



WAOR Issues and Programs List
3rd Quarter, 2023

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Regularly Scheduled
News and Public Affairs Programming
Broadcast by WAOR

Program Name	Schedule and Description
Local Newscasts	Three minute news segments broadcast at the top of each hour at 6 am, 7 am, 8 am Monday through Friday; Covers news stories affecting the local cities, counties, and states.
Weather Forecasts	30 second segments broadcast one time each hour between 12 am and 12 midnight; Forecasts of the weather and updates on weather related watches and warnings.
Froggy Lives	2 hour weekly program hosted by Froggy 102.7. Every Week Froggy broadcasts live from a different non profit organization to highlight their mission and impact in the community.
Radio Health Journal	30 minute program broadcast each Sunday at 6 am; Interviews with guests that have expertise and real-world experience in health and medicine.
Scam Of The Week	3 minute program broadcast each Sunday at 6:30 a.m.; Interview with representatives from the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana regarding scams and consumer news designed to help prevent consumers from falling prey to scammers or becoming victims of identity theft.
The Zach Attack	A music intensive midday show, offering local weather and highlighting local events and news. Keeping Elkhart County residents informed and entertained each weekday morning from 9am to Noon.
Steve Buda in the Morning	A music intensive morning show, offering local news, weather and sports for the listeners commute and enjoyment. Keeping Elkhart County residents informed and entertained each weekday morning from 6am to 10am.
Ride Home with Tommie Lee	A music intensive afternoon show for the listeners commute and enjoyment. Keeping Elkhart County residents informed and entertained each weekday afternoon from 2pm to 6pm
NorthWood High School Alternative Sports	A weekly High School sports broadcast that includes a soccer/volleyball matchup between the Nappanee High School and their opponent; 2 hour program broadcast Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm.
Elkhart County Game of the Week	A 2 ½ Hour weekly High School sports broadcast that includes a football/basketball matchup between schools within signal reach. Fridays beginning at 6:45pm.

Issues of Concern to the Communities Served by WAOR

Subject	Description
Environment	Coverage of ways to help public be more conscience of the community, and raise awareness on the need to protect our environment.
Public Safety	Coverage of public safety issues faced on a national, state and local level including violent crimes against people, property crimes, scams and ways to combat crime.
Economy	Coverage of the economy and employment issues on a local, state or national level as it affects listeners' money, as well as local and statewide economic initiatives.
Public Charity	Coverage of events that raise funds and/or awareness for charitable organizations in the community. This may also include organizations actively supported by local government
Political/Election	Coverage of important political news and the current primary and general election on a state or local level.
Family/Childhood Well Being	Coverage of quality of life, be it family, education, economy, social, as it relates to children on a national, state or local level.
Health	Coverage of public health issues faces on a state and local level, including effects on family, disease outbreaks and recall information.
Education	Coverage of school/education issues on a state and local level including graduation rates, extra-curricular and increasing children's GPA's and learning skills.
Coronavirus Pandemic	Coverage of the coronavirus pandemic and how it is affecting lives of residents on a local level.
Scam/Fraud Prevention	Coverage of scam alerts and news to protect consumers' money and online information/identity.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: July 2, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana discuss scams that target people looking to apply for a new apartment, using fake credit checks to gain personal information.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Family/Childhood Well Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Oaklawn receives \$3.9 million grant for crisis center

Broadcast Date: July 3, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about a grant for a crisis center in Elkhart County.

The Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction announced that Oaklawn will receive a \$3.9 million grant to help fund its planned crisis center in Elkhart County. The crisis center will be open 24 hours a day year-round to serve as a short-term stabilization center for people experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. The center is tentatively planned to open in the spring of 2024. The grant comes in addition to funding committed by Elkhart County, the cities of Elkhart and Goshen, and the town of Bristol. Oaklawn is currently in the process of getting bids for the renovation. Construction is expected to start this fall, with a planned opening in spring 2024.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family Well-Being, Charity,

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: July 5, 2023

Broadcast Time: 8:50am, 12:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about the longest running festivals in Indiana - The Bristol Homecoming Festival - July 13th thru the 15th. Inviting listeners to experience rides, concessions, crafts and more!

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Charity, Family/Childhood Well Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Food Bank of Northern Indiana announces Mobile Food Distribution schedule

Broadcast Date: July 6, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about a mobile food distribution schedule for residents in the area.

The Food Bank of Northern Indiana has released its schedule of mobile food distributions for July 2023.

Friday, July 7 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at Liberty School, 600 Pregel Dr., Mishawaka
Monday, July 10 from 10 a.m. – Noon. At Hawthorne School, 501 Lusher Ave., Elkhart.

Wednesday, July 12 from 10 a.m. – Noon. Downtown Claypool, 108 So. Main St.
Assorted food items offered free of charge. All items are pre-boxed and pre-bagged. First come, first served, while supplies last for those in need of food assistance. One box/bag per household. Distributions are drive thru. Please remain in your vehicle and open your trunk to receive items.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: First Fridays – July Edition

Broadcast Date: July 7, 2023

Broadcast Time: 5pm to 7pm

Duration: 1 minute/each break

Summary: Zach Miller broadcasted live from Downtown Goshen's First Fridays, encouraging people to support local businesses in the community. Amanda Jean, the events coordinator for Goshen's First Fridays was interviewed about the event and offered information about ways people can participate for the event.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Education

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Elkhart teacher leaves \$1.5 million to Manchester University

Broadcast Date: July 11, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about money left for Manchester University by a former teacher.

An Elkhart teacher who passed away left one and a half million dollars to Manchester University. The teacher, Alice Dentler, died in January of this year at the age of 95. She was an elementary schoolteacher for around 30 years in Elkhart. Dentler attended Manchester and graduated in 1953 with a degree in elementary education. By 1955, she was teaching at Samuel Strong School. She worked for Elkhart Community Schools until she retired in 1985. Dentler is described by friends as a quiet hero who regularly made contribution to Manchester over the years.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family Well-Being, Charity,

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: July 12, 2023

Broadcast Time: 8:50am, 12:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about the Elkhart County 4H Fair from Friday, July 21st thru July 29th. Inviting listeners to come experience the animals, food, rides, and more in the commercial buildings!

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Environment

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Ox Bow County Park to see upgrades

Broadcast Date: July 14, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about new upgrades to Ox Bow County Park.

Ox Bow County Park is expecting to see some upgrades. It's for the Ox Bow FLYing Disc Golf Sanctuary. A fundraising campaign is taking place to improve the area as they look to celebrate their 35th anniversary next summer. Sponsorships for the part will help to replace and improve tee pads, baskets, sinage, and more. The Goshen News reports that sponsorships of \$900 will have a business or donor name on them. With a \$1,000 sponsorship, participants can choose the hole number.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: July 16, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana discuss scams associated with QR codes, including links to dangerous websites designed to gather personal information or plant predatory software.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Charity

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Grand Design RV hosts Christmas in July Toys for Tots program

Broadcast Date: July 19, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about a toy drive announced by Grand Design RV.

Grand Design RV has announced its second annual Christmas in July toy drive for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

The drive will be on Saturday from 10 to 2 at Grand Design’s customer service and support center in Elkhart.

They hope to bring the joy of Christmas and a message of hope to America’s less fortunate children through the gift of a new toy, according to The Goshen News.

Food trucks will be on site, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be attending.

They’ll be accepting new and unwrapped toys that will directly benefit children in the Elkhart County area.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Pedestrian bike bridge being built in Elkhart County

Broadcast Date: July 20, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about construction of a bike bridge.

Work on County Road 17 is continuing for its extension project in Elkhart County. The Elkhart County Commissioners board has approved \$200,000 for the construction of a pedestrian bike bridge over US 33 and the railroad tracks. This comes after multiple deaths and injuries in the area since 2015.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Education, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: Elkhart County 4H Fair

Broadcast Date: July 21, 2023

Broadcast Time: 9a – 11a

Duration: 6 minutes

Summary: Zach Miller spoke with organizers from the Elkhart County 4H Fair about the activities for families and fair goers. Miller interviewed Nick Kieffer, Fair Board member, about the fair week and the importance of the fair in our community.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: July 23, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana talk about scams associated with Amazon Prime Day, one of the biggest online shopping days of the year.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Education, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: Elkhart County 4H Fair – Disabilities and Special Groups Day

Broadcast Date: July 24, 2023

Broadcast Time: 9a – 11a

Duration: 6 minutes

Summary: Zach Miller spoke with organizers from the Elkhart County 4H Fair about the activities for families and fair goers. Miller interviewed those planning the Disabilities and Special Groups Day about the importance of inclusion for people from all walks of life.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Unemployment inching forward in the area

Broadcast Date: July 24, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This radio station aired a story about an increase in unemployment.

Unemployment is inching upward in the metro area. Both Elkhart and St. Joseph County's jobless rates came in at 4.4 percent for the month of June. In R-V capital Elkhart County, that's a nearly 2 percent hike from June of last year. Both counties are also well above the statewide average of 3.2 percent.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: July 30, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana talk about back to school scams for parents of young students all the way up to college aged.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Education, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: Elkhart County 4H Fair – Kids Day

Broadcast Date: July 24, 2023

Broadcast Time: 9a – 11a

Duration: 6 minutes

Summary: Zach Miller spoke with organizers from the Elkhart County 4H Fair about the activities for families and fair goers. Miller interviewed Mekayla Eppers, organizer of Kids Day at the Fair, about all the special events for Kids and their families.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Gas prices up again

Broadcast Date: July 26, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This radio station aired a story about an increase in gas prices.

Gas prices have gone up again. In Indiana, some stations are now charging customers as much as \$3.75 per gallon or more. Lundberg says there are other factors contributing to it, one of which is the heat that is causing some refinery outages. As of Tuesday morning, GasBuddy says average price for gas across Indiana is \$3.49 per gallon, but that is expected to increase. One year ago, the statewide average was \$4.36..

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: Picture Possibilities with ADEC

Broadcast Date: July 29, 2023

Broadcast Time: 11a – 3p

Duration: 6 minutes

Summary: All month long, we promoted ADEC's Picture Possibilities – raising awareness and money for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We spoke with ADEC personnel and those who benefit from the services ADEC provides.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Education

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Elkhart Community School students to operate on one-hour delay every Monday

Broadcast Date: July 31, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This radio station aired a story about Elkhart schools operating on a delayed schedule on each Monday during the school year. Effective for the upcoming school year, all secondary students within the Elkhart Community school district will operate on a one-hour delay every Monday in which classes are in session. The is for students who attend Elkhart High School, North Side Middle School, Pierre Moran (mo-RAN) Middle School, and West Side Middle School. The change come to allow for more development time for staff.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam/Fraud Prevention

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Elkhart Police warn of rental property scams

Broadcast Date: August 1, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story to warn residents about common rental property scams.

Elkhart Police have noticed an uptick in rental property scams, especially for online scams.

They're reminding renters that they should research property and the landowner before giving anyone money.

They also say that you should check to make sure that the apartment or house is actually up for rent. You should do your research on what you are trying to rent before paying money to anyone.

They ask that you do not mail checks, give your credit card number over the phone, or provide personal information through a text message.

Other tips to protect your finances and identity include remembering that if the rental deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. They say to be safe and protect your money.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family Well-Being, Charity,

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: August 2, 2023

Broadcast Time: 8:50am, 12:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about The Window in Goshen holding a Nelson's Chicken Fundraiser to benefit Meals on Wheels of Goshen, Saturday, August 12th from 10am to 2pm; at 201 Chicago Avenue near Goshen Kroger.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: First Fridays – August Edition

Broadcast Date: August 4, 2023

Broadcast Time: 5pm to 7pm

Duration: 1 minute/each break

Summary: Zach Miller broadcasted live from Downtown Goshen's First Fridays, encouraging people to support local businesses in the community. Amanda Jean, the events coordinator for Goshen's First Fridays was interviewed about the event and offered information about ways people can participate for the event.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family Well-Being, Charity,

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: August 5, 2023

Broadcast Time: 8:50am, 12:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about American Legion Post 308 is hosting an All You CAN Eat Fish Fry on Friday, August 11th from 5pm to 7:30pm.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Education

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Caution urged as school buses are back on roads

Broadcast Date: August 9, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about school bus stop safety.

The start of school means extra caution for all drivers, especially in school zones with a lower speed limit, and for those sharing the roads with school buses. Kelly McClain drives a school bus for Middlebury Schools. She tells 95-3 MNC when the yellow lights on the bus begin to flash, that means the bus is about to stop. Disregarding a school bus stop arm is a Class A Infraction. Violators could pay a fine of up to \$10,000, have their license suspended for up to 90 days for the first offense. If an injury or death occurs, time behind bars could be tacked on.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Elkhart’s Inspire Athletics temporary closes due to fire damage

Broadcast Date: August 10, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about a fire at an athletic facility and its closing during investigation and repairs.

Elkhart's Inspire Athletics has had to temporarily close due to fire damage. Classes were cancelled due to the fire and smoke damage at the facility. the odor of burnt plastic from gymnastic mats and tumbling equipment is still in the air. The Concord Township Fire Department found all of the doors locked when they arrived. The fire remains under investigation.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family Well-Being, Charity,

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: August 11, 2023

Broadcast Time: 8:50am, 12:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about a sock hop and benefit at Faith United Methodist Church on Saturday August 12th, from 5 to 9pm. Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening, and will benefit the Faith UMC's Mission Trip to Henderson, Kentucky.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Health, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: Heart City Health - Healthfest

Broadcast Date: August 12, 2023

Broadcast Time: 11a – 2p

Duration: 6 minutes

Summary: Amelia Lee broadcasted live from Heart City Health's Healthfest in Elkhart, IN. She spoke about the ways Heart City Health benefits those in Elkhart who would usually not be able to afford traditional healthcare.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family Well-Being, Charity,

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: August 12, 2023

Broadcast Time: 8:50am, 12:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about the Elkhart Moose Lodge on County Road 6 presenting The 2nd Annual Willie Weeks Memorial Car & Truck Show; on Sunday, August 13th from 9am to 2pm. The event benefits local Ronald McDonald House Charities and local VFW.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: August 13, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and Jan Diaz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana discuss reports of telehealth scams across the region that involve phony medical providers collecting information from unsuspecting customers.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Realtor’s Association puts out July’s real estate data

Broadcast Date: August 16, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about the slow real estate season.

The Indiana Association of Realtors has put out July’s real estate data. It says home sales and new listings continued to fall below 2022’s data as limited inventory and 7-percent mortgage rates kept the buying season slow. Monthly closed sales hit right below 7,000, which was 19% lower than July last year. New listings dropped to around 8,500, down 17% from 2022.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Political/Election, Public Charity

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Local V.A. clinic renamed in honor of Jackie Walorski

Broadcast Date: August 17, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about the renaming of the local V.A. clinic in honor of the late Jackie Walorski.

The local V.A. clinic has officially been renamed in honor of former Second District Representative Jackie Walorski. Congressmen Jim Banks and Rudy Yakym attended the unveiling of the Jackie Walorski VA Clinic in Mishawaka on Wednesday. Yakym Tweeted how "Jackie fought tirelessly for veterans while in Congress, and it is a fitting tribute to her legacy that the VA Clinic she helped bring to Mishawaka now bears her name." Walorski was killed in a car crash last year.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: Crossroads United Way – Great Cardboard Boat Race

Broadcast Date: August 18, 2023

Broadcast Time: 9am to 11am

Duration: 1 minute/each break

Summary: Zach Miller broadcasted live from Crossroad's United Way for their Great Cardboard Boat Race event. Raising money and awareness for the ways Crossroad's United Way benefits the community through education, literacy, and financial support.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Elkhart Police detective loses job after allegedly improperly handling information

Broadcast Date: August 22, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about an Elkhart officer who was fired for allegedly mishandling information.

An Elkhart Police detective accused of improperly handling investigatory information, has lost her job. The Elkhart Police Merit Commission voted 4-to-1 to find that Joy Phillips committed the offenses she was accused of. They also voted, unanimously to terminate her. The decisions come after a three-day hearing into the accusations.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Indiana unemployment rate at .2 percent lower than national rate

Broadcast Date: August 22, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This station aired a story about Indiana's unemployment rate for July.

Indiana's unemployment rate for July came in at just point-2-percent lower than the national unemployment rate. The jobless rate in both St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties is up from both last month and last year. In St. Joe County, it's 4-point-8 percent up from 3-point-9 percent from a year ago. In Elkhart County, it's 5-point-2 percent. That's more than 2 percent higher from this time last year.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: August 27, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana discuss new scams that are targeting people with student loan debt who may be confused given the recent decisions regarding repayments.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Health, Child and Family Well-Being, Public Charity

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Oaklawn’s Got Talent auditions soon

Broadcast Date: September 1, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This radio station aired a news story to inform the public about an upcoming fundraising event where proceeds benefit an organization that helps local residents with mental health services, as Oaklawn is accepting applications to audition for the third annual Oaklawn's Got Talent. Contestant must live in Elkhart or St Joseph county and have to audition for a panel of three judges. Applications to audition are open through October 13, with auditions taking place at the Lerner Theater in Elkhart on October 29th. Acts can include singers, comedians, magicians, and more.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: First Fridays – September Edition

Broadcast Date: September 1, 2023

Broadcast Time: 5pm to 7pm

Duration: 1 minute/each break

Summary: Zach Miller broadcasted live from Downtown Goshen's First Fridays, encouraging people to support local businesses in the community. Amanda Jean, the events coordinator for Goshen's First Fridays was interviewed about the event and offered information about ways people can participate for the event.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family Well-Being, Charity,

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: September 1, 2023

Broadcast Time: 8:50am, 12:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about the 3rd Annual Waggin' in the Woods is happening at the Elkhart Environmental Center! On September 24th, encouraging families to bring their furry pals to the EEC.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: Ligonier Marshmallow Festival Broadcast

Broadcast Date: September 2, 2023

Broadcast Time: 11am to 1pm

Duration: 1 minute/each break

Summary: Zach Miller broadcasted live from Downtown Ligonier's Marshmallow Festival, encouraging people to support local businesses in the community. The events coordinator for the Marshmallow Festival was interviewed about the event and offered information about ways people can participate for the event.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: September 3, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and Jan Diaz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana talk about scams that are specific to the approaching Labor Day holiday.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family Well-Being, Charity,

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: September 3, 2023

Broadcast Time: 8:50am, 12:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about Elkhart Calvary UMC hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, September 16th beginning at 6:30pm. This event was a fundraiser for Calvary's Free Food Box.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Deadly Hit and Run Crash

Broadcast Date: September 5, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This radio station aired a news story to inform the public about an investigation into what is now a deadly hit-and-run collision with a pedestrian continues in Elkhart. It happened near the intersection of East Bristol Street and Brookwood Drive. The victim, 54-year-old Carolyn Goddard was pronounced dead at the hospital. Investigators are still asking for any information about the suspect vehicle. They say that it is possibly a Nissan with front end damage, missing its front emblem, with damage to the windshield.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Election-Politics

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Candidate Forums In Elkhart County

Broadcast Date: September 7, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This radio station aired a news story to inform the public about some upcoming candidate forums hosted by The League of Women Voters of Elkhart County ahead of November municipal elections.

The League of Women Voters of Elkhart County announced the schedule of candidate forums for the 2023 Municipal elections in Elkhart County. Three forums are planned in September, organized geographically.

The schedule of forums are:

- September 14 - Elkhart and Bristol: The forum will be held at Elkhart Public Library's downtown branch on 2nd Street beginning at 6 p.m. This forum will focus on contested races in Elkhart and Bristol, with questions developed by the LWVEC board and from the audience attending the event. Candidates in uncontested races are invited to attend as well and will be given the opportunity to address the audience, if time permits.
- September 21 - Goshen and Millersburg: Partnering with the Goshen News, this forum will be held at the Goshen Theater on Main Street in downtown Goshen. The forum begins at 6 p.m. Candidates in contested races will be given priority to address the audience, with questions developed by the LWVEC and the editorial board of the Goshen News. Audience questions will also be collected at the event. Candidates in uncontested races are invited to attend as well and will be given the opportunity to address the audience, time permitting.
- September 28 - Nappanee and Wakarusa: This forum will take place at the Wakarusa Public Library at 6 p.m. Contested candidates will be asked questions developed by the LWVEC and the public attending the forum may also submit questions at the forum. Uncontested candidates are also welcome to come and address the audience, time permitting.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Election-Politics

Program/Segment Title: News Story –National Preparedness Month

Broadcast Date: September 8, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This radio station aired a news story to inform the public about how September is National Preparedness Month.

The goal of this month is to encourage individuals, families and communities to take proactive steps in preparing for various emergencies and disasters. House fires, tornadoes, winter weather and power outages are just a few emergencies that can affect Hoosiers.

Each member of your family needs to know their role and what to do for each emergency. That includes the older members of your family. The focus of 2023's National Preparedness Month is preparing for older adults.

"Just like every member of your family, older adults face great risks when it comes to emergencies, especially if they are living alone, have a disability or live in rural areas. We need to check in on our family members and neighbors before, during and after a crisis to make sure they have the support they need," said IDHS Emergency Management and Preparedness Director Mary Moran.

This focus underscores the necessity of creating inclusive emergency plans that consider factors like mobility challenges, medical needs and social isolation, which can significantly impact the well-being of older individuals during crises.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Child and Family Well Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Wanted Man Sought

Broadcast Date: September 11, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This radio station aired a news story to inform the public about how the Elkhart County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's help to locate Nicholas John Sandusky for two outstanding no bond warrants.

Sandusky is described as 31-years-old, white, 5-feet-3-inches tall, 160 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes.

The outstanding warrants are for Invasion of privacy and Driving while suspended.

Sandusky was located and taken into custody a couple of days after the news story aired.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Environment, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Wellfield Botanic Gardens Expanding

Broadcast Date: September 11, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This radio station aired a news story to inform the public about how the Wellfield Botanic Gardens are growing.

The gardens, established by the Elkhart Rotary Club in 2005, has expanded a few times over the years to offer more to their visitors.

Now, they're in the final stages of their master plan, including an open-air pavilion that will begin construction early next year.

Plans will also move and repurpose the visitor's cottage, and add 100 parking spots.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: Ligonier Marshmallow Festival Broadcast

Broadcast Date: September 14, 2023

Broadcast Time: 4pm to 6pm

Duration: 1 minute/each break

Summary: Zach Miller broadcasted live from Downtown Nappanee's Apple Festival, encouraging people to support local businesses in the community. The event coordinator, Donna Persing, for the Apple Festival was interviewed about the event and offered information about ways people can participate for the event.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Transportation, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story –MACOG Transportation Plan

Broadcast Date: September 15, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: This radio station aired a news story to inform the public about how the Michiana Area Council of Governments has revealed what they call "Michiana on the Move - Transportation Plan 2050."

The plan recommends changes for Trolley services in Elkhart County... including the addition of two new routes... and small tweaks to Routes 32 and 33.

Also, The Goshen News reports that Route 35 would no longer serve Concord Mall since activity since the mall is mostly closed. Instead, it would serve more of the industrial areas along Middlebury Street, Toledo Road, Eastland Drive, and County Road 17.

The draft plan is available online by visiting [Move Dot Macog Dot Com](http://MoveDotMacogDotCom).

A public open house will take place in MACOG's office in the County-City Building in South Bend, next Thursday afternoon.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Mental Health, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: Ryan's Place Golf Outing

Broadcast Date: September 15, 2023

Broadcast Time: 9am to 11am

Duration: 1 minute/each break

Summary: Zach Miller broadcasted live from Ryan's Place Golf Outing Benefit to raise money and awareness for the important work they do for Grief Counseling. Miller spoke with CEO, Aliac Deegan, and Community Coordinator, Jessica Layman, about the work Ryan's Place does for our community.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Health, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Park Bench Health Initiative

Broadcast Date: September 20, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a local health initiative that they can get involved in, this station aired a news story about how Goshen Health has launched a project to increase physical activity in local parks.

It's a collaborative project with grant funding from the Indiana Department of Health.

The Park Bench Fitness program works by scanning a QR code found on signs near benches in parks.

Community members then have access to free exercise videos that give participants an opportunity to get a full body workout using nothing more than the park bench.

Project partners include Elkhart County Parks, as well as Goshen, Nappanee, City of Elkhart, Syracuse and the City of Warsaw Parks & Recreation.

For more information, visit www.GoshenHealth.com/About-Us/Park-Bench-Fitness.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Suspect Truck Involved In Arson

Broadcast Date: September 20, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about the needs for tips, this station aired a news story about how police in Elkhart are hoping to identify a truck is believed to be at the center of an arson investigation that happened in August at ADEC Industries Industrial Parkway, in which some transport vans were set on fire.

The vehicle is believed to be an older Chevy S-10 pickup truck.

Anybody with information is asked to contact Corporal Carver or submit an anonymous tip at Michiana Crime Stoppers.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Fraud/Identity Theft, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Employment Scams

Broadcast Date: September 22, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about about another scam that's claiming local victims, this station aired a news story about how The Elkhart Police Department is warning citizens about employment scams and provides tips for keeping yourself safe as you job hunt.

In one scam, job seekers receive a text or email about a potential job opening. If the job seeker shows interest, the "employer" offers them the position (often without an interview) and sends instructions on depositing a check for their new position. The job seeker is told to use part of the check to buy gift cards, and is told they can keep the rest of the check. After the check is deposited and the gift cards bought, the job seeker learns that the check was fake-then they are out of a job and the money.

In a second scam from our area, a job seeker received communication about a job offer and was told to buy equipment to send to the "employer" so the "employer" could install company software (for which the job seeker was going to be reimbursed). By the time the job seeker learned it was a scam, they were already out the money they had spent on the equipment.

If you have been the victim of a scam, please contact your local law enforcement jurisdiction to report it (the Elkhart Police Department can be contacted at 574-295-7070).

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Childhood/Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Former Teacher-Sex Crimes

Broadcast Date: September 26, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about the latest developments in a legal case involving a former teacher that taught thousands of students over the years, this station aired a news story about how former Concord High School teacher Andrew Cowells will plead guilty to charged of possession of child pornography, child solicitation, battery, voyeurism, and vicarious sexual gratification...

Former Concord High School teacher Andrew Cowells will plead guilty to charged of possession of child pornography, child solicitation, battery, voyeurism, and vicarious sexual gratification.

The charges stem from incidents that allegedly happened in a classroom and a boy's restroom in May of 2021.

The child pornography charges are connected to images of underage boys that investigators say they found on his phone.

Cowells first pleaded not guilty to the charges, then, later, entered an insanity plea.

The guilty plea is now under review.

ABC 57 News reports if it's accepted, the voyeurism and a battery charge will be dropped

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Health, Childhood and Family Wellbeing

Program/Segment Title: News Story - Park Bench Health Initiative

Broadcast Date: September 26, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about their chance to weigh in on the future of their park system, this station aired a news story about how Elkhart County residents have until the end of the month to give their two-cents about how they use the parks and what improvements they'd like to see.

A survey is available through Saturday (9/30) on the Parks website.

If you'd like to pass along your ideas in person, you can attend a parks meeting, which is set for Thursday night, at the Cottonwood Shelter in Ox Bow County Park.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Transportation, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story - Ag Equipment On Roads

Broadcast Date: September 27, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about how more agricultural equipment will be hitting the roads in the next several weeks, this station aired a news story about how State Police in Michigan and Indiana are reminding drivers to be mindful of the big behemoths that are about start sharing the rural roads.

Large agricultural equipment will be moving from field to field. Large combines, tractors pulling grain carts, and other equipment will be on the roadways. It's important to drive with extra caution in farm areas and be prepared for slow travel that may not offer a safe space to pass.

The Indiana State Police report that there were 270 crashes involving farm equipment and other motor vehicles in 2020, resulting in 95 injuries and two deaths. In 2021, there were 296 crashes, which killed 3 and injured 83.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story - ATM Problems

Broadcast Date: September 28, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a widespread problem affecting many ATMs at several financial institutions in the area, this station aired a news story about how ATM outages prevented many Hoosiers from accessing their cash at their local branches.

At least nine banks and credit unions say an external vendor problem is causing the issue.

Those affected included: Centra, Everwise, FORUM and Indiana Members Credit Unions and First Farmers Bank & Trust, First Financial Bank, Lake City Bank, Security Federal Savings Bank, and STAR Financial.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story - Woodland Crossing Revitalization

Broadcast Date: September 28, 2023

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about the revitalization of a local shopping center, this station aired a news story about how a redevelopment project is in the works for Woodland Crossing.

The City of Elkhart is investing \$5 million into the center, which grew out of their economic development diversification plan, according to WSBT.

There are plans to expand Goodwill's local Excel Center into the former Sears store, as well as plans for Heart City Health to bring a comprehensive healthcare facility to the space.

The City also plans on including housing in the 15 acre redevelopment plan, which could house around 200 to 400 people. Officials say the project could begin within the next 30 days.