

PERIOD COVERED: JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

WEFM HAS CONTINUED TO AIR NEWSCASTS AND INTERVIEWS, AS WELL AS LIVE BROADCASTS, DURING THE PERIOD SHOWN ABOVE, THAT ADDRESS IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING AREA RESIDENTS. WEFM HAS IDENTIFIED THOSE ISSUES THROUGH A SERIES OF IN-PERSON AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS, AS WELL AS INPUT FROM WEFM LISTENERS. WEFM KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMUNITY, THROUGH ATTENDANCE AT NUMEROUS MEETINGS AND LOCAL EVENTS. WEFM CONDUCTS MONTHLY LIVE INTERVIEWS ON THE AIR WITH NUMEROUS LOCAL LEADERS, INCLUDING MICHIGAN CITY MAYOR DUANE PARRY, AND LAPORTE MAYOR, TOM DERMODY; LAPORTE COUNTY PROSECUTOR, SEAN FAYGON; MICHIGAN CITY'S SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DOCTOR BARBARA EASON WATKINS; AND LAPORTE COUNTY SHERIFF, RON HEEG. WEFM AIRS BOTH LIVE AND RECORDED PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS DAILY, USING INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY LOCAL AND AREA GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS. WEFM AIRS MORE THAN 60 LOCAL NEWSCASTS EACH WEEK, WITH MATERIAL GATHERED BY STAFF MEMBERS, CORRESPONDENTS AND VARIOUS NEWS SERVICES.

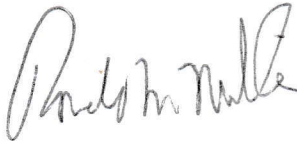
SOME OF THE IMPORTANT ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY WEFM DURING THE PERIOD SHOWN ABOVE INCLUDE:

1. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TAKES PLACE IN MICHIGAN CITY & LAPORTE ON NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AND A 7/5-7/7/ STORY (16 MIN) OUTLINED NEW VOTING REQUIREMENTS FROM THE USE OF VOTE CENTERS. AN 8/11 – 8/14 STORY (17 MIN) OUTLINED PLANS FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF MICHIGAN CITY, ANGIE NELSON DEIUTCH, TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE CITY COUNCIL. A 9/18 – 9/19 STORY (19 MIN) WITH MICHIGAN CTY MAYOR, DUANE PARRY, REPORTED ON A 280 MILLION DOLLAR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT.
2. GUN VIOLENCE IS AMAJOR LOCAL CONCERN. A 7/5 – 7/6 STORY (14 MIN) EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE ELIMINATION OF GUN LICENSING IN INDIANA. AN 8/3 – 8/7 STORY (19 MIN) REPORTED ON A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS GUN VIOLENCE. A 9/12 – 9/14 STORY (7 MIN) REPORTED ON AN INCREASE IN ROAD RAGE CASES LEADING TO GUN VIOLENCE.
3. CRIME IS A VERY IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 7/5 – 7/6 STORY (11 MIN) REPORTED ON A NEW POLICE UNIT THAT WAS FORMED TO ADDRESS VIOLENT CRIME. AN 8/7 – 8/8 STORY (13 MIN) OUTLINED PLANS FOR A NEW ONE-POINT-TWO BILLION DOLLAR WESTVILLE PRISON. A 9/13 – 9/15 STORY (17 MIN) LISTED CRIMES COMMITTED IN MICHIGAN CITY, LAST YEAR.

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4. RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 7/6 – 7/7/ STORY (14 MIN) UPDATED THE SOUTH SHORE RAILROAD'S DOUBLE TRACK PROJECT THROUGH MICHIGAN CITY. AN 8/7 – 8/8 STORY (5 MIN) PROFILED A JOB FAIR BY THE SOUTH SHORE RAILROAD. A 9/5 – 9/6 STORY (8 MIN) OUTLINED A PROJECT CALLED "QUIET ZONE" TO ALLOW TRAINS TO REFRAIN FROM SOUNDING HORNS AT CROSSINGS.
  
5. MEDICAL ISSUES ARE AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 7/7- 7/10 STORY (13 MIN) REPORTED ON LOCAL PROGRAMS TO KEEP PEOPLE HEALTHY. AN 7/18 – 8/19 STORY (8 MIN) REPORTS THAT THE SALVATION ARMY OF MICHIGAN CITY IS PLANNING A SERIES OF GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS. TWO STORIES ON 9/1 – 9/6 (24 MIN) UPDATED PLANS FOR OLDER HOSPITAL PROPERTY, AND THE COST OF HEALTH CARE.
  
6. EDUCATION IS ESPECAILLY IMPORTANT TO LOCAL RESIDENTS. A 7/10 – 7/12 STORY (8 MIN) OUTLINED PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR. AN 8/3 STORY (7 MIN) CONGRATULATEDWINNERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SCHOLARSHIPS. A 9/6 – 9/8 STORY (13 MIN) PROVIDED OPTIONS FOR THOSE WITH OUTSTANDING STUDENT LOANS.

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