

**QUARTERLY ISSUE/PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT  
 APRIL TO JUNE 2019  
 FOR TELEVISION STATIONS LICENSED TO THE STATE OF WISCONSIN –  
 EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS BOARD (ECB)  
 WHWC-TV, WHRM-TV, WHLA-TV, WPNE-TV, AND WLEF-TV**

During the period, WHWC-TV, WHRM-TV, WHLA-TV, WPNE-TV, AND WLEF-TV, as part of the network that makes up Wisconsin Public Television, has served the public interest by producing and broadcasting diverse content which addresses national, statewide and regional issues. The following is a list of some of the produced or acquired programming aired in response to areas of concern to viewers served by WHWC-TV, WHRM-TV, WHLA-TV, WPNE-TV, AND WLEF-TV which were ascertained through station leadership meetings, internal editorial meetings, viewer suggestions and ongoing communication with members and leaders in the community.

**ISSUES OF COMMUNITY CONCERN:**

- AGRICULTURE
- CULTURE
- ECONOMY
- EDUCATION
- ENVIRONMENT
- HEALTHCARE
- POLITICS

<b>TELEVISION STATIONS LICENSED TO THE WISCONSIN ECB WHWC-TV, WHRM-TV, WHLA-TV, WPNE-TV, AND WLEF-TV,</b> Quarterly Issues and Programs List April to June 2019		
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DATE</b>
A look at what declining milk prices mean for Wisconsin dairy producers. Learn which counties in the state that have shown stark declines in herd numbers and what the outlook is for future milk prices. (Duration: 10 min, 33 sec)	Here and Now	4/19/19 @ 7:30 pm
Stagnant milk and crop prices are causing farmers to seek new sources of revenue. Some farmers are renting their land to put down solar panels in an effort to turn a profit. (Duration: 4 min, 25 sec)	Here and Now	4/19/19 @ 7:30 pm

<p>In rural Honduras, farming has been many residents' livelihood for generations. But now, rising temperatures and declining rainfall are killing crops and jeopardizing the farmers' very survival. (Duration: 8 min, 37 sec)</p>	<p>PBS NewsHour</p>	<p>4/1/19 @ 6 pm</p>
<p>The ongoing trade negotiations between the U.S. and China raise concerns over the export market for Wisconsin farmers. The president of the Wisconsin Farmer's Union discusses how farmers navigate low commodity prices on top of the trade uncertainty. He says that even a short-term instability in the market can have a long-term effect on the relationships between producers and buyers. (Duration: 6 min, 25 sec)</p>	<p>Here and Now</p>	<p>5/17/19 @ 7:30 pm</p>
<p>Republican legislators voted to postpone Gov. Evers' proposal to increase fees and oversight on large concentrated animal feeding operations. (Duration: 11 min, 47 sec)</p>	<p>Here and Now</p>	<p>5/31/19 @ 7:30 pm</p>
<p>The transition from horses to tractors had farmers trading leather reigns for steering wheels. The Smithsonian has acknowledged the switch by America's farmers from hay powered beasts of burden to ones fueled by diesel or gasoline. The tribute by the nation's attic is a testament to the life-changing invention that supplements hard work, sweat and calluses - the basic building blocks of modern farming. (Duration: 5 min, 18 sec)</p>	<p>Market to Market</p>	<p>5/26/19 @ 10:30 am</p>
<p>American farmers have been among the hardest hit by the U.S. trade war with China. With no deal between the world's two largest economies in sight, the Trump administration unveiled a second emergency aid plan to help offset agricultural losses. (Duration: 6 min, 16 sec)</p>	<p>PBS NewsHour</p>	<p>5/22/19 @ 6 pm</p>
<p>In the three decades since the Conservation Reserve Program began, millions of environmentally sensitive acres have been kept out of production. While the program has done wonders for preserving the land and increasing habitat for endangered species, there have been some unintended consequences. (Duration: 6 min, 39 sec)</p>	<p>Market to Market</p>	<p>6/2/19 @ 10:30 am</p>

In parts of America's Heartland, prolonged wet weather and historic flooding are disrupting spring planting for many farmers. Nearly three months after waters washed over parts of Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska, some fields remain submerged -- and Pres. Trump's trade war with China isn't making conditions for struggling farmers any easier. (Duration: 5 min, 23 sec)	PBS NewsHour	6/5/19 @ 6 pm
Pres. Trump has made promises to help rural America. He has followed through with aid to counter markets lost to tariffs and opened doors to the increased use of ethanol. (Duration: 3 min, 16 sec)	Market to Market	6/16/19 @ 10:30 am
<b>CULTURE</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Film Festival Edition 2019: Wisconsin Film Festival organizers and a sampling of filmmakers preview the films people will be buzzing about at the annual festival in Madison. (Duration: 1 hr)	Director's Cut	4/1/19 @ 9 pm
Portage: People light up Portage from the inside out, even on a rainy-day visit. (Duration: 30 min)	Around the Corner	4/4/19 @ 7 pm
Simple Soyman: See how soybeans are grown, transformed into tofu and cooked with watercress and parsnips. (Duration: 30 min)	Wisconsin Foodie	4/4/19 @ 7:30 pm
See why some western Wisconsin residents still say "rural life is the best life" amidst major change. (Duration: 1 hr)	Portraits From Rural Wisconsin	4/11/19 @ 8 pm
Aquarians: A bleak yet beautiful story set in the Wisconsin woods about a seminary student reconnecting with his estranged brother. (Duration: 1 hr, 30 min)	Director's Cut	5/3/19 @ 10 pm
Moments of Happiness: Enjoy Camp Randall favorites and the best of popular and musical theater standards as Prof. Mike Leckrone takes his final bow after 50 eventful years as director. (Duration: 1 hr, 30 min)	UW Varsity Band Concert	5/4/19 @ 7 pm
This multiple-award-winning television event honors the military service and sacrifice of all our men and women in uniform, their families at home and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. (Duration: 1 hr, 30 min)	National Memorial Day Concert 2019	5/26/19 @ 7 pm
The Gilded Age: Meet the titans and barons of the 19th century, whose extravagance contrasted with the poverty of the struggling workers who challenged them. The vast disparities between them sparked debates still raging today.	American Experience	5/28/19 @ 7 pm

(Duration: 1 hr, 30 min)		
Talented young artists and world-renowned musicians perform at a summer music festival located near the shores of Lake Superior. See the daily life of the festival's young musicians, ages 14 to 25, as they hone their craft, receive intensive training, perform in public concerts and explore the beauty of the island. (Duration: 1 hr)	Music From Madeline Island	6/10/19 @ 8 pm
Rumble - The Indians Who Rocked the World: They tried to ban, censor and erase Indian culture from rock and roll history but Native American influence is wrapped into modern music's DNA. An electric look at Native American influence in popular music. (Duration: 1 hr, 30 min)	Independent Lens	6/14/19 @ 10 pm
<b>ECONOMY</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Explore African-American entrepreneurship, the backbone of the nation's economic growth. (Duration: 2 hrs)	Boss: The Black Experience in Business	4/23/19 @ 7 pm
The U.S. economy has created jobs for over 100 consecutive months and unemployment is near a 50-year low. Still, Pres. Trump is vocal about his belief that the Federal Reserve is holding the economy back from stronger growth. (Duration: 5 min, 29 sec)	PBS NewsHour	4/4/19 @ 6 pm
The gig economy has created many opportunities for securing temporary work with companies like Uber and Taskrabbit. But despite the increased flexibility short-term employment provides, it doesn't pay off for everyone. (Duration: 3 min, 19 sec)	PBS NewsHour	4/10/19 @ 6 pm
Louisiana's abundant natural resources represent enormous wealth, yet the state consistently ranks at or near the bottom nationally for many quality-of-life indicators. Like other states, Louisiana grants tax exemptions to businesses it wants to attract, but some are questioning whether its unusually high rate of corporate subsidy is really paying off. (Duration: 9 min, 38 sec)	PBS NewsHour	4/24/19 @ 6 pm
The inside story of Pres. Trump's gamble to confront China over trade. Learn what led the world's two largest economies to the brink and the billions of dollars at stake. (Duration: 1 hr)	Frontline	5/7/19 @ 9 pm

Chinese and Trump administration officials are supposed to meet later this week to hammer out a trade agreement, but the challenge may be more difficult now that Trump has threatened to impose additional tariffs on Chinese goods. (Duration: 9 min, 48 sec)	PBS NewsHour	5/6/19 @ 6 pm
The Netherlands has become a global leader in implementing the tenets of a “circular economy,” a radical new approach to sustainable living that focuses on reducing consumption, minimizing waste and reusing nearly everything. (Duration: 3 min, 5 sec)	PBS NewsHour	5/8/19 @ 6 pm
2020 presidential contender and U.S. Representative Tim Ryan said that imposing tariffs on China “needs to be part of a larger strategy” on trade, joining other Democrats who’ve criticized the Trump administration’s trade policies after talks with China broke down last week. (Duration: 7 min, 42 sec)	PBS NewsHour	5/13/19 @ 6 pm
Whites in the U.S. have much greater household and individual wealth than blacks and other minorities. In fact, the typical black household has about 10 cents for every dollar of wealth in a typical white household. Some economists and politicians believe this racial wealth disparity will continue to widen unless it's addressed. One idea for closing it begins at birth. (Duration: 9 min, 19 sec)	PBS NewsHour	6/13/19 @ 6 pm
The Federal Reserve says it's holding its benchmark interest rate steady, despite ongoing pressure from Pres. Trump to reduce it. But the Fed Chairman expressed openness to the idea of cutting rates if economic indicators warrant. (Duration: 5 min, 11 sec)	PBS NewsHour	6/19/19 @ 6 pm
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Learn how provisions to fund English Language Learner programs in Wisconsin would impact schools in Green Bay and Abbotsford. (Duration: 7 min, 58 sec)	Here and Now	4/12/19 @ 7:30 pm
A UW-Madison education professor delves into education funding in the state budget. She discusses the likelihood Gov. Evers’ education funding will pass the budgeting process and whether the funds will meet the needs of teachers in the state. (Duration: 7 min, 17 sec)	Here and Now	4/12/19 @ 7:30 pm

<p>Fewer than 40 percent of fourth and eighth grade students nationwide are proficient readers. Now, led by parents of children with dyslexia, a learning disability that makes reading and spelling difficult, some states are trying to change how reading is taught. (Duration: 8 min, 35 sec)</p>	<p>PBS NewsHour</p>	<p>4/29/19 @ 6 pm</p>
<p>New teacher strikes and walkouts are making headlines this year, but the issues they are raising are familiar. Educators are especially concerned about pay, school resources, growing responsibilities, testing policies and the role of charter schools. (Duration: 8 min, 56 sec)</p>	<p>PBS NewsHour</p>	<p>4/19/19 @ 6 pm</p>
<p>Wisconsin Republicans and Democrats remain \$900 million apart on funding for K-12 education, with the GOP plan passing the Joint Finance Committee this week. (Duration: 12 min, 42 sec)</p>	<p>Here and Now</p>	<p>5/24/19 @ 7:30 pm</p>
<p>The state's budget writing committee passed a funding plan for the UW System, over objections from the system's president and academic faculty. One professor says university staff are feeling the burden of salaries that are lower than those at peer institutions. (Duration: 6 min, 57 sec)</p>	<p>Here and Now</p>	<p>5/31/19 @ 7:30 pm</p>
<p>A majority of American college graduates leave school with tens of thousands of dollars in student loans. The issue of paying for college is so concerning that several 2020 presidential candidates have proposed forgiving student debt or making public colleges free. But some states and cities aren't waiting and are instead developing their own college funding plans. (Duration: 7 min, 33 sec)</p>	<p>PBS NewsHour</p>	<p>5/6/19 @ 6 pm</p>
<p>Racial disparity in academic achievement remains a leading problem in American education, both at the K-12 and the college levels. A number of studies show greater diversity in the teaching profession can address some of those concerns. A look at a teacher training program that is aiming to increase diversity in the classroom and improve results all the way through college. (Duration: 6 min, 30 sec)</p>	<p>PBS NewsHour</p>	<p>5/27/19 @ 6 pm</p>
<p>In the U.S., 36 million adults lack the basic literacy skills needed to sustain employment -- yet education programs for this group serve only about 1.5 million people and funding continues to be cut at state and federal levels. Meanwhile, stigma can keep adults from reconnecting with the classroom. Learn how Maine's governor has</p>	<p>PBS NewsHour</p>	<p>6/11/19 @ 6 pm</p>

pledged to increase funding for adult education. (Duration: 8 min, 5 sec)		
School shootings have become a tragic reality of modern American life. How can school administrators prepare for the worst-case scenario? Learn how Colorado's multiple deadly school shootings in the past 20 years have driven the state to develop new safety protocols -- some of which have been adopted across the country. (Duration: 7 min, 27 sec)	PBS NewsHour	6/14/19 @ 6 pm
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DATE</b>
The story of the hole in the ozone layer and how the world came together to fix it is chronicled. (Duration: 1 hr)	Ozone Hole: How We Saved the Planet	4/10/19 @ 9 pm
What Lies Upstream: The truth behind a chemical spill that impacted 300,000 people in West Virginia is uncovered. (Duration: 1 hr, 30 min)	Independent Lens	4/19/19 @ 10 pm
Saving the Dead Sea: Scientists and engineers race to save the Dead Sea and hydrate this extremely dry region. (Duration: 1 hr)	NOVA	4/30/19 @ 11 pm
The frozen continent of Antarctica contains the vast majority of all freshwater on Earth. Now the ice in Antarctica is melting at an accelerating rate, in part because of climate change. What does this transformation mean for coastal communities across the globe? (Duration: 10 min, 14 sec)	PBS NewsHour	4/9/19 @ 6 pm
The DNR secretary discusses the department's budget and his plan to allocate more resources toward clean water efforts and renewable energy. He says he plans to "double down on science" in natural resource management. (Duration: 8 min, 8 sec)	Here and Now	5/3/19 @ 7:30 pm
The issue of contaminated drinking water in Wisconsin has drawn the attention of both sides of the aisle. Gov. Evers declared 2019 the year of clean drinking water and a task force on water quality was created. Learn about the efforts to improve water quality in the state. (Duration: 6 min, 50 sec)	Here and Now	5/24/19 @ 7:30 pm

American Spring Live: Climate change can affect nature's perfectly synchronized partnerships. (Duration: 1 hr)	Nature	5/1/19 @ 7 pm
A new United Nations report reveals the extent to which mankind is changing life on Earth. Written by an international panel of experts, it concludes that nearly a quarter of animal and plant groups are at risk of extinction, some within decades. Hear what's driving the changes and how to stop them. (Duration: 7 min, 6 sec)	PBS NewsHour	5/3/19 @ 6 pm
The state budget writing committee approved a two-year extension for the state's stewardship fund that purchases land for outdoor recreation and environmental protection. Breaking down the program's funding is the research director for the Wisconsin Policy Forum. He says the amount the program can borrow, which helps alleviate tax revenue loss for municipalities, is down. (Duration: 5 min, 32 sec)	Here and Now	6/14/19 @ 7:30 pm
In a year when floods, hurricanes and wildfires have devastated parts of the U.S., climate change has been polling as a top issue in the 2020 Democratic primaries. All 23 of the party's current candidates agree that this global crisis is real, but they have very different proposals for dealing with it. (Duration: 6 min, 29 sec)	PBS NewsHour	6/6/19 @ 6 pm
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DATE</b>
The Providers: Three doctors in rural New Mexico work at clinics that offer care regardless of ability to pay. (Duration: 1 hr. 30 min)	Independent Lens	4/8/19 @ 8 pm
Rural Wisconsin faces challenges retaining healthcare workers, but help is on the way. (Duration: 30 min)	Medicine on Main Street	4/8/19 @ 9:30 pm
Amid the ongoing opioid epidemic, drug manufacturers, doctors and pharmacists have all come under fire. But it's a drug distributor, a company called RDC, at the center of a new federal criminal case that equates its business operations with illegal drug trafficking. (Duration: 6 min, 13 sec)	PBS NewsHour	4/23/19 @ 6 pm
Few scenarios are harder to witness than the suffering of a seriously ill child. For kids with life-threatening diseases, survival often requires procedures that are painful and scary. But a Washington nonprofit is encouraging kids to be	PBS NewsHour	4/2/19 @ 6 pm



active in their own care by rewarding them for enduring their treatment. (Duration: 8 min, 23 sec)		
With a national outbreak of measles causing concern among the medical community, a UW-Madison medical professor talks about how vulnerable Wisconsin is for a measles outbreak. He also discusses who would be most affected by measles cropping up in the state. (Duration: 4 min, 36 sec)	Here and Now	5/3/19 @ 7:30 pm
The expansion of Medicaid in the state has been a divisive issue, with Republican leaders calling it a non-starter and Gov. Evers saying he will continue to fight for the coverage. (Duration: 6 min, 1 sec)	Here and Now	5/17/19 @ 7:30 pm
Explore how adverse childhood experiences can result in changes to the brain, leading to cascading behavioral and mental health problems. Discover how service providers across Wisconsin are working to be responsive to trauma in efforts to change the trajectory for affected children. (Duration: 1 hr)	Not Enough Apologies: Trauma Stories	5/13/19 @ 8 pm
Pres. Trump intends to expand rules that allow health care workers to opt out of participating in certain services on religious or moral grounds. While conservatives celebrated what they call "conscience protections," LGBTQ and women's advocates warned the change would reduce services and cause patients harm. (Duration: 5 min, 13 sec)	PBS NewsHour	5/2/19 @ 6 pm
Public health officials agree the constantly mutating influenza virus has the potential to cause a major outbreak and a deadly global crisis. A look at how research and testing depends on animals. (Duration: 8 min, 25 sec)	PBS NewsHour	6/19/19 @ 6 pm
Despite the availability of vaccines, the flu still kills tens of thousands of people in the U.S. each year, and hundreds of thousands more worldwide. But public health officials fear that an even graver threat lies ahead: the emergence of a new, much more deadly flu virus. (Duration: 9 min, 4 sec)	PBS NewsHour	6/18/19 @ 6 pm
<b>POLITICS</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>DATE</b>

<p>A UW-Green Bay political science professor discusses his new article in WisContext.org that delves into how judicial races have become more partisan. He says that "we are in new territory now where each new election seems to outpace the previous." He adds that a benefit of making judicial races partisan is that it could drive higher turnout. (Duration: 5 min, 16 sec)</p>	<p>Here and Now</p>	<p>4/5/19 @ 7:30 pm</p>
<p>Candidates for the 2020 presidential races have already started flooding the state. A political consultant and a strategist weigh in on how their messages are resonating with people in the state. One says Wisconsin "has all the hallmarks of a great state that you need to win." The other says that "the results speak for themselves" in Trump's victory. (Duration: 9 min, 12 sec)</p>	<p>Here and Now</p>	<p>4/26/19 @ 7:30 pm</p>
<p>The U.S. Senate is considering changing the confirmation process for some nominees to federal courts and administration roles. Republicans want to limit debate time to speed up approvals, while Democrats argue that would compromise senators' ability to vet nominees. (Duration: 9 min, 15 sec)</p>	<p>PBS NewsHour</p>	<p>4/1/19 @ 6 pm</p>
<p>The redacted Mueller report on possible collaboration between the Russian government and members of the Trump campaign has been publicly released. Running 448 pages, it is broken into two volumes, one focusing on Russian election interference and the other on whether Pres. Trump obstructed justice in that investigation. (Duration: 5 min, 37 sec)</p>	<p>PBS NewsHour</p>	<p>4/15/19 @ 6 pm</p>
<p>State budget negotiations continue with Republicans saying they will remove some of Gov. Evers' policy proposals. The state budget committee's vice chair and a committee member discuss Medicaid expansion in the state and transportation funding. (Duration: 11 min, 50 sec)</p>	<p>Here and Now</p>	<p>5/3/19 @ 7:30 pm</p>
<p>Republican lawmakers have introduced a slate of abortion-related bills including a 'born alive' bill that creates criminal penalties for doctors who do not care for fetuses still alive after an abortion. (Duration: 10 min, 18 sec)</p>	<p>Here and Now</p>	<p>5/10/19 @ 7:30 pm</p>
<p>After proposing the budget in February, Gov. Evers will have one more chance to make his mark on the legislation with his veto pen. Learn what an Evers veto might look like and how Republicans are responding. (Duration: 4 min, 3 sec)</p>	<p>Here and Now</p>	<p>5/24/19 @ 7:30 pm</p>

<p>After the U.S. Attorney General failed to appear before the House Judiciary Committee for a scheduled hearing on the Mueller report, House Democrats threatened to hold him in contempt. Meanwhile, Republicans argue Mueller's investigation was biased against Pres. Trump. (Duration: 9 min)</p>	<p>PBS NewsHour</p>	<p>5/1/19 @ 6 pm</p>
<p>U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan discusses the potential for tariffs levied against Mexico and the ongoing debate over immigration. (Duration: 8 min, 38 sec)</p>	<p>Here and Now</p>	<p>6/7/19 @ 7:30 pm</p>
<p>Wisconsin was the first state in the nation to ratify the constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote. A celebration at the State Capitol featured speakers delving into that history and unveiling Wisconsin's original 19th Amendment document. (Duration: 2 min, 7 sec)</p>	<p>Here and Now</p>	<p>6/17/19 @ 7:30 pm</p>