

PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2024

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 ANGIENELSON DEUTCH, 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. CRIME IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. THREE STORIES AIRED 1/4/24 & 1/5/24 (22 MIN) REPORTING ON CHILD PORN CHARGES; DRUG OFFENSES; AND A CRIME REPORT FROM LONG BEACH TOWN MARSHAL, MARK SWISTEK. A 2/6 REPORT (13 MIN) PROVIDED DETAILS ABOUT AN ATTACK IN A CHESTERTON CLASSROOM FIVE YEARS AGO. A 3/7/24 STORY (7 MIN) REPORTED ON THE SHOOTING DEATH OF A CHESTERTON MAN FOLLOWING A ROAD RAGE INCIDENT.
2. EDUCATION IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 1/4/24 STORY (8 IN) OUTLINES EFFORTS TO BAN SOME BOOKS IN THE NEW PRAIRIE SCHOOL SYSTEM. TWO STORIES ON 2/2/24 (11 MIN) OUTLINED A STUDENT RUN COFFEE SHOP, AND A STATE FUNDING BILL. A 3/1/24 STORY (11 MIN) REPORTED ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF A FORMER COURT BUILDING INTO SCHOOL FACILITIES.
3. SCAMS ARE AN IMPORTANT LOCAL CONCERN. A 1/5 STORY (8 MIN) REPORTED THAT A WEFM E-MAIL WAS A SCAM ATTEMPT. A 2/7/24 STORY (19 MIN) REPORTED ON HEALTH INSURANCE SCAMS. A 3/19/24 STORY (15 MIN) REPORTED ON A LOCAL POLICE OFFICER WHO WAS PAID FOR WORKING THE SAME HOURS AT TWO DIFFERENT POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

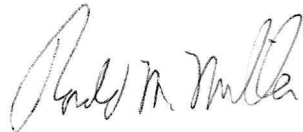
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4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 1/4/24 STORY (14 MIN) REPORTS ON AWAREHOUSE PROJECT ON MICHIGAN CITY'S SOUTH SIDE. A 2/6 STORY (7 MIN) OUTLINED A JOB FAIR BY THE SOUTH SHORE RAILROAD. A 2/2/24 STORY (10 MIN) REPORTED ON THE HISTORY OF LAPORTE'S NEW PORTE LANDING COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. A 3/5/24 STORY (9 MIN) REPORTED ON THE CITY'S EFFORTS TO FIND A DEVELOPER FOR THE FORMER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PROPERTY.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 1/3/24 STORY (19 MIN) OUTLINED PLANS BY THE U. S. COAST GUARD TO CLOSE ITS MICHIGAN CITY STATION. A 2/1/24 STORY (11 MIN) OUTLINED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PRISON IN WESTVILLE AND THE CLOSING OF THE INDIANA STATE PRISON IN MICHIGAN CITY. A 3/6/24 STORY (8 MIN) REPORTED ON PUBLIC SAFETY CALLS BY THE MICHIGAN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN FEBRUARY.

6. THE OPERATION OF LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS IMPORTANT LOCALLY. A 1/1/24 STORY (17 MIN) REPORTED ON CHANGES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE COMING YEAR. A 2/3/24 STORY (7 MIN) ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF A CLERK IN LONG BEACH FOR OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT. A 3/8/24 STORY (18 MIN) REPORTED ON A COUNTY COMMISSIONER BEING REMOVED FROM THE MAY SEVENTH PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT.

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