

## Quarterly Issues and Program List

### **First Quarter 2024 FCC Write-up Summary - WFXP**

**January 2024** weather was a big topic in our region as severe high winds knocked down power lines, trees, and other debris across the northwest region. Multiple crews were out in neighborhoods, in the city and public parks for cleanup and determining how to better plan for the future.

Other impacts to our community have been the homeless issue in the city as many of the area's shelters are constantly filled. Extra resources and space have been made available at most of these shelters, with the addition of using tiny homes to help find a temporary place for families to stay at, but additional help is needed.

The year also started out with some animal stories. One story was focused on an Australian shepherd that had been lost on Christmas day but then was found days later by a coon-hunting dog. The other story involved a dog that was found late night in an alleyway in the City of Erie that a local animal shelter said was in the worst condition they've ever seen.

The Erie County Redevelopment Authority announced it exceeded lending expectations in 2023 with nearly \$14 million. Funding through the year included public schools, American Rescue Plan dollars to improve broadband capabilities and additional funding for local townships.

Gannon University and leaders said goodbye to the Hammermill Center that was torn down to construct a new center for Golden Knights athletic teams.

**February 2024** started with stories on Black History Month, talking with a local leader of the MLK Center, while the Erie Auto Show made its return the Bayfront area with rows of classic cars along with fuel and electric vehicles. A new Turkish bakery made its home in downtown Erie.

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Also, World War II heroes were honored at the Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors Home.

Governor Josh Shapiro presented his annual budget address – Community members and school officials were happy to hear funding for Erie’s public schools would be heading to the region.

An announcement was made that a former U.S. Brig Niagara captain is taking on a new role at the Bayfront Maritime Center.

Local experts highlight the importance of getting your kids vaccinated, as immunizations are reportedly decreasing.

WJET Hosted the Shriners Children’s Erie Telethon featuring patients who received care from Shriners in the past. In total, Shriners exceeded their goal of raising \$25,000 before the end of the night.

**March 2024** kicked off with the arrest of a man accused of killing a pregnant Amish woman in Spartanburg that had the community reeling.

Steve Weiser, executive director for the Erie Philharmonic, announced his retirement from that group, and the local Junior Achievement “Empower Her” summit brought together over 200 high school students from the region. We also had multiple stories about preparations, heritage and features for Erie’s annual Maple Festival and St. Patrick’s Day, as well as stories for the April solar eclipse.

Super Tuesday also hit us in March with live coverage of the Attorney General Democratic and Republican debates held in Harrisburg. Local election/political experts spoke to us about what effects this will have on Pennsylvania’s primary election, what voters should know about and what this means for the general election in November.

Many of the JET 24 and FOX 66’s on-air talent visited multiple schools in the region and read to the kids for Read Across America Week.

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## WFXP

### First Quarter 2024

Pursuant to the disclosure requirements in 47 C.F. R. 73.3526(11)(i), and during the quarter referenced above, this station provided information to its viewers regarding the following significant issues, including:

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| Education                            | Consumer Issues | Religion          | Government (National) |
| Children/Youth                       | Economy         | Technology        | Government (Local)    |
| Politics                             | Housing         | National Security | Environment           |
| Health/Healthcare                    | Transportation  | Minority Issues   | Cultural              |
| Crime/Law Enforcement                | Community       | Women’s Issues    | Elderly               |
| Legal Matters (e.g. court decisions) | Business        | Employment        | Immigration           |
|                                      |                 |                   | Business & Industry   |

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WFXP	Animal cruelty	10 p.m.	1/2/24	1:41	FOX First at 10 p.m.	ANNA Shelter takes in one of their worst animal cruelty cases with a dog found in an alley gnawing its own paw off. The dog was found matted and covered in extremities. Their animal cruelty neglect officer is investigating but shows as a reminder for why legislation is in place to combat these crimes.

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WFXP	Local government	10 p.m.	1/8/24	1:33	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Venango Township supervisors vote to reject a 900-acre solar farm proposal that residents have voiced their disapproval for months. However, Birch Creek Development, the project's sponsor, is looking to appeal the decision in court, but residents find the decision will stand.
WFXP	Community	10 p.m.	1/9/24	1:43	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Emmaus Ministries celebrates 50 years of service to the Erie community by opening up their soup kitchen for the public. Organizers hoped to bring their roots to the forefront and honor their successes and the work they've done for the community.
WFXP	Weather	10 p.m.	1/10/24	1:34	FOX First at 10 p.m.	High winds have been affecting residents by knocking out power lines, trees and other debris. Some resident expressed concerns for those with health conditions having to be relocated to other facilities. Local fire departments opening up their locations as warming shelters for the public.

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WFXP	Sports	10:05 p.m.	1/15/24	1:35	FOX First at 10 p.m.	The Buffalo Bills took on the Pittsburgh Steelers at Orchard Park that saw a battle between local fanatics. Fans on both sides showed their spirit but even though the Bills came out on top, Steelers fans have high hopes for next year. Bills fans, on the other hand, are holding onto their bragging rights.
WFXP	City Government	10:00 p.m.	1/17/24	1:32	FOX First at 10 p.m.	City of Erie leaders look at the possibility of implementing downtown public bathrooms as the only available restrooms are in a business or public building. While most believe it's a good idea, concerns of safety, sanitation and upkeep are being asked by leaders and residents alike.

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WFXP	Community, LGBTQ+, Cultural	10:00 p.m.	1/22/24	1:34	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Erie's Pride Fest is making the move to the Bayfront as the number of attendees continues to grow and has organizers excited yet concerned about logistics and safety. Moving the fest makes it more accessible for pedestrians and EMS. Officials also stated they've received some hateful threats in the past and that the move will help curb those responses.
WFXP	Weather, Community	10:00 p.m.	1/25/24	1:38	FOX First at 10 p.m.	After strong winds damaged the U.S. Brig Niagara, volunteers voice their concerns for when repairs will be done and after the state's Historical and Museum Commission took over the Niagara's operations this year. Some feel left in the dark about what the commission's plans are nor when repairs will be made and even about not being allowed to help out with repairs. The commission released a statement saying they've pulled in resources from other sites and would contact professional services when needed.

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WFXP	EMS	10:00 p.m.	1/30/24	1:40	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Kearsarge Fire Department signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Millcreek Township, ending a long-time commitment by the twp. to get their volunteer fire departments under one umbrella. Millcreek fire chief said this agreement will improve response times and the availability of responders.
WFXP	Weather, recreation	10:03 p.m.	2/2/24	1:40	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Warmer winter season has residents feeling the gloom. A local weatherman weighed in saying it's been "unseasonably less snowy" with the last 4 out of 10 snow days being above normal. A local skier shared her thoughts not being able to do what she loves during the season. However, residents and weatherman alike agree that they won't give up on winter just yet.

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WFXP	State Government, Education	10 p.m.	2/6/24	1:35	FOX First at 10 p.m.	PA Governor Josh Shapiro met with lawmakers on passing his \$48.3 billion budget plan, with a large portion going toward funding Pennsylvania public schools. Erie locals expressed the need for additional funding for better access to newer technology. Another area Erieites were focused on is with economic development and bringing more businesses to the Erie market, which County Executive Brenton Davis commended the governor on.
WFXP	Government, Economy	10 p.m.	2/13/24	1:37	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Supporters of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority attended county council's meeting speaking on the group's accomplishments and successful efforts as County Executive Brenton Davis and state lawmakers called the group's leadership into question and requested an audit. Community members spoke on all the funding ECGRA has given and help they've provided to a plethora of organizations.



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WFXP	Community, Education	10:00 p.m.	2/15/24	1:39	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Erie's Eastside Grassroots acquired the former Burton School building hoping to bring new life to the east side neighborhoods. The last 12 years saw many businesses shut down, but a leader with Erie's Urban Development Corporation hopes to bring new apprenticeship programs to liven up the area for the area's youth.
WFXP	Community,	10:01 p.m.	2/18/24		FOX First at 10 p.m.	The Bayfront Maritime Center has named its newest director who gave insight into what to expect for the new season. Chris Cusson shared part of the future is focused on the Porcupine, a flagship that's been under construction since 2015, as well as running programs suited for those with disabilities as well as high school programs.

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WFXP	Local Government, Environment	10:01 p.m.	2/19/24	1:41	FOX First at 10 p.m.	A Chautauqua County marina received federal funding for much needed repairs, including dredging and breakwater repairs. Representatives remarked the cooperative work with lawmakers to get the needed funding is a step in the right direction, which is relative to the situation with the North East Marina. PA state Representative Jake Banta said infrastructure concerns and dredging have been some of the issues the marina faces but hopes there can be progress to keep the marina up and running.
WFXP	War	10 p.m.	2/21/24	1:40	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Locals gathered at Erie City Council to discuss a resolution vote for a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Locals with family and friends in the war zone shared their stories and need for a ceasefire while others called for the vote to be removed from the agenda. The council eventually voted 4-to-3 in favor of the resolution.

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WFXP	Health	10 p.m.	2/23/24	1:40	FOX First at 10 p.m.	A case of hepatitis A was confirmed at a local restaurant in Erie County that had the health department warning locals to be on the watch for symptoms and to get proper vaccination. The department also worked to plan out vaccine clinic events and receive additional vaccines for the area.
WFXP	Minority Issues	10:30am	02/25/24	30 minutes	Honoring Black History - Sharing Our Stories	Our WFXP and WJET stations created a local special that focused on the life stories and issues currently impacting the African individuals within our local region and beyond.
WFXP	Education, Technology	10:07 p.m.	2/29/24	1:45	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Governor Josh Shapiro's proposed cap for districts to pay. Local principal for PA Cyber Charter School noted the loss of tens of millions of dollars if the plan is approved will affect the thousands of Erie students enrolled. A local family even voiced their disapproval in Harrisburg saying online schooling has helped her child and feared what will happen if the funding is capped.

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WFXP	Weather, Community	10 p.m.	3/4/24	1:36	FOX First at 10 p.m.	March begins but as winter ends, Erieites receive an unusual welcome with summer-like weather. The day set a new record for winter temperatures as the day reached to 76 degrees. Locals took advantage
WFXP	Politics	7:00pm	3/12/24	1 Hour	PA Attorney General Debate - Democratic	Our station aired the live coverage of the Democratic debate featuring the candidates running for the office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General. The debate was held in Harrisburg and was created to give our viewers insight into the candidates.
WFXP	Crime	10 p.m.	3/13/24	1:37	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Dog owner who abandoned dog heads to trial. The dog, named Marshall, made a miraculous recovery after being taken in by a foster home and is able to take his first steps again. Animal care activists advise owners to seek help if they're unable to care for their pet.

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WFXP	Politics	7:00pm	3/14/24	1 Hour	PA Attorney General Debate – Republican	Our station aired the live coverage of the Republican debate featuring the candidates running for the office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General. The debate was held in Harrisburg and was created to give our viewers insight into the candidates.
WFXP	Government, Veterans, Technology	10 p.m.	3/14/24	1:34	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Affordable Connectivity Program gave veterans a helping hand when paying for communication services. But as funding has been drying up and Congress deliberates on a decision, close to 23 million Americans would lose service. Local veterans weighed in on how the program has helped them plus what it means if they lose the support.
WFXP	Community, Cultural	10 p.m.	3/16/24	1:17	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Erieites head out in droves of green to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. After delays and weather concerns in previous years, this year was a fresh start as the sun peered through and celebrations kicked off as early as the sun rise.

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WFXP	Community	10:03 p.m.	3/19/24	1:32	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Local center for hearing and deaf services provides program to teach people about American Sign Language. Data shows about 20,000 Erie County residents are deaf and the organization is looking to help bridge the gap for them.
WFXP	Eclipse	10 p.m.	3/21/24	2:15	FOX First at 10 p.m.	With around 200,000 visitors expected for April 8's total eclipse, multiple state agencies are working together to provide emergency services to better serve and protect those in the area on eclipse day.
WFXP	Local Sports	10:03 p.m.	3/25/24	2:15	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Community members gathered to cheer on Gannon University's basketball team in the quarterfinals of the women's basketball championship. Long-time and newer fans have followed the season through and gathered for a watch party to cheer on the team.

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WFXP	Local government	10:06 p.m.	3/26/24	2:15	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Erie County Council votes in favor of rescinding its lease agreement with Gannon University's planned water research center at the Blasco Library. This comes after month of deliberation between community member and officials. Next step is for the county executive to either veto or let stand this decision.
WFXP	Politics	10 p.m.	3/27/24	2:13	FOX First at 10 p.m.	Gerrymandering. Local political scientist weighs on gerrymandering. Dr. Robert Speel explains Pennsylvania's district map, how it was affected in 2020. Speel believes gerrymandering is getting worse across the nation due to technology and is curious to see how this plays out in 2030.

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WFXP aired the following public service announcements during the instant quarter:

<b>Type of Issue</b>	<b>Duration (Seconds)</b>	<b>Title or Narrative</b>
Health – Old Medications	5 seconds	Remove The Risk - Discard Old Prescriptions
Crime – Identity Theft	5 seconds	Cybersecurity – Don’t disclose over the phone
Health – Youth Vaping	10 seconds	Youth Vaping – Know to say No
Health – Organ Donation	10 seconds	Transplants Link by Love
Environmental	10 seconds	Arbor Day Foundation: Planting Our Forests
Health & Safety	10 seconds	You’re Not OK to Drive
Community	15 seconds	End Hunger - Full Effect
Education	15 seconds	Teaching teaches love
Health & Safety	15 seconds	Gun Safety – Lock Them Up Unloaded
Education	15 seconds	Teachers: Leaders Shaping Lives
Environmental	20 seconds	Arbor Day Foundation: Planting Our Forests
Health/Healthcare	20 seconds	Mental Health – Cannot be seen
Community and Women	20 seconds	Foundation for a Better Life – Three pointer
Political	20 seconds	Don't be fooled - Election 2024
Elderly	30 seconds	Benefits Check Up
Consumer & Economy	30 seconds	Credit Counseling Services – Get out of debt
Community & Veterans	30 seconds	Wounded Warrior - Just Getting Started
Local & National Service	30 seconds	Make a Difference: Choose AmeriCorps
Community	30 seconds	Adoption Matters - Merriah - 30
Health & Elderly	30 seconds	CDC- Mixing Matters - 30
Environment	30 seconds	World Wildlife Fund - Diversity in Nature
Consumer Finance	30 seconds	Cash is the Best Wordle
Health	30 seconds	Hearing - Happier Livingroom



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Community & Health	30 seconds	Recovery - Start with Hope
Health & Youth	30 seconds	Do The Vape Talk
Community	30 seconds	Mark Wahlberg and Best Friends Animal Society
Elderly	60 seconds	Benefits Check Up
Community	60 seconds	NPO - Assist the Officer
Health	60 seconds	Type 2 Diabetes: Be Your Own Hero
Community & Health	60 seconds	YMCA is a whole lot more
Youth – Community	60 seconds	Girl Scouts – Year of Friendship
Mental Health - Youth	60 seconds	National Alliance for Children's Grief
Health	60 seconds	The V Foundation Cancer Research Scores
Community & Elderly	60 seconds	US Aging - Eldercare Locator
Education	60 seconds	Teachers Change Lives
Community Services	60 seconds	Lions Club - We are Lions
Mental Health	60 seconds	Adult Mental Health - Marshal
Veterans and Community	60 seconds	United Service Org-We're with You