

1540 KTGG Okemos  
Issues and Programs List  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, 2022

The following is a list of some of the significant issues responded to by 1540-AM KTGG Okemos, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period October 1 - December 31, 2022. This list is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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Monday, Oct. 17, 2022 at 4:00pm

Total Run Time – 29 Minutes

Strong Tower Radio “Feature”

Subject - Michigan State Police Citizens Academy

Program Hosts - Jilane Fenner and Tom Mejeur

Guests - Trooper Ryan Kreble and Lieut. Travis House post commander of the Cadillac State Police Post.

The motto of the Michigan State Police is “Service through excellence, integrity and courtesy”. The role of the Michigan State Police is to provide a state wide law enforcement body for the State of Michigan. They also assist local law enforcement, provide emergency support team, and multi-jurisdiction task force support. There are 30 posts throughout the State of Michigan. The training academy runs 21 weeks followed by 17 weeks on the job training in the field and a 2-week shadow phase to become a trooper. They are trained to only use the lowest amount of force necessary and then switch to helping the individual. The Citizen’s Academy is broken up into 8 weeks starting with the history of the police force. The second week covers patrol procedures and First Aid. The third week talks about use of force and personal safety. The fourth week talks about home safety and preventing breaking and entering. The fifth week covers traffic safety, traffic crashes, speed enforcement, driving under the influence and a mock traffic stop. Week six gave training on the legal system. Week seven talks about criminal investigations. Week eight talks about drug awareness. The troopers stressed to be a good citizen and report things that don’t look right as well as teaching children accountability. Speak up when legislatures pass laws that negatively impact our society.

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Monday, Oct. 24, 2022 at 4:00pm

Total Run Time – 29 Minutes

Strong Tower Radio “Feature”

Subject - Silent Observer – Crime Stoppers

Program Hosts - Jilane Fenner and Tom Mejeur

Guests - Vance Edwards president of the Cadillac, MI area Silent Observers and Julie Lopez regional director of Crime Stoppers USA from Flint, MI.

Julie became interested in Crime Stoppers when her father-in-law was murdered in 2011 in his home. Her family began feeling hopeless several weeks after the crime was not solved. A friend suggested she reach out to the local Crimestoppers for assistance. She got a job with them and moved up the ranks. Crimestoppers and Silent Observers get information to law enforcement anonymously. Both organizations go to great lengths to preserve the anonymity of the tipsters. Tipsters are given a tip tracking number. The tipster can call or go online to see if the tip has earned them a reward. When a

reward is given, the tipster goes to a safe location where the tipster gives the tip number and the dollar amount, and the tipster is given an envelope. Michigan has a law in place that a tipster cannot be subpoenaed. Crimestoppers USA has recently implemented a new nationwide program for reporting crimes by tipsters who can text a tip to \*\*8477 (Star Star T I P S).

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Monday, Nov. 14, 2022 at 4:00pm

Total Run Time – 29 Minutes

Strong Tower Radio “Feature”

Subject – Wexford Express and Grand Haven Transit authorities

Program Hosts - Tom Mejeur and John Duman

Guests - Carrie Thompson of the Wex Express and Scott Borg of the Harbor Transit Authority of the greater Grand Haven area.

The Wex Express is a public transit that services all of Wexford County and contract services into Missaukee county and regional routes into Grand Traverse and Osceola counties. They transport all ages from school kids, parents needing to get to work, and elderly to appointments. Harbor Transit covers Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg and a connector route up to Muskegeon county. Both are on-demand services which means they do not have fixed hourly routes; they drive curb to curb service. The fare for Wex Express is \$3 each way inside the county, a reduced fare \$1.50 if the rider is a senior, a student, or has a disability. Rides inside Cadillac are \$2.00 or a reduce fare of \$1.00. Harbor Transit offers rides for free. They are looking at implementing fares in 2023. Harbor Transit said their tourist season with increased rides begins around Memorial Day and goes through Labor Day. They also offer a Beach Express that helps to limit traffic to the beaches. They offer short quick rides from parking lots to event venues. Wex Express sees less tourism, but they regularly service the various campgrounds in their region. Wex Express also offers special non-emergency medical transportation needs to specialist appointments all around the state of Michigan. Contact Wex Express at [Wexexpress.us](http://Wexexpress.us) or text to 231-779-0123. Contact Harbor Transit 616-842-3220 or [harbortransit.org](http://harbortransit.org)

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Monday, Dec. 12, 2022 at 4:00pm

Total Run Time – 29 Minutes

Strong Tower Radio “Feature”

Subject – Housing Shortage

Hosts - Jilane Fenner and Tom Mejeur

Guests - Katelyn Stark, President of the Cadillac Chamber of Commerce

Robert Benson: Pastor of Cadillac 13<sup>th</sup> St SDA Church, Mesick SDA Church and Manton SDA Church

In the interview with Ms. Stark and Pastor Benson, Jilane Fenner and Tom Mejeur discussed the continuing housing shortage in the Cadillac area and around the state. The new term unhomed or unhoused was introduced as a growing trend today. This term describes those in our society who no longer have their own permanent address to receive mail but live with other family members, friends, in cars or even sheds out back and are often migratory.

New businesses or even established businesses have a difficult time relocating due to no housing for future employees. Rentals make up 53% of the housing in the Cadillac area. Ms. Stark stated there may be a need to make changes in our zoning laws to reverse these shortages. If you need help or want to be a part of the solution, call 231-775-9776 or message [info@Cadillac.org](mailto:info@Cadillac.org)

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Monday, Dec. 5, 2022 at 4:00pm

Total Run Time – 29 Minutes

Strong Tower Radio “Feature”

Subject – Safe Families for Children

Hosts - Jilane Fenner and Tom Mejeur

Guest - Kayleen Witacker of Safe Families for Children coordinator with Bethany Christian Services

Bethany Christian Services is a global nonprofit to help families thrive. They also have a refugee resettlement team working with families fleeing from persecution and crisis. The pregnancy counselor works with moms to help them figure out their next steps either adoption or getting support to keep their child. Their foster care team works with families that their children are in foster homes and make sure they get the support they need so those families can come back together. Many families from the Ukraine have settled in the Traverse City area and need help getting jobs and housing.

Safe Families for Children is a national organization that walks families through difficult issues. They help families by hosting a child in a safe home while the parent works to get their life straightened out. Safe Families is a prevention program that steps in to prevent abuse and neglect of children when life gets messy and hard. Where foster care is involuntary with frequent abuse/neglect and parents lose custody, Safe Families’ parents maintain full legal custody so abuse and neglect do not happen. Safe Families are reunited at a 97% rate where foster care are reunited 50% of the time. Volunteers are trained through an online portal. There are four different ways people can volunteer. **Host Families** are a short term, safe place for a child whose parent needs extra support. Parents are encouraged to visit their child once a week. **Family Friend** is a daytime support, encourages and strengthens families facing crisis by performing small tasks. **Resource Friend** gives items such as groceries, diapers, furniture, and bicycles to families struggling with life challenges. **Family Coach** walks alongside a parent helping them meet their goals and connecting them with volunteers. Families that need help can call 231-995-0870 and Safe Families will contact their resources to help. Email [sffcnorthernmi@bethany.org](mailto:sffcnorthernmi@bethany.org) or 800-BETHANY (800-238-4269) for more information or go to their website at <http://www.bethany.org/safefamilies>

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Monday, Oct. 9, 2022 at 10:00am

Total Run Time – 59 Minutes

Strong Tower Radio “Today”

Subject – October Garden Guy - Harvest

Hosts – Tom Mejeur and Sue Mejeur

Guest – Gary Heilig

October is Harvest Season and generally the time for our first frost. Start by harvesting the warm season crops like melons, tomatoes, peppers, and summer squash as these will not take a frost. Tomatoes will ripen in the house. Cool season crops like cabbage, kale, and brussel sprouts can take a light frost. Cruciferous plants tend to get sweeter with a frost. A freeze is when the liquid inside the cell freezes and bursts, the plant will be lost. Preserving food can be done by canning, freezing, or drying the food. Food that is canned can sit on the shelf for a year or more, nutrients tend to go down a bit more than vitamins which are typically stable. It takes energy to keep frozen food cold. Dried foods must stay dried, so need to be kept in the proper conditions and moisture levels otherwise they

will start molding. When canning use a wooden spoon to take the jars out of a canner instead of metal since metal over time weakens the glass and the glass will break. Glass fatigue will happen on the side or on the bottom. Large changes in temperature will also make the glass break. Gary also talked about the 2023 All American Selection winners. The hybrid perennial flowers Echinacea Artesian Yellow Ombre “Cone Flower”, a Shasta Daisy “carpet angel” and lastly a Salvia called “Meadow Sage”. Once mowing season is over, do your basic maintenance on your mower. He has a YouTube channel which is @GaryHeilig.

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Monday, Nov. 13, 2022 at 10:00am

Total Run Time – 59 Minutes

Strong Tower Radio “Today”

Subject – November Garden Guy – Cleanup Month

Hosts – Tom Mejeur and Sue Mejeur

Guest – Gary Heilig

November is cleanup month in your garden and yard. Pots with plants need to be dumped out in the ground to protect the pots from freezing and cracking the pot. Irrigation systems need to have air blow all the water out. Drip irrigation should be okay over winter provided the tubes are not exposed to direct sunlight. The holes allow the water to drip out. If the header is hard plastic, it would be best to clean out the water. Drip irrigation that is made from recycled tires will become brittle if left outside due to the sun breaking it down. Hoop houses should be cleaned out before spring to save yourself time. It’s also a good time to do maintenance on tools, mowers, and any other garden equipment. It’s a good idea to keep the mower belt numbers either on the belt or the cardboard that comes with the mower. The best way to sharpen pruners and loppers is to use a sharpening stone and a drop of oil and go along the bevel of the blade. Following the bevel of the blade as the metal changes appearance. Some pruners will allow you to replace the blade, or you may have to file it out nicks and dents. One way to keep deer from feeding on your garden plants is to cut them down to the ground, use Deer Away, or put up barriers. Also get all of the weeds out and till the garden to keep insects down and move them deeper under the ground. Store your seeds dry, cool, and in a container so rodents can’t get into them. Batteries don’t do well in the cold, so bring them in. Liquid pesticides should be brought inside. Window air conditioners should be brought in, various insects seek shelter in them, so to prevent a shower of bugs next spring, bring them in. Learn more about gardening on Gary’s YouTube Channel @GaryHeilig.

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Monday, Dec. 11, 2022 at 10:00am

Total Run Time – 59 Minutes

Strong Tower Radio “Today”

Subject – December Garden Guy - Popular Christmas Plants

Hosts – Tom Mejeur and Sue Mejeur

Guest – Gary Heilig

The most popular Christmas trees are the Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, Grand Fir, and Noble Fir are tall trees, with very straight trunks and softer needles. A blue spruce makes a beautiful Christmas tree, but it has stiff needles which punishes you when you take it in, set it up, and take it back outside. The number one Christmas tree used to be the Scotch pine, but it didn’t have a very straight trunk, some species would have needles that turned yellow when the weather got cold, so the growers would have to paint

them! It also did not retain its needles as long as the fir trees. Norfolk Island pine is a popular small Christmas tree which can grow to be over 200 feet tall and have a trunk of over 10 feet wide. It needs a Mediterranean climate; it will not grow in Michigan. Mistletoe will grow in the southeastern part of Michigan. It likes to grow on old apple trees and can get up to 5 feet in diameter. Norse tradition says a man could kiss any woman standing under mistletoe, and two men were not to fight for a day if they both happened to be standing under it. Those under the mistletoe were supposed to remove a berry, once the berries were gone, the power of the mistletoe was gone. It was a plant of peace. Poinsettias, while beautiful, are not good for our pets. The milky latex sap inside is an irritant and will cause the animal to drool, vomit, and or have diarrhea. The amount they eat determines the extent of the problem. Holly also has toxic materials called saponins and causes some of the same types of reactions as poinsettias. Check with your vet to determine how serious the problem may be. Things to do in December would be early pruning of apple and pear trees. Cut out dead material in trees and suckers. Pruning ornamental trees is good. Sharpen and organize your tools. December is a good time to order new fruit trees, ornamental trees, and shrubs. Listeners can reach Gary at [heilig@msu.edu](mailto:heilig@msu.edu) or watch him on YouTube at @GaryHeilig.

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