

First Quarter 2016 Quarterly Issues/Programs List

WCQS continues to take advantage of a number of opportunities it has during its twenty-four hour broadcast day to report on issues of importance to the residents of Western North Carolina, arts and culture, the economy, education, environment, health care, minorities, planning and development, transportation, and politics/government. Monday through Friday we produce local newscasts on the hour at six, seven and eight in the morning. The morning newscasts are two minutes long.

In addition to our local newscasts we produce in-depth stories that are inserted into our morning news-magazine "Morning Edition" and our afternoon news and cultural affairs program, "Fresh Air" and our afternoon news magazine 'All Things Considered'. These stories are also posted on our web-site www.wcqs.org.

The Quarterly Issues List includes the date, time story aired, and the length of each story.

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Arts and Culture

3/29/16 Community Arts Event Photo+Craft coming this weekend. Length 4:00, air-time 4:30 pm 3/30 6:30-8:30 am. Events examine intersection of photography and craft. Project Eric Baden.

3/25/16 Tony Kiss Weekend Update. Broadcast time 8:44 am length 5:40. New film starting Sally Field, Hello, "My Name is Doris."

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3/11/ Tony Kiss Weekend Update Broadcast time 8:44 am Asheville Symphony Orchestra performance highlights the entertainment scene.

3/04 Tony Kiss Weekend Update Broadcast time 8:45 am Asheville Reel Comedy: 25 films with connection to WNC

2/26 Tony Kiss Weekend Update Broadcast time 8:45 am length 5:35 Glengarry Glen Ross all female cast of David Mamet play highlights the theater scene.

2/12 Tony Kiss Weekend Update Broadcast time 8:45 am length 5:35 St. Valentine's Day events dominate the weekend.

2/15 Tony Kiss Weekend Update Broadcast time 8:45 am length 5:40

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1/25 11:21 Oscar Controversy: Broadcast air time 6:30-8:30 am length 5:00: When it comes to who is or who isn't nominated for an Academy Award, don't expect much to change until there is a change in the make-up of the voting members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. That's the opinion of the founding Director of the Film and Television Production Program at Western Carolina University, Jack Sholder.

1/13 Asheville Arts Museum modernization construction gets underway Pam Myers air time 6:06-7:06-8:06 am. Length 1:08

1/5/ Four photographs: air time 6:30-8:30 am. Length 5:00 WCQS asked four area photographers to select one of their favorite 2015 photographs. Angeli Wright is a staff photographer with the Asheville Citizen Times. After graduating from Michigan State University Angeli worked in Texas before joining the paper. Angeli's photograph comes from a day she spent at one of Western North Carolina's many summer camps, Camp Cedar Cliff. Steve Mann has been a commercial and document

1/27 Chancellors speak in favor of Bond Proposal air time 6:30-8:30 am 5:30 pm. Length 5:10 UNC-Asheville Mary Grant, WCU David Belcher and President A-B Technical Community College Dennis King.

3/9 for and against bond issue: air time 6:30-8:30 am 5:30 pm. length 3:30 spokesman for Connect NC and opposition leader Nicole Revels

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2/8 APD chief Tammy Hooper In Their Words:

Economy:

2/23/ record year for Avl Regional Airport Tina Kinsey, Director of Marketing for Asheville Regional Airport speaks with Jeremy Loeb

2015 was a record year for the Asheville airport. The airport saw a 4 percent increase in ridership over the previous year. Tina Kinsey, director of marketing for the airport, credits the daily flights from large airlines American, Delta, and United, as well as increasing numbers of direct flights with Allegiant.

2/1 changes to food assistance program. Changes to food stamp benefits could affect as many as 110,000 people in North Carolina. The Associated Press reports the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – or SNAP – will require able-bodied adults to work, volunteer, or train at least 80 hours a month to keep receiving benefits. Otherwise those people would lose benefits after three months. North Carolina is among 21 states whose recession-era waiver of that rule is expiring. It expired last month in 23 counties, including Buncombe, Haywood, and Henderson in western North Carolina. The rest of the counties will see their waivers expire by the first of July. For how that could impact people locally, WCQS's Jeremy Loeb spoke with Cindy Threlkeld, Executive Director of Manna Food Bank, which serves western North Carolina. 1:50

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1/26 will Iran return to NC Furniture Market: 5:07 Paul Johnson

1/14 Direct flights to DC area coming to Avl 3:18

1/13 Permits issued for New downtown Apartments: air time 6:06-7:06-8:06 am length: Wrap :27 cut total time :45

1/12 4:49 Job Fare: Air time 6:30-8:30 am. Length 3:30 More than 120 employers and job placement services from across Western North Carolina were on hand for the recent Home Coming Career Fair. That's a record number for the annual fair organized by the Asheville Regional Chamber of Commerce. This years' event was held at the Western North Carolina Agriculture Center. David Hurand was there and has our story.

1/6 Henderson County pursues new Plant 4:18 Mills River Town Council approves additional incentives for Linamar plant.

1/14/16 Animal rights and other groups are suing to stop a new North Carolina law: air time 6:06-8:06 length :40 that helps employers punish people who take a job in order to steal company secrets or dig up dirt.

Education:

3/29/16 Jackson County Football Field Funds air time 6:06-8:06 am 4:59 pm length: :47The Jackson County Public School system only has a few weeks left to raise the funds needed for a new football field and has turned to the public for donations.

3/28 Honored Asheville Elementary School Principal leaves for NC Outward Bound. Air time, 6:30 -8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Length 4:10. Gordon Grant heads to Outward Bound.

3/11 UNC System Pres. Margaret Spellings Tours WCU: Air-time 6:06-7:06-8:06 am Length 1:43 New UNC system president Margaret Spellings is visiting campuses across the state. She arrived Thursday in Cullowhee for a tour of Western Carolina University's campus. WCQS reporter Davin Eldridge is covering her visit.

Plus :14 Hank Henderson Student Body President.

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2/17 Haywood County School Board Chair Chuck Francis speaks with Jeremy Loeb The Haywood County School board has voted to close Central Elementary School in Waynesville on a 6-to-2 vote. enrollment, partly due to the opening of a charter school nearby, as reasons for the action.

Environment:

3/30/16 Town of Franklin considers higher fees for trash collection. Air time 6:06-7:06-8:06, length 36 second.

3/18/16 Environment Firefighters have been busy the past few days fighting a number of wildfires in western North Carolina. A 50-acre blaze near Fairview is mostly contained. A 165-acre fire is on the McDowell-Rutherford County line. Michael Cheek of the North Carolina Forest Service says there were an additional 15 to 20 smaller fires yesterday. But he says that's not unusual this time of year. :16 sec and :29 sec Michael Cheek NC Forest Service

03/18/16 Coal Ash Water: air time 6:06-7:06-8:06 am. Length :36 Nearly a year after advising hundreds of residents who live near Duke Energy's coal ash ponds not to drink their well water, state health officials are lifting the warning.

3/16 Asheville Greenway Air-time 5:30 pm. Length :51 sec A proposed greenway that overlooks downtown Asheville is the focus of a drop in information session tonight at Pack Library. Sound with Dana Davis, Board member Asheville Parks and Greenways foundation

3/10 Alison Arnold Ag Extension Agent 3:30

2/24 The deadline for a decision on the future of Duke Energy's Lake Julian Power plant is today. Last week the North Carolina Utilities Commission held a public meeting in Raleigh to consider Duke's plan to phase out its coal fired power plant. David Hurand spoke with Carolina Public Press Managing Editor Frank Taylor about the hearing and the approaching deadline.

2/18 6:34 The North Carolina Utilities Public Staff is set to recommend to the commission approval of Duke Energy's two natural gas plants in Asheville. But the staff says the 3rd smaller plant Duke's hoping to get approved won't be necessary at this time. The utilities staff report is not the final say, only a recommendation. It will be presented to the commissioners on Monday. James McLawhorn is Director of the Electric Division for the Public Staff. He spoke with WCQS's Jeremy Loeb.

2/11 Alison Arnold Ag Ex. Service Agent bitter cold gardeners long for spring. 2:50

2/10 local water safe: tested for lead 6:21

Asheville Water Resources Director Jade Dundas speaks with Jeremy Loeb

As the city of Flint, Michigan deals with the aftermath of its water crisis, WCQS checked in with Asheville Water Resources Director Jade Dundas to see whether Asheville was in any danger of the same problems. Dundas said

2/4/16 NC Dept. of Environmental Quality Secretary Donald van der Vaart. The state agency tasked with protecting the environment has been under scathing, near-constant criticism from environmentalists during the tenure of Governor Pat McCrory. Airtime 6:30-8:30 am 5:30 pm. Series of three 4:30 each.

1/26 Duke Energy Plant stirs debate: 2:45. D.J. Gerken Southern Environmental Law Center. Critical of plant conversion to Natural Gas.

1/25 NOAA 2015 Climate Report: OAA climate scientist Deke Arndt

2015 was the hottest year in recorded history, according to a report released jointly by NOAA and NASA last week. The numbers were expected following months of record-breaking heat. Much of that research and data is compiled at NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information based in Asheville. For more, WCQS's Jeremy Loeb spoke with Deke Arndt, NOAA's Chief of the Climate Monitoring Branch at NCEI.

1/24 power being restored. 3:40 Officials with Duke Energy report scattered power outages in Western North Carolina but overall its' western service area was spared compared to the hardest hit areas of the state well to the east. Tom Williams is Director of Corporate Communication with Duke Energy. He spoke with David Hurand Sunday morning.

1/23 storm winding down Voicer :55

1/22 winter storm forces WNC shutdown: 3:31

While nearly everything is closed because of the winter storm, there were a few places open for business, at least for some of the day. David Hurand stopped in at City Bakery in Asheville this morning. Some bakery staff members made it to work well before six this morning. Brian Dennehy is the bakery's General Manager.

1/19 Snow storm pounds WNC 2:30 Thousands are without power as snow blankets the region. For the latest, WCQS's Jeremy Loeb spoke with Duke Energy spokesman Tom Williams, who spoke with us from his home in Fairview. We asked him what conditions were like there. Duke Energy spokesman Tom Williams

Henderson County is under a state of emergency as snow amounts are averaging around 6 inches. For more, WCQS's Jeremy Loeb spoke with Major Frank Stout of the Henderson County Sheriff's office 3:23

1/12 Radon Gas poses problem 1:30

January is Radon Awareness Month. Radon is a dangerous gas that is emitted through rock and soil and is often found trapped in your home or business. Ashley Featherstone is with the Western North Carolina Regional Air Quality Agency. David Hurand spoke with her at a recent meeting of the Council of Independent Business Owners in Asheville.

1/7 December temps set record. WCQS's Jeremy Loeb interviews NOAA climate scientist Jake Crouch New data from NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information based in Asheville finds December set records for the hottest and wettest month across the contiguous U.S. air time 6:30-8:30 length 4:30

Carolina Public Press has been investigating the mysterious death of western North Carolina army veteran Felicia Reeves. Reeves disappeared from Henderson County in August of last year. She was found dead a week later in a motel in New Jersey. New Jersey police ruled the death a suicide by hanging. But in his investigative report, CPP's Frank Taylor notes a number of odd discrepancies and circumstances surrounding the death. He spoke with WCQS's Jeremy Loeb.

1/08/16 Along with plants, the sharp drop in temperatures earlier this week after unusually warm weather, is also affecting sea life along North Carolina coast. Air time 8:06-8:06 am length :45

Health Care

2/17/16 "47 A new report gives North Carolina mixed reviews for its efforts to keep the state's children healthy. Air time 6:06-8:06 am. Length :47

2/11/16 North Carolina's top insurance regulator says he's checking whether the state's largest health insurer has complied with all laws and regulations, after thousands of customers struggled with enrollment and billing problems. Air -time 6:06-8:06 am. Length :35

2/04/16 The governing board of North Carolina's state employee health insurance plan is delaying a vote on major cost-saving initiatives: air-time 6:06-8:06 length :43 Plan calls include phasing out its most popular plan.

1/20/16:45 North Carolina officials have ended a ban on public bird shows and sales in the state. Air time 6:06-8:06 am. Length :45 They say it's no longer needed to prevent the spread of a deadly bird flu virus.

Minorities:

1/18 MLK Day Peace Rally air-time 6:06-7:06-8:06 length 1:18

1/18 MLK in WNC in Early 1960s. Air time 6:30-8:30 am. length 4:30 **Jon Elliston is a reporter and editor with W.N.C Magazine and the on line news service, Carolina Public Press.** He spoke with David Hurand about two visits the civil rights leader made to Western North Carolina in the early 1960s.

Politics:

3/22/16 North Carolina Democratic Party Chairman Pasty Keverer blasts NC General Assembly and Governor Pat McCrory over repeal of Charlotte anti-discrimination ordinance. Air time, 6:30-8:30 am. 4:30 pm. Length 4:30.

3/21/16 NC Republican Party Chairman won't step down blames Republican Anonymous for his recent "Censure" air time 6:30-8:30 am 5:30 pm length 5:00.

3/16 Primary Results: 2:54 dh, Jason, and Jeremy Connect NC Bond 2:54 **Throughout Morning Edition 5:00-9:00 am.

2:57** WCU Chancellor David Belcher and AB Tech President Dennis King 1:14

1:56 **General Assembly races of interest to WNC listeners:

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3/14/16 Raleigh News and Observer Rob Christensen on Primary races of importance to NC voters. Air time 6:30-8:30 length 6:00 4:30-5:30 pm.

3/14 President Bill Clinton campaigns in WNC for Hillary Clinton: air time 6:06-7:06-8:06 length 3:00

People in line total time 3:06

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3/11/16 A federal appeals court has ruled North Carolina is free to issue specialty license plates expressing anti-abortion sentiment: air time 4:30-5:30 pm. 6:06-8:06 am. Length :51

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3/1/16 NC Medicaid: airtime 5:30 pm. 6:06-8:30 am length :51 North Carolina's top health official is sharing how his agency intends to carry out the Medicaid overhaul agreed to by lawmakers and the governor last fall.

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