

**WQLQ-HD3 Public File Stories  
4th Quarter (October-November-December) 2023**

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

Reports broadcast in newscasts 6:00-11:00 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>
10/2	:15	Construction begins at US-12/M-51 interchange just south of Niles.
10/2	:15	SCM, Mishawaka Parks, community come together for Beef Bash.
10/3	:15	Mishawaka Penn Harris Public Library officially re-opened.
10/3	:15	Freshman at Adams High School died after medical emergency.
10/4	:15	SJC Health Dept. unanimously approved fee schedule for new COVID & RSV vaccines.
10/4	:15	Bids open for construction project on the edge of Notre Dame's campus.
10/5	:15	Overdose death led police to arrest four people.
10/5	:15	Pangborn and Fisher halls at Notre Dame to be torn down.
10/6	:15	Buchanan's Thrill on the Hill will not be held in 2024, indefinitely postponed.
10/6	:15	Office manager for Marshall County Boys and Girls Club faces theft charges after audit.
10/9	:15	LaPorte Co. Sheriff's Office searching for person tied to money laundering scheme.
10/9	:15	Indiana Dept. of Child Services is in civil contempt of court.
10/10	:15	Police looking for three people who attacked fisherman in LaPorte County.
10/10	:15	South Bend extends deadline for Business Security Grant Program.
10/11	:15	SJC Council discussing proposed tax relief for individuals over 55.
10/11	:15	PHM teachers getting a raise.
10/12	:15	The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi asking Niles to drop "Four Flags" name.
10/12	:15	IN DCS employees accused of neglecting constitutional duty to care for Judah Morgan.
10/13	:15	68-year-old Mishawaka man facing murder charge.
10/13	:15	Criminal trial to begin in alleged financial fraud case involving SB Housing Authority.
10/16	:15	Pilot uninjured after crash-landing small plane near South Bend International Airport.
10/16	:15	Fr. John Jenkins stepping down as President of Notre Dame.
10/17	:15	Some local Jewish institutions implementing increased safety measures.
10/17	:15	Early voting begins in Marshall and Elkhart Counties.
10/18	:15	SB residents may be eligible to apply for free home repair.
10/18	:15	St. Adalbert Church receives \$250,000 Grant for well-deserved face lift.
10/19	:15	US District Court judge denies request to intervene in efforts to keep Clay HS open.
10/19	:15	SJC Board of Commissioners approves two land purchases for future development.
10/20	:15	PHM joins a national class-action lawsuit against 14 major social media companies.
10/20	:15	79-year-old Elkhart County woman is alive, thanks to neighbor's quick thinking.
10/23	:15	Cass County Sheriff's deputies search for minivan involved in hit-and-run.
10/23	:15	Ground broken in Elkhart for project that will beautify entrance to the city.
10/24	:15	South Bend to begin city's leaf pickup program on October 30.
10/24	:15	Two absentee voting supervisors allegedly mishandled ballots.
10/25	:15	Autopsy reports are in for three patients found dead within one week at Praxis.
10/25	:15	SJC Commissioners approve auction for items from Portage Manor property.
10/26	:15	Michigan City celebrates opening day of new Double Track for South Shore Rail Line.
10/26	:15	Restaurants taking advantage of expansion of the riverfront liquor license district.
10/27	:15	Plymouth Community Schools installs lock boxes at schools that help first responders.

10/27 :15 Former SB mayor takes stand yesterday at fraud trial involving SB Housing Authority.

10/30 :15 Man in St. Joseph County convicted of fraud.

10/30 :15 Starke County teacher put on leave following claims of relationship with a student.

10/31 :15 Indiana Michigan Power could be increasing their rates for the third time in five years.

10/31 :15 IUSB signs partnership with WaNee Community Schools.

11/1 :15 NIPSCO wants to raise their natural gas rates.

11/1 :15 November 7th Municipal Election is one week from Tuesday.

11/2 :15 Former Housing Authority employees, contractor found guilty on fraud charges.

11/2 :15 BBB warns of new scam linked to using your smartphone's voice search engine.

11/3 :15 Former Clay HS teacher will serve three years in prison for soliciting a minor.

11/3 :15 Two people injured in crash on State Road 19.

11/6 :15 Elkhart businessman gets eight years in prison for bank fraud & attempted tax evasion.

11/6 :15 Dozens of people at Wakarusa factory are soon to be out of a job.

11/7 :15 More than half of IN's high school graduates choosing some form of higher education.

11/7 :15 Body discovered along walking trail on Darden Road.

11/8 :15 Mayor James Mueller wins re-election.

11/8 :15 Eastern part of Goshen placed under water boil advisory.

11/9 :15 ISP looking for vehicle involved in road rage incident on Indiana Toll Road.

11/9 :15 Voters once again rejected Watervliet Schools' \$30 million bond proposal.

11/10 :15 Two closely contested races in Elkhart & Plymouth could wind up in recount.

11/10 :15 SJCRC approves more development near GM/Samsung battery plant in New Carlisle.

11/13 :15 Michigan legislature moves 2024 primary to February 27.

11/13 :15 Former employee at SB Housing Authority sentenced to six months in prison.

11/14 :15 Berrien County Sheriff's Office looking for Kelly Lee Gravit.

11/14 :15 Demolition has started on South Bend's Fire Station 8.

11/15 :15 \$1B plan in the works for enhancements in downtown South Bend.

11/15 :15 \$5M settlement reached with family of two young children killed in a crash in 2019.

11/16 :15 SCM looking at building a brand-new building to replace Hums Elementary School.

11/16 :15 Woman arrested after leaving her child at Marshall County gas station.

11/17 :15 Amtrak train crashes into truck stuck on the railroad tracks.

11/17 :15 Burn ban in effect in Marshall County.

11/20 :15 Goshen leaders celebrate re-opening of Wilden Avenue.

11/20 :15 Group in Buchanan filed paperwork to recall the city's mayor.

11/21 :15 LaPorte County Coroner faces drunk driving charges after she crashed her vehicle.

11/21 :15 Three arrested, two children were taken to hospital after drug bust in Marshall County.

11/22 :15 Two brothers from Berrien County charged with four federal crimes.

11/22 :15 ISP, local departments stepping up patrols to keep roads safe for travelers.

11/23 :15 SJC health officials warn about rise in COVID cases right now.

11/23 :15 Two local communities could soon see a new fire territory.

11/24 :15 Indiana's largest outdoor decorated Christmas tree officially arrives in South Bend.

11/24 :15 Yesterday marked beginning of two holiday light displays in the area.

11/27 :15 Friend of Allen's original attorneys charged after taking pictures of evidence.

11/27 :15 19-year-old injured after early morning shooting in Elkhart.

11/28 :15 Former Concord teacher pleads guilty to sex-related crimes against children.

11/28 :15 \$10M renovation project at IUSB will help better train future front-line workers.

11/29 :15 Bishop urging St. Mary's College to change its admission for transgender women.

11/29 :15 South Bend getting multi-million-dollar upgrade to sewer system.

11/30 :15 Eldridge stepping down as city manager of Buchanan.

11/30 :15 Frustration continues to grow among ticket holders of canceled concert.

12/1 :15 Goshen man sentenced to 97 months, ordered to pay over \$2M for fraud.

12/1 :15 Bill due for Knox business owner whose property was heavily damaged in a fire.

12/4 :15 Cybersecurity breach at Welltok affects more than one million Michigan residents.

12/4 :15 Opening of Winterfest in Mishawaka kicks off holiday & ice-skating season in Michiana.

12/5 :15 Fr. Robert Dowd will become 18th president of Notre Dame.

12/5 :15 Rising number of COVID & flu cases now affecting SBMF's blood donation efforts.

12/6 :15 South Bend exploring ways to make reparations for black and brown communities.

12/6 :15 Notre Dame has bought old South Bend Tribune Building.

12/7 :15 DEA worried about high rates of drugs being moved through Southwest Michigan.

12/7 :15 Elkhart trying to keep community safe with new gunshot detection system.

12/8 :15 SB man sentenced in murder of SJC corrections officer.

12/8 :15 Potawatomi Zoo welcomes new female Masai giraffe.

12/11 :15 Elkhart man led multiple police departments on pursuit.

12/11 :15 Humane Society, MI AG warn of puppy scams.

12/12 :15 Students, teachers in Plymouth Schools grieving loss of classmates at two schools.

12/12 :15 Buchanan Commissioners request resignation of fellow Commissioner Vigansky.

12/13 :15 IN Supreme Court now getting involved in Delphi double murder case.

12/13 :15 SB woman charged with murdering her daughter.

12/14 :15 Career Academy Charter Schools reportedly interested in acquiring Clay HS building.

12/14 :15 Mishawaka High School's Steele Stadium getting artificial turf field.

12/15 :15 Seven different fire departments in Elkhart & St. Joseph Counties battle barn fire.

12/15 :15 Potawatomi Zoo introduces three new African Painted pups.

12/18 :15 East County Line Road Bridge to remain open.

12/18 :15 More area households relying on energy assistance program to stay warm.

12/19 :15 IN Gov. Holcomb announces allocation of a \$127M grant for FlexRoad project.

12/19 :15 15-year-old boy in custody after 16-year-old girl shot at University Park Mall parking lot.

12/20 :15 Michigan City Walmart evacuated after 13-year-old in Florida made false bomb threat.

12/20 :15 Concord Mall to be converted to business park.

12/21 :15 Phone scams in LaPorte County are asking for thousands of dollars.

12/21 :15 South Bend adding reliable charging stations citywide.

12/22 :15 St. Mary's College trustees reversed decision on admitting transgender women.

12/22 :15 Chief of Clay Fire Territory retiring.

12/26 :15 Elkhart, former police officers will pay more than \$11M to exonerated man.

12/26 :15 More surveillance cameras coming to Silver Beach.

12/27 :15 South Bend and Elkhart each announce how to recycle Christmas trees.

12/27 :15 Man trapped in crashed truck for six days found by fishermen.

12/28 :15 Elkhart Community Schools have new superintendent.

12/28 :15 MI Public Service Commission approves I&M's plan to build largest solar farm to date.

12/29 :15 IN's Family & Social Services commit \$18M to enhance access to affordable childcare.

12/29 :15 Man arrested following several thefts in Marshall County.