The Imitation Game, Selma, Still Alice, and the Theory of Everything. A couple of new arrivals of note, Focus with Will Smith and Mr. Turner. Kick the winter blues and celebrate the weekend.

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A cold weekend weather wise, but the arts and culture scene continues to be hot. Lovers may celebrate Valentines Day with the music of Patsy Cline performed by Sweet Dreamers at the Altamont Theater. Arlo Guthrie is in town for two nights at Diana Wortham Theater. Also at the DWT (2/13) at 6:30, Sing Together: Freedom Songs and Spirituals with Becky Stone and Jim and Beth Magill.

February 6, 2015

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By David Hurand

A bit of Broadway comes to Greenville, South Carolina. The Tony and Grammy-winning musical "Wicked" runs through February 15th at the Peace Center. The late, great Bob Marley would have been 70 this weekend. The music of the Reggae legend will be featured February 6th at Isis Restaurant and Music Hall. Jim Arrendell and his band will perform Marley classics. The progressive rock band Umphrey's McGee performs at the U.S. Cellular Center February 7th and Sheila Kay Adams and the Scofflaws will perform and tell stories at White Horse Black Mountain in Black Mountain February

January 30, 2015 duration 5:44 air-time 8:44 am

Tony Kiss Weekend Update

By David Hurand

A Chamber music benefit concert, comedy, country rock, plenty of live theater, and much more around our region this weekend. Tony Kiss reports the Opal String Quartet will perform Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Asheville. Its a benefit to help fund improvements at the Edwin Place building. Comic Red Grant will perform at the Crown Plaza Expo Center and Joe Lasher Jr. and his band play at New Mountain Avl, both shows 1/31/14. Live theater offers 50 Shades! The Musical Parody 1/31 at Thomas Wolfe Auditorium

January 23, 2015 duration 5:45 air-time 8:44 am

Tony Kiss Weekend Update

The Asheville Fringe Arts Festival headlines the weekend entertainment scene. Random Acts of Fringe will take place at a variety of locations in downtown Asheville. The Kiss Country Winter Jam will take place at the Orange Peel. It's a benefit for Mission Children's Hospital and Jazz Master Sheila Jordan performs at Isis Restaurant and Music Hall. Pan Harmonia performs at White Horse Black Mountain Friday night 91/23/15). The Classical ensemble has been together for more than a dozen years. David Holt and the Lightening Bolts take the st

By Jeremy Loeb

A report released last week by NOAA's National Climatic Data Center in Asheville finds 2014 was the hottest year on record. That's based on temperatures measured since the year 1880. And it's part of a trend of warming temperatures around the globe. Asheville resident and climate scientist Jessica Blunden led and coordinated the report. She says there's no question what's causing the warming.

Arts and Culture

January 16, 2015 duration 5:40 air-time 8:44 am Tony Kiss Weekend Update

have been announced and many of the nominated films are on the big screen in our area. Tony Kiss drops by the talk about film, theater, and live music at area clubs. On stage at Harrah's Cherokee Casino, Greg Allman. In the weeks ahead the Casino also has on its bill Heart, Willie Nelson, and Loretta Lynn.

01/29/15 rooftop dining and entertainment 6:06-8:06 am 4:30-5:30 am. Total time 2:55

There was a time, not long ago, when side-walk cafes were banned in downtown Asheville. It now appears the sky is the limit.

The creator of Ashvegas, blogger Jason Sandford is reporting more than half a dozen roof-top venues maybe in Ashevilles' future.He spoke with David Hurand.

Economy

Wed February 4, 2015

Demand for Public Housing on the Rise

By David Hurand

There are 10-thousand public housing households across Western North Carolina. Recent data compiled by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development indicates that despite an increase in demand caused by the great recession, the number of public housing units in our region remained relatively unchanged.

Health and Wellness

4:25 pm

Tue February 3, 2015

Public Health Officials Urge Parents to Immunize Their Children

By David Hurand

Officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are concerned about the growing number of measles cases and the possibility of the outbreak that began in California spreading to more and more states, including North Carolina. Dr. Jennifer Mullendore is Buncombe County Health and Human Services Medical Director. She spoke with David Hurand about the surprising number of parents in Western North Carolina who choose not to have their children get the measles vaccine and other preventable disease immunizations.

February 24, 2015

Where is Organized Labor? 5:44 pm 6:29-8:29 am length 4:10

By David Hurand

The effects of the great recession that hit the U.S. in 2008 have eased and the national unemployment rate has dropped to around six percent. But for many Americans wages have remained about where they were in 2007. In fact, wages haven't changed much since 2000. David Forbes is a local journalist and editor of the Asheville Blade, a reader supported on line news service. He spoke with David Hurand about local wages and the future of organized labor in Western North Carolina.

Economy/Minorities

150226 Minority Hog Farms :51 Air-time 6:06-7:06-8:06

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will investigate whether North Carolina's environmental agency was lenient toward industrial hog operations because their neighbors are minorities.

January 9, 2015 Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road!? 5:44 pm 6:29-8:29 am 5:00 minutes

You may have been asked "why did the chicken cross the road?" It turns out the chicken not only crossed the road, it has traveled the globe and played an important role in the advancement of civilization. David Hurand spoke with Andrew Lawler, the author of a new book that traces the beginnings of the domestication of chickens.

Environment

Thu January 8, 2015

Its Cold! What better time to dream of Gardening

By David Hurand

Agriculture Agent with the Buncombe County Extension Service, Alison Arnold has some tips on how to cope with frigid temperatures, but she admits she's dreaming of being back in the garden come spring 2015. She spoke with David Hurand.

2/24/15 6:06, 7:06, 8:06 55sec

A German company that makes medical equipment is building a plant in Henderson County that will employ nearly 140 people.

Raumedic Inc. announced Tuesday it will spend more than \$26 million and create about 138 jobs in Mills River over the next five years.

The company makes tubing, molded parts, catheters and modules for the medical and pharmaceutical industries.

A statement from Gov. Pat McCrory's office said the average annual salary for the operation in Henderson County will be more than \$55,000. The county's average wage is about \$34,000.

Economy/Development

Mon January 12, 2015

6:24

Affordable Housing: Public Forum

By David Hurand

Monday January 12th, Transylvania County residents will have an opportunity to weigh in on a variety of housing issues. The public forum takes place at the Brevard Community Services Building and marks the beginning of a five year strategic plan for how to spend federal housing dollars. The City of Asheville oversees the funds that flow into a four county region in Western North Carolina. Jeff Staudinger is with the Asheville Community and Economic Development Department. He spoke with David Hurand.

Economy/Education

Sat February 21, 2015

Higher Education in WCU Demonstrates Economic Clout

By David Hurand

Public higher education in Western North Carolina contributed two billion dollars to the North Carolina economy in the 2012-2013 fiscal year and around 75 percent of that money stayed in the region. That's

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Education:

3/18/15 UNC Settle :42 6-7-8 am

A former University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill academic adviser who spoke out against lax standards for student-athletes will receive \$335,000 in a settlement with the school. WCQS's Helen Chickering.

The settlement amount includes Mary Willingham's legal fees and \$40,000 in back pay, A UNC spokesman said the former academic adviser will not get her job back.

Willingham, who publicly criticized the literacy levels of UNC athletes amid investigations into academic fraud at the school, filed suit in July, claiming the university retaliated against her for speaking out.

150225 Private School Vuuchers :51 air-time 6:06-7:06-8:06

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3/19/15 Lotto privacy ;32 6-7-8 am

A House Judiciary panel has voted down a bill that would have allowed North Carolina lottery winners to keep their names from being disclosed to the public. WCQS's Helen Chickering March 9, 2015 Enrollment in Teacher Training Programs Down 6:30-8:30 am 5:44 pm length 4:25.

2/11/15/ Meet UNC Asheville Chancellor Mary Grant 5:44 pm 6:29-8:29 am lengthy: 4:25
University of North Carolina Asheville's new Chancellor Mary Grant is now on campus. The Massachusetts native has spent the past twelve years as President of the Massachusetts College

2/06/15 Early Ed Study :41 air time 6:06-7:06-8:06 am

New research out of Duke University finds North Carolina's early childhood education programs are proving to be a sound investment. WCQS's Helen Chickering has details.

3/02/15 First Military Lawyer at Guantanamo to Speak at UNCA

The Air Force Colonel who put together and supervised the first team of military lawyers that defended Guantanamo detainees says he isn't surprised the prison remains open. Will A. Gunn was named Chief Defense Counsel in the Department of Defense Office of Military Commissions in 2003. Gunn is scheduled to speak at the University of North Carolina Asheville Thursday (3/5/15) at 12:30 in the University Humanities Lecture Hall. He told David Hurand that he is surprised by the slow pace of military tribunals. Gunn retired from the military in 2005.

03/02/15 Jeremy Loeb 6-7-8 45 sec.

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Environment

1/14/15 4:32 6:29-8:29 am 5:44 pm.

The Asheville City Council is saying "NO" to hydraulic fracturing. Council members passed a resolution Tuesday night rejecting the drilling method and asking the state legislature to reverse course. The Republican-dominated legislature has pushed to open the state to fracking. Councilman Jan Davis joined the unanimous vote to pass the resolution.

2/26/15 Minority Hog Farms :51 6-7-8 am The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will investigate whether North Carolina's environmental agency was lenient toward industrial hog operations because their neighbors are minorities.

The Waterkeeper Alliance and other groups released an EPA letter stating that the EPA will launch a civil rights investigation of North Carolina's Department of Environment and Natural Resources Helen Chickering.

Wed February 25, 2015

Approaching Snow Follows Classic Path

By David Hurand

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning effective until 7:00 am Thursday morning. WCQS weather expert Ed Brotak spoke with David Hurand about the latest round of winter weather and the real possibility of a few inches of snow in the mountains and beyond.

150219 Duke Coal Ash Settle :30 air-time 6:06-7:06-8:06

Duke Energy says it expects to pay \$100 million to settle an ongoing federal criminal investigation that began after a massive coal ash spill at a North Carolina plant. WCQS's Helen Chickering has details.

Thu February 19, 2015

Utilities Urge Customers to Conserve Energy

By David Hurand

Officials with Duke Energy and PSNC Energy are asking their customers to turn down their thermostats through Friday to help reduce the high demand for energy caused by record setting cold temperatures. Officials with both companies say they have sufficient resources to meet demand as temperatures continue to dip into the single digits in Western North Carolina. Duke officials say there are many easy ways to reduce usage at home and at work, such as turning off unnecessary lighting, postpone household

150317 Duke Coal SC :46

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Environment/Politics

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3/10/15 :52 air-time 6:06-7:06-8:06 am

North Carolina environmental officials say they're fining Duke Energy \$25 million over pollution that has been seeping into groundwater for years from a pair of coal ash pits at a retired power plant. It's the state's largest penalty for environmental damages.

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Tue January 27, 2015

New England Digs Out: Some in WNC long for Snow

By David Hurand

Much of New England is digging out for a major winter storm. But despite dire warnings, New York City was spared from what had been predicted. David Hurand spoke with retired Professor of Atmospheric Sciences and free lance science writer Ed Brotak about the path of the storm and why Western North Carolina has had so little snow this winter.

Mon January 26, 2015

3/04/15 Gas Tax House :39 sec. 6-7-8 am

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Health and Wellness

3/12/15 Tan Bed Bill :38 6-7-8 am

A bill that bans children from using tanning beds in North Carolina has cleared its first hurdle. WCQS's Helen Chickering The legislation recommended by the House Health Committee bans tanning bed use for everyone under 18... and is almost identical to a 2013 bill that passed the House but stalled in the Senate.

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February 9, 2015 5:44 pm 6:29-8:29 4:25 minutes

ACA Open Enrollment Deadline Approaching

Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act ends this Sunday, February 15 at midnight. Last week the U.S. House of representatives, including 10th and 11th District Representative Patrick McHenry and Mark Meadows voted once again to repeal Obama Care and the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear another legal challenge. Health Care Navigator and Pisgah Legal Services attorney Jaclyn Kiger says through January 15th nearly 480,000 North Carolinians have enrolled in qualified ACA health insurance plans.

Tue January 13, 2015

New Public Health Director Coming to Buncombe

By David Hurand

The local director of the Buncombe County Department of Health will retire at the end of January. Alma "Gibbie" Harris has lead the department since 2009. Before coming to Western North Carolina Harris worked in Wake County for 17 years, ten as Director of Public Health. Madison County Director of Public Health has been named to replace Harris. Shepherd will assume her new post February 9th. David Hurand spoke with Gibby Harris about her decision to retire....

01/06/15 State health officials say at least nine people died from the flu in North Carolina during the week of Christmas. WCQS's Jeremy Loeb has the details.[. For WCQS News, I'm Jeremy Loeb.] :39

By Jeremy Loeb

Mission Health has posted a response to NPR's injured nurse story.

Minorities:

By Jeremy Loeb

65 year-old Robert Zachary grew up in Anniston, Alabama during some of the most significant moments of the civil rights movement. Now he's returning to Alabama, 50 years after Bloody Sunday and the march from Selma to Montgomery. There he'll pay tribute to those who walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, despite violence and bloodshed, for their right to vote.

Minorities/politics

February 25, 2015 6:30-8:30 am 5:44 pm 4:00 minutes

State Senate Passes Bill to Allow Magistrates to Refuse to Perform Gay Marriages

The North Carolina Senate has approved a bill that would allow magistrates and register of deeds staffers to recuse themselves from performing weddings if they oppose same-sex marriages. Thirty-two State Senators voted in favor of the bill, 16 opposed. Advocates for gay marriage called the bill discriminatory and charged the bill treats gay and lesbian couples as second class citizens. Aaron Sarver is with The Campaign for Southern Equality. He spoke with David Hurand.....

2/24/15 4-5 pm 6-7-8 am 40 sec. North Carolina's Supreme Court began deciding a case Tuesday over whether millions of dollars in taxpayer money can be used to pay student tuition at private and religious schools. WCQS Helen Chickering has details.

February 21, 2015

Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy 6-7-8 am 4:30-5:30 pm length 3:16

By David Hurand

A recently released report claims nearly four-thousand African American southerners were murdered by white mobs between 1877 and 1950. David Hurand spoke with Carolina Public Press Investigative reporter Jon Elliston about the four year study, Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror.

Politics 3/17/15

Duration: 4:10 5:44 pm 6:-7-8 am

Sunshine Week: Call for Government Transparency

By David Hurand

Sunshine Week began Sunday March 15th. To some the 15th is the Ides of March, to others it represents the annual push by media outlets and open-government advocates for transparency. Recently, the On-Line Investigative reporting service Carolina Public Press surveyed 18 WNC counties about closed sessions held by their boards of commissioners. David Hurand spoke with CPP reporter Jon Elliston.

3/11/15 constitutional amendment proposed 6:30-8:30 4:30pm 5:30 pm

Total time 4:25

a bill has been introduced in the NC General Assembly that if approved, would ask voters to amend the state constitution. Buncombe county democrat, representative brian turner says his bill would require a voter referendum for any changes imposed by the general assembly to local government districts.

Politics/Health and Wellness

150312 Tan Bed Bill :38 air time 6:06-7:06-8:06

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3/10/15 Mccrory Ethics Disclosure :34 6-7-8 Gov. Pat McCrory has amended his 2013 ethics disclosure forms. The filing was made as an advocacy group filed a complaint over his failure to properly disclose trips paid for through the Republican Governors Association. WCQS's Helen Chickering The group Progress North Carolina Action filed a complaint with the State Ethics Commission over McCrory's attendance at several RGA events paid for by undisclosed political donors.

3/06/15 McCrory Budget :42 607-8 am

Gov. Pat McCrory is proposing pay raises for teachers, state troopers and prison officers in the budget he's recommending to the legislature. McCrory unveiled his two-year spending plan yesterday. WCQS's Helen Chickering

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February 26, 2015 6-7-8 am 4-5 pm 1:15 seconds

Senator Tom Tillis Votes No on A.G. Nominee

the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee has sent Attorney General nominee Loretta Lynch to the full Senate, but without the support of Freshman North Carolina Senator Tom Tillis. Twelve committee members voted to support President Obama's choice to replace Attorney General Eric Holder, including three Republicans. But after praising the

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nominee, Tillis voted no. Lynch was born in Greensboro, went to high school in Durham, and if confirmed would be the first African-American woman to serve as

150213 NC Gas Tax :37 6:06-7:06-8:06 AM A bill that lowers North Carolina's gasoline tax immediately, but opens the door to higher tax rates late has cleared the Senate - but not without sniping from both Republicans and Democrats. WCQS's Helen Chickering

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TOTAL TIME 1:23

THE ASHEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS FIRST COFFEE WITH A COP TOMORROW. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED AN OPEN INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY TO COME AND MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT AT BOJANGLES RESTAURANT ON MERRIMON AVENUE.

By Jeremy Loeb

WCQS's Michelle Keenan picked up a couple of issues of Charlie Hebdo during her trip to Paris. The satirical magazine was the target of a terrorist attack in Paris, France on January 7, 2015. Two radicals with assault rifles stormed the magazine headquarters and killed 11 staff members and injured 11 others in apparent retaliation for the magazine's depiction of Muhammed, which is forbidden in some interpretations of Islam. That spawned a rallying cry of "Je suis Charlie" ("I am Charlie") across the globe.

2/2/2015 NC Debt Study :34

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In what one group is calling a violation of state law, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is charging fees to view public records. The Southern Environmental Law Center made a request to view public documents related to Governor Pat McCrory's 25-year transportation plan and a proposed billion-dollar transportation bond. SELC attorney Kym Hunter says they were told they would have to pay a fee of \$468 to view the files.

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By Associated Press & Asheville Citizen-Times & Jeremy Loeb

Abortion-rights groups are worried that Republican legislators will try to override rules proposed for North Carolina abortion clinics that activists contend balance patient safety with access to the procedure.

Jeremy Loeb

A local legislator in the General Assembly is taking a stand for same-sex couples. Democratic Senator Terry Van Duyn of Buncombe County joined a press conference this morning denouncing a bill that sponsors say protects religious freedom. Senate leader Phil Berger introduced the bill that would allow magistrates to opt out of weddings if they have conflicting religious beliefs. That could mean anyone, but Van Duyn says same-sex couples are the ones being targeted.

010129 NC Trans Funding :35 air-time 6:06-7:06-8:06 am

North Carolina business leaders say the state will face serious problems, like a spike in joblessness, if politicians don't develop a strategy for funding transportation needs. WCQS's Helen Chickering has details

2/26/15 Senator Tillis vote on AG nominee 4-5-pm 6-7-8 am

The u.s. senate judiciary committee has sent the nomination of Loretta lynch to the full senate, but without the support of Fellow north carolinian, freshman senator tom tillis...

19 sec sound bite:

Appalachian Farm School Begins 8:44 am 5:44 pm

By David Hurand

The 2015 Appalachian Farm School is set to begin. The school is being organized by the Western North Carolina Food Policy Council. The group began its work nearly four years ago with the goal of strengthening small farm agriculture in seven western counties from Haywood to Cherokee. Director Emily Edmonds spoke with David Hurand.

By Jeremy Loeb

A North Carolina gay rights group is voicing concerns over news that a so-called "religious freedom" bill could be introduced by the state legislature. Equality North Carolina Executive Director Chris Sgro says the law wouldn't be about religious freedom at all. He says one goal would be to give magistrates a way to opt out of performing same-sex weddings – which are now legal in North Carolina. And he says history has shown that businesses are opposed to these sorts of laws.