

PERIOD COVERED: OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2022

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, JOHN LAKE; MICHIGAN CITY'S SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, DOCTOR BARBARA EASON WATKINS; AND LAPORTE COUNTY SHERIFF, JOHN BOYD. 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. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 10/3 – 10/4 STORY (23 MIN) REPORTED ON EFFORTS TO REPURPOSE THE MARQUETTE MALL PROPERTY. AN 11/2 – 11/3 STORY (7 MIN) REPORTED ON THE INCREASE IN RIDERSHIP ON THE SOUTH SHORE RAILROAD. A 12/1 – 12/2 STORY (16 MIN) UPDATED PROGRESS ON THE SOUTH SHORE RAILROAD'S DOUBLE TRACK PROJECT THROUGH MICHIGAN CITY.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 10/3 -10/5 STORY (13 MIN) REPORTED ON EFFORTS TO ADDRESS A SHORTAGE OF NURSES. AN 11/4 – 11/7 STORY (8 MIN) OUTLINED A FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC. A 12/1 – 12/3 SYORY (11 MIN) OUTLINED PLANS FOR A 35 MILLION DOLLAR HEALTH CARE FACILITY, JUST SOUTH OF MICHIGAN CITY.
3. ELECTION ISSUES ARE IMPORTANT TO THE PUBLIC. A 10/3-10/5 STORY (7 MIN) OUTLINED PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION. AN 11/2-11/4 STORY (9 MIN) REPORTED ON A SHARP INCREASE IN EARLY VOTING. A 12/9 – 12/12 STORY (8 MIN) REPORTED ON UNION VOTES ON A PROPOSED NEW CONTRACT WITH MONO SOL IN LAPORTE.

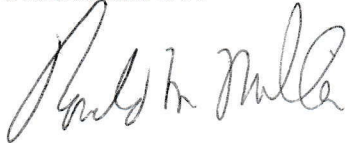
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4. PUBLIC SAFETY IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 10/4/22 STORY (8 MIN) REPORTED ON A TWO VEHICLE FATAL ACCIDENT IN LAPORTE COUNTY. AN 11/7 – 11/8 STORY (7 MIN) DESCRIBES A NEW PATROL PROGRAM KNOWN AS “STREET HAWK”. A 12/12- 12/14 STORY (7 MIN) REPORTED ON PLANS TO IMPROVE SAFETY IN LAPORTE, BY BUILDING A NEWE TWO LANE BRIDGE OVER DOWNTOWN LAPORTE RAILROAD TRACKS.

5. CRIME IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE. A 10/5 – 10/6 STORY (17 MIN) REPORTED ON LOCAL POLICE EFFORTS TO REDUCE CRIME. AN 11/10 – 11/14 STORY (12 MIN) OUTLINED LOCAL CONCERNS ABOUT EFFORTS TO DECRIMINALIZE THE USE OF MARIJUANA. A 12/7 – 12/8 STORY (8 MIN) PROVIDED DETAILS OF A BANK ROBBERY, AND THE QUICK ARREST OF THE \ROBBER.

6. TRAFFIC SAFETY IS AN IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUE A 10/4-10/5 STORY (10 MIN) REPORTED ON EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SAFETY ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS. AN 11/10 – 11/11 STORY (9 MIN) REPORTED ON A LOCAL WOMAN WHO WAS KILLED IN A FIRE STATION PARKING LOT. A 12/1 – 12/3 STORY (9 MIN) REPORTED ON THE PREPARATION OF A STUDY TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO U. S. 30 THROUGH LAPORTE COUNTY.

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