

**WNCW and WSIF Quarterly Issues and Programs List**  
**WNCW Radio Spindale, North Carolina and WSIF Wilkesboro, North Carolina**  
**For the period 01/01/2024 through 03/31/2024**

During the past quarter, the issues shown below have been significant to our community. We ran the programs indicated to address them.

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**Issue: Arts/Literary/Culture**

We ran the following program to address it: *Southern Songs and Stories*

Alternating Tuesdays Time: 8:51 a.m. Duration: 8 min

We ran the following program to address it: *Down the Road on the Blue Ridge Music Trails*

Alternating Tuesdays Time: 8:51 a.m Duration: 8 min

We ran the following program to address it: *American Songcatcher*

Alternating Tuesdays Time: 7:51 a.m Duration: 8 min

We ran the following program to address it: *Appalachian Vibes*

Alternating Tuesdays Time: 7:51 a.m. Duration: 8 min

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**JANUARY 2024**

01/02

APPALACHIAN VIBES: JAMIE COLLINS – BOCCI SPEAKS WITH BRISTOL SINGER-SONGWRITER JAMIE COLLINS. THEY DISCUSS HER SONG “SMOKE RISING,” HER WORK AS A TEACHER, AND APPALACHIAN MUSIC

01/09

AMERICAN SONGCATCHER: LOCOMOTIVES – NICHOLAS EDWARD WILLIAMS DISCUSSES THE IMPACT THAT LOCOMOTIVES HAVE HAD MUSICALLY

SOUTHERN SONGS AND STORIES: RISSI PALMER – JOE KENDRICK TALKS WITH RISSI PALMER ABOUT HER COMEBACK, HER EXIT, AND WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE FUTURE

01/16

APPALACHIAN VIBES: MELISSA MCKINNEY – BOCCI INTERVIEWS MELISSA MCKINNEY OF MAMA & THE RUCKUS, A MOTHER-DAUGHTER DUO FROM ASHEVILLE. MCKINNEY SHARES HER EXPERIENCES WITH LOVE, AND ORIGINAL MUSIC

DOWN THE ROAD: WILLIAM ALLSBROOK – THE BRMT TEAM DISCUSS DR. WILLIAM ALLSBROOK, AND HIS SURVEY OF 32 WNC BANJO PLAYERS THAT LED TO THE CREATING OF HIS BOOK, “MAKING MUSIC: THE BANJO IN A SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN COUNTY”

01/23

AMERICAN SONGCATCHER: THE CUCKOO BIRD – NICHOLAS EDWARD WILLIAMS FOLLOWS THE HISTORY OF THE TRADITIONAL SONG, “THE CUCKOO BIRD”.

01/30

APPALACHIAN VIBES: TOM BARR – AMANDA BOCCI VISITS BARR’S FIDDLE SHOP IN DOWNTOWN GALAX, VIRGINIA. BOCCI DISCUSSES THE ORIGINS OF COUNTRY MUSIC, WHERE SHE SITES GALAX AS IT’S HOME

DOWN THE ROAD: CHARLIE POOLE – A READING OF LOUISE WRIGHT PRICE’S CHILDREN’S BOOK, *CHARLIE AND HIS BANJO: THE STORY OF CHARLIE POOLE*

## **FEBRUARY 2024**

02/13

APPALACHIAN VIBES: TIM SEELY – AMANDA BOCCI TALKS WITH TIM SEELY, A ROOTS-BASED SINGER FROM NEW YORK.

DOWN THE ROAD: RHONDA GOUGE—THE BRMT TEAM TALKS WITH RHONDA GOUGE, WHO HAS BEEN A FIXTURE IN THE MITCHELL COUNTY MUSIC SCENE SINCE THE 70S. THEY DISCUSS HER HISTORY PLAYING, TEACHING, AND MUSIC.

02/20

AMERICAN SONGCATCHER: MERLE TRAVIS – NICHOLAS EDWARD WILLIAMS CHRONICLES MERLE TRAVIS CAREER, LEGACY, AND IMPACT IN MUSIC.

SOUTHERN SONGS AND STORIES: STEPHEN MOUGIN AND BEN WRIGHT – JOE KENDRICK TALKS TO MOUGIN AND WRIGHT ABOUT THE BLUEGRASS BUSINESS, THEIR THOUGHT OF THE FUTURE OF THE GENRE, AND HOW TO LEAD MORE PEOPLE TO BLUEGRASS

02/27

APPALACHIAN VIBES: GIRLS ROCK ROANOKE -- Girls Rock Roanoke is part of a national and world wide movement to educate and empower girls and gender expansive youth through music, creativity and collaboration. Bocci talks with Catherine Backus and Lacy Levy, board member and executive director of the nonprofit.

## **MARCH 2024**

03/05

AMERICAN SONGCATCHER: MERLE TRAVIS II – WILLIAMS CONTINUES HIS CHRONICLE OF MERLE TRAVIS

Southern Songs and Stories: Stillhouse Junkies – Joe Kendrick talks to Stillhouse Junkies about their style of music, how they fill in gaps in a smaller group, and future collaborations

03/12

APPALACHIAN VIBES: CATHERINE THE GREAT – BOCCHI TALKS TO ARTIST CATHERINE THE GREAT, HER NAME AND MUSICAL INSPIRATIONS

DOWN THE ROAD: CLAIRE ARMBRUSTER – THE BRMT TEAM TALKS WITH CLAIRE ARMBRUSTER, OWNER OF PLANNING STAGES. ARMBRUSTER TALKS ABOUT THE EVENT PROMOTION INDUSTRY IN WNC

03/19

SOUTHERN SONGS AND STORIES: PETE WERNICK – JOE KENDRICK TALKS TO PETE WERNICK, AND HIS ASSOCIATIONS WITH FIRST GENERATION BLUEGRASS PLAYERS

03/26

APPALACHIAN VIBES: CROOKED ROAD – BOCCI TALKS WITH EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY BLUEGRASS GRADUATE, AND THE OWNER OF THE CROOKED ROAD

DOWN THE ROAD: RED SPRUCE – THE BRMT TEAM SPEAK WITH CONSERVATIONIST MARQUETTE CROCKETT AND LUTHIER JAMES CONDINO ABOUT RED SPRUCE AS TONE WOOD AND ITS UTILIZATION IN BUILDING MANDOLINS AND GUITARS

### **Issue: NC News**

We ran the following programs to address it: WNCW Morning News Reports

Monday thru Friday Time: 7:06 am, 7:30 am, 8:06 am, 8:30 am Duration 1.5 and 3 minutes.  
Sample information attached

### **“ A Selection of January - March 2024 NEWS-STORIES”** **TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024**

#A three-alarm fire led to the injury of a fire fighter in Cleveland County overnight. The fire occurred at The Kings Mountain Travel Center, just off I85 at Dixon School Road. The blaze was big enough that seven different fire departments were involved in putting it out. The injured fire fighter is said to be in stable condition. An investigation into the cause is forthcoming.

#Henderson County officials are warning residents about fake phone calls that have been circulating that involves residents being ask for money. Reports say the person

on the other end of the phone claims to be a representative of the Henderson County Tax Office. Officials say that no one from the tax office will ever call unsolicited, demanding money or asking for information about someone. Those that have received these calls are being demanded that they pay their taxes immediately or face fines and penalties.

#Oakland Plantation in the Greenville area, built around the 1800's, is a home of history. Upstate leaders are working to preserve the land the house sits on - 52-acres - as the next Greenville County park. Upstate Preservation Trust is under contract to purchase the land for just over \$1.2 million. Additional funding for the project is expected from a Greenville Historic and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**

#Buncombe County is thinking about adding new regulations to short-term rentals in the unincorporated area of the county. On Monday evening, Buncombe County's planning board continued a meeting from December - where the public could speak out on the matter. This included nearly 70 speakers. Speakers in favor of changing the regulations were concerned that Air BNBs are eliminating affordable housing, designing the area to tourists instead of locals, fragmenting neighborhoods and pricing people out of their communities. Other listening meetings are planned over the next two months as this important issue in Buncombe County continues.

#From Superior Court in Western North Carolina - A Charlotte man had more than \$33,000 in cash seized from him at the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport after the money was tied to alleged drug trafficking. Court documents say that Kenneth Settle was arrested this past fall at Charlotte Douglas Airport, after a K-9 reacted to a group of suitcases belonging to Settle. Not only was hidden cash discovered but also positively identified was the odor of narcotics on certain seized items inside the suitcase. As the investigation grew - it was believed Settle traveled to California at least 14 times between Charlotte and San Francisco between Sept. 2022 and June 2023, as he transported drugs. #North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper was in Charlotte on Monday to advocate for abortion access and President Joe Biden's reelection. Cooper joined other politicians and local health care providers for a press conference on what would be the 51st anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade. Despite not being able to run for re-election, Governor Cooper is pushing to protect abortion rights in the state, saying the 2024 election is critical. He encouraged people to vote, as North Carolina will be a huge battleground state.

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024**

#A spokesman for district attorneys in North Carolina advised state lawmakers they may need to revisit changes made last year to juvenile justice laws. House Bill 186, made a variety of changes to the "Raise the Age" law, designed to divert more offenders under 18 into the juvenile justice system instead of the adult criminal justice system. The bill added a method by which young offenders could be tried as adults: if they are indicted by a grand jury, their case automatically moves to superior

court. In 2017, North Carolina was one of the last two states in the nation where a 13-year-old could be tried as an adult.

#South Carolina's House Republican leader announced that the State House would not pass a bill that would loosen gun restrictions. The state Senate passed the Permit-Less carry bill, also known as constitutional carry, on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> but they made some changes to the bill. House GOP Leader Davey Hiott said that his caucus doesn't agree with the changes. One of the sticking points of the bill has to do with gun training classes.

#A key piece of legislation - supported by families of victims in the Covenant School shooting in Tennessee in 2023 - made it through a hurdle on Thursday. A fire alarm is supposed to draw someone away from danger, but during that school shooting, the alarm, pulled by a shooter, led innocent victims straight to him. The bill passed unanimously in the Tennessee House with the Senate expected to take it up in the coming weeks.

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024**

#March is the start of the spring wildfire season in North Carolina. The state had over 5300 wildfires last year, which burned more than 76,000 acres. North Carolina has two wildfire seasons: one during the spring and one in the fall with springtime, typically the most active season for wildfires. That's partially due to plants and other vegetation waking up and refueling after their winter dormancy. However, The North Carolina Forest Service reports that 99% of wildfires are caused by humans. As an example - of all the recent wildfires across the state - it was determined that they were started by a human-being and only one of them was due to lightning.

#According to a new study, State Legislators in all 50 states play a fundamental role in shaping American life, but fewer than 2% come directly out of the "working class." Researchers from Duke University and Loyola University-used publicly available bio-graphical information to collect data on legislators' current or most recent main occupation outside of elected office. Just 1.6% legislators out of the nation's over 7,000 state legislative seats currently or last worked in manual labor. In North Carolina, zero current lawmakers hold or last worked in a job considered working-class, showing what they say is a stark contrast between the labor force and the elected leaders who represent them.

#A former McDowell County School teacher was charged following allegations of sexual misconduct. District officials said the situation began when they received information from the McDowell County Sheriff's Office and the SBI about charges of sexual misconduct involving Jessica Finley and a child. Finley was a Guidance Counselor and Volleyball Coach for McDowell High School and resigned after the district learned of the charges.

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024**

#Several **East Tennessee** school systems have joined a lawsuit that's targeting some of the most popular social media companies, such as Facebook and Instagram. Recently, two law firms announced that more than 30 school systems across Tennessee had signed onto the lawsuit, which is seeking accountability, tools, and resources to address the lack of protections and controls, and cooperation to protect children.

#The **Asheville Police** Department was approved to apply for grant funding during an Environment and Safety Committee meeting this week. APD plans to apply for the 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking. Area Grant. The program is administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy. The grant is designed to address areas where drug-related activities are having a harmful effect.

#The **North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles** is making changes to its appointment system by requiring customers to confirm their appointments via text message or email before they show up at the DMV. DMV Officials say the move is being made to reduce the number of no-shows, which clogs the system and slows things down.

### Issue: Women's Issues

We ran the following program to address it: *51%*

Saturdays                      Time: 5:30 a.m.                      Duration: 25 min                      Information attached

**51%**

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPICS
1/4/2024	30:00	1798	On this week's 51%, we look back on some of our favorite conversations and stories from 2023. Hollywood speech coach Samara Bay teaches us how to embrace the power in our voices, Dr. Heather Hirsch discusses how women can unlock their "menopause type," and our associate producer Jody Cowan stops by the practice of a roller derby league rebuilding its ranks in New York's Capital Region.
1/11/2024	30:00	1799	On this week's 51%, we speak with trainer Tracy Norton-Fisher about how you can build (and maintain) a workout routine that fits your goals.
1/18/2024	30:00	1800	On the latest 51%, we mark the would-be anniversary of Roe v. Wade by speaking with Dr. Felicia Kornbluh, historian and author of <i>A Woman's Life is a Human Life</i> .
1/25/2024	30:00	1801	On the latest 51%, we sit down with author and speaker Emily Lynn Paulson to discuss her experience as a "girlboss" for a multilevel marketing company — and why she left. We also learn how artificial intelligence is impacting the modeling industry.

2/1/2024	30:00	1802	On this week's 51%, we speak with author Michelle Horton about the concept of "criminalized survivors," and her new memoir recounting her family's side of the high-profile murder case in which her sister was sentenced to prison in 2020.
2/8/2024	30:00	1803	On the latest 51%, we hear from Syracuse University professor and columnist Dr. Jenn M. Jackson about their new book, <i>What Black Women Taught Us: An Intimate History of Black Feminism</i> .
2/15/2024	30:00	1804	On this week's 51%, we hear from NPR Weekend Edition Host Ayesha Rascoe about how her experience at Howard University shaped her into the reporter she is today.
2/22/2024	30:00	1805	On this week's 51%, we speak with former Tennessee state legislator and judge Carol Chumney about the lessons she's learned from her long-running political career, and the barriers that often keep women from the political arena.
2/29/2024	30:00	1806	On this week's 51%, we kick off Women's History Month speaking with the directors and flight attendants behind PBS' new American Experience film <i>Fly With Me</i> .
3/7/2024	30:00	1807	On the latest 51%, we speak with the editors of <i>Fighting Mad</i> , a new book of essays reimagining the abortion rights — or rather, reproductive justice — movement.
3/14/2024	30:00	1808	On this week's 51%, our associate producer Jody Cowan catches up with NASA astronaut, engineer, and chemist Tracy Caldwell Dyson ahead of her third mission to the International Space Station this month.
3/21/2024	30:00	1809	Public speaker and mentor Chelsey Goodan provides insight on the wisdom and power of teenage girls. In her new book <i>Underestimated</i> , Goodan explores why we, as a society, so often restrict and belittle girls at an age when they're supposed to be gaining independence.
3/28/2024	30:00	1810	On the latest 51%, Dr. Elizabeth Comen gives us a lesson on gender bias in early medicine, and how it continues to prevent women from getting adequate care.

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### Local and Regional News

We ran the following program to address it: WNCW's Friday Feature interview

Fridays      Time: 8:50 a.m.      Duration: 7 min 30 sec      Information attached

We ran the following program to address it: WNCW's More to the Story feature interview

Wednesdays      Time: 8:50 a.m.      Duration: 7 min 30 sec

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### January:

1/3: *More to the Story* - It was a review edition that highlighted some of the top news media interviews of 2023. Topics included “More Students in N.C. are Receiving Early College Credit Than Ever Before,” “A River’s Destiny: The Battle for Wild and Scenic Status,” and “Is Rural America Struggling – Including North Carolina.”

1/5: *The Friday Feature* - Since its founding by Tim Duffy, the Music Maker Foundation, based in North Carolina, has been a voice and advocate for the basic and often struggling musician. As a part of its ongoing efforts, Music Maker is introducing a 30th-anniversary book and CD box set, which is a great way to support local and regional musicians.

1/10: *More to the Story* - Politics Editor for Smoky Mountain News, Cory Vaillancourt, sat down with WNCW to recap his story and research on how state residents have changed political affiliation, especially in Western North Carolina. This also deals with a rise in unaffiliated voters. We learned about some of the key reasons for these changes.

1/12: *The Friday Feature* - When it comes to higher education, Karen Taylor is an established English Teacher. She also has a way with words, speaks her mind, and often makes you laugh out loud. All that makes perfect sense as to why the Isothermal Community College educator released a book called “Learning To Respect My Strut: My Journey As A Woman Warrior.”

1/17: *More to the Story* - On loan from South Carolina Public Radio, WNCW aired a report on the benefits of plant based foods instead of eating processed foods. Details were shared about a study conducted on children, including early aged teenagers, when it came to making better food choices.

1/19: *The Friday Feature* - Susi Gott Seguret sat down with WNCW to talk about the event Truffle Experience. The event in Asheville takes place in early February. The rest of this interview helps to toot the horn of underground fungus known as truffle. Not to be confused with the mushroom - Susi talks about truffles' unique taste, recipes, and how they're a true delicacy.

1/24: *More to the Story* - Jason DeBruyn, Health Reporter with WUNC, recapped his story on how gun sales have increased in recent years across North Carolina, especially in 2023. Hear some key points on this matter that have to do with Governor Roy Cooper and state background checks.

1/26: *The Friday Feature* - The Communication Studies Program at Isothermal Community College in Spindale was showcased during this edition. Chair of the department, Carolyn Young talked about the areas of study that the program offers from radio to television to writing copy to selling advertising.

1/31: *More to the Story* - Asheville Watchdog Reporter Andrew Jones recapped the community outcry and concern by former employees concerning Mission Hospital and their commitment to the Asheville region's healthcare needs. Mission was recently informed by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that they were in "immediate jeopardy" related to deficiencies in care.

## **February:**

2/2: *The Friday Feature* - In a salute to Black History Month in February, this Friday Feature was about the four African American male college students, who entered a Greensboro



Woolworths and asked to be served at the store's restaurant. This was not permitted in 1960 in the South, but they made history in the name of racial equality. Thanks to the contributions of NPR for this presentation.

2/7: *More to the Story* - WFAE Public Radio in Charlotte's – Ely Portillo joined *More to the Story* to preview the upcoming primary election for North Carolina. He went over the top races statewide, as well as some specific items for voters in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

2/9: *The Friday Feature* - PAL standing for Partners for Active Living in Spartanburg, SC was our focus as we interviewed their Executive Director – Laura Ringo. Ringo shared PAL's on-going mission to get people out the door and on the trail for proper exercise. The group works with a variety of non- profit groups in the Upstate.

2/14: *More to the Story* - **In a story by South Carolina Public Radio, details were shared about Rosenwald Schools. These schools were specifically for African-Americans in the South during the early 1900's, including both Carolinas.**

2/16: *The Friday Feature* - Christine Laucher, Strategic Regional Manager of Mountain Bizworks, Asheville, talked with WNCW about the group and its purpose. Through The Appalachia North Carolina Grant Funding Program, Mountain Bizworks helps provide funds and knowledge when it comes to projects dealing with downtown development, the food industry, tourism, and health.

2/21: *More to the Story* - A Winston-Salem Official says the city's effort to convert a motel into supportive housing for those experiencing homelessness is not likely to move forward. The very same thing happened with the same plan in Asheville. Behind both projects were Step Up on Second and Shangri-La. WFDD Reporter April Laissle shared the details.

2/23: *The Friday Feature* - In recognition of Black History Month and thanks in part to WUNC, this is an amazing story by Leoneda Inge, who was interviewed by WNCW's Paul Foster. Learn about African Americans who dive in deep waters to locate sunken slave ships that carry unknown histories.

2/28: *More to the Story* - Carolina Public Press Democracy Reporter - Mehr Shurr joined WNCW to recap her story on how registered voters receive a massive amount of political campaign messages by robo-calls and robo-texts. North Carolina is a victim of these messages more than any state in the nation and they are often not from a legitimate source.

### **March:**

3/6: *More to the Story* - This was an update on Canton, NC and where things stand on the one-year anniversary when it was announced that the over 100-year paper mill, the area's top employer, was closing. Owned by Pactiv-Evergreen, the group has faced violations since before and after the industry closed its doors. Cory Vaillancourt of Smoky Mountain News was guest.

3/8: *Friday Feature* - When music historians talk about the pillars of American Popular Music, they sometimes neglect half the population. Women are often left out. On this date marking International Women's Day and the month of March standing for Women's History Month, we shared NPR's report on women in music history that should never be forgotten.

3/13: *More to the Story* - Thanks to Capital Bureau Chief for WUNC – Colin Campbell, this discussion was a recap of North Carolina's Primary Election on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Details were shared about the race for a new governor for the state and what's next for current House Speaker Tim Moore.

3/15: *Friday Feature* – The Broad River Greenway, located near Boiling Springs, NC was the focus of this interview presentation. Executive Director, Kim Duren, sat down with WNCW to go over the Greenway’s history, growth, events and family offerings.

3/20: *More to the Story* – “Development in River Arts District (Asheville) Fuels Concerns About Its Future.” That story by Asheville Watchdog and Reporter John Rynan was shared. More and more development is happening in the district. Can the common artists survive or are things becoming too upscale?

3/22: *Friday Feature* – Manna Foodbank, based in Asheville, is known for providing a high quality of food and distributing it to the hungry across Western NC. Manna Foodbank Director of Network Strategy, Jenn Lutz, shared information about a new tool they’ve introduced called The Food Finder.

3/27: *More to the Story* – Reporter Olivia Weeks of The Daily Yonder shared details about a new podcast series called “Home Cooked: A 50-Year History of Meth in America” and just how significant the problem is in Rural America of the South.

3/29: *Friday Feature* – This feature put a spotlight on The Greenville Jewish Film Festival and the upcoming Shalom Festival. The film festival offers what they call Pop-Up Screenings. The films and the festival are uniting for a special event in April. Chairs of the event were our guests.

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**Issue: National News**

We ran the following program to address it: NPR’s *Morning Edition*

Monday through Friday      Time: 7:00 a.m. to 9 a.m.

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We ran the following program to address it: NPR’s News Headlines

Monday through Friday at one minute past the hour to six minutes past the hour, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday at one minute past the hour to six minutes past the hour, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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