

Quarterly list of WNMU-TV Programming
Providing the Most Significant treatment of Community Issues

WNMU-TV Oct. 1, 2015 – Dec 31, 2015

Children's Educational Issues

Pre-K programming

WNMU-TV broadcasts daily, non-commercial programming geared toward pre-school aged children. Programs such as Sesame Street, Curious George, Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, Dinosaur Train, Arthur, Wild Kratts, Sid the Science Kid, and Odd Squad give children a trusted place to explore and discover the big, wonderful world around them and prepare them for school. These programs also serve as a resource to assist parents and caregivers with information on child development and early learning, and activities for each level of development from infant to Kindergarten.

Mo–Fr, 6:00–7:00 and 8:00–10:00 and Sa & Su, 6:00–10:00, variable program lengths

Public Eye News

Ongoing coverage by WNMU-TV's student-run, live news broadcast including segments of local, state, national and international importance.

Mon – Fri, Sept - Dec, 4:00

Media Meet "Michigan Public Schools Mission"

A conversation with new state schools superintendent Brian Whiston, who wants to make Michigan a top ten education state in ten years. Topics included state standards, funding and local leadership. Media guests are Mining Journal reporter Mary Wardell, and WLUC-TV6 reporter Harri Leigh.

Saturday, October 24 at 8 pm ET and October 25 at 2:30

NMU Commencement Mid-Year 2015

Live coverage of Northern Michigan University's mid-year commencement ceremonies broadcast from the Superior Dome. Congratulations graduates and families! The keynote speaker was Danny Pummill '83, who retired from the Army as a Colonel after 33 years of service, and currently works for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as the acting Under Secretary of Benefits, where he leads over 21,000 employees in delivering non-medical benefits to veterans. NMU also awarded him an honorary doctorate in public service at the ceremony.

Saturday December 12 at 10:30 am ET

Courageous Learning

There are more than 93 million Americans in the workforce today without a degree. Their standard of living is falling and their earnings gap is increasing. These adults missed their chance to go to college — or never finished a degree program. This documentary produced by Excelsior College follows the lives of three adult students: Shawn, Joe, and Angeline — a veteran, a single dad, and a nurse — as they face obstacles in the pursuit of higher education. Experts, including leaders from academia, think tanks, government, and nonprofits, provide a guide to the landscape of post-secondary education in the 21st century — and reveal it as terrain that too few travel.

Sunday, October 11 at 11 pm ET

Media Meet "NMU Native American Studies"

Topics in contemporary Native American studies were reviewed as Northern Michigan University prepares to roll out a new academic major. Guests: April Lindala, Director, NMU Center for Native American Studies; and Martin Reinhardt, NMU Associate Professor of Native American Studies.

Saturday, November 28 at 6:30 pm ET and November 29 at 2:30

American Graduate Day

“American Graduate: Let’s Make It Happen” is a public media initiative – supported by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting – to help students stay on the path to on-time high school graduation and future success. The centerpiece of WNET’s activities is AMERICAN GRADUATE DAY – an unprecedented full-day broadcast and outreach event dedicated to engaging our country around the dropout crisis with special celebrity guests, relevant spokespeople and compelling stories from the students themselves. Each half hour featured a 23-minute segment about a national organization working to keep kids on track and in schools.

Saturday, September 22 at 1 pm ET

Off The Record 4517

Reporters: Bill Ballenger, Inside MI Politics
Rick Pluta, Michigan Public Radio
Chuck Stokes, WXYZ-TV

Guest: Robert Young, Jr., Chief Justice, MI Supreme Court

Chief Justice Robert Young, Jr. was elected to that post in 2011. He has served on the state appeals court and was appointed in 1999 to the state supreme court. He holds his undergrad degree from Harvard where he also earned his law degree. He was in private practice and was general council for AAA before entering state government. He was born in Iowa and grew up in Detroit.

Topics: Our lead story, the governor pushes for state dollars for Detroit schools

Sunday, October 25 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4522

Guest: Sen. David Knezek, (D) Dearborn Heights

Democratic state senator David Knezek is in his first term in the Michigan senate representing Dearborn Heights. He served in the Michigan House before joining the senate. He's a former Marine, and holds the BA Degree from the U of M Dearborn. He serves on the senate Appropriations Committee, Education and Energy. He works on the state police and community college budgets and has been working closely with the governor's office on revamping the Detroit Public School system.

Sunday, November 29 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4523

Guest: Rep. Dan Kildee, (D) Genesee County

Democratic Congressman Dan Kildee is in his second term in Washington. He has served in a variety of Genesee County posts including treasurer, board of commissioners, board of education and ran the first land bank. Prior to his political career, he worked eight years at a children's rehab center in the county. He's expressed interest in running for governor in 2018.

Tease: Our lead story, the governor facing stiff opposition on fixing Detroit schools.

Sunday, December 6 at 12:30 pm ET

Colonial Williamsburg HERO Live! Field Trip “The Balance of Power”

This HERO Live! broadcast featured historical documentary or dramatic video in combination with live discussion by experts and historians, as well as interactive opportunities for all viewers via Twitter and instant feedback polls. Presidents, members of Congress, and Supreme Court justices from the past two centuries competed in a baseball game unlike any you'd ever seen. Discover how the rules laid out in the U.S. Constitution preserve the balance of power between the three branches of the U.S. government: the executive, legislative, and judicial

Aired Twice on Thursday, October 15 at 10 am and 1 pm ET

Is School Enough?

We examined a new frontier that could reshape education — the importance of breaking out of the classroom and connecting students to the wider world. This approach encourages young people to learn from what they care about most. As one expert puts it, school should not just be preparation for life — but “life itself.” Featuring some of the nation’s most forward-thinking educators, the program chronicles powerful stories that show that young people,

when given the opportunity to participate in solving real problems and pursuing projects important to them, will excel.

Thursday, October 15 at 2 pm ET

Colonial Williamsburg HERO Live! "The Freedom Quest of Oney Judge"

This HERO Live! broadcast featured historical documentary and dramatic video in combination with live discussion by experts and historians, as well as interactive opportunities for all viewers via Twitter and instant feedback polls.

This episode discussed: How did a young woman escape slavery and evade the most powerful man in the nation?

Learn about the dangers Oney Judge faced when she left her life as the enslaved servant of George and Martha Washington. Oney's quest was threatened by her former owners, the law, and poverty. How was she able to live as a free woman?

Thursday, November 19 at 10 am and 1 pm ET

Colonial Williamsburg HERO Live! Field Trip "The Amazing Trade Shop Math Race"

This HERO Live! broadcast featured historical documentary or dramatic video in combination with live discussion by experts and historians, as well as interactive opportunities for all viewers via Twitter and instant feedback polls.

This month: Colonial Williamsburg's tradespeople help two teams of students in a race against the clock to help the Continental Army! Quirky "Professor Eddie" was back, highlighting how students use their math skills to make shirts, bread, cartridge boxes, and more.

Thursday, December 17 at 10 am and 1 pm ET on 13.3 TV13/PLUS Only

Employment/Economic Issues

Media Meet "Food Safety and Small Farms"

Upper Peninsula food resource people discussed local progress and issues since the establishment of regional food hubs. A key topic is how small farmers are dealing changes in federal regulations on food safety. Guests: Michigan State University Extension Community Development Educator Michelle Walk; and Marquette Food Co-op Outreach Director Natasha Lantz— both Regional Leaders in the U.P. Food Exchange — and owner-operator of Sleepy Hollow Farm in Alger County, Wendy Gibson.

Saturday, October 10 at 6:30 pm ET and repeats

Media Meet "National Healthcare Evolution"

Elder Law Attorney and Medicare expert Paul Sturgul commented on the implications of recent healthcare developments including high court approval of subsidies under the Affordable Care Act, Medicare end of life counseling, a proposed healthcare tax, insurance rates and mergers, and hikes in drug prices. (Repeat from September)

Saturday, October 3 at 6:30 pm ET and October 4 at 2:30 pm

Health Issues

Ask the Doctors "Women's Health"

Area physicians visited the Public TV 13 studios to answer phoned-in questions from viewers during this live broadcast. Host Dr. Jennifer Dehlin welcomed guests: Stephanie Grosvenor, MD OB/GYN; Heidi Henry, MD Radiology; and Philip Lowry, MD Oncology.

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Ask the Doctors "Diabetes"

Area physicians visited the Public TV 13 studios to answer phoned-in questions from viewers during this live broadcast. Host Dr. Jennifer Dehlin welcomes guests: Dr. Michael Grossman, Family Medicine; Dr. Erica Griffin, Bariatric Medicine; and Dr. Frederick Hoenke, Family Medicine.

Thursday, November 12 at 8 pm ET and November 13 at noon

Ask the Doctors "Geriatrics/Palliative Medicine/Hospice"

Area physicians visited the Public TV 13 studios to answer phoned-in questions from viewers during this live broadcast. Host Dr. Jennifer Dehlin welcomed guests: Dr. Laurence Skendzel, Dr. Frederick Hoenke, and Dr. Michael Grossman.

Thursday, December 10 at 8 pm ET and December 11 at noon

Media Meet "Trillium House"

Key members of a community based group talked about the need for a hospice house in the central Upper Peninsula and their two years of work so far to make it happen. Trillium House would provide an option not currently available to terminally ill residents. Guests: Daniel Mazzuchi, Trillum House Board President; Robert Kulisheck, Trillum House Board Member; Patrick Bray, Trillum House Executive director; and Jeff Nyquist, Trillum House Board Vice-President.

Saturday, December 19 at 6:30 pm and December 20 at 2:30 pm

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Ask the Doctors "General Health"

Area physicians visited the Public TV 13 studios to answer phoned-in questions from viewers during this live broadcast. Host Dr. Jennifer Dehlin welcomed guests: Dr. David Heichel, Otolaryngology, from Marquette; Dr. Michael Prevost, Family Medicine, from Negaunee; and Dr. Greg Sulik, Family Medicine from Marquette.

Thursday, October 8 at 8 pm ET Repeats 10/9 at Noon ET

On the Psychiatrist's Couch with Dr. Daniel Amen, MD

The Washington Post wrote that by almost any measure Dr. Daniel Amen is the most popular psychiatrist in America. In this new special, Dr. Amen reviewed the most important lessons he has taught thousands of patients

over the last 35 years. If you could spend a day on his couch what would you learn so that you could feel happier, healthier, more focused and more connected to those you love?

Wednesday, December 2 at 1 pm ET

21 Days to a Slimmer Younger You with Dr. Kellyann

Extra pounds. Wrinkles. Aching joints. Fatigue. When you "hit the wall" between young and old, you think there's no way to escape the downward spiral. But guess what? You don't need to surrender! Dr. Kellyann Petrucci, the author of the blockbuster new book Dr. Kellyann's Bone Broth Diet, is a weight loss transformation specialist who's helped thousands of people go from fat, sick, and old to young, slender, and vibrant. Learn what you can accomplish in 21 days.

Saturday, December 5 at 6:30 pm ET

Second Opinion "CPR in America"

Second Opinion has partnered with the American Heart Association to produce a special with one key goal... to teach all of America Hands-Only CPR. The special was released in coordination with the brand-new CPR guidelines. This groundbreaking special included documentary-style patient stories, a studio audience of survivors and rescuers, interviews with doctors who were involved in drafting the new guidelines, and easy to follow Hands-Only CPR demonstrations.

Monday, December 7 at 10 pm ET Repeats 12/15 at 2 pm ET

In Defense of Food

Join New York Times best-selling author Michael Pollan on a fascinating journey to find out what we should eat to be healthy. Pollan cuts through today's barrage of conflicting dietary messages and makes it simple to enjoy food and stay healthy.

Wednesday, December 30 at Noon ET Repeats 12/31 at noon

Off The Record 4515

Guest: Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Republican Attorney General Bill Schuette is in his final term. Prior to that he served in Congress, the State Senate, was an appellate court judge and ran the Agriculture Department during the Engler administration. He earned his b.a. degree from Georgetown and his law degree from the San Francisco law school. He's involved in the Gamrat/Courser investigation and has written a new book.

Reporters: Zackory Gorchow, Emily Lawler, and Chad Livingood

Topics: A flurry of activity on guns, medical marijuana and a new forfeiture law.

Sunday, October 11 at 12:30 pm ET

Prohibition "A Nation of Drunkards"

Discover the true story of America's "Great Experiment." Go beyond the oft-told tales of gangsters, rum-runners, flappers and speakeasies to experience the rise, rule and fall of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's 2011 series. In part 1: in the mid-1800s, alcohol abuse is wreaking havoc on American families, and new groups form to push for Prohibition. Part 1 of 3.

Tuesday, December 15 at 8 pm ET and 12/16 at 1 pm

Prohibition "A Nation of Scofflaws"

Discover the true story of America's "Great Experiment." Go beyond the oft-told tales of gangsters, rum-runners, flappers and speakeasies to experience the rise, rule and fall of the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's 2011 series. In part 2: In 1920, Prohibition goes into effect and millions of law-abiding Americans become lawbreakers overnight. Drys had hoped Prohibition would make the country a safer place, but the law has many victims. Part 2 of 3.

Tuesday, December 22 at 8 pm ET Repeats 12/23 at 1 pm ET

Prohibition "A Nation of Hypocrites"

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Tuesday, December 29 at 8 pm ET Repeats 12/30 at 1 pm ET

Fading Away: Alzheimer's

Every 67 seconds, someone is diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, a type of dementia with no known cure. As scientists race to unlock the secrets of the mind, patients and their caregivers take us inside their experience with this memory robbing disease.

Wednesday, December 30 at 3 pm ET

Environmental Issues

Michigan Out of Doors

This weekly show featured the sportsmen and women of Michigan and highlights the unbelievable natural resources here in our state. Michigan Out of Doors has a mission to promote and preserve the outdoor lifestyle for the future.

Thursday, August 13 at 9:30 pm ET

Ask the DNR "Bird Hunting, Youth Hunt, Pre-Deer Season, Fall Fishing"

Personnel from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources visited the Public TV 13 studios to answer phoned-in questions from viewers on this live broadcast. Guests were fisheries biologist George Madison, wildlife biologist Brian Roell, conservation officer Jason Wicklund, and John Pepin, Deputy Public Information Officer.

Thursday, October 1 at 8:00 pm ET

Media Meet "Coping with Climate Change"

A discussion of efforts to establish a community home front in response to climate change and its effects. Recorded on the occasion of an October meeting in Marquette of leaders and policy analysts, including NOAA and the newly formed Marquette County Climate Adaptation Task Force. Guests: Marquette Co. Climate Adaptation Task Force Chair Robert Kulisheck; Superior Watershed Partnership Director Carl Lindquist; NOAA Climate Program Communication & Education Director David Herring; and Great Lakes Integrated Science Assessment Center Climatologist Dan Brown.

Saturday October 31 at 6:30 pm ET and November 1 at 2:30 pm

Ask the DNR "Deer Season, Bear Season 2015"

Personnel from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources visited the Public TV 13 studios to answer phoned-in questions from viewers on this live broadcast. This month's guests were DNR Deer Program biologist Ashley Autenrieth from the Gaylord office, Wildlife Biologist Monica Joseph, Conservation Officer John Wenzel, and Deputy Public Information Officer John Pepin.

Thursday, November 5 at 8 pm ET and November 6 at noon

Ask the DNR "Snowmobiling, Post-Deer Season, Ice Fishing"

Personnel from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources visited the Public TV 13 studios to answer phoned-in questions from viewers on this live broadcast. This month's guests were John DePue (wildlife), Darren Kramer (fisheries), Paul Gaberdiel (trails), Brett DeLonge (law enforcement), and John Pepin (public information).

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Media Meet "Chronic Wasting Disease"

Michigan Department of Natural Resources wildlife specialists discussed Chronic Wasting Disease and efforts to prevent it from finding its way into the Upper Peninsula deer population. The fatal neurologic disease affecting cervids was discovered in downstate Ingham County earlier this year. Guests: Ashley Autenrieth, Deer Program Biologist, MDNR- Gaylord; Terry Minzey, U.P. Regional Wildlife Supervisor, MDNR-Ishpeming; David Dragon, Wildlife Technician, MDNR-Crystal Falls; and John Pepin, Deputy Public Information Officer, MDNR-Marquette.

Saturday, December 12 at 6:30 pm ET and December 13 at 2:30 pm

E.O. Wilson – Of Ants and Men

Examine the remarkable life and groundbreaking ideas of biologist E.O Wilson, founder of the discipline of sociobiology, world authority on insects and Pulitzer-prize winning writer on the subject of human nature.

Thursday, October 1 at 1 pm ET

Media Meet "Birds and Birders"

An account of birds prevalent, or not so, in our region and observations on birds, the environment and related matters from those who study and enjoy them. Guests: Michigan Audubon Exec. Dir. Jonathan Lutz; Katie Koch,

Migratory Bird Biologist, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; and NMU Biology Professor Alec Lindsay. (Repeat from August)

Saturday, October 17 at 6:30 pm ET Repeats 10/18 at 2:30 pm ET

Great Lakes Now: Great Lakes Week Review

Great Lakes Now provides a review of the annual Great Lakes Week highlighting the latest science and public policy issues around the world's largest collection of surface fresh water. Topics may include beluga whales in the St. Lawrence seaway; diversity in the Indian Dunes; and the importance of green infrastructure.

Sunday, November 22 at 11 pm ET

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Saturday, October 10 at 6:30 pm ET and repeats

EcoSense for Living

This thought-provoking series features eco-topics ranging from reconnecting kids to nature, green jobs, and healthy lifestyles limiting the impacts of toxins on our home and bodies. The series aims to empower viewers with practical solutions geared toward saving money, treading lighter on the planet, and improving quality of life.

Sundays at 11 am ET, begins November 15

The New Environmentalists "From Myanmar to Scotland"

The latest installment of this Emmy award winning series featuring portraits of six passionate and dedicated activists including Berta Cáceres who rallied the indigenous Lenca people of Honduras, and Marilyn Baptiste, former chief of the Xení Gwet'in First Nation in British Columbia, Canada. They are true environmental heroes who have placed themselves squarely in harm's way to battle intimidating adversaries, while often creating partnerships with unlikely allies. The New Environmentalists share a common goal, safeguarding the Earth's natural resources from exploitation and pollution, while fighting for environmental justice in their communities.

Thursday, November 26 at 10:30 pm ET

Bloom: The Plight of Lake Champlain

This 4-part documentary explores the health of the 6th largest lake in the United States, and the future of the watershed communities of Vermont, New York, and Quebec that surround its waters. This is a story emblematic of lake basins nation- and worldwide that are in a downward spiral of eutrophication, the fertilization of our freshwater systems from a human economy out of balance with its sustaining ecosystem. The blue-green algae blooms in Lake Champlain are the most visible symptom of a lake in decline, and the end point of a failing dairy industry, ill-planned development, and aging wastewater treatment systems.

Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 15-18 at 3 pm

Legal/Civil Rights Issues

Ask the Lawyers "October 2015"

Area attorneys visited the Public TV 13 studios to answer phoned-in questions from viewers during this live broadcast. This week, host GG Gordon welcomed guests: Susan Wideman Schaible, Sarah Henderson, and Patrick Jennings, all of Marquette.

Thursday October 15 at 8pm ET and October 16 at noon

Ask the Lawyers "November 2015"

Area attorneys visited the Public TV 13 studios to answer phoned-in questions from viewers during this live broadcast. This week, host GG Gordon welcomed guests: Scott Brogan, Michael Kolasa and Steve Pence, all from Marquette.

Thursday, November 19 at 8 pm ET and November 20 at noon

Media Meet "U.P. Union Maids"

A discussion the role of women as leaders and activists in the Upper Peninsula labor movement, along with some contemporary labor issues. Guests included 2015 U.P. Labor Hall of Fame inductees Suzanne Bowers and Maria Maniaci.

Saturday, November 21 at 6:30 PM ET and November 22 at 2:30

Media Meet "NMU Native American Studies"

Topics in contemporary Native American studies are reviewed as Northern Michigan University prepares to roll out a new academic major. Guests: April Lindala, Director, NMU Center for Native American Studies; and Martin Reinhardt, NMU Associate Professor of Native American Studies.

Saturday, November 28 at 6:30 pm ET and November 29 at 2:30

Ask the Lawyers "December 2015"

Area attorneys visited the Public TV 13 studios to answer phoned-in questions from viewers during this live broadcast. This week, host GG Gordon welcomed guests: Patrick Jennings of Marquette, Dan Mead of Ishpeming and Roger Zappa of Marquette.

Thursday, December 17 at 8 pm and December 18 at noon

Yoopera!

When you combine Yoopers and Oopera (the Finnish word for opera), you get an exuberant, operatic, and inspirational celebration of local history and culture. This documentary tells the story of how a legacy of family stories and local history inspired the creation of a major opera ("Rockland") and a widespread community celebration of heritage in the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Tuesday, November 17 at 8 pm ET, November 18 at 2 pm and November 24 at 1 pm ET

Rising Voices/Hothaninpi

Before Christopher Columbus and his fellow Europeans arrived in North America, there were nearly 300 Native languages spoken north of Mexico. Today only half of those languages remain and experts say that by the year 2050, just 20 indigenous American languages will exist. RISING VOICES/HOTHANINPI is a one-hour documentary about how languages die - and how speaking them again can spark cultural and community restoration. The film focuses on the Lakota (often called "Sioux") language and culture, the history that forced the language towards near extinction, and the challenges Lakota face today as they struggle to learn their ancestral language and teach it to their children. The documentary is a portrait of a culture in flux, focusing on the myriad conflicts around the disappearing language on the Lakota reservations of North and South Dakota. The Lakota nation is large, with more than 170,000 tribal members, and that number is growing. Yet only 6,000 people still speak Lakota, and the average age of its speakers will soon be 70 years old. Can the Lakota elders transmit the power of history and tradition, especially in the form of language, or will the heart and soul of their culture die with them? To examine this

question, RISING VOICES introduces viewers to a range of people, including the teachers working to save the language and the Lakota trying to learn their ancestral tongue. Woven through the documentary are also short first-person films made by Lakota filmmakers - stories that illustrate the strong connections the artists have between the Lakota language and their everyday lives.

Wednesday, November 25 at 2 pm ET

Off The Record 4514

Reporters: Rick Pluta, Jonathon Oosting, and Bill Ballenger; Guest: Senator Bert Johnson.

Highland Park Democratic Senator Bert Johnson was elected in 2010 after serving in the Michigan House from 2005 to 2010. He's a graduate of University of Detroit Mercy with a degree in criminology. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress and currently serves on the senate human services committee as the democratic vice chair.

Topics: Our lead story, the debate over immigration comes to Michigan.

Sunday, October 4 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4521

Guest: Pete Hoekstra, Former U.S. Representative

Former GOP congressman Pete Hoekstra was elected to the west Michigan congressional seat in 1993 and he served until 2011. While in Washington he chaired the House Intelligence Committee. He ran unsuccessfully for governor and the U.S. Senate and is now in the private sector. He holds degrees from Hope College and the business school at the University of Michigan. He's also written a book on Middle East politics.

Tease: The lead story was the governor blocking refugees from Syria from coming into the state.

Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 pm ET

Frontline "Immigration Battle"

Gain insight into the hard-fought battles and secret negotiations over immigration reform on Capitol Hill. Examine President Obama's push for policy changes that could affect the fate of millions and define for decades what it means to be American.

Tuesday, October 20 at 9 pm ET

Finding Refuge

The efforts of one dying woman to preserve her Native culture don't end when she passes, but prompts a renewal in finding pride in that culture. She confronts the violent event over two centuries ago that began the destruction of her people and the shame that colonialism created.

Sunday, November 1 at 11 pm ET

Across the Creek

This program is a conversation among members of the Lakota, who are seeking ways to restore their culture after a legacy of colonialism. Offering a fresh perspective into the lives of the Sioux on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations, the film looks at how these Sioux communities struggle to maintain tradition, while confronting the challenges of broken families, abuse and poverty. By sharing their stories across generations, they hope to build a vision for the future.

Sunday, November 8 at 11 pm ET

Debt of Honor: Disabled Veterans in American History

Take an unflinching look at the reality of warfare and disability in this history of disabled veterans. Witness moving interviews with some of the country's most prominent disabled veterans, including Tammy Duckworth, Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Army, ret., Representative, Illinois 8th Congressional District (pictured.)

Tuesday, November 10 at 9 pm ET

Healing the Warrior's Heart

Healing the Warrior's Heart examines the emotional trauma of war through the prism of Native American tradition and ceremony. The program reveals the central role that military service plays in Native life and explores the

spiritual traditions that help returning American Indian soldiers reintegrate into society. These traditions hold lessons for the nation as we seek to bring comfort and healing to veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD.

Wednesday, November 11 at 1 pm ET

Sand Creek Massacre

What led approximately 600-plus volunteer soldiers to attack a peaceful settlement of Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians in the Southeastern Colorado Territory? On November 29, 1864, Colonel John Chivington led an unprovoked attack that resulted in the deaths of more than 150 women, children and the elderly. SAND CREEK MASSACRE revisits the horrific acts of that day and uncovers the history 150 years later. The hour-long program gives insight into the history and describes in detail the actions and the events - the discovery of gold in the west, the push for Colorado statehood by Governor John Evans, and the belief in manifest destiny - that led to this infamous massacre. The documentary provides an in-depth look at the story's real-life villains and heroes through moving oral histories shared by 22 Sand Creek descendants, an interview with David F. Halass, PhD, a Northern Cheyenne Consultant and Colorado Chief Historian and archival photos and letters.

Monday, November 16 at 10 pm ET Repeats 11/17 at 2 pm ET

LaDonna Harris: Indian 101

This documentary profiles Comanche political and social activist LaDonna Harris. President Lyndon Johnson tapped her to educate the executive and legislative branches on the unique role of American Indian tribes and their relationship to the U.S. government. The course, called "Indian 101," was taught to members of Congress and other agencies for more than 35 years. In addition to her work in civil rights, world peace, the environment and women's rights, Harris is best known for introducing landmark legislation.

Friday, November 20 at 1 pm ET

Political Issues

Frontline "Putin's Way"

FRONTLINE investigates the accusations of criminality and corruption that have surrounded Vladimir Putin's reign in Russia. Tracing his career back over two decades, "Putin's Way" reveals how the accumulation of wealth and power has led to autocratic rule and the specter of a new Cold War.

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Sunday, October 4 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4515

Guest: Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Republican Attorney General Bill Schuette is in his final term. Prior to that he served in congress, the state senate, was an appellate court judge and ran the agriculture department during the Engler administration. He earned his B.A. Degree from Georgetown and his law degree from the San Francisco law school. He's involved in the Gamrat/Courser investigation and has written a new book. Reporters: Zackory Gorchow, Emily Lawler, and Chad Livingood

Topics: A. flurry of activity on guns, medical marijuana and a new forfeiture law.

Sunday, October 11 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4516

Guest: Barbara Levine, Exec. Director, CAPPS

Attorney Barbara Levine is Executive Director of CAPPS, which is working to change the system in Michigan. Prior to founding the group in 2000, she was a staff attorney in the state appellate defender office, was a commissioner for the state supreme court and taught law at Wayne State and the University of Toledo. She earned her law degree and BA from the University of Michigan.

Topics: The lead story was an impasse on the road fix package.

Sunday, October 18 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4517

Guest: Robert Young, Jr., Chief Justice, MI Supreme Court

Chief Justice Robert Young, Jr. was elected to that post in 2011. He has served on the state appeals court and was appointed in 1999 to the state supreme court. He holds his undergrad degree from Harvard where he also earned his law degree. He was in private practice and was general council for AAA before entering state government. He was born in Iowa and grew up in Detroit.

Topics: The lead story: the governor pushes for state dollars for Detroit schools

Sunday, October 25 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4518

Guest: Randy Richardville, Former GOP Senate Leader

Randy Richardville is the former senate GOP leader who was term limited out of a job last year. He served three terms in the Michigan House and was GOP floor leader there. He holds a BA from Albion and a Masters from Aquinas. He once worked at Herman Miller and was an economic development director before entering the legislature.

Tease: The lead story was the road fix back and forth, goes back and forth.

Sunday, November 1 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4519

Guest: Arlan Meekhoff, GOP Senate Leader

Senator Arlan Meekhoff is the senate GOP leader and is in his final term. He served two terms in the Michigan House starting in 2007. He's a former small business owner and a graduate of Davenport University and is eyeing a possible run for governor after he leaves the senate in three more years.

Topics: The lead story: the road fix package passes so what does this mean to you?

Sunday, November 8 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4520

Roll In: 1. Gov. Rick Snyder

2. Mike Nystrom, Michigan Road Builders

3. Brandon Dillon, State Democratic Party Chair

Topics: The lead story: the governor signed the road bill and democrats are not happy.

Sunday, November 15 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4521

Guest: Pete Hoekstra, Former U.S. Representative

Former GOP congressman Pete Hoekstra was elected to the west Michigan congressional seat in 1993 and he served until 2011. While in Washington he chaired the House Intelligence Committee. He ran unsuccessfully for governor and the U.S. Senate and is now in the private sector. He holds degrees from Hope College and the business school at the University of Michigan. He's also written a book on Middle East politics.

Tease: The lead story is the governor blocking refugees from Syria from coming into the state.

Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4522

Guest: Sen. David Knezek, (D) Dearborn Heights

Democratic state senator David Knezek is in his first term in the Michigan senate representing Dearborn Heights. He served in the Michigan House before joining the senate. He's a former Marine, and holds the BA Degree from the U of M Dearborn. He serves on the senate Appropriations Committee, Education and Energy. He works on the state police and community college budgets and has been working closely with the governor's office on revamping the Detroit Public School system.

Sunday, November 29 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4523

Guest: Rep. Dan Kildee, (D) Genesee County

Democratic Congressman Dan Kildee is in his second term in Washington. He has served in a variety of Genesee County posts including treasurer, board of commissioners, board of education and ran the first land bank. Prior to his political career, he worked eight years at a children's rehab center in the county. He's expressed interest in running for governor in 2018.

Tease: The lead story, the governor facing stiff opposition on fixing Detroit schools.

Sunday, December 6 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4524

Guest: Sarah Riley Howard, Attorney

Attorney Sarah Riley Howard is a litigator with a Grand Rapids law firm and represents two former employees in the Michigan House who are suing the house concerning former lawmakers Todd Courser and Cindy Gamrat. Ms. Riley Howard ran as a democrat for the state senate and was a law clerk for a U.S. district judge in west Michigan. She holds her law degree from the University of Michigan.

Topics: The guest this week was attorney Sarah Riley Howard who represents two of the former employees of former representatives Todd Courser and Cindy Gamrat.

Sunday, December 13 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4525

This is a special correspondents edition of Off the Record with Kathy Gray, Kyle Melinn, Rick Pluta, and Bill Ballenger. A hectic and heated end of the legislative year was the lead story.

Sunday, December 20 at 12:30 pm ET

Off The Record 4526

Guest: Frank Kelley, Former MI Attorney General

Tease: The nation's longest serving state attorney general reflects on his years in and out of office.

Sunday, December 27 at 12:30 pm ET

Frontline "Inside Assad's Syria"

Join correspondent Martin Smith in Syria as he reports from government-controlled areas while the war rages. With on-the-ground reporting and firsthand accounts from Syrians caught in the crisis, the film shines new light on the ongoing conflict.

Tuesday, October 27 at 10 pm ET

Frontline "Gunned Down"

FRONTLINE investigates how the NRA uses its unrivaled political power to stop gun regulation in America. With first-hand accounts of school killings in Newtown and Columbine, and the shooting of Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, "Gunned Down" examines why, despite the national trauma over gun violence, Washington hasn't acted.

Tuesday, November 10 at 10 pm ET Repeats 11/13 at 1 pm ET

Frontline "ISIS in Afghanistan"

Inside the rise of ISIS in Afghanistan and how they're training the next generation of jihadists. With rare access to ISIS, Correspondent Najibullah Quraishi sees first-hand their spreading power. Also, Pakistan's police fight against the Taliban.

Tuesday, November 17 at 10 pm ET

LaDonna Harris: Indian 101

This documentary profiles Comanche political and social activist LaDonna Harris. President Lyndon Johnson tapped her to educate the executive and legislative branches on the unique role of American Indian tribes and their relationship to the U.S. government. The course, called "Indian 101," was taught to members of Congress and other agencies for more than 35 years. In addition to her work in civil rights, world peace, the environment and women's rights, Harris is best known for introducing landmark legislation.

Friday, November 20 at 1 pm ET

Frontline "The Rise of ISIS"

In this newly updated episode, FRONTLINE investigates the miscalculations and mistakes behind the brutal rise of ISIS. As part of a special FRONTLINE series, correspondent Martin Smith reports from Iraq on how the country began coming undone after the American withdrawal and what it means for the U.S. to be fighting there again.

Tuesday, December 8 at 10 pm ET

Frontline "Escaping ISIS"

Hear gripping, first-hand accounts of women who escaped the brutal reign of ISIS. This hard-hitting film explores the lives of women who were held as sex slaves, the people who saved them and women who endured—and also enforced—ISIS' harsh rules.

Tuesday, December 29 at 10 pm ET

Agricultural Issues

Media Meet "Food Safety and Small Farms"

Upper Peninsula food resource people discussed local progress and issues since the establishment of regional food hubs. A key topic is how small farmers are dealing changes in federal regulations on food safety. Guests: Michigan State University Extension Community Development Educator Michelle Walk; and Marquette Food Co-op Outreach Director Natasha Lantz— both Regional Leaders in the U.P. Food Exchange — and owner-operator of Sleepy Hollow Farm in Alger County, Wendy Gibson.

Saturday, October 10 at 6:30 pm ET and repeats

Labor Issues

Media Meet "U.P. Union Maids"

A discussion the role of women as leaders and activists in the Upper Peninsula labor movement, along with some contemporary labor issues. Guests include 2015 U.P. Labor Hall of Fame inductees Suzanne Bowers and Maria Maniaci.

Saturday, November 21 at 6:30 PM ET and November 22 at 2:30