



WMUK 102.1 FM | Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, Michigan

Quarterly Issues and Programs List

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Section II: Responsive Programs

Education:

1. *Art Beat*: Triumph over censorship

For the regular segment *Art Beat*, Zinta Aistars interviewed author Kerri Maher. She wrote a historical novel *The Paris Bookseller* about Sylvia Beach, the founder of the iconic Paris bookstore, *Shakespeare and Company*. Maher holds an MFA from Columbia University and was a writing professor for many years. The author's inspiration for the work stemmed from her experience as an undergraduate English major who was obsessed with Paris in the 1920s. The interview with Maher aired ahead of a virtual event hosted by a bookstore in Grand Rapids.

(Air Date: 01/14/2022; Air Times: 7:50 am and 4:20 pm; Running Time: 9:00)

2. WMU's President Montgomery responds to a no-confidence vote

WMUK's Sehvilla Mann reported on reaction to Western Michigan University's faculty union voting "no confidence" in Western president Edward Montgomery. The report focused on criticisms of Montgomery's leadership and trustees' decision to award the president a bonus as the no confidence vote was taken.

(Air Dates: 01/20/2022 and 01/21/2022; Air times: 5:04 pm on 1/20 and 8:04 am on 1/21; running time: 1:24)

Arts and Culture:

1. *Art Beat*: Art that resists

For the segment *Art Beat*, Zinta Aistars interviewed artist Vicki VanAmeyden. She uses non-traditional materials to make her art, which often addresses social issues. VanAmeyden is now retired, but taught art at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and Kellogg Community College.

(Air Date: 02/04/2022; Air Times: 7:50 am and 4:20 pm; Running Time: 9:00)

2. Theater Review: *The Lifespan of a Fact*

WMUK's Gordon Bolar reviewed *The Lifespan of a Fact* staged at Farmers Alley Theatre in Kalamazoo. The play is based on a true story and deals with issues of media ethics and finding the truth.

(Air Date: 02/23/2022; Air Times: 7:45 am and 5:44 pm; Running Time: 5:28)

3. Theater Review: *Emilia*

WMUK's Gordon Bolar reviewed Western Michigan University's production of *Emilia*. The play is mock history that includes gender-bending casting.

(Air Date: 03/24/2022; Air Times: 7:45 am and 5:44pm; Running Time: 5:04)

Public Health and Safety:

1. The detainment of a former Kalamazoo mayoral candidate is under investigation

WMUK's Sehvilla Mann reported on the arrest of a Kalamazoo man who ran for mayor of the city last year. Benjamin Stanley was detained for trespassing at the Kalamazoo County Administration Building. A video showed the deputy coming from behind his desk, telling Stanley he was under arrest and then apparently handcuffing Stanley. Sound from the video was included in the story. Kalamazoo County Undersheriff Jim VanDyken was also interviewed.

(Air Date: 01/07/2022; Air Times: 4:32 pm; Running Time: 1:17)

2. Kalamazoo area survivor of human trafficking wants to be an agent of change

WMUK's Leona Larson reported on a Kalamazoo area woman trying to raise awareness about human trafficking. The woman was identified as Phoenix Marasco, although that's not her real name. The story aired shortly before she spoke at an event sponsored by the Kalamazoo Area Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition.

(Air Date: 01/24/2022; Air Times: 7:04 am, 8:31 am and 4:32 pm; Running time: 1:31)

Government and Politics:

1. Even without evidence, the "Big Lie" lives on with Kalamazoo County GOP

WMUK's Brian O'Keefe interviewed *Now Kalamazoo* reporter Ben Lando. *Now Kalamazoo*, an independent news site, reported on the Kalamazoo County Republican party hosting a meeting featuring several speakers who had spread baseless conspiracy theories about massive fraud in the 2020 election.

(Air Date: 02/14/2022; Air Time: 7:50am and 5:20 pm; Running time: 8:16)

2. Cass County voting district lawsuit may get a hearing soon

WMUK's Sehvilla Mann reported on a lawsuit over the county commission districts in Cass County. The lawsuit was brought by James Pedersen, a Cassopolis Village trustee. He was interviewed for the story. The chair of the apportionment board determining the districts did not respond to a request for comment.

(Air Dates: 02/24/2022; and 02/25/2022; Air Times: 5:32 pm on 2/24 and 7:04 am and 8:32 am on 2/25; Running time: 1:15 for each Air Date/Time)

Transportation, Science and Technology:

1. Amtrak will debut new cars as COVID-era ridership rebounds

WMUK's Haley Steinkamp reported on Amtrak's efforts to bring ridership back to levels they were at before the COVID-19 pandemic. That included upgrades to train cars. Amtrak Public Relations Manager Marc Magliari was interviewed.

(Air Dates: 02/15/2022 and 02/16/2022; Air Times: 5:32 pm on 02/15 and 7:04 and 9:04 am on 02/16; Running Time: 1:01)

2. Kalamazoo's Metro Transit's road to recovery

WMUK's Haley Steinkamp reported on Kalamazoo Metro Transit's efforts to bring bus service in Kalamazoo back to pre-pandemic levels. That included employee retention initiatives as well as resuming Sunday service.

(Air Date: 03/28/2022; Air Times: 7:04 am, 9:04 am and 4:05 pm; Running Time: 1:10)

Business, Economy, and Economic Development:

1. Houseboats could eventually face more regulation in South Haven

WMUK's Haley Steinkamp reported on the debate over regulating short-term rentals of houseboats in the resort town of South Haven. Renting houseboats has become more common in the town on Lake Michigan leading to concerns of some year-round residents. South Haven Assistant City Manager Griffin Graham was interviewed.

(Air Date: 02/07/2022; Air Times: 7:04 am; Running Time: 0:54)

Minorities and Special Needs:

1. Theater Review: *August Wilson's The Piano Lesson*

WMUK's Gordon Bolar reviewed the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre's production of *August Wilson's the Piano Lesson*. The play is part of Wilson's series of stories focused on African-American life in and around Pittsburgh in the 1930's

(Air Date: 03/03/2022; Air Times: 7:45 am and 5:44 pm; Running Time: 5:35)

2. *Art Beat*: CommuniTeen Read on fire.

For the regular segment *Art Beat*, Zinta Aistars interviewed author Dashka Slater. Her book *The 57 Bus* was selected as the CommuniTeen Read 2022 for Portage area teens and their families. The book is based on a true story and deals with issues of gender identity and bullying. The interview aired just before Slater appeared at a free community event in Portage.

(Air Date: 03/04/2022; Air Times: 7:50 am and 4:20 pm; Running Time: 9:00)

3. *Why's That*: Telling the truth about forced removal

WMUK's Sehvilla Mann reported on the history of forced removal of Native Americans in Southwest Michigan. It was the first in a three-part series. Chris Chopp was interviewed for the piece after he submitted a question for WMUK's regular segment *Why's That*. His question centered on the text of a history book that described Native Americans saluting a Kalamazoo judge as they were removed. Lakota Pochedley the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians was interviewed about the documented history. The tribe is now based in Shelbyville.

(Air Date: 03/08/2022; Air Times: 7:50 am and 5:20 pm; Running time: 8:59)

4. *Why's That*: How the Pokagon Band escaped removal

WMUK's Sehvilla Mann reported on the history of forced removal of Native Americans in Southwest Michigan. The second in a three-part series focused on the Pokagon Band of Pottawatomi and how they escaped removal in the 19th century. Chris Chopp was heard reading the text of a history book that made removal sound "pleasant and peaceful." Also interviewed was Marcus Winchester director of the Center of History and Culture for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi.

(Air Date: 03/09/2022; Air Times: 7:50 am and 5:20 pm; Running time: 8:17)

5. *Why's That*: Toward an accurate accounting of what happened

WMUK's Sehvilla Mann reported on the history of forced removal of Native Americans in Southwest Michigan. In the final story in a three-part series, in response to a question for WMUK's regular *Why's That* segment. The final story focused on a complete teaching of history of Native American removal. Interviewed was Raphael Wahwassuck, a historic preservation officer with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. We heard again from Chris Chopp, who asked the question based on a history book that made the removal sound peaceful. Archived sound was used of the dedication of street signs in Kalamazoo, marking the boundaries of one-time Native American Reservations.

(Air Date: 03/10/2022; Air Times: 7:50 am and 5:20 pm; Running time: 8:00)

6. *Art Beat*: Through a young Black girl's eyes

For the regular segment *Art Beat*, Zinta Aistars interviewed author Kai Harris about her book *What the Fireflies Knew*. The Detroit native's story centers on two girls who lose their parents and go to live with their grandfather in Lansing. The story also addresses issues of racism. The interview was broadcast shortly before a reading Harris did at this is a bookstore/Bookbug in Kalamazoo.

(Air Date: 03/18/2022; Air Times: 7:50 am and 4:20 pm; Running Time: 9:00)

Environment:

1. Why the water in the Great Lakes should not be "for sale" according to one Michigan author

WMUK's Sehvilla Mann interviewed author Dave Dempsey. The Western Michigan University graduate's book *Great Lakes for Sale* was recently updated. It argues that commodifying the water in the Great Lakes would be a mistake. He says the water is a public good that shouldn't be sold as a private product.

(Air Date: 01/11/2022; Air Times: 7:50 am and 5:20 pm; Running Time: 7:46)

2. Climate change is affecting the KNC Maple Sugar Festival

WMUK's Jalen Williams reported on how climate change has affected the Kalamazoo Nature Center's annual Maple Sugar Festival. Jessica Simons, the nature center's vice president for

conservation stewardship explained that the festival has been moved up to ensure that maple syrup is available. She also said that within a few generations, Kalamazoo may become too warm for maple sugaring.

(Air Date: 02/21/2022; Air Times: 7:04 am, 9:04 am and 5:04 pm; Running Time: 1:08)

3. Marshall Township approves Cereal City solar project

WMUK's Haley Steinkamp reported on the approval of a new solar farm in Marshall Township. The Cereal City Solar Project is a \$130-million, 600-acre project developed by NextEra Energy. The company said it would create up to 200 jobs during construction.

(Air Dates: 02/28/22 and 03/01/2022; Air Times: 4:32 pm on 2/28 and 7:04 am and 9:04 am on 3/1; Running Time: 0:56)

4. Verburg Park to close for PCB cleanup

WMUK's Leona Larson reported on the closing of Kalamazoo park to allow for the next phase of cleanup of PCBs in the Kalamazoo River. Interviewed was Jim Saric, Project Manager of the Kalamazoo River site. In that role he oversees the cleanup project.

(Air Date: 02/28/2022; Air Time: 8:04 am; Running time: 1:20)

Section III: General Information

Determination of Community Issues

WMUK actively seeks input about issues and events of concern and interest to people in our 102.1 FM coverage area that includes our federally defined "city of license" Kalamazoo, Michigan. WMUK has frequent contact by e-mail, phone, and other means with area local governments and school districts. These include but are not limited to the City of Kalamazoo, the County of Kalamazoo, and the Kalamazoo Public Schools. WMUK also maintains regular communication with a large number of educational, environmental, arts, neighborhood, religious, human service, political, health care, business, labor and minority organizations serving our city of license and surrounding areas. WMUK also welcomes news coverage suggestions and concerns from individual listeners.

WMUK local news and public affairs program schedule:

WMUK local news features between two and six minutes in length may be broadcast Monday-Friday during NPR's *Morning Edition* at 6:45 am, 6:50 am, 7:21 am, 7:45 am, 7:50 am, 8:21 am, 8:45 am, and 8:50 am; features may be aired during NPR's *All Things Considered* at 4:20 pm, 4:44 pm, 4:50 pm, 5:20 pm, 5:44 pm and 5:50 pm.

Local newscasts air weekdays at 7:06 am (1:30); 7:31:30 am (2:30); 8:04 am (3:10); 8:31 am (2:30) 9:06 am (1:30); 4:04 pm (1:30); 4:32:30 pm (2:29); 5:04 pm (2:09); and 5:34 pm (1:30) that include stories reported and produced by WMUK as well as by other news organizations in southwest Michigan, with credit.

WMUK includes material produced by the Michigan Public Radio Network (MPRN) and its member stations in its news features and newscasts.

Art Beat, WMUK's nine-minute, weekly module on events and people of artistic or cultural interest in our service area airs at 7:50 am and 4:20 pm on Friday.

Why's That? is WMUK's monthly feature segment on subjects suggested by the station's listeners. It typically airs on the third Friday of each month at 6:45 am, 8:45 am, and 5:44 pm.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This list only includes programs that address issues and events within WMUK's "City of License" as defined by Federal Communications Commission Regulations (47 CFR, § 73.1120 "Station Location"). WMUK's city of license is the City of Kalamazoo, Michigan. WMUK's locally produced news, public affairs, arts, and cultural programs also cover a wide range of events and issues not listed here which are of interest to people living in our overall service area that includes all counties in the southwest quadrant of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

WMUK additionally provides responsive programming on our secondary FM signal, WKDS 89.9 FM, which services the same city of license. This report covers 102.1 FM only. We file a separate Quarterly Issues Programs List with the FCC Public File for WKDS.