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1. *Art Beat*: Memory in pieces

For the regular segment *Art Beat*, Zinta Aistars interviewed Erin Hoffman, a full-time art instructor at Muskegon Community College. She discussed teaching and her own work combining historical and politically themed images.

(Air Date: 1/12/2024; Air times: 7:50 am and 4:20 pm; Running time: 9:01)

2. KPL holds a public forum on the Alma Powell Branch Library closure

WMUK's Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on a public forum on the future of the Kalamazoo Public Library. It followed the library's announcement that it could close a branch in the city's Northside neighborhood and look for a new location. The northside of Kalamazoo includes a large Black population. Interviewed was Karika Parker who works at Western Michigan University's Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations, who led the discussion.

(Air Dates: 01/30/2024 and 01/31/2024; Air times: 4:32 pm on 01/30 and 8:04 am on 01/31; Running time: 1:11)

3. GRAAWRR!! A WMU professor brings Godzilla to Kalamazoo

WMUK's Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on a Western Michigan University professor's work to translate the original novellas that inspired the Godzilla films into English. It came on the 70th anniversary year of the release of the original Godzilla film in 1954. Interviewed was Western Michigan University Professor of Japanese Literature and Translation Jeffrey Angles.

(Air Dates: 03/05/24 and 03/06/24; Air times: 4:32 pm on 03/05 and 8:04 am on 03/06; Running time: 1:50)

Arts and Culture:

1. *Art Beat*: A watery world of women

For the regular segment *Art Beat*, Zinta Aistars interviewed Kalamazoo area author Bonnie Jo Campbell. They discussed her latest book *The Waters*. Campbell describes the book as exploring different phases of femininity through three generations of women in the same family.

(Air Date: 01/05/2024; Air times: 7:50 am and 4:20 pm; Running time: 8:59)

2. Theater review: *Goodnight, Tyler*

WMUK's Gordon Bolar reviewed the play *Goodnight Tyler*. It was staged at the Face Off Theatre in Kalamazoo. The play was written by Black queer author B.J. Tindal. It focuses on a young Black man shot and killed by the police and how his family and friends remember him afterward.

(Air Date: 01/25/2024; Air times: 7:45 am and 5:44 pm; Running time: 4:57)

3. Theater review: *Native Gardens*

WMUK's Gordon Bolar reviewed the play *Native Gardens*, which was staged at Famers Alley Theatre in Kalamazoo. The play deals with cultural differences between neighbors that reflect current political debates and polarization.

(Air Date: 02/01/2024; Air times: 7:45 am and 5:44 pm; Running time: 5:30)

4. Theater Review: *More Fun Than Bowling*

WMUK's Gordon Bolar reviewed *More Fun Than Bowling*. It was staged at Western Michigan University Theatre. The play focuses on the owner of a bowling alley who looks back on his life from atop a hill where two of his three wives are buried.

(Air Date: 02/08/2024; Air times: 7:45 am and 5:44pm; Running time: 5:31)

5. *Art Beat*: The KIA at 100

For the regular segment *Art Beat*, Zinta Aistars interviewed the new advancement liaison at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts (KIA): Nancy Waldoch. They discussed plans to celebrate the KIA's centennial anniversary in 2024, and the history of the museum's founding.

(Air Date: 02/09/2024; Air times: 7:50 am and 4:20 pm; Running time: 9:00)

Public Health and Safety:

1. Kalamazoo hopes to install two new "Portland Loos" downtown

WMUK's Jessi Phillips reported on the city of Kalamazoo's plans to add additional public restrooms in the city's downtown. The "Portland Loos," as they are known, are 24-hour public restrooms. They were proposed in part for unhoused people downtown. Interviewed was Assistant Kalamazoo City Manager Rebekah Kik.

(Air Dates: 01/23/2024 and 01/24/2024; Air times: 4:32 pm on 01/23 and 7:04 am on 01/24)

2. *Nowhere to Go: How the system failed a trafficking survivor*

WMUK aired a one-hour documentary on the experience of one survivor of human trafficking in Kalamazoo. The program examined how various governmental and non-profit agencies missed opportunities or failed to help a woman when she was trafficked in Kalamazoo. It was reported by WMUK's Leona Larson and edited by WMUK's Sehvilla Mann and Jessi Phillips. WMUK's Gordon Evans also provided production and editorial assistance. Interviewed was human trafficking survivor Stacy Chambliss; Korin Arkin with the National Human Trafficking Hotline; Jessica Tapscott Marks, a licensed clinical social worker with S.A.F.E. Place in Battle Creek; Kalamazoo Public Safety Executive Lieutenant Michael Treu; human trafficking survivor advocate Leslie King-Friday; former Kalamazoo YWCA employees Sarah Turner and Kailyn Alderman; Jason Richards, leader of the Kent County Sheriff's Human Trafficking Task Force; attorney Ashleigh Peltó, who specializes in human trafficking law; Kalamazoo County prosecutor Jeff Getting; and Lynelle Morgan, with the Survivor Law Clinic in Okemos. Other sources were interviewed but did not agree to be recorded for broadcast. In some cases, their words were

voiced by other WMUK staff members. Note, the documentary updates and includes original reporting done for a five-part series that aired in 2023.

(Air Date: 01/25/2024; Air times: 9:00 am and 8:00 pm; Running time: 59:00)

3. “PIT” counts give a snapshot census of homelessness across Michigan and the country

WMUK’s Leona Larson reported on the “point in time” counts for sheltered and unsheltered populations in Michigan. That included Kalamazoo and Calhoun Counties. The “point in time” or PIT count is used to determine state and federal funding for organizations that address homelessness. Interviewed was Whitney Wardell, President and CEO at Neighborhoods Inc. of Battle Creek.

(Air dates: 01/31/2024 and 02/02/2024; Air times: 4:32 pm on 01/31 and 8:31 am on 02/01; Running time: 1:01)

4. What has caused Kalamazoo’s surge in gun violence and when will it end?

WMUK’s Jessi Phillips reported on efforts to address an increase in gun violence in Kalamazoo County. 27 homicides were reported in the county in 2023. It represented a substantial increase from pre-pandemic levels. Interviewed were Kalamazoo County Sheriff Richard Fuller and James Harris with Urban Alliance, a group working to reduce gun violence.

(Air date: 02/15/2024; Air times: 7:45 am and 5:44 pm; Running time: 4:12)

5. A library fights an “epidemic of loneliness” among older adults with music

WMUK’s Nicole Morehouse reported on a monthly music therapy program at the Kalamazoo Public Library that is designed to help older adults feel less lonely and recall memories. Interviewed was music therapist Caitlyn Bodine and Kalamazoo Public Library Oshtemo Branch manager Andrea Vernola.

(Air Dates: 02/22/2024 and 02/23/2024; Air times: 4:32 pm on 02/22 and 8:04 am on 02/23; Running time: 1:48)

6. A broken lock makes downtown Kalamazoo’s lone public restroom less useful

WMUK’s Leona Larson reported that a broken lock on one of two public restrooms in downtown Kalamazoo. The lock made the restroom difficult to use while the city was planning to install more “Portland Loos” downtown. Interviewed was Dustin Sexton the man who brought attention to the broken lock and Kalamazoo Assistant City Manager Rebekah Kik.

(Air Dates: 03/06/2024 and 03/07/2024; Air times: 4:32 pm on 03/06 and 8:04 am on 03/07; Running time: 1:20)

7. Alternatives, a “pro-life” pregnancy center in Kalamazoo, opens a second location

WMUK’s Leona Larson reported on *Alternatives Care Center*, a pro-life organization, opening a second “crisis pregnancy center” in Kalamazoo. The opening came shortly after Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and other state attorneys general accused crisis pregnancy centers of deceiving pregnant women. *Alternatives* denies deceiving clients. Interviewed was *Alternatives Care* Executive Director Cathy Stoner.

(Air Dates: 03/07/2024 and 03/08/2024; Air times: 4:04 pm and 5:32 pm on 03/07 and 8:04 am on 03/08; Running time: 1:02)

8. One family's story of homelessness and mental illness

WMUK's Brian O'Keefe interviewed former Western Michigan University trustee George Franklin about his late sister's experiences with homelessness and mental illness. Franklin had recently spoken on the Western Michigan University campus about the story.

(Air Date: 03/25/2024; Air times: 7:45 am and 5:44 pm; Running time: 5:22)

9. Two employees say Crow's Nest does have pest problems

WMUK's Jessi Phillips reported on allegations of health violations at a restaurant in Kalamazoo. The Kalamazoo County health department responded to a viral post about Crow's Nest by saying that it found no evidence of pest problems at the restaurant. However, two employees who spoke to WMUK on condition of anonymity said they had seen roaches and cleaned up mouse feces in the building.

(Air Date: 03/29/2024; Air times: 7:04 am and 8:31 am; Running time: 1:02)

Government and Politics:

1. *OutFront* calls on Congressman Tim Walberg to clarify his stance on Uganda's antigay law

WMUK's Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on comments made by a Michigan Congressman in Uganda. Tim Walberg urged people in Uganda to support their country's president in the wake of criticism over an anti-gay law that calls for the death penalty in some cases. Walberg's office said he never endorsed Uganda's anti-gay law. Interviewed was Tracy Hall, director of LGBTQ+ group *OutFront Kalamazoo*, who called on Walberg to clarify his position on the law. Walberg is heard in the story from a video of a prayer breakfast in Uganda, but he did not respond to requests for an interview.

(Air Dates: 01/10/2024 and 01/11/2024; Air times: 5:04 pm on 01/10 and 7:04 am on 01/11; Running time: 1:21)

2. The name of the new courthouse in Kalamazoo honors the county's first Black judge

WMUK's Nicole Morehouse reported on the courthouse in Kalamazoo, named after the city's first Black judge, Charles A. Pratt. The story also reported on Pratt's career as an attorney. Interviewed was Pratt's daughter Helen Pratt Mickens.

(Air Date: 01/22/2024; Air times: 8:04 am and 5:32 pm; Running time: 1:04)

3. Calhoun County government officials review 2023's achievements and the challenges ahead

WMUK's Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on government officials in Calhoun County addressing regional issues in a "state of the community" event. That included regional transportation and business development. Interviewed was Battle Creek City Manager Rebecca Fleury.

(Air Date: 02/05/2024; Air times: 7:04 am, 9:04 am and 4:32 pm; Running time: 1:01)

4. A bill in the state Senate aims to expand access to nutrition therapy

WMUK's Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on bills in the Michigan Legislature that would require dieticians to be licensed in Michigan. Supporters of the bill say that would help get health insurance coverage for services provided by dieticians. Interviewed was State Representative Laurie Pohutsky, who sponsored the bill, Mark Thiesmeyer Hook with the Michigan Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and dietician Allson Bone. Also heard in the piece was Miranda Moore-Stepnitz, a certified nutrition specialist. She spoke against the bill at a committee hearing.

(Air Date: 02/26/24; Air times: 8:04 am and 4:32 pm; Running time: 1:51)

5. Kalamazoo leaders convene to discuss the fight against poverty

WMUK's Jessi Phillips reported on a meeting of community leaders in Kalamazoo to discuss ways to address poverty. The meeting included non-profit and education groups. Heard in the story was Chris Sargent of United Way of South Central Michigan.

(Air Date: 03/21/24; Air times: 7:04 am and 9:04 am; Running time: 1:01)

Transportation, Science and Technology:

1. The Michigan DNR hopes to keep snowmobile riders safe with new initiative

WMUK's Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources campaign to encourage safety during snowmobile season. The campaign focused on lead riders of snowmobile groups. Ron Yesney, the DNR's Upper Peninsula Trails Coordinator is heard from a video produced by the DNR.

(Air Date: 01/22/2024; Air times: 7:04 am, 8:31 am and 4:32 pm; Running time: 1:03)

2. Kalamazoo Metro is still looking for more bus drivers

WMUK's Leona Larson reported on an effort to recruit and train more bus drivers for Kalamazoo's public bus system. The shortage of drivers came about after the COVID-19 pandemic. Interviewed were Sean McBride of Kalamazoo Metro Transit; bus driving instructor Larry Zuiderveen; and Alliey Newton, a student learning how to drive a bus.

(Air Date: 02/06/2024; Air times: 8:04 am and 4:32 pm; Running time: 1:39)

3. *Why's That:* Is "Kalamazoo Valley" a real valley?

WMUK's Jessi Phillips reported on Kalamazoo's topography. In response to a question for the regular segment *Why's That?* Phillips reported on whether there is a "Kalamazoo Valley." The phrase is used for the community college and other organizations in Kalamazoo. Interviewed were Mariah Bryant, who submitted the question; Western Michigan University geology professor Robb Gillespie; and geologist Andrew Kozlowski of the New York State Geological Survey.

(Air Date: 02/09/2024; Air times: 6:45 am, 8:45 am and 5:44 pm; Running time: 5:26)

4. Oshtemo aims to make roads in future developments more pedestrian and bike-friendly

WMUK's Jessi Phillips reported on Oshtemo Township's new standards for private roads. They are designed to make areas friendlier for bicycles and for walking. Interviewed was township attorney James Porter.

(Air Date: 03/04/2024 and 03/05/2024; Air times: 5:32 pm on 03/04 and 7:04 am and 8:31 am on 03/05; Running time:59)

5. Michigan state senators advocate for "community solar" projects in virtual event

WMUK's Jessi Phillips reported on legislation in the Michigan Senate that would allow households that do not have their own solar arrays to still use solar power. The legislation was cos-sponsored by two state Senators, Democrat Jeff Irwin and Republican Ed McBroom. They both answered questions during a virtual event at Western Michigan University on combating climate change. Audio of Irwin is heard in the story. A statement from utility Consumers Energy opposing the legislation was also included in the story.

(Air Date: 03/14/2024; Air times: 4:32 pm; Running time: 0:56)

6. *Why's That*: Were WWII military vehicles tested at this Comstock park?

WMUK's Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on the history of a park near Kalamazoo where World War II military vehicles were tested. The report came in response to two questions submitted for WMUK's regular segment *Why's That*? Both questioners asked about cement pads found at the Fred McLinden Nature Trails in Comstock Township. Interviewed were Michele Gossman and James Amos of Comstock, who both submitted questions about the park; Shea McLean, curator at the U.S.S. Alabama Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile, Alabama; and city of Kalamazoo Water Programs Manager Jean Talandra.

(Air Date: 03/15/2024; Air times: 6:45 am, 8:45 am and 5:44 pm; Running time: 5:08)

7. The remains of a WWII airman from Southwest Michigan are coming home

WMUK's Leona Larson reported on the return of the remains of Kalamazoo area man killed during World War II. Richard Kasten's plane was shot down in January of 1944. His remains were identified by the Defense Department agency. Interviewed was Kasten's nephew David Boeskool.

(Air Date: 03/25/2024; Air times: 7:31 am and 4:32 pm; Running time: 1:02)

Business, Economy, and Economic Development:

1. The organizers of a new career program hope to bolster Southwest Michigan's skilled workforce

WMUK's Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on an effort to address a shortage of skilled labor. The program in Van Buren, Cass and Berrien Counties matches high schoolers with local apprenticeship programs. Interviewed was Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber president Arthur Havlicek.

(Air Dates: 02/20/2024 and 02/21/2024; Air times: 4:32 pm on 02/20 and 7:31 am on 02/21; Running time: 1:00)

2. AZO still has fewer flights than before the COVID-19 pandemic

WMUK's Kalloli Bhatt reported on a drop in the number of flights at the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport compared to the numbers before the COVID-19 pandemic. Interviewed was Airport Director Craig Williams.

(Air Date: 03/11/2024; Air times: 7:04 am, 9:04 am and 5:04 pm; Running time: 1:00)

3. Battle Creek airport gets federal grant for infrastructure improvements

WMUK's Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on federal grants for improvements to the Battle Creek Executive Airport. The money was awarded for improvements to the control tower and replacing aging equipment.

(Air Dates: 03/25/2024 and 03/26/2024; Air times: 4:04 pm on 03/25 and 7:04 am and 8:31 am on 03/26; Running time: 0:56)

Minorities and Special Needs:

1. *Theatre Kalamazoo* hopes to present more plays with ASL shadow casts

WMUK's Nicole Morehouse reported on efforts to include American Sign Language interpreters for more theatre productions in Kalamazoo. *Theatre Kalamazoo*, a group of theaters in the city that includes Western Michigan University, created the shadow cast interpretation that allows deaf audience members to understand the dialogue while watching the play. Interviewed was Valerie Boyer, one of the interpreters for WMU Theater's production of *Clue*.

(Air Date: 01/11/2024; Air time: 7:04 am; Running time: 0:57)

2. *Art Beat*: They All Grow Up

For the regular segment *Art Beat*, Zinta Aistars interviewed Cindy Semark about her book *They All Grow Up: Parenting Adult Children With Special Needs*. The book is about Semark's experience as the mother of a child on the autism spectrum with an intellectual disability. Semark's son Jeremiah developed bipolar disorder as an adult and passed away in 2022 at age 22. Cindy Semark developed a non-profit organization called AACORN – Adult Agricultural Community Options for Residential Needs in 2011. It was inspired by Jeremiah's experience.

(Air Date: 01/26/2024; Air times: 7:50 am and 4:20 pm; Running time: 8:59)

3. What Portage's Black history exhibit means to two councilmembers

WMUK's Leona Larson reported on a new exhibit at Portage City Hall highlighting historical Black achievements. *Ten Little-Known Facts* was installed in recognition of Black History Month. Interviewed were two Black Portage City Council members: Jihan Ain Young and Victor Ledbetter.

(Air Dates: 02/13/2024 and 02/14/2024; Air times: 4:04 pm on 02/13 and 8:04 am on 02/14; Running time: 0:57)

4. *Art Beat*: Poetry across cultures

For the regular segment *Art Beat*, Zinta Aistars interviewed poets Hedy Habra and Dasha Nisula. Habra's most recent book of poetry is inspired by women artists from different ethnic and national backgrounds. Most of Nisula's poetry is translated from Slavic languages. Her most recent book of poetry is a collection of translations that focus on American influence in Eastern Europe. The interview aired shortly before both poets had a reading at Kazoo Books in Kalamazoo.

(Air Date: 02/16/2024; Air times: 7:50 am and 4:20 pm; Running time: 8:57)

5. Self-portraits offer a release for a Zimbabwean artist studying in Kalamazoo

WMUK's Leona Larson reported on the fifth annual Black Artists Exhibit at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Interviewed was Rumbidzwaishie Esther Chirara, a 19-year-old artist from Zimbabwe. Her self-portrait called *Always be There* was part of the exhibit.

(Air Date: 02/19/2024; Air times: 7:04 am, 9:04 am and 5:32 pm; Running time: 0:57)

6. A Black History Month luncheon draws a bigger crowd this year

WMUK's Leona Larson reported on a soul food luncheon at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek that was held in conjunction with Black History Month. The soul food luncheon is in its 24th year, and organizers reported that it drew a larger crowd this year. Interviewed were KCC employee Drea Fox, KCC student Josh Turner, and Battle Creek resident Carolyn Ballard.

(Air Dates: 02/21/2024 and 02/22/2024; Air times: 4:04 pm and 5:32 pm on 02/21 and 7:31 am and 9:04 am on 02/22; Running time: 0:56)

Environment:

1. The Palisades Nuclear Plant takes small steps toward decommissioning

WMUK's Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission granting three exemptions to Holtec, the company that owns the now closed Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Covert Township. Those exemptions make it more likely that the company will be able to re-open the plant. Interviewed was Holtec spokesman Nick Culp.

(Air Date: 01/08/2024; Air times: 7:04 am, 8:31 am and 5:32 pm; Running time: 1:07)

2. There's mixed news this week for Palisades owner Holtec International

WMUK's Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on indications that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission would approve a \$1.5-billion dollar loan for Holtec needed to reopen the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Covert. At the same time, Holtec was fined \$5 million to avoid criminal prosecution after an investigation into tax credit applications in New Jersey.

(Air Dates: 02/01/2024 and 02/02/2024; Air times: 5:04 pm on 02/01 and 7:04 am and 9:04 am on 02/02; Running time: 1:09)

3. A key monarch food source would be “noxious” no longer if a bill in Michigan’s Senate becomes law

WMUK’s Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on legislation to protect a key food source for monarch butterflies. The legislation would remove milkweed from the state’s noxious weeds list. Interviewed was Democratic state Representative Samantha Steckloff, who introduced the legislation.

(Air Date: 02/12/2024; Air times: 7:31 am, 9:04 am and 5:04 pm; Running time: 1:06)

4. University of Louisville Professor talks about the importance of Pacus to the Amazon Rainforest.

WMUK’s Report for America corps member Michael Symonds on research by University of Louisville professor Matt Kolmann. He discussed his research into Pacus, a cousin of piranhas found in the Amazon Rainforest. Kolmann discussed his findings during a presentation at Western Michigan University. Kollman was interviewed for the story.

(Air Date: 02/13/2024; Air times: 8:04 am and 4:32 pm; Running time: 1:02)

5. *Art Beat*: Framing nature’s beauty

For the regular segment *Art Beat*, Zinta Aistars interviewed artist and printmaker Lee Ann Frame. Her work is inspired by the shores of Lake Michigan and reflects her love of nature.

(Air Date: 02/23/2024; Air times: 7:50 am and 4:20 pm; Running time: 8:44)

6. WMU’s second annual “Spring into Action” climate change series is underway

WMUK’s Jessi Phillips reported on a series of events at Western Michigan University to focus on climate change. They include student-led activities and workshops on sustainable living. Interviewed was WMU Professor Steve Bertman, one of the organizers of the “Spring into Action” series.

(Air Dates: 03/07/2024 and 03/08/2024; Air times: 4:32 pm on 03/07 and 7:31 am and 9:04 am on 03/08; Running time: 1:08)

7. An NRC report finds Holtec misused decommissioning funds at Palisades and other sites

WMUK’s Report for America corps member Michael Symonds reported on a finding from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that Holtec misspent some of the money earmarked for decommissioning the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Covert. The report came during an effort to restart the plant. Interviewed was Holtec spokesman Nick Culp.

(Air Dates: 03/20/2024 and 03/21/2024; Air times: 5:04 pm on 03/20 and 7:31 am on 03/21; Running time: 1:08)

8. Kalamazoo clears a grove in the Douglas neighborhood, in part to discourage dumping

WMUK’s Jessi Phillips reported on the city of Kalamazoo clearing trees in one neighborhood in part to curb illegal dumping. The move also raised questions about how cameras in the area are monitored. The city said it does not live-monitor the cameras, but can review recorded footage later. Interviewed was Kalamazoo Director of Public Services James Baker.

(Air Dates: 03/26/2024 and 03/27/2024; Air times: 5:32 pm on 03/26 and 7:31 am on 03/27; Running time: 1:11)

Section III: General Information

Determination of Community Issues

WMUK-FM 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-FM 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-FM.