

Quarterly Issues Report For Blue Ridge Public Radio – 4th Quarter of 2020

(October 1st to December 31st)

Blue Ridge Public Radio serves a 17-county area of Western North Carolina and North Georgia with its 24-hour broadcast day schedule. Local newscasts and stories are produced by the BPR news team Monday through Friday during both Morning Edition and All Things Considered. Starting in August of 2020, Blue Ridge Public Radio started a weekly 'local hour' Friday mornings at 9:00 AM and Saturday afternoons at 3:00 PM each week. The three podcasts produced at the station – The Waters & Harvey Show, Going Deep: Sports in the 21st Century, and BPR News Presents – air in that slot, in addition to select national special programming from our various distributors. BPR has also continued out COVID-19 blog, updating the public on the latest news including translating some stories into Spanish.

ISSUE	SHOW	DATE/TIME/DURATION
Health		
Fall Harvest Brings Challenges During Pandemic	Morning Edition	10/1/20 8:44 am 4 minutes
COVID-19NC: Case Surge, Vaccine Plan & Rural Spike	All Things Considered	10/26/20 4:50 pm 7 minutes
COVID-19NC: Vaccines Arrive As Cases Soar	All Things Considered	12/22/20 4:44 pm 6 mins
Science		
Wastewater Shows Promise For Tracking COVID	Morning Edition	10/1/20 7:00 am 2 minutes
Race & Identity		
Word On The Street Now More Than Words For Youth Of Color	All Things Considered	11/9/20 4:44 pm 3 mins 35 sec
Black-owned Funeral Home Offers Living Souls A Lift To The Polls	All Things Considered	11/3/20 5:30 pm 1 min 30 secs
Black Starseed Storyweavers Reunite, Reflect For Kwanzaa	Morning Edition	12/22/20 8:44 am 5 mins
Asheville's Little-Known Black History	Waters & Harvey Show	10/2/20 9:00 am 59 mins
Elections		
NC Immigrant Groups Ramp Up Effort To Increase Voter Turnout	Morning Edition	10/22/20 7:44 am 4 mins30 sec
WCU Student Shares What Early Voting Looks Like On Campus	All Things Considered	10/9/20 4:44 pm 2 mins, 10 sec
Questions After The 2020 Election	Waters & Harvey Show	11/20/20 59 mins
Arts & Culture		
Jenny Pickens Paints To Remember The Mother She's Never Known	Morning Edition	11/16/20 4 mins 20 sec
Two Holiday Productions Find Creative Ways To Work Around Pandemic	All Things Considered	11/30/20 5:44 pm 3 mins 42 sec
WCU Cherokee Studies Scholarship Will Honor T.J. Holland	Morning Edition	11/25/20 7:30 am 2 mins
Education		
Peak Academy Interview with Raul Saldana	The Porch	11/5/20 20 mins 9:20 AM
WNC High School Student Turns Political Conflict Into Award Winning Civil Dialogue	All Things Considered	10/29/20 5 mins 28 sec
Business and Economy		
Curtain Call: The Future of Live Performance	BPR News Presents	10/29/2020 9 am 59 minutes
Civil Rights		
WNC Activists Call For More LGBTQ+ Protections	All Things Considered	12/2/20 5:30 PM 1 min 38 sec
Building Racial Equity	The Porch	12/18/20 30 mins

Environment

NC Wildlife Resources Commission Calls For Comment On
New Sunday Hunting Laws

All Things Considered 12/1/20 4:30 pm 1 min 44 sec

Historic Preservation

Enka Clock Tower Could Be Spared From The Wrecking Ball

Morning Edition

11/25/20 7:30 am 2 mins

Foxfire Museum Shares Appalachian Crafts And Skills During COVID-19
All Things Considered 12/28/20 4:44 pm 3 mins
45 sec