

Quarterly Issues Programs for WMPC 1230 AM

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Section I: Issues

The following issues were determined to be of interest to the community this quarter:

- A. Government: Local, state, and national issues
- B. Economy: Issues impacting the local and Michigan economy
- C. Politics: Local, state, and national topics of interest to listeners
- D. Family Outreach: Issues and activities affecting Michigan families
- E. Education: Topics of interest to students and their families
- F. Health: Issues impacting the health of and healthcare for Lapeer families
- G. Community Outreach: Organizations and events available to the public
- H. Environment: issues impacting Michigan's natural resources

Section II: Responsive Programs – All interviews conducted by Program Director Greg Bullen unless otherwise noted.

Community Forum: April 2, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m. Duration: 8:58. Neda Payne, Executive Director of the Lapeer Area Chamber of Commerce, was our guest today. She highlighted the upcoming Lapeer Community Spring Expo, taking place on Sunday, April 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Innovation on Millville Road. The event will feature a wide variety of vendors, a dance station, the Jim Alt Magic Show, the Great Lakes Twirling Academy, Cardio Drumming, and the Korean Martial Arts Institute. {B. Economy; F. Health; G. Community Outreach} Free food and activities for children will be available. {D. Family Outreach} Milnes Ford will donate \$20.00 toward the Fourth of July fireworks show for every test drive taken. WMPC will host their Bounce House, the Lapeer County Sheriff Mounted Search and Rescue Division will be on hand, along with the City of Lapeer Fire Department featuring Sparky the Fire Dog and the Lapeer County EMS. {G. Community Outreach} The Chamber is available on Facebook.

Community Forum: April 12, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m. Duration: 8:56. Deborah Bader, Acting Director for the Pregnancy Resource Center of Lapeer, joined us by phone today. She focused upon an event coming up for the PRC on April 17 at 6 p.m. which will serve as a fundraiser. Gallery 194 will host a silent auction and then comedian Mike Williams will take to the stage at the Pix Theater at 7 p.m. All ticket sales and silent auction proceeds will go to the PRC general fund due to corporate and individual sponsors who have covered expenses. {G. Community Outreach} Deborah said that the PRC of Lapeer helps pregnant women and mothers with children under three with all kinds of supplies, education, and spiritual support. {D. Family Outreach; E. Education; F. Health} The PRC is currently searching for a permanent director and Deborah invited the public to tour the facility. The Pregnancy Resource Center of Lapeer is available at www.prcol4life.org.

Community Forum: April 23, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m. Duration: ~12:50. Wayne Odom, Executive Ambassador for Intouch Ministries of Atlanta, was our guest today. He said that his primary mission is to highlight the ministry's Mp3 player called the Intouch Messenger. Since 2007 500,000 players have been

given to U.S. military personnel. The original had 36 messages from Dr. Charles Stanley. The current edition of the Intouch Messenger features the original 36 messages, the entire Bible, and the 36 Life Principles messages as well. The player is available free of charge to church groups desiring to distribute them on mission trips. Wayne's discussion focused upon listeners supporting WMPC and he read a letter he wrote to a supporter. He echoed the Life Principle which states that one can never out-give God. Intouch can be contacted at (800) 789-1473 and at www.intouch.org. {G. Community Outreach}

Community Forum: April 26, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m. Duration: 11:02. Pegg Patten, Executive Director of Families Against Narcotics of Lapeer County (F.A.N.) was our guest in the studio today. Pegg invited our listeners to participate in the national Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 30, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration. On Saturday citizens will be able to drop off unneeded medications at the Lapeer City Police Department on Genesee Street from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. F.A.N. will have a bucket for liquids and patches, which are not ordinarily collected. Pegg reported that in 2017 Lapeer County experienced 17 overdose deaths and that many victims were over 50 years of age. She urged the proper disposal of unneeded prescriptions: Don't simply throw them out or flush them. Several communities in Lapeer County have drop boxes. Pegg told the listeners about Narcan, which can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. This antidote can be purchased at a pharmacy and F.A.N. provides education and training for its use. Pegg and F.A.N. can be contacted at (810) 728-2033. {A. Government; D. Family Outreach; E. Education; F. Health; G. Community Outreach}.

Community Forum: April 27, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m. Duration: 16:50. Michigan State Representative Gary Howell, representing District 82 in Lansing, was in the studio today. First, Rep. Howell discussed the newly passed House version of the budget; its timely completion allows school districts and municipalities to plan ahead. {A. Government} The budget includes an additional \$240.00 per student in the Lapeer School District. {E. Education} Second, we talked about the Canadian garbage trucks streaming into Michigan daily. Twenty-five percent of the garbage in Michigan landfills is from Canada. One solution might be to raise the fees from \$.36 per ton to \$4.45 per ton, but to do so requires the same increase for U.S. trash haulers as for Canadian dumpers. With low fees compared to our neighbors, Michigan is a "trash magnet." {A. Government; B. Economy; H. Environment} Third, Rep. Howell expressed his concern about the vote to legalize recreational use of marijuana in Michigan. He feels that a vote of the people is appropriate but is concerned that legalization sends the message to young people that getting high is okay. {A. Government; F. Health} Fourth, Rep. Howell discussed water issues regarding larger withdrawals by Nestle and also the crisis in Flint, both of interest to him as Chair of the Natural Resources Committee. Also, he wants to streamline the approval process for farmers who deal with water issues to get a resolution quickly rather than waiting for the Department of Environmental Quality {H. Environment; A. Government} Fifth, Rep. Howell said that at last community coffee hour, people asked him about Michigan's astronomical insurance rates, pointing out that we have no rate schedule here so costs and fees are the highest in the nation. {B. Economy; A. Government} In closing, he said he desires more civility in public discourse; Rep. Howell works with Democrats as often as possible in the legislature. {C. Politics}

Community Forum: May 25, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m. Duration: ~15:45. Representative Gary Howell of District 82, which is Lapeer County, was our guest today in the studio. The first issue he discussed was the shooting pit at the Lapeer State Game Area in Mayfield Township. Use has intensified, it is noisy with large crowds. Rep. Howell has secured a new \$600,000 appropriation for improvements, which include shooting stands, building up berms, establishing shooting lanes, and even in 2019 providing a manned range master station there, since the current gate is not effective and the sound not well controlled. {A.

Government} Next Rep. Howell highlighted the new School Safety bill, which would authorized the payment of a salary via a small millage for a police officer at each school. This would be optional for each school district. {A. Government; E. Education} Commenting on the Michigan State University scandal, Rep. Howell condemned Dr. Larry Nassar and the dean of the medical school for the widespread abuse of student athletes. Rep. Howell supports Governor John Engler and the fact that his alma mater has designated \$500,000,000 from university reserves for compensation for victims and pointed out that this is NOT taxpayer money. {D. Family Outreach; E. Education} On the legalization of sports and Internet gambling, Rep. Howell disagrees that it is a “golden goose” for revenue; e.g., the Michigan Lottery provides a fraction of funding for the education budget. Encouraging people to gamble creates social issues which offset the small income for the state. {A. Government} As he continued, Rep. Howell expressed his disapproval at the prospect of legalizing the use of marijuana for recreational purposes, pointing out that today’s pot is different from the older product, intensifying the narcotic effect. And the production, distribution, and sale of pot will not generate tax revenue in proportion to that created by the sale of beer, wine, and liquor. A. Government; D. Family Outreach} Finally, Rep. Howell talked about the recent passage of a bill creating oversight of the Department of Environment Quality, a committee made up of farmers, business people, and outdoorsman. This will create an appeals process for farmers with a panel NOT employed by the State of Michigan. {H. Environment; A. Government}

Community Forum: June 8, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m. Duration: ~10:46. In the studio today, MI State Representative Gary Howell of District 82 focused upon two issues. The first topic was briefly discussed: the pending vote of the citizens on legalizing recreational marijuana. The legislature was pressured to authorize it without a vote of the people but did not. The ballot item was designed by big money in the marijuana industry and will likely pass. {A. Government; F. Health} The bulk of the time was devoted to the topic of prevailing wage, the law which states that government projects must pay the same wages as paid in the private sector. Rep. Howell voted against its repeal and stands with the unions, insisting that reducing wages send a poor message to those pursuing vocational training and careers. Rep. Howell pointed out that the federal Davis-Bacon Law is still in effect, so that if any federal dollars are involved, the workers must still be paid the prevailing wage for their work, so the law will have a muted effect. For example, almost all road projects involve federal dollars. {A. Government; B. Economy}