

**APRIL – JUNE 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.

<b>FLASHPOINT</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00-10:30AM</b>
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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.

<b>LIVE IN THE D</b>	<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>11:00-12:00PM</b>
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<b>PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<b>Every Day</b>	<b>Run of Schedule</b>
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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 – 11:00pm 4-7, 4-14, 4-21, 4-28, 5-5, 5-12, 5-19, 5-26, 6-2, 6-9, 6-23, 6-30

Sunday 7:00 – 9:00pm 4-2, 4-9, 4-16, 4-23, 5-7, 5-14, 5-21, 5-28

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

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: April 11, 16, 18, 19, 22. May 2, 3, 11, 16, 21. June 7, 13, 29, 30.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/32:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed legislation into law, making it illegal to drive while holding or using a cellphone – and the process it took to get here. Michigan has become one of 26 states to pass so-called hands-free driving legislation meant to curb distracted driving and related crashes. The Michigan Legislature sent three approved bills to the governor's desk last month for final approval. The legislation amends the Michigan Vehicle Code to help reduce distracted driving caused by cellphone use. Lawmakers voted to modernize existing laws to match today's technology to better specify what type of mobile device use is prohibited while driving.

Prior to the new legislation, it has been illegal to text while driving in Michigan -- but that rule was established years ago when cellphones and their capabilities were much different. Michigan's existing vehicle code states, in part, that drivers cannot "read, manually type, or send a text message on a wireless 2-way communication device that is located in the person's hand or in the person's lap."

The newly signed hands-free driving rules will make all cellphone usage illegal while driving in Michigan -- not just texting.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 24.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 5pm/2:45 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported Michigan is facing a nearly \$4 billion shortfall in annual funding to fix its roads and bridges, according to a newly released report on the state's infrastructure.

Public Sector Consultants (PSC) released their Michigan Transportation Infrastructure Needs and Funding Solutions report, highlighting the projected budget shortfall to improve the state's roads and bridges.

The report looked at the cost of maintaining Michigan's roads, current road funding estimates and revenue sources, and the potential for raising more revenue to close the funding gap.

"This report makes it crystal clear that it's time to take our infrastructure funding crisis seriously," said Rob Coppersmith, Executive Vice President of the Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association (MITA). "The data speaks for itself. Michigan faces an annual funding shortfall of \$3.9 billion, and that is even with the funding from the governor's bonding program and the federal infrastructure plan dollars included. There will be a day coming in the not-too-distant future when those funds will dry up, but our need will only continue to grow."

A 2016 report found that Michigan needed to invest an additional \$2.2 billion to meet quality goals, but this new report found that number continues to rise.

The PSC report found that Michigan's transportation system needs are higher than previous estimates and that spending to maintain and rehabilitate roads is more cost effective than waiting until a lane mile has reached the end of its design life, when reconstruction becomes the only option.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: May 23, 24. June 15, 16.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/9:55 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported legislation meant to protect Michigan residents from hair discrimination in schools and workplaces was signed into law.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed the CROWN (Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair) Act into law. The bill expands the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to prohibit race-based hair discrimination.

Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II said Black women's hairstyles are 2.5 times more likely to be seen as unprofessional and Black men face similar stigmas. "The CROWN Act will address hair discrimination in Michigan and remove barriers that interfere with educational and employment opportunities for Black Michiganders," Gilchrist said.

SB 90 amends the ELCRA to expand the definition of race to ban hair discrimination. It prohibits race-based hair discrimination, or the denial of employment and educational opportunities because of hair texture or protective hairstyles such as braids, locs, twists, or bantu knots.

The ELCRA was originally passed in 1976. It prohibits discriminatory practices, policies, and customs in the exercise of those rights based upon religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status. Michigan is one of 23 states to sign the CROWN Act into law.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 13, 14, 19, 20. May 22, 23.

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

Summary:

WDIV reported Michigan is the newest state to sign red flag laws into effect.

Surrounded by a crowd of supporters, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed what she calls a "Common Sense" Gun Violence Protection Legislation.

"Really proud to be here to sign this third piece, and I don't think the conversations over," said Whitmer.

"There are a lot of survivors of loved ones from Oxford and from MSU here today. I know they want to continue talking about what in addition, we might do to keep people safe."

Among the crowd of eager spectators were advocates hoping for stricter gun laws, those who lost loved ones at the hands of gun violence, and survivors of these types of crimes like former U.S. Representative Gabby Giffords.

"Now is the time to come together, be responsible," said Giffords. "We must never stop fighting."

With Whitmer's signature, the new law officially means extreme risk protection orders will be created, allowing family members, police officers, and even medical professionals to petition to keep guns out of the wrong hands.

The law will not go into effect until next year. Some prosecutors have vowed not to enforce it, but that will not be the case at all in Detroit.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 4, 5, 6, 7, 21, 22. May 4, 18.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/18:40 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported Governor Whitmer signed legislation into law that repeals the 1931 abortion ban, which made providing abortion care a felony. The legislation also eliminates penalties for advertising or publishing about abortion or providing drugs for the purpose of procuring an abortion. Michigan is one of 13 states that have protected access to abortions, according to the Center for Reproductive Rights. Ten states have “expanded access” to abortion care, while several other states have either not taken any steps to protect abortion access or are actively trying to limit or eliminate such access.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 4/2/23

Time/Duration: 22:44

Summary:

On April 2, 2023, Democratic congresswoman Elissa Slotkin was a guest on Flashpoint, and talked about subjects ranging from gun safety legislation to the debt ceiling crisis to Donald Trump’s indictment in New York. On the same show, a roundtable consisting of assistant editorial page editor at the Detroit News Kaitlyn Buss, former Speaker of the Michigan House Tom Leonard, Focus: HOPE CEO Portia Roberson and former Michigan State Senator Adam Hollier also talked about the Trump indictment, as well as plans to repeal Right-to-Work laws in Michigan and state income tax reductions.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 4/9/23

Time/Duration: 15:14

Summary:

The April 9, 2023, Flashpoint began with a roundtable. The guests were WDET host Stephen Henderson, Bridge Michigan Capitol reporter Lauren Gibbons, Detroit News reporter Craig Mauger and Detroit Free Press columnist ML Elrick. They talked about the charges announced this week against a former Speaker of the Michigan House Rick Johnson and others regarding bribes paid for marijuana business licenses. They also discussed the lack of enforcement in jurisdictions where there are regulations. The group talked about how big this current scandal is because it was setting the ground rules for an entire new industry in Michigan.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 4/23/23

Time/Duration: 8:41

Summary:

The roundtable guests on April 23, 2023, were WDET host Stephen Henderson, Detroit News deputy editorial page editor Kaitlyn Buss and Bridge Michigan Capitol reporter Lauren Gibbons. They discussed the latest in Democrats’ legislative blitz in Lansing now that they control the House and the Senate. The group agreed that the chance of any real bipartisanship is still slim no matter which party is in the majority.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 4/23/23

Time/Duration: 5:19

Summary:

Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum was also a guest on April 23. She talked about the power of the youth vote, after a recent study showed Michigan's turnout of young people was the highest in the country. She talked about the tools that made that possible, including same-day registration, early voting opportunities and polling places on college campuses.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 5/7/23

Time/Duration: 7:04

Summary:

Political consultants Dennis Darnoi and Adolph Mongo were guests on May 7, 2023. They talked about what seems to be shaping up as a presidential rematch between Joe Biden and Donald Trump. Later in the show, Detroit Free Press columnist ML Elrick made his case that there should be a media room near the mayor's office in Detroit's main municipal building because proximity helps journalists cover government leaders more thoroughly.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 5/14/23

Time/Duration: 10:55

Summary:

On May 14, 2023, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson was the guest, talking about her position as a "New New Deal Democrat", who are meeting in Detroit next week. She defined what the group is trying to accomplish, which is more unifying leadership by supporting more moderate voices.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 5/21/23

Time/Duration: 10:44

Summary:

The roundtable guests on May 21, 2023, were Detroit Free Press editorial page editor Nancy Kaffer, WDIV anchor Christy McDonald, Focus: HOPE CEO Portia Roberson, and political consultant Dennis Darnoi. The group talked about national efforts to find a viable third-party candidate as a workaround to the presumed Biden/Trump rematch coming in 2024. They talked about whether people are really more upset about Trump running again than Biden, and the likelihood that a third-party candidate would play spoiler and hand the election to Trump. The group also discussed Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's recent complaints that the Census Bureau reported the city continues to lose thousands of residents per year.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 5/28/23

Time/Duration: 11:18

Summary:

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan was the guest on May 28, 2023. He talked about his displeasure with the 2020 census, and the updated annual counts the Bureau has done since then. He explained the history of his quest to force the Census Bureau to share the formula they use to come up with their estimate that Detroit is losing thousands of residents per year despite the postal service and utility companies reporting more addresses. Duggan pointed out that it's widely accepted that minorities were undercounted because people of color are more suspicious of the government asking them personal questions. The problem of crime and proliferation of illegal weapons was the last topic, and Duggan said people are quicker than ever to reach for guns now in response to the smallest issues in life.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 5/28/23

Time/Duration: 8:18

Summary:

Also on May 28<sup>th</sup>, former U.S. Representative Fred Upton, who is part of the "No Labels" movement which is a nationwide effort to find a viable third-party candidate to run in the 2024 presidential election, was a guest. Upton said since the group would run a bipartisan ticket, it would draw voters from both parties instead of impacting just one. He ran through the timeline, which starts with getting on the ballot in all fifty states. Upton said it's too early for them to be thinking about specific people who might be nominated, but that they're trying to come up with policy positions now.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 6/4/23

Time/Duration: 15:19

Summary:

On June 4, 2023, the first guest from the Mackinac Policy Conference was Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and she talked about her plan to grow Michigan's population after reports it continues to decline. She touted the state's low cost of living and high quality of life, and Michigan will become more and more attractive as temperatures everywhere rise and water becomes scarcer. Whitmer described her new "Make It in Michigan" plan, and explained the myriad of reasons why the state's education system lags other places in the country. She predicted that the fight over abortion in Michigan will never be completely over because people opposing it will always be looking for ways to change the law. The Mackinac-based show also contained parts of interviews with leaders like Oakland County Executive Dave Coulter, Camille Lloyd from the Gallup Center on Black Voices, and the CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Quentin Messer. The final segment was portions of Scillian's interview with former U.S. Representative from Wyoming Liz Cheney, talking about her mission to make sure Donald Trump never returns to the White House and the dangers she believes he poses to American democracy.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 6/18/23

Time/Duration: 10:43

Summary:

The roundtable on June 18, 2023, consisted of Focus: HOPE CEO Portia Roberson, former Republican U.S. Representative Dave Trott, and editorial page editor of The Detroit News Nolan Finley. The group discussed Michigan Democrats' plan to move their primary earlier to the end of February, and the negative consequences that would have for Michigan Republicans. They evaluated the Republicans'



plan to hold a primary and a caucus to avoid losing delegates and concluded that would make it more likely for Trump to win the state's support. Roberson said Michigan Republicans should have predicted this would happen since Democrats have been talking about it for years, but Finley and Trott maintained it's still not fair to Republicans. Then the subject turned to Trump's federal indictment regarding keeping classified documents. The roundtable talked about how solid his support remains despite all his legal problems, and how it's likely to remain steadfast.

## **AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY**

Date: 4/4/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6pm/:30

Ford Motor Company released its First Quarter earnings. The story highlighted how Ford sales rose just over 10 percent year-over-year. The report also mentioned that despite the better than expected first quarter numbers, Ford finished in second place (behind General Motors) when it comes to electric vehicles.

Date: 4/05/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 5am/:40

In another sign of the time for the American auto industry, General Motors announced about 5,000 salaried workers decided to take buyouts. The story also explained General Motors says the number of buyouts were enough to avoid layoffs at this time. The automaker estimates the buyout offers will save about \$1 billion per year in costs.

Date: 4/8/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6am/:30

Tesla announces new price cuts. The report covered plans to reduce price on Model 3 and noted this is the sixth time the price has been lowered on the electric vehicle. The price of the vehicle would now be under \$40,000 and it would qualify for less of a tax credit.

Date: 5/8/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6pm/:50

This report covered a study that looked at the longevity of vehicles. The report noted a study of more than 260 million vehicles designed to find out which ones are most likely to make it to 250,000 miles. The story also highlighted the odds of an average vehicle reaching that many miles and how passenger cars are compared to SUVs and trucks. It also singled out which automaker had the most vehicles on the list.

Date: 5/11/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6pm/1:30

Two foreign car models are on a “most popular” list, but in this case, it is not good news. The story explained that many Hyundai and Kia models are a favorite target for thieves because they lack a common security measure which makes the vehicles easier to steal. A Hyundai owner who recently had his vehicle broken into talked to Local 4. The story also updated the recall efforts now in place as the automakers are upgrading the security systems of the vehicles already on the road.

Date: 5/14/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 11pm/2:00

The U.S. government is demanding what could be one of the biggest safety recalls ever. The story highlighted the efforts to remove dangerous airbags from vehicles, and why some auto companies are pushing back against the recall effort. The report included an interview with an auto analyst and an official with the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration. It also noted the number of vehicles currently on the road which have the airbags in question.

Date: 6/5/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 11pm/:30

General Motors makes a huge investment in two Michigan plants. The story covered the announcement from GM that the automaker is putting a combined one billion dollars into two facilities in Flint. The report highlighted how much each plant will get and what the money will be used for.

Date: 6/06/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 11pm/:40

The report was on a recall notice announced by the Ford Motor Company. The story pointed out this is the automaker’s second recall for the same issue that was not fully address during the first recall. The story also explained the concern is over a fire hazard connected to thousands of hybrid plug-in vehicles,

noting the gas engines can leak oil or vapors. The report noted Ford confirms there have been 28 reports of hybrids catching fire.

Date: 6/7/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6pm/1:30

The North American International Auto Show is one of the premier events in the industry. The report previewed the 2023 version which will take place in Detroit in September. The story was done by Local 4 Business Editor and auto expert Rod Meloni. The report included an interview with the chairman of this year's event who talked about the lessons learned from last year's show, which for the first time, featured exhibits outside, and what to expect this year. The story noted there will be reveals in the 2023 show, something which has always been a big hit in previous years.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 4/16/23

Time/Duration: 7:42

Summary:

On April 16, 2023, longtime auto writer from The Detroit Bureau Paul Eisenstein came on the show to talk about the Biden administration's latest push to get more EVs on the road quickly.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 4/30/23

Time/Duration: 12:11

Summary:

During the April 30, 2023, Flashpoint, Ford Motor Company chairman Bill Ford, Jr. came on to talk about the company's new campus in the Corktown neighborhood of Detroit, and how he hopes it will be an incubator for more tech companies. He also discussed the shift toward EVs and upcoming union negotiations. Ford was again a guest on the June 4, 2023, episode of Flashpoint, in the form of a chunk of an interview he did with WDIV anchor Christy McDonald talking about ways the auto industry can contribute to growing Michigan's population.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 5/7/23

Time/Duration: 11:17

Summary:

On May 7, 2023, the CEO of Nel Hydrogen Hakon Voldall was a guest. He explained why the company chose Michigan to build its new electrolyser plant, which included geography and financial incentives and proximity to General Motors. He also talked about the practical applications of hydrogen power, including heavy duty transportation vehicles.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 6/25/23

Time/Duration: 16:03

Summary:

The new UAW president Shawn Fain did his first television interview on the June 25, 2023, edition of Flashpoint. He talked about what the unions wanted from the auto companies in the upcoming negotiations with the Detroit 3, including sharing in the profits they have made since bankruptcy more than ten years ago. He also talked about the effects of inflation on workers' incomes and how that deficit needs to be corrected.

Program: Ad Council – It's Joust Not Worth It

Dates: April - June

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This Ad Council PSA shows the dangers of texting while driving by illustrating a knight "texting while jousting". It aims to prevent distracted driving, especially among younger people.

## **HEALTH & PUBLIC WELFARE**

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 6, 14, 20, 28. May 4, 12, 18, 26. June 2, 8, 22, 30.

Program: WDIV News

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 5am, 5pm, 6pm/ 29:55 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 April, doctors reported a big jump in spring allergy symptoms, but many winter illnesses continued to be seen in large numbers, in particular strep throat. Several hospitals also reported an increase in Covid, though most cases were mild and only a small number of patients required hospitalization. Strep throat continued to be a top illness in May. Stomach viruses and sinus infections were also prevalent. As the weather changed dramatically from day to day, doctors reported a surge in patients with breathing problems, including allergies and flares of asthma and COPD. Cases of pink eye also increased, particularly in children. Doctors also noted more summer issues including poison ivy rashes, infected insect bites, tick bites, and outdoor injuries. Several hospitals and the Washtenaw County Health Department also reported sporadic cases of influenza A and B. In late June, poor air quality due to the Canadian wildfires lead to a significant increase in breathing problems, particularly in those with pre-existing lung conditions.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: May 9, 10.

Time/Duration: 6am, 4pm, 5pm, 11pm / 11:40 total length

Summary:

The age at which women should start screening mammograms has been the subject of heated debates over the past two decades. Medical reporter Dr. Frank McGeorge reported on a significant shift as the U.S. Preventative Task Force abruptly reversed its previously controversial 2009 recommendation. The influential group lowered the age for women of average risk to begin getting mammograms to 40 years of age. That new guideline is ten years earlier than the previous guideline. Dr. McGeorge explained that the shift was due in part to the consistent increase in the rate of breast cancer in women under 50 and the growing awareness of differences in both the rate and outcomes of breast cancers diagnosed in black women. The updated recommendation brings the Task Force's guideline into alignment with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Radiology, and the American Society of Breast Surgeons. "To have everyone on the same page is going to simplify screening recommendations for primary care physicians and for women that need screening," said Dr. Lindsay Petersen, a surgical breast oncologist at Henry Ford Health.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: May 8, 9, 29. June 7.

Time/Duration: 5am, 6am, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm / 26:20 total length

Summary:

More than one in four seniors suffers a fall each year, and the results can be devastating or even deadly. Falls are the number one cause of injuries and injury-related deaths in people over age 65. Medical reporter Dr. Frank McGeorge spotlighted the risk of falls and the many simple ways they can be prevented. McGeorge shared the story of Bob Shafer who fell during a vacation to Australia, severely injuring his knee. Shafer said, in retrospect, he could have prevented his fall by paying closer attention to where he was going and using the provided handrails on the trolley car. McGeorge also visited the home of Fred Barnard, 80, who fractured his shoulder after falling at home. McGeorge toured the home with physical therapist Sara Arena to identify fall hazards that could be corrected. Recommendations included removing loose rugs, installing additional lights, and avoiding step stools. Dr. McGeorge also demonstrated the safest way to fall and two tests that can help gauge if you have an elevated risk of falling – the "Single Leg Stance Test" and the "Timed Up and Go Test." Exercises to improve strength, flexibility and balance can also reduce the risk of falling and the likelihood of someone being injured if they do fall. McGeorge highlighted an Auburn Hills exercise class that caters to seniors and helps them build those skills in a supportive environment.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: May 15, 23, 25, 31.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6am, 5pm/ 19:45 total length

Summary:

Stroke is a leading cause of lifelong disability, affecting some 800,000 Americans each year. Medical reporter Dr. Frank McGeorge reported on efforts to increase awareness of stroke symptoms and the need to seek help quickly. McGeorge profiled Sarah Rood, who suffered a stroke without warning at the age of 32. Rood's mother quickly recognized the symptoms and called 911. Doctors discovered Rood had a blood clot in her brain, but ultimately could not determine why the stroke occurred. With medication and monitoring, she has made a full recovery. The experience led Rood to find a new job as communications director for the American Heart Association. McGeorge also highlighted racial disparities in stroke risk. According to the American Heart Association, black young adults are almost four times more likely to suffer a stroke than their white peers and also more likely to die from a stroke. Researchers at the University of Michigan are working to understand why the difference exists and how to reduce the disparity. Local 4 also reported efforts by U-M Health to close the gaps in stroke care by expanding Telestroke services, which allow stroke specialists to communicate with medical teams at hospitals without such expertise using various forms of technology or a robot.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: June 7, 8, 11.

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

Summary:

Erythritol is a sugar alcohol that is increasingly being used as an artificial sweetener – in concentrations up to a thousand times higher than its naturally occurring levels. Medical reporter Dr. Frank McGeorge reported on a recent study published in the journal Nature Medicine that found patients with higher levels of erythritol in their bloodstream from consuming sugar substitutes had a greater risk of suffering a heart attack or stroke and of dying over a three-year period. The study had an instant impact on Dr. Herb Aronow, a Henry Ford Health cardiologist and the director of the heart and vascular department. “I think like a lot of people, I assumed that by substituting for sugar, there was a benefit as far as the risk for gaining weight, the risk of things like diabetes, the risk of poor oral health,” explained Aronow. The study found that erythritol appeared to increase the stickiness of blood cells, increasing the risk that blood clots will form. Dr. McGeorge reported that Dr. Aronow immediately stopped putting sweeteners that contained erythritol in his coffee and has begun advising his patients to reduce their consumption or avoid erythritol all together by reading labels carefully. Erythritol is used as a standalone sweetener, but it is also used in many sweetener blends and in foods that are promoted as low-sugar, sugar-free, or keto-friendly.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: June 21, 27, 28, 29, 30.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts / total length 3:02:10

Summary:

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Detroit experienced what would become the first of many Air Quality Alert days triggered by smoke from wildfires in Canada. Meteorologists at the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) issued alerts due to excessively high levels of fine particulate in the air. The resulting haze blanketed the state, reducing visibility and leaving a chemical smell in the air. Local 4 meteorologists Kim Adams, Ashlee Baracy, Ron Hilliard, and Bryan Schuerman tracked the smoke and explained the Air Quality Index scale and what viewers should do to protect themselves at the given alert levels. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, the air quality index hit 337, far past the 250-level considered hazardous for everyone. Local 4 advised viewers to remain inside as much as possible, wear an N95 mask outdoors, and use recirculated air if traveling by car. Dr. Meilan Han, chief of pulmonology at the University of Michigan Health, explained that the fine particles can cause shortness of breath, asthma symptoms, eye irritation, and sore throats. Han explained the particles can also travel deep into the lungs and vascular system, causing damage to the lungs and even triggering heart attacks and strokes. Reporter Shawn Ley interviewed Dr. Kelly Levasseur, the director of pediatric emergency medicine at Children's Hospital of Michigan, on the potential risks to children. Levasseur advised cancelling outdoor sporting events and keeping children inside until the air quality improved. Ley also reported on how outdoor workers were handling the poor air quality by wearing masks and taking more frequent breaks. In a live interview, Dr. Stuart Batterman, an air quality researcher and professor at the University of Michigan, explained how air quality is measured and noted the current situation was unprecedented in Michigan and several other states experiencing similar readings. The air quality readings improved on June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, but still remained in the unhealthy zone.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 5/28/23

Time/Duration: 5:27

Summary:

On May 28, 2023, immunology physician at University of Michigan Dr. Jim Baker was the guest. Baker agreed that he also believes the "pandemic" phase of the COVID fight is over, but said many questions remain about the origins of the virus and whether "long COVID" is one thing or multiple things. He talked about the lessons that have been learned, including making vaccines quickly and impacts on older populations.

Program: Gardner White Blood Drive

Dates: April 10 -24

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

Summary:

These WDIV-produced PSAs alert viewers to the constant need for blood donations in our area. WDIV, the American Red Cross, and Gardner White Furniture team up for blood drives that save countless lives. This one ended on 4/27/23.

Program: Ad Council – Denial, DoTheVapeTalk

Dates: April - June

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 2x :30

These Ad Council PSAs give parents advice about talking to their children about the dangers of vaping and nicotine addiction that comes along with it. They tell parents to be relatable and not in denial when dealing with kids.

Program: AFA – Alzheimer’s

Dates: April - June

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This PSA from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America describes some of the resources available to families that find themselves caregiving, and shares ways to support the organization itself.

Program: CCF – Spill Your Guts, Maria

Dates: April - May

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 2x :30

Summary:

These PSAs from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation talk about the undiagnosed symptoms of inflammatory bowel disease and how important it is to find a specialist who can help.

Program: MAB – Blood Lead Testing

Dates: April - May

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 – MiCareMatters

Dates: April

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA says Michiganders deserve quality health care services even after the COVID pandemic was hard on the health care industry. It sends viewers to a website to learn how they can help hospital systems.



Program: McGeorge – Move, Teeth, Doctor

Dates: April - May

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.

### **ECONOMIC WELFARE OF METROPOLITAN REGION**

Date: 4/11/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 5am/:40

Consider this a “snapshot” in time or a quick check of the community’s pulse. The story listed the findings of a new survey that shows the majority of workers are anxious about returning to work during the Coronavirus pandemic. The chief concern: People are not confident in their employer’s plan/ability to keep employees safe in the workplace.

Date: 4/11/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 5pm/1:40

This a story reminding the community that progress sometimes comes with setbacks and often, is not easy. The report covered Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s “kick off” to construction season tour. The story included comments from the governor, reactions from drivers, and interviews with people from several local communities. The report noted how Whitmer focused on the economic benefits and long-term financial impact on areas which go through construction. In the story, some drivers also considered construction a necessary evil, while others felt the overall economic benefit was not worth the individual hardship and inconvenience.

Date: 4/20/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6am/1:30

The report covered the extreme move by the City of Highland Park aimed at getting relief for its water bill. The story explained how Highland Park city leaders voted in favor of a plan to ask Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer to allow Highland Park to declare municipal bankruptcy. Highland Park owes the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) \$24 million dollars in past due and disputed water bills.

Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Candice Miller was interviewed for the story, she hopes the two sides (Highland Park and the GLWA) can work out an agreement on dealing with the debt.

Date: 5/8/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6pm/2:20

The story provided a new way to help predict the economic challenges the State of Michigan would likely have in the future. The story covered a new report on Michigan's public infrastructure and how well it appears to be holding up. The bottom line: Michigan's major roads and bridges are "showing their age". The other key takeaway is poor roads and bridges can often drive commerce away and make it less likely that new businesses will want to set up shop in the state. Local 4 Business Editor Rod Meloni did the story which also included an interview with Michigan residents and an official with the American Society of Civil Engineers, the group which did the study.

Date: 5/16/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6am/:40

It was once said when "General Motors sneezed the country caught a cold." Over the years, the U.S. economy has become less dependent on the auto companies, but the industry still helps to drive the economy. This report covered a slowdown for the industry, and the concern fewer sales could have on the economy. The story explained that a growing number of owners planned to hold on to their current vehicle longer than ever – a move which would hurt both new and used car sales. The report included examples from local drivers.

Date: 6/06/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6pm/1:45

A first-of-its-kind program for the State of Michigan is giving homeowners a much-needed financial shot in the arm. The story explained how the "guaranteed income" program will provide families who qualify \$528 each month for a period of two years. The report included interviews with an Ann Arbor couple benefiting from the program, an Ann Arbor city council member, and the head of a community group helping to get the program started. The story also explained how the program works and who is eligible to apply.

Date: 6/15/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6am/:40

Metro Detroit business groups came together to speak out against the City of Detroit's decision on "cashless businesses". The report explained the city plans to fine businesses which do not accept cash. The story included statements from the organizations which warn the ordinance, set to go into effect in September, will hurt businesses and prompt potential customers to actually spend less.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 4/16/23

Time/Duration: 6:55

Summary:

Dave Lorenz, the Vice President of Travel Michigan, joined the show on April 16, 2023, to discuss tourism in the state. He went over the history of the very popular "Pure Michigan" branding campaign, and how it will change slightly this year with its relaunch. Lorenz said he thinks 2023 will be a huge travel season since people are ready to get out again after the pandemic. He talked about how important tourism to Detroit is to the whole initiative.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 4/30/23

Time/Duration: 7:35

Summary:

On April 30, 2023, Detroit's Planning and Development Director Antoine Bryant was the guest because he travelled to Kansas City this week to experience how they hosted the NFL draft since Detroit will have it next year. Bryant shared the insights he learned and will attempt to implement in Detroit to be even better hosts for the thousands of visitors the city will welcome.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 5/14/23

Time/Duration: 6:02

Summary:

On May 14, 2023, the guests were the president of the Association for Advancing Automation Jeff Burnstein and the president and CEO of Visit Detroit Claude Molinari. They came on to discuss the upcoming Automate conference which will be held in Detroit for the second year. Burnstein talked about how automation is rapidly influencing many industries, but he said it's a tool to help society tackle challenges and it needs safeguards to make sure it doesn't become smarter than people. Burnstein said automation helps the U.S. compete nationally and it's the reason that some manufacturing has come back from China. Molinari talked about how Detroit is becoming a more attractive destination for conferences and gatherings like this Automate event.

## **CONSUMER WELFARE**

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30. May 2, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 30. June 2, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26.

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: contaminated frozen strawberries, numerous auto recalls and an Advil recall.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 14, 18, 21, 24. May 9, 16. June 22.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 5pm, 6pm/25:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV's Hank Winchester continues to track illegal dumping in Detroit – and this quarter also shared how easy it is to legally remove junk items at no cost. Trash in the city is a problem year-round, but when spring rolls around, the dumpers seem to reappear and throw their trash in other people's neighborhoods. Not only is it illegal, but it's also a nuisance. Winchester traveled through the city and discovered trash bags and debris as well as leftover construction junk, all just left in yards and vacant lots along the roadway. He shared drop locations with viewers including limits and restrictions.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 4, 7, 13, 17, 19, 23, 24. May 3, 4, 16, 17, 19, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30. June 15, 19, 21, 22, 28, 29.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/35:55 total length

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 debt consolidation company taking advantage of debtors, crypto scams, and Taylor Swift concert ticket scams.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 18.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 5pm/4:05 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported a World War I veteran is getting the final honor he deserves after his family has been dealing with a grave marker misplacement. Consumer Investigator Hank Winchester revealed Jack Clay,

buried at Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery in Clinton Township, had a grave marker that was discovered in March at his former Detroit home.

The team at Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery took the discovered grave marker and installed it to the correct grave decades after the veteran's death.

According to the application for a headstone or marker for Clay, the gravestone was sent to the veteran's wife, who lived in the east side Detroit home.

The application was filled out in late August of 1956. Clay was born on Sept. 1, 1899, in Georgia and passed away on June 20, 1956, in Michigan at the age of 56.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 11, 12. May 3.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 12pm, 5pm, 6pm/6:20 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: Flashpoint

Date: 4/9/23

Time/Duration: 7:30

Summary:

On the April 9, 2023, edition of Flashpoint, we had a segment that discussed the latest in marijuana licensing in the city of Detroit. The guests were J. Snipes, the COO of West Coast Meds marijuana dispensary and Dustin Walsh, a reporter for Crain's Detroit Business who covers the industry. Walsh said he's not surprised by corruption in marijuana licensing and predicted there will be more charges to come. Snipes said this kind of corruption makes the process even more unfair to small operators like her. She said the fact that they are both growers and retailers help their business model at this time with such low prices. Walsh confirmed that marijuana licenses are not as valuable as they once were, except in areas where zoning limits the number of outlets that can co-exist.

Program: Michigan Libraries Association

Dates: April - June

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.

## EDUCATION

Program: WDIV News

Dates: June 22, 23.

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

Summary:

WDIV reported hundreds of people attended a hearing to censure Rochester school board member Andrew Weaver, who was in trouble for his social media post and TV news appearances after a field trip went awry.

In November, a class of sixth-grade students from Hart Middle School attended a field trip in Detroit. After attending a musical performance, the teacher took the students to a restaurant in Greektown for pizza.

The restaurant did not have enough seats for all of the students and instructed the group to eat upstairs in a lounge area. The lounge appeared to be a nightclub that wasn't in use, and had dancing poles, a bar, and liquor ads. Photographs and videos were taken of the students in that setting.

Reports say the teacher leading the field trip immediately notified the school principal of what happened and was upfront about the unfortunate incident with the district.

Months later, Weaver, a school board member for the Rochester Community School District, made public comments about the field trip on social media and the national Fox show "Fox and Friends." School staff members have requested to censure or remove Weaver following such comments, saying he spread misinformation about what happened and put the school and district in a dangerous situation.

The school and its staff reportedly fielded several threats made after Weaver's public comments.

"I am angry that Mr. Weaver is seemingly incapable of learning anything from this experience and that he continues to deflect the blame to others," Linda Key said during Thursday's school board meeting.

Weaver is accused of spreading the photos and videos taken during the field trip and speaking badly about it without ever clarifying what actually happened with the middle school staff. Multiple union complaints were made against Weaver by Hart Middle School staff who said they were harassed and threatened after his media appearances.

"From the start, Mr. Weaver's position as a trustee could've been used to seek understanding," said teacher Amy Rever-Oberle. "Instead, he allowed a false narrative about our school to be spread. Every new post he shared about this story has poured salt into a barely healed wound over and over again for months."

Weaver claims that sharing the information wasn't to draw attention to himself, but rather to talk about bad district policy. He said parents were not notified about the whole ordeal.

Before Weaver was voted onto the school board, he was a vocal critic of the school's administration and the school board. The district's sitting superintendent has been on leave for a substantial amount of time, claiming the school board hadn't protected him from "personal attacks."

Program: WDIV News

Dates: May 22, 23. June 12, 13, 19, 20, 21.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/23:45 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported that consistent declining enrollment, a structural deficit, and a downgraded bond rating because it has been borrowing from its fund balance, the Grosse Pointe Public Schools is weighing dueling budgets, including teacher layoffs. A vote is expected soon, but of the budgets the board has

considered, the one which appears to have the most board support would cut \$4.6 million. It includes layoffs of five teachers at each high school, two fifth-grade teaching jobs, two K-4 teaching jobs, and central administration jobs like those in communications, with the potential for other administrators to see a pay reduction depending on whether the fund balance continues to decline. No matter what budget is adopted, layoffs cannot be avoided, and the board voted to authorize layoffs.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: May 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 30. June 16, 17.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/18:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported on a controversy in Dearborn Heights – where the principal at Annapolis High School was suspended. Frustration had boiled over in the community, as teachers protested, and parents demanded answers for the sudden suspension of Annapolis High School Principal Aaron Mollett. Now Mollett, who was placed on a paid suspension with no explanation to the community, has been reinstated. Superintendent Tyrone Weeks has been placed on administrative leave while various claims against him are investigated.

“(Weeks is) a bully,” said Troy Scott of the Michigan Education Association. “He threatens, intimidates, and harasses the teachers, the paraprofessional staff, and the secretaries in this district.”

Before Wednesday night’s school board meeting, teachers picketed, demanding the superintendent’s removal over various issues, including a lack of trust, transparency, the removal of two popular administrators, and poor communication.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: May 16, 17.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6am, 11pm/4:45 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported on a change to the curriculum in Troy schools. After hours of parents telling them removing the current honors math choices in middle school was a bad idea, Troy’s board of education voted 6-1 in favor of the change. Starting in sixth grade, students can enroll in honors math classes. The district wants to remove those honors classes in sixth and seventh grade and resume the separate honors track in eighth grade. The district views this as a simple structural change that doesn’t limit honors options but better prepares all students for advanced math in high school. Many parents disagree with the assessment and spend hours telling the board those changes limit their children’s development.

Some students addressed the board as well, telling them forcing advanced students into the same math class as those who struggle is a recipe for failure. The district counters that advanced students can be placed out of the sixth and seventh-grade classes entirely. After the vote, some parents considered mounting a school board recall.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 14, 18, 27.

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

Summary:

WDIV reported the superintendent of Bloomfield Hills Schools will retire this summer after fewer than four years in the role. Superintendent Patrick Watson will officially retire on July 31 after overseeing the Bloomfield Hills Schools community for 3.5 years. Watson said he decided to retire for “personal reasons,” and that he wants to spend more time with his family. The announcement comes weeks after the school district came under fire following a controversial assembly at Bloomfield Hills High School. Some members of the community called for prominent district figures, like high school Principal Lawrence Stroughter, to resign after a Palestinian American activist spoke during a diversity assembly in a community with a significant Jewish population.

Members of the community criticized the school for allowing Huwaida Arraf, an attorney and well-known pro-Palestinian activist, to speak during a 10th grade assembly and called her remarks antisemitic. Arraf said, however, that criticizing Israeli policies toward Palestinians is not antisemitism.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 5/14/23

Time/Duration: 6:06

Summary:

Michigan’s 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year, Candice Jackson from Detroit Public Schools Community District was the guest on May 14, 2023. She talked about the challenges of teaching post-pandemic because students came back to school with widely varying levels of competence based on how rigorous they were during the years they stayed home.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 6/18/23

Time/Duration: 11:56

Summary:

On June 18, 2023, Flashpoint welcomed Detroit Public Schools Community District superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti on the show. He talked about the regression of student achievement during the COVID pandemic, but the efforts to make improvements to mental health programs and student retention using federal funds.

Program: MAB – Choose Your Own

Dates: June

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: June 21, 23, 26, 27, 28.

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

Summary:

WDIV reported a viral video led to a lawsuit against a local police department. The video showed an officer assaulting a 19-year-old carjacking suspect. The 30-page complaint is now seeking \$50 million in damages. The officer was fired.

Warren police Commissioner Bill Dwyer commented on how quickly the suit was filed.

“Immediately, they file a \$50 million lawsuit,” said Dwyer. “I mean, why do they have to rush to doing that.”

The attorney for the plaintiff, Harrington, however, says he wishes it could have been filed quicker.

“I wish I could’ve filed this lawsuit within minutes of this happening,” Harrington said. “I wish I could have filed sooner. But we did it as fast as we probably could.”

The big question was whether or not Smith received any injuries because of the assault.

“He was treated at the hospital for his injuries and was cleared of no injuries,” Dwyer said.

“He is still, as of this day, having issues with head injuries,” Harrington said. “He’s having headaches, dizziness, nausea, consistent with traumatic brain injury.”

Another question was whether the other two officers involved actually intervened.

“They were actors,” Harrington said. “They were part of this brutality, and they will be held responsible as well.”

“They didn’t see what the officer had done at the beginning,” Dwyer said. “They came in when he was down on the ground, and they don’t know so, but when the officer started banging his head, that’s when they said they reported immediately to their supervisor.”

Either way, the now-fired officer involved has been charged with misdemeanor assault. It turns out he has a history of alleged excessive force.

“There was a lawsuit against him, and it stemmed from one occurrence with two different plaintiffs,”

Harrington said. “One was settled. One was dismissed on qualified immunity.”

Smith is still behind bars. Local 4 will monitor the lawsuit going forward.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: June 22, 23.

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

Summary:

WDIV reported that a lawsuit accused administrators at Detroit Public schools Community District of abuse of power and failing to report child abuse.

The parents filed a lawsuit against DPSCD and Moses Field Elementary School principals, alleging coverup of child abuse. Moses Field Elementary School educates children with disabilities.

“The suit accuses the district and administrators at the center of not reporting substantiated incidents of abuse to Child Protective Services, failing to immediately remove the abusers from the school, allowing students to suffer for months, and withholding information from parents,” stated a press release on behalf of the parents.

“This has to stop,” said Tanisha Floyd, the parent of a 12-year-old non-verbal student with disabilities. “These are children, and they don’t even have a voice for themselves. No one should be abusing them.” According to the attorneys representing the parents, some of the abuse was captured on the school’s surveillance system. It included photographs of children restrained in Rifton chairs that are meant to improve posture for kids who use wheelchairs. The parents want to see the administrators held accountable and systematic change implemented.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 5, 6, 11, 12, 18. May 16. June 5, 6,

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/21:25 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported a months-long legal battle over a cell tower atop a Wyandotte elementary school has shifted in favor of the parents fighting to have it taken down.

T-Mobile wanted to fire up the cell tower, but a judge in an emergency order ordered the cell company not to switch it on.

It was a first-round win for parents whose kids attend Washington Elementary School, as parents were furious that former Superintendent Dr. Catherine Cost signed a contract allowing T-Mobile to put up the cell tower atop the school and the equipment to run it right on the playground.

Parents protested, not wanting their kids exposed every school day to potential radiation. The controversy cost the superintendent her job, and she resigned.

The parents are now taking T-Mobile to court as they want it removed.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 5, 6, 17, 28, 30. May 17. June 14, 15, 28, 29, 30.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 5pm, 6pm/25:55 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported two class action lawsuits have been filed against the Hawthorn Center over an unannounced “active shooter” drill that terrified staff and patients and led to a massive police response. The center held the drill at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 21, 2022. The Hawthorn Center is a state-run children’s psychiatric hospital managed by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

People inside the center called 911. They were terrified, and employees working at the center said it was chaos inside the building. They truly believed there was an armed intruder among them. Police hadn’t been notified that the center was running a drill.

Now, attorneys for some of those people claim that the facility terrorized both its staff and its vulnerable patients during the drill. They want the state to be held accountable for what the staff and patients went through.

We spoke to two former Hawthorn Center employees, who spoke anonymously due to fear of retaliation - they were present at the time of the drill and described the aftermath.

Attorneys representing families and employees of the Hawthorn Center filed two class-action lawsuits. One lawsuit targets the state, as the Department of Health and Human Services operates the Hawthorn

Center, while the other lawsuit focuses on specific members of the hospital staff who initiated the unannounced active shooter drill.

The lawsuits seek a comprehensive investigation by the state attorney general, full accountability for what the plaintiffs consider a grossly irresponsible decision, and damages. It is important to note that many of the children at Hawthorn had already experienced severe trauma prior to the active shooter drill.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: May 14, 15.

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

Summary:

WDIV reported a Metro Detroit family has filed a lawsuit against Southfield police accusing the department of negligence after a man was paralyzed while in custody.

Clint Willis, 27, is now paralyzed from the neck down after an arrest in Southfield.

Willis' family and attorneys held a press conference Sunday announcing a \$20 million lawsuit against the department.

Police say they got a call that Willis assaulted his elderly mother, but his family said it was a call for help during a mental health crisis and that Willis shouldn't have been able to hurt himself.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 25.

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

Summary:

WDIV reported a Motown singer said that a hospital in Metro Detroit racially profiled him during a health emergency.

As a member of the Four Tops, Alexander Morris is used to belting out hits like "Can't Help Myself" and "I'll Be There," but when the singer recently had to go to the hospital - he said he was racially profiled by the staff.

Morris said he went to Ascension Macomb-Oakland for a health emergency, but he said they put his life in danger.

"It's hard to try to heal when you are afraid for your life in a place you should be able to get healing from," said Morris.

With chest pains and difficulty breathing, Morris said he was taken by ambulance to this hospital on April 7.

The Four Tops singer said he told hospital employees he's a member of the Motown group. He also mentioned that he informed them of his security concerns due to threats against his singing group. Morris said hospital staff and security then ordered him to be placed into a straight jacket. The singer also said they took away his personal possessions, and a white male security guard told him to "sit his Black \*expletive\* down."

Morris said he was in a straight jacket for about an hour until his wife came and verified his identity.

For the ordeal, his attorney Maurice Davis said Morris was offered a \$25 gift card. Now Davis said they are preparing to file a lawsuit against Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital.

“We are demanding the termination of any staff who was involved with the racial profiling and discrimination of my client Mr. Morris and we are announcing our intention to file a lawsuit against Ascension Macomb,” stated the attorney.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 4/16/23

Time/Duration: 8:56

Summary:

David Whelan, the brother of Paul Whelan, the local resident who is imprisoned in Russia was the guest on the April 16, 2023, episode of Flashpoint. He talked about the recent arrest of a Wall Street Journal reporter in Moscow and gave an update on the latest U.S. efforts to bring Whelan home to the U.S. after being convicted of espionage charges.

Program: MAB – SIGMA Lie or Law

Dates: May - June

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA quizzes viewers about the laws governing bicycle traffic on the roads. It gives examples of commonly misunderstood rules for sharing the roads between bikes and cars.

## **CRIME**

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 21, 22, 23, 24, 25.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/12:45 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported a fight at a Cub Scouts meeting in Warren ended in assault charges and made national headlines. The assault occurred when Tyreshia Sledge and the victim argued over a parking spot at Roose Elementary School when arriving for a Cub Scouts meeting.

Sledge called her brother Tyrone Sledge who approached the victim and punched him twice in the head, causing the victim to be admitted to a Metro Detroit hospital.

Tyrone Sledge is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder (10-year felony).

His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/surety with bond conditions that he will have no contact with the victim and wear a GPS Tether.

“This is not the example we want to set for children of Macomb County,” said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido. “I support the mission of the Cub Scouts to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and law.”

Program: WDIV News

Dates: May 25, 26, 29. June 1, 3.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/14:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported Detroit police, federal agents, and Metro Detroit prosecutors devised a new strategy to fight crime in two targeted areas. They are the 8th Precinct on the far west side and the 9th Precinct over on the far east side. By targeting those areas like the one on the west side where a teen was shot and killed, those areas will be flooded with federal and Metro Detroit law enforcement going after the most violent offenders.

“We are again addressing the most violent neighborhoods in Detroit,” said United States Attorney Dawn Ison.

The most violent neighborhoods, according to the latest crime statistics, have three areas in the 8th Precinct on the city’s west side where the 16-year-old boy was gunned down and three areas on the 9th Precinct on the city’s east side that will see what they’re calling “Enhanced Summer Enforcement Strategies” targeting crime hot spots.

For those caught with guns with serial numbers taken off and guns converted to fully automatic weapons, the FBI will jump on carjacking’s and robberies with the Detroit Police Department right at the crime scene.

“We are working together like never before to focus on the violence, the most dangerous people and the most dangerous places,” Ison said.

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said families in the 8th and 9th precincts aren’t safe, but those areas have never seen such focused attention from law enforcement targeting those making it unsafe.

“There will be no area in this city that has a more focused response effort this summer than the 8th and 9th precincts,” said Duggan.

“For those who choose to victimize our community, we’re going to be laser focus, and they’re going to get the full attention of the Detroit Police Department, this partnership, federal and state partners to get you off the street,” said Detroit police Chief James White.”

Program started in earnest on Memorial Day and will go through Labor Day.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 7, 25, 27. June 8, 23, 30.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/14:55 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: a missing Warren man, a 21-year-old mother who was murdered while holding her infant son who was also injured and a man who was killed in a suspicious fire in his home on Christmas.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: May 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30. June 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 20.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/28:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported a judge has ordered the clerk who locked the door inside the gas station on Detroit's west side to stand trial on involuntary manslaughter charges. Security camera video from inside the Mobil showed the excruciating 11-minute incident from start to finish. Gas station clerk Al Hassan Aiyash argued with customer Samuel McCray when McCray's Cash App card was declined for \$3.80. Three customers came in as the dispute was going on. The video showed Aiyash flip a switch and screaming at McCray that he was not going anywhere.

He locked the door and locked everyone in the shop.

As McCray got more irate, the three customers begged Aiyash to let them out.

The video then showed all three men being shot; Gregory Kelly was hit nine times and killed.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 11, 12, 13, 28. May 8. June 27.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/32:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported on the numerous court hearings for the youth hockey doctor accused of sexually abusing patients during medical exams at his Farmington Hills home – who will go on trial for 31 sexual misconduct charges. "Hockey doc" Zvi Levran, a urologist who worked with various youth hockey organizations, had been under investigation for months. In a preliminary exam, witnesses described abuse that includes inappropriate touching and massages, unnecessary rectal exams, and invasive yoga sessions. The first person to report Levran to the police did so last fall. They said Levran forced oral and genital contact during a hip check at his home office in Farmington Hills. The witness was 19 years old at the time of the assault. Several former hockey players testified they formed a relationship with Levran as teens, but the assaults didn't begin until they were young adults seeking medical care.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 4/23/23

Time/Duration: 10:31

Summary:

WDIV anchor Christy McDonald interviewed Detroit Police Chief James White on April 23, 2023, Flashpoint. He talked about a recent spike in shootings even in heavily patrolled areas. White went through his 12-point plan to deal with violence, including ramping up what is normally a mid-summer level deployment already in April.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: 5/21/23  
Time/Duration: 6:31  
Summary:

On May 21, 2023, Flashpoint aired an extended version of WDIV anchor Devin Scillian's story about Mario Willis, a man who is imprisoned for arson in a case where a Detroit firefighter was killed, and his mother's effort to bring the facts to retired investigative reporter Bill Proctor who founded the group "Proving Innocence". The story recently won a regional Edward R. Murrow award.

## **RACE RELATIONS AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE**

Date: 4/4/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 5pm/1:40

The father of Patrick Lyoya talked about his son's death. The story recapped the shooting death of Lyoya, who was shot and killed by a Grand Rapids police officer during a traffic stop just about one year ago. The report included an interview in which Lyoya's father and other family members called for the prosecutor to take the case to trial. The police officer Christopher Schurr. Lyoya was black. Schurr is white, and the story noted the incident raised new questions about racial tensions in the community.

Date: 4/6/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 11pm/1:30

This report covered the national outcry over the decision to expel two Democratic lawmakers in Tennessee after they joined a protest over gun control. The story explained many felt race was an issue from the beginning because both the expelled lawmakers were black men. The third lawmaker to join the protest was a white female. She was not expelled from the legislature. The story included interviews from the lawmakers in question and a Republican lawmaker who supported the move to expel the lawmakers.

Date: 4/19/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 5pm/:30

A Michigan man is sentenced to 10 months for crimes targeting supporters of the Black Lives Matter movement. The story noted the hate crimes took place in June and July of 2020. The report also explained the 62-year-old man had previously pleaded guilty to willfully intimidating and attempting to intimidate people from engaging in lawful protests and rallies.

Date: 5/3/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6pm/1:45

A once popular business in Detroit closed its doors amid racially charged allegations. The report highlighted the decision by owners of Founders to close its Detroit location. The story pointed out the move came just after a former female employee filed a racial discrimination lawsuit against the company. The former worker, who is black, and her lawyer were interviewed as part of the story, which also included a statement from the company. The report outlined the alleged incidents and the company's response to them.

Date: 5/17/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 11pm/:30

A bill making Juneteenth a state holiday passed its first political hurdle. The story covered the vote by lawmakers in the Michigan House to approve the bill which would make Juneteenth an official state holiday. It explained the history behind Juneteenth and the next step in the efforts to get it to Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer's desk.

Date: 5/22/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 6pm/1:20

A Novi neighborhood is shocked and disgusted after someone left anti-semitic flyers on several driveways. Homeowners were interviewed for the story and said the area has a very diverse population. The report also noted information from the Anti-Defamation League which last year saw its highest number of incidents since the agency began tracking complaints in 1979.

Date: 6/8/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 5am/:40

One of the biggest summer festivals in metro Detroit will feature something new year. The story explained an announcement on plans for Arts Beats & Eats to include new cultural elements and to promote community initiatives. The report stated the plan includes a partnership between Kroger and Pensole Lewis, the only historically black college in the country with a focus on business and design.

Date: 6/15/23

Program: Local 4 News



Time/Duration: 5pm/1:30

A new Michigan law makes it illegal to discriminate based on a person's hair. The report covered the event where Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the "Crown Act" into law. The story explained people, most often blacks, have been discriminated against because of their hair. It included the example of a woman who said she was told her braided hair style was inappropriate for work. The report also included comments from Gov. Whitmer.

Date: 6/19/23

Program: Local 4 News

Time/Duration: 5pm/2:30

This report covered several events taking place in metro Detroit to recognize the Juneteenth holiday. The story included the origin of the holiday which dates back to the 1860s. The report included interviews with a local historian, Michigan residents attending, and taking part in the various Juneteenth celebrations.

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND CULTURAL ENDEAVORS**

Program: WDIV News

Dates: June 16

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6pm/2:45 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported on a community eyesore: vacant Phoenix Multicultural Academy was one of Detroit's most dangerous buildings, but years after falling into disrepair, there's little to keep people, including children, out. The former academy hasn't hosted students or teachers in years, but its crumbling structure keeps drawing visitors.

The school closed back in 2016 due to low enrollment. Then in 2019, when a fire broke out at the vacant school, one firefighter suffered smoke inhalation and had to be hospitalized.

Now it's marked for demolition, but it's unclear when that will occur. The former school was beautiful in Southwest Detroit. Now it's one of Detroit's most dangerous buildings.

Since 2016 there has been fire after fire, including one that occurred this week.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 26, 27, 28. May 2, 3, 4, 11.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/14:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported a quick-thinking seventh grader saved the day Wednesday after his bus driver passed out behind the wheel in Warren.

The heroic effort occurred while transporting the students home from Carter Middle School. The driver became lightheaded and lost consciousness while traveling on Masonic Boulevard near Burt Road. The seventh-grade student saw the driver in distress and stepped to the front of the bus to help bring it to a complete stop without incident.

Warren police and fire departments were called to the scene to tend to the driver, and the students were safely loaded onto a different bus to continue their journey home.

We also covered a reunion between the bus driver and the hero student.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28. May 8.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/25:45 total length

Summary:

WDIV extensively covered Bookstock – a used book and media sale. The proceeds from the sale support education and literacy projects in Metro Detroit. The entire process is 100% volunteer driven. All leftover books from Bookstock are donated to non-profits or charities in the community. We interviewed organizers and went live from the event which sorts over 300,000 books and media items and raises over \$2 million for education and literacy programs.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26. May 3, 17, 24, 26, 31. June 14, 21.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 5am/21:15 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 high school senior with a 5.0 GPA who has published a book, a student who managed chronic illness and managed to graduate, and a follow-up on a brag book student who just graduated from college.

Program: WDIV News

Dates: April 19, 20.

Time/Duration: Local 4 News at 6am, 4pm/5:35 total length

Summary:

An Ann Arbor student group is raising money to eliminate lunch debt for disadvantaged families. End the Cycle, a student group at the University of Michigan, is working to combat food insecurity by paying off student lunch debt. The original mission was to address educational disparities faced by students experiencing housing insecurity, but they soon became aware of another issue.

“We realized there’s another barrier to education and education equity,” said Rija Awan, President of End the Cycle. A Tiktok video she saw of a woman offering to pay off student lunch debt inspired her to see what was happening in the Ann Arbor community.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median income in Ann Arbor is \$73,276. Despite that, there are still families who experience food insecurity. “There are still a lot of disadvantaged families that don’t qualify for federal aid,” said Zubaida Azeeza.

She reached out to Ann Arbor Public Schools and learned Allen and Carpenter Elementary had a combined student lunch debt of \$5,000. They decided to work to eliminate it. They applied for and were awarded grants through the University and raised the rest of the money through fundraising. They plan to deliver the checks to Ann Arbor Public Schools next week.

“Food is really important for the child’s social, physical, and emotional development, so we thought it’d be good to tackle the lunch debt as a start,” said Azeeza.

The group plans to continue raising money in hopes of eliminating more student debt in the future.

Program: Flashpoint

Date: 6/25/23

Time/Duration: 6:48

Summary:

On June 25, 2023, the President and CEO of The Parade Company Tony Michaels was the guest. He described The Parade Company’s plans to move into a new space on the Detroit River, and the fundraising effort underway to help bring that to fruition. Michaels said he needs to raise \$45 million before the end of September and is looking to sell the naming rights to the building for fifty years as part of that effort.

Program: MAB – MiCareMatters

Dates: April

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30

Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA says Michiganders deserve quality health care services even after the COVID pandemic was hard on the health care industry. It sends viewers to a website to learn how they can help hospital systems.

Program: Bookstock

Dates: April

Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 2x :30, 1x :15, 1x :10

Summary:

These WDIV-produced PSAs tell viewers about Bookstock, the area's largest used book and media sale. Proceeds benefit local literary programs and education initiatives. The sale runs from April 23 - 30, 2023.

Program: NAB – Bringing It Home

Dates: May - June

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.