

ANN ARBOR RADIO
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1290 AM – WLBY

“Lucy Ann Lance Show” On-Air Guests and Events:

10/1:

Where are the Leaders & Best at the University of Michigan? - Nick Baumgardner, **MLive.com Sports Reporter** – We’ve heard from Michigan Football Coach Brady Hoke and some of his assistants and players, all of whom appeared to be missing key information surrounding around the on-field hit and concussion suffered by QB Shane Morris. Now many are wondering when UM President Mark Schlissel and AD Dave Brandon are going to face the media and explain where Michigan is headed from here.

10/2:

Deals of the Year Nominees - Lizzy Alfs, **Business Reporter, The Ann Arbor News** - Nominees for the 10th Annual Deals of the Year have been revealed. The seven categories include everything from commercial real estate to health and, new this year, restaurants.

Flu Shot Season - Michelle Izor, **Clinical Care Coordinator, Kroger** – Flu season is cranking up and it’s time to protect yourself with a flu shot. Kroger Stores are offering the shots with no appointment needed. Here’s what you need to know about flu shots.

10/3:

Dick Morris, Co-Author, Power Grab – Is President Obama secretly creating a One Party Nation? That's the warning from best-selling author and political insider Dick Morris and his co-author & wife, Eileen McGann, in their new bestselling book, **Power Grab: Obama's Dangerous Plan for a One Party Nation**. The authors make a convincing case that Obama has an overarching strategy in pushing his liberal agenda, one that grabs power from our traditional and bipartisan institutions in favor of a single party.

10/6:

New Operational Structure Announced for the American Red Cross – Donna Duvin, **CEO, American Red Cross Washtenaw-Lenawee** – The American Red Cross in Michigan is undergoing a transformation that will consolidate the organization into six statewide chapters. The Red Cross says it will be better positioned to spend more resources on those it serves.

Civic Ticker – Mobilizing Citizens to Inform and Be Informed - Dave Askins, **Co-Founder, Ann Arbor Chronicle**; Josie Parker, **Director, Ann Arbor District Library** - What's next for the Ann Arbor Chronicle’s Dave Askins & Mary Morgan? A new partnership with the Ann Arbor District Library that could give you a new platform for news and information. (<https://www.newschallenge.org/challenge/libraries/submissions/civic-ticker-libraries-mobilizing-citizens-to-inform-and-be-informed>)

10/7:

Mow Down Hunger - Dan Weingartz, Weingartz President - As part of its fifth annual Mow Down Hunger campaign, Weingartz is matching gifts to Michigan food banks, including Ann Arbor's Food Gatherers, to raise one million meals for Michigan. Funds raised through the campaign will fuel Food Gatherers' programs targeting child hunger, including school-based food distributions, and snack pantries serving students.

The Slowing Down of Fast-Food Drive-Thrus - Sam Oches, Editor, QSR Magazine – Did you know that nearly 70% of a fast-food business happens in the drive-thru? A new study shows it's taking longer to get through drive-thrus, but for a good reason.

Hot Toys for the Holidays – Adrienne Appell, Trend Specialist, Toy Industry Association – Classic toys continue to make a comeback (think 1980s), but there are some new toys making their debut at the Toy Industry Association's fall preview.

10/8:

WCC President Speaks Out - Dr. Rose Bellanca, President, Washtenaw Community College – Earlier this year, faculty at Washtenaw Community College gave their president, Dr. Rose Bellanca, a vote of no confidence. A new budgeting process which aligns every expense to a strategic plan includes a 1.4% increase for instruction, which many faculty members deemed inadequate. There have been charges of a lack of communication from the administration and questions about the direction WCC is headed. The president addresses these concerns and shares her vision.

10/9:

"Super Heroes" Invade Halloween - Chris Yandek, WonderCostumes.com - **A study by the National Retail Federation (NRF) shows much of the \$2.8 billion that'll be spent on Halloween costumes this year will go to purchase characters straight from the multiplex.**

10/10:

School Annexation - Deb Mexicotte, Ann Arbor School Board President; Jim Vibbart, Whitmore Lake School Board Vice President - On Nov. 4, Ann Arbor and Whitmore Lake voters will decide whether Ann Arbor schools will annex Whitmore Lake schools in July 2015. If the initiative passes, Ann Arbor would become the fourth largest school district in the state.

10/13:

Snyder & Schauer on Stage in Town Hall Forum - Nolan Finley, Detroit News – For the first time this campaign season voters witnessed the two gubernatorial candidates answering questions and addressing the issues together. Nolan Finley of the Detroit News, who co-moderated the event, says Governor Snyder was the winner but the race is still on.

10/14:

Suburban's Making Strides Charity Auction – Alyssa Spangler, Marketing Coordinator, Suburban Cadillac Chevrolet Ann Arbor – Autographed footballs to a humidor and even a trip to Brazil are up for auction at this catered charity affair tonight at Suburban. All proceeds will benefit the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and the American Cancer Society.

10/15:

Urban Ashes Launches New Production Studio - Paul Hickman, Owner, Urban Ashes –

After nearly six years in business, Urban Ashes is opening up a new production studio. Employing persons with disabilities and a transitional labor force, the picture frames and fine wood furnishings produced are made by hand with local urban wood. *The community is invited to Urban Ashes New Digs Party on Saturday, October 18 from 5:00 PM-8:30 PM at 713 Ellsworth Rd., Ste. F, Ann Arbor.*

10/16:

Brighton Teacher Sues Union, District Over Right-to-Work Violation - Patrick J. Wright, Vice President for Legal Affairs, Mackinac Center for Public Policy -

The Mackinac Center Legal Foundation this week filed suit in Livingston County Circuit Court against the Brighton Education Association and the Brighton Area Schools Board of Education on behalf of a Brighton High School teacher who says the district and union are violating his freedoms under Michigan's right-to-work law.

College Student Food Stars - Holiday Inn Near the University of Michigan's Executive

Chef Heidi Keller & Terri Gaeta, Director of Marketing Operations - One college student. One cooking appliance. Three ingredients. A \$10 food budget and a prep time of 10 minutes or less. This is the challenge presented to Ann Arbor-area students, if they choose to accept it, by the Holiday Inn Near the University of Michigan in its first annual College Student Food Stars contest.

Rebranding Michigan -

David Jesse, Higher Education Reporter, Detroit Free Press – The ongoing controversy revolving around the University of Michigan Athletic department isn't going away, yet we have heard very little from the UM's top administration. That could change today as the Board of Regents hosts its regular meeting. Nearly 11,000 people with UM identification have signed a "Fire Athletic Director Brandon" petition, 110 of whom are from his own staff.

10/17:

Are We Being Told the Truth? - Dr. Meryl Nass, Author of the Anthrax Vaccine Blog -

The CDC and much of the media have been saying that you can only get Ebola through direct contact with body fluids -- and at the same time they've been backing the use extraordinary measures to prevent transmission. Dr. Meryl Nass believes there's no doubt that Ebola has a history of airborne droplet transmission. *Nass writes at the [Anthrax Vaccine blog](#). Her recent pieces include: "Drilling Down Into the Facts Regarding Airborne Spread of Ebola" and "U.S. Ebola: [United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention head] Frieden Said Every Hospital Was Ready. He is Wrong."*

Controversy over Common Core - Michael Petrilli, President of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute; Michigan Common Core controversy. -

The Common Core state standards—which were designed to teach students the skills they must acquire at each K-12 grade level to stay on course toward college or the workforce—have now been adopted by 45 states and the District of Columbia. But some conservatives have recently mobilized against this overhaul of our nation's public schools, arguing that Common Core constitutes an Obama Administration-backed federal takeover of education and the imposition of a national curriculum.

UM Cutting Student Football Ticket Prices - David Jesse, Higher Education Reporter, Detroit Free Press –

The University of Michigan is attempting to quell the growing furor over how the athletic department operates by reaching out to students.

Michigan International Festival -Tiffany Sims Fitzpatrick, Saline Rotary; Bruce Dunbar, Rotary Ann Arbor West; The Michigan International Festival presented by Ann Arbor West – Taste dishes and watch performances from around the world at this unique event to raise funds for Hope Rising, which educates girls in Washtenaw County and globally. *The Michigan International Festival is Saturday, October 18 from 5 PM-9 PM at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Visit www.mifestival.org*

10/20:

Superhero Theme Song for Chad Carr – Matthew Engelbert, Executive Producer – Ann Arbor’s talented sibling performers Ariel, Zoey & Eli (*Ariel & Zoey & Eli, Too, Steal the Show*) have written and recorded a superhero theme song for Chad Carr, the 4 year old boy battling an inoperable brain tumor.

10/21:

Finding His Place in the Osmond Family - Jimmy Osmond, President, Osmond Entertainment / Author, *Awesome Possum Family Band* - Possum Number One plays the saxophone. Number Two plays the piano. But Number Nine can’t seem to figure out what talent he can bring to the Awesome Possum Family Band’s big TV debut. In his fun new children’s book *Awesome Possum Family Band* (Regnery Kids; \$16.99), world famous recording artist and performer Jimmy Osmond shares his personal quest of finding his special place in his family’s band, The Osmonds.

10/22:

Riding the Stock Market - Robert Mann, Wall Street Veteran - This month marks the 85th anniversary of the stock market crash of 1929. More than \$30 billion were lost over a few days and it kicked off the Great Depression, which lasted 12 years. Investors who held on to their stock waited most of their adult lives before they recovered their losses -- by 1954. Top financial and economic experts recently warned of a possible stock market bubble due to record high stock prices, dramatically lower spreads on low-quality junk bonds and surging volumes of high-risk leveraged loans. But could a colossal collapse ever really happen again? *Robert Mann is an Investment Advisor with more than 40 years experience. CEO of Advisor’s Capital Corp, he is the co-author of Non Random Profits and a stock market cycles expert. Visit <https://gumroad.com/l/GYPQ>*

10/24:

The Big Game - Nick Baumgardner, Michigan Football Beat Writer, MLive.com – The Michigan Wolverines travel to Spartan Stadium this weekend to take on the Michigan State football team. There is a lot at stake for Michigan, and not just bragging rights.

10/27:

A Whole New Engineer – Authors **Dr. David Goldberg, President of Big Beacon/Emeritus Professor of Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, & Mark Somerville, Professor of Engineering and Associate Dean, Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering** – The authors of this new book provide a vision for the coming revolution of engineering. But it's not just a book about engineering; it also serves as a warning as to how all of education needs to evolve for the future.

Newsmaker Interview: Tesla and the Car Dealers' Lobby - **Daniel A. Crane, UM Law Professor** – Tesla Motors, which makes electric cars that Consumer Reports has called the best car of any kind, wants to sell cars directly to consumers, bypassing the traditional dealership model. Michigan Governor Rick Snyder has now signed a bill blocking such direct auto sales.

10/28:

Detroit Bankruptcy - **Nathan Bomey, Detroit Free Press** – Hearings in the nation's largest ever municipal bankruptcy ended this week in Detroit and the judge is expected to render a decision on November 7.

GM's Investment in Southeastern Michigan - **Tom Walsh, Business Columnist, Detroit Free Press** – GM CEO Mary Barra revealed to the *Detroit Free Press* editorial board that the auto company will be investing \$540 million in the region.

10/29:

A Musical Tribute to Veterans – Judge Donald Shelton (Ret., Washtenaw Circuit Court); Marjorie Shelton, President, Saline New Horizons Band; Tim Driscoll, Vice President, Michigan Vietnam Veterans of America - **The Saline New Horizons Band has been honoring our Veterans with this annual concert for the last eight years. This year they will be joined by the Saline High School Choir and Saline Middle School Choir to pay tribute to our Vietnam Vets. This free concert is Sunday, November 2, 2014 at Saline H.S. Auditorium, 1300 Campus Parkway, Saline, MI.**

10/30:

Washtenaw County Circuit Court Judicial Candidates – **Patrick Conlin & Veronique Liem** – With the retirement of Circuit Court Judge Donald Shelton, Washtenaw County voters will elect a new judge on November 4. We talk with the two candidates about their background and qualifications, the role of the Circuit Court, and what new ideas each has to improve the court.

10/31:

The Miracle of Willow Run – **Dennis Norton, Founder of the Yankee Air Museum / President, Michigan Aerospace Foundation** – The Yankee Air Museum is changing its name and expanding its mission following its purchase of the historic Willow Run Bomber Plant. Visit www.SaveTheBomberPlant.org.

11/3:

A New Direction for UM Athletics: Nick Baumgardner, Michigan Football Writer, MLive.com – Dave Brandon is out and Jim Hackett, the former Steelcase CEO who played for Bo Schembechler, is now the interim Athletic Director at the University of Michigan. We take a look at what's next for the department and the football program amid a controversial season.

11/4:

Images of America: Downtown Ann Arbor - Patti Smith, Author – A new book authored by a teacher chronicles the origins of downtown Ann Arbor. In 1824, John Allen and Elisha Rumsey established the first homestead in what is now downtown Ann Arbor. Their legacy is present in every walk up Huron Street, drive down to William and Main Streets, or bike ride over to Kerrytown.

An Inside Look at the Turmoil in the Michigan Athletic Department - John U. Bacon, *New York Times* Bestselling Writer, Public Speaker, College Lecturer, Radio Commentator / Author, *Fourth And Long: The Fight for the Soul of College Football* – Michigan Athletics is under the rein of an interim athletic director, Football Coach Brady Hoke is holding on to his job for the time being, and the university is trying to regain its once prominent position in the world of college athletics.

11/5:

Democratic Disaster - Jay Nordlinger, Senior Editor, *National Review* – Republicans are taking hold of the U.S. Senate and keeping their hold on the House. The mid-term elections dealt a huge blow to the man at the top, who wasn't even on the ballot. *Nordlinger, an Ann Arbor native, is a senior editor at National Review, the conservative magazine founded by William F. Buckley, Jr. in 1955. He is the author of "Here, There & Everywhere: Collected Writings of Jay Nordlinger" and "Peace, They Say: A History of the Nobel Peace Prize, the Most Famous and Controversial Prize in the World."*

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder Wins (In Spite of Himself) - Nolan Finley, Editorial Page Editor, *The Detroit News* – Oddly unconventional is how Nolan Finley describes the Governor's re-election campaign. Here's a look at how the Governor crafted his victory.

11/7:

UM's Musket Performs Sweeney Todd - Emma Sohlberg, Mrs. Lovett ; Ryan Lucas, Producer; Henry Nettleton, Director – An infamous tale, Sweeney Todd is an unjustly exiled barber who returns to London seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him. The road to revenge leads Todd to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which he opens a new barber practice. Musket is the University of Michigan's only student-run musical theatre organization.

11/10:

Executive of the Year - Scott Menzel, WISD Superintendent - MLive.com and *The Ann Arbor News* recently saluted area business leaders at the 10th annual Deals of the Year. The top award of Executive of the Year honors a man who led the way to consolidate the Ypsilanti and Willow Run School districts. The new Ypsilanti Community Schools is now on the state's list of schools projected to get out of debt by the end of the year.

Deals of the Year - Paula Gardner, Editor, *The Ann Arbor News* - The business gathered to honor the *The Ann Arbor News*' 2014 Deals of the Year at a gala last Friday. We talk with Paula Gardner about what makes each of these deals so special.

11/12:

Thanks for Giving - Elissa Spangler, Marketing Director, Suburban Cadillac Chevrolet; Kevin Lill, Director of Development, Peace Neighborhood Center – This annual benefit dinner honors those who support Peace Neighborhood Center, which provides programs for children and families impacted by social and economic problems. This year’s dinner will pay tribute to the Ann Arbor Thrift Shop & the Greater Beneficial Union #630 for their generous contributions and support over the years on behalf of Peace Neighborhood Center and the families they serve.

11/13:

Athletics versus Academics at the University of Michigan - David Jesse, Higher Education Reporter, *Detroit Free Press* – The turmoil continues to churn in the University of Michigan Athletic Department. Now Michigan President Mark Schlissel is apologizing to Football Coach Brady Hoke and interim AD Jim Hackett for comments he made concerning graduation rates of athletes.

Willow Run: Arsenal of Democracy - Melissa Milton-Pung, Project Manager, Eastern Leaders Group, Economic Development & Historic Preservation, Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development

– A new story map showcases the history of the Willow Run area and its role in World War II. The Willow Run Bomber Plant, constructed in 1941-42 for the production of B-24 Liberator Bombers, is a key turning point in the history of Ypsilanti and a pivotal asset in the success of the Allied Nations during WWII. Willow Run is widely known for its association with Henry Ford and “Rosie the Riveter” as well as the modern manufacturing marvel of assembling a B-24 Bomber every hour but Willow Run influenced the Ypsilanti area even more through the changes created in the landscape, social interactions, and the blend of cultures.

11/14:

Be A Hero At The Big House – Dr. George Magulak, Volunteer, Gift of Life - As a 41-year-season ticket holder for Michigan Football, Dr. George Magulak is familiar with the crowd of 115,000 that can pack the Big House on a game day. But that huge crowd of people carries special meaning to the U-M alum and retired dentist, who has been waiting for more than 1.5 years for a liver transplant. That infamous sea of humanity is nearly the same number of people nationwide who are waiting for an organ transplant that can save lives. *The Wolverine for Life campaign includes a massive donor drive at UM Stadium Sunday, November 16, 8 AM-6PM. You can Be A Hero at the Big House by attending the biggest blood drive ever at the UM and registering for organ, tissue, eye, and bone marrow donation. Visit www.WolverinesforLife.org.*

Former Lucy Ann Lance Show Producer Competes on Cutthroat Kitchen - Teddy Heidt, **Cutthroat Kitchen**. He’s known in Chicago as a Pastry Chef and private caterer, but it was just a few years ago that Michigan alumnus Teddy Heidt was a producer of this show. He will compete in an upcoming episode of Food Network’s *Cutthroat Kitchen*, airing Sunday December 28th at 9/8c. Heidt will battle three other experienced chefs for the chance to take home a \$25,000 prize in the show’s sixth season.

Banding with the Baristas - Marina Pilibosian, CEO, Birmingham Jewelry – A Michigan jeweler is offering Starbucks baristas a free Tungsten engagement or wedding band, after the coffee company banned its employees from wearing any rings with diamonds or jewels.

11/17:

Winterizing the Homeless - Ellen Schulmeister, Director, Delonis Center - Washtenaw County is expanding services for the homeless to ensure there is adequate shelter for them as winter bears down.

11/20:

Rover Natural Gas Pipeline - Ken Simonson, Chief Economist, Associated General Contractors of America – A proposed natural gas pipeline that would wind through western Washtenaw County is the focus of a meeting tonight hosted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Concerns over the project have sparked intense community debate, but there is one aspect that can't be denied. It would have a huge impact on construction jobs. *The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Thursday at the George Prizing auditorium at the Washington Street Education center in Chelsea.*

Washtenaw Community Concert Band Concerto Competition - Shirley Charbonneau, Band President; Millie Irwin, Publicity Chairman – High school musicians have an opportunity to win cash and perform with the Washtenaw Community Concert Band.

11/21:

Protestors Shut Down UM Regents Meeting - David Jesse, Detroit Free Press – Two dozen protestors demanding increased minority enrollment at the University of Michigan shut down the Regents meeting this week. Free Press reporter David Jesse was there and tells us what happened.

11/24:

Who Are the Homeless? - Paula Gardner, Editor, *The Ann Arbor New* – A California business has given Ann Arbor Police permission to evict members of a homeless encampment from property it owns on the city's east side. For the editor of *The Ann Arbor News*, this has become a very personal story.

The Business of Theater, Pt. II - Ron Baumanis, Producer & Director / Board Member, Michigan Shakespeare Festival – Whether it's Broadway or Ann Arbor, producing a professional theater show is no easy task and requires the proper funding and talent to make it successful.

11/25:

Powerful Storm - Randi Berris, Sr. Media Specialist, DTE Energy – Wicked winds whipped through Washtenaw County with a vengeance Monday, leaving two schools closed and thousands without power.

11/26:

What Bill Cosby's Body Language Reveals - Janette Ghedotte, Founder & CEO, Accurate Body Language - Bill Cosby is staying silent about numerous allegations of sexual assault being made against him. The accusations date back to decades ago, but have now resurfaced. While the iconic TV star and comedian's silence may be deafening to his accusers, this expert in body language says Cosby spoke loud and clear.

11/27:

Giving Thanks - Allison Snyder Forman, Executive Director, Ypsilanti Meals On Wheels - Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels delivers prepared meals to the homebound elderly, disabled, and ill residents in Eastern Washtenaw County in the City and Township of Ypsilanti, Augusta Township, Superior Township, eastern Pittsfield Township and York Township. And thanks to the staff and volunteers, they even do it on holidays.

11/28:

Saline Football in H.S. Championship – Coach Joe Palka; Scot Graden, Superintendent, Saline Schools – Saline is going to its first-ever state championship, following a 30-15 victory over Cass Tech. We talk with Coach Palka and Superintendent Graden about the team’s success and the district’s approach to molding a championship team.

12/3:

The Firing of Michigan Football Coach Brady Hoke - John U. Bacon, Best-Selling Author / College Teacher – The University of Michigan is once again searching for a head football coach, following the dismissal this week of Brady Hoke.

Ann Arbor City Club Arts and Crafts Festival - Penny O’Malley, Chairperson, Arts and Crafts Festival; Susan Smith, Immediate Past President; Greg Fleming, General Manager - One of Ann Arbor's great institutions, the City Club is rich in history and character, and serves as a valuable resource for individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations and others in our community. The public is invited to the 31st Annual Ann Arbor City Club Arts & Crafts Festival where you will find 47 craftspeople selling their wares in this juried event. *The show is Saturday, December 6 from 9 AM-4 PM at the Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI.*

12/4:

Councilmember Targeted for Stand on Homelessness - Ann Arbor City Councilmember Stephen Kunselman, 3rd Ward-D – An Ann Arbor City Councilmember is speaking out against homeless encampments, and now a group that supports homeless tent communities is launching a recall campaign against him.

12/5:

Is A Virtuous Life Possible in Today’s Society? - Jonathan V. Last, Senior Writer, The Weekly Standard / Editor, *The Seven Deadly Virtues: 18 Conservative Writers on Why the Virtuous Life Is Funny As Hell* - In the book’s opening essay, P. J. O’Rourke observes: “Virtue has by no means disappeared. It’s as much in public view as ever. But it’s been strung up by the heels. Virtue is upside down. Virtue is uncomfortable. Virtue looks ridiculous. All the change and the house keys are falling out of Virtue’s pants pockets.”

12/8:

City of Ann Arbor Update - Steven Powers, City of Ann Arbor Administrator – Steven Powers has been Administrator of the City of Ann Arbor since 2011, and now he’s up for a job in Dublin, Ohio. We talk with him about his future and the issues facing the city in the upcoming year.

12/9:

MEA By the Numbers - Ted O'Neil, Media Relations Manager, Mackinac Center for Public Policy – A report filed with the U.S. Department of Labor shows leaders of Michigan's biggest teachers union took huge pay raises, despite a drop in membership.

12/11:

Breaking Out of Bankruptcy: A New Detroit - Daniel Howes, The Detroit News – As of 12:01 AM today, Detroit is officially out of bankruptcy. Michigan's largest city still faces numerous challenges, but is in a much better position to handle them. Daniel Howes talks with us about what's next for Detroit.

12/12:

Solar Array Proposed at Ann Arbor Airport - Matt Naud, Environmental Coordinator, City of Ann Arbor – DTE Energy is working with the City of Ann Arbor to install solar panels on property off of Lohr Road that could power more than 150 homes. Matt Naud updates us on the project and what it could mean for Ann Arbor.

12/15:

Emmanuel Jones, Founder - 14,516 students (30.8%) in Washtenaw County are economically disadvantaged as of 2014. 66% last school year graduated high school but, only 7.7% were deemed college ready. Mentor2Youth has a track record of preparing students for their future.

12/17:

Senator Levin & IRSgate - Henry Payne, The National Review – As U.S. Senator Carl Levin of Michigan retires, there are still questions about his involvement in the IRS scandal. The investigation continues into whether Democrats used the IRS to target Republican groups as a way to control the outcome of the 2012 Election. *Henry Payne is an auto critic for the Detroit News and a syndicated editorial cartoonist.*

Suspects Arrested in Nationwide Home Invasion Ring - Derrick Jackson, Director of Community Engagement, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office - Five individuals suspected of robbing Ann Arbor area homes and terrorizing the residents have been arrested in Texas. From Michigan to New Jersey, Georgia, and Texas, this ring is alleged to have committed crimes across the country.

12/18:

U.S.-Cuba Renew Relations - Alberto Quevedo, Former Cuban Political Prisoner – The United States is restoring full relations with Cuba, following the release of an American contractor who had been held in prison there for five years. For more than five decades, Cuba has had authoritarian control over its people. Is that about to change?

World Almanac and Book of Facts - Sarah Janssen, Senior Editor, World Almanac and Book of Facts 2015 - What were the most memorable milestones of this year? While 2014 may be coming to a close, the events will carry on forever in *The World Almanac® and Book of Facts 2015*. This latest edition of America's best-selling reference book will be your go-to source in the upcoming year, containing thousands of facts that the publisher says are unavailable publicly elsewhere.

Okay to Hate Republicans? - Grant Strobl, Young Americans for Freedom at the University of Michigan – A conservative student group at the University of Michigan says a published column attacking Republicans is a threat to intellectual diversity. Communications Professor Susan Douglas, who serves as department chair, authored a piece entitled “It’s Okay to Hate Republicans.” *Young Americans for Freedom is a student group at the University of Michigan that advocates for the conservative ideas of free enterprise, limited government and a strong national defense.*

12/19:

Conservative Muslim Targeted at the UM - Omar Mahmood, University of Michigan Junior – A Michigan Daily reporter who wrote a satirical piece poking fun at political correctness for another publication was fired from the student newspaper and his apartment was vandalized. Did progressives target the student, who is a Muslim, for his conservative views?

12/22:

The Future of Pittsfield Township - Mandy Grewal, Pittsfield Township Supervisor – From road and housing projects to an expansion of transit services, Pittsfield Township is one of the fastest growing communities in Washtenaw County.

An End-of-Year Conversation with Paula Gardner, Editor of The Ann Arbor News – Development was a major news story in Ann Arbor in 2014. We take a look at some of the projects and what’s ahead in 2015.

Drinking Responsibility - Jim McGreevy, President/CEO, Beer Institute - Brewers and beer importers say they are committed to responsible consumption and invest in a variety of programs to keep roads safe and alcohol out of the hands of minors. Just last year, brewers and beer importers supplied more than 856,000 consumers rides home. In addition, more than 200,000 families have taken part in brewer-funded outreach programs for

12/23:

Cops & Community - Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton – A frank conversation with Washtenaw County’s top law enforcer about what he thinks we need to do to heal a divided nation. We also take a look at the accomplishments of the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Office over the last year and what’s ahead in 2015.

The State of the County - Verna McDaniel, Washtenaw County Administrator – After serious concerns of a budget deficit, the county is now financially sound. The county board has adopted a four-year budget and has earned a AAA bond rating.

City of Saline - Brian Marl, Mayor of Saline – 2014 was a year to streamline and modernize the city of Saline. Mayor Marl talks about efforts to update ordinances and regulations, create a sustainable future for the city-owned recreation center, and make the downtown streetscape more appealing.

12/29:

End-of-Year Tax Planning - Len Pytlak, CPA, P.C. – Learn how to reduce your taxes with year-end tax planning from this top-ranked certified public accounting firm based in Ann Arbor. Owner Len Pytlak is also invested in our community, serving many organizations.

New Year's Eve in the D - Tony Piraino, Co-Founder – New York may have its famed crystal ball to drop on New Year's Eve, but Detroit is branding the New Year in its own unique way. A glittering starburst sculpture, emblazoned with a D, will mark the start of 2015 in the Motor City.

All Hail Harbaugh - John U. Bacon, Bestselling Author/Award-Winning Speaker/College Teacher – Is \$48 million enough to lure former Michigan quarterback Jim Harbaugh back to Ann Arbor to coach the Wolverines?

9:40 The Movies - Perry Seibert, Editor, Rovi Corporation – From *Unbroken* to *Into the Woods*, there are plenty of movies to while away your holiday. Movie reviewer Perry Seibert tells us which ones really deserve our dollars and time.

Regular Segments:

Greg Peters, The Reluctant Networker
Deb Kern, Humane Society of Huron Valley “*WLBY Pet of the Week*” Saturdays
Renew Michigan with Larry Eiler
Tina Miller, Registered Dietician “*Healthy Living Segment*” Saturdays
David Lorenz, Michigan Travel “*Traveling the Great State of Michigan*” Saturdays
Ingrid Ault – “*Think Local First*”
Mary Morgan, Publisher of AnnArborChronicle.com “*Perspective on the News*” Saturdays
Maura Thomson, Main Street Area Association Weekly
Wellness Wednesday – Local health experts Weekly
Dr. David Mielke, retired Dean, EMU College of Business – “*Business Ethos*” Weekly
Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce – Weekly
Saline Chamber of Commerce – Weekly
Manchester Chamber of Commerce - Weekly
Milan Chamber of Commerce – Weekly
Chelsea Chamber of Commerce – Weekly
Dexter Chamber of Commerce – Weekly
BRAG Ann Arbor – Around The Home – Weekly
Non-Profit Spotlight – Weekly