

October - December 2023
DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

<u>Program</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Local 4 News at 4:30 am	Monday-Friday	4:30 – 5:00 AM
Local 4 News at 5:00 am	Monday-Friday	5:00 – 6:00AM
Local 4 News at 6:00 am	Monday-Friday	6:00 – 7:00 AM
Live in the D	Monday – Friday	11:00 AM-12:00 PM*
Local 4 News at 4	Monday-Friday	4:00-4:30PM
Local 4 News at 5	Monday-Friday	5:00-6:00PM
Local 4 News at 6	Monday-Sunday	6:00-6:30PM
Local 4 News at 11	Monday-Friday	11:00-11:35PM
Local 4 News Today	Saturday	6:00 – 9:00AM
Local 4 News Today	Sunday	6:00-9:00AM
Local 4 News at 11	Saturday and Sunday	11:00-11:35PM

All of the above programs are locally produced news programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-responsive reports, segments, and multi-part series. Issue responsive program segments are usually two to three minutes in duration, unless otherwise indicated.

FLASHPOINT	Sunday	10:00-10:30AM
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Hosted by WDIV News anchor Devin Scillian, this weekly news/public affairs program addresses in depth the pressing issues that are in the forefront of the news.

LIVE IN THE D	Monday – Friday	11:00-12:00PM
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS	Every Day	Run of Schedule
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Public Service Announcements (PSAs) generally vary in length from ten seconds to thirty seconds each and, unless otherwise indicated, appear throughout WDIV's broadcast schedule including prime time.

DATELINE
 Friday 9:00-11:00p 10-6, 10-13, 10-20, 10-27, 11-3, 11-10,
 11-17, 12-1, 12-29
 Friday 10-11p 12-8, 12-15, 12-22
 Saturday 9-10p 12-2, 12-9, 12-16,
 12-30
 Saturday 10-11p 11-25,

This NBC network news program features investigative reporting on controversial issues facing the American public.

TODAY SHOW	Monday-Friday	7:00-10:00AM 10:00 AM-11:00 AM
TODAY SHOW SATURDAY	Saturday	9:00-10:30AM
TODAY SHOW SUNDAY	Sunday	9:00-10:00AM

The above three NBC network news programs offer a mix of news, weather and features, including some interviews and in-depth reports on issues of current concern.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	Monday-Sunday	6:30-7:00PM
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This half-hour NBC network news program provides a round-up of the day's major news events and in-depth reporting on issues of concern to the American public.

COMMUNITY ISSUES

1. **GOVERNMENT**, including updates on the political process, information on the inner workings of various governmental departments, involvement in international affairs and homeland security.
2. **AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY**, including information about developments within the industry from both a consumer and employer perspective.
3. **HEALTH AND PUBLIC WELFARE**, including new medical developments, updates on medical research, consumer information on medical issues, and information on healthy lifestyles. Currently, stories about Coronavirus and all that impacts, top our daily coverage.
4. **ECONOMIC WELFARE OF METROPOLITAN REGION**, including issues that have the potential to impact future economic resources, and industry developments that play a role in our region's future growth and our citizen's economic well-being.
5. **CONSUMER WELFARE**, including issues that pertain to notification of the public about products that may be harmful as well as information regarding rights and possible recourse for consumer issues.
6. **EDUCATION**, updates on new developments within the schools, including administrative policy and innovations within the education system.
7. **LEGAL SYSTEM**, including issues that have the potential to affect our lives, local and statewide legislative issues and information on the judicial process.
8. **CRIME**, including information on major crime stories, how crimes are affecting or have the potential to affect the average citizen and preventative measures to combat crime.
9. **RACE RELATIONS AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE**, including information that helps us to better understand the customs, beliefs and experiences of our multi-cultural region, along with information that pertains to better understanding between our many ethnicities.
10. **CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS**, including information about our area's cultural offerings and information about community endeavors.

GOVERNMENT

Program: WDIV News

Dates: December 19, 20.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6am, 5pm/6:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV's Devin Scillian went one-on-one with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer to discuss why growing the state's population will be a considerable focus moving forward. In mid-December, Whitmer's council on growing Michigan's population reported what's wrong and what needs to be done. On Tuesday (Dec. 19), he had a chance to sit down with Whitmer to talk about it and about the council's first order of business, which is to convince us all that this is a crisis. They also discussed trying to accomplish those things during such fraught political divides. The conversation also included Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: November 21. December 11.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6am, 5pm, 6pm, 11pm/10:25 total time

Summary:

WDIV reported more than 700,000 Michigan households will get a check next year as part of \$1 billion in tax cuts signed into law earlier this year. Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said that more than 700,000 households will get an average of \$550 starting in February of 2024. Beginning February 13, 2024, Michigan will mail checks to families who qualified for the Working Families Tax Credit as part of their 2022 tax return. The checks will be the difference between the 6% tax credit Michiganders received on their tax return and the 30% that is owed to them under the new law. In March, Whitmer signed legislation quintupling the Michigan Working Families Tax Credit match of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit to 30%, up from 6%. This expansion will deliver an average combined tax refund of \$3,150 to 700,000 families, directly impacting nearly one million kids – almost half the kids in Michigan. Eligible Michiganders should still apply for the expanded tax credit if they meet the criteria this year. It is possible for Michiganders to receive both the additional Working Families Tax Credit check from their 2022 tax return and also receive the full 30% tax credit on their 2023 tax filing when they file next year.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 14, 15. November 6, 7.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/12:25 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer has signed some new bills that are designed to protect victims of crimes. It's an issue that came to light, especially during the pandemic. At least since the pandemic, when remote or Zoom call proceedings came into vogue, the biggest concern was for victim or witness information getting into the wrong hands. Police say they're seeing significantly increased domestic violence calls. Yet, the legal system often makes it difficult for victims like Shar Berry, who works for the Detroit Parent Network. "As a victim, it is often the calamity of the circumstances that make you feel as though going through the process isn't worth it," said Berry.

When domestic violence assistance organizations and the police cannot easily trade information, there's also concern over witness or victim personal information finding its way into the wrong hands. The bipartisan, four-bill package now allows for things like victim remote video testimony and the blurring of faces in those calls to protect identities.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 4, 12, 13, 14, 25, 16, 30.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/25:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported Michigan now has its first-ever high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-75 in Oakland County. The HOV lanes are open along a 14-mile stretch of I-75 between 12 Mile Road and South Boulevard in Oakland County.

MDOT senior manager Mark Dubay said the lanes will be enforced by Michigan State Police. Dubay said drivers may not have seen a lot of enforcement yet, but that's because they were giving drivers an opportunity to learn about the lanes before they start citing people. An HOV lane is a high-occupancy vehicle lane. It's a traffic lane reserved for buses or vehicles with several occupants. HOV lanes are designed to reduce congestion and improve safety, air quality, and travel time.

Dubay said they have already seen an improvement in traffic flow. He said HOV lanes have been around for 40+ years and there are over 300 HOV facilities across the country. The goal is to move vehicles more efficiently throughout the corridor.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: November 11, 15, 16.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/8:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported after years of begging for tax relief, there's potential Detroit homeowners and business owners could get a break.

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan has pitched a land value tax, which would flip the current tax structure. Those who own abandoned properties, parking lots, scrap yards, and similar properties would see the mills go from 85 to 189.

Homeowners and business owners would see theirs decrease by 14 mills. Going from 20 to six. The math works out to be a 17% reduction in tax bills for the average homeowner. We explained how a calculator designed by the city will help homeowners do the math.

To change the tax structure, multiple things need to happen. First, the legislature needs to pass it. If that hurdle is cleared, then the city council would vote to send it to the November 2024 ballot, and city residents would then vote. If it was to pass residents would see relief in their first tax bill of 2025.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 10/8/23

Time/Duration: 11:15

Summary:

Republican U.S. Representative from Michigan's 10th district John James was the guest. He talked about the past week in which House Speaker Kevin McCarthy was ousted by a small group of hardline Republicans. James voted to keep McCarthy in office and said he supports Steve Scalise to get the job next because he would bring continuity and stability. He mentioned some of the legislation he's been working on, including bills to support Selfridge Air National Guard Base. James also talked about the fentanyl crisis and discussed how the U.S. should deal with China when we are so dependent on each other economically.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 10/8/23

Time/Duration: 11:26

Summary:

The roundtable guests were political consultant Adolph Mongo, Focus: HOPE CEO Portia Roberson, executive director of Michigan Rising Action Abby Mitch and assistant editorial page editor for the Detroit News Kaitlyn Buss. They also talked about the past week at the U.S.

Capitol and who should succeed Kevin McCarthy. They discussed names like Steve Scalise and Jim Jordan, and talked about how the parties are now rewarding people who don't compromise or even engage with the other side which is leading to more of these impasses. Buss said the primary process makes it difficult for politicians like Mike Rogers to get approval from the base of the party. Mongo said he supports the Democratic party, but he has a problem with what seems to be the early anointing of Elissa Slotkin as the nominee.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 10/15/23

Time/Duration: 10:58

Summary:

The guest was Democratic Senator from Michigan Gary Peters, talking about the escalating war between Israel and Hamas and the consequences of it back here in metro-Detroit because of our demographics. He talked about the grant money available for security around houses of worship, whether they're mosques, synagogues, or churches. Peters said the intelligence failures that allowed the initial terrorist attacks to happen will be investigated. He also criticized the decision to return money to Iran, a decision that has since been reversed. There is no Speaker in the U.S. House right now, and Peters talked about how debilitating that is for efforts to provide funding to Israel and Ukraine and to engage with world crises. Peters acknowledged that none of these conflicts will end anytime soon.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 10/22/23

Time/Duration: 8:07

Summary:

Detroit Free Press columnist ML Elrick and WDET host Stephen Henderson took up the discussion on ethics challenges in Michigan government. Henderson said the regulatory environment in Michigan pushes people to test the boundaries of what's allowable. Elrick pointed out that there is things Governor Whitmer could do unilaterally to subject her office subject to FOIA, but she hasn't because she says the legislature should do it first. They discussed the role term limits play in this problem, because people who are term-limited out of their jobs look for new jobs lobbying the places they know best, the legislature. They also explained that while the number of lobbyists has grown over time, the number of journalists watching for impropriety has greatly diminished.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 11/5/23

Time/Duration: 7:16

Summary:

State Senators Democrat Mallory McMorrow and Republican Jonathan Lindsey were guests talking about efforts to take up ethics and financial disclosure reform in the Michigan House. They debated new legislation designed after the passage of Prop 1, where voters said they wanted more transparency from politicians. Lindsey said he voted against the bill because it won't really fix corruption in Lansing, while McMorrow said it's a long, hard process to get good legislation through. Scillian questioned how complicated it really is when there are so many other states doing it better than Michigan is, and we could just borrow methods from them. They also discussed whether disclosures about a lawmaker's spouse should be a requirement going forward since household ties can influence decision-making.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 10/29/23

Time/Duration: 11:36

Summary:

The political roundtable was Focus: HOPE CEO Portia Roberson, political consultants Jill Alper and Jason Roe, and Detroit News editorial page editor Nolan Finley. After weeks without a speaker, Republicans in the U.S. House elected Rep. Mike Johnson as their leader this week. Finley called him a "blank canvas" since he's a relative unknown, but Alper said he's a known election denier who opposes abortion and LGBTQ+ rights. Roberson said Johnson faces the same turmoil that did in Kevin McCarthy, but Roe said he was optimistic that a government shutdown will be avoided in November. The roundtable discussed how viable a third-party candidate for President might be in 2024, with Finley saying the right person could actually win. Alper was skeptical of that, believing a third-party candidate would splinter off voters from the mainstream parties but is not capable of winning.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 11/12/23

Time/Duration: 12:15

Summary:

The roundtable guests were political consultant Adolph Mongo, Michigan Radio news director Zoe Clark, pollster Steve Mitchell and WJR radio host Guy Gordon. They went through the results of the past Tuesday's election, talking about the surprising success of Democrats across the country. They wondered whether that success would continue if abortion wasn't on ballots, but Trump was. Mitchell pointed out that 30–44-year-old women of child-bearing age are the people determining election outcomes right now. The group also talked about how the results of the election took away the Democrats' majority in Lansing temporarily because two Democrats won their mayoral races. Mongo said Governor Whitmer can't be upset that folks wanted to run to serve their cities.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 11/12/23

Time/Duration: 10:17

Summary:

The topic turned to the House's vote to censure Detroit Representative Rashida Tlaib for the comments she made about Israel. Everyone on the roundtable believed she went too far in her defense of Palestinian people by using the phrase "from the river to the sea", which has been used to call for the eradication of Israel. The last subject was former Representative Peter Meijer running for Michigan's open Senate seat on the Republican side. The general consensus was because Meijer voted for Trump's impeachment a lot of Republicans wouldn't vote for him in either the primary or general election. Mongo advised him to switch parties for more electoral success.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 11/26/23

Time/Duration: 10:31

Summary:

The guest was Democratic congressman from Michigan's 8th district Dan Kildee who just announced he won't seek another term. He said he never intended to stay in the job forever and after a decade and a cancer diagnosis and the testy political environment, he decided now is the time to explore other opportunities. Kildee described how the discourse has gotten dramatically rougher over the years, which makes it less appealing to put his family through it all. He shared his frustration that the people of Flint would never get their day in court over the water crisis. Kildee also analyzed the outlook for Democrats in the 2024 election.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/17/23

Time/Duration:

Summary:

Former North Carolina Governor and current co-chair of the No Labels third party movement Pat McCrory was the guest. He talked about the extreme level of dissatisfaction.

Americans have with the current Presidential candidates and said if a third party is ever going to be viable it's now. McCrory discussed the yearlong effort to get on ballots, and timing for if and when they will announce actual candidate names. He also addressed suspicions that the No Labels organization is a conspiracy to elect Trump by acting as a spoiler. McCrory said No Labels only plans to exist for this one election, and he said the organization's platform is much more robust than Democrats or Republicans.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/31/23

Time/Duration: 14:54

Summary:

Flashpoint was hosted by WDIV anchor Devin Scillian. The roundtable members were Focus: HOPE CEO Portia Roberson, WDET "Detroit Today" host Stephen Henderson, Detroit News editorial page editor Nolan Finley and pollster Steve Mitchell. They reflected on 2023, from the wars to the political action, and agreed that it felt difficult and not "normal" in comparison to previous off-election years. Finley called it an era of disruption where things don't somehow improve when the calendar changes. Henderson predicted Biden may decline to run again at the Democratic National Convention because he doesn't seem like he's campaigning. Mitchell said both Biden and Trump are running for the presidential pardon powers. Each guest named the best thing he or she had seen or learned over the course of 2023.

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 10/03/23

Time/Duration: 11pm/:30

Summary:

The story covered the plan to create a carpool lane in Metro Detroit. The report noted lawmakers in the Michigan House approved bills that would allow high occupancy lanes in Michigan. The story also explained the new lane, slated to be on I-75 in Oakland County, would be limited to certain hours of the morning rush-hour and certain hours of the evening rush hour periods. The report also spelled out the requirements for a vehicle using the carpool lane.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 10/4/23

Time/Duration: 6pm/1:30

Summary:

There was some encouraging news in the United Auto Workers strike against Detroit's three car companies. The story highlighted what the union called signs of progress – General Motors putting its battery manufacturing facilities for EVs into the national contract, and Ford boosting its proposed wage increase. In an interview for the report, UAW President Shawn Fain said because of the progress, no new plants would be added to the ones already on strike.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 10/09/23

Time/Duration: 5pm/1:00

Summary:

There is a new ranking from the auto industry that no car company wants to be a part of. The story covered the new listing of the “Most Stolen Vehicles” in America. Industry analyst interviewed for the story said customers may be surprised that trucks top the list. The report also listed the top five “most stolen” vehicles: Chevrolet full-size pick-up, Ford full-size pick-up, Honda Civic, Honda Accord, and Hyundai Sonata.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 11/02/23

Time/Duration: 6am/2:00

Summary:

The story covered the beginning to an end of the United Auto Workers historic strike against Detroit's car companies. The report stated Ford, Stellantis, and General Motors each have reached tentative agreements with the UAW. The story explained that the next step in the process was for union members at each of the three car companies to vote on whether to accept

or reject the proposed deal. The story also explained key details of the proposal and how the ratification votes would take place.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 11/2/23

Time/Duration: 11pm/1:50

Summary:

The success of the United Auto Workers historic strike against Detroit's three car companies has the union looking at expanding its influence. The story covered comments from UAW President Shawn Fain who said the union is setting its sights beyond Detroit and will go after foreign automakers, including Toyota and other industries where workers may be interested in unionizing.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 11/13/23

Time/Duratio: 6pm/:30

Summary:

There are job cuts coming at Stellantis. The story covered an announcement that the automaker is looking to cut costs by offering voluntary buyouts to thousands of non-union workers. The report detailed slightly more than half (6,400) salaried, white-collar, employees in the United States will get the offer. Those who accept the offer must agree to leave by the end of 2023.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 12/01/23

Time/Duration: 5pm/1:40

Summary:

Local 4 Business Editor and auto expert Rod Meloni detailed at plan by Stellantis to close its old Mopar parts facility and build a new, "amazon-style" parts distribution center to replace it. The story notes that under the new contract agreement, the workers would be allowed to move to the new facility and would not lose their jobs. The report also explained how Stellantis plans to merge other local facilities.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 12/4/23

Time/Duration: 11pm/:30

Summary:

The Ford Motor Company announced it is recalling 45,000 cars. The story noted the concern is over a faulty door latch. The report listed the cars impacted by the recall, and in which states most of the vehicles were sold.

Program: Local 4 News
Date: 12/12/23
Time/Duration: 5pm/1:50

Summary:

The drive to switch to electric vehicles at Ford Motor Company is slowing down. The story covers an announcement that Ford is cutting back on production of the all-electric F-150 Lightning pick-up truck because demand has not been as high as expected. The story included an interview with a local auto analyst who cited competition as a key factor. The report explaining that there are more auto companies putting EVs on the market,

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 10/15/23

Time/Duration: 11:05

Summary:

The roundtable discussed the latest on the ongoing UAW strike, which was entering its second month. The guests were Crain's Detroit Business reporter Kurt Nagl, Detroit Regional Chamber CEO Sandy Baruah and Paul Eisenstein, the editor of Headlight.News. The group talked about the economic ripple effect of the strike so far, including people who aren't yet striking cutting back on their spending. They also discussed the UAW's tactic of targeting each automaker individually, and its new promise to stop waiting for Fridays to announce additional walkouts. Baruah emphasized that the companies can only give so much until they become uncompetitive, so workers may be giving up long term jobs for short term gains. Eisenstein pointed out that nonunion plant wages also grow when the UAW gets raises, so automakers are taking that into account. Nagl affirmed that Tesla's labor costs are much lower than the traditional automakers and competitors have to make sure they're not bound to contracts that make them unable to compete with Tesla at all in the future. The group agreed that even workers who are not particularly pro-union like what the unions are providing.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 10/29/23

Time/Duration: 11:03

Summary:

The roundtable of automotive experts included Autoline's John McElroy, the transportation correspondent for Axios Joann Muller, and Detroit Regional Chamber CEO Sandy Baruah. They talked about the current state of the UAW's strike against General Motors and Stellantis after reaching a tentative agreement with Ford. There was overall praise for UAW president Shawn Fain, though Baruah worried that the deals may be too expensive for the automakers and

suppliers in the longer term. McElroy said they negotiated a good deal, and Muller predicted it would be ratified by the rank and file overwhelmingly because people want to get back to work. The group discussed whether this victory would make it easier for the UAW to try to organize plants that are not currently unionized in the South. Muller pointed out that even though the workers didn't get things like a 40% raise or a four-day work week, the new contract would make up for a lot of their losses from the bankruptcies and recession a decade ago.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 11/5/23

Time/Duration: 7:05

Summary:

Detroit News columnist Daniel Howes and Axios transportation correspondent Joann Muller came on to talk about the details of the deals the UAW reached with the big 3 automakers. They reflected on the gains that UAW president Shawn Fain was able to achieve during the strike negotiation, including life-changing raises for especially the lowest level workers. They weighed in on whether this success will help the UAW organize southern transplant company plants, where they have been rebuffed in the past. Many of those companies are giving preemptive raises to head off new unionization efforts, and Muller said she is somewhat optimistic about organizing because the country has become more favorable toward unions recently and because the threat of moving plants out of the country is lessened because companies are counting on huge federal subsidies, and they won't give them up.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 11/19/23

Time/Duration: 10:40

Summary:

Autoline's John McElroy and Axios transportation correspondent Joann Muller were the guests. They dug into some of the details of the UAW contracts that workers are in the process of voting on right now. McElroy pointed out that close to half of workers haven't bothered to vote at all, which he took to mean their content. Muller said nonunion companies are giving wages in an effort to keep the UAW from organizing them. The topic turned to how much competition China will give U.S. automakers in the coming years as electric vehicles become more accepted in the marketplace.

HEALTH & PUBLIC WELFARE

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 6, 7, 12, 13, 20, 27. November 3, 5, 10, 17, 19, 30. December 7, 8, 15, 20.

Program: WDIV News

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 5am, 5pm, 6pm/32:30 total length

Summary:

Medical reporter Dr. Frank McGeorge presents a regular report on “What’s Going Around.” It highlights the most common illnesses affecting residents in five local counties. Our health team contacts area hospitals and doctors’ offices each week to collect the relevant information and determine which illnesses should be featured. In October, upper respiratory infections in general, and Covid in particular, began rising. Doctors also reported seeing a lot of strep throat. Respiratory infections continued to dominate local emergency rooms and doctors’ offices throughout the fall. In November, RSV began surging again in young children and older adults. Flu cases also began popping up sporadically. Late fall allergies and asthma flare-ups were also an issue, particularly for people who were also infected with a respiratory virus. In December, flu cases began to pick up. Doctors also reported an increase in hand, foot, and mouth disease, mononucleosis, and pink eye.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 17. November 11. December 7, 11, 16.

Time/Duration: 5am, 6am, Noon, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 11pm /12:50 total length

Summary:

Respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, is a common respiratory virus that generally causes mild, cold-like symptoms. But RSV can be very dangerous for infants and older adults. Every year in the United States, RSV leads to more than two million visits to the emergency room or pediatrician and up to 80,000 hospitalizations among children under five. Medical reporter Dr. Frank McGeorge reported on how this year’s RSV season compared to last year’s. In 2022, RSV hit very early and overwhelmed children’s hospitals. The dramatic increase was attributed to the end of Covid precautions and more young children being exposed to RSV for the first time. Dr. McGeorge reported that so far in 2023, RSV cases are being seen, but at a rate that is typical for the season. The introduction of new RSV vaccines for older adults and pregnant women and new RSV antibody treatments for babies is also expected to help control cases this winter. Dr. Rudolph Valentini at Children’s Hospital of Michigan said he is actually far more concerned about the potential for large flu outbreaks, as flu vaccination rates are lagging behind previous years in Michigan.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: November 8, 9, 28. December 5, 6, 11, 15.

Time/Duration: 5am, 6am, Noon, 4pm 5pm, 6pm, 11pm / 8:20 total length

Summary:

After the breakthrough weight loss drug Ozempic dominated the headlines for months, the FDA approved Eli Lilly's new weight loss drug named Zepbound. Medical reporter Dr. Frank McGeorge reported that in clinical trials, Zepbound helped people lose up to 52 pounds in 16 months. The FDA approved the drug for adults with obesity or who are overweight with at least one weight-related medical condition. Like Ozempic, Zepbound was originally a diabetes drug, sold under the name Mounjaro. Dr. Wendy Miller, head of nutrition and preventative medicine at Corewell Health East said the drug is generally tolerated well. "The most common side effects would be gastrointestinal side effects such as nausea or bloating or diarrhea or constipation, typically the side effects are mild, and typically they go away as you get used to the medicine so as you're on it longer, most people find that those side effects go away," said Miller. Dr. McGeorge reported that the primary downside of Zepbound is the price. It is expected to cost over a thousand dollars a month and will not be covered by all insurance plans. Like the other new weight loss drugs, patients will need to continue taking the drug to keep the weight from being regained.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: November 12, 15. December 4, 5, 6.

Time/Duration: All newscasts /8:45 total length

Summary:

Left untreated, high blood pressure raises the risk of heart attack, stroke, and other serious health problems. Medical reporter Dr. Frank McGeorge reported on new research into the causes of hypertension and ways to prevent it. One new study conducted by Northwestern University found cutting one teaspoon of salt from a person's diet each day lowered their blood pressure as much as taking blood pressure medication. That was true even if they were already on a blood pressure medication. Another study by Emory University found high blood pressure is common in couples, with both partners having it 38 percent of the time. Researchers say this information presents an opportunity to treat both partners. Finally, a study by Ohio State University suggested that some adults may be misdiagnosed with high blood pressure because medical professionals are making errors that result in inaccurate readings. The American Heart Association guidelines call for patients to be seated in a chair with their back supported, feet flat on the floor, wearing the blood pressure cuff at heart level. Patients should not smoke, exercise, or consume caffeine in the 30 minutes before the reading and should be sitting still for five minutes before their blood pressure is taken.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: December 8, 9.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6am, 8am, 4pm, 5 pm, 11pm / 5:05 total length

Summary:

In December, the FDA approved two powerful new treatments for sickle cell disease. Medical reporter Dr. Frank McGeorge reported that one of the treatments called Casgevy is the first therapy approved in the United States that uses a gene editing tool called CRISPR. In sickle cell, a genetic mutation causes red blood cells which carry oxygen around the body to be misshapen, like sickles or crescents. They get stuck in the blood vessels causing severe pain and decreased oxygen to organs. Dr. McGeorge explained that until now, the only hope for a cure for the estimated 100,000 Americans with the disease has been a bone marrow transplant, but more than 80 percent of patients couldn't find a matching donor. CRISPR allows scientists to remove stem cells from the body, make a precise cut in the DNA and edit it to turn on production of fetal hemoglobin, a different form of oxygen-carrying cells. The treatment was highly successful in clinical trials. It is a month's long process and could cost between one and two million dollars per patient. Dr. McGeorge reported that how that cost will be covered is still being worked out. The other newly approved treatment is called Lyfgenia. It also works by genetically modifying a patient's stem cells but uses a viral vector instead of CRISPR.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/31/23

Time/Duration: 8:04

Summary:

The Chief Futurist at Ford Motor Company Jennifer Brace was the guest, talking about their latest trend report. Brace said 52% of respondents said they would take a 20% pay cut if it

meant being happier. People also said they wanted to connect more with other people in person, and with nature in general. Brace shared peoples' responses about artificial intelligence and who's worried about it or embracing it. She also talked about the disconnect between people's embrace of electric vehicles versus the number of people to report actually owning them. The final topic was attitudes toward mental health, with 83% of parents saying mental health is more important than academic success.

Program: MAB – Blood Lead Testing

Dates: October, December

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA talks about the dangers of lead, especially to children, where it may be found and how to make sure people are not exposed.

Program: MAB - Justina

Dates: November

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This PSA from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters features a mother talking about losing her son to prescription drug addiction. Anyone who needs help with addiction issues is encouraged to go to drugfree.org.

Program: MAB - Layers

Dates: December

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA encourages viewers to get the flu shot and the latest COVID vaccine this fall, saying it's safe to get both at the same visit and layer up protection against illnesses.

Program: MAB – Michigan Cares

Dates: October - November

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This PSA from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters tells viewers about Michigan Cares, a free online program for children and teens. It helps them develop the skills they need for emotional and mental health.

Program: McGeorge – Move, Teeth, Doctor

Dates: October - December

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 3x :30, 3x :15

Summary:

These WDIV-produced PSAs feature Local 4 Medical Reporter Dr. Frank McGeorge with various health messages aimed at children. Topics include brushing teeth, getting a shot at a check-up, and moving around more often.

Program: Race for the Cure

Dates: October 1-7

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30, 1x :15

Summary:

These WDIV-produced PSAs invite viewers to participate in this year's Komen Michigan Race for the Cure on Belle Isle Sunday, October 8th. The money raised goes to fund research and help people affected by breast cancer.

Program: SAMHSA – By Your Side, Keeping Our Kids Safe

Dates: October - December

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 2x :30

Summary:

These PSAs from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration tell parents about the importance of talking to their children about underage use of alcohol, prescription drugs and vaping. They explain the dangers and benefits of an open dialogue.

ECONOMIC WELFARE OF METROPOLITAN REGION

PROGRAM: Local 4 News

DATE: 10/03/23

TIME/DURATION: 6pm/1:30

Summary:

The report highlighted much needed, but often overlooked, help covering the cost of college. The story explained how the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) works. It included an interview with a student and a Michigan lawmaker working to raise awareness about FAFSA, noting that only 50 percent of Michigan students fill out the form. The story explained that each year about \$100 million in Federal financial aid goes unused because students don't apply for it.

PROGRAM: Local 4 News

DATE: 10/04/23

TIME/DURATION: 5pm/1:45

Summary:

More relief is coming for those with student loan debt. The story explained and covered reaction to a proposal by the Biden administration to provide an additional \$9 billion in student debt relief. The report included interviews with those who have student loan debt, a financial expert on what the broader economic impact could be and a statement from Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel.

PROGRAM: Local 4 News

DATE: 10/08/23

TIME/DURATION: 5pm/1:30

Summary:

The report looked at how mortgage rates are climbing and ways to save money when buying a house. The story included the current average mortgage rate (7.5 percent) and noted that the rate is the highest level in the past 23 years. Industry experts and financial planners were interviewed for the story, both providing tips for lowering costs, such as shopping around for the best rate, and improving your credit score before entering the market.

PROGRAM: Local 4 News

DATE: 11/06/23

TIME/DURATION: 11pm/1:30

Summary:

The City of Detroit is considering a new “Land Tax” plan. The goal, according to city officials, is to give residents some relief on their taxes. The report explained how the so-called Land Value Tax works, highlighting that those who own parking lots, scrap yards, and abandoned buildings could see their tax bill double. On the flip side, homeowners and business owners would see a decrease in taxes. The City of Detroit’s chief financial officer was interviewed for the story.

PROGRAM: Local 4 News

DATE: 11/13/23

TIME/DURATION: 5pm/1:45

Summary:

The “Help Wanted” signs are out across the City of Detroit. The story outlined how Detroit is using Federal funds to run programs that will educate Detroit residents and train Detroit residents for jobs. The report explained the program is called “Detroit At Work” and it looked at how the city and other local businesses have already had success with the program to fill vacancies, and now they plan to expand the program.

PROGRAM: Local 4 News

DATE: 12/05/23

TIME/DURATION: 5pm/1:30

Summary:

The story covered an upcoming hearing before the Michigan Supreme Court that will have a wide-spread economic impact across the state. The story explained the state’s high court will hear arguments for, and against, the “Tipped Wage System”. The case involves a 2018 ballot proposal to raise the state’s minimum wage and increase pay for workers who rely on tips. The report notes those opposed to the plan warn if employers pay a higher minimum wage they may cut staff, or raise prices, which could prompt customers to tip less. The story also included interviews with those who support raising the Michigan minimum wage.

PROGRAM: Local 4 News

DATE: 12/5/23

TIME/DURATION: 5pm/1:30

Summary:

The story focused on efforts by a local non-profit to ensure Detroit businesses and leaders are part of the resurgence taking place in the city. The report included an interview with the CEO of “Black Leaders Detroit”, and the Michigan marketing president of Bank of America. The story looked at recent successful examples of how companies were able to benefit from development and training programs in the city. It also noted with a contribution from Bank of America, Black Leaders Detroit will now be expanding its reach to include even more businesses.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 11/19/23

Time/Duration: 5:44

Summary:

Outlier Media reporter Aaron Mondry came on to talk about the challenges at the Detroit Housing Commission. He described what the Commission is supposed to do by managing affordable housing and providing vouchers for housing at other locations. Mondry talked about how their properties are deteriorating and many vouchers are not being used or being rejected by landlords. He pointed out that inspection reports have not been made public since 2021. They discussed the problems of homelessness and poverty in Detroit.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/3/23

Time/Duration: 7:15

Summary:

The President and CEO of Visit Detroit Claude Molinari was the guest to talk about the latest in preparations for the NFL draft event that Detroit will host in April of next year. He talked about the number of available hotel rooms and how the city is focused on making sure the event is fun not just for out-of-towners but also for local people. Molinari talked about the huge number of people who are needed as volunteers and “teammates” to make the draft run smoothly and how to apply for a position. They discussed security challenges and what’s being done to make sure

everyone is safe, and how the excitement surrounding the Detroit Lions is spilling into enthusiasm about football in general.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/17/23

Time/Duration:

Summary:

The co-chairs of Governor Whitmer's Growing Michigan Together Council were guests to discuss the problem and their recently released final report. They talked about the challenge of Michigan's aging population, and the importance of growing the state's population for economic reasons but also to maintain and regain lost political power. They addressed articles that accused the Council of planning to call for tax increases to fund their recommendations. Rakolta said people should be asking whether the current \$50 billion budget is efficient or whether some of it would be better off going more toward infrastructure and education and their other priorities. He also said philanthropy and private enterprise could fund some of it. Stancato described all of the research that went into their final report and clarified that the focus was on identifying the problems not fixing them. The segment closed with what Michigan is doing right already, which is working to become a center for technology innovation.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/10/23

Time/Duration: 7:30

Summary:

Former Detroit City Council member and CEO of CitizenDetroit Sheila Cockrel and attorney Michael Griffie were the guests. Griffie recently wrote a piece about the importance of mass transit in the Detroit Free Press, saying it will be key to attracting and retaining young people in metro Detroit. Griffie said the current system is designed for people who can't afford cars, but a future system should be for anyone who chooses not to drive all the time. They discussed Detroit's deep history of car culture as one of the big reasons why the region doesn't have mass transit, and Griffie said that culture can change quickly when people embrace different styles of transportation. Cockrel said federal money will be essential for funding, and perhaps an additional county sales tax to raise the money needed.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/17/23

Time/Duration:

Summary:

Pollster and founder of the Glengariff Group Richard Czuba came on to talk about the challenges of polling on the economy right now. He described the dichotomy of people reporting that the economy is in terrible shape, but almost none of them say their situation is dire or that they fear losing their jobs. Czuba said in the current environment, everything is viewed through a person's politics, so people tend to evaluate the economy based on whether or not they approve of who is in office. He also acknowledged that inflation, especially at the grocery store, is the primary factor that most people use as an indicator of how well they're doing.

CONSUMER WELFARE

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 16,19, 20, 26, 28, 29, 30. November 1, 2, 5, 6, 11. December 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 20.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/45:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported on consumer recalls and shared the information with viewers. Consumer Investigator Hank Winchester kept track of all recalls issued by the Consumer Products Safety Commission. During this period, he profiled among others: numerous auto recalls, chicken fried rice recall and a Family Dollar recall.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 6, 7, 13, 20. November

Time/Duration:

Summary:

WDIV's Consumer Investigator Hank Winchester brought a series of scams to the attention of Metro Detroit viewers. Often in conjunction with Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and the Better Business Bureau, Winchester alerted viewers of scammers that were taking advantage

of unsuspecting citizens. This quarter he profiled among others: a rise in senior scams, a student loan scam and a holiday puppy scam.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 3, 4. November 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 12pm, 5pm/25:15 total length

Summary:

Every few weeks, Consumer Investigator Hank Winchester has lunch at a local restaurant to meet viewers and hear their consumer concerns. He does a live shot from the restaurant and then profiles some of their stories.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 23, 25, 26, 30. November 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 5pm, 6pm/33:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported on major billing problems for a local ambulance company. A Birmingham family was hit with an outrageous bill after their daughter was transported in an ambulance for a 15-mile ride down I-75. The Birmingham couple had no idea that when their daughter was transported from DMC Children's Hospital in Troy to Children's Hospital in Detroit, it could cost them almost \$8,000 out of pocket. They quickly realized they were not the only ones involved in the situation. Baby Bella was being treated for RSV last September at Children's Hospital. Thankfully, she fully recovered; the worry now for her family is the massive medical bill left behind. It was a non-emergency transport by Superior Ambulance. The roughly 20-minute drive was uneventful. There were no flashing lights, no urgent lifesaving emergency care provided, just a ride in the ambulance. The family has Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance, and Blue Cross is no longer affiliated with Superior, hence the massive amount owed. However, the family was never told in advance and was never given another transport option. They had no idea they would be on the hook for almost \$8,000. Hank Winchester brought the concerning practices to light – and the state attorney general began an investigation into the company.

Program: MAB – Michigan Cares

Dates: October - November

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This PSA from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters tells viewers about Michigan Cares, a free online program for children and teens. It helps them develop the skills they need for emotional and mental health.

Program: MAB – Open UP

Dates: October - December

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA talks about limitations that are placed on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It encourages people to include them in life-enriching activities.

Program: MAB – We Are Veterans, We Earned These Benefits

Dates: October

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 2x :30

Summary:

These PSAs from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency through the Michigan Association of Broadcasters remind veterans that they earned their benefits, and they shouldn't leave money on the table.

Program: NAB – Bringing It Home

Dates: October

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This National Association of Broadcasters PSA emphasizes the importance of free television and radio, especially in breaking news and weather situations. These outlets keep people informed in a way that no other medium can.

Program: Michigan Libraries Association

Dates: October - December

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30, 1x :15

Summary:

These PSAs from the Michigan Libraries Association tell viewers about the resources that can be found at local libraries and give ways to locate the closest library that has what you need.

Program: MAB – SIGMA Squad

Dates: October

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA talks about the importance of cleaning out recyclable containers before leaving them to be picked up. Otherwise, the entire system can break down.

EDUCATION

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 18, 19.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6am, 11pm

Summary:

WDIV reported attendance in Detroit Public School Community District has improved, but more work is needed. The district has seen a nearly six percent jump in attendance. Up to 81% of students attend regularly. “What we all know is the greatest obstacle to improving attendance is the concentrated poverty we see in the city,” said DPSCD Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti. To try and combat the problem, the school district has created health hubs that offer wraparound services—everything from dental care to help with evictions.

Detroit’s poverty, violent crime, declining population, and eroding tax base add to absenteeism and an achievement gap. In the last series of statewide testing, DPSCD saw modest improvements across the board. That said, the numbers are still dreadful.

For example, only 13% of students in grades three through seven were proficient in ELA on the MSTEP test. That number is an improvement but nowhere near where it needs to be. “It’s our responsibility to take children where they’re at and make sure when they graduate, they’re better than when we first received them, and I can say over the last six years, even with the pandemic, we’ve shown improvement,” Vitti said.

The superintendent has also been to Lansing looking for help from the governor and the legislature to change rules on how state monies can be spent to have greater latitude in allocating resources.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: November 7, 8, 24. December 18, 19, 20, 21.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/15:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported parents had a chance to get some answers about the recent surprising discovery of a drop in the budget of Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Local 4 followed this story and then visited John Glenn High School in Westland for the first board meeting since that discovery was made. The district says it is not a matter of missing money; instead, there were budgeting issues that resulted in that shortfall. As a result, 20 positions within the district were eliminated. Wayne-Westland community schools say there were two things that contributed to the surprise decrease in their fund balance.

The first, in the amount of \$8.4 million, was related to retirement services.

“Unfortunately, while the revenue was budgeting, the corresponding expenditures were not creating a misleading appearance of a higher fund balance,” said Wayne-Westland Community Schools Chief Financial Officer Julie Campbell. The second budgeting challenge, as they call it, arose from various factors like bonuses, salary increases, and an increase in districtwide

healthcare caps, totaling up to \$15 million. The district cut 20 jobs at the start of the new year to offset some of that. The district says eliminating those positions will not have any sort of impact on educational experiences.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 26, 27, 29, 30, 31. November 1, 2, 9, 10, 14, 15, 21, 30. December 12, 13.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/36:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported the long-awaited and fought-for third-party investigation into the Oxford High School shooting was released late at the end of October.

The 572-page report found that the school and some of its officials did not do enough to prevent the shooting from happening. The Guidepost Solutions report listed how the school district missed signals, opportunities, and basic common sense in what it could have done to prevent the November 2021 shooting that killed four students and injured six others and a teacher.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/3/23

Time/Duration: 15:28

Summary:

Scillian had a lengthy conversation with the president of the University of Michigan, Dr. Santa Ono. They talked about the sign-stealing scandal surrounding the football program, and Ono said he trusts coach Jim Harbaugh and will let the NCAA investigation play out. Scillian asked about the atmosphere on campus with all the protests related to the Israel-Hamas war and whether all students can feel safe. Ono said it's imperative to ensure there is a diversity of opinions represented at the university. He then spoke a little about his own mental health journey and the importance of having mental health resources and research at the University of Michigan. The final topic was the recent groundbreaking for U of M's new Detroit campus and why he's so bullish on the city's future.

Program: MAB – Choose Your Own

Dates: December

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary: This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA tells parents about the Michigan Education Trust, which allows them to save for college or trade school at current prices. It helps support student choices as they get older and start to make their own educational decisions.

LEGAL SYSTEM

Program: WDIV News

Dates: December 19, 20.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6am, 6pm, 11pm/7:55 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported the family of Stephen Romero has filed a \$100 million lawsuit against the city of Lansing and Lansing police officers Donovan Moore, Jeff Kurtz, and another unnamed officer for shooting and killing him.

The incident occurred outside of his home after police had been called to the scene for a domestic dispute. Allegedly, officials commenced an uncoordinated rapid intervention instead of using de-escalation techniques ahead of the shooting.

Romero's family says he complied with the confusing and conflicting nature of commands that were shouted at him by multiple officers like dropping his phone that was in his hand before submitting by getting on his knees and surrendering.

Allegedly, Romero slowly lowered his left hand at least twice and used it to raise the t-shirt he was wearing, showing officers that he was lawfully possessing a handgun while on his property. The family says Romero communicated his intent to surrender the gun before Moore and Kurtz allegedly fired a total of 14 rounds at him.

Allegedly, there were approximately seven bullets fired from one of the officer's Glock 9mm pistol, while the other seven bullets came from an AR-15 style .223 rifle, striking Romero at least six times.

"Mr. Romero was wrongfully killed by a police force firing squad, and the Romero family needs answers and justice," said James Harrington, Vice President and Managing Partner of Fieger Law. "Mr. Romero was complying with every single officer command, and rather than de-escalating the situation, the officers chose to kill a man in front of his family. The police violence must end."

Romero leaves behind his wife Ashly, a 2-year-old daughter, and three stepchildren, ages seven, 11, and 12.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 24, 25, 31.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6pm, 11pm/6:40 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported that what started as a wish to help Northville's restaurants survive COVID has now turned into a lawsuit against the city. When the pandemic hit, the city shut down Main Street to traffic, making it a pedestrian-only zone. That continued post-pandemic until angry residents banded together, asking the city to re-open downtown to traffic earlier this year.

Neighbors who live near Main Street say the increase in traffic volumes on their streets has been a nightmare. They raised enough fuss that in April, the city council voted on what it considered a compromise, which was to open the streets up to traffic starting in November but then shut them

down again in May. Some neighbors don't see a compromise and have now filed suit in Wayne County Circuit Court, alleging the council overstepped its authority with the closure.

"To us, a compromise is I sit down, and you sit down, and I give a little, and you give a little, and we meet somewhere in the middle," said Mary Elwart-Keys, who heads the Let's Open Northville non-profit. "A compromise is not I'm going to give you this, and you're gonna like it." The city manager did not immediately detail if he had an opportunity to look at the lawsuit.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 30, 31. November 1, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17. December 15, 19, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/17:25 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported Michigan's Supreme Court is keeping former President Donald Trump on the state's primary election ballot. The court said it will not hear an appeal of a lower court's ruling from groups seeking to keep Trump from appearing on the ballot.

It said in an order that the application by parties to appeal a Michigan appeals court judgment was considered but denied "because we are not persuaded that the questions presented should be reviewed by this court."

The ruling contrasts with a decision by a divided Colorado Supreme Court which found Trump ineligible to be president because of his role in the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol. That ruling was the first time in history that Section 3 of the 14th Amendment has been used to disqualify a presidential candidate. The Michigan and Colorado cases are among dozens hoping to keep Trump's name off state ballots. They all point to the so-called insurrection clause that prevents anyone from holding office who "engaged in insurrection or rebellion" against the Constitution. Until the Colorado ruling, all had failed.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: December 18, 19.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6am, 6pm 11pm/5:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported the Michigan Supreme Court is set to review a case that could set a precedent for victims of childhood sexual abuse. Attorney Ven Johnson, with Ven Johnson Law, says his client, Brian McLain, was sexually abused by a Roman Catholic priest in 1999 when he was a minor attending W.J. Maxey Boys Training School in Whitmore Lake. Father Richard Lobert, the priest in question, has connections to the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Lansing, and Father Gabriel Richard Catholic High School in Ann Arbor. WDIV obtained a release dated January 2021, stating that Father Lobert had been removed from all of his priestly duties following an investigation. The state Supreme Court will have to decide if the 2018 change to the statute of limitations applies in this case. The new law, extending the amount of time childhood sex assault victims have to file a civil case, changed during the Larry Nassar

investigation as his victims came to realize that three years past the point of the assault, they were no longer able to bring a civil case. The change Michigan lawmakers made in 2018 allows for adult victims of sexual abuse to come forward up until the age of 28 or within three years of discovering the trauma.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: November 13. December 4.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6pm/3:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported a Michigan alumnus has filed a lawsuit after being stripped of his Wolverines-themed vanity license plate. Joseph Hardig III, a Detroit-area lawyer, said he was informed that his “G0BLUE” plate had been assigned to another driver when he tried to renew it at a Secretary of State office. Hardig said he went to renew the plate early last month, about a month before the registration was set to expire but was informed that it had been given to someone else. Jonathan Fine, the Ann Arbor resident and Michigan alum who was given the plate, told the *News* that he stumbled upon the fact that “G0BLUE” was available when searching the state’s license plate personalization tool. While other personalized plates like “G0B1U3 and G0BIU3” have already been taken by other drivers, Michigan residents who aren’t lucky enough to land one of the coveted vanity plates can show their support for 15 of the state’s public universities with license plates that feature the school’s logo, with a portion of sales donated to the university.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 10/22/23

Time/Duration: 8:54

Summary:

U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan Mark Totten was the guest, talking about the ongoing corruption and bribery scandal involving the former Michigan Speaker of the House Rick Johnson, who was recently sentenced for trading his influence in marijuana licensing. Totten didn’t rule out the possibility of more charges being filed in the future if his office feels the standard of proof can be met. He also said public office holders are held to a higher standard, and Johnson will spend years in prison starting at age 70. Totten agreed that policy makers should evaluate whether current financial disclosure and FOIA and rules governing lobbying are sufficient to protect against this kind of abuse.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 11/5/23

Time/Duration: 9:42

Summary:

Flint Mayor Sheldon Neeley was the guest, following the announcement this past week that there will be no more criminal investigation into the water crisis so no one will be held criminally accountable. The mayor emphasized that this does not mean people are innocent, only that a technicality prevented adjudication through a trial where evidence would have been seen. He said low-income minority communities like Flint are used to being marginalized and feeling frustrated, and that the system has done nothing to improve people's confidence in government accountability. Neeley gave an update on the infrastructure improvements to the water system, including the new technology that has been integrated.

CRIME

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 11, 12, 17. November 7, 10, 11, 14, 16. December 28.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/24:45 total length

Summary:

WDIV aired a series of reports called "Searching for Justice" – profiling unsolved crimes in the community, generally homicides where the case has gone cold. Crimestoppers of Michigan organize events where family members of crime victims come forward to speak about their lost loved ones. This quarter we profiled among others: the murder of a woman killed at check-cashing business, a man shot to death in his car at an intersection and a woman killed 25 years ago and left in a burning home.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 21, 22, 23, 24. November 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14,15, 16, 17. December 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 26, 27, 28.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/75:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported charges have been handed down in the Samantha Woll murder case nearly two months after the Detroit synagogue president was killed outside her home. Woll, 40, was a well-known leader in Detroit's Jewish community and the board president of the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue in Detroit. Police said Woll returned to her home in Lafayette Park around 12:30 a.m. Oct. 21 after a wedding. They believe she was stabbed during the early

morning hours inside her home before stumbling outside. There were no signs of forced entry at her house, and her wallet and phone were not stolen. Although Woll's murder happened as tensions rise due to the Israel-Hamas war, Detroit police Chief James White said this is not believed to have been a hate crime. "We aren't ruling out anything," White said in late October. "We're going where the information and evidence takes us, and right now, the information doesn't take us there." Police said a large Israeli flag in Woll's home was left untouched and that indicated to them that the attack likely wasn't driven by antisemitism. White said law enforcement would exhaust the hate crime theory during their investigation. Early in the investigation, White said several persons of interest had been identified, and police wanted to interview them before disqualifying anyone as possible suspects in Woll's murder. Prosecutor Kym Worthy said Michael Manuel Jackson-Bolanos, 28, has been charged with homicide felony murder in connection with Woll's death. Officials believe Jackson-Bolanos killed Woll during a home invasion. They don't believe Jackson-Bolanos and Woll knew each other. He is also charged with home invasion and lying to a peace officer. Jackson-Bolanos is also considered a person of interest in several other nearby burglaries.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: December 21.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 5pm/2:30 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported how Detroit police Chief James White has said over and over again how accidental shootings of children are an issue that is 100% preventable. White worked to drive home that point during a gun safety event held at John R. King Academic and Performing Arts Academy on Thursday (Dec. 21). The goal was to get adults to understand the dangers and do something about it. The message being taught by Detroit police officers brought insight into the lesson of gun safety and what to do if any of the precious young lives find a gun.

Mixed in with the message were the delivery of gifts, gift cards, and gun locks for the kids to take home in hopes that they put them to use.

"We have to keep the guns out of the children's hands as if we leave them out, something is going to happen," said officer Todd Eads.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: December 27, 28.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 5pm, 11pm/5:55 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported a music teacher was charged with criminal sexual conduct involving children and we're learning how far back the concerns went in one school district.

The man facing several sex crimes charges, right now, is Lamar Willis.

According to court documents, Lamar Willis is facing four counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct and three counts of accosting children for immoral purposes; all the offenses happened in January 2022.

Southfield Public Schools sent a letter notifying parents and guardians Dec. 18 that they started investigating allegations against Willis back in March and he'd resigned in June. It would be several more months before any criminal charges.

In the letter, SPS explained this all started with allegations of inappropriate behavior involving Lamar Willis in March 2023. That's when they launched their own internal investigation and put Willis on immediate suspension. In June, he resigned and from what the district knows of he has had no contact with their students or staff since then. The district also mentioned they are reviewing their policies and protocols to make sure they are providing a safe environment for all. Willis also worked with Detroit Public Schools Community District; they tell us he was recently placed on administrative leave.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 11/26/23

Time/Duration: 12:08

Summary:

Metro Times reporter Eddie B. Allen and retired reporter Bill Proctor who now works on innocence appeals were the guests. They talked about the latest in the case of Mario Willis, a man serving a long prison term for an arson that killed a Detroit firefighter, even though he's the one who called police and made no insurance money for it. Proctor said a new forensic investigator will be evaluating evidence from the fire, which gives him hope that it could be ruled an accident. Allen criticized the Detroit Fire Department for showing no concern about Willis spending his whole life in prison, when it would take very little for them to get the case re-evaluated.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/10/23

Time/Duration: 11:32

Summary:

The guests were Wayne County Sheriff Raphael Washington and Detroit Police Chief James White. The latest crime numbers show a significant drop in violent crimes in the city, and they talked about the reasons why they believe it's improving. White said the court system tackling their backlog of cases has helped, and the domino effect is that retaliatory crimes have diminished, and witnesses are more cooperative. Washington credited greater presence in the neighborhoods and more collaboration with DPD for the reduction. White agreed that nurturing relationships with the community helps maintain support within the community. Washington added that their initiative to pick up known felons is also helping.

RACE RELATIONS AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 10/2/23

Time/Duration: 11pm/:30

Summary:

This story is an update to an incident that happened near the University of Michigan campus in August. The report noted that two students accused of spray- painting homophobic graffiti on a sidewalk outside a Jewish resource center will not be charged. The story also stated the incident was captured on a security camera in the area and that the students had been identified.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 10/03/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 5pm/1:55

Summary:

The report is part of coverage of Hispanic Heritage Month. It puts a spotlight on a community group providing opportunities aimed at keeping young people and adults away from gangs and violence. The story included interviews with the head of the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation and community members who have benefited from the organization's programs.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 10/17/23

Time/Duration: 5pm/1:45

Summary:

A historic marker for the Sojourner Truth Homes complex was officially decided in Detroit. The housing complex is now on the National Register of historic Places. The story highlighted how Blacks moving to Detroit during the early 1940s were met with housing discrimination. The report also explained the Federal government got involved and oversaw the construction of a housing development on Detroit's east side which could accommodate 200 families. Historians interviewed for the story noted that there were protests by those who didn't want Blacks living in the area, and that eventually then first-lady Elanor Roosevelt got involved and ensured Blacks

were able to move in. The story also noted how the National Guard had to be there to make sure there was no violence as families moved in.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 11/6/23

Time/Duration: 6pm/1:30

Summary:

Michigan representative Rashida Tlaib receives backlash over comments some feel encourage anti-Semitism. The report covered the wide range of reactions, with some calling for an apology, others asking her to resign. The story detailed a comment congresswoman Tlaib made regarding the Israeli- Hamas war. Tlaib issued a statement saying, in part, that critics were distorting her words. In the story, Tlaib also pointed out she is the only Palestinian American in Congress.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 11/15/23

Time/Duration: 11pm/:30

Summary:

A hair salon owner in Traverse City is facing civil rights charges because of a social media post which included transphobic comments. The story explained the owner posted she would not serve anyone who does not identify as a man or a woman. The Michigan Department of Civil Rights stated the owner discriminated against three people who filed complaints.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 11/29/23

Time/Duration: 11pm/:30

Summary:

The story covered a new push in Washington, D.C. to honor civil rights activist Rosa Parks. The report explained that this year marks the 68th anniversary of Parks' arrest on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, and that the Congressional Black Caucus has introduced a bill to make December 1 a federal holiday known as "Rosa Parks Day." If passed, it would be the first Federal holiday honoring a woman.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 12/4/23

Time/Duration: 11pm/1:30

Summary:

The already challenging task of dealing with the issue of racial reparations got even more difficult for the City of Detroit. The story covered a decision by two members of a City of Detroit Reparations Task Force to resign. The report explained the move to start a task force started in 2021 when voters approved a ballot initiative. The actual task force was formed in February of 2023. The report noted the members who resigned did not give details for their decision, but the story did explain the goal is to develop recommendations to address historical discrimination against Black Detroiters. The story also included a statement from City Council President Mary Sheffield who pointed anytime you have 13 members of one board there will be times when not everyone agrees on a decision.

Program: Local 4 News

Date: 12/12/23

Time/Duration: 6pm/1:45

Summary:

The first-ever black female police officer with the River Rouge Police Department is suing over what she calls a pattern of sexual and racial discrimination. The story explains how the officer claims she was harassed by the police chief and a command officer. The report included several complaints made by the officer, including an example of how she works as both a police officer and a firefighter. According to the complaint, there is no accommodation for her to change clothes and no women's rest room. The story included comments from the officer and her attorney. At the time the report aired, the police chief and River Rouge mayor had not responded to a request for comment.

Program: Focus Hope March

Dates: October

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :15, 1x :30

Summary:

These WDIV-produced PSAs invite viewers to participate in Eleanor's March for Hope, an annual fundraiser for Focus: Hope. Focus Hope's mission is to eliminate poverty, racism and injustice for people at all stages of life.

CULTURAL ENDEAVORS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Program: WDIV News

Dates: November 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. December 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/42:05 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported on a series of reports on Toys 4 Tots. We also reported Detroit Lions Quarterback Jared Goff and his fiancée, model Christen Harper, helped Metro Detroiters Go 4 It with Help Me Hank Toys for Tots Drive with Kroger. The couple is giving back in a big way to show their thanks for all the love and support they're receiving this football season.

"I think just being a part of the city is like, you just want to give back, and you want to make a difference even if you're making a difference in a tiny, small way," said Harper.

Harper and Goff certainly know the ins and outs of football but had no idea their big donation to Help Me Hank's Toys for Tots Drive was going to take a lot of extra work.

"I actually hand-pumped the footballs as they came deflated, and no kid wants a deflated football," Harper said.

Goff has been getting a lot of attention for his great work on the field, but he's especially proud of the effort Harper has put into the Toys for Tots Drive, which is a true family commitment to make a big difference in their adopted hometown Detroit.

"It's always cool to give back during this time of year, especially to the unfortunate and certainly to the kids that need it in our city, and I'm proud of her for doing that, and I'm glad to be involved in it," said Goff.

Hundreds of footballs from Goff and Harper will go right to kids in need here in Metro Detroit. When Local 4 put out the call for help, they didn't hesitate.

"We're really blessed in our lives, and we know that, and when we see kids that need a little bit more extra joy through the holiday season, even if we could do just one little thing to help bring that joy to them, it's just everything," Harper said.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: November 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. December 14.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/2:45:00 total length

Summary:

WDIV is focusing on hyper-local community coverage – by taking our 5:30 news on the road and anchoring from cities, focusing on issues specific to each community. We chose a geographically diverse group of cities to focus on.

We kicked it off with visits to Southfield, Westland, Detroit, Shelby Township, Livonia and St. Clair Shores and will continue in other cities in the coming months.

In Your Neighborhood is a mix of stories covering what you love the most in your community, what's new and happening, and what issues your community may be facing -- and looking for solutions.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 31. November 1.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6am, 5pm, 11pm/7:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV focused on a neighborhood that some say has long been neglected is starting to see some new momentum and significant changes. The Dexter Avenue corridor on Detroit's west side has received more than \$21.5 million in Strategic Neighborhood Fund investments. The announcement about the local, state, and federal funding brought a boost of new energy to the area. One small business in the center of the action is In Harmony Café. Tahlil Barnes, who opened the café with his wife Keyona in 2022, said that it was a community hub. The couple wants to be a part of the corridor's revitalization. "This has given us an opportunity to get people to connect," Barnes said. "As people connect, we're rebuilding our community." Rebuilding the Dexter Avenue corridor is key right now. "Dexter is one of the most significant avenues in our district," said Detroit City Councilman Fred Durhall, III. City leaders and neighbors gathered to announce the \$21.5 million Strategic Neighborhood Fund investment for the Dexter Avenue area. An additional \$40 million in investment funding is going toward two affordable housing developments in the area. The owners at In Harmony Café received a grant award that will help them with façade improvements at the business. They're excited Dexter Avenue is one perk toward, again, becoming a destination place. The city of Detroit held meetings and worked with residents in areas including Russell Woods, Nardin Park, and Oakman Boulevard to determine where the investment dollars should go. Most of the neighbors said economic development and a safer and more walkable community were important to them with this project.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: November 30.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 4pm, 6pm/6:05 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported there is a desperate need for volunteers to be Meals on Wheels drivers and the situation is particularly dire in Northern Macomb County. Right now, some hungry seniors can't get access to food because there aren't enough people to be volunteer drivers to handle routes for Meals on Wheels. Reporter Paula Tutman went through the entire process to become a volunteer to show how dire the need is, but also to show the incredible rewards of pitching in. Before she even got in for her orientation, Paula had to fill out an application and go through a background check to make sure she wasn't on a sex offender registry and to see her driving record. She said it was intimidating at first due to some of the seniors with special dietary needs and the routine she needed to learn, but they walked her through the process.

Paula said the day had some surprises and adventures, but the seniors she met along the way were the real prize.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 2, 3, 19, 20, 23. November 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 13, 14,15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/4:15:00 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported on the 97th America's Thanksgiving Parade presented by Gardner White and this year's Parade theme, "A Heart of History." The parade was held on Thanksgiving morning on a route that is three miles of smiles along Woodward Avenue from Kirby to Congress. The Parade started at Kirby and Woodward at 8:45 a.m. It was roughly an hour and a half march south, down to the Celebration Zone. The Parade officially ended at Congress and Woodward. We broadcast live for our morning show on the day of the parade. In the days leading up – we did stories on the floats, the route, the parking, the best places to see the parade and what the parade means to the city of Detroit.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: October 4, 11, 18, 25. November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. December 6, 13, 21, 27.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News 6am/35:15 total length

Summary:

Every week, anchor Rhonda Walker introduces viewers to a local child who is excelling in academics, sports, community service, the arts, STEM or entrepreneurship. She searched for the most exceptional kids in Metro Detroit to boast about in her "brag book." She then shares their stories and fills the book with these kids' remarkable accomplishments. This quarter she focused on these children among others: a secretary of the National Honor Society and star baseball player, a student who designed a program to help feed the homeless, and a teen who holds the highest GPA in Metro Detroit.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 10/22/23

Time/Duration: 7:02

Summary:

Detroit Riverfront Conservancy President and CEO Mark Wallace and board chair Matt Cullen came on to talk about the opening of the latest stretch of the Detroit Riverwalk called the Uniroyal Promenade. They reflected on the successes over the past 20 years, and how Detroit's riverfront is winning national awards. Wallace said he's happy the areas are now accessible to everyone, not just people who work or live in certain sections of the area. Cullen said 3.5 million people used the Detroit riverfront last year, and more are expected this year. They both talked about the generous donations that made the development possible to finish.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 11/19/23

Time/Duration: 6:39

Summary:

President and CEO of the Parade Company Tony Michaels was the guest. They looked forward to America's Thanksgiving Parade this coming Thursday and the excitement that surrounds the event in downtown Detroit. Michaels updated the nonprofit's fundraising effort to buy and build a new headquarters for the Parade Company that would also be a community gathering place and a destination for field trips and other outings. He talked about the current facilities and how they're falling apart. Finally, Michaels previewed the Parade, highlighting the updates to certain floats like Mother Goose, the oldest float on the street, and grand marshals Lomas Brown and Huel Perkins.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/24/23

Time/Duration: 10:55

Summary:

Host Devin Scillian shared some of his favorite stories that he's reported over the past couple years. The first was the story of a Detroit woman who was duped into paying for a rent-to-own home only to realize she had been conned and faced eviction. A Michigan-born businessman saw her story on cable news and decided to pay it off for her. He intended to remain anonymous, but Scillian convinced him to meet her for the first time on camera. The second story was a profile of former WDIV sports anchor Van Earl Wright, who moved on to Los Angeles and turned to drugs after a career demotion. He eventually completed rehab and now works as a golf caddy in Florida.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/24/23

Time/Duration: 5:14

Summary:

The next story was a profile of Olympic snowboarder Nick Baumgartner who finally won a gold medal in mixed snowboard cross in the 2022 Olympics at age 40. Scillian traveled to Michigan's upper peninsula to speak with Baumgartner and his son about his athletic achievements and what they mean to his small town.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 12/24/23

Time/Duration: 6:24

Summary:

His final favorite story was about the "Geezer Happy Hour" at a popular nightclub in Ann Arbor, which is better known as a young person's college town. During certain hours, the dance floor gets taken over by more mature clubgoers who have spent decades enjoying each other's company.

Program: Parade – Grandstands, Turkey Trot, Traditions

Dates: October 12 – November 23

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 3x :30, 2x :15

Summary:

These WDIV-produced PSAs invite viewers to purchase grandstand seats for America's Thanksgiving Parade or tickets for a tour of the Parade Studios. Some PSAs invite viewers to register for the annual Turkey Trot 10K, 5K or one-mile races. The proceeds benefit the nonprofit Parade Company.

Program: No Normal

Dates: October - November

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30, 1x :15

Summary:

These PSAs from Bring Change 2 Mind talk to young people about how there is no one "normal", and that pretending to be confident does not help in the long run. It encourages them to reach out for mental help if they need it.

Program: Peace Corps – Bold Invitation

Dates: October - December

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30, 1x :15

Summary:

These PSAs from the Peace Corps invite people who are big-hearted, bold and purpose driven to consider joining the Peace Corps to do development work in one of the 60 countries where the organization operates.

Program: PR – Bathroom Boy, The Stans

Dates: October - December

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30, 2x :15

Summary:

These PSAs from the Ad Council and Project Roadblock illustrate that people are not always the best judges of when they've had too much to drink. They show that it's better to be safe than sorry because buzzed driving is the same as drunk driving.