

## Quarterly Issues Report For Blue Ridge Public Radio – 3rd Quarter of 2022 (July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>)

Blue Ridge Public Radio serves a 14-county area of Western North Carolina with its 24-hour broadcast day schedule on two services: BPR News and BPR Classic. Local newscasts and stories are produced by the BPR news team Monday through Friday and aired during Morning Edition and All Things Considered. BPR locally produced content focuses on government/politics; arts and culture; human interest coverage; health and science and other topics relevant to our listening area.

### **ISSUE SHOW/DATE/DURATION**

#### **Health, Housing & Economy**

*Vecinos plans 'community health hub' expansion in Franklin -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – July 10, 2022 – 2:00*

*Appalachian Regional Commission looks at economic growth in WNC -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – July 18, 2022 – 1:30*

*A rise in COVID-19 cases prompts a reminder for caution from public health officials -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – July 19, 2022 – 1:00*

*Buncombe County confirms first monkeypox case as NC count rises -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – July 21, 2022 -- 1:00*

*HCA Healthcare faces lawsuit #3 in WNC, along with a letter from NC's AG -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – July 29, 2022 -- 1:00*

*Who should operate a new hospital in Buncombe County? The public weighs in this week -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 9, 2022 -- 1:00*

*Gov. Cooper says that rural investments are key to statewide growth -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 10, 2022 – 1:00*

*With ARPA funding, Buncombe Rental Assistance Collaborative aims to move 200 people into stable housing -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 15, 2022 – 2:00*

*Hospitals pitched, the public spoke and now it's up to NCDHHS to pick the winning bid for a WNC hospital expansion project -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 15, 2022 – 1:00*

*State Treasurer hosting public hearing about medical debt in Asheville -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – September 6, 2022 – 1:00*

*Mission Health opens new Angel Medical Center in Franklin -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – September 16, 2022 – 2:00*

*Almost \$700K awarded in first round of HOME Funds -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – September 26, 2022 – 1:00*

#### **Race, Gender & Identity**

*Asheville Buncombe Reparations Commission unpacks the issue that brought them all together, and waits to hear about their budget recommendation -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – July 19, 2022 – 1:00*

*Buncombe County approves reparations and recovery funds -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – July 21, 2022 – 1:00*

*Support grows for renaming Clingmans Dome to original Cherokee name Kuwohi -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 4, 2022 – 1:00*

George Masa's life and vision documented in the new book by author Brent Martin -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 8, 2022 – 4:00

For experimental guitarist Tashi Dorji, the song never remains the same -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 18, 2022 – 4:00

Founded as a platform for Black actors, Different Strokes founder wants to go further -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 18, 2022 – 2:00

First woman police chief appointed in the history of the Cherokee Indian Police Department -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – September 2, 2022 – 1:00

'Disruption' is just the start of a shift in storytelling at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – September 13, 2022 – 2:00

Claude Coleman will play music 'anywhere, everywhere, all the time.' His latest venture helps others make music too -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – September 14, 2022 – 4:00

### **Local Government & Politics**

Graham and Jackson Counties vote in runoff elections -- Morning Edition & All Things Considered – July 11, 2022

Election day in Graham and Jackson Counties: Republican sheriff primary and school board seat was decided -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – July 26, 2022

People with disabilities gain better ballot access in court ruling -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – July 27, 2022 – 2:00

Watch the Best in the West: North Carolina's 11th Congressional District forum – **BPR News Presents** – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – 2 hours

The story behind one Haywood woman's arrest on federal charges including threat to kidnap -- -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – September 23, 2022 – 4:06

Graham County Election Board reviewing voter fraud allegations -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – September 26, 2022 – 4:27

There are 2.5 million unaffiliated voters in North Carolina. So why aren't there more unaffiliated candidates? **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 4:29

### **Arts & Culture**

Community donates over \$30,000 to Macon County Library – **Morning Edition and All Things Considered** – July 6, 2022 – 1:31

The Liar's Bench returns: Gary Carden shares his story – **Morning Edition and All Things Considered** – July 8, 2022 – 2:00

Cherokee Museum film festival celebrates 'Reservation Dogs' and self-representation – **Morning Edition and All Things Considered** – July 21, 2022 – 2:00

Mira Gerard reclaims her father's gallery space with a new name, focus and outlook -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 8, 2022 – 5:00

Abby Bryant emerges from an upbringing in the church to define herself in secular music -- **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 16, 2022 – 4:00

Smoky Mountain Sirens have wrapped female empowerment into a big-sounding rock record -- **Morning Edition and All Things Considered** – August 24, 2022 – 4:00

Jon Stickley's bluegrass band ditched vocals and found its voice -- **Morning Edition and All Things Considered** – August 30, 2022 – 4:00

Ann Dunn, nearly 76, creates meditation on opacity and transparency for Asheville Ballet's season opener -- **Morning Edition and All Things Considered** – September 7, 2022 – 4:00

*Months into creating her latest work, sculptor Nina Kavar found she was marking her own journey --*  
**Morning Edition and All Things Considered** – September 21, 2022 – 3:00

### **Environment**

*Bees, trees and leaves: Cullowhee Native Plant Conference holds plant sale for the first time --* **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – July 22, 2022

*Protect Pisgah rally kicks off forest plan resolution meetings --* **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – July 27, 2022 – 2 minutes

*Forest Service wraps up final Nantahala Pisgah Forest plan meetings with stakeholders --* **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 5, 2022

*One year later, Laurel Bank Campground is slowly being cleaned up --* **Morning Edition & All Things Considered** – August 18, 2022 – 4 minutes