

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT

WNEO/WEAO

October–December 2021

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PBS Western Reserve is committed to presenting outstanding programs that teach, illuminate and inspire Northeast Ohio viewers. Following is a review of community issues addressed during the fourth quarter of 2021. All programs aired on PBS Western Reserve (WNEO 45.1 / WEO 49.1) unless otherwise indicated.

Environment

Earth Emergency

1 hour

Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 8 PM

Explore how environmental feedback loops are amplifying global warming and what we can do about it. Narrated by Richard Gere, this revealing film asks whether we are approaching a point of no return or if we have the will and vision to act now.

Great Lakes Now, A Political Blind Date

.5 hour

Sunday, Oct. 3, at 10 PM

Karen Weaver was mayor of Flint, Mich., during the height of the city's water crisis, which was caused when state officials failed to safeguard the drinking water. Mitch Twolan is mayor of Huron-Kinloss in Ontario. He thinks officials can maintain safety at a proposed nuclear storage facility on the shores of Lake Huron. In this episode, the two mayors meet for a frank exchange of views.

Great Lakes Now, Pipes and Ports

.5 hour

Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 8 PM

Indiana's Burns Harbor is "greening" and hoping to change the shipping industry's image and impact. A Lake Michigan city has high lead levels in drinking water. And a visit to Ontario's Walkerton Clean Water Centre with its customized water treatment plans and training program for technicians, all to better protect drinking water in Canadian communities.

Great Lakes Now, Storms, Sanctuary and Suckers

.5 hour

Monday, Dec. 27, at 10 PM

After storms wreak havoc with a waterfront park in Duluth, the city rebuilds—but will the new park withstand the next storm? Chicago is a tough place for birds, but at one sanctuary on the city's shoreline, endangered birds are finding a home. And in creeks on Lake Michigan's western shore, researchers track the movements of suckers, a Great Lakes fish that's misunderstood and underappreciated.

Health Care

Critical Care: America vs. the World—PBS NewsHour Presents

1 hour

Friday, Oct. 1, at 5 PM

Examine the highs and lows of America's health care system, and travel to four other nations to see how they provide health coverage affordably and thoroughly, even in the face of the pandemic.

Forum 360, Wizard of Paws

.5 hour

Monday, Nov. 1, at 5 PM

FORUM 360 host Leslie Ungar talks about overcoming adversity with guest Cindy Jobe.

Tell Me More with Kelly Corrigan, Dr. Atul Gawande **.5 hour**

Monday, Nov. 8, at 8:30 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)

In any given week, Dr. Atul Gawande might perform thyroid cancer surgery, write a sprawling piece for The New Yorker, meet with the White House about public health or talk with his medical students at Harvard about the role of a physician in the art of dying. In this episode, he reflects on his personal and professional experiences with dying patients.

Historic Preservation

Reconnecting Roots, National Parks: Progress & Preservation **.5 hour**

Saturday, Oct. 2, at 12:30 PM

From purple mountain majesties to amber waves of grain, America has a wealth of natural treasures to behold. After a century of the National Park service, much of our lands have been preserved for countless generations to enjoy, but not without the mixed blessings of progress.

Historic Attucks Theatre: Apollo of the South **.5 hour**

Sunday, Oct. 10, at 5:30 AM

One of Hampton Roads' greatest treasures, the Attucks Theatre, turns 100 years old. Musicians of the greatest caliber have performed at the Attucks, including Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Ella Fitzgerald and Nat King Cole, just to name a few. The 600-seat venue was an instant source of pride to Norfolk's Black Community. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

Around Akron with Blue Green **.5 hour**

Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2:30 PM

Learn about architectural treasure The O'Neil House Bed and Breakfast in Akron. In Cuyahoga Falls, the organization Friends of Keyser-Swain Farmhouse strives to preserve the 144-year-old homestead. A ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad is a great way to explore Ohio's only national park.

Racism

Forum 360, Race and Leadership **.5 hour**

Monday, Nov. 1, at 5:30 PM

FORUM 360 host Mark Welfley interviews Jim Robenalt, an Ohio native, lawyer, lecturer, guitarist and author of four books. They discuss the 1968 Glenville Riots and race relations in Cleveland today.

Independent Lens, Ferguson Rises **1.5 hours**

Monday, Nov. 8, at 10 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)

Michael Brown Sr.'s son was killed in 2014 by white police officer Darren Wilson, an event that fueled the global Black Lives Matter movement. But his personal story seeking justice and healing has not been told until now.

See Us Coming Together: A Sesame Street Special **.5 hour**

Thursday, Nov. 25, at 11 AM

It's "Neighbor Day" on Sesame Street and everyone has something special to share! Created for families to watch together, See Us Coming Together is a special that celebrates diverse

Asian and Pacific Islander communities and the power of belonging with original songs and an all-star cast.

Forum 360, Critical Race Theory

.5 hour

Monday, Dec. 6, at 5 PM

FORUM 360 host Stephanie York interviews Brant Lee, JD, University of Akron School of Law professor and assistant dean, on critical race theory—what it is and is not.

Veterans Affairs

American Veteran

4 hours

Tuesdays, Oct. 26–Nov. 16, at 9 PM

America has 18 million living veterans, from WWII to Afghanistan and Iraq vets. Told exclusively through veterans' voices, this series presents their experiences in a four-part TV series, an eight-part podcast and a 10-part digital series.

Indian Country Today, Native Veterans & “The Warrior Spirit”

.5 hour

Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 10 PM on FNX (WNEO 45.3 / WEAO 49.3)

A century ago, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was created at Arlington National Cemetery. It is a tomb made of white marble that overlooks Washington, D.C, and honors deceased service members whose remains have never been identified. To commemorate this year's anniversary, Apsaalooke citizen Elsworth GoesAhead will travel to the site. He is the descendant of Chief Plenty Coups, a Crow service member who spoke at the tomb's original unveiling in 1921.

Voces on PBS, American Exile

1 hour

Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 10 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)

Two Mexican American brothers, both decorated Vietnam veterans, find themselves facing deportation. They don their uniforms for one last fight—to “leave no soldier behind” and bring the plight of deported veterans to the White House.