

Quarterly Issues Report For Blue Ridge Public Radio – 4th Quarter of 2019 (October 1st to December 31st)

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

10/1/19 – Against Backdrop Of War On Terror, Author Katey Schultz Probes Personal Ethics & Universal Truths - <https://www.bpr.org/post/against-backdrop-war-terror-author-katey-schultz-probes-personal-ethics-and-universal-truths>

11/11/19 – Art Museum & Center For Craft Reopenings Make For Monumental Week In Asheville Arts Scene - <https://www.bpr.org/post/art-museum-center-craft-reopenings-make-monumental-week-asheville-arts-scene>

12/5/19 – Asheville Filmmaker On The Rise Has Turned Her Apartment Into Intimate Public Installation - <https://www.bpr.org/post/asheville-filmmaker-rise-has-turned-her-apartment-intimate-public-installation>

BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

10/25/19 – Study: Wages For Buncombe Tourism Jobs Higher Than NC Average, Still Mostly Below Living Wage Level - <https://www.bpr.org/post/study-wages-buncombe-tourism-jobs-higher-nc-average-still-mostly-below-living-wage-level>

11/18/19 – Report: Asheville Tourists Not On List Of Teams That Could Lose MLB Affiliation - <https://www.bpr.org/post/report-asheville-tourists-not-list-teams-could-lose-mlb-affiliation>

12/19/19 – Three Local Entegra Bank Branches Sold As Part Of First Citizens Deal - <https://www.bpr.org/post/three-local-entegra-bank-branches-sold-part-first-citizens-deal>

EDUCATION

11/1/19 – North Carolina's Poet Laureate Visits Western Carolina Writing Students - <https://www.bpr.org/post/north-carolina-s-poet-laureate-visits-western-carolina-writing-students>

12/18/19 – Asheville City Schools Tap New Superintendent - <https://www.bpr.org/post/asheville-city-schools-tap-new-superintendent>

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

11/12/19 – Green Coat & Small Plates Tackle WNC Hunger & Food Waste - <https://www.bpr.org/post/green-coat-small-plates-tackle-wnc-hunger-food-waste>

11/29/19 – Nantahala-Pisgah Forest Plan Will be Released In February 2020 - <https://www.bpr.org/post/nantahala-pisgah-forest-plan-will-be-released-february-2020>

HEALTH & HEALTHCARE

10/15/19 – New Dogwood Health Trust CEO Meets WNC - <https://www.bpr.org/post/new-dogwood-health-trust-ceo-meets-wnc>

10/24/19 – Legionnaires’: The Investigation Behind The Outbreak - <https://www.bpr.org/post/legionnaires-investigation-behind-outbreak>

10/21/19 – Mission Health Strikes Deal With Cigna Insurance Before Deadline - <https://www.bpr.org/post/mission-health-strikes-deal-cigna-insurance-deadline>

IMMIGRATION

10/2/19 – Salud Mental: Migrant Farmworkers Face Numerous Obstacles To Mental Healthcare - <https://www.bpr.org/post/salud-mental-migrant-farmworkers-face-numerous-obstacles-mental-healthcare>

10/3/19 – WNC Providers Turning Attention To Farmworkers’ Mental Health - <https://www.bpr.org/post/wnc-providers-turning-attention-farmworkers-mental-health>

10/29/19 – Uncertainty About DACA’s Future Leads To Drop In Renewal Applications - <https://www.bpr.org/post/uncertainty-about-dacas-future-leads-drop-renewal-applications>

12/10/19 – ICE Fends Off Questions, Criticism In Henderson County - <https://www.bpr.org/post/ice-fends-questions-criticism-henderson-county-0>

LGBTQ ISSUES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

10/22/19 – Defying General Assembly, Asheville City Council OK’s Keeping Elections At-Large - <https://www.bpr.org/post/defying-general-assembly-asheville-city-council-oks-keeping-elections-large>

10/29/19 – Franklin Mayoral Elections Centers On Nikwasi Mound - <https://www.bpr.org/post/franklin-mayoral-election-centers-nikwasi-mound>

12/10/19 – “It’s Not Just About Climate Change” – AVL Councilman Keith Young Talks Local Green New Deal - <https://www.bpr.org/post/its-not-just-about-climate-change-avl-councilman-keith-young-talks-local-green-new-deal>

LOCAL MUSIC

10/7/19 – A Full Plate For Talented Asheville Singer: New Music, A Band Breakup, And Anger Management - <https://www.bpr.org/post/full-plate-talented-asheville-singer-new-music-band-breakup-and-anger-management>

10/14/19 – World-Renowned WNC Banjo Picker Dies At 80 - <https://www.bpr.org/post/world-renowned-wnc-banjo-picker-dies-80>

10/24/19 – As Mushashi Xero, Tyler Jackson Rapes His Grief, Anger Over Friend’s Death By Overdose - <https://www.bpr.org/post/musashi-xero-tyler-jackson-raps-his-grief-anger-over-friends-death-overdose>

PUBLIC SAFETY

10/4/19 – Bryson City Nonprofit Educates Parents About Substance Abuse And Their Kids - <https://www.bpr.org/post/bryson-city-nonprofit-educates-parents-about-substance-abuse-and-their-kids>

12/19/19 – Sylva Police Investigating Truck Driving At Impeachment Supporters - <https://www.bpr.org/post/sylva-police-investigating-truck-driving-impeachment-supporters>

RACE

11/7/19 – Census Bureau Leans On Latinx Community Partners For Accurate Count In 2020 - <https://www.bpr.org/post/census-bureau-leans-latinx-community-partners-accurate-count-2020>

11/18/19 – Latinx Cultural Center Underway In Henderson County - <https://www.bpr.org/post/latinx-cultural-center-underway-henderson-county>

12/12/19 – Business Accelerator Aims To Pave The Way For Asheville’s Minority Entrepreneurs - <https://www.bpr.org/post/business-accelerator-aims-pave-way-ashevilles-minority-entrepreneurs>

12/30/19 – Outdoor Groups Aim To Improve Diversity On The Appalachian Trail - <https://www.bpr.org/post/outdoor-groups-aim-improve-diversity-appalachian-trail>

SCIENCE

11/7/19 – Meet North Carolina’s New State Climatologist – <https://www.bpr.org/post/meet-north-carolinas-new-state-climatologist-2>

STATE GOVERNMENT

10/10/19 – Gov. Cooper Does Not Expect ‘Mini-Budget’ Peace To Last Much Longer - <https://www.bpr.org/post/gov-cooper-does-not-expect-mini-budget-peace-last-much-longer>

11/6/19 – 2020 State Legislative Districts In WNC – What Changed & What Didn’t - <https://www.bpr.org/post/2020-state-legislative-districts-wnc-what-changed-what-didnt>

TRANSPORTATION

11/2//19 - \$10M Federal Grant For Asheville Airport - <https://www.bpr.org/post/10m-federal-grant-asheville-airport>

12/11/19 – Local Businesses Hold Out Hope Highway 107 Won't Expand In Jackson County - <https://www.bpr.org/post/local-businesses-hold-out-hope-highway-107-won-t-expand-jackson-county>