Noteworthy in April

- WKAR Radio Campaign — April 9-16
- Bob Blackman Returns for Folk Music Special
- "American Masters" on Authors Margaret Mitchell, Harper Lee
- WKAR Radio and TV Take Home Awards
On Our Cover

BackStage Pass wraps up the season with performances by Bowery (pictured), Greg Nagy and a “Best of” special. Watch Thursdays at 10 p.m.

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WKAR Earns Broadcast Excellence Awards!

WKAR-TV and Radio took home a collection of award trophies from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB), including that of Public Television Station of the Year in their market group. Awards were presented at the organization’s annual dinner held March 14 in Lansing.

Station of the Year is based on the collective number of awards won and a narrative that includes off-air accomplishments, including community involvement, education services and involvement within the broadcasting system. In addition to the narrative, support letters are included in the nomination.

Those supporting WKAR’s nomination included Valerie A. Glesnes-Anderson, Executive Director, Capital Area Health Alliance; Lucy McClintic, CACS Head Start Director; Joan Nelson, Director, Allen Neighborhood Center; and Skip Hinton, President, National Educational Telecommunications Association.

Numerous programs and reports produced or presented by WKAR-TV and Radio took home an awards in a variety of categories at the ceremonies.

WKAR-TV programs recognized by the MAB included:

Merrily Caroling:
A BackStage Pass Christmas
Merit awards in the categories of Cultural and Performing Arts and Cultural Arts

QBJr.
Merit, Children’s Programming

Beneath The Pines
Merit, Jon Whiting, Independent Producer

What Your Dollar Does:
Radio Reading Service
Best, Membership Appeal

What Your Dollar Does:
Ready To Learn
Merit, Membership Appeal

Grow Up Great Science Videos
Best, Community Involvement

The Kings of Flint
Best, Documentary

On the radio side, Mark Bashore was honored with a Merit award for his piece, “Patriots and Passion: Libyans in East Lansing.”

Programs recognized by the MAB were presented on WKAR and honor work done by WKAR staff and students from the College of Communication Arts & Sciences at Michigan State University.
**Create Marathons**
All day, every Saturday!
WKAR Create is seen on Channel 23.3 and on many cable systems.

**April 7 – Spring Fling**
Special gardening tips and Passover and Easter recipes from P. Allen Smith, Jeff Nathan, Burt Wolf, and Katie Brown!

**April 14 – Birds of a Feather**
Hubert Keller, Ming Tsai, Jacques Pepin, and Julia Child offer tasty recipes for Chicken Cordon Bleu, roasted duck, Turducken and more!

**April 21 – Go Green**
Michele Beschen presents a ‘back to basics’ lifestyle embracing nature, simplicity and an eco-friendly approach to doing it yourself.

**April 28 – Fix Up Your Home**
“Do it Yourself” projects to spruce up your home with Vicki Payne and design duo Matt and Shari.

**Thanks for watching**

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**American Masters**
Monday, April 2, 9-11:30 p.m.

**American Masters** offers a literary double feature focusing on the work of two great American women authors.

**Margaret Mitchell: American Rebel**
examines the seminal events in the life of the author of *Gone with the Wind*. Mitchell was a charismatic force who challenged the stifling Southern social order, struggling with the changing role of women and the liberation of African Americans. She suffered from depression and illness and experienced profound identity shifts until an accident led to her death in 1949.

**Harper Lee: Hey, Boo**
covers the mysterious life of Harper Lee, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Viewers will learn why she never published again and discover the context and history of the novel’s Deep South setting, and the social changes the book inspired.

**Eddie Redmayne stars in “Birdsong”**

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**Titanic with Len Goodman**
Tuesday, April 10, 8 p.m.

Len Goodman, a judge on “Dancing With the Stars,” examines the 100-year legacy of the *Titanic*, exploring the human stories that unfolded in the years after the ship sank. He meets descendants of passengers and crew and learns how, for many, the sinking was just the start of the story.

Also of interest is *Saving the Titanic*, (April 1, 10 p.m.). Follow a dramatic interpretation of the *Titanic’s* final hours, told from the point of view of the engineers below deck as they struggle to maintain power and keep the ship afloat to save as many lives as possible.

**Art 21**
Fridays at 9 p.m., beginning April 13

**Art in the Twenty-First Century**
is the only primetime national television series to focus exclusively on contemporary art and artists. Through in-depth profiles, the series reveals the inspiration, vision and techniques behind the creative works of some of the most accomplished contemporary artists.

Artists featured this month include Ai Weiwei, El Anatsui, Catherine Opie, David Altmejd, Tabaimo, Lynda Benglis, Glenn Ligon, Mary Reid Kelley and Marina Abramović.
WKAR Radio is everywhere you are – from your mobile device and computer to the radio.

Please give generously to WKAR Radio during our membership drive, April 9-16 and help us continue to bring you the music and news programs you value!

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Look forward to this and more great programming from our music and news teams!

Bob Blackman Returns for an Evening of Folk
Bob Blackman will return to the airwaves on Sunday April 15, as part of WKAR Radio's spring fundraising campaign. His special four-hour reprise of The Folk Tradition will air from 6-10 p.m. on 90.5 FM and the WKAR Folk Alley webstream. Besides catching up on some recent releases, Bob will feature many of his favorite duos.

Catch up with Bob in the article on page 14!

From Lake Wobegon…
Garrison Keillor offers A Prairie Home Companion special featuring highlights from the show’s archive where they poke fun at public radio and public radio fundraising! Guy Noir comes face-to-face with a not-so-typical public radio membership director, Maurice at Café Boeuf hosts a public radio program, Terry Gross appears as herself recounting the humble beginnings of Fresh Air, and Linda Wertheimer reports with “John Knotright” from Rillirillibad.

Classical Music
One of the constants for 90.5 listeners is the oasis of classical music each day. Mark Schwitzgoebel and Jody Knol will feature daily local performances from regional symphony orchestras and soloists such as the Lansing Symphony Orchestra, MSU Symphony Orchestra, Ralph Votapek, Suren Bagratuni and many others.

News!
We don’t know the news before it happens, but count on WKAR’s NewsTeam to be there when it does, introducing you to people who are making a difference and happenings that have an impact on your world. Don’t miss Monday’s reWorking Michigan reports.

Jazz
Dan Bayer will be on hand for The Dan Bayer Jazz Show, which will offer – as it always does, a mixture of classic and contemporary jazz with a focus on regional musicians. Check in for Saturday night mood music!

“Radio isn’t going away. It’s going everywhere!”
– Gary Knell, NPR CEO
“I love meeting people and analyzing sports with them and putting stories together. Meeting young athletes before they get caught up in the sports system is a plus. It’s nice to know them before they get jaded.”
Earle Robinson, Host, SportsTalk 870
38 years at WKAR

“No two days are the same! The news changes, and I change with it.”
Scott Pohl, WKAR NewsTeam Reporter
27 ½ years at WKAR

“I like talking to listeners, and being right there on the air when something big happens in the world.”
Melissa Benmark, Host, Morning Edition
23 years at WKAR

When you support WKAR Radio, you are supporting a team of radio hosts and reporters who are committed to serving and interacting with their audience. Here’s what some of them find most rewarding about their jobs…

“I’ve always loved the excitement of writing ... a really great story. When I begin piecing it all together, I hope it strikes a chord with my audience. I want them to learn something new, to see a person or an issue in a different light, or simply enjoy the “mental pictures” ... and good writing is the key to that.”
Kevin Lavery, WKAR News Director
5 ½ years at WKAR

“I love hearing from listeners about music I’ve played on the air. Whether it’s a question, a comment or opinion, communicating directly with someone always reminds me of the valuable and close connection we have with many of our listeners.”
Mark Schwitzgoebel, Host, 90.5 Classical
25 years at WKAR

“I like being able to present music or information to our listeners, hoping that they’ll hear something they hadn’t heard or didn’t know before, and something that they really like ... and especially hoping that I’ll say or play something that will make someone smile.”
Dan Bayer, Host, The Dan Bayer Jazz Show
31 years at WKAR

Support WKAR Radio April 9-16
Weeknight News
The PBS NewsHour airs Monday-Friday at 7 p.m., preceded by BBC World News America at 6 p.m. and Nightly Business Report at 6:30 p.m.

| 01 | Sunday |
| 11:00 | QuizBusters | Jackson Christian/ Jackson Western |
| 11:30 | QuizBusters | Kearsley/Alma |
| 12:00 | Washington Week |
| 12:30 | Off the Record |
| 1:00 | The McLaughlin Group |
| 1:30 | To the Contrary |
| 2:00 | Moyers & Company |
| 3:00 | Woodsongs |
| 4:00 | Classic Gospel |
| 5:00 | This Old House |
| 5:30 | Hometime |
| 6:00 | My Generation |
| 6:30 | Tracks Ahead |
| 7:00 | Under the Radar Michigan |

*Gillian Anderson stars in “Great Expectations” on Masterpiece (April 1 and 8)*

| 02 | Monday |
| 8:00 | Antiques Roadshow | El Paso, TX |
| 9:00 | American Masters | Margaret Mitchell |
| 10:00 | American Masters | Harper Lee: Hey, Boo! |

*A look into the life of the woman who wrote “Gone with the Wind.”

*The profile of the author of “To Kill a Mockingbird.”

| 11:30 | Governor’s Service Awards |

*David Pogue (left) is “Hunting the Elements” on NOVA (April 4)*

| 03 | Tuesday |
| 8:00 | American Experience | Grand Coulee Dam |
| 9:30 | American Experience | Panama Canal |

*Learn how tension between technological achievement and environmental impact hangs over the legacy of the Grand Coulee Dam.

*The story of the building of the Panama Canal.*

| 11:00 | Charlie Rose |

*“Margaret Mitchell” on American Masters (April 2)*

| 04 | Wednesday |
| 8:00 | Nature |
| 10:00 | Saving the Titanic |

*Nature Ocean Giants - Deep Thinkers* Find out how clever and how much like us whales and dolphins might be.

| 11:00 | McLaughlin Group |
| 11:30 | Off the Record |

*Gillian Anderson stars in “Great Expectations” on Masterpiece (April 1 and 8)*

| 05 | Thursday |
| 8:00 | Michigan Out of Doors |
| 8:30 | Red Green Show |
| 9:00 | This Old House Hour |
| 10:00 | BackStage Pass | Bowery |
| 11:00 | Charlie Rose |

*Indie-rock quintet from Grand Rapids.*

| 06 | Friday |
| 8:00 | Washington Week |
| 8:30 | Off the Record |
| 9:00 | Live From Lincoln Center | Renee Fleming at the Penthouse |
| 10:30 | BackStage Pass | HZ Quartet |
| 11:00 | Austin City Limits | Sonic Youth/The Black Keys |

*Classical saxophone from this MSU group.*

| 07 | Saturday |
| 11:00 | Hands On Crafts for Kids |
| 11:30 | Burt Wolf | Travels & Traditions |
| 12:00 | Rick Steves’ Europe | England’s Bath/York |
| 12:30 | Victory Garden |
| 1:00 | From Glory Days |
| 1:30 | This Old House |
| 2:00 | Ask This Old House |
| 2:30 | Hometime |
| 3:00 | Woodsmith Shop |
| 3:30 | Motorweek |
10 | Tuesday
8:00  Titanic with Len Goodman
     “Dancing with the Stars” judge Len Goodman examines the 100-year legacy of the Titanic, exploring the human stories that unfolded in the years after the ship sank.
9:00  Saving the Titanic
10:00 Frontline
11:00 Charlie Rose

11 | Wednesday
8:00  Nature
     Ocean Giants: Voices of the Deep
     Visit a surprising underwater world where sound takes the place of sight.
9:00  NOVA
     Deadliest Tornadoes
     In the wake of April 2011’s tornado outbreak, learn how we can protect ourselves and our communities in the future.
10:00 America Revealed
     Food Machine
     Join host Yul Kwon on a cross-country adventure to discover how the American food machine keeps nearly 300 million Americans fed every day.
11:00 Charlie Rose

12 | Thursday
8:00  Michigan Out of Doors
8:30  Red Green Show
9:00  This Old House Hour
10:00 BackStage Pass
     Greg Nagy
     Steamy blues guitar from Flint’s native son.
11:00 Charlie Rose

13 | Friday
8:00  Washington Week
8:30  Off the Record
9:00  Art in the 21st Century
     Change
     View the works and techniques of artists Ai Weiwei, El Anatsui and Catherine Opie.

14 | Saturday
11:00 Hands on Crafts for Kids
11:30 Burt Wolf
     Travels and Traditions
     Belgium
12:00 Rick Steves’ Europe
     North Wales
12:30 The Victory Garden
1:00 From Glory Days
1:30 This Old House
2:00 Ask This Old House
2:30 Hometime
3:00 Woodsmith Shop
3:30 Motorweek
4:00 Great Getaways
4:30 Michigan Out of Doors
5:00 Wilderness Journal
5:30 Inside E Street
6:00 QuizBusters
8:00 Antiques Roadshow
8:30 Keeping Up Appearances
9:00 Mulberry
9:30 Last of the Summer Wine
10:00 Red Green Show
11:00 BackStage Pass
     Greg Nagy

15 | Sunday
11:00 QuizBusters
     Springport/Napoleon
11:30 QuizBusters
     TBA
12:00 Washington Week
12:30 Off the Record
1:00 The McLaughlin Group
1:30 To the Contrary
2:00 Moyers & Company
3:00 WoodSongs
     Sienna Hull & Highway 11
4:00 Classic Gospel
5:00 This Old House
5:30 Hometime
6:00 My Generation
6:30 Tracks Ahead
Wednesday
8:00 Nature
River of No Return
Watch a romantic wilderness become a tale of struggle and survival in the Frank Church River of No Return wilderness.
9:00 NOVA
Why Ships Sink
Are you safe on a modern cruise ship or are we on the brink of a 21st century Titanic? A look at famous cruise ship disasters.
10:00 America Revealed
Nation on the Move
Travel by air, road and rail with Yul Kwon as he ventures behind the scenes of America’s massive transportation system.
11:00 Charlie Rose
Travel the “River of No Return” on Nature (April 18)

Thursday
8:00 Michigan Out of Doors
8:30 The Red Green Show
9:00 This Old House Hour
10:00 BackStage Pass
Shine On! Best of BackStage Pass
Highlights from the past season with The Chipple Sisters, Seeley & Baldoni, Seth & May, Larry McCray, Rusty Wright Band and more.
11:00 Charlie Rose

Friday
8:00 Washington Week
8:30 Off the Record
9:00 Art in the 21st Century
Boundaries
View the works and techniques of artists David Altmejd, Taibaima and Lynda Benglis.
10:00 Ilona, Upstairs
10:30 In the Life
11:00 Austin City Limits
John Legend & the Roots

Saturday
11:00 Hands On Crafts for Kids
11:30 Burt Wolf: Travels & Traditions
San Francisco
12:00 Rick Steves’ Europe
Edinburgh
12:30 The Victory Garden
1:00 From Glory Days
1:30 This Old House
2:00 Ask This Old House
2:30 Hometime
3:00 Woodsmith Shop
3:30 Motorweek
4:00 Great Getaways
4:30 Michigan Out of Doors
5:00 Wilderness Journal
5:30 Inside E Street
6:00 QuizBusters
TBA
6:30 QuizBusters
Lansing Everett/Kearsley
7:00 Lawrence Welk Show
8:00 Antiques Roadshow
9:00 Keeping Up Appearances
9:30 Mulberry
10:00 Last of the Summer Wine
10:30 The Red Green Show
11:00 Backstage Pass
Shine On! Best of BackStage Pass

Sunday
11:00 QuizBusters
TBA
11:30 QuizBusters
Lansing Everett/Kearsley
12:00 Washington Week
12:30 Off the Record
1:00 The McLaughlin Group
1:30 To the Contrary
2:00 Movers & Company
3:00 WoodSongs
Carolyn Wonderland
4:00 Classic Gospel
5:00 This Old House
5:30 Hometime
6:00 My Generation
6:30 Tracks Ahead
7:00 Under the Radar: Michigan
Ypsilanti, Leland
7:30 MSU Today
8:00 Finding Your Roots
9:00 Masterpiece Classic
Birdsong (pt. 1)
This adaptation of Sebastian Faulk’s best-selling novel about lovers torn apart by WWI stars Eddie Redmayne as Stephen Wraysford, whose pre-war affair with Isabella Azaire has an enduring effect on him as he fights in the trenches.
10:30 Lest We Forget
A Survivor’s Story
11:00 McLaughlin Group
11:30 Off the Record
23 | Monday
8:00 Antiques Roadshow
   Atlanta, GA
9:00 Antiques Roadshow
   Providence, RI
10:00 America Revealed
   A Nation on the Move
11:00 Charlie Rose

24 | Tuesday
8:00 American Experience
   Crash of 1929
Examine the economic boom
   of the 1920s, whether the 1929
   crash was predictable and if it
   precipitated the Great Depres-
   sion of the 1930s.
9:00 Frontline
   Money, Power, Wall Street
11:00 Charlie Rose

25 | Wednesday
8:00 Nature
   Radioactive Wolves
A heartbreaking look at the
   wolves near Chernobyl.
9:00 NOVA
   Secrets of the Sun
Gain a greater understanding
   of our nearest star – one that
   might help keep our planet
   from going dark.
10:00 America Revealed
   Electric Nation
Understand the intricacies,
   vulnerabilities and remarkable
   ingenuity required to keep
   America’s modern electric
   power grid up and running
11:00 Charlie Rose

26 | Thursday
8:00 Michigan Out of Doors
9:00 NOVA
   Secrets of the Sun (April 25)
10:00 Powering the Planet
   Alejandro Escovedo/
   Trombone Shorty
11:00 Charlie Rose

27 | Friday
8:00 Washington Week
8:30 The McLaughlin Group
11:00 Backstage Pass
   The Chenille Sisters

28 | Saturday
11:00 Hands On Crafts for Kids
11:30 Burt Wolf:
   Travels & Traditions
   Luzern, Switzerland
12:00 Rick Steves’ Europe
   Naples, Switzerland
12:30 The Victory Garden
1:00 From Glory Days
1:30 This Old House
2:00 Ask This Old House
2:30 Hometime
3:00 Woodsmith Shop
3:30 Motorweek
4:00 Great Getaways
4:30 Michigan Out of Doors
5:00 Wilderness Journal
5:30 Inside E Street
6:00 QuizBusters
   Jackson Christian/Hillsdale

29 | Sunday
11:00 QuizBusters
   Jackson Christian/Hillsdale
11:30 QuizBusters
   Okemos/DeWitt
12:00 MSU Today
12:30 Off the Record
1:00 The McLaughlin Group
1:30 To the Contrary
2:00 Movers & Company
3:00 WoodSongs
   Janiva Magness
4:00 Classic Gospel
5:00 This Old House
5:30 Hometime
6:00 My Generation
6:30 Tracks Ahead
7:00 Under the Radar: Michigan
   Detroit, Saugatuck, Douglas
7:30 MSU Today
8:00 Finding Your Roots
9:00 Masterpiece Classic
   Birdsong (pt. 2)
10:30 Knee Deep
11:00 McLaughlin Group
11:30 Off the Record

30 | Monday
8:00 Antiques Roadshow
   Atlanta, GA
9:00 Antiques Roadshow
   Providence, RI
10:00 America Revealed
   Electric Nation
11:00 Charlie Rose

American Experience looks at the stock market crash of 1929 (April 24)
Frontline begins a two-part special on Wall Street (April 24)
NOVA reveals secrets of the Sun (April 25)
Clemence Posey and Eddie Redmayne star in “Birdsong” on Masterpiece (April 22 & 29)
WKAR Create is seen on Channel 23.3 and many cable systems. Programming is subject to change. For the overnight Create schedule visit WKAR.org.

**Food & Wine**

**Bake, Decorate, Celebrate!**
M, 11:30 a.m.

**Caprial and John’s Kitchen**
Tu/Th, 8 a.m. & 8 p.m.

**Christina Cooks**
Tu/Th, 8 a.m. & 8 p.m. (begins 4/12)

**Ciao Italia**
M, 8 a.m. & 8 p.m.
F, 8 a.m., 2 & 8 p.m.

**Cook’s Country**
Su/W, 7 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

**Cuisine Culture**
Tu/Th, 8 a.m. & 8 p.m.

**Essential Pepin**
Tu/Th, 7 a.m. & 8 p.m.

**Great American Seafood Cooking**
Tu/Th, 7:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. (begins 4/3)

**Gourmet Adventures**
Tu/Th, 7:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. (begins 4/5)

**Herbert Keller**
M/W, 8:30 a.m.

**Lidia’s Italy In America**
Su/M/W/F, 7:30 a.m., 1:30 & 7:30 p.m.

**Mexico - One Plate at a Time**
Tu/Th, 8:30 p.m. (ends 4/10)

**Sara’s Weeknight Meals**
Su, 8:30 a.m., 2:30 & 8:30 p.m.
W, 8:30 p.m.

**Simply Ming**
M/W, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m.

**Tommy Tang’s Easy Thai**
Su/W, 8 a.m. & 8 p.m.

**Crafts**

**Beads, Baubles, Jewels**
Th, 11:30 a.m.

**Gardening**

**Garden Smart**
M/W, 10 a.m. & 4 & 10 p.m.

**P. Allen Smith: Garden Home**
Su/F, 10 a.m., 4 & 10 p.m.

**The Victory Garden**
Tu/Th, 10 a.m., 4 & 10 p.m.

**Home & Decorating**

**Around the House w/ Matt & Shari**
M, 11:30 a.m., 5:30 & 11:30 p.m.
F, 5:30 p.m.

**For Your Home**
Su/W, 11 a.m., 5 & 11 p.m.

**Katie Brown Workshop**
Su/W, 11:30 a.m., 5:30 & 11:30 p.m.

**Health & Lifestyles**

**Allaire Back Fitness**
W, 8:30 a.m.

**Classical Stretch**
Th, 8:30 a.m.

**Exhale: Core Fusion**
M, 8:30 a.m.

**Growing Bolder**
Tu/Th, 11:30 a.m., 5:30 & 11:30 p.m.

**Healthy Body, Healthy Mind**
F, 12:30

**Sit & Be Fit**
Tu, 8:30 a.m.

**Wai Lana Yoga**
F, 8:30 a.m.

**Painting**

**Best of Joy of Painting**
Tu/Th, 12:30 & 6:30 p.m.

**Donna Dewberry Show**
Su, 12:30 & 6:30 p.m.; W, 6:30 p.m.

**Painting & Travel w/ Roger & Sarah**
F, 2:30 p.m.

**Jerry Yarnell/School of Fine Arts**
Th, 2:30 p.m.

**Love to Paint w/ Mimi**
M, 2:30 p.m.

**Paint This/Jerry Yarnell**
Tu, 2:30 p.m.

**Painting w/ Paulson**
W, 2:30 p.m.

**Scheewe Art Workshop**
Tu, 6 a.m.; Th, Noon & 6 p.m.

**Sewing & Needlecraft**

**America Sews**
M, 2 p.m.

**Fons & Porter’s Love of Quilting**
Su/W, 12 & 6 p.m.

**Knitting Daily**
W, 2 p.m.

**Quilting Arts**
W, 12:30 p.m.

**Quilt in a Day**
Th, 2 p.m.

**Sewing with Nancy**
F, Noon & 6 p.m.

**Sew It All**
Tu, 2 p.m.

**Travel**

**Burt Wolf**
Tu/Th, 9 a.m., 3 & 9 p.m.

**Grand View**
M, 12:30 & 6:30 p.m.; F, 6:30 p.m.

**Open Road**
Tu/Th, 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

**Rick Steves’ Europe**
Su/M/W/F, 9 a.m., 3 p.m. & 9 p.m.

**Travelscope**
Su/W, 9:30 a.m., 3:30 & 9:30 p.m.

**Woodworking**

**Ask This Old House**
Su/W, 10:30 a.m., 4:30 & 10:30 p.m.

**Rough Cut**
M/F, 11 a.m., 5:30 & 11 p.m.

**This Old House**
M/F, 10:30 a.m., 4:30 & 10:30 p.m.

**Woodturning Workshop**
Tu/Th, 11 a.m., 5 & 7 p.m.

**Woodwright’s Shop**
Tu/Th, 10:30 a.m., 4:30 & 10:30 p.m.
Monday
6:00 Beneath the Pines
6:30 Closer to the Truth
7:00 Journal
7:30 Under the Radar: Michigan
8:00 The Teaching Channel
9:00 Independent Lens
   You’re Looking at Me… (4/2)
   When the Drum is Beating (4/16)
   You Be the Chemist (4/23)
   Facing the Storm (4/30)
   Pact (4/9)
11:00 Adventists (4/2)
   Tragedy of Bataan (4/9)
   Faces of Change (4/16)
   Powering the Planet (4/21)
   Chautauqua (4/30)
11:30 Living Consciously (4/9)

Tuesday
6:00 On Story
6:30 Wider World
7:00 Journal
7:30 My Generation
8:00 QuizBusters
8:30 QuizBusters
9:00 American Masters
   Harper Lee (4/3)
   Priceless (4/10)
   America Revealed (4/17, 24)
11:00 Finding Your Roots

Wednesday
6:00 Native Report
6:30 Roadtrip Nation
7:00 Journal
7:30 Aviators
8:00 Leading with Kindness (4/4)
   Sense of Wonder (4/11)
   Bag It (4/18)
   Energy Quest USA (4/25)
9:00 Globe Trekker
   Mid-Atlantic States (4/4)
   West Texas (4/11)
   Puerto Rico (4/18)
   Hong Kong/Taiwan (4/25)
11:00 Richard Bangs’ Adventures

Thursday
6:00 Music Voyager
6:30 Burt Wolf:
   Travels & Traditions
7:00 Journal
7:30 America’s Heartland
8:00 American Experience
   Grand Coulee Dam (4/5)
   Crash of 1929 (4/26)
Independent Lens
   Being Elmo (4/12)
   Revenge of the Electric Car (4/19)
9:00 Reconstruction of Asa Cart (4/26)
9:30 Walter Piehl (4/5)
   Balancing Development (4/12)
   Sustaining Our Young Forests (4/19)
11:00 Running on Empty (4/5)
   Titanic w/ Len Goodman (4/12)
   On the Edge: Family Homelessness (4/19)
   Global Health Frontiers (4/26)

Friday
6:00 Growing a Greener World
6:30 New York Originals
7:00 Journal
7:30 Great Getaways
8:00 Red Green
8:30 Keeping Up Appearances
9:00 Mulberry
9:30 Last of the Summer Wine
11:00 Charlie Rose

Saturday
6:00 Off the Record
6:30 Motorweek
7:00 Movers & Company
8:00 BackStage Pass
   Bowery (4/7)
   Greg Nagy (4/14)
   Shine On! Best of BackStage Pass (4/21)
The Chenille Sisters (4/28)
9:00 Saving the Titanic (4/7)
   Frontline (4/14, 21, 28)
10:00 Masterpiece Classic
   Great Expectations (4/7, 14)
   Mystery of Edwin Drood (4/21)
   Birdsong (4/28)
11:00 Official Best of Fest (4/7)
11:30 Theatre Talk (4/7)
   Focal Point (4/28)

Sunday
6:00 Growing Bolder
6:30 Art through Time: A Global Perspective
7:00 NOVA
   American Masters
   Margaret Mitchell (4/8)
8:00 Antiques Roadshow
9:00 Great Performances
   San Francisco Symphony at 100 (4/7)
   Live From Lincoln Center (4/8)
   Art in the 21st Century (4/15, 22, 29)
10:00 Still (4/15)
   American Masters
   Cab Calloway (4/22)
   Signs of the Time (4/29)
11:00 Global Voices (4/1)
Kids Corner

They discover that everyday moments are learning moments.

WKAR’s Raising Readers workshops have been delighting families throughout mid-Michigan for the past several years. Each workshop begins with a light pizza supper for parents and the 4-6 year-old children who accompany them. Then it’s on to fun and learning!

Each workshop is designed to share creative learning ideas about building literacy skills with families, using PBS’ award-winning children’s programs as a starting point. Using the Ready To Learn strategy of “View” (a PBS children’s video), “Read” (a related book or story) and “Do” (a creative activity), parents discover simple ways to reinforce concepts and make learning fun for their kids.

“WKAR has been doing Raising Readers workshops since 2008,” says education services coordinator Beany Tomber, “but we have been using the Ready To Learn ‘learning triangle’ for many years before. It’s a proven way to enhance learning and it’s fun for parents and children alike.”

More than 80 children and adults attended the February workshop at Sycamore Elementary School in Holt. It was the second of three at the school. Each workshop, while similar in format, focuses on a different aspect of literacy, so families are encouraged to attend as often as they like. Each family gets to take home a book for the child’s personal library.

Several Raising Readers workshops are scheduled for April. Contact beany@wkar.org for information.

Raising Readers Workshops are made possible by grants from Jackson National Life Insurance Company, Macy’s and Target.

Mark Your Calendars

Don’t miss these upcoming WKAR events and character appearances.

✔ April 19
Raising Readers Workshop
Cumberland Elementary School

✔ May 19-20
East Lansing Art Festival
Super WHY!, Curious George and fun Ready To Learn activities at the Impression 5 Children’s Tent

✔ June 2
Dinosaur Train
Nature Trackers Day
Potter Park Zoo

Don’t Just Like Our Education Service Facebook Page – LOVE It!

WKAR’s Education Services Facebook page is continually posting new links to activities, contests, videos, and useful information for families with small children as well as teachers.

Just go to WKAR Education Services on Facebook and “like” us!

Kids’ Daytime

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Monday-Friday

7:00 Arthur
7:30 Martha Speaks
8:00 Curious George
8:30 The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That
9:00 Super WHY!
9:30 Dinosaur Train
10:00 Sesame Street
11:00 Sid the Science Kid
11:30 Word World
12:00 Super Why!
12:30 Clifford the Big Red Dog
1:00 Caillou
1:30 Peep & BWW/Pocoyo
2:00 Wild Kratts
2:30 The Cat in the Hat
3:00 Curious George
3:30 Cyberchase
4:00 Arthur
4:30 WordGirl
5:00 Dragonfly TV (M)
5:30 Biz Kid$ (W)

Saturday Mornings

7:00 Curious George
7:30 The Cat in the Hat
8:00 Sid the Science Kid
8:30 Dinosaur Train
9:00 Thomas & Friends
9:30 Bob the Builder
10:00 Design Squad
10:30 Signing Time

Sunday Mornings

7:00 Franny’s Feet
7:30 Angelina Ballerina
8:00 Sesame Street
9:00 Wild Animal Baby Explorers
9:30 Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood
10:00 Zula Patrol
10:30 Miffy & Friends

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Day Sponsors give $180 annually to sponsor a day on WKAR Radio. Your gift includes mention of the dedication in Stay Tuned and on-air announcements on that day. To become a Day Sponsor call Barbara Beers at (517) 432-3120, ext. 358.
Bob Blackman Stops By the Studio

Sunday, April 15, Bob Blackman will return to WKAR’s studios for a four-hour Folk Tradition special. (6-10 p.m. on 90.5 and on the WKAR Folk Alley webstream.)

Besides catching up on some recent releases, Bob will feature many of his favorite duos. His eclectic playlist will range from British singers John Roberts & Tony Barrand to the bluegrass harmonies of Dailey & Vincent, from the witty songs of Lou & Peter Berryman to instrumental virtuosos Peter Ostroushko & Dean Magraw, plus local favorites Sally Rogers and Claudia Schmidt, a new ukulele album by Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer, and many more.

Bob got the idea for the show while attending a Ten Pound Fiddle concert by Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser & cellist Natalie Haas. “Their interplay was so enchanting,” he recalls, “that I started thinking about some of my other favorite folk duos. By the end of the concert, I had scribbled down at least a dozen ideas.”

Did you know that The Radio Reader has been entertaining WKAR listeners for a bit over 75 years?

The book-reading program originated in 1936 and was first called The Radio Reading Circle. The show had no regular reader and was only 15 minutes long. Robert Coleman, the station’s first full-time manager lengthened the program to a half-hour, renamed it The Radio Reader, and became the first permanent reader.

Coleman’s assistant and eventual successor as manager became the second permanent reader in 1944. Even after he left WKAR for a position in Washington, D.C. at the FCC, he continued in his reading role until he retired from Michigan State University in 1964. At that time, Dick Estell was appointed general manager of WKAR Radio and became the program’s third permanent reader.

For the first several decades of The Radio Reader’s existence, the program was heard only in the mid-Michigan area and book selections were somewhat haphazard ranging from classics such as *Pride and Prejudice*, *Huckleberry Finn*, and *A Christmas Carol* to recently published works as *The Bridges at Toko-Ri* and *Doctor Zhivago*. When Estell became the reader, he focused the program to presenting only newly published works as a computer programmer, but enjoys finally having his weekends off. He says that he’s been using that free time to relax with his family, indulge his passion for movies and the *NY Times* crossword puzzle, and catch up on the many household projects that had taken a backseat to the demands of his weekly show.

Bob continues his involvement with folk music by emceeing at the Ten Pound Fiddle and the Great Lakes Folk Festival, and looks forward to sharing music again with his many radio listeners on April 15.

Bob retired from hosting The Folk Tradition at the end of April 2011, after doing the show virtually every Sunday for over 27 years. He still works full-time as a computer programmer, but enjoys finally having his weekends off. He says that he’s been using that free time to relax with his family, indulge his passion for movies and the *NY Times* crossword puzzle, and catch up on the many household projects that had taken a backseat to the demands of his weekly show.

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**FM 90.5**

**90.5 Classical**
Classical music airs weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Classical music airs weekends and evenings on 90.5 unless otherwise indicated.

**Online Music 24/7 at WKAR.org**

**WKAR Classical**
Classical music 24/7, including 90.5 Classical with Jody Knol and Mark Schwitzgoebel, Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**WKAR Jazz**
Jazz 24/7, including The Dan Bayer Jazz Show, Saturday and Monday at 8 p.m and Thursday at 1 p.m.

**WKAR Folk Alley**
All folk, all the time, that is right up your alley.

**Weekdays**

**Morning Edition**
5 a.m. – With WKAR local news airing shortly after the hour and half hour.

**All Things Considered**
4 p.m. – With WKAR local news airing shortly after the hour and half hour.

**Saturdays**

**Weekend Edition**
8 a.m.

**Car Talk**
10 a.m.

**Metropolitan Opera**
Various times
4/07 – Massenet: “Manon” (Noon)
4/14 – Verdi: “La Traviata” (1 p.m.)
4/21 – Wagner: “Siegfried” (11 a.m.)
4/28 – Wagner: “Die Walkure” (11 a.m.)

**All Things Considered**
5 p.m.

**A Prairie Home Companion**
6 p.m.

**The Dan Bayer Jazz Show**
8 p.m.

**Sundays**

**Weekend Edition**
8 a.m.

**A Prairie Home Companion**
10 a.m.

**All Things Considered**
5 p.m.

**Folk Alley**
6 p.m.

**The Folk Sampler**
8 p.m.

4/01 – “Fool for a Day”
4/08 – “Batter Up!”
4/15 – Pre-empted for a Bob Blackman Special
4/22 – “What’s New?”
4/29 – “April Shower”

**The Thistle & Shamrock**
9 p.m.

4/01 – New Releases
4/08 – Roots Run Deep
4/15 – Pre-empted for Bob Blackman
4/22 – Horizons
4/29 – Mando Banjo Magic

**Curt, Gene and Nancy – Signing Off!**

When listeners hear Curt Gilleo and Gene Purdum during this month’s on-air campaign, listen closely. You won’t be hearing their voices after April 27, when they take their well-deserved retirements from WKAR Radio.

Joining them on the retiree list will be Nancy Gilleo, WKAR’s business manager, who somehow manages to keep on top of the volumes of paperwork and grant materials required to keep a public broadcasting station on the air!

Curt, WKAR Radio’s station manager, has been with the station since 1970 when he was an unpaid student production assistant in the newsroom. After graduating from MSU, he returned to WKAR in 1974 and has been here 38 years. He started as a news reporter and host, before becoming news director/AM program manager, and then station manager seven years ago.

Nancy started her career at MSU nearly 34 years ago, working at the library and Instructional Television Services before coming to WKAR Radio in 1989 as business manager. Until the station merged with TV, she also took on the role of checking tapes before airing, creating broadcast logs for AM and FM and running the audio board.

Gene, WKAR Radio’s music director, has been at WKAR for over 36 years, playing an integral role in station operations both on air and off. He’s also helped us with Stay Tuned, proofreading each issue.

With over a hundred years of collective experience to their names, the departure of the Gilleos and of Gene Purdum will leave a difficult-to-fill chasm here at WKAR. But that said, we wish them many wonderful years of retirement with no early-morning emergency calls!

**Gene’s Picks**

Before he takes off to re-read Dickens novels, train for competitive 12-and-24-hour bike races and engage in storm spotting for the National Weather Service, we asked Gene Purdum to share some albums of any genre that are a must for his collection.

- Charlie Barnett: Skyliner
- Philip Glass: Powaqqatsi soundtrack
- Franz Berwald: 4 Symphonies (Neeme Jarvi, conducting)
- Santana: Abraxas
- Beethoven: Violin Concerto (Jascha Heifetz, Boston Symphony)
- Mussorgsky: Boris Gudonov (Robert Lloyd and Olga Borodina)
- Patrick Doyle: Henry V soundtrack
- Verdi: Aida (Leontyne Price)
- Mahler: Symphony No. 2 (Leonard Bernstein, conducting)

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An Evening of Adventure and Extreme Chemistry!

Tuesday, April 3, 7 p.m.

See a short preview of the PBS special NOVA: Hunting the Elements, followed by comments from some of the researchers who explore questions about how our world works.

The evening will feature speaker Artemis Spyrou from the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory and Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) talking about leading edge research taking place right here in mid-Michigan. Included will be an update on FRIB, the new national facility for nuclear science, operated by MSU.

Reserve seats for the Preview Event online at WKAR.org. Call (517) 432-3120, ext. 354 for more information.

Watch the two-hour NOVA: Hunting the Elements on Wednesday, April 4, at 9 p.m.