

WRBR-FM Issues and Programs List 1st Quarter, 2024

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Regularly Scheduled News and Public Affairs Programming Broadcast by WRBR-FM

Program Name	Schedule and Description
Local Newscasts	One, 60 second news segments broadcast during the 6am, 7am, and9 8am hours every weekday; Covers news stories affecting the local cities, counties, and states.
Weather Forecasts	30 second segments broadcast when necessary. Forecasts of the weather and updates on weather related watches and warnings.
Viewpoints Radio	30 minute program broadcast each Sunday at 6 am; Interviews with guests that have expertise and real-word experience regarding current issues.

Subject	Description
Political/Election	Coverage of important politically-related news and the current primary election, general election on a local, state or national level.
Extreme Weather	Coverage of weather crisis and faced on a local level, including severe weather and it's lasting effects.
Health & Wellness	Coverage of public health issues faces on a state and local level, including effects on family, disease outbreaks and recall information.
Public Safety	Coverage of public safety issues faced on a national, state and local level including violent crimes against people, property crimes, ways to combat crime.
Personal Improvement	Coverage of personal betterment and self improvement
Economy	Coverage of the economy and employment issues on a local, state or national level as it affects listeners' money, as well as local and statewide economic initiatives.
Education	Coverage of school/education issues on a state and local level including graduation rates, extra-curricular and increasing children's GPA's and learning skills.
Coronavirus Pandemic	Coverage of the coronavirus pandemic and how it is affecting lives of residents on a local level.
Public Charity	Coverage of events that raise funds and/or awareness for charitable organizations in the community. This may also include organizations actively supported by local government

Issues Addressed: Political/Election

Program/Segment Title: News Story-ISP investigating possible election fraud

Broadcast Date: February 5, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about possible fraud, this station aired a story about St. Joseph County's possible election fraud that took place.

The Indiana State Police, and other organizations, are investigating potential election fraud in St. Joseph County.

The election fraud is centered around Democratic Presidential Candidate Dean Phillips. The County Clerk's office allegedly found a number of fake signatures on petition forms for Phillips' candidacy in the May Primary.

Criminal charges could be a result of the investigation.

Issues Addressed: Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Southwest Michigan sees ten-year low in

home sales

Broadcast Date: February 5, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about Southwest Michigan home sales,

this station aired a story about the ten-year low numbers.

Southwest Michigan home sales hit a ten-year low in 2023.

The Southwestern Michigan Association of Realtors tells W-S-J-M that the region experienced a burst in sales from 2016 to 2020, and the supply dwindled when COVID hit, causing sales to slow.

At the end of last year housing prices were at the highest level on record since 2013, and the number of houses in the region were down 15 percent.

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Education

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Goshen Community Schools, City of Goshen

partner to introduce possible first responder careers

Broadcast Date: February 15, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a partnership that could introduce

students to new careers, this station aired a story about a

partnership between Goshen Community Schools and the City of Goshen.

A partnership, between Goshen Community Schools and the City of Goshen is meant to, hopefully, introduce high school students to a possible first responder career.

Through the partnership, students can enroll in a two-year program and attain certifications through Ivy Tech, meeting the requirements for careers as firefighters or E.M.T.'s. The program is expected to start during the 2024-25 school year.

Issues Addressed: Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story-LaPorte becomes designated railroad quiet

zone

Broadcast Date: February 15, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a change in railroad safety, this station aired a story about LaPorte being designated a railroad quiet zone.

LaPorte is now designated as a railroad quiet zone. This means trains passing through the city won't be sounding their horns anymore.

However, city officials say it's crucial for drivers to remember to stop when they see the lights flashing at crossings... and to check carefully before crossing.

In emergencies, like obstacles on the tracks, trains will still use their horns to alert people.

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family/Childhood Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Three Indiana businesses closing, cutting

233 jobs

Broadcast Date: February 16, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a cut in jobs, this station aired

a story about three Indiana businesses closing.

Three Indiana businesses will be closing and cutting a collective 233 jobs later this year. Elkhart-based Forest River is one of them.

The R-V maker is cutting 83 jobs at the No Boundaries Plant Number 77 in Goshen by April 19th. The Indianapolis Star is laying off 90 people. The closing of Integra LifeSciences in Lafayette will eliminate 60 jobs.

Issues Addressed: Education

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Teachers recognized for I-READ assessment

scores

Broadcast Date: February 19, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about teacher recognition, this station aired a story about the schools earning 95% or higher in th I-READ

test.

State leaders recognized teachers from nearly 250 schools with scores of 95% or above on the 2023 I-READ assessment.

The list of schools include several from Michiana, including Mishawaka Catholic School... Nappanee Elementary... Northpoint... North Webster... Prairie Vista... St. Joseph Grade School... St. Pius the 10th and St. Thomas The Apostle School in Elkhart.

Issues Addressed: Health

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Recall issued for Rizo-Lopez Foods salad

kits

Broadcast Date: February 20, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a recall, this station aired a story about a nationwide listeria contamination in salad kits.

A nationwide listeria contamination is affecting salad kits sold in Michigan.

Rizo-López Foods issued the recall on several dairy products after Listeria was discovered in them.

More than two dozen people were infected or hospitalized in 11 states, according to the C-D-C.

26 people have been infected, and two people have died. No infections have been reported in Michigan, so far.

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Education, Political/Election

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Spring-like Severe Weather

Broadcast Date: February 27, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about the chance for springtime-like severe weather moving through Michiana, this station aired a news story about how the National Weather Service is expecting damaging winds, hail, heavy rain, and even tornadoes tomorrow as a system continues to develop over the Great Plains. Meteorologist David Beachler says most of the state is in the bullseye. He advises that you make yourself ready with the necessary provision in case your power goes out or your home is damaged. For severe weather text alerts to your cell phone, text WEATHER to 4-5-3-6-4.

Issues Addressed: Health

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Tests say meth and cocaine are making

comeback

Broadcast Date: February 27, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about drug use in the area, this station

issued a story about test data showing meth and cocaine use.

Michigan is spending hundreds of millions of dollars fighting its opioid epidemic, but many observers say meth and cocaine -- are making a comeback.

Bridge Michigan reports that recent drug test data from a national lab found meth and heroin detected in more than a third of tests from Michigan where fentanyl was also present.

That 's an increase of 1 percent over the last decade.

Issues Addressed: Childhood/Family Well-Being, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Bill passes to mandate age verification

for adult websites

Broadcast Date: February 29, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a bill approval, this station aired a story about Senate Bill 17 being approved with a vote of 91 to 1.

The Indiana House approved Senate Bill 17 with a vote of 91 to 1.

This bill would mandate adult-oriented websites to incorporate age verification measures, typically involving an online procedure where users must upload a photo of their state-issued ID card.

Representative Joanna King of Middlebury who sponsored the bill in the House, explained that its purpose is safeguarding young Hoosiers.

Issues Addressed: Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Michigan Capitol evacuated

Broadcast Date: January 4, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about safety concerns in Michigan, this stationaired a story about the evacuation of Michigan's capitol.

Michigan's Capitol was evacuated after a bomb threat.

The Michigan State Police said a threat was emailed around 7:45 Wednesday morning, and they don't consider it to have been credible.

At 11 AM, troopers were using K-9 teams to check the grounds.

SImilar threats were sent to other state capitols, as well. In the interest of caution the capitol grounds in Lansing were closed for the entire day.

Issues Addressed: Health, Coronavirus pandemic

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Goshen Hospital forms new policy limiting
visitors

Broadcast Date: January 5, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about new policies at an area hospital, this station aired a story about a limit on visitors at the Goshen Hospital.

Goshen Hospital is restricting its visitor policy for patients due to the of visitors the rise of respiratory illness.

Hospital leaders say, effective now, only two healthy adult visitors are welcone at a time.

The Elkhart County Health Department says its because of an increase in illnesses like pneumonia, R-S-V, COVID, flu, and bronchitis.

Issues Addressed: Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story-ISP raises human trafficking awareness

Broadcast Date: January 8, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about new safety measures, this station aired a story about the Indiana State Police partnering with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Administration to raide human trafficking awareness.

Indiana State Police are partnering with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance this week to raise human trafficking awareness among truckers.

The U.S. Department of Transportation says human traffickers use the interstate system for recruitment, moving and controlling victims, and delivering victims to buyers for sex or forced labor. Four major interstates, including the 80-90 toll road, cross Indiana.

Issues Addressed: Extreme Weather, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Winter Storm Watch

Broadcast Date: January 10, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a major winter event in the forecast, this station aired news stories about how a Winter Storm Watch goes into effect at 10 o'clock, Friday morning, and last through 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. During that time heavy snow is possible with total accumulations in excess of 6 inches possible. The counties in the Watch zone include Elkhart, St. Joseph, LaPorte, LaGrange and Steuben Counties. In Michigan, Berrien, Cass and St. Joseph Counties are included. Travel could be very difficult. Areas of blowing snow could reduce visibility.

Issues Addressed: Political/Election

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Indiana 2024 Primary Election underway

Broadcast Date: January 11, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about the Indiana 2024 Primary Election,

this station aired a story about how to file declarations.

Candidate filing for the Indiana 2024 Primary Election is underway.

Candidates for non-judicial county offices, town, township, school board, precinct committeeman or state convention delegate can file their declarationat the office of the County Clerk in which they reside.

The Indiana Secretary of State's Office and the Indiana Election Division is accepting filings until noon on February 9th.

Issues Addressed: Health

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Salm Partners LLC issued turkey sausage

recall

Broadcast Date: March 11, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a recall, this station aired a

story about turkey sausage containing rubber.

A Wisconsin company is recalling more than 35 thousand pounds of Polish Kielbasa Turkey Sausage due to pieces of rubber in the product.

Salm Partners L-L-C of Denmark, Wisconsin received complaints from consumers who discovered the problem in the ready-to-eat sausage product.

We have recall information with this story at 953 MNC dot com.

Issues Addressed: Extreme Weather, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Winter Storm Warning

Broadcast Date: January 11, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a major winter event nearing the area, this station aired news stories about how a Winter Storm Warning was forecast for this date: now in effect from 10 o'clock this morning through 7 o'clock tomorrow night. Rachel Cobb with the National Weather Service says the worst time for the snow and the wind will be tonight through late Saturday afternoon. She says to get your errands done as early as possible. After the winter storm passes, it's going to get bitter cold, with sub-zero wind chills. Alex MicGinnis with the National Weather Service says Hoosiers in Northern Indiana could see up to 3 inches of snow.

Issues Addressed: Political/Election, Health

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Lawmakers talk about marijuana

legalization

Broadcast Date: January 16, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about where marijuana legalization stands, this station aired a story about the talk happening

regarding legalization in Indiana.

Lawmakers previously said there wouldn't be any action about legalizing marijuana in Indiana this session, but that doesn't mean there won't be any talk about it...

There are currently nine bills under consideration that involve marijuana or cannabis in their titles, with most of them aiming to legalize the plant in various ways. Many Indiana lawmakers have been influenced by neighboring states.

Issues Addressed: Extreme Weather, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Wind Chill Advisory

Broadcast Date: January 16, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about the extended cold spell, this radio station aired a news story about the Wind Chill Advisory which continues through at least Wednesday morning. Evenings, overnights and early morning wind chills could dip to 20 below zero, or even lower. There's a full list of school delays and closings, this morning, due to the extreme weather. Check the website at 95-3 MNC Dot Com... or check with your school district.

Issues Addressed: Political/Election, Childhood/Family Well-Being, Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story-New bill could give pregnant women more

tax freedom

Broadcast Date: January 19, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a new bill introduced, this station aired a story about the bill which could give pregnant women more tax freedom.

Lawmakers at the Indiana Statehouse are reviewing a bill (Senate Bill 98) that would allow a person who is pregnant to be able to claim a fetus as a dependent on their taxes.

The bill was reviewed by this week. It was written by State Senator Andy Zay, R-District 17. Zay also brought this bill up last session. Lawmakers won't be taking any action on the bill this session, but it is being brought up to continue the discussion.

Senate Bill 98 says a fetus would be considered a dependent child, which would allow for a \$1,500 dependent child exemption at tax time. The person expecting the child would also qualify for a \$1,000 personal exemption on their taxes.

Issues Addressed: Extreme Weather, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Next Big Winter Storm

Broadcast Date: January 19, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about another winter storm heading to Michiana, this radio station aired a news story about how a Winter Storm Warning is in effect through early Saturday morning. By tonight, lake-effect snow will take over the area. Intense snowfall rates of 1 to 2 inches per hour will be possible within the lake effect snow bands. As many as 4 to 8 inches of snowfall is expected with even higher localized amounts under the lake-effect bands. Get set for a big melth next week. But Tuesday, highs will be near 40 with rain.

Issues Addressed: Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Elkhart County's unemployment rate below

national average

Broadcast Date: January 25, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about unemployment rates, this station aired a story about Elkhart County's rate landing below the national

average.

The jobless rate in both St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties has dropped.

In Elkhart County, the rate is back below the statewide average to 3-point-2 percent.

St. Joseph County's rate is also below the statewide average at 3-point-3 percent. The figures are from December, when Indiana's unemployment rate, as a whole, came in at 3-point-6 percent, just under the national average.

Issues Addressed: Family/Childhood Well-Being, Public Charity

Program/Segment Title: News Story-South Bend Center for the Homeless

receives \$150 thousand donation

Broadcast Date: January 25, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a donation to help the homeless, this station aired a story about the KeyBank of Northern Indiana's \$50 thousand donation.

KeyBank of Northern Indiana has donated 150 thousand dollars to support the South Bend Center for the Homeless. The donation will support the new NEXT program, or Neighbors Excelling as Tenants.

The Center says a 10- to 12-week program will help their clients transition back to a more normal situation, and learn what it means to be a tenant.

The Center has served more than 65 thousand people since opening in 1988, and expect about 40 people to benefit from the program this year.

Issues Addressed: Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Attorney to face trial after being

accused of forcing sexual relations with clients

Broadcast Date: January 29, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a trial for an attorney, this station aired a story about Lanny Fisher who is accused of forcing clients to have sexual relations with him.

Attorney Lanny Fisher will face a trial for allegedly forcing clients to have sexual relations with him in exchange for legal services.

Fisher has pleaded not guilty to incidents that allegedly happened at his Buchanan law office, his home and a Benton Township hotel. Leader Publications reports he faces a total of 16 charges, including criminal sexual conduct, and prostitition.

Issues Addressed: Family/Childhood Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Proposed homeless intake center on hold

after meeting

Broadcast Date: January 29, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a proposed homeless intake center, this station aired a story following the Redevelopment Commission's meeting.

A proposed homeless intake center on South Bend's northwest side is on hold following last week's Redevelopment Commission meeting.

A vote had been set to determine whether to buy a plot of land from the South Bend Community Schools north of their bus garage off of Bendix Drive.

Opponents are bringing up safety concerns and neighborhood impacts. The Redevelopment Commission wants more public input.

Issues Addressed: Childhood/Family Well-Being, Public Safety, Education

Program/Segment Title: News Story-IDOC approves programs for federal pell

grants

Broadcast Date: March 4, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about prison education, this station aired a story about the IDOC approving two programs for federal pell grants.

The Indiana Department of Correction has approved two of its programs for federal Pell Grants for prison education.

If approved by the U.S. Department of Education and Ivy Tech, people incarcerated in Indiana state prisons will have the opportunity to access financial aid for education and training aligned to certain workforce sectors, such as business, manufacturing, logistics and automotive.

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Michiganders want gas tax to help

maintain roads

Broadcast Date: March 7, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about an opinion from Michigan residents, this station aired a story about where Michiganders want the state's gas tax to go towards.

A recent poll suggests most Michiganders want more of the funds raised by the state's gas tax to go to maintaining the roads.

A recent episode of the Talking Michigan Transportation podcast revealed poll results stating 82 percent of residents said all taxes paid should go to maintaining roads and bridges.

WSJM reports Michigan is one of only six states charging a sales tax on gas, and very little of the 6 percent tax funds improvements on the bridges and roads.

Issues Addressed: Health, Political/Election

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Berrien County Commissioners hear

proposals on how to use opioid settlement money

Broadcast Date: March 11, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public where money will go, this station aired

a story about upcoming proposals to the Berrien County

Commissioners.

Berrien County Commissioners will soon hear proposals on how to best use more than 4 million dollars in opioid settlement money.

Last week, the Berrien County Opioid Settlement Task Force said they have received some proposals and began reviewing them.

Six proposals came in, offering multiple opportunities to put the money to good use in the communities.

Issues Addressed: Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Baltimore bridge collapse likely to

affect automotive industry

Broadcast Date: March 28, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about impacts from the Baltimore bridge collapse, this station aired a story about the automotive industry being affected.

Due to the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsing in Baltimore, it is still being determined when the port will reopen.

However, the bridge will be out of commission for a significant amount of time. A Purdue University professor predicts that the bridge collapse will cause a reduction in car imports from Europe and the Middle East.

David explained that as a result of the bridge collapse, people in Indiana can anticipate longer waits for deliveries, fewer cars available on dealership lots, and a greater need for preordering vehicles ahead of time.

Regarding how this situation affects the Midwest or our local area, the supply chain shortage could actually present an opportunity for businesses to capture more of the market.

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Education

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Bomb threat disrupts Niles, Brandywine

students

Broadcast Date: March 28, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about bomb threats disrupting students, this station aired a story about the incident happening with Niles and Brandywine students.

More bomb threats disrupted class for hundreds of Niles and Brandywine students today (Wed).

The Berrien County Sheriff's Department conducted a sweep of the Brandywine Middle and High School and found the threat to be unfounded.

Classes resumed as scheduled with increased police on hand.

Ballard Elementary and Niles High School remained closed, however, due to the time needed for the sweep.

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Education

Program/Segment Title: News Story-Niles, Brandywine schools on lockdown

again

Broadcast Date: March 29, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about more threats against area schools, this station aired a story about Niles and Brandywine schools lockdowns.

For the second day in a row and the fourth time in recent weeks, threats were made against Niles and Brandywine Schools. According to Niles Mayor Nick Shelton, the threat, Thursday, was similar to previous threats.

He says authorities have learned that other schools, nationwide, have received similar threats and that it appears to be a "swatting" call situation. Out of an abundance of caution, the schools initiated lockdown procedures.

Just before 2 p.m. buildings at Brandywine Community Schools had been inspected and were given the "all clear."