

Quarterly Issues Report For Blue Ridge Public Radio – 1st Quarter of 2020 (January 1st to March 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

1/7/20 – Candler Poet Andrew Clark Draws Roadmap Of Southern Turmoil, Hurt, Hope -

<https://www.bpr.org/post/candler-poet-andrew-clark-draws-roadmap-southern-turmoil-hurt-hope>

1/13/20 – No Longer Concerned About Gallery Sales, Molly Sawyer Thriving In Museums, Art Centers -

<https://www.bpr.org/post/no-longer-concerned-about-gallery-sales-molly-sawyer-thriving-museums-art-centers>

1/29/20 – Many Ask Artists To Supply Creative Work For Exposure. So Did The Asheville Art Museum -

<https://www.bpr.org/post/many-ask-artists-supply-creative-work-exposure-so-did-asheville-art-museum>

3/13/20 – Regional Arts And Music Events: A Roundup Of Cancellations And Continuations -

<https://www.bpr.org/post/regional-arts-and-music-events-roundup-cancellations-and-continuations>

BUSINESS & EMPLOYMENT

1/10/20 – Harrah's Naming Rights Deal Gives Thomas Wolfe Renovations A Kickstart -

<https://www.bpr.org/post/harrahs-naming-rights-deal-gives-thomas-wolfe-renovations-kickstart>

1/15/20 – Proposed Thomas Wolfe Auditorium Transformation Comes With \$100 Million Price Tag -

<https://www.bpr.org/post/proposed-thomas-wolfe-auditorium-transformation-comes-100-million-price-tag>

2/3/20 – Asheville-Based Earth Fare To Close All Stores - <https://www.bpr.org/post/asheville-based-earth-fare-close-all-stores>

3/10/20 – What Does Frontier Bankruptcy Mean For WNC? - <https://www.bpr.org/post/what-does-frontier-bankruptcy-mean-wnc>

3/23/20 – Laid Off Bar And Restaurant Workers Band Together - <https://www.bpr.org/post/laid-bar-and-restaurant-workers-band-together>

EDUCATION

1/14/20 – Proposed Asheville Charter Schools Clears Major Hurdle - <https://www.bpr.org/post/proposed-asheville-charter-school-clears-major-hurdle>

3/16/20 – Meal Plans, Online Lessons And Childcare: How WNC Schools Are Handling Coronavirus Closures - <https://www.bpr.org/post/meal-plans-online-lessons-and-childcare-how-wnc-schools-are-handling-coronavirus-closures>

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

1/20/20 – Climate City: 12-11-10 Years to Avoid Catastrophe? - <https://www.bpr.org/post/climate-city-12-11-10-years-avoid-catastrophe>

1/23/20 – Closure Of Duke Energy Plant Will Lead To Fish Kill In Lake Julian - <https://www.bpr.org/post/closure-duke-energy-plant-will-lead-fish-kill-lake-julian>

2/7/20 – New Nantahala Pisgah Forest Plan Revision Is Available, Public Comment Opens February 14th - <https://www.bpr.org/post/new-nantahala-pisgah-forest-plan-revision-available-public-comment-opens-february-14>

HEALTH & HEALTHCARE

1/29/20 – Independent Monitor Over HCA Hears Concerns From Cashiers Community - <https://www.bpr.org/post/independent-monitor-over-hca-hears-concerns-cashiers-community>

1/30/20 – Legionnaires' Final Report: Hot Tubs On Display At WNC Ag Center Were The Only Significant Source - <https://www.bpr.org/post/legionnaires-final-report-hot-tubs-display-wnc-ag-center-were-only-significant-source>

2/10/20 – HCA Independent Monitor Hears Concerns Over Patient Services, Staffing Levels At Asheville Meeting - <https://www.bpr.org/post/hca-independent-monitor-hears-concerns-over-patient-services-staffing-levels-asheville-meeting>

2/12/20 – NC Creates Coronavirus Task Force - <https://www.bpr.org/post/nc-creates-coronavirus-task-force>

2/26/20 – In Rural WNC, Induced Births Are On The Rise - <https://www.bpr.org/post/rural-wnc-induced-births-are-rise>

3/11/20 – WNC COVID-19 Updates - <https://www.bpr.org/post/wnc-covid-19-updates-limits-customers-stores-goes-effect-monday>

IMMIGRATION

1/6/20 – Barn Mural In Old Fort Pays Tribute To Immigrant Farmworkers - <https://www.bpr.org/post/barn-mural-old-fort-pays-tribute-immigrant-farmworkers>

1/22/20 – Brevard Begins Offering Community ID Cards For Undocumented Residents - <https://www.bpr.org/post/brevard-begins-offering-community-id-cards-undocumented-residents>

2/11/20 – 287g Agreement Results In Deportation Of Hendersonville Man Following Traffic Stop - <https://www.bpr.org/post/287g-agreement-results-deportation-hendersonville-man-following-traffic-stop>

LGBTQ ISSUES

1/3/20 – United Methodist Church Proposes Split Over LGBTQ Issues - <https://www.bpr.org/post/united-methodist-church-proposes-split-over-lgbtq-issues>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1/15/20 – 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Movement Picks Up Steam Across North Carolina - <https://www.bpr.org/post/2nd-amendment-sanctuary-movement-picks-steam-across-north-carolina>

1/23/20 – Murphy To Manteo: 6 Cities Chosen For Downtown Revitalization - <https://www.bpr.org/post/murphy-manteo-6-cities-chosen-downtown-revitalization>

3/4/20 – WNC Results: Moe Davis Wins Dem Nod While GOP Goes To Runoff In NC11 - <https://www.bpr.org/post/wnc-results-moe-davis-wins-dem-nod-while-gop-goes-runoff-nc11>

LOCAL MUSIC

1/9/20 – Tongues Of Fire’s Music Has Already Saved The Life Of One Fan – Its Bandleader - <https://www.bpr.org/post/tongues-fires-music-has-already-saved-life-one-fan-its-bandleader>

3/26/20 – Mandolin In Hand. Cynthia McDermott Flexing Stylistic Mashup All Her Own - <https://www.bpr.org/post/mandolin-hand-cynthia-mcdermott-flexing-stylistic-mashup-all-her-own>

PUBLIC SAFETY

1/13/20 – Asheville Names Another New Police Chief - <https://www.bpr.org/post/asheville-names-another-new-police-chief>

3/25/20 – Buncombe County Sheriff Taking Precautions To Protect Officers From COVID-19 - <https://www.bpr.org/post/buncombe-county-sheriff-taking-precautions-protect-officers-covid-19>

RACE

1/2/20 – Dogwood Health Trust Follows Through On Board Diversity Promise - <https://www.bpr.org/post/dogwood-health-trust-follows-through-board-diversity-promise>

1/13/20 – Striking A Balance: Community Weighs In One African American Heritage Trail - <https://www.bpr.org/post/striking-balance-community-weighs-african-american-heritage-trail>

1/23/20 – BPR Releases Results Of On-Air News Source Diversity Study - <https://www.bpr.org/post/bpr-releases-results-air-news-source-diversity-study>

2/28/20 – Affrilachian Artist Project Brings Together Appalachian Artists Of Color - <https://www.bpr.org/post/affrilachian-artist-project-brings-together-appalachian-artists-color>

SCIENCE

2/17/20 – Climate City: WNC Researchers Delve Into Climate Change & Health - <https://www.bpr.org/post/climate-city-wnc-researchers-delve-climate-change-health>

STATE GOVERNMENT

TRANSPORTATION

1/8/20 – ART Rolls Out System Wide Changes - <https://www.bpr.org/post/art-rolls-out-system-wide-changes>

1/9/20 – WNC Roads Updates: Rock Slides, Upgrades And Cracks - <https://www.bpr.org/post/wnc-roads-updates-rock-slides-upgrades-and-cracks>

1/10/20 – Expect Delays On I-40 In Haywood County Until Spring - <https://www.bpr.org/post/expect-delays-i-40-haywood-county-until-spring>

1/27/20 – NCDOT Owes Swain County Transit Over \$100,000, Part Of \$18 Million Owed Across The State - <https://www.bpr.org/post/nc-dot-owes-swain-county-transit-over-100000-part-18-million-owed-across-state>