

Quarterly Issues Report For Blue Ridge Public Radio – 3rd Quarter of 2019 (July 1st to September 30th)

Blue Ridge Public Radio during its 24-hours broadcast day reports on issues vital to Western North Carolina. They include – government, politics, health care, housing, transportation, environment, education, science, demographics, race, LGBTQ, arts, culture, and public safety. Local newscasts are produced Monday through Friday during both Morning Edition and All Things Considered. Local newscasts are also occasionally produced on Saturday and Sunday mornings during Weekend Edition. The BPR news department also produces local stories and interviews that are inserted during Morning Edition and All Things Considered and also in local newscasts. Reports are also posted on the North Carolina Public Radio Exchange for use by other public radio stations in the state.

ARTS

7/8/19 – 17 Novels Into His Mystery Series Asheville Writer Grumbles Past Mystery Of Becoming Published <https://www.bpr.org/post/17-novels-his-mystery-series-asheville-writer-grumbles-past-mystery-becoming-published>

7/29/19 – Seen And Not Forgotten: Art Initiative Highlights Asheville’s African American Community <https://www.bpr.org/post/seen-and-not-forgotten-art-initiative-highlights-ashevilles-african-american-community>

9/3/19 – As Promised Summer Re-Opening Passes, Art Museum Won’t Welcome Visitors At Least Until October <https://www.bpr.org/post/promised-summer-re-opening-passes-art-museum-wont-welcome-visitors-least-until-october>

BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

7/26/19 – NC Governor Signs Bill Allowing Sports Betting At Cherokee Casinos <https://www.bpr.org/post/nc-governor-signs-bill-allowing-sports-betting-cherokee-casinos>

7/31/19 – New Interactive Map Of Local Taquerias Creates Community In Asheville <https://www.bpr.org/post/new-interactive-map-local-taquer-creates-community-asheville>

8/19/19 – Residents Weigh In On Future Spending Of Buncombe County Hotel Tax Revenue <https://www.bpr.org/post/residents-weigh-future-spending-buncombe-county-hotel-tax-revenue>

EDUCATION

7/24/19 – STEM Camp For Migrant Students Kicks Off Summer Learning & Fun <https://www.bpr.org/post/stem-camp-migrant-students-kicks-summer-learning-fun>

7/29/19 – Why The Cherokee Language Is In A State Of Emergency <https://www.bpr.org/post/why-choerokee-language-state-emergency>

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

7/19/19 – MountainTrue Merger Extends Its Reach To Hiwassee River
<https://www.bpr.org/post/mountaintrue-merger-extends-reach-hiwassee-river>

7/25/19 – Report: NC's Clean Energy Sector Grows <https://www.bpr.org/post/report-ncs-clean-energy-sector-grows>

8/14/19 – Climate Change Activism Inspire WNC Concerts By Former Asheville Symphony Cellist
<https://www.bpr.org/post/climate-change-activism-inspires-wnc-concerts-former-asheville-symphony-cellist>

HEALTH & HEALTHCARE

7/1/19 – Dogwood Health Trust Announces Newest Board Member: Southwestern Commission's Sarah Thompson <https://www.bpr.org/post/dogwood-health-trust-announces-newest-board-member-southwestern-commission-s-sarah-thompson>

7/4/19 – Westernmost NC Hospital CEO Urges Medicaid Expansion
<https://www.bpr.org/post/westernmost-nc-hospitals-ceo-urges-medicaid-expansion>

9/24/19 – Legionnaires' Update: Investigation Points To Davis Event Center And Hot Tub Displays
<https://www.bpr.org/post/legionnaires-update-investigation-points-davis-event-center-and-hot-tub-displays>

IMMIGRATION

7/8/19 – Immigrant Advocates Call For Henderson County Commissioner's Resignation
<https://www.bpr.org/post/immigrant-advocates-call-henderson-county-commissioners-resignation>

7/16/19 – Buncombe Democratic Commissioners In Lockstep With Gov. Opposing ICE Detainer Bill
<https://www.bpr.org/post/buncombe-democratic-commissioners-lockstep-gov-opposing-ice-detainer-bill>

8/1/19 – Celebrated Asheville Chef Reflects On First Year Of U.S. Citizenship
<https://www.bpr.org/post/celebrated-asheville-chef-reflects-first-year-us-citizenship>

LGBTQ ISSUES

8/23/19 – UNC Asheville Oral History Shares LGBTQ Community Stories In WNC
<https://www.bpr.org/post/unc-asheville-oral-history-archive-shares-lgbtq-community-stories-wnc>

8/27/19 – In New Exhibition, Two Nonbinary Artists Further Mission Of Campaign For Southern Equality
<https://www.bpr.org/post/new-exhibition-two-nonbinary-artists-further-mission-campaign-southern-equality>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

7/1/19 – AVL Council Worksession Will Grapple With Big Question – To Sue Or Not
<https://www.bpr.org/post/avl-council-worksession-will-grapple-big-question-sue-or-not>

7/3/19 – City attorney Outlines Options For Asheville Regarding Council Districts
<https://www.bpr.org/post/city-attorney-outlines-options-asheville-regarding-council-districts>

7/18/19 – The Frost Indictment: What It Alleges <https://www.bpr.org/post/frost-indictment-what-it-alleges>

LOCAL MUSIC

9/5/19 – Exploring Southern Appalachia: The Banjo Beyond Deliverance
<https://www.bpr.org/post/exploring-southern-appalachia-banjo-beyond-deliverance>

9/9/19 – After NY Times Mention, Asheville Band Secret Shame Releasing Debut Along With The Demons That Shaped It <https://www.bpr.org/post/after-nytimes-mention-asheville-band-secret-shame-releasing-debut-along-demons-shaped-it>

PUBLIC SAFETY

7/4/19 – Henderson County Sheriff Appoints Liaison To Work With Latinx Community
<https://www.bpr.org/post/henderson-co-sheriff-appoints-liaison-work-latinx-community>

8/5/19 – Asheville Police Clarify Gang Statements, Turn Attention To Improving Community Ties
<https://www.bpr.org/post/asheville-police-clarify-gang-statements-turn-attention-improving-community-ties>

8/22/19 – Fighting Sex Trafficking With Soap In WNC <https://www.bpr.org/post/fighting-sex-trafficking-soap-wnc>

RACE

7/22/19 – Lack Of Therapists Of Color Creates Barriers To Mental Health Access In Western North Carolina <https://www.bpr.org/post/lack-therapists-color-creates-barriers-mental-health-access-western-north-carolina>

8/15/19 – How African Americans Fit Into The Story Of The Great Smoky Mountains National Park
<https://www.bpr.org/post/how-african-americans-fit-story-great-smoky-mountains-national-park>

9/12/19 – A Quiet Pioneer: Western Carolina Names Building Honoring First Student Of Color
<https://www.bpr.org/post/quiet-pioneer-western-carolina-names-building-honoring-first-student-color>

SCIENCE

8/29/19 – Real Time Weather Gets Better In WNC <https://www.bpr.org/post/real-time-weather-gets-better-wnc>

STATE GOVERNMENT

7/24/19 – WNC Rep. Cody Henson Resigns After Guilty Plea To Cyberstalking

<https://www.bpr.org/post/update-wnc-rep-cody-henson-resigns-after-guilty-plea-cyberstalking>

8/14/19 – “It’s Gonna Be Awhile”: North Carolina’s State Budget Standoff Well Into Second Month

<https://www.bpr.org/post/its-gonna-be-awhile-north-carolinas-state-budget-standoff-well-second-month>

9/9/19 – Macon County GOP Sen. Jim Davis Announces Retirement, Endorses Successor

<https://www.bpr.org/post/macon-county-gop-sen-jim-davis-announces-retirement-endorses-successor>

TRANSPORTATION

9/25/19 – I-26 Widening Between Asheville And Hendersonville Set To Begin

<https://www.bpr.org/post/i-26-widening-between-asheville-hendersonville-set-begin>