

BAS Broadcasting
4th Quarter Community Affairs Programming
WFRO-FM
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Overview of News Operations

Local News

The news department of BAS Broadcasting Inc. provides full service local news coverage. The staff attends Sandusky County Commissioner and Fremont City council meetings as well as others as needed, in addition to attending numerous other events and activities each year. All the local news is written and produced by News Director Tom Fullen.

WFRO provides approximately one and a half minute long newscasts at the top and bottom of the hour on weekdays between 6 and 9a.m. and also at noon and 5p.m. Plus breaking news is provided on an as needed basis.

State News

BAS Broadcasting also utilizes the Ohio News Network to provide state news that affects local residents as a part of its regular newscasts.

National News

WFRO airs one minute ABC newscasts at the top of the hour on weekdays between 6 and 9a.m. as well as noon and 5p.m. Top of the hour ABC newscast are also aired on the weekends.

Local Public Affairs Programming

WFRO each Sunday morning at 7 airs the locally produced Community Focus program, an approximately 15 minute program which provides in depth interviews with individuals about topics, events, and activities of local interest. See the attached list for details about this quarter's programs.

4th Quarter Community Focus

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10-6 Sandusky County National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Director Melanie White discussed the organization's local services to help families and those suffering from mental illness as well as the annual Ray of Hope local awards dinner.

10-13 Sandusky County Health Commissioner Bethany Brown discussed the health department's financial problems and the need for county residents to approve the renewal of a half a mill operating levy at the general election.

10-20 Clyde Green Springs School Superintendent Dennis Haft discussed the district current financial situation and why the district is asking residents to approve a new 4.2 million operating levy at the general election.

10-27 Benton Carroll Salem School Superintendent Guy Parmesian discussed the district's current financial problems and the need for residents to approve a new operating levy at the general election.

11-3 Sandusky County Community Christmas program coordinator John Havens talked about the program which provides Christmas gifts and food to needy families and senior citizens and the need for community donations.

11-10 Sandusky County Toys for Tots Director John Havens discussed how the program collects and provides toys for needy children in both Sandusky and Seneca counties.

More Community Focus

11-17 John Havens the chairman of the Sandusky County Bicentennial Celebration committee talked about all the planned events and activities being held next year to celebrate the county's 200th birthday.

11-24 Hayes Presidential Library and Museum spokeswoman Kristina Smith talked about the many events and activities planned for the Christmas holiday season.

12-1 Sandusky County Community Christmas coordinator John Havens discussed the how the program helps needy families and senior citizens with food and gifts for Christmas and the need for donations.

12-8 Red Cross spokeswoman Christie Peters talked about the need for blood donations during the holidays.

12-15 Sandusky County Bicentennial Committee chairman John Havens talked about all the upcoming activities and events planned next year to celebrate the county's 200th birthday.

12-22 Sandusky County Dog Warden Kelly Askins talked about the need for county residents to purchase their new dog licenses and the duties of her office.

4th Quarter News Coverage WFRO-FM

WFRO is committed to covering news and issues that affecting not only communities and residents of Sandusky County but neighboring counties in our listening area as well.

Sandusky County

WFRO provided listeners with ongoing stories regarding the candidates and issues facing them at the November general election. We provided live election coverage of the results as well as a comprehensive wrap of the results from not only Sandusky County but Ottawa, Erie and Seneca counties as well. Extensive coverage was given to the ongoing criminal investigation involving Sandusky county prosecutor Tim Braun and his subsequent plea to a criminal charge. In depth coverage was given to the ongoing problems involving the start up of the Sandusky County sheriff department's new criminal records system. A community focus program was done and other news coverage given to the plans for celebrating Sandusky County's bicentennial. Plus WFRO also did a community focus and other stories relating to the financial problems facing the county health department. Stories were also done in regards to local preparations for the start of the 2020 census.

Education

WFRO covered the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Fremont Ross High school and ongoing coverage of the progress on building the district's new elementary schools. Coverage was also devoted to the search for and the hiring of a new treasurer for the Vanguard-Sentinal Joint Vocational School.

More News

Fremont

WFRO provided ongoing coverage of the investigation in to the Fremont City utility director and his suspension. Coverage was also given to the city's budget for the coming year. WFRO also provided ongoing coverage of plans to expand the Birchard Public Library branch in Fremont.

Other municipalities

WFRO continued to provide news coverage for the Clyde and Bellevue city council meetings, including their budgets for the coming year.

Community Activities

WFRO sponsored a winter coat collection drive at different locations around the county in November which collected 900 pounds of coats which were given to the Sandusky County Job and Family Services Department for distribution to needy individuals.

WFRO sponsored a drop off toy collection remote for the Sandusky County Toys for Tots program in December at the Depot Bar and Grill in Fremont.