

*January – February 2021*  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST  
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Local 4 News Today	Monday-Friday	4:30-7:00AM
Live in the D	Monday – Friday	10:00 AM-11:00 AM
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 – 8:00AM
Local 4 News Today	Sunday	6:00-7:30AM 8:00-9:00 AM
Local 4 News at 11	Saturday and Sunday	11:00-11:30PM

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	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
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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./18

DATELINE	Friday 9:00 – 11:00 p.m. 1/1 – 1/7, 1/22- 3/29 Friday 10:00 p.m-11:00 p.m. 1/11
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This NBC network news program features investigative reporting on controversial issues facing the American public.

TODAY SHOW	Monday-Friday	7:00-10:00AM
		11:00 AM –12:00PM

TODAY SHOW SATURDAY	Saturday	8:00-10:00AM
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TODAY SHOW SUNDAY	Sunday	9:00-10:00AM
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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. **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.
8. **LEGAL SYSTEM**, including issues that have the potential to affect our lives; local and statewide legislative issues and information on the judicial process
9. **RACE RELATIONS AND RELGIOUS 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: January 8, 9, 13, 22, 25. February 4, 5, 24. March 2, 10, 19.  
Time/Duration: Special Coverage/10:30:00 total length  
Summary:

WDIV aired all of Governor Whitmer's live coronavirus press briefings as she shared current data about the coronavirus crisis in Michigan. She and Michigan's state medical doctor Joneigh Khaldun shared current case trends and encouraged Michiganders to social distance, wear masks and avoid gatherings to help stop the spread of the virus.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 19, 27, 28, 29. February 2, 9, 10, 11, 20, 21. March 8, 9, 10, 19.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/32:15 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported that after a long battle with the legislature over pandemic powers, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has signed off on at least \$2.5 billion in COVID-19 relief funding. The legislation supports Whitmer's COVID-19 recovery plan, including a \$2.25 per hour wage increase for direct care workers, \$283 million in federal emergency rental assistance, up to \$110 million for vaccine administration and up to \$555 million for testing and tracing, state officials said. Whitmer and the Republican Legislature have sparred over the federal relief money for months, with the governor calling on lawmakers to negotiate during weekly press briefings.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 4, 11, 29. February 1, 2, 12, 13. March 1, 2, 3, 24.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/25:55 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson is pushing for sweeping changes to the state's elections after an audit. She also reiterated that November's presidential election was safe and secure. Among the changes she pushed for, were things like starting true early voting and prohibiting deceptive election practices and requiring a statewide audit before making the results official. There could be some changes coming to Election Day itself. Assistant Secretary of State Heaster Wheeler said moving the May and August elections to a single June election was being considered. He said making Election Day a holiday to make it easier to vote and volunteer is also part of the legislative agenda. Despite calling for changes, Benson also said the election was safe and secure calling it one of the smoothest elections in recent memory. At one point she accused some legislators of working to undermine voting rights. She also called on Republicans, without naming them, who have been spreading falsehoods about the state's election process to stop.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: February 22, 25, 26. March 26, 27

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/12:15 total length

Summary:

The Michigan attorney general said Michigan State University's refusal to disclose thousands of documents related to the Larry Nassar investigation has forced her office to close its investigation. Attorney General Dana Nessel has led the three-year investigation into the university and its role in Nassar's crimes but in February of this year, Nessel said the investigation was going nowhere. Now she has said the university's refusal to voluntarily waive privilege to the content of nearly 6,000 documents closed the "last door available to finish our investigation." In 2018, Nassar was sentenced 40 to 175 years in prison for sexually abusing young athletes, including some girls under the age of 13. The 54-year-old originally was charged with more than 20 counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, but instead agreed to a plea deal. More than 150 victims delivered impact statements during the seven-day sentencing hearing in 2018.

Program: WDIV News /State of the State

Dates: January 27

Time/Duration: 7pm Special Report/60:00 total length

Summary:

WDIV aired Governor Whitmer's State of the State address. Governor Whitmer addressed all the citizens of the state of Michigan, this time online due to the coronavirus pandemic. Whitmer delivered her speech in her office with no pomp and circumstance, and no Legislature and guests in attendance. "My mission is to find common ground so we can emerge from this crisis stronger than ever," Whitmer said. The majority of Whitmer's address mentioned getting the state through the COVID-19 crisis. She urged patience as the vaccine rolls out, with a goal to get 70% of the state vaccinated as soon as possible. "I know you're used to me saying 'fix the damn roads.' This year, let's fix the damn road ahead and let's find common ground to grow our economy," she said. Last year had been a push and pull between the governor and Legislature over COVID-19 decision making. On the day of the address, the House GOP released its COVID plan, urging Whitmer to allow local health departments to have the decision making power on whether in-person learning is appropriate as well as high school sports. It ties federal dollars in school funding.

Program: WDIV News /State of the City Address

Dates: March 9

Time/Duration: 7pm Special Report/1:00:00 total time

Summary:

WDIV aired Mayor Mike Duggan's State of the City address, touting the city's achievements, goals and struggles. He focused heavily on the COVID crisis, the race for vaccines and how the pandemic has affected Detroiters. He also focused his speech on among other topics: new developments and jobs, equity redlining and buses, and the people plan.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: February 6, 7, 8, 9. March 26, 27, 28.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/15:55 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported the leader of Michigan's Republican Party referred to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and two other top Democratic elected woman as “witches” that the GOP wants to “soften up” for a “burning at the stake” in the 2022 election. He also joked about assassination when he was asked how to remove two GOP congressmen, Reps. Fred Upton and Peter Meijer, who voted to impeach former President Donald Trump. Weiser, who also is an elected member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents, said multiple times that the party is focused on defeating “three witches” a misogynistic reference to Whitmer, state Attorney General Dana Nessel and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, who are up for reelection in 2022. The Regents have asked him to step down but Weiser has declined.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: January 10  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m./ 30:00  
Summary:

The entire edition of this locally produced weekly public affairs program, hosted by WDIV News anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues relating to Government. Scillian was joined by Michigan Senator Gary Peters, the Democrat who will serve as chair of the Homeland Security committee when leadership changes parties soon. Peters talked about horrific the attack on the U.S. Capitol and joined the call to invoke the 25<sup>th</sup> amendment immediately to remove Trump from office. He said Republican officials must speak up and say this was a fair election that Joe Biden won, or else they risk the danger of subverting our democracy. Next, they discussed the improvements that area necessary for the vaccine rollout, like more leadership and guidance on the federal level. Peters also called for more federal coordination to fight cyberattacks like the massive one recently from Russia. He finished by saying the rise of domestic terrorism is one of the greatest threats the country faces going forward. Scillian was next joined by a roundtable of Republicans talking about the future of their party included attorney Dennis Cowan, former U.S. Representative Paul Mitchell and Executive Director of Michigan Rising Action Tori Sachs. Mitchell said the conduct of Trump and Giuliani encouraged the crowd and Republicans need to start telling the truth immediately that the President lost the election. Sachs said it’s time for Republicans to become a party of ideas instead of a party that mainly just supports one person. Cowan called for new party leadership and named some people he wishes would step forward through the next election cycle. Mitchell explained that he stepped away from the Republican party when he saw what the official reaction to the election loss was going to be. He said he was threatened by someone senior at the White House that he should stop criticizing. Sachs said people had been lied to for so long it will take time for bring many around to reality again.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: January 17  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m./ 30:00  
Summary:

The entire edition of this locally produced weekly public affairs program, hosted by WDIV News anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues relating to Government. Scillian was first joined by journalist Jordan Chariton who has been covering the Flint water crisis for The Intercept and Status Coup. Former Governor Rick Snyder was charged along with eight others regarding Flint this past week. Chariton described the timeline of phone calls to and from the Governor's office that could indicate he knew more and earlier about the deadly outbreak of Legionnaire's disease. He talked about how close the original investigation was to including involuntary manslaughter in the charges, which didn't end up happening with the AG Dana Nessel's investigation so far. Then WDIV consumer investigator Hank Winchester stepped in to talk about the reaction of Flint residents to these charges, and where the city stands in terms of financial compensation and new pipes seven years after the initial crisis began. He described a city that is still struggling with the lingering effects, especially since so many children were impacted and will be for the rest of their lives. Scillian was joined next by roundtable guests; Wall Street Journal bureau chief Chastity Pratt, Detroit News editorial page editor Nolan Finley, pollster Steve Mitchell and political strategist Jill Alper. They picked up the Flint discussion, with Pratt echoing Winchester's observations about Flint residents' trust in government and whether it can be restored with the justice that may come in these cases. The group talked about whether these charges leave politicians vulnerable to criminal prosecution due to the outcome of their policies. Finley said current Governor Whitmer could be held accountable for deaths during the pandemic. The next topic was what to expect in the coming week with President-elect Biden's inauguration. Mitchell said the country is as deeply divided as it was before the Capitol riot. Alper held out hope that some reunification is possible even in this environment.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: January 24  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m. / 30:00  
Summary:

The entire edition of this locally produced weekly public affairs program, hosted by WDIV News anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues relating to Government. Scillian was joined by Governor Gretchen Whitmer, who reflected on the inauguration of President Joe Biden this past week. She served on the inauguration committee and talked about the level of threat both in Washington DC and at various state capitols, including Lansing. Whitmer said she hopes now that presidential leadership has changed, she hopes political rhetoric calms down. Turning to the pandemic, Whitmer described that she believes the Biden administration has planned ahead for changing the response and says regular, predictable access to vaccines is the most important thing. Whitmer defended her decision to ease some restrictions, saying it's due to the success of the "pause" Michigan has been on, not a political decision because Biden is now president. After the Whitmer conversation, Scillian spoke with Michigan's chief medical executive Dr. Joneigh Khaldun. She talked about the progress of Michigan's vaccine rollout, and said

she's frustrated that Michigan is not getting enough vaccine even for the people who are currently eligible, let alone people who are not in a priority category. Khaldun said she believes equity of access to the vaccine is important, but there are no "vaccine police" charged with making sure no one jumps the line out of turn. Finally Scillian was joined by roundtable guests; political consultant Mario Morrow, former Michigan Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, President and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber Sandy Baruah and Focus: HOPE CEO Portia Roberson. They talked about where the country goes from here in terms of divisiveness, and Richardville said individual people have to look in the mirror and be honest with themselves about their behavior. Roberson said nobody wants to see Trump remain the face of the Republican party, so they will be trying to move on with the impeachment trial. Baruah said he wishes Roberson was right, but he believes many people in the GOP are very loyal to Trump still. Morrow pointed out Democrats have been waiting a long time for this moment, and he doesn't think Republicans understand what a danger Trump poses to them existentially. They argued about whether pursuing the impeachment is worthwhile use of time now that he's out of office anyway. The segment ended with a brief discussion of Trump's commutation of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's 28 year federal sentence.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: January 31  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m /:30:00  
Summary:

The entire edition of this locally produced weekly public affairs program, hosted by WDIV News anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues relating to Government. Scillian was joined by Democratic Senator Debbie Stabenow. They spoke mostly about the upcoming second impeachment trial for former president Trump, and why she believes it is legal and necessary despite the fact that he's no longer in office. She said the case is very clear to her because the evidence was in full view of everyone at the time, especially the members of Congress who were actually there at the time. Stabenow acknowledged it will be difficult to convict given the attitude of Republicans right now, but she said it's important to still have accountability. She described how she sees this situation as much different from the end of the Nixon administration. The subject turned to the COVID fight, and Stabenow explained why she thinks the next relief package is necessary and will help get the vaccine out more quickly. Scillian was next joined by the new Washtenaw County Prosecutor Eli Savit who has been getting attention for some of the changes he's been making such as not asking for cash bail and not prosecuting consensual sex work. Savit said the response has been overwhelmingly positive because the groundwork for a lot of these changes has been discussed for years. Savit said judges ultimately make the decision on things like cash bail, but he believes it's wrong to hold people only based on how much money they have instead of how much of a danger they pose to society. Scillian asked Savit to answer the critique that his outlook is "soft on crime", and he said rather it's "smart on crime". He said his new policies are based on data and research that show these changes make a community safer over time. To those who say Savit is legislating by deciding which laws he likes and doesn't, he said no county prosecutes every violation, for example no one prosecutes the adultery laws that are still on the books. Savit also said sex workers who fear being prosecuted are reluctant to come to the police for help reporting sex trafficking and other nonconsensual crimes. The last segment of the

program was called “Three and Out”, where Scillian draws attention to three stories that may have been overlooked this past week.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: February 7  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m /7:20  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program hosted by WDIV News anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues pertaining to Government. Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson came on to discuss her proposals for election reform legislation in light of last year’s elections. She proposes making Election Day a state holiday, saying that would allow more people to serve as election workers and encourage a celebratory atmosphere. She also wants codified into law the Secretary of State’s right to send out absentee ballot applications to everyone, which is something Republicans oppose. Benson also said local clerks want more time to process absentee ballots, which is again something the Republican-led legislature has rejected. She said ideally clerks should be allowed to actually start counting early too. Finally Scillian asked about her proposal to ban guns in polling places, and she said it would help voters feel free from intimidation.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: February 14  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m./14:10  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program hosted by WDIV News anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues pertaining to Government. Scillian was joined by roundtable guests; Detroit News editorial page editor Nolan Finley, WDET radio host Stephen Henderson, WJR radio host Guy Gordon and Michigan Radio host Zoe Clark. The group discussed whether or not the second impeachment trial and its outcome of another acquittal changed any minds across the country. Gordon said he thinks some Republican support is being slowly eroded, but Finley doubted it. Henderson wondered whether instead of a police officer being killed a member of Congress had been killed, the result would be different. The guests discussed how Trump might wield political power in the future to get revenge on Republicans who did not back him throughout this process. Next, attention turned to Michigan Republicans and the controversy surrounding State Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey who’s been caught on hot microphones making statements about conspiracy hoaxes. Finley said right now the party is divided and angry at each other, but it won’t last because by the time another election rolls around they’ll be angry at Democrats again. Henderson pointed out Republicans will lose their advantage from gerrymandering when districts are redrawn. Clark compared Shirkey to McConnell, saying they’re both trying to have it both ways.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: February 28  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m./12:26  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program, hosted by WDIV news anchor Devin Scillian, addressed issues pertaining to Government. Scillian was joined by the Republican congresswoman from the 10<sup>th</sup> district Lisa McClain and Democratic congresswoman from the 14<sup>th</sup> district Brenda Lawrence. They were on to discuss the COVID relief bill that just passed the House this week, and they each explained why they voted for or against it. McClain complained that not enough of the money is actually going to people who need it due to the pandemic. Lawrence said if we can afford to bail out the rich, this money should go to regular people who are suffering. She also defended provisions that backfill pension funds that are depleted. Toward the end of the segment, Lawrence talked about her recent committee hearings on the postal service and McClain talked about the decision to use military action in Syria this past week.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: March 7  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m. /6:19  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program, hosted by WDIV news anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues relating to Government. Scillian was joined by WDET host Stephen Henderson and editorial page editor for the Detroit News Nolan Finley. They began by naming the biggest mistakes of the pandemic, and Finley said one was making shutdown policies so political instead of basing them on new information once it came in. He said politicians stuck too stubbornly to their initial approaches. Henderson said that political aspect was unavoidable in this climate, saying he blames Republicans a bit more for resisting just for the sake of obstinance. Finley disagreed that Republicans were just throwing a snit, saying they wanted more information about what decisions were based upon. They got into an argument about whether or not the death rate is the only statistic that matters and whether restrictions working is even up for debate.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: March 14  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m./13:49  
Summary:

The entire edition of this locally produced weekly public affairs program, hosted by WDIV News anchor Devin Scillian, addressed issues pertaining to Government. Scillian was first joined by Wayne County executive Warren Evans, Oakland County executive Dave Coulter and Macomb County executive Mark Hackel. They discussed how the COVID vaccine rollout has been going so far, and all agreed that supply is slowing increasing, which helps the counties reach as many seniors as possible. Evans said he hasn't seen much vaccine hesitancy yet, but said he knows it's possible. Coulter talked about the federal money coming to municipalities to help with vaccinations and reopening the economy. Hackel talked about his strategies in spreading out the money from the CARES act. Evans said Wayne County has already spent \$50 million to help support small businesses so they survive the shutdown. The segment ended by touching very briefly on the importance of investing in infrastructure. Scillian was next joined by former Michigan Governor and now U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer

Granholt. She talked about the relief bill passed by Democrats in Congress this past week, saying it is good government for the large number of people it will help. She said the benefits of the money influx outweigh the earmarks that don't go directly to COVID-related problems. Granholt talked about the research being done at labs across the country that will help improve technology even when it comes to fossil fuel efficiency and other energy challenges. She listed the ways clean energy will create new jobs in Michigan and beyond. Finally, she addressed whether nuclear energy will be a key to realizing the goal of clean energy consumption in the future.

Program: Flashpoint  
Dates: March 28  
Time/Duration: 11:19  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced public affairs program guest hosted by WDIV Investigative Reporter Karen Drew addressed issues relating to government. Drew was joined by Democratic Representative from Michigan's 8<sup>th</sup> district Elissa Slotkin. Slotkin is the new chair of the House Intelligence and Counterterrorism subcommittee, and chaired her first hearing this past week. She described what state leaders testified to during the hearing, including their need for more resources. For example, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel said she is using undergrad students at Ferris State University to follow some leads. Slotkin assured viewers that more federal money will be allocated to stopping domestic terrorism before it starts and said freedom of speech ends once violence is threatened. The next topic was new voting restriction legislation introduced in Republican-controlled legislatures across the country. Slotkin said the laws proposed in Michigan are basically cut-and-pasted from proposals in other states. Next Slotkin weighed in on the piecemeal gun legislation that's passed through the House recently, and the likelihood that comprehensive immigration reform is at all possible.

Program: Volunteers of America  
Dates: March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30, 1x :15  
Summary:

This PSA from Volunteers of America Michigan talks about the work they do with homeless veterans, seniors, and families in financial need. Donations provide food, clothing, shelter and employment to Michigan's most vulnerable people.

## **AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY**

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 4  
Dates: January 4  
Time/Duration: 4:00 p.m. / :45  
Summary:

We reported that the long talked about deal involving Fiat Chrysler finally got done. We explained that shareholders of Fiat Chrysler and PSA Peugeot were to merge. The story explained how the move would create the world's fourth-largest auto company. The report included comments from both PSA Peugeot CEO Carlos Tavares and FCA Chairman John Elkann who referenced the "historic importance" of the merger.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 6  
Dates: January 11  
Time/Duration: 6:00 p.m. / 1:30  
Summary:

We reported that for the second consecutive year, the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) has been canceled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The story included statements from NAIAS, which also announced the traditional show would be replaced by a new, smaller event, in a new location. The report explained the new event, called Motor Bella, would take place at the M1 Concourse in Pontiac. The executive director of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association was also interviewed for the report.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News Today  
Dates: January 20  
Time/Duration: 6:00 a.m.  
Summary:

This report called attention to an investigation focusing on the Ford Motor Company. We explained U.S. safety regulators are looking into complaints that a Ford pickup tailgate recall did not fix the problem. The story noted the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it has eleven complaints that a recall of power tailgates on 300,000 Super Duty pickups failed to rectify the issue. The agency also pointed out there were instances about "unintended tailgate openings" even after the recall repairs were made.

Program: WDIV News /Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: February 10  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m. / 1:30  
Summary:

We reported that the earnings report from General Motors underscored the importance of the industry. WDIV Business Editor and auto expert Rod Meloni, noted how GM's profit dropped during 2020, but the automaker still earned \$6.4 billion. The report also highlighted that GM hourly workers expected to get up to \$9,000 profit-sharing checks. GM hourly workers and auto analyst Michelle Krebs were interviewed for the story.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News Today  
Dates: February 17  
Time/Duration: 5:00 a.m. / :50  
Summary:

The Ford Motor Company laid out ambitious future plans for its operations overseas. The story detailed the automaker's vow to convert its entire passenger vehicle lineup in Europe to electric power by the year 2030. The report stated Ford plans to spend \$1 billion to revamp its factory in Germany and make it a base for production of battery powered cars.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: February 22  
Time/Duration: 6:00 p.m./1:30  
Summary:

We reported that destination fees applied to the purchase of a new vehicle have skyrocketed. The report included an interview with one recent car shopper who realized the destination was nearly \$2,000. An expert with Consumer Reports warned the fee greatly increases a vehicle's bottom line cost, so consumers should be asked for a detailed breakdown of the cost. An auto analyst pointed out some dealers have been willing to lower other costs to offset concerns about the destination fee.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: March 1  
Time/Duration: 6:00 p.m. / 2:00  
Summary:

We reported that there was a major development in the long-running corruption probe into the United Auto Workers (UAW) and the auto industry: Fiat Chrysler pleading guilty to conspiracy. Federal prosecutors had charged FCA representatives with giving more than \$3.5 million in cash and other things to senior officials at the UAW. The time period covered 2009 to 2016. The story highlighted that FCA, which is now part of Stellantis, agreed to Federal oversight for the next three years. U.S. Attorney Saima Mohsin was interviewed as part of the story, while FCA and the UAW each issued statements.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 4  
Dates: March 9  
Time/Duration: 4:00 p.m. / :30  
Summary:

We reported that Kia Motors announced the recall of nearly 380,000 vehicles due to a fire risk. They instructed people to park outside. The story listed the brand names and model years of the vehicles. The report also explained the danger, noting that a short circuit in the electronic brake control unit can cause excessive current, which increases the risk of a fire.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 6  
Dates: March 18  
Time/Duration: 6:00 p.m. / :40  
Summary:

We reported that a global semiconductor (chip) shortage and a February winter storm have combined to force Ford Motor Company to build F-150 trucks without some computers. The story pointed out how Ford planned to hold the vehicles at factories “for a number of weeks” then ship them to dealers once computers are available. The report highlighted how the development is the latest chip shortage ripple effect which also impacts other automakers.

### **HEALTH AND PUBLIC WELFARE**

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 15, 19, 23, 26. February 4, 6, 9, 14, 16, 20, 23, 24, 25. March 4, 5, 8, 11, 13, 19, 22, 24, 25, 26.  
Time/Duration: All Newcasts/3:15:00 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported on the medical approval process and progress of administering the Covid-19 vaccines to the public. WDIV Doctor Frank McGeorge explained to viewers the differences between the vaccines available to the public. He highlighted the difference in the MRNA technology used in the Pfizer and Modern vaccines. He answered hundreds of viewers questions about contraindications and side effects of getting the shots. He also reported on his own vaccine experience, which was not without side effects.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. February 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29. March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/9:35:15 total length  
Summary:

WDIV Doctor Frank McGeorge continued to warn viewers about the spread of the virus and the recent surge in Covid-19 cases in Michigan. McGeorge works in an emergency room so he is able to see trend of cases before the data even catches up in real time. He continued to warn viewers that wearing a mask, social distancing and avoiding gatherings is still important, regardless of one’s vaccine status. He also highlighted research and anecdotal evidence that shows that even a vaccine isn’t a guarantee that you won’t catch the virus.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 24, 25. February 8, 17. March 4, 5, 16, 22, 23.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/35:15 total length  
Summary:

Every week, WDIV reported on the new recorded outbreaks at local schools. An outbreak is defined as when Covid-19 is passed to another student within the school building. Several high schools had to close for several weeks to stop an outbreak. In most cases, parents are notified if

their children have come into close contact with a child or staff member with a confirmed case of the virus. That student then needs to stay home for a 14 day quarantine or be tested for the virus within five days.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 7, 15, 26, 27. February 3, 4, 8, 12, 22. March 5, 6, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/1:15:45 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported on the changing advice from the CDC on how to keep students safe in school and when they should return to in-person learning. Initially, the schools were told to focus on surface hygiene and keeping students masked and six feet apart in the classroom. They were also encouraged to teach students outside as much as feasible. As time moved on, the CDC adjusted its advice to tell schools that students were safe three feet from each other, so long as they were masked. That guidance allowed students to return to school full-time and not in a hybrid mode which halved the number of students in the classroom. We spoke to different school districts during round table discussions about the difficulty of teaching students safely.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. February 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29. March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/12:35:35 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported extensively on the race for vaccines and the staggered distribution in the state of Michigan and throughout the country. The governor laid out a tiered plan designed to get as many of the most vulnerable vaccinated as soon as possible. The shots were first made available to seniors and then slowly opened to younger and younger age groups. It was very difficult to find an appointment, especially for seniors who were unable to access online appointment systems. WDIV did numerous reports on how to get shots, who was eligible, who should NOT get the shot, side effects and access issues.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: March 1, 2, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/45:15 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported Ford Field was converted into a mass vaccination center. For eight weeks people are able to make appointments and come into Ford Field to get their shots. They will then wait briefly to see if there are any reactions before heading home until they come back for their second dose. Detroit was once a COVID hot spot, now FEMA is trying to get as many Detroiters vaccinated as possible. Residents who don't have access to the internet or need assistance can

call a hotline for help. The vaccine will be offered at no cost and insurance is not required. Free parking will be available at the vaccination site. We covered the first days of the vaccinations as people lined up hoping to get shots that were left over at the end of the day.

Program:                    Coronavirus Crisis; 1 Year Later  
Dates:                        March 11  
Time/Duration:            Special Report/1:00:00  
Summary:

Coronavirus Crisis: 1 Year Later, hosted by WDIV Anchors Kimberly Gill and Devin Scillian and WDIV's medical expert, Dr. Frank McGeorge updated where we are in this crisis. The primetime special examined life in Michigan one year after the first Coronavirus cases. Dr. McGeorge interviewed world renowned University of Michigan epidemiologist who leads the FDA review board authorizing the vaccines. Kimberly talked with one of our WDIV assignment editors who participated in the original Pfizer vaccine trials to check his progress and reporter Paula Tutman caught up with a local teacher who managed to make his remote teaching very memorable. Defender Karen Drew investigated the confusion surrounding nursing home deaths and Consumer Investigator Hank Winchester caught up with several small businesses to see how they have adapted to the Covid regulations.

Program:                    Flashpoint  
Date:                         January 3  
Time/Duration:            10:00 a.m./12:45  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program hosted by WDIV News Anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues related to educating the public about taking a COVID vaccination. Scillian was joined by roundtable guests; Democratic congresswoman Debbie Dingell, WDET host Stephen Henderson, Detroit News editorial page editor Nolan Finley and President and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber Sandy Baruah. They discussed how to convince people of color that the vaccine is safe after a history of medical abuse. Henderson said credible messaging will be the only way to break through. Baruah said the Chamber's survey showed 50% of African Americans say they are willing to take the vaccine eventually, and Dingell explained that she has access to the vaccine right now but she's afraid to get it. She said she is building the courage and knows she will do it eventually. In a final segment we replayed a portion of a conversation with poet and undertaker Thomas Lynch that aired earlier in the year. He talked about the difficulty of so much death due to COVID-19, and how the grieving process has changed because of restrictions on gatherings. Scillian also paid tribute to the local leaders and Flashpoint guests whose lives have been lost to the virus so far.

Program:                    Flashpoint  
Date:                         February 7  
Time/Duration:            10:00 a.m./15:49  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program hosted by WDIV News Anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues related to Health and Public Welfare. Scillian was

joined by Democratic congresswoman Debbie Dingell, talking about how difficult it has been to find COVID-19 vaccine appointments. She described her own frustration trying to help constituents who are themselves frustrated with the lack of an organized process. Dingell said she wished the vaccine had been rolled out in a national way, but she predicted that over the next few weeks things will get better on the supply side. The next guest was Dr. Arnold Monto, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Michigan and the acting chair of the FDA's vaccine committee. He said the biggest problem right now is supply, and once supply increases a lot of the accompanying problems will fade away. Monto said because there is pent-up demand still, it's too early to worry much about people who are vaccine hesitant right now. He described the pros and cons of the upcoming one-dose vaccines that should be approved soon. Monto talked about the need to keep studying these vaccines even as they're being administered now, because things change so quickly due to new variants. In the end he said at this point it doesn't matter much which vaccine version you get, but in the future it may be recommended that certain parts of the population (younger vs. older) get one type or another.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: February 14  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m. /8:25  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program hosted by WDIV News Anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues related to Health and Public Welfare. Dr. Abdul El-Sayed, an epidemiologist and former Detroit health director and gubernatorial candidate was the guest. He assessed where he thinks we are in the course of the pandemic. He said the U.S. had an anemic response because we are not well-prepared for major events due to treating health care as a luxury instead of as a right. El-Sayed recently co-authored a book called "Medicare For All: a Citizen's Guide", and he went through the criticisms that people have of government-run health care. He said government doesn't have to be run poorly, that fact that it often is is a choice that Americans make not to really invest in the system. He also addressed what he called the "scare word" of "socialism", saying we don't have to continue to treat health services as a commodity that is bought and sold.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: February 21  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m./ 30:00  
Summary:

The entire edition of this locally produced weekly public affairs program, hosted by WDIV News anchor Devin Scillian, addressed issues pertaining to health and public welfare. Scillian was first joined by Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan. Duggan traveled to the White House last week to speak with President Biden about what's needed now in the COVID pandemic fight. He said he's seeing the vaccine supply increase every week, and he's hopeful that we will be in good shape by April. Duggan said right now it's too early to worry about vaccine hesitancy because there are plenty of willing takers still ready. Duggan described the economic impact of the pandemic on Detroiters, including the unemployment rate going back up to 20% from a recent low of 7%. He praised Governor Whitmer's response to the virus, saying it kept people safe

even though it was difficult financially. Scillian asked about controversies surrounding deaths in nursing homes in New York, which raised questions about how it was all handled in Michigan as well. Scillian was next joined by pediatrician Dr. Lynn Smitherman and family therapist Mary Beth Garvey. They talked about the toll of the pandemic on adolescents' mental health. Smitherman talked about how social teenagers usually are, and how it weighs heavily on them to miss out while also worrying about older relatives' health. Garvey advised not to minimize their feelings, but instead to validate their feelings of loss. They also talked about the challenges for families that are trapped home together all the time, and how that's not a normal situation so we shouldn't expect it to feel right. Smitherman described the effects of being under stress for a prolonged amount of time, and Garvey pointed out that people who already suffer from seasonal depression will be having an even more difficult time this year.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: March 7  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m./7:05  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program, hosted by WDIV news anchor Devin Scillian, addressed issues pertaining to health and public welfare. Scillian was joined by Dr. Adnan Munkarah, Chief Clinical Officer at Henry Ford Health System. He reflected on the past year of pandemic from a medical perspective. He said he wished health providers had received more treatment of their own for their own emotional wellbeing. He looked back on the policy of allowing COVID patients to return to nursing homes, saying it made sense based on what we knew at the time. He described the social determinants of health and their importance to COVID outcomes. Munkarah said there is no reason to prefer one brand of vaccine over another, and that the most important thing is that a large number of people are vaccinated quickly so herd immunity becomes possible.

Program: WDIV PSA/McGeorge – Light in the Tunnel, New Variant, Quaranteen, Upgrade Your Mask, Community  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 8x :15  
Summary:

These WDIV-produced PSAs feature Dr. Frank McGeorge giving tips on how to stay healthy during the coronavirus outbreak and reduce chances of spreading the virus.

Program: WDIV PSA/ Gardner White Blood Drive  
Dates: January 9 - 15  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
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 is January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Program: WDIV PSA/MAB – Everyone’s Road  
Dates: January  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
Summary:

This MAB-produced PSA talks about the importance of paying attention at intersections, for both pedestrians and drivers. Being distracted is leading to more fatalities in Michigan, but these accidents can be easily prevented.

Program: WDIV PSA/ NAB – Bringing It Home  
Dates: January - March  
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: WDIV PSA /North Star  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30, 1x :15, 1x :20  
Summary:

These WDIV-produced PSAs tell viewers about North Star Reach Camp in Michigan, which gives children fighting serious illnesses a fun camping experience. Often, their friends and family are able to attend as well, free of charge.

Program: WDIV PSA/PDFA – Families Can Heal, We’re All in Recovery  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 2x :30  
Summary:

These PSAs for the Partnership for Drug Free Kids feature parents talking about their children fighting opioid addiction. The messages show that recovery involves the whole family and isn't easy, but there is hope and help for people who are struggling to free themselves from drug use.

Program: WDIV PSA / Flu Shot  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 2x :15  
Summary:

These WDIV-produced PSAs feature Local 4 medical reporter Dr. Frank McGeorge explaining how important it is to get a flu shot this year, especially due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Program: WDIV PSA / COVID AA

Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 3x :30  
Summary:

These WDIV-produced PSAs feature a number of station reporters and anchors sharing the message to practice safety measures that will prevent the spread of coronavirus, especially among the more vulnerable African American population in metro-Detroit.

Program: WDIV PSA /MAB – Facing Flu  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA encourages viewers to get their annual flu shot especially during the COVID-19 pandemic because a flu outbreak could take lives and overtax the health care system.

Program: WDIV PSA / MAB – Farmer’s Market  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSAs tells people to handle produce gently at farmer's markets, and to bring your own reusable bag. It also suggests practicing good food safety protocols while shopping.

Program: WDIV PSA /MAB – Justina  
Dates: January - March  
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](http://drugfree.org)

Program: WDIV PSA/MAB – Letters from Home  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
Summary:

This PSA from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters urges veterans to make sure they are getting all the benefits they deserve. They can call 1-800-MICH-VET to find out.

Program: WDIV PSA/ MAB – SIGMA Home Safe Home, Vaccine Journey  
Dates: January  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 2x :30

Summary:

These Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSAs educate people about the background of the COVID-19 vaccine so that people will feel more comfortable through knowing the facts. They also talk about how to slow the spread.

Program: WDIV PSA /MAB – SIGMA More Testing  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
Summary:

This PSA from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters urges Michiganders who should get tested for COVID-19 to do it, in order to protect neighbors and spreading the virus. It shows a website that leads viewers to testing locations.

Program: WDIV PSA / MAB – SIGMA Vaccine COVID  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA tells parents it's more important than ever to keep children up to date on their vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Program: WDIV PSA /MAB – SIGMA Stay Well  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA gives people the number for a COVID-19 hotline to help with the emotional toll of the pandemic. It urges viewers to take care of their mental as well as physical health.

Program: WDIV PSA /MAB – SIGMA Take Action  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
Summary:

This PSA from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters warns that 1 in 4 Michigan homes has a high level of radon, which can be dangerous and cause lung cancer and other serious illnesses. It urges people to test for radon because it's easy and cheap, and radon is simple to fix.

Program: WDIV PSA /NAB – Coronavirus, Hope  
Dates: January - February  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 2x :30  
Summary:

These National Association of Broadcasters PSAs give advice about how to stay mentally strong and physically well during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Program: WDIV PSA /NMSS – Whatever It Takes  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30, 1x :15  
Summary:

These PSAs from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society show the difficulties of living with multiple sclerosis. People who have the disease share the challenges of movement and speech, but the NMSS vows to do whatever it takes to improve their lives.

Program: WDIV PSA /No Normal  
Dates: January - March  
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: WDIV PSA /PR – Selfies, The Legend, Bathroom Boy, Over the Top  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30, 3x :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.

Program: WDIV PSA /SU2C – Takedown  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30, 1x :15  
Summary:

These PSAs from Stand Up 2 Cancer show various celebrities and regular people talking about cancer and how it can be beaten when people work together.

## **ECONOMIC WELFARE OF METROPOLITAN REGION**

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: January 4  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m. / 1:45

Summary:

In a move that many felt was long overdue, the recently elected Washtenaw County prosecutor announced the Prosecutor's Office will eliminate the use of cash bail in any case. The story explained how cash bail is a system under which a defendant accused of a crime is required to post money to be released from custody prior to trial. The report included an interview with Washtenaw County Prosecutor Eli Savit who said the cash bail system puts unfair financial stress on many defendants and their families, even when the involves a minor alleged offense. The prosecutor also pointed out it's poorer defendants who suffer the most and often get put into a no-win situation: either dig into already meager personal finances to post bail, or sit in jail for months (and in extreme cases years), which further hurts their finances because they are unable to work. The report also noted Washtenaw County is now the first jurisdiction in the state to eliminate cash bail.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: January 12  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m. / 2:00  
Summary:

We reported that a new study on the Michigan economy reveals a troubling situation: 4 in 10 Michigan families do not make enough money to make ends meet. The story also highlighted a financial benchmark that most Michigan employers have failed to reach. The report included an interview with Michigan Future Founder Lou Glazer, who headed up the study. Glazer puts a "good paying job" at \$20 an hour, and points to research showing 60% of Michigan jobs pay less than that amount. The study warns the unintended two-tiered economy does not bode well for Michigan's financial future, noting while college educated residents do fine, others doing "front-line" work, are struggling financially. The story explains someone working in the service industry, such as restaurants or a grocery store, would be considered a "frontline" worker.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: January 13  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m. / 2:00  
Summary;

We reported on the decision by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to extend COVID-19 restrictions until the end of the month. The report explains restaurants are not allowed to open for indoor dining and entertainment venues can't offer concessions during that time period. Most restaurant owners interviewed for the story disagreed with the decision, noting they are still reeling from financial loses during the shutdown and restrictions enacted in 2020.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: February 1  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m. / 2:00  
Summary:

We reported that the state has reopened a system to provide unemployment assistance during the Coronavirus pandemic. The report noted the system has had several problems since its initial roll-out. The story also explained the changes that have been made, including how the update system covers pandemic unemployment assistance (known as PUA), and pandemic emergency unemployment compensation, or PEUC. An official with the State of Michigan and Michigan residents were interviewed for the story, many sharing the difficulties they had using the old system.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 6

Dates: February 2

Time/Duration: 6:00 p.m. / 1:30

Summary:

We reported that no fewer than 20 nationally known retailers have recently filed for bankruptcy. It is with that backdrop, that this report looked at the future of shopping malls in the United States. WDIV Business Editor and financial expert Rod Meloni pointed out the future of malls in Metro Detroit are in jeopardy because of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. The report looked at the number of large, “anchor stores” that have closed in local malls, and the dramatic increase of on-line shopping due to COVID-19 restrictions. Shoppers and a retail analyst were interviewed for the story. The story also looked at the loss of jobs in the retail industry and how its ripple-effect further hurts the economy.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 6

Dates: February 16

Time/Duration: 6:00 p.m. / 2:00

Summary:

We reported that a move by the Biden administration will help ease the concerns of homeowners struggling with mortgage payments, but others say even more help is needed. The story explained how the moratorium on foreclosures has been extended to June 30. As part of the story, a White House official estimated the extension will help nearly three million homeowners. The report also included an interview with a Detroit community leader who feels the moratorium isn’t enough because it only applies to government-backed mortgages. Others interviewed, echoed that sentiment, and would like to see the moratorium on foreclosures extended indefinitely.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5

Dates: March 2

Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m. / 1:45

Summary:

We reported that the City of Detroit made an announcement designed to help fight the Coronavirus pandemic and give residents a financial shot in the arm. The story was about the decision to allow manufacturing workers in Detroit to now get the COVID-19 vaccine. Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan was interviewed for the story and said the vaccinations will allow more people to safely return to work, which will help individual workers and boost the local economy.

The report detailed the plan to set up on-site vaccinations at major manufacturing centers, including two Jeep plants. UAW Vice President Cindy Estrada was also interviewed.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 6  
Dates: March 4  
Time/Duration: 6:00 p.m. / 1:30  
Summary:

We reported that Michigan Governor Whitmer added bridges to the list of infrastructures that needs to be fixed along with roads, The report explained how the governor used needed bridge repair work to make the case for her \$67 billion 2022 budget. Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, and officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation and Ford Motor Company were part of the story. The report highlighted the risk associated with continuing to do only “patch-work” repairs. The story also referenced how the bridge and road repair plans would help create jobs and boost the economy in those fields.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: March 24  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m. / 2:00  
Summary:

This report looked at the red hot real estate market in Metro Detroit. It warned that with fewer houses for sale, those on the market do not last long. WDIV Business Editor Rod Meloni pointed out in many areas it’s hard to find a home for under \$300,000. The report also noted Michigan has the 14<sup>th</sup> fewest homes for sale in the country. The report included interviews with real estate agents who also revealed sellers don’t have to put a lot of money into getting the home ready for sale; one realtor noting houses that would normally be discounted as “fixer uppers” are selling at non-discounted prices. The story also pointed out the current market is bad news for those looking to buy because along with fewer homes, there are fewer deals to be had.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: January 3  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m./10:48  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program hosted by WDIV Nerws Anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues relate to how COVID is affecting our Economic Welfare. Scillian was joined by roundtable guests; Democratic congresswoman Debbie Dingell, WDET host Stephen Henderson, Detroit News editorial page editor Nolan Finley and President and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber Sandy Baruah. The first topic was the best way to help people financially impacted by the COVID pandemic, and Dingell talked about how desperate some of her constituents are. Finley and Henderson disagreed about how targeted relief money should be, with Henderson saying it’s insulting to keep money from people who really need it in order to make sure a few people who don’t need it don’t get it. Baruah said the real key to economic recovery is getting a handle on the spread of the virus. Dingell pointed out some of the sillier reasons the pandemic persists, such as the politicization of wearing masks and

the lack of needles available to administer available doses of vaccine. Finley agreed, saying the vast majority of people have no idea how they will be notified when it's their turn to get the vaccine.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: February 28  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m./10:13  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program hosted by WDIV News Anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues relate to how COVID is affecting our Economic Welfare. Scillian was joined by restaurateur Dennis Archer, Jr., Crain's Detroit Business Senior Editor Chad Livengood and Detroit Regional Chamber CEO Sandy Baruah. The Chamber put out its State of the Region report this past week, and Baruah talked about the K-shaped recovery it found and said he predicts once the pandemic is behind us Detroit will have a strong economic outlook. Archer pointed out that those in the service industry like restaurants and people of color and with less education are suffering the most and will see the slowest recovery. Livengood listed the winners in the pandemic, including Rocket Companies in downtown Detroit because so many people are refinancing their homes due to record low interest rates. That led to a discussion about whether the people working from home now will ever come back to the office, because working from home is cheaper for companies too and they can attract the best people no matter where they live.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: March 21  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m. /16:14  
Summary:

Two segments of this locally produced weekly public affairs program hosted by WDIV News Anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues pertaining to our region's economic welfare. Flashpoint was hosted by WDIV anchor Devin Scillian. Scillian was first joined by the owner of the Westin Book Cadillac hotel in downtown Detroit John Ferchill. He announced this past week that the hotel is \$77 million in debt and facing foreclosure due to the pandemic. He said there are number of investors wanting to work with him, but the lender is not that amenable to making a deal. Ferchill blamed Michigan's shutdown orders for the failure, saying states like Florida and Arizona are operating like there's no pandemic and their hotels are filled and doing well. He declined to speculate on the fate of the restaurants inside the Book Cadillac if he no longer owns it. Ferchill called the Book his trophy property though he owns spaces in five states, and said he's devastated with how it's turning out. Scillian was next joined by Dr. Pamela Smock, a sociologist at the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan. She talked about the declining birth rate in the United States and why that is a problem for the future. Many people predicted a baby boom during the pandemic, but experts knew the birth rate would continue to decline because in general people do not choose to have children during times of stress. Smock said the economic problem is that when there is a smaller cohort of children, there are not enough adults to help take care of a larger group of aging people later in their lives. Smock said this decline is the biggest one of her lifetime and will cause a seismic change in the way generations relate to one another. On the other side, she pointed out that demographers were not

able to project the baby boom after World War II, so there is always hope that things will turn around unexpectedly.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: March 28  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m. / 12:00 p.m.  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program, guest hosted by WDIV Investigative reporter Karen Drew addressed issues that affect the regions economic welfare. Drew was joined by a roundtable of Detroit City Council members; from the 1<sup>st</sup> district James Tate, from the 6<sup>th</sup> district Raquel Castañeda-López and at-large council member Janeé Ayers. They talked about a recently announced \$500 million investment in Detroit neighborhoods from billionaire Dan Gilbert and the \$880 million in COVID relief coming to the city from the federal government. Each said they want to make sure the money is actually received before they start allocating where it should go, and they're curious about what parameters might be attached. Tate talked about where the city is in the recreational marijuana licensing process that is designed to help "legacy Detroiters" own at least 50% of the dispensary businesses. Castañeda-López described a proposed deal to privatize the Port of Detroit, something she is not in favor of doing. And finally Ayers talked about the outreach effort to convince more Detroiters to say yes to a COVID-19 vaccination.

Program: WDIV PSA / MAB – SIGMA Lean on Us  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
Summary:

This PSA from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters lets veterans know about the help and resources available to them if they're struggling financially or mentally during the pandemic.

Program: WDIV PSA /MAB – SIGMA Win Life Back  
Dates: February - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA shows how detrimental gambling addiction can be emotionally and financially and encourages people who have the problem to get help.

### **CONSUMER WELFARE OF METROPOLITAN REGION**

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: February 24, March 29  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m. / 3:25 length  
Summary:

WDIV Consumer Investigator Hank Winchester profiled a new tool that will help Metro Detroiters navigate the coming construction season. During the pandemic, many of the current road projects were stalled but must begin again. The governor announced 21 new projects that will get underway along the biggest freeways, including I-94 and I-75. The state set up a dashboard of these projects and Winchester showed viewers how to find the projects that will affect the areas in which they drive.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 18, 19, 24, March 4, 6, 7 & 11  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/8:55  
Summary:

WDIV Consumer Investigator Hank Winchester informed viewers of scams involving the Covid-19 vaccine. Winchester spoke with Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel who said the scams are focusing on the vaccinations being administered at Ford Field. People get calls from someone pretending to be connected to the vaccination effort. The thieves request personal information to schedule a fake appointment, and people hand it over. AG Nessel warned that state and local health departments will never call residents with demands they hand over personal information like social security numbers, birthdates and addresses. Winchester also told people how the actual schedulers would reach out and how to make sure the person is legitimate.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 4,5,6,7,12, 29, February 4,18,21, March 8,10,12,16,24,26  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts / 15:55  
Summary:

WDIV Consumer Investigator Hank Winchester helped Michiganders track their stimulus checks coming from the federal government. He detailed how much money Michiganders would get, when they could expect it and demonstrated how an online tracking tool works to get an idea of when the payment would be received. The most recent legislation provided a payment of \$1400 for a single taxpayer or \$2800 for a married couple that files jointly and \$1400 per dependent. He also warned of scams with thieves calling, pretending to be from the federal government and asking for personal information.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 21,24, February 5,7 March 12 & 17  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts / 8:55  
Summary:

WDIV Consumer Investigator Hank Winchester highlighted the changes to air travel due to the pandemic. He told viewers how to use travel vouchers for flights booked during the pandemic, he outlined the safety policies and procedures for the big airlines flying out of Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The travel industry took an enormous financial hit because fewer people are comfortable traveling due to health concerns. Winchester reported prices were expected to jump after March 30<sup>th</sup> due to more people being vaccinated and feeling comfortable. /

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 5, 29, February 2, 12, 18, March 10,25,26  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts / 10:15  
Summary:

WDIV Consumer Investigator Hank Winchester helped guide Metro Detroiters through the IRS tax season. He spoke with experts who urged people to file their taxes as early as possible. They expect delays in the system and encouraged people to file early to get their money as soon as possible. They also felt it would get stimulus checks to people more quickly and accurately. The IRS also announced a filing deadline extension due to the pandemic. Winchester also warned of scams with callers pretending to be the IRS to get personal information.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 6  
Dates: February 15, 17  
Time/Duration: 6:00 p.m. / 4:40  
Summary:

WDIV Consumer Investigator Hank Winchester reported a Metro Detroit woman's battle to get her vehicle back from an off-site parking lot in Toronto. She has been told that she needs to pay \$2,800 to retrieve it. Kim Richardson's car has not moved from the Canadian parking lot since last March. "While we were gone, the pandemic hit full force and Canada shut its borders," Richardson said. Richardson flew out of Toronto before the pandemic-induced shutdown. Her return flight was rerouted to Detroit Metro Airport and her car has been in Toronto since. A Canadian broadcast crew heard about our initial report and has been covering the story in Toronto. The crew was able to speak with the owner of Park2Sky -- the public Toronto parking space -- over the phone. "I have expenses too, I've got employees...I don't operate for free. I've lost hundreds of thousands of dollars. If they wanted, they should've gotten the car right away," the owner said. Management claims other Americans in similar situations have had their cars shipped home. The parking lot owner also says he needs the full \$2,800 payment for the lot fee because he is struggling amid the pandemic, as well. "It's a ticking clock. I don't understand, I don't know what's going on here. Business is down, I'm not making any money at all. People who leave their car are paid. She's the only one that hasn't paid," he said. The owner said he just recently heard from Richardson, however, Richardson said she has called multiple times. WDIV obtained emails that show her reaching out last April and May to get the car back. She has only received generic replies. The closure of the border between the U.S. and Canada has once again been extended amid the coronavirus pandemic.

## **EDUCATION**

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News Today  
Dates: January 13, 21, 27. February 3, 10, 17, 24. March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.  
Time/Duration: 5:00 a.m./28:15 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 and her producer, Sheree Calhoun, searched for the most exceptional kids in Metro Detroit to boast about in her “brag book.” This quarter, we added teachers to the mix. Rhonda then shares their stories and fills the book with these remarkable accomplishments. Though the coronavirus pandemic moved many of these surprises to Zoom, Rhonda and her team kept honoring kids. This quarter she focused on these children among others: a 4.0 student who participates in extra-curriculars and helps care for her siblings with special needs, a competitive gymnast whose essay on American History won a Daughters of the American Revolution Competition, and 4.1 student who volunteers at a senior citizens’ home.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 25, 26. February 16, 23. March 11.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/12:15 total length  
Summary:

As educators in Michigan are dealing with concerns about standardized testing during the COVID-19 pandemic, we reported that Michigan has asked the federal government for waivers to allow more flexibility during the pandemic. That request was denied. That decision has sent state educators back to the drawing board. They said there are pros and cons when it comes to standardized testing. There is a need to make sure that all students, no matter their situation and standardized testing can give a glimpse into if students are getting an equal education. Educators said losing standardized testing could harm poor, disadvantaged students and minority students. They said that enforcing the federal standards could also harm those same students. Kenneth Gutman is the superintendent of Walled Lake Consolidated Schools. He is also the vice president of the K-12 Alliance Michigan, which represents more than 500,000 students and educators across the state. “The reality is right now we need to be teaching, not testing,” he said. The U.S. Board of Education did say that it will show some flexibility by allowing states to make individual cases for waiving the tests.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: February 1, 2, 3, 4.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/8:15 total length  
Summary:

The battle to provide education for all during the COVID-19 pandemic continues to become more and more complicated. State superintendent Dr. Michael Rice called on the state Legislature to extend the school year Tuesday for students to make up for the lost time. The idea comes with several challenges, including getting teachers on board. “This school year, in and of itself, can’t even last five minutes longer,” said Paula Herbart, the president of the Michigan Education Association. “We need a break. Educators need a break. Students need a break.” It’s undeniable that the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years have exhausted teachers. There’s a mammoth hill to climb in order to find a way to get students back 181 days of in-person education and caught up in a way that they can advance with core competencies. “I would be remiss if I said that a lot of my union members are happy about coming back,” said Michael Mickens, a Pontiac teacher and union president. In order to extend anything, terms need

to be negotiated. Detroit Public Schools Community District superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti said he can't realistically extend the school year, but he can expand learning opportunities in every neighborhood. Herbart said that it could be done, but they'd need to talk about contracts, remediating days and compensation. "Educators across the board, support staff, they are spread as thin as they can be," Herbart said.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 6, 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 25, 29. February 1, 15, 18, 23. March 1, 5, 6, 8, 26, 28.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/1:35:15 total length  
Summary:

WDIV covered the return to face-to-face learning for most of the districts in Metro Detroit after nearly a year of remote learning for students. We also profiled a district that returned to face-to-face learning after nearly a year of remote teaching. It felt like fall for the middle and high schoolers in Romeo schools who got that back-to-school feeling for the first time in more than a year. The excitement of a return started a week prior as teachers prepared to welcome cohorts back to Romeo High School. "I almost feel like this is our fall, having them all in the classroom, I can feel it," said Kim Ruhlman, a teacher.

Monday was the day a return to full days, full-time face-to-face learning for high school and middle schoolers finally happened, which means 80 percent of the district's students are physically back in class. The high school operates with a learning system called the Academies at Romeo in which students decide on an area of interest and attend micro-and macro-focused learning that gives real world experience in their area of interest. Still in keeping with safety precautions, students, Logan Wenz and William Gilbert in the high school video production academy took on inside news gathering as they became our eyes, ears, and video production crew as their first day back assignment. Color coded masks were deployed to 9th graders to create a sense of team work, so they can identify who was in their academy. The color coded masks make it fun for students to wear their masks, but also gives them a visual in the hallways of who is in their particular academy. The population density is a concern. It will be hard to fully separate students and the onus is on the families to keep track of temperatures and health screenings, but those students who have returned to face-to-face learning full-time, will see differences in how they must conduct themselves to keep the pandemic out of their building.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: February 19. March 2, 6, 7.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/9:55 total length.  
Summary:

The state announced increased testing for youth ages 13-19 to make sure they can safely participate in sports. This is in response to an increased number of COVID-19 outbreaks associated with youth sports, Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, of MDHHS, said. "Michigan's students deserve to safely enjoy the fullest high school experience we can offer," said JoLynn Clark, principal of Frankenmuth High School. "That means finding ways to provide in-person instruction along with extracurricular activities, a fundamental part of a student's life. This past fall, educators witnessed firsthand the detrimental impacts to both instruction and student well-

being that comes when we cannot find ways to safely do both.” Many parents were uncomfortable with testing healthy students and are reaching out for waivers.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: March 15, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/22:15 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported that with coronavirus infection rates on the rise, many Metro Detroit school districts are scrambling to make tough decisions to stay open or close. School districts are experiencing their first spike in confusion for the 2020-21 school year. In the 2019-20 school year, there was a lot of confusion over almost everything. In the fall, the question was about face-to-face education or remote-learning and in winter, most districts shut down in-person education to slow a surge. A year into the pandemic, we know more about the disease, but it doesn't mean the choices to shut down schools is any easier. “I don't know the right decision,” said Romeo Community Schools superintendent Dr. Todd Robinson. “It's really difficult.” Robinson said that while Macomb County superintendents have been talking about the pandemic multiple times a week for several weeks, he is inclined to fully return to face-to-face learning, but treat in-person learning on a school-by-school basis. School District of the City of Pontiac spokesperson Heidi Hedquist said they were trying to make a decision in time for parents will be able to plan. Detroit Public Schools Community District has made it clear: all students and even the learning centers will go back to 100% remote after spring break to give teachers a chance to isolate and to keep the virus out of the schools which are surrounded by a 10-percent infection rate in the community.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News Today, Local 4 News at 6 & 11  
Dates: March 10, 11, 15.  
Time/Duration: 5:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m./6:15 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported Michigan joined more than 20 states that have recently introduced legislation that would ban high school transgender student athletes from playing on teams associated with their gender identity. Senate Bill 218 aims to prohibit a transgender boy from playing on a boys team as well as transgender girls playing on girls teams. The bill was introduced by Sen. Lana Theis (R-Brighton) and co-sponsored by 12 other GOP senators, including Rep. Jim Runestad (R-White Lake). “You compete with the other athletes of your biology. In these situations, and that is what's fair. What is not fair is having biological boys, taking scholarships and positions and awards,” Runestad said. Erin Knott with Equality Michigan calls the bill harmful and that it adds to the stigma transgender kids face.

Program: Flashpoint  
Date: March 7  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m./9:39  
Summary:

One segment of this locally produced weekly public affairs program hosted by WDIV news anchor Devin Scillian addressed issues pertaining to Education. Scillian was joined by Wall Street Journal education bureau chief Chastity Pratt and Lori Higgins, bureau chief of Chalkbeat Detroit. The recounted the challenges of the past year for students and parents, and talked about how long it will be before we know exactly how much was lost in terms of learning and structure. Higgins talked about addressing the inequities of access to technology. They both gave opinions on where to go from here, with Pratt saying it's almost better to chalk it up as a loss shared by many people and just show grace and move on. Higgins added that schools are in discussions about beefing up summer school or the possibility of Saturday school, but no one is sure whether after the past year of lockdown there's any appetite for it.

Program: WDIV PSA /MAB – Make the Difference  
Dates: January  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30  
Summary:

This Michigan Association of Broadcasters PSA talks about the value of a college degree from a Michigan public university, because it costs an average of 40% less than full price. It sends viewers to [getMIDegree.org](http://getMIDegree.org) for more information.

## **CRIME**

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5 & 6  
Dates: January 11, 19, 25, 27. February 7, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22. March 3, 12, 17, 22, 25  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m./28:35 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 organizes events where family members of crime victims come forward to speak about their lost loved ones. This quarter we profiled among others: a well known local DJ killed while leaving a job, the search for the killer of a grandfather gunned down outside his own home, and the search for whoever murdered a Wayne State University student around Christmastime.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 1, 2, 4, 12, 14, 18, 23, 25, 27. March 18.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/17:25 total length  
Summary:

WDIV profiled the new Washtenaw County prosecutor who is already making revolutionary changes in how he handles criminal cases in his jurisdiction. [Eli Savit](#), shared with reporter Sandra Ali what drove him to run for that position and what has inspired him to drive so much change. From his first day on the job, Eli Savit started rolling out sweeping policy changes. On his first day in office, he rescinded the zero-tolerance policies. He said he's in favor of drug

treatment and rehab instead of jail time. “My priority is making sure that the first time somebody comes into the justice system or the second time somebody comes with the justice system for, you know, perhaps a lower-level offense that we’re making sure that we get them the resources, the treatment that they need so that we don’t see more serious crimes happen down the line,” Savit said. Three days into his term, he scrapped cash bail. Washtenaw County is the first in the state to make that move. Savit said he believes defendants’ wealth shouldn’t play a role in their release from jail. He also announced that his office wouldn’t prosecute those engaged in consensual sex work. Instead, he wants to focus on cases involving human trafficking and sexual assault. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Savit announced a new policy to combat racial profiling in Washtenaw County. Savit said he wants Washtenaw County to serve as an example for the rest of the state.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: February 17, 18, 19  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/6:15 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported a former police officer is accused of embezzling money while on the force. Former Hazel Park detective Sean Boucher is accused of stealing from the city of Hazel Park while working as a public officer. Boucher was formerly assigned to the Hazel Park Police Department Detective Bureau. The investigation into the 18-year veteran officer began years ago. Boucher had been under the investigation of the FBI for a while and their findings suggest that there was a clear breach of public trust. He resigned prior to an administrative investigation hearing in 2017. Now, the former officer is being formally accused to taking money from several resources in the department, including the officer training fund.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5 & 11  
Dates: February 1, 9, 17. March 30.  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m./9:15 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported in depth on the new prosecutor in Oakland County, Karen McDonald who said she’s concerned about an uptick of violence in the community. About 20 to 25 murder cases are reported a year in Oakland County, McDonald said. But there have been seven reported since December. “If this trend continues, we are looking at a large amount of homicides,” McDonald said. In her first sit down interview since being elected, McDonald sat down with WDIV reporter Karen Drew to talk about crime, keeping children safe and changing how juveniles are sentenced. Crime has happened all over the county, such as in Southfield where a man was shot and killed in his driveway and his truck stolen, to Walled Lake where a 45-year-old man was charged with stabbing and killing his roommate inside their condo, and in Holly where a man was charged with child abuse and torture after a 3-year-old died. “I absolutely think it is COVID related,” McDonald said. “We have people who are isolated, unemployed, have a strong feeling of hopelessness, and that is absolutely contributing to violent crime.” McDonald is also concerned about the 50% decrease in reported child abuse and neglect cases. McDonald is implementing new changes bringing back the canine advocacy program, which trained dogs are allowed to be with children to provide comfort when they are testifying on the stand. She also plans to reform how juveniles and low-level crimes are charged. McDonald said she still believes

Oakland County is one of the safest places to live, but thinks it's important for the public to recognize the impact of COVID-19 on the welfare of citizens and children.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 6 & 11  
Dates: March 22, 24, 25  
Time/Duration: 6:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m./5:45 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported on claims that women were being drugged at a local bar. Birmingham Police said they were investigating after half a dozen women filed reports saying they believe someone put something in their drinks while they were at the Rose Room. A first alleged victim posted what she said was her experience on Facebook and then several other women came forward to claim they were also victims. Police have investigated and so far, no one has been charged in the case. The Rose Room released a statement saying if something really happened they want to know about it, and encouraged anyone with a legitimate claim to come forward.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: March 3  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m./2:30 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported a Detroit rapper is back in custody after breaking the rules of his bond and posting evidence online. Sebrell Cole, also known as Brello, is a Detroit rapper. He had been arrested for carrying a concealed weapon a few months before the video was shot. According to court documents, Brello posted a music video that featured himself in possession of a gun. The video was shot after Brello was released on a personal bond with the condition that he does not possess any firearm. Brello was in the 18000 block of Hamburg Street in Detroit to shoot a music video titled "Blow the Extras." In the video, he had a gun, according to court documents. The documents state that in the music video there are multiple images of Brello holding a black handgun with a clear extended magazine loaded with live rounds. After the music video was posted online, federal agents executed a search warrant at the Hamburg Street location. Agents found Brello, \$5,000 in cash and multiple guns. Two of the guns found at the location were listed as stolen, according to the Law Enforcement Information Network. Officials said Brello admitted that the music video was filmed while he was out on bond and was not supposed to possess any firearms.

## **LEGAL SYSTEM**

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 11  
Dates: January 29  
Time/Duration: 11:00 p.m./2:30 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported a lawsuit filed by a father and son alleges that students at one Metro Detroit high school attacked and forced the son to participate in sexualized games during a retreat in 2019. The father, a longtime teacher at St. Mary's Preparatory High School in Orchard Lake, and his

son, a student, filed a lawsuit outlining a series of sexualized games allegedly played by the school's student athletes. The lawsuit claims that when the son chose not to participate in the games, the other students attacked him. Both the father and son are alleging that the Orchard Lake Catholic school knew of the so-called naked games that the boys played at the school's annual "Kairos retreat" at the Colombiere Retreat Center in Clarkston but allegedly did nothing to stop it. The lawsuit claims that when the son wanted no part of the games, the other students dragged him from his room and tried to strip him down which lawyer Palmer says was essentially sexual assault. The alleged incident took place in the spring of 2019. In a statement, St. Mary's Prep said: "The administration conducted an investigation immediately upon learning of these accusations, which was overseen by a member of our Board. We are confident once this information is made public, it will prove the school acted in a completely appropriate manner."

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5 6 & 11  
Dates: January 13, 29, 30.  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m/6:15 total length  
Summary:

We reported that after years of litigation, the state of Michigan has announced a security plan in an effort to ensure the state's energy needs are met "when Enbridge's Line 5 oil pipelines that run through the Great Lakes shut down." Over the last few years, Michigan officials have been at odds with the company Enbridge, who owns and operates Line 5, a major oil pipeline that runs beneath the Straits of Mackinac. Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer argues that the company has neglected to properly care for the pipelines over the years and has put the state at risk for an oil spill. In November 2020, Whitmer's office announced that the state was revoking an easement granted in 1953 that allowed an extension of the Line 5 oil pipeline to run through the Straits of Mackinac. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel filed a lawsuit to carry out Whitmer's decision on Nov. 13, 2020. The revocation would take effect in 180 days from the order, meaning the flow of oil would have to stop by May 12, 2021. On Friday, March 12, the Michigan Public Service Commission introduced the state's new Propane Security Plan. As a joint project with the MPSC, and the Michigan departments of transportation; environment, Great Lakes and energy (EGLE); and technology, management and budget, the security plan outlines five steps that are designed to protect consumers and help businesses. Steps include protecting consumers from price gouging, transitioning to electrification and renewable energy to maximize propane efficiency and encouraging the development of alternative energy sourcing options.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 25, 26, 28. February 22, 23. March 2, 9, 10, 18, 19. 30.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/26:25 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported on the criminal charges faced by former Michigan governor Rick Snyder. His lawyers have tried desperately to get the case dismissed on numerous legal grounds but with no success thus far. Snyder, who served until 2019, is charged with failing to timely declare an emergency in Flint, which used the Flint River for drinking water in 2014-15 without properly

treating it to reduce corrosion. Lead in old pipes contaminated the system over 18 months. Experts also blamed high bacteria levels in the water for a spike in Legionnaires' disease. The indictment accuses Snyder of violating the state constitution by failing to check the performance of public officials under his control. The catastrophe in the majority-Black city has been described as environmental racism. The judge noted that the water switch was hatched when Flint was under the thumb of Snyder-appointed managers who had sweeping powers to fix the city's poor finances. Eight other people face charges in Flint, including two former state health officials who are accused of involuntary manslaughter in nine deaths linked to Legionnaires' disease.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: January 25, 26, 27, 29, 30. February 2, 3, 4, 5, 8. March 10.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/18:25 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported a lawsuit against the state of Michigan's health director claims the state's stoppage of high school sports amid the pandemic may have directly led to the tragic death of a teen hockey player. The suit filed in the Michigan Court of Claims is on behalf of a list of Michigan high school athletes and their families collectively, "Let Them Play Michigan, Inc.", and the Michigan Amateur Youth Hockey League (MAYHL). They want high school sports including basketball, wrestling, hockey and competitive cheer to resume immediately. One of those athletes is Brennan Dethloff, an 18-year-old hockey player at Mona Shores High School who died after a car crash Jan. 18. The lawsuit says Dethloff died from injuries suffered in the crash after "succumbing to the mental struggles he endured from the continued delays in winter sports in Michigan." Other plaintiffs include high school athletes who have been unable to compete due to the contact sports ban under Michigan's COVID restrictions. The suit against Elizabeth Hertel, the new director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), claims the state is in violation of the United States Constitution, Michigan Constitution and/or Michigan state law by enforcing the MDHHS emergency order to stop contact sports such as high school hockey and basketball.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: February 18, 19. March 2, 3.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/12:25 total length  
Summary:

The Macomb County Restaurant, Bar, and Banquet Association have filed a lawsuit to try and force Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to pay for the losses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The first 10 pages of its 17-page court filing goes over the challenges the service industry has faced during the coronavirus crisis. The association is angry about the ups and down, and they are looking for the state to compensate. Fox's family has owned Rec Bowl from the start and they're worried about the future. That's why Fred Fox and the rest of the Macomb County Restaurant, Bar, and Banquet Association filed the lawsuit that alleges "new, different and unforeseen business expenses attributable to the COVID-19 orders are extreme," and that "lost profits suffered by these businesses are astronomical." The lawsuit is looking for monetary compensation for the potential lost profits.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: March 23, 25  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/8:15 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported eleven woman have filed a lawsuit against Eastern Michigan University, claiming that the university ignored reports of sexual assault. “These victims have been not only victimized by this brutal assault, but re victimized by having to relive it and having retaliation brought against them,” said attorney Todd Flood. Flood spoke to WDIV on behalf of his 11 clients identified as Jane Does, 11 young women who said they had been sexually assaulted on or near campus between the years 2015 and 2020. The 166-page lawsuit claims that multiple entities within the school covered up a series of rapes that happened, specifically involving the fraternities Delta Tau Delta and Aplha Sigma Phi. A number of these sexual assault cases occurred during “traditional styled rituals” happened within the frat houses, the lawsuit states.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: February 18, 19. March 2, 3.  
Time/Duration: All Newscasts/12:25 total length  
Summary:

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## **RACE RELATIONS AND RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE**

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 11  
Dates: January 11  
Time/Duration: 11:00 p.m. / 2:00  
Summary:

We reported on the swearing in of Monica Hunt as the first Black city commissioner in Royal Oak. The story included an interview with Hunt, comments from other city commissioners and Royal Oak residents. The story talked about Hunt’s personal life and professional career and explained how she is filling the vacancy of a commissioner who resigned in November. It also noted Hunt’s term would expire in November.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 6  
Dates: January 18  
Time/Duration: 6:00 p.m. / 1:45  
Summary:

We reported about the experience of an interracial couple married for 30 years who put an offer on a home in Livingston County. The report detailed how the female realtor seemed eager over the phone, but quickly changed her demeanor after meeting the couple in person. The couple explained in the story how they met the realtor's full asking price, but never heard from her again. A few weeks later the couple discovered the home had been sold for the same price with a mortgage to a White man. In a lawsuit filed by the couple, they claim they were ignored and given a different set of standards. The suit alleges they were discriminated against because they were an interracial couple. The story noted the realtor could not be reached for comment at the time the story aired.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: January 21  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m. / 2:30  
Summary:

President Joe Biden made good on a campaign promise to reverse a "Muslim travel ban". This story covers the reactions of Metro Detroiters to Biden's move. The report explained how former President Donald Trump enacted a ban restricting travel from many Middle Eastern countries. The move was met with anger, fear of backlash, frustration, and legal challenges, but the ban was ultimately upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. Michigan residents, the head of the Michigan chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, and Michigan Congresswoman Debbie Dingell were all interviewed about President Biden's action to end the restrictions.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: February 1  
Time/Duration: 5 p.m. / 2:30  
Summary:

February is Black History Month and WDIV aired special stories and features to help celebrate the achievement of African Americans in U.S. history. The goal was to highlight difference makers, especially those in our local communities and across the state. The reports aired in every day-part, including weekends. A report on the "history behind Black History Month" kicked off our coverage. It included interviews with a Detroit historian, a sociology professor from Brown University, and Michigan residents.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: February 11  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m. / 2:30  
Summary:

As part of WDIV's Change Makers Black History Month coverage, we highlighted the importance of WGPR-TV. Long-time Metro Detroiters are very familiar with the station, but even many of them may not have realized WGPR-TV (Channel 62) was the first Black owned and independently operated news organization in the United States. The report highlighted how for decades WGPR-TV provided a distinct perspective for viewers. The story also pointed out how during the month of February, the station was listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. Karen Hudson Samuels, who worked as the station's news director for several years was interviewed for the report. The station's founder, Dr. William V. Banks, was also highlighted in the story. Dozens of Black journalists got their start at the station, and WGPR-TV's news decisions also forced other local TV and radio news operations to change the type of stories they covered.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News Today  
Dates: February 24  
Time/Duration: 5:00 a.m. / 1:00  
Summary:

With racial tension already high over the death of George Floyd, the investigation moved to yet another level. The story covered several witnesses being subpoenaed to appear before a Federal grand jury considering charges against the former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. The report noted Chauvin is already facing state murder charges, and news of the grand jury raised new concerns about possible protests over the case.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 4  
Dates: March 2  
Time/Duration: 4:00 p.m. / 2:20  
Summary:

We reported about the decision by Dr. Seuss Enterprises to stop publishing six of Dr. Seuss books because of racist and insensitive images. The story listed the title of the books and included a statement from Dr. Seuss Enterprise. It also noted that while the move to end sales was meant to promote better racial and cultural awareness, it also sparked debate and created backlash from those who opposed the decision. A professor of cultural studies was interviewed as part of the story.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 6  
Dates: March 9  
Time/Duration: 6:00 p.m. / 1:00  
Summary:

The Detroit NAACP president is calling for a Michigan State Police trooper to be fired. The story covered Rev. Wendell Anthony's reaction to an incident caught on a police vehicle's dash-cam. The video shows the trooper commanding his K9 to get a man who had been fleeing from police. The video also shows that, despite the injured man being on the ground in a prone position, the trooper then repeated orders to stay on top of the man. Rev. Anthony said the dog attack was reminiscent of how Civil Rights protesters were often treated in the past. He also

called it the worst example of police misconduct in recent years, outside of the George Floyd incident.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: March 17  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m. /1:45  
Summary:

We reported that Metro Detroit’s Asian American community is responding to the mass murders in Georgia. The story included a recap of the attacks, where 8 people were shot and killed at spa and massage businesses. The report noted six of the victims were of Asian descent, which raised questions about whether they were targeted because of their race. The story also included interviews with local leaders in the Asian American community who fear crimes against Asians may also happen closer to home. In addition, the leaders said acts of hate against members of the Asian American community had already increased during the pandemic. The leaders explaining that references to COVID-19 as the “China virus” and other racially insensitive statements fueled much of the incidents.

Program: Local 4 Special: History 4 All  
Dates: February 24  
Time/Duration: 8:00 p.m. / 60:00  
Dates: February 27 encore presentation  
Time/Duration: 9:00 p.m. / 60:00  
Summary:

Our celebration of Black History Month culminated in a prime time special hosted by WDIV News Anchors Kimberly Gill and Devin Scillian. This hour long show tackled systemic racism in the prison system, the importance of teaching black history in schools, code switching and the uncomfortable conversations white people need to have about race. The special explained the origin of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, featured programs sponsored by the Motown Museum, showcased local “Change Makers” and highlighted several historical Underground Railroad stops in Detroit.

Program: Voices of the Movement  
Dates: February 27  
Time/Duration: 12:00 p.m. / 30:00  
Summary:

WDIV aired this syndicated half-hour special for Black History Month, highlighting commentary from civil rights icons, political influencers, and distinguished scholars on how far the human rights, social justice and civil rights movements have come; how young people have activated the charge; and how the elections of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, the first Woman of Color, signal change. Commentary will be given by Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Founder of Fair Fight, Stacey Abrams; Princeton University Chairman of African American Studies, Dr. Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.; Mayor of Montgomery,

Alabama, Steven L. Reed; Singer and Actor, Harry Belafonte; and more. The program included interlocutory montages for each segment.

## **CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: January 27  
Time/Duration: 5:00 p.m./2:30 total length  
Summary:

WDIV reported a local church wanted to honor the victims of the coronavirus pandemic in a special way. Pastor Rick Sykes with The Prevailing Church in Inkster is creating a special garden for the victims. The bricks will be stretched all across the area on the side of the church. Sykes said each brick will have a name of someone who died from COVID-19. "I myself know about 50 to 60 people who have passed away. My wife was actually sick in March and she recovered. Loved ones, people I knew, also recovered but there are those who passed away from COVID-19," he said. Sykes said COVID has ripped through Metro Detroit, especially within the Black community. "We're looking to bless the community by giving to the community," he said. "Just thinking about all of the people I know who have passed away...we wanted to do something that brings healing."

Program: WDIV News / Live in the D, Local 4 News at 11  
Dates: January 29. February 16.  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m., 11:00 p.m./ ?  
Summary:

WDIV routinely airs a segment called "Uniquely Detroit" which focuses on a part of the community that most viewers might never get to see, or even know about. Photojournalists Alex Atwell shoots and puts these together, strictly from the pictures and the words of the subjects he interviewed. This quarter he focused on these topics among others: a doctor who fights Covid by day and raps by night and a special Detroit sendoff to the late Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon.

Program: WDIV News / Live in the D, Local 4 News at 5  
Dates: January 8, 15, 22, 28. February 12, 25.  
Time/Duration: 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m./9:15 total length  
Summary:

WDIV partners with Detroit Free Press columnist Mitch Albom for a special series focusing on Metro Detroiters making a difference called "Heart of Detroit." This quarter Mitch profiled among others: Bethlehem House which provides women who are homeless a place to live, a local theater group based on freedom and Brilliant Detroit which helps kids get better educations.

Program: WDIV News  
Dates: March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

Time/Duration: All Newscasts/1:30:00

Summary:

WDIV celebrated Women's History Month in March with a series of pieces profiling local women leaders in their industries and those making a difference in people's lives. We also aired videos highlighting Metro Detroit women and their accomplishments. Some of the women we profiled in depth were: the number two officer in the Michigan State Police Department, Mother Waddles' mission against poverty, four business owners who were highlighted in a national MasterCard commercial and four women who helped developing the whooping cough vaccine on their own time.

Program: WDIV News / Local 4 News Today, Local 4 News at 6

Dates: March 13, 14.

Time/Duration: 5:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m./5:15 total length

Summary:

WDIV reported on a local chef who changed his focus from high end cooking to feeding the needy during a pandemic. For 50 years, Chef Phil Jones has cooked in high-end restaurants and fed those in need. The coronavirus pandemic changed his world in ways he couldn't imagine. Despite his own hardship, Jones focused on those who couldn't put food on the table. In the early days of the stay-at-home orders, restaurants had tons of food, but no guests to serve. "They have thousands of pounds of produce to try and get out to the community," Jones recalled. "A friend of mine called me and he had a free sandwich trucks' worth of chicken cooked, ready to go." Jones partnered with the nonprofit Food Rescue US and began distributing thousands of pounds of chicken. Jones has worked in elite restaurants, with celebrity chefs and in community kitchens. His desire to give back during a pandemic led to the Detroit Free Press to name him 2021 Chef of the Year.

Program: Something Good

Dates: February 13

Time/Duration 8-9 p.m.

Program: Something Good

Dates: March 20

Time/Duration: 1-2 p.m.

Summary:

During the Coronavirus pandemic Graham Media developed this series of programs to address some of the positive stories that were taking place in our communities. 'Something Good' highlights the best in humanity from people helping others, fundraising and innovating during these challenging times. This quarter we featured amazing heroes of the old west, the Black Cowboys, who helped feed America in the 1800s. Modern-day heroes also take center stage, like a doctor who is helping erase student debt.

Program: Open House  
Dates: March 13  
Time/Duration: 9:00 a.m. / 30:00  
Summary:

WDIV aired this syndicated special as a salute to dynamic women during Women's History month. The program celebrated trailblazers in fashion, design and architecture, including Zaha Hadid, the first woman to win the Pritzker, architecture's most prestigious award.

Program: All 4 Pets  
Dates: March 31  
Time/Duration: 8:30 p.m. / 30:00  
Summary:

WDIV anchors Jason Carr and Priya Mann hosted this locally WDIV All 4 Pets special. The show contained stories about a rescue fox sanctuary, dogs owned by famous athletes, and a man who builds shelters for his neighborhood feral cats. Viewers also met the latest All 4 Pets spokesdogs Dexter and Alfred, learned how to prepare their pets for more alone time after the COVID pandemic, and got a history lesson on presidential pets who've lived in the White House over the years.

Program: WDIV PSAs NAB – Trusted Voice, Your Companion  
Dates: January - March  
Time/Duration: General Rotation/ 1x :30, 1x :15  
Summary:

These messages from the National Association of Broadcasters point out the importance of local television and radio stations. They are the trusted voices of the community, and where people turn especially in times of emergency.