

Quarterly Issues Program for WITF-TV, Harrisburg, PA

Section 1. Issues identified.

July 1 – September 30, 2023

The station has identified the following issues as significant to the community during this quarter:

Abortion, Agriculture, Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction, American History/Biography, Arts, Business/Industry, Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement, Culture, Disabilities, Economy, Education, Energy, Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters, Health/Health Care, Immigration/Refugees, Media, Minorities/Civil Rights, National Politics/Government, Poverty/Hunger, Science/Technology, Sexuality, Social Services, Transportation, Urban Development/Infrastructure, War/Veterans/National Security, Women, Youth.

Section II. Responsive Programs.

The station has broadcast a variety of programming that addressed the above-referenced issues. A non-comprehensive sampling is below.

Category	Series Title	Airdate	Description
Abortion	PBS NewsHour	07/12/23 06:00:00 PM	Iowa is the latest Republican-led state to pass abortion restrictions since the overturn of Roe v. Wade. Lawmakers there approved a bill that would ban most abortions in the state after six weeks and Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds is expected to sign it into law on Friday. Geoff Bennett discussed the nation's patchwork of abortion laws with Erin Murphy of The Gazette and Sarah Varney of KFF Health News.
Agriculture	American Experience	07/01/23 08:00:00 PM	Meet the scientist whose groundbreaking writings revolutionized our relationship to the natural world. Mary-Louise Parker is the voice of Rachel Carson in this moving and intimate portrait.
Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction	PBS NewsHour	07/12/23 06:00:00 PM	New Hampshire's largest substance abuse treatment network has helped tens of thousands of drug users loosen addiction's hold over their lives. But a three-year investigation by a local journalist uncovered evidence the group's founder took advantage of his position and the vulnerability of patients and staff. Ali Rogin reports. A warning: this discussion includes details some may find disturbing.
American History/Biography	Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein	07/11/23 10:00:00 PM	Reveal the evolving meaning of this symbol for a "nation of immigrants," and how it embodies our values and our conflicts, from abolition and women's suffrage to the treatment of refugees.
Business/Industry	American Experience	07/01/23 08:00:00 PM	Meet the scientist whose groundbreaking writings revolutionized our relationship to the natural world. Mary-Louise Parker is the voice of Rachel Carson in this moving and intimate portrait.
Culture	The Great American Recipe	07/01/23 01:00:00 AM	Join the home cooks as the competition heats up with challenges for their best in-a-pinch recipe and a noodle dish representing their heritage. All kinds of dishes show up on the plate, but one cook is ready to impress by making their own pasta.
Culture	POV	07/31/23 10:00:00 PM	A Hmong girl living in rural Northern Vietnam is caught between tradition and modernity.
Energy	PBS NewsHour	07/17/23 06:00:00 PM	In our news wrap Monday, U.S. climate envoy John Kerry met with his Chinese counterpart pushing for a curb on coal usage and methane emissions, Russia is warning Ukraine will answer for an attack that closed the bridge linking Russia to annexed Crimea and a state court judge in Iowa temporarily blocked a law that banned most abortions after six weeks of pregnancy.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	Nature	07/19/23 08:00:00 PM	Go undercover with a film crew on a perilous journey to the untouched wilderness of biodiversity in the Amazon rainforest. Meet some of the most incredible creatures, from pygmy marmosets to pumas, as the wild secrets of the jungle are revealed.
Family/Marriage	My Grandparents' War	07/28/23 04:00:00 PM	Follow actress Helena Bonham Carter as she explores the heroism of both sets of her grandparents during WWII -- her grandmother, an air warden and outspoken politician, and her grandfather, a diplomat who saved hundreds from the Holocaust.

Media	Amanpour and Company	07/14/23 11:00:00 PM	Russian Journalist Mikhail Zygar discusses the latest in the war between Russia and Ukraine and his new book about the painful history between the two countries. Rachel Eliza Griffiths, wife of novelist Salman Rushdie on her debut novel "Promise." Jennifer Pahlka examines government inefficiency in the digital age. From the archives: Sharon Horgan on her Emmy-nominated show "Bad Sisters."
Minorities/Civil Rights	Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World	07/22/23 08:00:00 PM	Discover the factors that led to the birth of Hip Hop and its first socially conscious hit The Message by Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five in 1982.
National Politics/Government	FRONTLINE	07/11/23 09:00:00 PM	With Vladimir Putin facing down a mutiny, how the Russian leader reached this moment of crisis. The story of Putin's rise, his clashes at home and abroad, and how his troubled Ukraine war led to the greatest threat yet to his grip on power.
Nuclear Issues/WMD	American Experience	07/01/23 08:00:00 PM	Meet the scientist whose groundbreaking writings revolutionized our relationship to the natural world. Mary-Louise Parker is the voice of Rachel Carson in this moving and intimate portrait.
Religion/Ethics	In Their Own Words	07/21/23 05:00:00 PM	Learn what experiences led Jorge Bergoglio to the highest office in the Catholic Church. Taking the name Francis, he is the first pope from the Americas, and the first non-European and first Jesuit priest to be named pope.
Sexuality	American Experience	07/02/23 03:00:00 AM	In the 1950s and 60s, when failure to wear gender-appropriate clothing was illegal across most of the country, a community of cross-dressing men found refuge at a modest house in the Catskills region of New York. Named after its matriarch, Casa Susanna provided community and validation for its guests.
Women	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe	07/02/23 01:30:00 PM	This week we speak to Brooke Kroeger, a journalist, professor, and author who wrote Undaunted: How Women Changed American Journalism.
Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction	PBS NewsHour	08/01/23 06:00:00 PM	In Ohio, a state with one of the highest overdose death rates in the nation, a private foundation has been set up to distribute opioid settlement funds over several years. But as special correspondent Cat Wise and producer Mike Fritz report for our ongoing series, "America Addicted," some have raised concerns that the public will be left out of the process.
American History/Biography	Independent Lens	08/19/23 08:00:00 PM	Chasing Trane is about an outside-the-box thinker whose boundary-shattering music continues to impact and influence people around the world. This portrait of a remarkable jazz artist reveals the critical events, passions, experiences and challenges that shaped the life of John Coltrane and his revolutionary sounds.
Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement	PBS NewsHour	08/02/23 06:00:00 PM	In our news wrap Wednesday, jurors recommended the death penalty for the gunman who killed 11 people at a Pittsburgh synagogue, Beijing and the surrounding region are awash in severe flooding after the heaviest rain in 140 years, the American embassy in Niger will remain open despite the military coup there and Russian drones damaged a vital port in Ukraine adding another blow to grain shipments.
Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement	Once Upon a Time in Northern Ireland	08/29/23 09:00:00 PM	Learn about the harrowing impact of the IRA hunger strike through three women's stories: an IRA prisoner's wife, a police officer's wife, and a hunger striker's daughter. Tit-for-tat killings, car bombs and assassinations are now routine.
Culture	Finding Your Roots	08/01/23 04:00:00 PM	Henry Louis Gates, Jr. reveals the unexpected family trees of entertainer Queen Latifah and actor Jeffrey Wright, redefining their sense of the black experience -- and challenging preconceptions about America's past.
Culture	Civilizations	08/30/23 03:00:00 PM	Examine the rise and fall of "progress" as an ideology, and see how the "civilizing" project that arose from Enlightenment ideas was fraught with contradictions that troubled European artists in different ways.

Employment	PBS News Weekend	08/26/23 05:00:00 PM	Internships can give a leg up to students starting their careers. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, more than half of internships lead to full-time jobs. But 47 percent of U.S. interns were unpaid in 2022, creating tough decisions and disparities for many. Washington Post reporter Kelsey Ables joins John Yang to discuss her reporting on this issue.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	NOVA	08/09/23 10:00:00 PM	Could the source of the world's deadliest viruses hold the secret to a healthier and longer life? Bats have a sinister reputation as potential sources for some of the deadliest disease outbreaks: Ebola, MERS, SARS, and most recently, SARS-CoV-2, the virus behind the COVID-19 global pandemic.
Family/Marriage	Finding Your Roots	08/29/23 08:00:00 PM	Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the roots of actor Julianne Moore, comedian Bill Hader, and painter Kehinde Wiley, revealing how their ancestors' military service left an indelible mark both on their families and on their country.
Health/Health Care	Amanpour and Company	08/15/23 11:00:00 PM	A new Covid variant is fueling a resurgence of the virus as it continues to evolve. But three years on, we still don't know how the pandemic started. Author and journalist David Quammen ponders the origin of the virus in his latest article for The New York Times Magazine. He joins Walter Isaacson to discuss the conflicting theories.
Housing, Shelter	PBS NewsHour	08/08/23 06:00:00 PM	American cities are dealing with housing shortages and an office glut, with millions of square feet of office space sitting vacant since the onset of the pandemic. Office-to-housing conversions are becoming an increasingly popular two-in-one solution for city leaders. But will it result in housing that's affordable for all Americans? Paul Solman reports.
Minorities/Civil Rights	Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World	08/07/23 03:00:00 PM	Discover the factors that led to the birth of Hip Hop and its first socially conscious hit The Message by Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five in 1982.
Minorities/Civil Rights	American Experience	08/22/23 10:00:00 PM	In the spring of 1927, after weeks of incessant rains, the Mississippi River went on a rampage from Cairo, Illinois to New Orleans, inundating hundreds of towns, killing as many as a thousand people and leaving a million homeless. In Greenville, Mississippi, efforts to contain the river pitted the majority black population against an aristocratic plantation family, the Percys -- and the Percys against themselves. A story of greed, power and race during one of America's greatest natural disasters.
National Politics/Government	Washington Week with The Atlantic	08/04/23 08:00:00 PM	For the first time, a former American president is charged with conspiring to stay in office after losing an election. But what does the most serious criminal case yet against Trump mean for him, the nation and the 2024 elections? Join guest moderator John Yang, Francesca Chambers of USA Today, Carrie Johnson of NPR, Hugo Lowell of The Guardian and Jeff Mason of Reuters to discuss this and more.
National Politics/Government	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe	08/18/23 04:30:00 PM	To The Contrary went to Rep. Nancy Pelosi's new meeting room specially set up for her as Speaker Emerita for a wide-ranging interview. We discuss her legacy as Speaker of the House, and what the future holds.
National Politics/Government	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	08/18/23 08:30:00 PM	Presidential candidate Chris Christie draws a contrast with other GOP 2024 candidates by sharply rebuking his former boss Donald Trump ahead of the first presidential debate. The former prosecutor also discusses the cases against Trump.
Recreation/Leisure/Sports	PBS News Weekend	08/12/23 05:00:00 PM	The extreme sport of freediving is growing in popularity and interest. A new Netflix documentary called "The Deepest Breath" goes inside the high-risk sport, following freedivers Alessia Zecchini and Stephen Keenan. Director Laura McGann joins John Yang to discuss the film.
Science/Technology	NOVA The Planets	08/02/23 10:00:00 PM	In the far reaches of the solar system, Uranus and Neptune dazzle with unexpected rings, supersonic winds and dozens of moons. And NASA's New Horizons gets a stunning up-close view of Pluto before venturing deep into the Kuiper Belt.

War/Veterans/National Security	PBS NewsHour	08/18/23 06:00:00 PM	President Biden met with the leaders of Japan and South Korea at Camp David on Friday. The two nations have long had antagonistic relations, but the meeting is a new starting point as they committed to improving military coordination. Geoff Bennett discussed the significance of the agreements with Mike Mochizuki of the Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University.
War/Veterans/National Security	Amanpour and Company	08/31/23 11:00:00 PM	James Rogers and Richard Shirreff discuss how drone technology is re-shaping the battlefield. Daria Kaleniuk head of the Anti-Corruption Action Center joins to talk about the corruption problem in Ukraine. Scott Braddock details the impending impeachment trial of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.
Youth	PBS News Weekend	08/12/23 05:00:00 PM	The federal government has been using COVID relief funds to support child care programs across the country. That funding is set to expire at the end of September. Susan Gale Perry, CEO of Child Care Aware of America, joins Ali Rogin to discuss how states are bracing for the looming crisis.
Arts	Voces on PBS	09/30/23 08:00:00 PM	A haunting portrait of a writer's life and struggle for artistic freedom, meet Cuba's Jose Lezama Lima, an all but forgotten figure of the Latin American literary boom that included Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Octavio Paz and Mario Vargas Llosa.
Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement	FRONTLINE	09/05/23 10:00:00 PM	A two-part special looking at a little-known two strikes law, and pregnancy in prison. With The Marshall Project, how a former West Point cadet got life in prison. Also, pregnant women in prison and what happens to their newborns.
Culture	Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets	09/29/23 05:00:00 PM	Join Lucy for the inside story of the English Reformation. Was Henry VIII's desire to divorce Catherine of Aragon and marry Anne Boleyn the real reason for England's split from Catholic Europe? Or was a secret political agenda really at work?
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	Civilizations	09/01/23 01:00:00 AM	Explore one of humanity's deepest artistic urges: the depiction of nature. But landscape painting is seldom a straightforward portrayal of observed nature; it's a projection of dreams, idylls, escapes and refuges - the elusive paradise on earth.
Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters	America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston	09/06/23 08:00:00 PM	The Suwannee is one of the last wild rivers in America, and its watershed creates woods and wetlands, marshes, and cave systems. From its headwaters in the Okefenokee Swamp, Baratunde journeys downstream, meeting colorful denizens of the Suwannee. From jet skiers to herpetologists, manatees to snapping turtles, he learns how this unique environment inspires a whole range of passions.
Family/Marriage	Independent Lens	09/09/23 09:00:00 PM	Ravi Patel is almost 30 and still single, and his tradition-minded Hindu family is not happy. After he breaks up with his white girlfriend, he enters the semi-arranged marriage system in America. Meet the Patels explores the influences of culture and identity on the most intense, personal, and important part of one's life - love.
Housing, Shelter	PBS NewsHour	09/20/23 06:00:00 PM	The Federal Reserve did not hike interest rates Wednesday, but many Americans are still struggling with the burden of the higher costs of borrowing. The Fed's series of hikes over more than a year has triggered a big jump in mortgage rates, pushing them to the highest level in more than two decades. Daryl Fairweather, chief economist of the real estate company Redfin, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.
Minorities/Civil Rights	American Experience	09/12/23 09:00:00 PM	Explore what happened when the small Mississippi town of Leland integrated its public schools in 1970. Told through the remembrances of students, teachers and parents, the film shows how the town – and America – were transformed.
National Politics/Government	Washington Week with The Atlantic	09/22/23 08:00:00 PM	Republicans this week continued to fight over government funding, with pressure growing for House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, just as Ukraine's president visited Capitol Hill seeking weapons and aid. Join moderator Jeffrey Goldberg, Steve Inskeep of NPR's Morning Edition, Vivian Salama of The Wall Street Journal and Manu Raju of CNN's Inside Politics to discuss these stories and more.
National Politics/Government	PBS NewsHour	09/29/23 06:00:00 PM	The highly partisan government funding plan from House Republicans imploded on the chamber floor Friday, leaving the country on the cusp of shutdown without a clear path out. Congressional Correspondent Lisa Desjardins reports on every twist and turn in this political drama and the real-world consequences.
Science/Technology	NOVA	09/27/23 09:00:00 PM	The Gay Head Lighthouse, a historic landmark perched high on the cliffs of Martha's Vineyard, is soon to become the next victim of the ocean's relentless erosion of the island's cliffs. Join engineers as they race to rescue this national treasure.

War/Veterans/National Security	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	09/22/23 08:30:00 PM	Actor Liev Schreiber, co-founder of BlueCheck Ukraine, discusses the urgent need for humanitarian aid in Ukraine as President Zelensky asks for international support at the UN. He explains why he thinks Russia will lose and why Americans should care.
Women	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	09/01/23 08:30:00 PM	Afghanistan's first female tech CEO, Roya Mahboob, discusses the fall of Kabul and decimation of women's rights after two years of Taliban rule. She gives an update on the Afghan Girls Robotics Team, which she launched prior to the Taliban takeover.