

WBBZ-TV FCC 4th Quarter Quarterly Report for 2023

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Hello Diane and Chris -
Here is the Quarterly Issues Report for WBBZ-TV-
4th Quarter 2023.

Diane, keep this, but Chris mentioned he will upload to the FCC site
later today.

Thank you both
John Di Scullo

Public Affairs portion of the FCC Report / 4th Quarter 2023

October / November / December for WBBZ-TV, Your Hometown MeTV Station
Channel 67.1 for Western New York.

Programming and Spots include coverage of:

Community Events
Community Conversations
Health and Medical Issues
Family Issues
Not For Profit Agencies
Women's Issues
Education
Arts and Cultural
Public Service

"Big Picture" -
weekly public affairs program, hosted by
retired New York State Supreme Court Judge Penny Wolfgang, with reports
from contributor Tony Farina, longtime journalist in WNY media.
scheduled airtimes (Friday 8pm, Saturday 12:30pm; Sunday at 10:30am)

"Big Picture: PRIME"-
weekly public affairs program, hosted by Phil Arno
scheduled airtime (Monday at 8pm)

"Hometown Health Connection" -
weekly medical program, produced in partnership with Buffalo Healthy
Living Magazine, hosted by John Di Scullo & Sandy White
scheduled airtimes (Wednesday 8pm / Saturday Noon)

"Community Conversations"
special half hour presentations, produced in partnership with Buffalo Healthy Living Magazine,
scheduled airtimes (Wednesday at 8pm / Saturday Noon on various weeks)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

"Polka Buzz" - Weekly TV dance party hosted by Ron Dombrowski featuring Buffalo's best bands -
This program airs every Sunday at 11:30am & 7pm Celebrating Buffalo's Polonia Pride.
Special December shows aired 12/17 - 12/24 - 12/31 - and 1/7/24 that featured the Chopin Singing Society
performing traditional Polish Christmas songs.

WNY Church Unleashed
Every Sunday at 10am for a half hour, WBBZ-TV presents a televised ministry from three Lutheran Churches in
Western New York - St. Paul's, Zion, and Parkside with Pastors Steve Biegner, Jeremiah Smith, and
Roger Griffiths with Christian insight into issues of the day, inspirational music, and prayers.

A Century of Hope: 100 Years of Catholic Charities
Monday November 20th at 8pm
WBBZ presented a special documentary prepared by the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo on the impact
this community organization has had, while launching their 2024 campaign.

Passionate Living Special
Thursday November 16th at 8pm / Sunday November 19th at 11am
Thursday November 23rd at 8pm / Sunday November 26th at 11am
Host Catherine Miller reflects on the groundbreaking career of Richard Roundtree on the event of
his passing - sharing a rare interview where he talks about racism in America, and Buffalo, notably after
the May 2022 supermarket shooting where 10 persons of color were executed in a massacre.

Saturday December 23rd at 4pm / Sunday December 24th at 5:30pm
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Monday October 2nd 8pm

"Big Picture: Prime" Host Phil Arno shares an encore interview with legendary radio personality Joey Reynolds on the state of radio in America.

Wednesday October 4th at 8pm / Saturday October 7th at Noon

"Hometown Health Connection: Community Conversations" - the Community Health Center of Buffalo Director of Family Planning LaTarcia Daniels, and Women's Health Practitioner Emily Murphy discuss sex, family planing, and risks with host John Di Sciuolo

Saturday October 7th at 12:30pm / Sunday October 8th at 10:30am

"Big Picture" - Host Judge Penny Wolfgang visits the grand opening of the AKG Art Museum in Buffalo, talking with Albright Knox Gunderson Executive Director Janne Siren about the new and updated landmark, with a video tour (encore)

Monday October 9th at 8pm

"Big Picture: PRIME" Host Phil Arno offers a commentary on the economy of Western New York. With e-mails and social media feedback from viewers on how they are coping.

Wednesday October 11th at 8pm / Saturday October 14th at Noon

"Hometown Health Connection: Community Conversations" - Host John Di Sciuolo welcomes Ann Bowback, Project Manager and Cindy Voelker, President and CEO of Spectrum Health and Human Services to discuss the Opioid Epidemic in Western New York.

Friday October 13th at 8pm / Saturday October 14th at 12:30pm/ Sunday October 15th at 10:30am

"Big Picture" - Host Judge Penny Wolfgang visits the ground breaking of the Hispanic Heritage Cultural Center talking with Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown, NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, and Hispanic Heritage President Casimiro Rodriguez on the impact this new facility will have for the West side of the City. (encore presentation)

Monday October 16th at 8pm

"Big Picture: PRIME" Host Phil Arno welcomes Buffalo Hall of Fame Broadcaster Linda Pellegrino to share stories about the late legendary weather anchor Tom Jolls, retired from WKBW TV Channel 7, and the state of news broadcasting. (encore presentation)

Wednesday October 18th at 8pm / Saturday October 21st at Noon

"Hometown Health Connection" - During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, host Kate Glaser welcomes Anna Chen, DO and Dr. Raja M. Cheruvu of Windsong Radiation on the importance of mammograms, and what to do in preventing breast cancer, and how to treat it. (encore presentation).

Saturday October 21st at 10am / Sunday October 22nd at 10:30am / Monday October 23rd at 8pm

"Big Picture" - Host Penny Wolfgang welcomes Rabbi Alex Lazurus Klein from Temple Shir Shalom in Amherst, New York to talk about the Israel / Hamas conflict. Plus, catching up with legendary Buffalo Bills sportscaster John Murphy, who has written a new book about his broadcasting career and how he is battling back from the effects of a stroke.

Wednesday October 25th at 8pm / Saturday October 28th at Noon

"Your Hometown Health Connection" - During Breast Cancer Awareness Month host Kate Glaser welcomes Dr. Stuti Tambar from the Great Lakes Cancer Care Collaborative on the importance of self examination, and prevention tips (encore presentation)

Saturday October 28th at 10am / Sunday October 29th at 12:30pm

"Big Picture" - Judge Penny Wolfgang talks with John Di Sciuolo about her recent induction into the Buffalo Broadcasters Hall of Fame, then catches up with legendary entertainer Vicki Lawrence at the Riviera Theatre in North Tonawanda to talk about her career, and the new found fame from the airing of her "Carol Burnett" and "Mama's Family" shows on MeTV.

Monday October 30th at 8pm

"Big Picture: PRIME" - Phil Arno welcomes incumbent Democratic candidate Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz on why he is running again for the top position in the county that Buffalo is in.

Wednesday November 1st at 8pm / Saturday November 4th at Noon

"Your Hometown Health Connection" Host John Di Sciuolo welcomes Dr. Ajay Chaudhuri, Chief of Endocrinology, and Dr. Robert Borowski from the UB Jacobs School of Medicine on the difference between Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes - prevention, and how to handle it. (encore presentation)

Friday November 3rd at 8pm / Saturday November 4th at 12:30pm / Sunday at 10:30am

"Big Picture" Judge Penny Wolfgang previews the upcoming elections with Shawn Donahue, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Buffalo. Plus, the state of business is WNY's largest suburb, Amherst. Judge talks with A.J. Baynes, Jr. from the Amherst Chamber of Commerce, while recognizing community leaders from Goodwill and Food Bank of WNY who were honored.

Monday November 6th at 8pm

"Big Picture: PRIME" - Host Phil Arno welcomes Republican candidate for Erie County Executive Chrissy Casillio on why she is seeking the top leadership position in the County.

Wednesday November 8th at 8pm / Saturday November 11th at Noon

"Your Hometown Health Connection" - John Di Sciuolo welcomes Dr. Ephraim Atwal from Atwal Eye Care to talk about what to do if you have cataracts, the benefits of laser eye treatments, and eye care as you age. (encore presentation)

Saturday November 11th at 12:30pm / Sunday November 12th at 10:30am

"Big Picture" - Judge Penny Wolfgang presents a special Veteran's Day weekend edition of the program, talking with local Scout leaders on enrollment and how Scouting is bouncing back after abuse allegations. Then, a return visit to Russell J. Salvatore's Patriots and Heroes Park for a re-dedication ceremony, which includes an interview with World War II veteran Dr. John Long. Plus, a video view of the recent Chef's Restaurant 100th Anniversary Celebration at the North Park Theatre.

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Wednesday November 15th at 8pm / Saturday November 18th at Noon

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"Big Picture" - Host Judge Penny Wolfgang visits a Buffalo Bills GameDay party for challenged children and their families, hosted by Kate Glaser of Hope Rises, including an interview with Nick Mayerick, who shared the medical journey of his son on social media while battling a congenital heart condition who recently passed away. Plus, a visit to the FeedMore WNY Food Drive with 97 Rock Out Hunger personality Dave Jickster on the impact of this community event held every year prior to Thanksgiving.

Monday November 20th at 8pm

"Big Picture: PRIME" pre-empted for a special documentary, "A Century of Hope: The Story of Catholic Charities in WNY" presented by the Diocese of Buffalo.

Wednesday November 22nd at 8pm / Saturday November 25th at Noon

"Your Hometown Health Connection" Host John Di Sciullo welcomes nutrition expert Patti Green to discuss how to make healthy meals at home, the proper diet for the holidays an all year long, and why food "deserts" in the minority communities of Buffalo (East) need to change.

Friday November 24th at 8pm / Saturday November 25th at 12:30pm / Sunday November 26th at 10:30am

"Big Picture" - Judge Penny Wolfgang catches up with retired Hall of Fame broadcaster Mike Randall on what's next as he leaves WKWB TV 7 to pursue his community shows as Mark Twain and Charles Dickens. Plus, reporter Tony Farina talks with Batavia Downs Gaming and Hotel CEO Henry Wojtaszczyk on the recent lawsuit served to New York State on the proposed dismantling of the gaming board, and the status of the facility.

Monday November 27th at 8pm

"Big Picture: PRIME" - Phil Arno welcomes Joe DeMarco, pilot and founder of "Wings Flights of Hope" to talk about his organization that flies people with medical needs at no charge across the country to secure needed medical care. (encore presentation)

Wednesday November 29th at 8pm / Saturday December 2nd at 12:30pm / Sunday December 3rd at 10:30am

"Your Hometown Health Connection: Community Conversation" - John Di Sciullo welcomes guests from Horizon Health Services, Elizabeth Hole, atrick Greene, and Shacarah Henry on navigating the holiday season while understanding the need for substance abuse and mental health treatments.

Friday December 1st at 8pm / Saturday December 2nd at 12:30pm / Sunday December 3rd at 10:30am / Monday December 4th at 8pm

"Big Picture" - Host Judge Penny Wolfgang talks with Congressman Brian Higgins on why he is leaving his seat in the House of Representatives to take on the leadership role at Shea's Buffalo Theatre, along with local theatre critic Anthony Chase on what this means. Then, Judge talks via Zoom with Niagara Falls Mayor Robert Restaino on a recent car crash at the Rainbow Bridge that was first thought to be a terrorist act.

Wednesday December 6th at 8pm / Saturday December 9th at Noon

"Your Hometown Health Connection" - Host John Di Sciullo welcomes attorney Aimana El Bahtity, Chair of the Medical Society of the County of Erie on the state of Health Care in our community. (encore presentation)

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Friday December 22nd at 8pm / Saturday December 23rd at 12:30pm / Sunday December 24th at 10:30am

"Big Picture" Host Penny Wolfgang presents a special Christmas weekend program with a visit to the Variety Club of Buffalo Santa Breakfast, raising funds for Olshel Children's Hospital, featuring Santa Claus. Then, connecting with Kim Allen from Delta Sonic Car Wash on their new fundraising effort for Variety selling Buffalo Bills Collector Glasses for the charity. Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown offers comment on his role as Telethon Chairman for the upcoming March event. Plus Pastor Steve Biegner from St. Paul's Lutheran Church on the reason for the season, with a preview of the "WNY Church Unleashed" Christmas presentation.

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PSA Spot Runs on WBBZ-TV (4th Quarter 2023)

Project Road Block: National Spots from TVB - 40

Mental Health - "We Can Talk About It" (1:00) & (:30) 81

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Variety Club Telethon Coming in March 26

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Compass House Holiday Fundraiser 36

Thank you,
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