

WLKR- AM

First Quarter Report

Of issues and programs relating to those issues facing
the listening audience of WLKR- AM during the period

January 1st, 2024

Through

March 31st, 2024

WLKR – 1510 AM

FIRST QUARTER REPORT January 1st through March 31st

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WLKR-AM utilizes a mixture of local and automated satellite programming – and monitors the news developments, local news media broadcasts and publications in Huron County and surrounding area. The following concerns and issues have been found to be primary in the minds of the listeners of our service area.

1. SAFETY/CRIME
2. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
3. EDUCATION
4. ECONOMICS
5. HEALTH AND HEALTH ISSUES
6. SOCIAL SERVICES/CHARITY
7. ENVIRONMENTAL

WLKR-AM addressed these issues through various types of programming. They include Public Service Announcements, program conversation segments and news stories. The following detailed pages illustrate examples of such programming.

WLKR-AM is “WLKR Classic” with classic hits mainly from the 70’s & 80’s. Local news is broadcast weekdays at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 12 noon, 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Our daily newscasts serve the public every day in the areas of concern.

WLKR-AM features a “Community Calendar” with public service messages and community events. It is scheduled to broadcast daily at 12:18am, 2:18am, 4:18am, 6:18am, 8:18am, 10:18am, 12:18pm, 2:18pm, 4:18pm, 6:18pm, 8:18pm, and 10:18pm. Each segment is 60 seconds long. The Community Calendar is also posted on our website, with daily updates accessible 24 hours a day at www.wlkrclassic.com

WLKR-AM has an FM translator – W225DG at 92.9FM, which covers the Norwalk OH area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, providing coverage in addition to the “daytime” AM 1510 signal.

JANUARY 2024 – WLKR 1510 AM

1. SAFETY/CRIME

01-02-24 A 26-year-old man is in jail for attempted murder following a shooting and standoff in Willard Monday morning. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, Bernabe Ramos surrendered peacefully at a residence on South West Avenue after a near 2-hour standoff with police. It all started when a woman on Fink Street told authorities she had been shot in the leg and the male shooter fled the area and was still armed.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-02-24 A Port Clinton man faces arson charges in connection with an historic school building blaze in November. According to the Sandusky Register, 69-year-old Gary Lisowski is due in court later this month. The fire took place November 23rd on Catawba Island at the historic District 2 school building on the corner of Crogan and East Porter Streets. No one was hurt, as the fire engulfed the building that was currently home to unoccupied apartments.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-02-24 The law enforcement task forces organized under the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission confiscated more than \$63 million in illegal drugs in 2023, including a notable increase in cocaine. In 2023, the task forces also seized 400 firearms and \$5.4 million in currency.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-03-24 The motive is still unclear in a New Year's Day shooting incident in Willard. According to the Sandusky Register, law enforcement continues to investigate the incident that led to 26-year-old Bernabe Ramos being charged with attempted murder. A female victim on Fink Street was treated and released from the hospital after she reported to authorities that she had been shot in the leg. Ramos was involved in a standoff for around two hours at a residence on South West Avenue...eventually surrendering peacefully.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-03-24 The State Highway Patrol has released its New Year's Holiday Report.
Six fatal crashes resulted in seven fatalities on Ohio's roadways during the 2023-2024 New Year's holiday. This is a decrease from the four-day reporting period last year when 13 fatalities were reported. This year's four-day reporting period ran Friday through Monday, New Year's Day.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-03-24 The Sandusky County Sheriff's Office will be using a state grant for extra patrol during the month of January. Overtime shifts will be scheduled in an attempt to promote safety among drivers, with an emphasis on impaired driving, speed enforcement, safety belt violations and distracted driving.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-03-24 The state's Bureau of Investigation saw a similar volume of Law Enforcement Officer Use-of-Force Investigations in 2023 compared to a year ago. Local law enforcement agencies requested to investigate 58 incidents in 2023, one fewer than in 2022. In 2023, 40 individual law enforcement agencies submitted requests to investigate officer-involved shootings. While several law enforcement officers were shot, no officers died during officer-involved shootings in 2023.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-03-24 Fast times in Erie County...The State Highway Patrol says they pulled over a driver going 106 miles-per-hour in a 70 mile-per-hour speed limit zone. This took place on State Route 2 in Erie County last weekend. According to the Patrol, over 26,500 speed-related crashes happened on Ohio roadways in 2023.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-04-24 Three men are due in court this week after allegedly stealing a dirt bike and four-wheeler and damaging property. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, 20-year-old Owen Kovach of Norwalk, 19-year-old Jeffrey Suto of Norwalk and Justin Reau of Akron all face criminal charges stemming from an apparent dispute over money from the sale of a car at a residence in Monroeville.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-04-24 Local authorities report that multiple OVI arrests took place in Lorain County around the New Year. According to the State Highway Patrol and Lorain County Sheriff's Office, at least 10 arrests were made for driving while intoxicated. In the last 5 years, troopers have made more than 86,000 OVI arrests statewide.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-05-24 It's 8 to 11 years in prison for an Elyria man after pleading guilty to aggravated vehicular homicide, aggravated vehicular assault and vehicular assault and three counts of DUI. A mother of two, Kaylie Eskins, was killed in an alcohol-related crash involving 24-year-old Logan Townsley, who crashed his car into hers in March of 2022 in Elyria Township.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-08-24 Authorities are looking into a reported breaking and entering at a Huron business. According to the Sandusky Register, it took place on December 29th at the Huron Market on Cleveland Road West. Police say the glass from the front doors was smashed out, with damage done to the cash registers. Nothing was taken from the register though.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-08-24 Six members of a violent crime ring in south Columbus have been indicted on a combined 124 felony charges, including murder and human trafficking, following an investigation. Those indicted range from male to female from 21 to 38 years of age from Columbus and Marysville.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-08-24 A dog was shot and killed during an Elyria man's arrest on Friday.
21-year-old Donte Colbert was arrested on an outstanding warrant in connection with an alleged shooting last year in Elyria. It happened on Melvyn Lane. Elyria Police say after the arrest, a neighbor opened their door and a pit bull charged them, with an officer discharging their weapon, killing the dog.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-09-24 It's five years probation for a Huron man in connection with the theft of sports cards. According to the Sandusky Register, 41-year-old Jason Leibold pleaded guilty to writing multiple bad checks for over \$118,000. Leibold reportedly was provided boxes of sports cards by a Sandusky-based company, which Leibold sold investment stakes to investors, with Leibold's eight checks bouncing.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-09-24 A Wakeman man has been indicted on 71 felony charges, which include sexual crimes involving minors. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, 52-year-old Dave Kodger will go to trial on March 6th in Huron County Common Pleas Court.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-09-24 A former Summit County lawmaker has been sentenced to community service and two years of probation. Republican State Representative Bob Young was convicted last fall of causing physical harm to his wife. Young resigned from his seat after being removed as a committee chair.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-09-24 26-year-old Bernabe Ramos of Willard has been indicted on multiple charges in connection with the alleged New Year's Day shooting of a woman in the leg that led to a police standoff.

Ramos, according to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, faces charges including an attempt to commit an offense felony and felonious assault. The accused incident took place at a home on Fink Street, with Ramos later surrendering peacefully at a residence on South West Avenue in Willard.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-10-24 Police in Elyria are looking into a shooting Monday night at Westway Gardens. Police say they found a man with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound after being called to the 1000 block of Melvyn Lane. The man was treated and released from the hospital.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-11-24 Vandalism at Edison High School... The school says the music van was vandalized over Christmas break. The school reports that someone with a silver SUV was seen on camera removing the catalytic converter from the van during a school sporting event. Anyone with information is asked to contact the school or local police.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-12-24 Body cam footage has been released from an incident where Elyria Police shot and killed a dog. In the incident, police had finished carrying out a warrant and arrest of a man at a home on Melvyn Lane when a neighbor opened the door and a pit bull ran towards an officer, with the officer firing multiple shots at the dog. The internal investigation of the incident found the officer's actions were justified in the situation as the officer felt threatened by the dog.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-15-24 It's a fourth-degree felony for a Milan woman indicted on a count of grand theft. According to the Sandusky Register, 38-year-old Tara Jones allegedly misused her role as a family member's power of attorney. Authorities say Jones misused the family member's finances for Amazon and Cedar Point purchases for her and her family; with a total of over \$47,000 allegedly stolen altogether.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-15-24 One dead, following a standoff in Grafton at Indian Hollow Reservation. It happened Friday night, after SWAT Team members were called to help Lorain County Metro Park Rangers at Sheldon Woods. The Lorain County Sheriff's Office says SWAT members talked to a person in a vehicle for several hours after the person had pointed a gun at a park ranger. According to the Sheriff's Office, the person in the vehicle eventually shot at SWAT members, with SWAT then shooting and killing the person.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-16-24 Council in New London has given their approval to provide fire services to those in Clarksfield Township. The Norwalk Reflector reports that an ordinance was passed for the fire department to respond to emergency calls for non-contracting townships outside of the village. This comes as Clarksfield Township Trustees said they will not agree to fire service because a fire/township levy has been voted down by residents three times, leaving no money in the budget.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-17-24 25 counts of felony sex offenses involving a minor for a 32-year-old Toledo man...The Sandusky Register reports that Corbin Kirchner will have a court arraignment later this month. The case against Kirchner was filed in Norwalk Municipal Court.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-17-24 The suspect in a triple-homicide in Willard was in court on Tuesday for a pre-trial hearing. According to the Norwalk Reflector, 26-year-old Zachary Boster and his attorney have been offered a plea deal, with Boster's attorney submitting a counter-offer. Boster is accused of stabbing to death 31-year-old Brandi Thorton, her unborn child and 13-year-old son in 2022 at a residence on South Myrtle Avenue in Willard.
Another court date has been set for next Tuesday, when we'll find out if the case goes to trial or a plea bargain has been accepted.
News Programming – approx 30 sec

01-17-24 It's life in prison for a 36-year-old Lorain man convicted of killing his ex-girlfriend more than two years ago. James Kimbrough the-third was sentenced yesterday, with a chance of parole after 31 years. Kimbrough was accused of shooting and killing Milenna Lopez as she sat in her car a McDonald's where she was the manager.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-17-24 No one was hurt in a house fire in Monroeville on Monday at the home of the Huron County Health Board president. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, Jeremy Loose and his family should be able to return to their home on South Ridge Street after clean-up and restoration work is done. The cause of the blaze was narrowed down to a wood burner in the basement.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-18-24 Two hospitalized after a reported shooting at a bar near Willard on Tuesday...According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, the reported incident occurred at The Havana Tavern on Gregory Road. 24-year-old Kyle Vanderpool of Plymouth was sent to the Huron County Jail on two counts of felonious assault and using weapons while intoxicated in connection with the reported shooting. The Huron County Sheriff's Office said the two victims are expected to make a full recovery.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-19-24 A fire that killed one person in Bellevue is under investigation by the State Fire Marshal. According to the Sandusky Register, the blaze took place Sunday on County Road 219, with a person's remains found at the site of the fire. Authorities also found a burned job site trailer. A reported \$10,000 in property damage was done.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-22-24 A Castalia man died in a single vehicle crash on Friday. Jeff Bauer was 59. The crash happened on Route 2, east of West Camp Perry in Erie Township in Ottawa County. The State Highway Patrol says Bauer ran off the right side of Route 2 and continued through a farm field, paintball range, and into a tree line. His vehicle struck many paintball range obstacles and two trees before coming to rest. Alcohol and/or drugs are not believed to be a factor in the crash.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-22-24 The leader of a human trafficking ring that operated in central Ohio has been sentenced to 14 years in prison. 40-year-old Marcus Carmon pled guilty to charges of compelling prostitution, having weapons under disability and possession of drugs. Carmon also must register as a Tier II sex offender after his release from prison.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-22-24 The investigation continues into reported thefts and break-ins at the Fremont Airport. The Sandusky County Sheriff's Office says information received led to a search warrant on South Street in Fremont that resulted in the recovery of stolen items from the airport as well as stolen firearms and an ATV. Criminal charges are expected to follow.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-22-24 Bulldog Sports Cafe on Center Ridge Road in North Ridgeville was heavily damaged by a fire on Friday. No one was hurt in the blaze that has left the establishment unable to operate. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-23-24 A Sandusky man was killed in a two-vehicle crash Monday morning in Milan Township. Michael Opfer was 60. According to the State Highway Patrol, Opfer was driving southbound on Route 250, just south of Route 113, and went left-of-center striking a vehicle driven by 36-year-old Shawn Martz of Norwalk. Martz was taken to the hospital with unknown injuries.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-23-24 A fire destroyed a home on Parkview Boulevard in Sandusky on Sunday. According to the Sandusky Register, no one was hurt, but a family dog died in the blaze. The cause of the fire is undetermined and is currently under investigation.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-23-24 A Sheffield man's appeal of his sentencing for killing his wife two years ago has been rejected by the 9th District Court of Appeals. 75-year-old Ronald Diamond is sentenced to life in prison without parole. Diamond had claimed that he shot his wife, 73-year-old Deborah Diamond, in their home on Preserve Lane to put an end to her pain, as she had a painful chronic illness. Diamond had argued that Lorain County Common Pleas Judge Chris Cook violated the purposes and principles of sentencing under Ohio law and violated Diamond's constitutional rights as well.
News Programming – approx 30 sec

01-23-24 20 people were rescued by the Coast Guard after being stuck on an ice floe Monday morning. It happened off of Catawba Island State Park. Everyone was brought safely ashore. No injuries were reported.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-24-24 A Norwalk woman charged in the death of her young son in a fire last June appeared in Huron County Common Pleas Court on Tuesday. According to the Sandusky Register, Dakota Rae Jones, who has pled not guilty, was in court for a pre-trial hearing. 8-year-old Wyatt Duchette died in the blaze at the home on East Main Street. Jones is due back in court for a final pre-trial hearing next month, with a jury trial scheduled to start February 28th.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-24-24 The Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a one-vehicle fatal crash that occurred last Friday morning. The crash happened on West Strub Road, west of Columbus Avenue, in Perkins Township. 66-year-old Ricardo Trevino was traveling southwest on West Strub Road where he failed to maintain control of his vehicle, went off the left side of the road, overturned, and struck a fire hydrant.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-24-24 A reminder to get your dog license from the Huron County Auditor's Office...Dog owners have one week (next Wednesday) to get their license to avoid a penalty charge. The fee per dog is \$18 for one year.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-25-24 A 3-year-old boy died in a house fire overnight in Sandusky. According to the Sandusky Register, the child's mother and 3 other children were able to make it out safely in the blaze at the home on Meigs Street. Major damage was also done to the home. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-25-24 Two charged in separate Lorain County fatal crashes... 28-year-old Melvin Amaro of Cleveland has been charged with aggravated vehicular assault and other felonies in a fatal crash at Grove Avenue and Homewood Drive in Lorain in May of 2022. 21-year-old Arabella Yungmann of Lorain has also been charged with aggravated vehicular homicide and other felonies in an alleged hit-and-run incident on North Abbe Road in Elyria last July where a pedestrian later died from their injuries.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

01-25-24 An Overdose Spike Alert has been issued for Huron County. The Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services says that 3 overdose incidents have taken place in the last 24 hours. Free naloxone or 'Narcan' can be picked up at a number of locations including Huron County Public Health and Mercy Health Willard Hospital.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-26-24 A Plymouth man accused of shooting two people at a Willard-area bar is due in court today. According to the Sandusky Register, 24-year-old Kyle Vanderpool faces a preliminary hearing. Authorities say one of the two victims shot at the Havana Tavern 10-days ago is still in the hospital, while the other has been treated and released. Vanderpool has been charged with two counts of felonious assault.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-26-24 A Lorain man died in a dirt bike crash Wednesday night. Sandalio Rodriguez was 22. Police say Rodriguez crashed his dirt bike into the side of an unoccupied police cruiser while authorities were serving arrest warrants at Homewood Drive and Meadow Lane in Lorain. The crash marks the first traffic-related fatality of 2024 in Lorain.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-27-24 Criminal charges in Erie County for a man from North Olmstead...According to the Sandusky Register, 36-year-old Alex Serrano faces charges of felonious assault, kidnapping, and aggravated burglary. The charges are in connection with a reported incident at a Campbell Street home in Sandusky in 2022. Serrano is accused of holding a knife to a woman and assaulting her.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-29-24 A Sandusky pedestrian was killed after being struck by a train on Saturday. According to the Sandusky Register, the 32-year-old man was hit by the train west of Hayes Avenue and near North Depot Street. The name of the man has not yet been released.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-29-24 A 19-year-old Elyria man faces charges after being accused of robbing a gas station at gunpoint a month ago. Jaden Pollard is charged with aggravated robbery, carrying a concealed weapon and obstructing official business. The reported incident took place at the Valero gas station on East Avenue in Elyria. No one was hurt.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-29-24 Criminal charges in Erie County for a man from North Olmstead...
According to the Sandusky Register, 36-year-old Alex Serrano faces charges of felonious assault, kidnapping, and aggravated burglary. The charges are in connection with a reported incident at a Campbell Street home in Sandusky in 2022. Serrano is accused of holding a knife to a woman and assaulting her.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-30-24 The victim of Saturday's fatal train/pedestrian incident in Sandusky has been identified. According to the Sandusky Register, 32-year-old Robert Bagley was struck by a train at the tracks west of Hayes Avenue, near Depot Street. Authorities say Bagley appeared to be walking over the tracks when he was hit.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-30-24 A Plymouth man accused of shooting two people in a Willard-area bar has been indicted on multiple charges. The Norwalk Reflector reports that 24-year-old Kyle Vanderpool faces charges including felonious assault and attempting to commit an offense. One victim has been released from the hospital, while the other remains hospitalized. The incident occurred two weeks ago at The Havana Tavern on Gregory Road.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-31-24 A \$900,000 settlement from the Ohio attorney general's office is possibly headed to the family of a Norwalk man who had his murder conviction tossed out by a judge after he spent 20-plus years in prison. The Plain Dealer reports that the settlement is going to the daughters of James Parsons, who was convicted in 1981 of killing his wife. Parsons died in 2017 at the age of 79 after a judge tossed out the conviction, but before a new trial was held. The reason for the lawsuit was due to accused wrongdoing involving forensic analysis. A probate judge in Erie County must still approve the settlement.
News Programming – approx 30 sec

01-31-24 A Monroeville man and former Fremont police officer was back in court this week. The Norwalk Reflector reports that Cage Roby had a pretrial hearing. A jury trial is planned for March in connection with charges of sexual battery and pandering sexually oriented material involving a minor or impaired person, which Roby has pleaded not guilty to. He's due back in court in two weeks.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

2. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

01-01-24 It's Off Trail with Erie MetroParks. Erie MetroParks is excited to bring you a new podcast "Off Trail." Enjoy some educational topics and catch a few laughs along the way. Hang out with park naturalists and the marketing guy as Erie MetroParks talks about nature and how it's connected to your daily lives.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

01-03-24 It's time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at Jimmy's Backyard BBQ. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund's 2024 Campaign "Give S'more."
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

01-04-24 Second Harvest Food Bank is hosting a drive-thru mobile food pantry today in Lorain. It will take place at Longfellow Middle School on Louisiana Avenue from 4 to 5:30 pm.
News Programming – approx 10 sec

01-04-24 It's Storytime at the Norwalk Public Library from 10am until 10:30am. Encourage a love of reading and learning as the library introduces your little one to books, rhymes, and songs. For children up to age 5. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

01-05-24 It's Preschool Storytime at the Milan Public Library from 10:30am until 11am. You can listen to stories, sing, dance, and make a craft. This event is for children ages 2 through 5. For more information, please call 419-499-4117.
Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

01-06-24 Be Strong Uniforms & Learning Center is hosting a Free CPR Class- Friends & Family Community CPR Training Starting at 9am at their location on Whittlesey Avenue in Norwalk. This event happens the first Saturday of Every month. Pre-registration is required for this event. For more information, please visit BeStrongNorwalk.com.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

01-07-24 The Norwalk Eagles Club #711 is holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Ohio State School for the Blind. It'll be from 8am until noon. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 5 and under. The menu includes an omelet station, French toast, sausage, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, and juice.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

01-08-24 The Christian Singles Fellowship is having a planning meeting at the North Point Baptist Church starting at 7pm. For more information, please call 419-433-0085.
Community Calendar - approx 10 sec

01-09-24 The American Red Cross says they're experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. The Red Cross blood supply has fallen to critically low levels across the country, and blood and platelet donors are urged to make a donation appointment. Over the last 20 years, the number of people donating blood to the Red Cross has fallen by about 40 percent.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-09-24 The Second Harvest Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry is coming to Erie County today. They'll be set up at BGSU Firelands from 4 to 5:30 pm, helping those in need.
News programming – approx 10 sec

01-10-24 It's time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at the Pizza Post. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund's 2024 Campaign "Give S'more."
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

01-10-24 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at the Norwalk Eagles from 11:30am until 5:30pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

01-11-24 The numbers are in from this past Christmas' Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign in Norwalk. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, over \$71,000 was raised; which is 130 percent of the campaign goal. The money will go towards social services in the area that include rent and utility assistance for those in need as well as the organization's weekly soup kitchen.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-12-24 The Christian Singles Fellowship is attending a talk at the North Point Baptist Church starting at 6:30pm. Speaker Dan Alexander will be leading the talk "New Year New Outlook." They will also be electing officers and having dinner at AG Patron's Restaurant. For more information, please call 419-433-0085.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

01-12-24 It's a Firelands Free Health Screening at the Huron Public Library from 10am until noon. Firelands Regional Medical Center offers free screenings, including blood pressure tests, information about breast health for both men and women, and assistance scheduling mammograms. For more information, please call 419-433-5009.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

01-15-24 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at First United Methodist Church in Norwalk from 1:30pm until 7pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

01-16-24 It's a Snow Day at the Norwalk Public Library from 4:30pm until 5:30pm. Enjoy a reading of The Most Perfect Snowman, then build marshmallow snowmen, craft snow globes, and play a melting game. For kindergarten through 2nd grades. Registration is required. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

01-17-24 It's the Adult Book Club at the Norwalk Public Library from 4:30pm until 5:30pm. To participate in discussion, read Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling. Books are available at the Main Desk. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

01-18-24 It's the Hobby Hangout at the Milan Public Library from 6pm until 8pm. Interested in crafting miniatures? From wargames to dollhouses to displays, miniature figures can be used in a variety of fun and rewarding activities. Beginners and experienced crafters welcome, and supplies will be provided! Feel free to bring your own project or pick one up at the library. For more information, please call 419-499-4117.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

01-19-24 It's Strides Toward Wellness at the Sandusky Mall with Firelands Health. The event begins at 9am. They'll be discussing weight loss medications, and the walk will begin at the food court. Strides Toward Wellness is a monthly doctor-led walk full of health and wellness tips. It's free and open to all fitness levels.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

01-20-24 Margareta Softball is holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and silent auction in the Margareta High School cafeteria from 3pm until 6pm. The cost is \$10 per person or \$30 for a family of four. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, desserts, and drink.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

01-21-24 It's an all you can eat French toast, pancake, and sausage breakfast at the Wakeman Masonic Lodge from 9am until 1:30pm. There will also be a bake sale and blood drive. Donations will be accepted.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

01-22-24 It's a NERF War with the Norwalk Public Library at the Perkins Family Gymnasium from 5pm until 6pm. Use NERF guns to battle it out in various competitions. For 4th through 6th grades. Registration is required; this event is not at the library. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

01-23-24 The Second Harvest Food Bank is bringing its drive-thru mobile food pantry to Willard today. It'll be set up at Willard Parks and Rec on West Laurel Street from 3 to 5 pm.
News Programming – approx 10 sec

01-24-24 It's time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at the Freight House. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund's 2024 Campaign "Give S'more."
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

01-25-24 The American Red Cross continues to experience an emergency blood shortage as severe winter weather has further impacted the ability to rebuild the blood supply. Blood and platelet donors are urged to give now to help ensure life saving medical procedures are not delayed. The Red Cross says that the nation is currently facing the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-28-24 The Norwalk Eagles Club #711 is holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Ohio State School for the Blind. It'll be from 8am until noon. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 5 and under. The menu includes an omelet station, French toast, sausage, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, and juice.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

01-29-24 It's a Winter Centerpiece Craft with the Norwalk Public Library from 6pm until 7pm. Bring the wintery season indoors with an arrangement that combines natural elements and silk flowers. Registration is required. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

01-30-24 It's a Virtual Author Talk with the Huron Public Library starting at 2pm. The guest for this event is Dr. Robert Lustig. For more information, please call 419-433-5009.
Community Calendar - approx 10 sec

3. EDUCATION

01-08-24 Plans for a new school in Norwalk will be shared during the next Norwalk Schools Board of Education meeting later this week. The Norwalk Reflector reports that a design and architectural firm will be there on Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center. A presentation will be made by the firm pertaining to a new elementary/middle school on Shady Lane Drive; with time also for questions and feedback.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-10-24 Details on a possible new elementary and middle school will be shared at tonight's regular Norwalk City School board meeting. The public is invited to attend as a

special presentation will be hosted by an engineering and architectural firm at 6:30 pm tonight at the Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center at Norwalk High School. The new school would be located on Shady Lane Drive.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-11-24 Honors for two area high school sophomores...According to the Sandusky Register, two Sandusky High School students, Dallas Harris and Hunter Straub, will represent their school as ambassadors at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Academy. The two students will be a part of the 2024 State Leadership Academy at Ohio Northern University in June. The academy is an international nonprofit that looks to develop and inspire youth to be dedicated to innovation, leadership and service.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-18-24 A pretty cool honor for a 2020 Huron High School grad...The Norwalk Reflector reports that Aubree Steinmetz, who plays the sousaphone for the Ohio State University Athletic Band, was expected to 'dot the i' last night when the band performed 'Script Ohio' at halftime of the Cleveland Cavaliers game at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-19-24 The Lorain County JVS will not stop the teaching of "Looking for Alaska," a book that has raised some eyebrows with its adult themes. The book will continue to be part of the 9th grade curriculum; as the school board voted last night 11 to 2 in favor of not suspending the teaching of the book.

Superintendent Glenn Faircloth said that their adolescent students are thoughtful readers who have the intellectual capacity to explore difficult issues and their English language arts teachers are well trained to foster conversation in the classroom.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

01-19-24 The Norwalk Athletic Hall of Fame will welcome in new members on Saturday. The 2014 Truckers boys basketball state championship team will be honored, along with their head coach Steve Gray. During the Norwalk boys basketball game Saturday evening, the team will be recognized, with the team and Coach Gray to be inducted during a dinner event at the Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center following the game.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-26-24 Bellevue Schools are looking to improve literacy within the district. The Norwalk Reflector reports that the school has received nearly \$33,000 in grant money to improve students' reading and writing efforts. The funding will go towards the buying and implementing of instructional items.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

4. ECONOMICS

01-12-24 Governor Mike DeWine has announced the launch of the new Welcome Home Ohio program, which invests \$150 million to help improve access to housing across the state. The program will provide \$100 million in grants for landbanks to purchase, rehabilitate, or build qualifying residential properties for income-eligible Ohioans.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-12-24 Norwalk firefighters have received a grant to help with administering CPR. The money from energy supplier, NOPEC, helped obtain a 'Lucas Device', which increases the survival outcome of patients compared to manual CPR.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-12-24 A possible pay raise for Norwalk City Council members...The Norwalk Reflector reports that the topic was talked about during the city council's work session earlier this week. The raise would go from \$250 a month to over \$700 a month for the at-large and ward council members. If the pay raises are approved, they would go into effect in 2026.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-15-24 Governor Mike DeWine has announced that the state will award nearly \$4.8 million in grant funding to help local law enforcement agencies across Ohio cover costs associated with body-worn camera programs. As part of that funding, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has received \$31,000.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-18-24 A check totaling near \$500,000 has been given to the city of Bellevue from Norfolk Southern railroad. According to the Sandusky Register, Mayor Kevin Strecker said the money will go towards alleviating continued drainage problems at the Route 20 underpass that leads to Norfolk Southern's rail yard, just east of the Bellevue Public Library. The underpass, which has had drainage issues since the 1980s said Strecker, has led to flooding and road closures.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-18-24 Ohio schools can now apply for a share of \$6.7 million in safety grants that will be awarded for the 2024 academic year. Every school district is eligible for a grant of \$2,500 or \$4.50 per student, whichever amount is greater until the funds are exhausted. The funding can be used for several items including: the funding can be used for: certification training for school resource officers, active-shooter response training or equipment, training to identify and assist students with mental health issues and school supplies or equipment related to safety or for implementing a school-safety plan.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

01-19-24 Governor Mike DeWine has announced that \$14.9 million in American Rescue Plan Act money will be distributed across 67 counties to better support Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families. As part of the initiative, Erie and Huron Counties will receive funding for support of people receiving services and their families. Erie County is set to receive \$283,000 and Huron County will receive \$350,000.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-22-24 A \$20,000 donation is headed to the Bellevue Police's K-9 program.

According to the Sandusky Register, Bellevue business, Thomas Steel, has presented a check to Bellevue Police Chief Marc Linder. The money will go towards the remaining cost of their new K-9 Officer, Suki.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-23-24 Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost found a creative way to disburse nearly \$1 Million in settlement money he won from Dollar General's price discrepancies this past year. Yost asked each County Auditor to pick a food pantry in their county to award their share of the settlement dollars. Erie County Auditor Richard Jeffrey picked Care and Share in Sandusky, which serves thousands of residents in Erie County, to award his \$7,600 of the settlement money.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-24-24 Governor Mike DeWine has announced that more than \$4.5 million in grant funding has been awarded to increase the number of quality teen driver training programs

in Ohio. As part of the funding, EHOVE Career Center in Milan has received nearly \$80,000. The funds can be used for the cost of training vehicles, instructor salaries, online education, and other administrative costs.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-31-24 More than \$250 million in improvements are coming to the Ohio Turnpike...According to the Sandusky Register, those improvements include some work in Erie County. Bridge deck replacements are slated in 2024 at Route 269, Route 99, and Route 13. Nearly 150 miles of pavement resurfacing is also planned.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

5. HEALTH AND HEALTH ISSUES

01-02-24 The Huron County Health Assessment from Huron County Public Health has released some information on area residents. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, the survey shows that residents are less obese or overweight than they were three years ago. But, nearly 75 percent of residents still qualify as obese or overweight.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-03-24 Norwalk Public Works Director Aaron Osborn provided an update on the city's water situation during last night's city council meeting. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, Osborn said they're moving in the right direction regarding the elimination of algae in the reservoirs. The city has been aggressively treating the reservoirs with different tools that Osborn says is having a positive effect on the water. Officials say the water is safe to use and consume, despite its musty smell and taste.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-05-24 Huron County Public Health has launched a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Data Dashboard on the agency's website. The dashboard entails data collected from sources that are available and shared with the Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services, such as 911 and 988 calls, hospital emergency department data pertaining to alcohol, drug, and suicide-related cases, treatment data, pharmacy data, and more. Another section of the dashboard also provides a quick look at year-to-date statistics for overdoses and suicide in Huron County. The dashboard will be updated monthly, beginning this month.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

01-10-24 Huron County Public Health has released its latest Respiratory Illness Report. According to the report...COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County are still increasing significantly, but the number of positive tests reported to the state have started to level off. Flu activity in Huron County has increased significantly, with 24 positive flu tests this week and zero flu hospitalizations. Flu activity in Ohio is very high. RSV activity in older children and adults in Ohio is starting to level off, while RSV activity in infants and younger children across Ohio is still increasing.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

01-17-24 A look at the latest Respiratory Illness Report from Huron County Public Health...COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County are still increasing significantly. The number of positive tests reported to the state have plateaued in the last 2 weeks. Flu activity in Huron County has increased significantly. There were 22 positive flu tests this week and 2 flu hospitalizations. Flu activity in Ohio is high.

RSV activity in older children and adults in Ohio is still high but seems to be plateauing, with RSV activity in infants and younger children across Ohio still increasing.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

01-23-24 The numbers are in from the new Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report...COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County have started to decrease, with

the number of positive COVID-19 tests reported to the state starting to decrease. Flu activity in Huron County decreased last week, with seven positive flu tests this week and one flu hospitalization. According to the CDC, flu activity in Ohio is high. RSV activity in both children and adults has started to decrease.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-25-24 Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky has received recognition for its commitment to providing quality care to heart patients from the American College of Cardiology. This recognition is featured in the annual "Best Hospitals" guidebook by U.S. News & World Report, which aims to help patients and caregivers find the best medical centers for their healthcare needs.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-30-24 The latest Huron County Respiratory Illness Report has been released.
COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County have decreased slightly, with the number of positive COVID-19 tests reported to the state decreasing slightly. Flu activity in Huron County decreased last week, with 10 positive flu tests and 2 flu hospitalizations. According to the CDC, flu activity in Ohio is high. RSV in older children and adults had a slight increase this week and RSV in younger children had a slight decrease.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-31-24 A testing event for HIV, syphilis and Hepatitis C is planned for next week in Huron County. Hosted by Huron County Public Health, it will take place February 8th from 1 to 3 pm at Huron County Public Health's main location on Executive Drive in Norwalk. Individuals wishing to attend the event do not have to be residents of Huron County and appointments are not needed. If individuals receive a positive test result, staff will also be available to help individuals begin treatment.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

6. SOCIAL SERVICES/CHARITY

01-04-24 The Milan Township Fire Department is changing dispatching services.
According to the Sandusky Register, they're switching from North Central EMS to the Erie County Sheriff's Office. Officials say the change will greatly increase response times and make for a safer community.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-04-24 The City of Sandusky's annual Christmas Tree collection begins next week. The city asks residents to place trees by the boulevard by 7:00 am on their scheduled day, to remove all decorations, to only place real trees (no fake ones) for collection, and to not place trees in the street. The schedule for pick-up is posted on the City of Sandusky Facebook page.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-05-24 A contract has been signed for the building of a new senior center in Norwalk. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, the Huron County Commissioners entered into an agreement with a construction company from Apple Creek for \$4.9 million. The new facility will be paid for through American Rescue Plan Act funds.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-08-24 Christmas Tree pickup begins today in Sandusky. The city asks that residents follow certain guidelines; such as: Remove all decorations, Do not place trees in the street; please place trees on the boulevard by 7:00 am on your scheduled pick-up day. Only put real trees out to collect; no artificial trees. A full pickup schedule is posted on the City of Sandusky Facebook page.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-15-24 With the frigid temps, there are emergency warming shelters set up in Norwalk and Sandusky. In Norwalk, they are located in the Norwalk Police and Fire Department training rooms, which are open 24/7. The Ernsthausen Rec Center is also providing warming space during operating hours. In Sandusky, New Jerusalem Baptist Church on Eddy Henry Way has been designated a warming shelter, which is open from 7pm to 8am today and tomorrow.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-16-24 As temperatures remain frigid, a reminder about warming shelters in the area...In Sandusky, a shelter is located at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church on Eddy Henry Way, which is open today from 7 pm to 8 am where cots to sleep will be provided. Also in Norwalk, the Ernsthausen Rec Center is open during regular hours for people to warm up...while 24/7 emergency warming centers are located in the training rooms of the Norwalk Police and Fire Departments.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-16-24 The Elyria Planning Commission will meet Thursday to hear about a proposed senior care center. The senior care center would both house and serve seniors; and be located off Route 57, just west of Lowe's. The proposed facility is 20,000 square feet, cost \$6 million to build, and will create more than 40 permanent jobs. The investment would come from a \$6 million grant from the Ohio Department of Aging and paid for through American Rescue Plan Act funds.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

01-18-24 A development plan for permanent supportive housing in Lorain has been approved by City Council. The apartment project includes 62 units for homeless individuals, with 12 units for veterans. The apartments will be located on East 21st Street and Broadway. The project has been in the works for around two years.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

7. ENVIRONMENTAL

01-12-24 Some brutally cold weather is on the way, along with high winds.
Starting Sunday, and lasting through the first half of the week, high temps are expected in the teens. Weather dot-gov offers these simple tips when it comes to dealing with the cold weather...dress in layers...cover exposed skin...and limit time outside.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

01-15-24 It's downright cold. A Wind Chill Advisory is in effect until noon today. Look for wind chills as low as 15-below-zero this morning.
News Programming – approx 10 sec

01-16-24 Most roads are snow-covered, so be extra careful driving to your destination this morning...
News Programming – approx 10 sec

01-17-24 The frigid temperatures continue, with a Wind Chill Advisory in effect until noon today. Most area schools are closed today due to the cold.
News Programming – approx 10 sec

01-18-24 Snowy weather looks to be on the way...The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for the area, beginning late tonight. Total snow accumulation of 5 to 9 inches is possible.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

01-19-24 A Winter Storm Warning is in effect for the area...With 2 to 4 inches of snow possible today. The Winter Storm Warning runs through 4:00 am Saturday
News Programming – approx 10 sec

01-19-24 ODOT is out and about today with their plow trucks. They say that salt is the main tool in ODOT's toolbox, but it begins to lose effectiveness when pavement temperatures drop below 20 degrees. To combat this, ODOT uses additives like calcium chloride and even a product that uses beet molasses.
ODOT utilizes nearly 3,000 drivers who often work 12-hour shifts during snow and ice events.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

FEBRUARY 2024 – WLKR 1510 AM

1. SAFETY/CRIME

02-02-24 A woman from Northwood faces multiple charges including the alleged sex trafficking of a minor. According to the Sandusky Register, the criminal case for 45-year-old Cynthia Wendell has been filed in Huron County Common Pleas Court. She has a pretrial hearing set for later this month.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-02-24 A man from Los Angeles, California is in the Erie County Jail on drug charges. 44-year-old Saul Zantoyo is charged with drug possession and trafficking, in which authorities seized over a half-pound of meth. Authorities are asking anyone with information on Zantoyo's operation to contact them.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-03-24 A 60-year-old Norwalk man has pleaded guilty in connection with a 2022 Erie County fatal crash. According to the Sandusky Register, Steve Chaffee accepted a plea deal where he pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter. Chaffee reportedly drove his car into a ditch near Birmingham while believed to be under the influence of drugs. His passenger, 62-year-old Thomas Zellner of Berlin Heights, died from injuries suffered in the crash.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

02-03-24 Two people from Sandusky have been arrested for stealing grave markers from the Perkins Cemetery. 51-year-old Amy Christiansen and 40-year-old Chad Burdue have been charged with Criminal Mischief and Receiving Stolen Property. An investigation led to authorities finding the stolen brass military grave markers being sold on Facebook Marketplace.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-07-24 A North Ridgeville man faces charges in connection with a fatal hit-and-run incident. 79-year-old Gus Blavos was charged with vehicular homicide and failure to stop after an accident. Blavos was accused of striking 41-year-old Cassandra Fear of Lakewood with his car in front of a residence on West 130th in Cleveland and then driving away.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-07-24 An Elyria woman has pleaded guilty to criminal charges regarding a pepper-spraying incident of the Hamilton Elementary principal. Police reported that Jessica Houze tried entering an unauthorized door at the school and was yelling obscenities at the assistant principal in front of students. Houze reportedly sprayed Principal Joel Melvin with pepper spray when Melvin attempted to pull the doors shut.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-07-24 A man from Sandusky has been sentenced to time in jail after pleading guilty to sex crimes involving a minor. According to the Sandusky Register, 21-year-old Jerry Evans the-third also faces three years of probation and Tier 1 sex offender registration for 15 years. Evans was sentenced in Huron County.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-09-24 An autopsy is scheduled to be performed on a body discovered at the Milan Wildlife Area on Thursday. According to the Sandusky Register, the body of a 48-year-old Margaretta Township resident was found by a person fishing. Erie County Sheriff Paul Sigsworth said it initially looked as if the person died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-09-24 No one was hurt in a Sandusky fire on Wednesday. The Sandusky Register reports that the fire took place in the kitchen of a home on McDonough Street. The fire was due to cooking that was left unattended.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-09-24 A scam alert from the Sandusky County Sheriff's Office...The scam involves someone saying they're from Spectrum and have partnered with Target for a discount on your cable bill. In order to receive the discount, the scammer says you must purchase Target gift cards. Again, this is a scam.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-09-24 Missing stop signs on Hawley Road in Wellington, Huntington and Pittsfield townships...One of the stop signs was later found intact in a ditch. The others are still missing. Stop signs were also missing on a county road near Huntington Township. Authorities say that residents should always report missing signs.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-10-24 A Huron County man has been indicted on felony charges, including murder, in connection with the disappearance six years ago of his girlfriend, Amanda Dean. 40-year-old Frederick Reer of Collins faces charges of murder, abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence. Agents with the attorney general's Bureau of Criminal Investigation arrested Reer on Friday following his indictment and transported him to the Huron County jail. An arraignment hearing is scheduled Monday in Huron County Common Pleas Court. Dean, a 36-year-old mother of four, was last seen on July 11th, 2017, in Collins.
News Programming – approx 30 sec

02-10-24 A Norwalk man is in jail after authorities from Indiana arrested him.
According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, 24-year-old Kegan Flowers has been charged with child exploitation, child pornography possession and other charges. Authorities identified Flowers as a suspect in connection with the exchanging of inappropriate images through Snapchat with a female juvenile from Logansport, Indiana.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-10-24 A Bellevue man faces jail time after pleading guilty to multiple felonies. According to the Sandusky Register, 22-year-old Devin Shedron pleaded guilty to strangulation, felonious assault and domestic violence. Shedron's been sentenced to four to six years in the Huron County Jail.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-10-24 In an effort to keep our roadways safe this Super Bowl Sunday, troopers will be cracking down on impaired drivers. You can do your part by reminding friends and family that Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk. During last year's Super Bowl, the Patrol made 48 OVI arrests from 6 am Sunday to 6 am Monday. During the 24-hour reporting period, there was one fatal crash, killing one person, which was OVI-related.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

02-12-24 Two Lorain men have been arrested in connection with a shooting and stand-off on Sunday. 22-year-old Nathan Melendez and 22-year-old David Santos face multiple charges after police were called to East Erie Street for a report of shots fired into a home. A shooting victim was treated at the scene for a grazing wound to his leg.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-13-24 No fourth murder trial for Ivan Brooks, as he pleaded no contest on Monday morning to involuntary manslaughter and other charges. Brooks is accused of killing another man in an East Broad Street house in Elyria in 2019. By entering the plea, Brooks still holds some rights to appeal. A judge has ordered sentencing for Brooks for this Friday.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-13-24 A former chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, two former FirstEnergy executives and two entities have been indicted by a Summit County grand

jury as a corrupt enterprise for their alleged role in the House Bill 6 scandal. Charged with a combined 27 felony counts are Samuel Randazzo, former PUCO chairman; Charles Jones, former CEO of First Energy; and Michael Dowling, former First Energy senior vice president of external affairs.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

02-14-24 The Huron County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Todd Corbin have released a statement regarding the Amanda Dean case. In the statement, the Sheriff's Office said that once they requested the Ohio Bureau of Investigation to investigate the disappearance of Dean, they did not make any comments in order to not hinder or influence BCI's investigation. They go on to say that there are a lot of rumors about the facts of the case and that in the coming months, the truth will come out. They end their statement by saying they will not make any further comments while the case is being settled. Frederick Reer of Collins has pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, tampering with evidence and gross abuse of a corpse in connection with Dean's disappearance.

News Programming – approx 40 sec

02-14-24 The life of a 7-week-old baby was saved by authorities in Norwalk. According to the Sandusky Register, dispatcher Kara Good received a call from a father whose baby had stopped breathing. Good gave the father life-saving instructions while Officer Nolan Flowers was on the way. Flowers provided life-saving techniques which revived the baby.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-16-24 Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Transportation have announced the launch of a new initiative that will use technology to detect traffic congestion and warn drivers of dangerous slow-downs. The new warning systems will be installed at 13 highway sites in and around major urban centers that have been identified by ODOT as high-congestion, high-crash areas. When cameras at these sites detect slow or stopped traffic, they will automatically trigger a message board a few miles away to alert approaching drivers of the upcoming traffic hazard.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

02-16-24 Thirty felony sex charges involving a minor for a Fostoria man in Huron County...According to the Sandusky Register, 32-year-old Roger DeWeese has been indicted on charges of rape, importuning, sexual battery and pandering obscenity and sexually-oriented material involving a minor. He's due back in court next month.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-16-24 Two hurt in a Carlisle Township house fire on Thursday...It happened on Oakwood Street. The other four residents escaped without harm. The cause of the fire and damage estimate is not yet known.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-19-24 A Sandusky woman has been charged with taking the identity of another woman. According to the Sandusky Register, Amanda Maynard-Murphy was reportedly practicing physical therapy without a license. Police say Murphy used the physical therapy license number of another woman with the same name and also used the social security number of a different woman to gain employment at a West Strub Road medical facility. Murphy has pleaded not guilty.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

02-20-24 The City of Huron has agreed to pay two residents over \$250,000 in a settlement stemming from an incident and lawsuit in 2019. According to the Sandusky

Register, the city government said in a statement that the settlement with Stacy and Jason Hinnners is not an admission of fault or guilt in the matter, and it is not a judgment against the city. The lawsuit comes from an incident where Huron's government dismissed charges against Huron school board member Stacy Hinnners, who was accused of disrupting a city council meeting where she was arrested. Jason and Stacy then filed a lawsuit against the city accusing them of violating the Ohio Open Meetings Act.

News Programming – approx 35 sec

02-20-24 An Elyria crash involving two vehicles sent three people to the hospital on Monday. The head-on collision took place at Lake Avenue and Furnace Street, with a vehicle striking a traffic pole after the crash. No updates yet on the condition of those injured...

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-21-24 A Greenwich man accused of stabbing to death a woman, her unborn child and teenage son is headed to prison. The Norwalk Reflector reports that 26-year-old Zachary Boster has pleaded guilty to murder and aggravated murder. Boster has been sentenced to 40 years to life behind bars. 31-year-old Brandi Thorton, her unborn child and 13-year-old son Julez Bryant were killed in September of 2022 in Willard.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-21-24 A man from Sandusky faces felony sex charges involving a minor.

According to the Sandusky Register, 46-year-old Tyrone Alexander has been arrested on charges of rape and tampering with evidence. He's due in court tomorrow.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-21-24 The Huron County Emergency Management Agency has made plans to conduct a test utilizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Integrated Public Alert and Warning System. It will take place March 19th at 12:15 pm. The purpose of the test is to test the county's capability of the system with the upcoming solar eclipse, future emergency situations and to make sure that emergency management officials are trained with the system. The test will encompass all of Huron County as well as those near the border. The test will occur on radios, televisions and cell phones.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

02-22-24 A man from Wakeman faces 12 felony sex charges involving a minor. The Norwalk Reflector reports that 51-year-old Troy Carroll Senior has been charged with rape, gross sexual imposition and kidnapping. Carroll was booked in the Huron County Jail last week and is tentative scheduled for a pretrial hearing next month.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-23-24 A Sandusky Schools wrestling coach has resigned amid allegations of alleged threats towards a student. According to the Sandusky Register, assistant coach Cordell Chaney was placed on administrative leave after an investigation was launched into an incident on video that apparently shows Chaney in an argument with a student where Chaney appears to criticize the student and makes threats to assault the student or get someone else to assault them. The investigation is ongoing.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

02-26-24 A Sandusky man was killed in a single vehicle crash on Saturday. It happened on Mason Road, just west of Harris Road, in Oxford Township in Erie County. The

Highway Patrol says that 45-year-old John Donald traveled off the road, struck a fire hydrant, fence post and then overturned.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-26-24 A man from Lakeside faces multiple felony sex charges involving a minor. According to the Sandusky Register, 40-year-old Jeremy Jenkins has been charged with three counts of rape for alleged crimes that took place back in 2011. He's due in court tomorrow.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-26-24 No injuries reported on Saturday when a car crashed into the front of the Under Armour store at Avon Commons...Reports say the driver was attempting to avoid hitting another car when their vehicle jumped the curb and crashed into the store. Fire department officials say the store will be closed until the window can be repaired.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-29-24 A Lorain County shooting is under investigation. It reportedly happened early Wednesday when two men were walking near West Seventh Court in Lorain. The two men said they heard multiple gun shots, with one of them being shot in the leg. The man who was shot was treated for his injuries.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-29-24 An insanity plea has been entered by an Erie County Jail inmate accused of attempted sexual assault of a jail worker. According to the Sandusky Register, 23-year-old Zachary Ball of Vermilion has been indicted on charges of attempted rape and gross sexual imposition in connection with an incident last October involving a female jail employee. Ball is due back in court in April.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

2. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

02-01-24 It's Storytime at the Norwalk Public Library starting at 10am. Encourage a love of reading and learning with the library as they introduce your little one to books, rhymes, and songs. For children up to age 5. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-01-24 It's the Nailed It! Snack Challenge at the Milan Public library from 6pm until 6:30pm. Teens and tweens are invited to use their creativity to replicate a fun snack. This month, we will make kiss emoji cookies. For 4th through 12th grades. Registration is required. For more information, please call 419-499-4117.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

02-01-24 The Huron County Humane Society has announced an upcoming fundraiser. The "Love and Laughter" Dinner and Comedy event is set for Saturday, February 10th at 6:30 pm at the Norwalk Eagles. The event will feature national headlining comedian Steve Caminiti.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-01-24 The United Way of Greater Lorain County is inviting the community to "A Night at the Bee" fundraiser to support local education programs. It will take place Friday, April 19th from 5:00 to 8:30 pm at the Spitzer Conference Center at Lorain County Community College. The event is a fun game night-style competition for adults that includes four categories of Spelling, History, STEM and Art.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-02-24 The Christian Singles Fellowship will be attending a talk at the North Point Baptist Church starting at 6:30pm. The topic is "Love is Kind" and will be presented by speaker Don Greene. Dinner will be at AG Eat's & Treats Afterward. For more information, please call 419-433-0085.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-03-24 It's the Dungeons and Dragons Club at the Norwalk Public Library from 11am until 1pm. Embark on a quest in a fantasy realm where your fate depends on the roll of the dice and the only limit is your imagination. Adventurers of any skill level are welcome. Registration is required. For 6th through 12th grades. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

02-04-24 It's Live with the Friends at the Huron Public Library starting at 3pm. Come experience some live music by Doug Wood, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information, please call 419-433-5009.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-06-24 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at the Holy Angels Catholic Church from 1pm until 6pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-07-24 It's time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at Pean's Pizza, Subs & Sudz. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund's 2024 Campaign "Give S'more."

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-09-24 It's Preschool Storytime at the Milan Public Library from 10:30am until 11am. You can listen to stories, sing, dance, and make a craft. For children ages two through five. For more information, please call 419-499-4117.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-09-24 It's a Firelands Free Health Screening at the Huron Public Library from 10am until noon. Firelands Regional Medical Center offers free screenings, including blood pressure tests, information about breast health for both men and women, and assistance scheduling mammograms. For more information, please call 419-433-5009.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

02-09-24 The American Red Cross is holding two blood drives one is at Firelands Health in Sandusky from 11am until 5pm, the other is at Kalahari from noon until 6pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-10-24 It's the Coffee Club hosted by the Huron County Veteran Service Office at their location in Norwalk from 9am until 11am. Come out and enjoy some complimentary coffee and donuts. You can also talk with the Veteran Service Officers and learn about free wills from Ms. Jami Mead.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-10-24 It's the Essentials Pantry Drive open house in Vermilion at the First Baptist Church from 10am until 2pm. They are asking for donations of items including hygiene products, tissues, paper towels, razors, and more. They are also accepting monetary donations. You can find more information on their Facebook page.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

02-10-24 It's the Designer Purse Raffle at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. It'll be in building 19 from 6pm until 9pm. Tickets are \$50 and include a meal, three drink tickets, and a chance to win a purse worth up to \$400 or a cash prize. There will also be additional games, a 50/50, raffle baskets, and more. Tickets are available at Wellington Music and MainStreetWellington.org. Proceeds benefit Main Street Wellington and Safety Service Fundraising.
Community Calendar - approx 25 sec

02-11-24 It's the Bismark Senior and Community Center's monthly breakfast from 8am until 11am. There will be ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, homefries, biscuits with sausage gravy, pancakes, waffles, drinks, and more. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and donations are being taken for local food banks.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

02-11-24 It's Chess with Paul Sherwood at the Huron Public Library starting at 1pm. Everyone is welcome to join local chess enthusiast Paul Sherwood who is available as instructor or competitor. Come for fun or to improve your game. This program is open to all ages and abilities. For more information, please call 419-433-5009.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

02-13-24 The American Red Cross urges donors to give blood or platelets now to continue to strengthen the national blood supply this month. The public can book a time to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS. People of all blood types, especially type O blood donors, the most needed blood group by hospitals, and platelet donors are needed daily to ensure blood products are available for hospitals at a moment's notice.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

02-12-24 It's the Planner Society at the Milan Public Library from 6pm until 7pm. You can create a beautiful custom recipe album with this fun craft. Registration is required. For more information, please call 419-499-4117.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-13-24 Second Harvest Food Bank brings their drive-thru mobile food pantry to Erie County today. They'll be set at BGSU Firelands in Huron from 4 to 5:30 pm.
News Programming – approx 10 sec

02-13-24 It's St. Anthony's Annual spaghetti supper at the church from 4:30pm until 6:30pm. The cost is \$10 per person, children 3 and under are free. Meals include meat or meatless spaghetti, salad, bread and butter, and homemade desserts. Dinners are available dine in or carry out. Preorder is available by calling 419-499-4274.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

02-14-24 It's time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at Jimmy's Backyard BBQ. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund's 2024 Campaign "Give S'more."
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-15-24 It's the Lunchtime program at the Huron Public Library starting at 1pm. This program's topic is: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter will present information about the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's. Learn about the library's new memory kits. For more information, please call 419-433-5009.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

02-16-24 It's a Fish Fry dinner at the LaGrange Ohio Lions Club. Perch dinners, shrimp dinners, and hot dog dinners are all available. They come with French fries and coleslaw. Dinners are every Friday now through the end of March from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. There will also be 50/50s, and Super 50/50s with the winner drawn on March 29th. Dinners are drive-thru and cash only.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

02-16-24 It's Duck, Duck, Goose at the Wyandot MetroPark in Huron. Join the fun between 4pm and 5:30pm and come out to see the different ducks and geese visiting the bay. Binoculars will be available to borrow. All ages are welcome, no registration is required.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-16-24 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at the Sandusky High School from 9am until 2pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or you can use their Red Cross Blood Donor App.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-17-24 It's the Osborn MetroPark Run! You can come out and walk or run this enjoyable 5K through the park. Meetup time for the event is at 8:45am and the run starts at 9am. This event is friendly to all ages. Kids and dogs can join too. Registration should be completed through the ParkRun website.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-17-24 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at the Collins Church in Collins from 8am until 1pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or you can use their Red Cross Blood Donor App.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-18-24 It's an All you can eat French toast, pancake, and sausage breakfast at the Wakeman Masonic Lodge. It'll be from 9am until 1:30pm. There will also be a bake sale. Donations are accepted.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-19-24 The Erie County Health Department and Sandusky City Schools are holding a community event from 8am until 8pm offering a variety of services and resources for residents. There will be free medical and dental screenings, information about job opportunities, community resources, and options for immunizations. Individuals ages 12 and up who receive covid and flu shots will receive a \$100 gift card. For more information, please call 567-867-5174.
Community Calendar - approx 25 sec

02-19-24 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at the First United Methodist Church in Norwalk From 1:30pm until 7pm For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or you can use their Red Cross Blood Donor App.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-20-24 It's the Essential Pantry at the First Baptist Church in Vermilion, from 11am until 1pm and then from 5pm until 6:30pm. They provide basic, essential items free of charge for people who can't afford them. Those items include toothbrushes and toothpaste, razorblades, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products and more. The pantry is every third Tuesday of each month. You can find more information on their Facebook page.
Community Calendar - approx 25 sec

02-20-24 The Second Harvest Food Bank is headed to Huron County today. They'll pay a visit to Willard Parks and Rec on West Laurel Street for their drive-thru mobile food pantry. They'll be there from 3 to 5 pm.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-21-24 It's time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at the Pizza Post. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund's 2024 Campaign "Give S'more."
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-21-24 The Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio is holding a drive-thru mobile food pantry at Brookside High School in Sheffield from 4:30pm until 6pm.
Community Calendar - approx 10 sec

02-22-24 It's Storytime at the Norwalk Public Library from 10am until 10:30am. Encourage a love of reading and learning with the library as they introduce your little one to books, rhymes, and songs. For children up to age 5. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-22-24 It's the Second Harvest Food Bank's 2024 Harvest for Hunger Campaign kickoff event at the Second Harvest location from 4pm until 6pm. They will be talking about information regarding the collection and distribution of funds and food. You can meet with staff and learn how you can help Second Harvest with their goals. For more information, please call 440-434-2444 or go to SecondHarvestFoodBank.org.
Community Calendar - approx 25 sec

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Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

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Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-23-24 Second Harvest Food Bank fired up its 2024 Harvest for Hunger campaign on Thursday. They've set a goal of raising \$500,000 to serve those in need with meals in Erie, Huron, Lorain and Crawford counties. That equals an amount of 3.5 million meals. The organization has seen a 26 percent increase in need this year, with distributions exceeding records set during the COVID-19 pandemic.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-24-24 It's the Osborn MetroPark Run! You can come out and walk or run this enjoyable 5K through the park. Meetup time for the event is at 8:45am and the run starts at 9am. This event is friendly to all ages. Kids and dogs can join too. Registration should be completed through the ParkRun website.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-25-24 The Norwalk Eagles Club #711 is holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Ohio State School for the Blind. It'll be from 8am until noon. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 5 and under. The menu includes an omelet station, French toast, sausage, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, and juice.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

02-26-24 It's Paint Pouring at the Huron Public Library from 6pm until 7pm. Create a unique piece of canvas art with acrylic paint and pouring techniques. Registration is required. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

02-27-24 It's Family Storytime at the Huron Public Library starting at 6:30pm. All ages are welcome. These story times engage your little ones in a variety of ways that stimulate the development of early literacy skills through books, flannel boards, songs, stories, and much more. For more information, please call 419-433-5009.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

02-28-24 The American Red Cross of North Central Ohio responded to a fire in Elyria on Monday evening, helping a family of three. The Red Cross provided assistance, such as temporary lodging, food and clothing for the immediate needs of those affected. Red Cross volunteers will continue to help those affected, providing recovery assistance, resources and referrals to community partners.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-29-2024 OHgo is hosting a pop-up pantry at Foxborough Park in Sandusky from 4pm until 5pm.

Community Calendar - approx 10 sec

3. EDUCATION

02-08-24 A new superintendent has been named for Perkins Schools. According to the Sandusky Register, the Board of Education there has appointed Lonny Rivera to the top job. Rivera, who's the current Director of Innovation for North Point Educational Service Center in Sandusky, will take over for current superintendent Todd Boggs, who's leaving July 31st.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-19-24 The search for a new superintendent of Wellington Schools is underway. The first set of interviews are scheduled for March 28th and 29th. Eight candidates have applied so far.

Second interviews and background checks will follow. The school district could have a new superintendent named as early as April 16th. This comes after current leader Ed Weber announced his retirement in December.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-22-24 A soon-to-be new owner for the Davis-Besse nuclear plant near Oak Harbor...According to the Sandusky Register, a Texas-based energy company, Vistra Corporation, won approval last week for the new ownership to go forward. Vistra expects to officially acquire the former FirstEnergy Solutions power plant for over \$3.4 billion, which also includes nuclear power plants in Perry, Ohio and Pennsylvania, in the coming weeks.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

02-27-24 Elyria Catholic High School has reached their \$1 million fundraising goal for new bleachers. The last donation was \$100,000 from The Dan and Mila Reaser Family Foundation. The project includes a new press box and bleachers, which is expected to be finished in plenty of time for the 2024 football season.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

4. ECONOMICS

02-02-24 The deadline to pay real estate taxes in Huron County is fast approaching. Property owners have until next Friday, February 9th at 4:30 pm to pay without penalty. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, starting next week, four parking spaces in front of the treasurer's office on East Main Street in Norwalk will be reserved for those paying their real estate taxes.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-07-24 The City of Sandusky has been awarded with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Governmental Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

02-08-24 Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Transportation have announced that more than a dozen major local bridge projects will receive funding to support rehabilitation and replacement work. This includes the Linwood Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation project in Norwalk. The project, which is set to receive \$4 million in funding, will include replacing the deck, constructing new sidewalks, railing, and vandal protection fencing. Construction is slated to begin in 2027.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

02-08-24 Upgrades at Black River Landing have been given the go-ahead...

The Planning Commission has approved the upgrades by The Lorain Port Authority, which include repositioning and rebuilding of the stage closer to the riverbank, with an amphitheater on the lawn and a green room to the left of the stage. Also, plans are to connect the green space to Broadway for an easier walk to restaurants, bars and shops. The first phase of the project, which will start this fall, will cost \$8.6 million, and will likely be done before the 2025 season.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

02-09-24 A grant from Huron County Public Health is going to assist with improvements of the multi-use path at Veterans Memorial Lake Park in Norwalk. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, \$14,000 has been set aside to pay for part of the costs to replace the asphalt path that is unsafe and no longer usable. Work to improve the path is set to be done this year.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-14-24 A restaurant in uptown Norwalk is for sale. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, Main Street Diner owners Carl Moore and Steve Nutter plan to close the eatery by April 1st if there's no buyer. The sale is for the business only, as the building is owned by someone else.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-14-24 Look soon for electric vehicle charging stations in Lorain. The city has received \$660,000 grant to fund two charging stations. The chargers will be located at Lorain City Hall and the Lorain Street Department. They should be installed by 2026.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-20-24 Huron County is set to receive funds for transit projects. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, Huron County is the recipient of \$1.8 million in state and federal funds for operating assistance of North Central Area Transit as well as over \$230,000 in funding for

replacement vehicles and \$270,000 from the state to update and renovate county-wide buildings and garages.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-28-24 The Federal Trade Commission has sued to block a proposed merger between two giant grocers. The FTC says the merger worth \$24.6 billion between Kroger and Albertsons would get rid of competition and lead to higher prices for customers. The grocers say that the merger would help them in their competition with other big rivals in Walmart, Amazon and Costco. Kroger and Albertsons would have 13 percent of the country's grocery market, with Walmart controlling 22 percent right now. Kroger and Albertsons say they will challenge the FTC in court.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

5. HEALTH AND HEALTH ISSUES

02-06-24 The numbers are in from the new Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report...COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County have decreased, with the exception of New London which has shown an increase for this reporting period. The number of positive COVID-19 tests reported to the state has decreased. Flu activity in Huron County has increased over the past week, with 15 positive flu tests this week and 2 flu hospitalizations. According to the CDC, flu activity in Ohio is high. RSV is decreasing in both older and younger populations.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

02-06-24 Local first responders are invited to a training event in Bellevue.

According to the Sandusky Register, it will take place February 24th from 8 to 4 at the Bellevue Fire Station. The training will feature many types of hybrid vehicles, including electric. Food will be provided.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

02-13-24 The numbers are in from the latest Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report.COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County have decreased, with the exception of New London and Norwalk, which have each shown an increase for this reporting period. The number of positive COVID-19 tests reported to the state have decreased. Flu activity in Huron County has increased slightly over the past week. There were 16 positive flu tests this week and 2 flu hospitalizations. According to the CDC, flu activity in Ohio is high. RSV is decreasing in both older and younger populations.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

02-21-24 The latest Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report has been released. COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County have continued to decrease and the number of positive COVID-19 tests reported to the state has decreased. Flu activity in Huron County has increased significantly over the past week, with 32 positive flu tests and 2 flu hospitalizations. According to the CDC, flu activity in Ohio is high. RSV is decreasing in both older and younger populations.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

02-27-24 The numbers are in from the latest Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report. COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County have continued to decrease and the number of positive COVID-19 tests reported to the state have decreased. Flu activity in Huron County has continued to increase over the past week with 45 positive flu tests and 1 flu

hospitalization. According to the CDC, flu activity in Ohio is very high. RSV continues to decrease in Ohio.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

02-29-24 The Erie County Health Department delivered dental care to 50 children at the “Give Kids a Smile” event. On Tuesday, the Erie County Health Department participated in the annual event, providing essential dental services free of charge. The annual event aims to address dental health disparities among underserved youth in our community. The Erie County Health Department hosted the event at their dental facility within the Erie County Community Health Center in Sandusky.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

6. SOCIAL SERVICES/CHARITY

02-01-24 It’s time for another monthly food pantry at Margareta schools. According to the Sandusky Register, it will take place this Saturday from 9 to 10:30 am at Margareta Elementary School. No proof of income is required. Those attending are asked to use the Bogart Road entrance to pick up their free bag of food.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-03-24 The Huron County Veteran Service Office invites the community to the Monthly Coffee Club next Saturday, February 10th, from 9:00 to 11:00 am at their office located on Shady Lane Drive in Norwalk. The event aims to create a welcoming space for local veterans to connect, share experiences, and receive support. Those attending may also gain valuable insights from Jami Mead about free wills.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-16-24 Construction work has started on the location of a new senior center in Norwalk. The Norwalk Reflector reports that excavating has begun at the site on Shady Lane Drive next to the license bureau. The \$5 million, 15,000-square-foot building is being paid for with American Rescue Plan funds. It’s due to be constructed by the end of this year.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

7. ENVIRONMENTAL

02-08-24 Construction work on the East Water Street project has started this week in Sandusky. The work zone covers East Water Street from Shoreline Drive/Franklin Street to Meigs Street. The road will remain open to two-way traffic, with any necessary closures or traffic modifications to be announced as the project moves forward. The project is scheduled to be completed by mid-May.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-14-24 It’s gonna be windy...A Wind Advisory is in effect for the area from 11 am to 7 pm today. Look for winds to gust near 50 miles-per-hour.
News Programming – approx 10 sec

02-19-24 The direction of the upcoming sanitary sewer project in Norwalk has been announced. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, the path of the \$7.2 million project will run from the wastewater treatment plant on Plank Road to Bouscay Avenue. The project will take around 14 to 16 months to finish, says Public Works Director Aaron Osborn.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

02-23-24 It's foggy out there...A Dense Fog Advisory is in effect through 10:00 this morning.
News Programming – approx 10 sec

02-28-24 A wild weather day going on...Temperatures beginning in the 60's falling to around 30 degrees here by 5:00 pm. A slight chance of snow showers is also in the forecast for today, along with some thunder possible. A Wind Advisory is in effect until 7:00 pm tonight.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

MARCH 2024 – WLKR 1510 AM

1. SAFETY/CRIME

03-01-24 Charges for a man from Lakewood from a car crash in Sandusky in April of 2023...According to the Sandusky Register, 36-year-old Kenneth Rice faces charges of aggravated vehicle assault and vehicular assault. Authorities say Rice was driving on Columbus Avenue near East Jefferson Street, when he went off the road, struck a curb, a utility pole and a house. Rice and his two passengers were seriously hurt. He's due back in court later this month.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-01-24 Paid administrative leave for a Norwalk police sergeant...The Norwalk Reflector reports that Zachary O'Neil was placed on leave earlier this week amid allegations that are serious in nature, according to a letter to O'Neil from Chief Scott Dahlgren. An investigation is being conducted.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

03-02-24 Prison time for a Huron County man...According to the Sandusky Register, 47-year-old Paul Doughty has pleaded guilty to multiple child sex crimes. Doughty has been sentenced to 15 to 18 years behind bars.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

03-02-24 A North Fairfield man faces child sex crime charges. The Norwalk Reflector reports that 24-year-old Keegan Baker was arrested Thursday by the United States Marshals' Office. The crimes in question took place when Baker was 13 years old. He's due in court later this month.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

03-04-24 Charges for a Lorain man in connection with threats made to the fire department. 32-year-old Joseph Hengst has been charged with making terrorist threats and other charges.
Mayor Jack Bradley said Hengst tried to gain access to the fire department and when denied, made violent threats before running away. The fire department was placed on a brief lockdown following the incident. Hengst was later arrested.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-05-24 A change in the date of the Huron County Wireless Emergency Alert test... It will now be conducted on March 20th at 9:50 am during the Statewide Tornado Drill. The purpose of this test is to provide another simulation of impending severe weather as part of the Ohio Statewide Tornado Drill, to test the county's capability of the system with the upcoming solar eclipse event in April, emergency situations that may occur in the future, and to ensure emergency management officials are familiar and trained with the system. As part of the Wireless Emergency Alert test, all persons in Huron County can expect to receive a test alert message on their compatible mobile devices.
News Programming – approx 35 sec

03-06-24 A second area law enforcement worker has been placed on leave.
The Norwalk Reflector reports that Huron County Sheriff's Deputy Kimberly Moore was suspended back on February 23rd. The news follows Norwalk Police Sergeant Zachary O'Neill being put on leave as well. Both law enforcement agencies have not said specifically why they're on leave, but the Norwalk Reflector says it's believed to be in connection with contact from both with a local woman who is facing falsification charges in Norwalk Muni Court.
News Programming – approx 30 sec

03-06-24 A brief lockdown yesterday at Eastern Heights Middle School in Elyria... No one was hurt and no gun was found after a student was overheard saying there was another student with a gun in the building. The 12-year-old who made the threat said he never saw a gun and was just playing around with another student. The 12-year-old was taken into custody and faces a charge of inducing panic.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-06-24 Rigel Recovery Services in Norwalk had to temporarily close due to a fire yesterday. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, the behavioral health services company building on East Willard Avenue caught fire during a thunderstorm. The fire is believed to have been started by a lightning strike. No one was hurt.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-06-24 Traffic enforcement to increase in a portion of Elyria, says police there. The Elyria PD says they will increase enforcement efforts east of downtown Elyria due to an increase in complaints of those running stop signs in the area. The streets to receive more attention include University Avenue, Clark Street, East River Street, Eastern Heights Boulevard and Fairlawn Avenue.
News Programming -approx 20 sec

03-07-24 A fire at Rigel Recovery Services in Norwalk caused \$100,000 in damage. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, a lightning strike is believed to be the cause of the blaze at East Willard Avenue, which occurred on Tuesday. Two firefighters received minor injuries in the fire, but were able to remain on scene.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-07-24 A Wellington man and former Georgia attorney has been sentenced to 2+ years in prison for defrauding former clients out of over 3 million dollars in real estate transactions. 48-year-old Matthew Dickason also has more than \$3 million in restitution to his victims. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Georgia says Dickason embezzled the money from his clients and used it pay for personal purchases.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-08-24 Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday. The American Red Cross says that the time change is a perfect time to check the batteries in your smoke alarms.
News Programming – approx 10 sec

03-08-24 The Huron County Sheriff's Office is warning of a new scam. The scam involves a caller impersonating a DEA agent or Board investigator saying something about how

the call recipient's name has come up in relation to a drug trafficking investigation. They may also ask for personal information, "to help clear up" misunderstandings relating to identity theft. Officials are saying not to provide any information to the caller. Eventually the scam involves extortion attempts. Anyone who receives such a phone call should report the scam to the authorities.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

03-11-24 A child has been arrested in connection with two reported stolen vehicles. The Norwalk Reflector reports that a State Highway Patrol trooper located a vehicle in a ditch in Greenwich Township with a juvenile standing next to it. Another stolen vehicle was located in Norwalk. The child was taken to a juvenile corrections facility.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-11-24 The U.S. Attorney's Office and FBI are warning about impersonation scams targeting consumers and the elderly. They say the victim receives something resembling a court document sent through an email, regular mail, a text or website pop-up. The document says the victim is being investigated for Paycheck Protection Program fraud and that an arrest warrant has been issued. To lift the warrant, the victim must go to a cryptocurrency kiosk and make a payment. This is a scam. If you receive such a document, report it to authorities.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

03-12-24 40-year-old Fred Reer of Collins appeared in court in Huron County on Monday - Reer, the man charged in the murder of Amanda Dean. The Norwalk Reflector reports that Reer had his next pretrial moved up a week from April 17th to April 10th. Reer's jury trial is set for May 1st. Reer has pleaded not guilty to all six charges he faces, including murder.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-12-24 A Chinese student has pleaded guilty in connection with a money laundering scam in Lorain County. The 21-year-old living in California was reportedly part of a scam where someone poses as a customer service employer or bank and refers the victim to someone impersonating law enforcement who says they'll protect the victim's money from hackers. Authorities were contacted by the victim and family member, with law enforcement setting up a sting, catching the perpetrator, who was likely aiming at taking \$26,000 from the victim.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

03-13-24 A man from Toledo has pleaded guilty for his role in a homicide in Perkins Township in 2022. According to the Sandusky Register, 24-year-old Quinton Cangelo pleaded guilty to reckless homicide and burglary. The incident in question took place at a party at housing for Kalihari and other businesses' employees on Route 250. Police say a physical altercation took place between multiple people, one of those being Cangelo, with a gun shot fired, killing 24-year-old Dontre Tate of Cleveland. Cangelo is due in court next month for sentencing.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

03-15-24 A doctor in Sandusky has been sentenced to time behind bars. According to the Sandusky Register, 58-year-old Gregory Gerber of Port Clinton was charged with over 50 counts of distributing controlled substances and two counts of health care fraud in 2021. Gerber was sentenced to 3 ½ years in prison and one year of home confinement and also must pay over \$850,000 in restitution.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-15-24 A gas grill fire spread to a house in Norwalk on Wednesday. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, the blaze caused \$35,000 in damage to a home on East Harkness Street. No injuries were reported.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

03-18-24 Governor Mike DeWine has declared a state of emergency across 11 counties impacted by last week's severe weather. Those counties include Crawford and

Richland...Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms ravaged the state on Thursday, including the Plymouth-area. The declaration orders all relevant State departments and agencies to lend their services, equipment, supplies, and personnel as necessary to assist in the response and recovery effort.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-18-24 Two Lorain County men have been sentenced to prison for their roles in the 2019 fatal shooting of 17-year-old Jessica Baker. 22-year-old Savion McCall was sentenced to 30 to 32 years to life for complicity to murder and complicity to felonious assault. Also sentenced was 21-year-old Lucas Williams, who was ordered to spend nine years in prison for manslaughter.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-20-24 A man from Sandusky faces felony sex charges involving a minor. 21-year-old Shuncy Clinton Junior has been indicted on a count of rape and gross sexual imposition. He's been released from jail on a \$25,000 bond.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

03-21-24 The Lorain County Board of Elections has an investigation under way regarding a poll worker leaving a bag of blank ballots unattended at a Sheffield Bar on Monday. The poll worker, identified as Mark Provenza, was seen on security footage entering the bar with a yellow bag containing the ballots. Board of Elections Director Paul Adams said that the ballots were later inspected by representatives and had indicated there was no evidence of them being tampered with.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-22-24 A Fremont man accused of threatening a judge is headed to jail.

According to the Sandusky Register, 30-year-old Richard Norris has been sentenced to three years in prison for a threat he had made to visit Judge Beverly McGooney to avoid jail time due to a pending case. Norris pled guilty to a single count of retaliation which is a third-degree felony.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-25-24 An 18-year-old area high school student faces a rape charge. According to the Sandusky Register, Manoel Pinheiro of Sandusky has been accused by a 14-year-old girl. He was released on bond earlier this week.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

03-26-24 Former Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder has been indicted on multiple state felony charges alleging misuse of campaign money and ethics violations, including one count that would permanently ban him from holding public office again in Ohio. The state grand jury indictment, filed in Cuyahoga County, accuses the 64-year-old Householder of 10 felony charges: One count of theft in office, Two counts of aggravated theft, One count of telecommunications fraud, One count of money laundering, and five counts of tampering with records.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

03-28-24 Sandusky City School officials say there will be an increased police presence in the district today due to a threat made through social media. Police are investigating the threat with those responsible in custody.

News Programming – approx 15 sec

03-28-24 A crash between a train and semi-truck took place Wednesday in Vermilion Township. According to the Sandusky Register, it specifically happened at a private roadway crossing the railroad between Frailey and Hahn Roads. The train did not derail. The driver of the semi-truck received non-life-threatening injuries. No one on the train was hurt.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-29-24 There's been a recent rash of illegal vehicle entries in Perkins Township. According to the Sandusky Register, Perkins Police said those have included an arrest of one suspect from the Toledo area with arrest warrants put out for a second suspect around Toledo as well. Police say to store valuables out of sight, ensure your vehicle is locked-alarmed-secured and parked in a well-lit location and always keep windows closed.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-30-24 A Bellevue man died in a one-vehicle crash Friday night in Erie County. Randy Ulery Junior was 46. Authorities say Ulery was driving on Route 4 in Groton Township, when he went off the right side of the road, struck two trees and a tree stump before fire fully engulfed his vehicle.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

03-30-24 In recognition of National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the Ohio State Highway Patrol is set to enforce distracted driving laws during the first week of April. The enforcement initiative will be focusing primarily on violations of driving while texting, use of devices under 18 and distracted driving enhancement. Ohio saw 28 distracted-driving-related fatal crashes in 2023, the lowest total over the last five years.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-30-24 A 60-year-old Norwalk man has been sentenced in connection with a fatal crash in 2022. According to the Sandusky Register, Steve Chaffee will be sent to prison for nine months after pleading guilty to involuntary manslaughter. In a plea deal, charges of aggravated vehicular homicide, fentanyl possession, cocaine possession and three counts of OVI were dropped. Chaffee was a driver in a car that crashed on Route 113 in Florence Township, with passenger, 62-year-old Thomas Zoellner, dying from injuries suffered in the wreck.
News Programming – approx 30 sec

2. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

03-01-24 The American Red Cross is holding blood drives at Trinity Lutheran Church in Monroeville from 11am until 5pm and at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron from noon until 6pm. To schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or you can use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.
Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-01-24 It's a Fish Fry dinner at the LaGrange Ohio Lions Club. Perch dinners, shrimp dinners, and hot dog dinners are all available. They come with French fries and coleslaw. Dinners are every Friday now through the end of March from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. There will also be 50/50s, and Super 50/50s with the winner drawn on March 29th. Dinners are drive-thru and cash only.
Community Calendar – approx 20 sec

03-01-24 The Huron Public Library is hosting Firelands Regional Medical Center from 10am until noon for free screenings including blood pressure tests, information about breast health for both men and women, and assistance scheduling mammograms. For more information, please call 419-433-5009.
Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-02-24 OHgo is holding a mobile pantry drive-thru at Margaretta elementary school from 9am until 10am.
Community Calendar – approx 10 sec

03-02-24 It's the Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Milan Public Library from 9:30am until 2pm. Looking to add items to your home library? Make sure you swing by the Friends of the Library Book Sale in the Milan library community room to check out the huge selection of

books, DVDs, and CDs available to make a part of your collection. For more information, please call 419-499-4117.

Community Calendar – approx 20 sec

03-03-24 It's the 33rd Annual Western Reserve Toy and Collectible Show at the Western Reserve Elementary School from 9am until 3pm. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are free. There will be farm toys, dolls, sports cards, wood toys, and much more. Parking is free and lunch is available.

Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-05-24 The Grace Church in Sandusky is hosting the BGSU Men's Chorus starting at 7pm. This concert is free.

Community Calendar – approx 10 sec

03-06-24 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at the Norwalk Eagles from 9am until 2pm. To schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or you can use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-06-24 It's time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at The Buckeye Pub. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund's 2024 Campaign "Give S'more."

Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-06-24 The Huron County Humane Society is Hosting Bingo Night at the Norwalk Eagles Club 711. Doors open at 4:30pm and early bird bingo starts at 5:30pm. There will be cash prizes, pull tabs, and food. This event is open to the public, ages 18 and up to play.

Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-07-24 OHgo is hosting several mobile food pantries, offering free groceries including non-perishables, meat, eggs, milk, produce and more. The locations will be at Churchwell Park in Sandusky from 4pm until 4:40pm, New Jerusalem Church in Sandusky from 4:50pm until 5:30pm, and then at Orlando Pace Park in Sandusky from 5:50pm until 6:30pm.

Community Calendar – approx 20 sec

03-07-24 It's StoryTime at the Norwalk Public Library from 10am until 10:30pm. Encourage a love of reading and learning as the library introduces your little ones to books, rhymes, and songs. For children up to age 5. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.

Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-08-24 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at Firelands Health in Sandusky from 11am until 5pm. To schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or you can use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-09-24 The Humane Society of Ashland County is having an Adopt-A-Pet event at the Centera Co-op Country Store from 10:30am until 1pm. There will be meet and greet available and informational sessions. Applications to adopt will be available.

Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-10-24 The Brownhelm Historical Association is having their Church open house and "Let's Talk About 4-H" program at the Brownhelm Station Church in Vermilion from 1pm until 3pm. Stop in to see Orrin Leimbach talk about the history of 4-H in Brownhelm. Also check out historical farm equipment and memorabilia.

Community Calendar – approx 20 sec

03-12-24 Second Harvest Food Bank will set up its drive-thru mobile food pantry later today in Huron. It'll be helping those in need at BGSU Firelands from 4 to 5:30 pm.
News Programming – approx 10 sec

03-13-24 The Norwalk Elks Lodge 2947 is having a Spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the lodge from 4pm until 7pm. The cost is \$10 and that includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread sticks, dessert, and beverages. There will also be a cash bar. Proceeds will benefit the Senior Center Levy Fund.
Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-14-24 It's StoryTime at the Norwalk Public Library from 10am until 10:30pm. Encourage a love of reading and learning as the library introduces your little ones to books, rhymes, and songs. For children up to age 5. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.
Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-16-24 It's the Huron Fishing Expo at the Mesenburg Plaza Place from 9am until 5pm. There will be vendors, giveaways, free seminars, food and cash bars, and more. Admission is \$5, kids 11 and under are free.
Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-19-24 Second Harvest Food Bank will bring its drive-thru mobile food pantry to Huron County later today. They'll make a stop at Willard Parks and Rec from 3 to 5 pm.
News Programming – approx 10 sec

03-21-24 OHgo is hosting several mobile food pantries, offering free groceries including non-perishables, meat, eggs, milk, produce and more. The locations will be at Churchwell Park in Sandusky from 4pm until 4:40pm, New Jerusalem Church in Sandusky from 4:50pm until 5:30pm, and then at Orlando Pace Park in Sandusky from 5:50pm until 6:30pm.
Community Calendar – approx 20 sec

03-21-24 OHgo will be doing some free grocery handouts today in Sandusky. They'll be handing out fresh produce, meats, breads, dairy items, and canned goods. Three locations are scheduled for distribution events, those are: Macarthur Park from 4pm until 4:40pm, New Jerusalem Baptist Church on Eddy Henry Way from 4:50pm until 5:30pm And then at Orlando Pace Park from 5:50pm until 6:30pm.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-21-24 The Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio is holding a mobile drive-thru food pantry at the Lorain High School from 4pm until 5:30pm.
Community Calendar – approx 10 sec

03-22-24 It's a Fish Fry dinner at the LaGrange Ohio Lions Club. Perch dinners, shrimp dinners, and hot dog dinners are all available. They come with French fries and coleslaw. Dinners are every Friday now through the end of March from 4:30pm until 7:30pm. There will also be 50/50s, and Super 50/50s with the winner drawn on March 29th. Dinners are drive-thru and cash only.
Community Calendar – approx 20 sec

03-23-24 The Blue Star Lake Erie Shores Mothers are presenting the 8th Annual Spring Craft show at the Bellevue VFW from 10am until 3pm. Come shop the selection of handcraft vendors and get a picture with the Easter Bunny. Lunch will also be available to buy. Admission is \$1 and children are free. All proceeds support active-duty service men and women and veterans.
Community Calendar – approx 20 sec

03-27-24 It's time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at the Freight House. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund's 2024 Campaign "Give S'more."
Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-27-24 It's G.E.M.S. – Girls Engineering and Making Stuff at the Norwalk Public Library from 4:30pm until 6pm. Spend time with the Red Queen investigating colors. Participate in the house of cards challenge for the chance to win a prize. For 3rd through 5th grades. Registration is required. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.
Community Calendar – approx 20 sec

03-28-24 It's the city of Willard's community-wide Easter Egg Hunt at Lakeside Book starting at 4pm, in the back parking lot. You can meet the Easter Bunny and get pictures, plus there will be prizes for different ages groups between 2 and 12 years of age.
Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-29-24 It's Preschool Storytime at the Milan Public Library from 10:30am until 11am. Listen to stories, sing, dance and make crafts. For children ages 2 through 5. For more information, please call 419-499-4117.
Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

03-30-24 It's the Oberlin Rotary Club's Easter Egg Hunt in downtown Oberlin starting at 11am. This event is for children ages 2 through 12. There will be face painting, games, activities, and special guest – the Easter Bunny! Please bring your own Easter Basket.
Community Calendar – approx 15 sec

3. EDUCATION

03-04-24 The Norwalk High School cheer team are state champs. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, the team first thought they won the state title in the tradition category, but there was a judging error. The team rallied back and won the state championship in the game day category. The OASSA cheer championships were held Saturday at Big Walnut High School in Sunbury.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-07-24 Wellington High School Principal Donna Keenan is set to resign. The resignation isn't official just yet, as the school board has yet to accept her resignation, but her job should be posted soon says Superintendent Ed Weber. Keenan has over 20 years of experience as a teacher, building manager, assistant principal and principal.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-25-24 The Black River Board of Education has accepted the resignation of superintendent Chris Clark, effective July 31st. Clark has been with Black River Schools for 10 years and has over 35 years of educational experience. Clark, who's retiring, said he hopes to work with the new superintendent to make sure it's a smooth transition.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-26-24 A new principal has been hired at Clyde High School. According to the Sandusky Register, Anthony Panfalone has been named to the top job. Panfalone, a former assistant principal at Port Clinton, has received a 3-year contract effective at the beginning of next school year.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

4. ECONOMICS

03-08-24 Avon Lake Regional Water has received loans for upgrades. The total at over \$32 million, from two low-interest loans, will be used for a number of upgrades to the water filtration plant. Some projects include: demolition of old buildings, and improvements to disinfection systems and filtration systems. In addition, upgrades to the facility include the replacement of 12 water filters that were original to the building in 1926.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-13-24 Some news out of Amherst...A new parking lot is coming, as City Council has approved the spending of \$70,000 to construct a new public parking lot at 350 Tenney Avenue, which is currently an empty lot. In other Amherst news, City Council has adopted a new sanitary sewage rental rate that will raise sewage bills by 10 percent. Mayor Mark Costilow said that the increase will prevent the city from losing \$200,000 a year. The increase will begin in 30 days.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-15-24 The Erie County Health Department has announced that it has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Health to bolster maternal services and programs for women and children in Erie County. Director of Primary Care and Clinical Services for the department, Nicole Ziegler, says the grant will enable them to enhance their efforts in providing comprehensive care to expectant mothers and families with young children and will empower families to lead healthier lives.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-21-24 The Ohio Arts Council has approved 122 grants totaling over \$340,000 to support Ohio Artists. 25 grants have been awarded to Northwest Ohio. Local recipients include: Artists' Open Studio receiving \$5,000, The Norwalk Arts Center receiving \$5,000, Firelands Symphony Orchestra receiving \$4,200. A full list of recipients can be found online.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-27-24 The Huron County Commissioners have approved the county's 2024 final budget. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, Terry Boose, Harry Brady and Skip Wilde agreed to a budget that includes \$26.4 million in projected general fund spending and \$93.3 million in other funds. The budget, according to Boose, involves a 6.2 percent increase over last year.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-27-24 \$1.2 million is headed to Oberlin Community Services. The funds from the federal agricultural and rural development bill are earmarked for improvements to the Cooper Community Resource Center on East Lorain Street. Those improvements include a rooftop solar array, a redesigned parking lot, accessibility upgrades and renovations to the lobby and community room.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-28-24 Council in Elyria will vote on whether to seek bids to build a joint police and FBI facility. Council's Finance Committee has approved a resolution for the construction of the project that involves the \$2.5 million Elyria Public Safety Training Facility, which would be partially designed and funded by the FBI. The bidding process will go in front of council at their next meeting on April 1st. The facility would be built on a 56-acre property on Garden Street in Elyria.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

5. HEALTH AND HEALTH ISSUES

03-05-24 Here are the latest numbers from the Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report...COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County have continued to decrease, with the number of positive COVID-19 tests reported to the state decreasing. Flu activity in Huron County has continued to see an increase over the past week, with 57 positive flu tests this week and 6 flu hospitalizations. More than half of the Huron County positive flu cases were in the "18 and under" age group. According to the CDC, flu activity in Ohio is very high. RSV has continued to decrease in Ohio.

News Programming – approx 30 sec

03-08-24 The Erie County Health Department and the FDA have released an alert relating to ground cinnamon potentially containing elevated levels of lead. According to the Sandusky Register... Potentially contaminated cinnamon products should be thrown away as they are unsafe for consumption. For dates and LOT numbers of potentially affected products, please visit fda.gov.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-12-24 Here are the latest numbers from the Huron County Respiratory Illness Report... COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County have continued to decrease and the number of positive COVID-19 tests reported to the state have decreased. Flu activity in Huron County has continued to see an increase over the past week, as there were 61 positive flu tests and 6 flu hospitalizations. Again this week, more than half of the Huron County positive flu cases were in the “18 and under” age group. According to the CDC, flu activity in Ohio is very high. RSV has continued to decrease in Ohio.
News Programming – approx 30 sec

03-20-24 Here are the latest numbers from the Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report... COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County are decreasing at two sites and increasing at two sites. The number of positive COVID-19 tests reported to the state have decreased. Flu activity in Huron County has decreased over the past week, with 50 positive flu tests and 4 flu hospitalizations. According to the CDC, flu activity in Ohio remains very high. RSV has continued to decrease in Ohio.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-26-24 The latest Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report has been released... COVID-19 wastewater levels in Huron County are decreasing at three sites and increasing at one site. The number of positive COVID-19 tests reported to the state has decreased. Flu activity in Huron County has decreased over the past week. There were 32 positive flu tests this week and 4 flu hospitalizations. According to the CDC, flu activity in Ohio has been reduced to high. RSV has continued to decrease in Ohio.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-27-24 Governor Mike DeWine announced today that the State has distributed one million fentanyl test strips in an initiative to combat the opioid crisis. Unintentional drug overdose fatalities among Ohio residents decreased by 5 percent in 2022, totaling 4,915 deaths, while nationwide there was a marginal 1 percent rise in overdose deaths during the same period. Fentanyl was involved in 81 percent of those deaths, often in combination with other drugs.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

6. SOCIAL SERVICES/CHARITY

03-13-24 Governor Mike DeWine has announced that the Ohio Department of Health in partnership with the Ohio Department of Children and Youth has awarded \$5 million to 19 community and faith-based organizations to improve supports to pregnant women and newly-parenting families. As part of that, the Erie County Health Department is receiving \$129,000 to increase access to healthcare services, parental education, and community linkages.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-22-24 Wednesday night was the Sandusky Rotary Club's 22nd annual Pizza Challenge. The event was a huge success, over 660 pizzas were served, and over 900 guests attended. Some notable winners were: Cameo's for people's choice, Chet and Matt's for celebrity judging – pepperoni, And Papa John's won the celebrity judging specialty pizza with their buffalo chicken pizza.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

7. ENVIRONMENTAL

03-01-24 A waterline replacement project in Norwalk will result in a road closure on Monday. Norwood Avenue will be shut down to traffic from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm between Benedict Avenue and Elm Street as a waterline is tied in. Access to Dave's Food Mart will remain open.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

03-01-24 Preparation is underway for an upcoming housing project in Norwalk.
According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, the project will be located near Republic Street and Williams Avenue. The multi-year project will be made up of around 40, one-story duplexes.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

03-11-24 A road construction update in Sandusky...A waterline replacement project is taking place at the intersection of Cleveland Road and Cedar Point Drive. As a result, the following traffic adjustments will be in place: Eastbound traffic approaching the intersection will be limited to one lane. Westbound through traffic will be redirected to a single lane while passing through the intersection. Southbound traffic intending to turn west will have access to only one lane. Access to adjacent businesses will be maintained to the best extent possible. The project should take around 8 weeks to complete.
News Programming – approx 30 sec

03-13-24 A street closure today in Norwalk...Due to work on the Maple and Oak Street Waterline Project, Elm Street will be closed from Norwood Avenue to West Main Street, starting at 8:30 this morning. The area will reopen when crews wrap up work for the day.
News Programming – approx 15 sec

03-14-24 The City of Sandusky has announced that the spring Citywide Cleanup drop off event will be on Saturday, April 20th from 8:00 to 11:00 am at the Shelby Street Boat Launch. This event is an opportunity for residents of the city to bring unwanted items for disposal. Volunteers will be available to assist residents with unloading items. A list of approved and prohibited items can be found on the City of Sandusky Facebook page.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-15-24 A confirmed tornado was spotted last night in Crawford County, near New Washington, with the tornado near Willard and Plymouth around 8:00 pm. The Huron County EMA confirmed the spotting. There were various reports of large hail around the Plymouth area. No reports yet of any injuries or major damage.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-15-24 The City of Sandusky has announced that their 2024 Yard Waste Program begins April 1st. This is an optional service offered to city residents. If residents were signed up for the service in 2023, they will automatically be enrolled in the 2024 program. If a resident would like to discontinue service, they can contact the Customer Accounting Office. Yard waste is picked up on Friday of each week.
News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-18-24 The National Weather Service has confirmed an EF-2 tornado. It happened Thursday evening near Marsh Road just northeast of New Washington in Crawford County. The tornado continued east entering northern Richland County before lifting near Willet Road, east of Plymouth Township. Winds were estimated at 120 miles-per-hour. The tornado was on the ground for approximately 10 miles. No injuries were reported, but plenty of damage was left behind.
News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-25-24

Upcoming planned road closures in Huron County...ODOT says there will be reconstruction of Route 99 from Route 103 to Route 20 will require the closure of 99 between 103 and Route 162, starting Tuesday, April 9th, with access for residents only. Also, according to ODOT, Route 99 between Mead Road and Webb-Settlement Road will close for around 30-days for a culvert replacement project.

News Programming – approx 20 sec

03-25-24

The City of Norwalk has been named a 2023 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Norwalk Reflector reports that the recognition is due to meeting the program's four requirements: maintaining a tree board or department, having a tree care ordinance, dedicating an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and hosting an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. There are more than 3,600 Tree City USA communities throughout the country.

News Programming – approx 25 sec

03-25-24

The City of Norwalk has announced limited trash pick-up dates. They say that pick-up will be this week, the 25th through the 29th on residents' normal trash pick-up days. Households will be allowed to set out three large items or nine extra trash bags for pickup at no additional charge. More information about accepted items can be found on their Facebook Page.

News Programming – approx 20 sec