Quarterly Issues Report For Blue Ridge Public Radio – 1st Quarter 2024 (Jan 1st-March 31st)

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ISSUE SHOW/DATE/DURATION

Health, Science and Environment

Elected officials call on HCA to sell Mission Health System in wake of 'immediate jeopardy' designation, Feb. 6. 2024, Morning Edition, 2:02

Canton papermill violates bacteria levels in the Pigeon River, Feb. 13, 2024, Morning Edition, 3:44

Patient deaths at Mission: Report details failures and CMS accepts hospital's plan for correction, Feb 16, 2024, Morning Edition, :30

CMS decision on Mission Hospital 'does not determine our lawsuit,' Attorney General Josh Stein says, Feb. 22, 2024, Morning Edition, 2:00

Business, Growth and Development

Higher insurance rates in Buncombe County? Inflation and climate change may be to blame., Jan. 17, 2024, Morning Edition, 1:59

Asheville's Black Cultural Heritage Trail a beacon amid efforts to restrict teaching about race, Feb 29, 2024, Morning Edition, 5:42

Buncombe short-term rental restriction proposal rouses more debate, March 19, 2024, Morning Edition, 1:33

Where do tourism tax dollars go? Buncombe Co. eyes recent Outer Banks case, March 26, 2024, Morning Edition, :46

Local Government & Politics

Jackson County Commissioners raise questions about revised Fontana Regional Library Agreement, Jan. 15, 2024, Morning Edition, 2:02

'Save our pool:' West Asheville residents demand answers on Malvern Hills Park Pool closure, Feb. 22, 2024, Morning Edition, 2:10

Asheville, Buncombe County 2024 primary election results, March 5, 2024, Morning Edition, 1:13

'Cease Harm' audit reaches final recommendations for Asheville, Buncombe officials, March 19, 2024, Morning Edition, :59

FAQ: Can you buy marijuana on the Qualla Boundary in North Carolina? March 20, 2024, Morning Edition, 3:50

Last night at Commission: School merger study moves forward, county stuck with the bill, March 20, 2024, Morning Edition, 2:16

NC Supreme Court affirms Asheville's authority to remove Vance Monument, March 22, 2024, All Things Considered, 1:21

Arts & Culture

Documentary film tells the story of preserving Cherokee language, Jan 25, 2024, Morning Edition, 5:29

New jazz series revives musical history in Asheville, Feb 7, 2024, Morning Edition, 3:39

Skylar Gudasz talks Wildacres, NC music scene ahead of Citizen Vinyl show, Feb 22, 2024, Morning Edition, 4:20

New center leads symposium for local teachers reexamining WNC's Civil War history, March 13, 2024, Morning Edition, 3:33

Legendary glass artist Dale Chihuly returns to Asheville, March 25, 2024, Morning Edition, 1:44