

**WZOC-FM Public File Stories**  
**3rd Quarter (July-August-September) 2023**

This report is not intended to be all-inclusive of programming to address community issues.

Reports broadcast in newscasts 5:30-9:00 AM M-F.

Issues: economic development, health, education, politics/elections/governance, public safety, addictions, policing, crime

<u>Date</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Story/Topic</u>
7/3	:30	IN Supreme Court upholding law banning most abortions.
7/3	:30	Health officials in need of blood donations.
7/4	:30	South Bend adjusting trash pickup schedule for July 4 holiday.
7/4	:30	Amber Alert issued for two-year-old Michigan child.
7/5	:30	Ten charged with gun offenses following "Operation Full-Auto."
7/5	:30	Fourth & S. Main Streets closed in Mishawaka for the day.
7/6	:30	Three people in hospital following shooting at house party.
7/6	:30	SB School Board members taking legal action against SBCSC.
7/7	:30	Man arrested after firing gun at campground.
7/7	:30	Worship center in Benton Harbor unusable after roof collapse.
7/10	:30	SB FACT team investigating two related hit-and-runs.
7/10	:30	Marshall County woman arrested after cutting boyfriend with knife.
7/11	:30	Big changes coming to Elkhart's Concord Mall.
7/11	:30	Three deaths in a week at rehab facility raises concerns.
7/12	:30	Investigation underway at Praxis Landmark Recovery.
7/12	:30	19-year-old arrested after robbing a Wal-Mart and hiding in restaurant bathroom.
7/13	:30	Mentone man in jail after three-hour standoff.
7/13	:30	SJC Police details numerous calls for service to Praxis Landmark Recovery.
7/14	:30	Sheriff asking state to revoke Praxis license.
7/14	:30	Ernestine M. Raclin passed away at 95.
7/17	:30	Air Quality Warning has been issued for all of Indiana and Michigan due to wildfires.
7/17	:30	Local executive director and director of nursing at Praxis fired after suspicious deaths.
7/18	:30	Two ATM's vandalized at two different Communitywide FCU locations.
7/18	:30	Nominee for Goshen mayor withdraws from ballot.
7/19	:30	State Division of Mental Health and Addiction now investigating Praxis.
7/19	:30	SJC Health Department issues public health advisory for West Nile virus.
7/20	:30	City of Niles under boil water advisory.
7/20	:30	Indiana food banks to receive \$2M in funding.
7/21	:30	Police pursuit and man hunt ends with two police cars damaged and a suspect dead.
7/21	:30	Effort to remove homeless from streets in Elkhart underway.
7/24	:30	Nearly 30 people are out of work at Yellow Corporation in South Bend.
7/24	:30	IDEM says there's no more ethanol after a recent spill into Dixon Ditch.
7/25	:30	Proposed ordinance to protect South Bend's homeless population tabled.
7/25	:30	Families won't have to pay school fees anymore under new state law.
7/26	:30	Body of missing 73-year-old woman who had dementia found.
7/26	:30	Portage Manor closing at the end of month.
7/27	:30	Lawsuit filed on behalf of nine former patients of troubled Praxis rehab center.
7/27	:30	RV deliveries way down from last year and workers being laid off.
7/28	:30	State revokes Praxis license.

7/28 :30 Three Rivers residents asked to avoid contact with section of the St. Joseph River.

7/31 :30 Amtrak passengers upset due to being stranded in South Bend.

7/31 :30 Notre Dame professor files defamation lawsuit against student-run publication.

8/1 :30 Reproductive justice advocates in South Bend protest IN's near-total abortion ban.

8/1 :30 New investigations underway for Praxis Landmark Recovery.

8/2 :30 Legal team to add more names to Praxis lawsuit.

8/2 :30 Financial pressures that threatened SJC leaf pickup have been stopped.

8/3 :30 Mishawaka Police searching for missing 13-year-old.

8/3 :30 IN's near-total abortion ban on hold following last minute filing by ACLU.

8/4 :30 Elkhart County Sheriff's Office has a new smartphone app.

8/4 :30 Praxis suit has grown to nearly nine times the original number.

8/7 :30 Dari Fair in Mishawaka has re-opened after vandalism.

8/7 :30 Neighborhood spraying is underway to control mosquitoes.

8/8 :30 Woman accused of embezzling \$700,000 from Four Winds Casino in Hartford.

8/8 :30 Outdoor Refreshment Area could be coming to downtown Mishawaka.

8/9 :30 Help on the way for mental health patients.

8/9 :30 Judge Jason Cichowicz suspended 45-days without pay for alleged misconduct.

8/10 :30 Investigators believe two-year-old pulled trigger that killed his one-year-old cousin.

8/10 :30 COVID-19 cases back on the rise, thanks to new Omicron variant.

8/11 :30 SBPD offering free gun locks.

8/11 :30 Work underway on new Mishawaka fire station.

8/14 :30 First responders save three drowning victims at Warren Dunes State Park.

8/14 :30 LaPorte County woman pleads guilty in death of four-year-old son.

8/15 :30 Concord Community Schools suing social media.

8/15 :30 Decision could impact foundation of support for families dealing with autism.

8/16 :30 Candidate for SB Common Council arrested and facing domestic battery charges.

8/16 :30 Former C.G. Conn building in Elkhart set to be demolished.

8/17 :30 Cleanup efforts underway at old Drewrys Brewery.

8/17 :30 Gas prices across Michiana have shot up.

8/18 :30 School City of Mishawaka moves forward with litigation against social media.

8/18 :30 Former IN Secretary of Commerce begin campaign committee for governor.

8/21 :30 Newest class of South Bend firefighters ready to serve community.

8/21 :30 Pride Care Ambulance no longer answering emergency calls in Cass County.

8/22 :30 SJC Health Department declares Public Health Advisory due to heat.

8/22 :30 Truck found in St. Joseph River.

8/23 :30 Birdsell Mansion on top 10 list of most endangered places in Indiana.

8/23 :30 SJC Commissioners want 50 percent pay raise.

8/24 :30 Kosciusko County first grader okay after eating candy laced with marijuana.

8/24 :30 36-year-old Elkhart man held without bond, charged with murder of wife.

8/25 :30 Beacon Health System receives \$100K grant to benefit pregnant women and moms.

8/25 :30 SBPD says gun violence incidents, shooting victims are down compared to 2022.

8/28 :30 IN Governor Holcomb announces new funding to train and promote local firefighters.

8/28 :30 16-year-old allegedly stabbed his mother and two dogs in their Mishawaka home.

8/29 :30 SB Common Council votes to upgrade city's drinking water.

8/29 :30 Student loan interest starts racking up again on August 1.

8/30 :30 County Commissioners' call for 50% pay raise will most likely not be answered.

8/30 :30 New business opportunities may soon be coming to downtown South Bend.

8/31 :30 IN Governor Holcomb approves nearly \$30M grant to improve school safety.

8/31 :30 New class-action lawsuit against IN Department of Child Services filed in federal court.

9/1 :30 Police want to partner with local business owners, city helping pay for it.

9/1 :30 West First Street in Mishawaka closed to all traffic from West Street to Hill Street.

9/4 :30 NY man sentenced after deadly crash on Indiana Toll Road last summer.

9/4 :30 Around 61% of Americans currently living paycheck to paycheck.

9/5 :30 St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties among highest in Indiana for unemployment.

9/5 :30 Memorial now in place to remember those who have fought for worker rights.

9/6 :30 Niles man indicted by federal grand jury with multiple charges involving firearms.

9/6 :30 SB Ethnic Festival back with new name and focus.

9/7 :30 New efforts to sell the land where Osceola Dragway used to be located.

9/7 :30 New career hub for South Bend school students could be on the way.

9/8 :30 MedFlight back in service after helicopter damaged last week.

9/8 :30 BMV to operate under new hours.

9/11 :30 Number of local events mark 22nd anniversary of 9/11 terrorist attacks.

9/11 :30 South Bend considering legal action against Bare Hands Brewery.

9/12 :30 New fieldhouse proposed for Penn High School.

9/12 :30 Michigan Wing Civil Air Patrol seeking help for search for missing aircraft.

9/13 :30 SJC County Council supporting idea to explore potential new school district.

9/13 :30 Mishawaka police officers could see more time serving community.

9/14 :30 Pandemic relief money for daycare and childcare programs set to expire.

9/14 :30 Railroad crossing closures across St. Joseph County are back.

9/15 :30 Thousands of UAW workers have walked off the job.

9/15 :30 Sewage has reportedly been found in some local lakes.

9/20 :30 Work at Douglas Road between SR 23 and Ironwood should be done soon.

9/20 :30 Police attempting to identify vehicle seen at ADEC when vans were set on fire.

9/21 :30 Humane Society of Elkhart County at capacity, more than 270 animals need a home.

9/21 :30 Man accused of driving a stolen vehicle involved in police pursuit has died.

9/22 :30 Major impacts possible for local manufacturers as UAW strike continues.

9/22 :30 Cassopolis man was found guilty in double homicide.

9/25 :30 Search continues for murder suspect accidentally released from custody.

9/25 :30 Joseph Wood, Mishawaka mayor's son, was arrested for OWI.

9/26 :30 Man faces felony charges in battery that left 81-year-old woman with severe injuries.

9/26 :30 Former Concord teacher charged in sex-related crimes against children pleads guilty.

9/27 :30 SBARC currently under quarantine because of a Parvovirus.

9/27 :30 Campaign underway to move Navarre Cabin from current spot in Leeper Park.

9/28 :30 La Casa de Amistad awarded \$1M grant to improve their youth programs.

9/28 :30 Several banks and credit unions have reported a widespread ATM outage.

9/29 :30 SJCounty Health Department proposes fee to get COVID-19, RSV vaccines.

9/29 :30 Commission approves turning Lafayette Building into retail and apartment space.