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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
MONTHLY REPORT**

**OCTOBER 1 – 31, 2023**

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4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2023 - ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-HEALTH** 10/012/23 6A.M. 30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION – SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

I interviewed Dr. Petros Levounis, President of the American Psychiatric Association. Americans are open to having candid conversations with loved ones about substance use disorders and addictions. A new poll from the American Psychiatric Association found most Americans are familiar with treatment options. They were most likely to suggest in-patient treatment or support groups like Alcoholics Anonymous. Experts say medications and cognitive behavioral therapy can also be effective. He talked about how U.S. adults are ready and willing to talk to loved ones about substance use, the affects of substance abuse on younger adults, and how most Americans think substance use should be treated.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL/STATE-GENOA-DMV** 10/012/23 6A.M. 30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE MOBILE EVENT**

I shared info about the Secretary of State hosting a Mobile unit in Genoa on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm. Services provided: Driver’s License (renewal, duplicate, corrected). Stated ID Card (first time, renewal, duplicate, corrected). Vehicle registration stickers. Organ & Tissue Donor/Votor Registration.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL – HAMMOND - POLITICAL**                      10/05/23                      7A.M.                      1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDWICK

WPWX

**HAMMOND MARINA TO BE RENAMED IN HONOR OF FORMER MAYOR THOMAS MCDERMOTT, SR.**

Kirsten announced that the city of Hammond and Hammond Port Authority announced that the Hammond Marina, home of Horseshoe Casino and one of the most popular stops on the Great Lakes would be rededicated next week to honor former mayor, Thomas M. McDermott, Sr.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL–CRETE**                                      10/06/23                                      2P.M.                                      1 MIN

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON W/ DEB & NORRIS

WYCA

**CRETE LOOKING AT GOLF CARTS**

I shared that Crete officials are looking at the possibility of allowing golf carts on village streets. An ordinance has been drafted to permit golf carts there, but Police Chief Scott Pieritz said during a village board meeting that it would need additional research before he would endorse it.

“I am working with Trustee Phelan to gather information from other towns about them allowing operation of golf carts on public roadways,” he said. “I have public safety concerns on adopting this ordinance and want to get all the information (good and bad) from towns who already have allowed this to occur.”

Other area towns, including Peotone, do permit driving golf carts on certain streets, but have significant restrictions, including speed limits, registration with the state, and safety equipment.

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**ISSUE: INTERNATIONAL–WAR**                      10/08/23                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

**REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW**

**WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA**

**Israel and Hamas October 2023 Conflict:**

On October 7, 2023, the Palestinian Sunni Islamist group Hamas (a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization, or FTO) led surprise attacks against Israel from the Gaza Strip by land, sea, and air. The assault came on a Jewish holiday, 50 years after the Egypt-Syria surprise attack that sparked the 1973 Yom Kippur War. The attacks' scope and lethality against Israel have no precedent in the 16 years Hamas has controlled Gaza, and the nature of the violence stunned Israel. The apparent intelligence and operational failures in preventing the assault will be a subject of analysis for Israeli and U.S. officials. Iran reportedly provides material support to Hamas, and according to U.S. officials may be complicit in a broad sense, but President Biden has said "there is no evidence" that Iran helped plan the attack.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-TRAVEL**                      10/08/23                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

**REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW**

**WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA**

**WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER LUXURY TRAVEL?**

I interviewed Travel Expert Stephanie Oswald. Are you more of a spa person, do you gravitate toward fine dining and local cuisine, or is the hotel the most important part of your travel experience? No matter how much money you make, there are things everyone looks for in a luxury vacation in a new survey commissioned by ALG Vacations, 59% say they are in different phases of planning travel internationally for leisure within the next 24 hours. Forty-five percent say that luxury travel also means not having to make any decisions.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL LANSING-CRIME**

10/10/23

4P.M.

1 MIN

DAVID WALKER

WSRB

**LANSING POLICE DEPT. CONDUCT JOINT OPERATION WITH OAK FOREST PD AND COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE POLICE**

David announced that the Lansing Police Dept. Investigators conducted a joint operation with Oak Forest PD and the Cook County Forest Preserve Police in apprehending a suspect wanted in several theft cases that took place in multiple jurisdictions. The suspect, Davon T. Fullilove, 25 of Dolton, IL would allegedly meet his victims via a dating app and take advantage of the situation to steal items from the victims.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL CHICAGO-POLITICS/FAIR HOUSING**

10/12/23

2P.M.

1 MIN

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON W/ DEB & NORRIS

WYCA

**ALDERMANIC PREROGATIVE FUELS SEGREGATION AND VIOLATES BLACK, LATINO CHICAGOANS' CIVIL RIGHTS: FEDERAL OFFICIALS**

I shared that the decades-old tradition of giving Chicago City council members the final authority over housing developments in their wards fuels segregation in Chicago and violates the civil rights of Black and Latino residents by limiting the creation of affordable housing, according to a letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Acting on a civil rights complaint filed in November 2018 against the city by the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance, a probe by the agency known as HUD found that aldermanic prerogative has created a hyper-segregated city rife with racism and gentrification.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-ECONOMY**      10/15/23      6 A.M.      30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

**INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED PASTOR, DR. BILL WINSTON OFFICIALLY OPENS THE LIVING FRESH MARKET IN CHICAGO'S WESTERN SUBRUB**

I interviewed Melody Winston. Nearly two years after acquiring Living Fresh Market, Dr. Bill Winston the founder and senior pastor of the internationally renowned Living Word Christian Center, is celebrating the renovation and the official opening of the 71,000 square foot supermarket with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Living Fresh Market is one of the anchors of the 33-acre Forest Park Plaza, a shopping, dining and worship center, which is a subsidiary of the Living Word Christian Center.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-GENOA-COMMUNITY**      10/15/23      6 A.M.      30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

**GENOA MAN HONORED FOR HIS PERSERVANCE AND PHILANTHROPY**

I announced that a Genoa man was honored for his perseverance and philanthropy with keys to a brand-new wheelchair-accessible care. For Karmgard, the keys give him access to more than just a car, but to freedom. "I was honestly shocked that I was a finalist and this dream might actually come true," said Karmgard.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE-ENVIRONMENT**      10/17/23      2 P.M.      1 MIN

WYCA

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON WITH DEB & NORRIS

**CRETE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPT. OFFERING FREE MICROCHIPPING FOR DOGS AND CATS**

Norris announced that The Crete Animal Control Department is offering free microchipping services to dogs and cats owned by county residents throughout December as part of their "Home for the Holidays" Program.

"We're hoping to incentivize pet owners to microchip their pets," said Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant. "Having pets microchipped, with updated tags, helps ensure they can

find their way home if they get lost. This simple step can go a long way for Will County pet owners.”

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-HEALTH**                      10/22/23                      6 A.M.                      30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

**DANGERS OF KEEPING UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN THE HOME**

I interviewed Ashley Schmidt, Vice President of Regulatory and Compliance at Inmar Intelligence. Last year over 100,000 Americans died after overdosing on opioids, including prescription pain medications. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-HAMMOND-EMPLOYMENT**    10/23/23                      7 A.M.                      1 MIN

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KIRSTEN HEDWICH

**HAMMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HIRE CROSSING GUARDS**



Kirsten announced that the Hammond Police Department is hiring Crossing Guards. Starting pay is \$18 and hour. They work 1.5 to 3 hours per day, and are paid bi-weekly.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-CRIME**

10/25/23

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WSRB

DAVID WALKER

**LANSING POLICE RESPOND TO QUICK TRIP**

David announced that the Lansing Police responded to Quik Trip, 17355 Torrence Ave, Lansing, because someone had been shot during an armed robbery outside of the home. The victim, Cameron Webster Sr., 53, succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead on the scene.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL- HEALTH**

10/29/23

6 A.M.

30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

**COVID-19 REMAINS A THREAT**

I interviewed Christina Dominguez De Quezada, Member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. According to the American Medical Women's Association, Covid-19 remains a threat, especially for people 50 years of age and older, as well as those who have diabetes, cancer, mental health conditions, obesity, asthma, and other health conditions. Treatment options are available to prevent severe Covid-19. While treatments are not a substitute for vaccination, they are safe and effective in helping reduce the severity of Covid-19 symptoms and the risk of hospitalization and death for individuals who are at higher risk of severe illness from the virus.

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**ISSUE: CHICAGO-POLITICS/MIGRANT CRISIS**

10/29/23

6 A.M.

30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

**BRANDON JOHNSON TOUTS RENEWED EFFORT BY CHURCHES TO HOUSE MIGRANTS**

I shared that Mayor Brandon Johnson celebrated a renewed effort by 17 Chicago churches to shelter some of the more than 1,200 migrants being forced to sleep on the floor of the police stations or at O'Hare International Airport, with city shelters bursting at the seams. Johnson touted what he called the "Unity Initiative" as his city officials announced that crews will start building the frame of a winterized base camp to shelter as many as 2,000 people near 38<sup>th</sup> street and California Ave.

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## **Local/Regional**

**HAMMOND: NORMAL GARBAGE PICK-UPS WILL OCCUR ON VETERANS DAY**

**HAMMOND: STUDENT FIRES OFFICER'S GUN DURING INCIDENT AT HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**LANSING: LANSING POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT DISPATCHED TO MOTEL 6 FOR UNRESPONSIVE SUBJECT**

**LANSING: NEW LANSING BUSINESS LICENSES AWRDED IN OCTOBER**

**CRETE: CRETE/MONEE TO LOSE EARLY VOTING LOCATION TO UNIVERSITY PARK**

**CRETE: MONEE'S CROZEHEAD COOPERAGE INDUCTED INTO ILLINOIS MADE PROGRAM**

**GENOA: HOW SPECIFIC BOOK-BAN REQUESTS ENTERED AN ILLINOIS SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**GENOA: NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> HYDRANT FLUSHING**

**CHICAGO: WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN CRASHED VEHICLE WITH GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD**

**CHICAGO: CHARGES PENDING AFTER BEDFORD PARK OFFICER SHOT WHILE INVESTIGATING STOLEN CAR**

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## **State-Illinois**

**GOV. J.B. PRITZKER ANNOUNCES AID FOR MIGRANTS**

## **State-Indiana**

**SUPREME COURT WILL HEAR CHALLENGE TO EPA RULE LIMITING DOWNWIND POWER PLANT POLLUTION IN 10 STATES**

## **National**

**ANNUAL RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN ASSISTS FAMILIES IN NEED YEAR ROUND**

**PUTTING THE BRAKES ON DISTRACTED DRIVING**

**HEALTHCARE.GOV HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD**

**IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSIFYING PATIENT POPULATIONS IN CLINICAL TRIALS**

**THE SCIENCE BEHIND TRULY EFFECTIVE COLD REMEDIES**

**EMPOWERING BLACK WOMEN IN THEIR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION JOURNEY**

**NATION’S LARGEST VETS ORGANIZATION CALLS ON AMERICANS TO ‘BE THE ONE’ TO STOP VETERAN SUICIDE**

**FEWER U.S. WORKERS ARE PRIORITIZING SAVING FOR RETIREMENT**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**U S VETOS SECURITY COUNCIL CALL FOR HUMANITARIAN PAUSE IN ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR**

**RELIGION**

**Arkansas pastor under fire for disclosing abuse charges against staffer**

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**REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW**

**WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA**

**FEWER U.S. WORKERS ARE PRIORITIZING SAVING FOR RETIREMENT**

I interviewed Kai Walker, Head of Retirement Research and Inclusion transformation, Bank of America. Inflation and economic uncertainty over the past year has put stress on U.S. employees, forcing many to reprioritize long-term savings goals to meet immediate financial needs. Bank of America's 2023 Workplace Benefits Report found only 31% of employees are prioritizing retirement savings, down from 45% in 2022. This was also the first year women did not rank saving for retirement as their top financial goal, replaced by paying off credit card debt or saving for the unexpected.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL GENOA-EDUCATION**                      11/05/23                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

### **HOW SPECIFIC BOOK-BAN REQUESTS ENTERED AN ILLINOIS SCHOOL SYSTEM**

For years, Genoa-Kingston School Board President Matt Krueger has challenged dozens of books, asking district staff and librarians to have certain materials removed from the shelves of the district's libraries due to their content, some of which he's characterized as "inflammatory" and "pornographic," according to copies of internal emails and memos. Back in October 2021, Krueger sent out an email ordering school librarians and staff to "remove any and all inflammatory books, publications, literature, curriculum...in our GK schools immediately from the premises."

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

### **NATION'S LARGEST VETS ORGANIZATION CALLS ON AMERICANS TO 'BE THE ONE' TO STOP VETERAN SUICIDE**

I interviewed Daniel J. Seehafer, The American Legion National Commander. As Veterans Day approaches, American Legion National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer is imploring all Americans to 'Be the One' to stop veteran suicide. "No issue is more important to The American Legion than the prevention of veteran suicide. Estimates vary as to how many take their lives each day, but we do know that one is too many. The American Legion wants all Americans to 'Be the One,' to save one. That's the number to focus on, 'one,'" Seehafer said.

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REAL TALK W/DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

### **U.S. VETOS SECURITY COUNCIL CALL FOR HUMANITARIAN PAUSE IN ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR**

The United States has vetoed a draft resolution at the UN Security Council which called for a humanitarian pause in besieged Gaza – sparking more criticism of political paralysis in the powerful global body. The brief draft resolution, proposed by Brazil, condemned the October 7 terror attacks by Palestinian militant group in Israel, which killed over 1,400 people, and urged the release of hostages taken by Hamas.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-HAMMOND-ENVIRONMENT**

11/07/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDWICK

WPWX

### **NORMAL GARBAGE PICK-UPS WILL OCCUR ON VETERANS DAY**

Kirsten announced that the Sanitation department will be working Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> on Veteran’s Day. Monday through Friday’s scheduled garbage pick-ups will be picked up as normal. It will not be one day late.

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**HEALTHCARE.GOV HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERION – NOW OPEN**

I interviewed Shannon Hills, CMS Regional Administrator. HealthCare.gov Open Enrollment is the time for those who don't have health insurance to find an affordable quality plan. Millions of people lack the peace of mind we get from having health insurance and this is the time for them to take advantage of the excellent coverage and prices available at HealthCare.gov. Open Enrollment started November 1. Select a plan by December 15<sup>th</sup> for coverage starting January 1, 2024. Open Enrollment is also the time for consumers who are enrolled in health insurance coverage to change their current health plan and update their application information. Plans change every year, so it is worth reviewing what's available.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL -HEALTH**                      11/12/23                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**THE SCIENCE BEHIND TRULY EFFECTIVE COLD REMEDIES**

I interviewed Dr. Nazlie Latefi, Co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer at Applied Biological Laboratories. It's cold and flu season and staying healthy is top of mind. People often use common cold and flu remedies that purport to suppress symptoms, unaware that the latest science has shown that commonly used over the counter products result in prolonging the sick days and even causing secondary infections. Even the FDA has started reexamining previously allowed over the counter ingredients. An FDA advisory committee recently unanimously voted that phenylephrine, a common decongestant saddled with many side effects, is ineffective.

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**ISSUE: STATE-ILLINOIS-FINANCE**                      11/12/23                      6A.M.                      30MIN

WYCA/WPWX/WSRB/WYRB

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

**GOV. J.B. PRITZKER ANNOUNCES STATE SUPPORT FOR MIGRANTS**

Gov. Pritzker announced \$160 million in state support to aid and house migrants being bussed to Chicago from U.S. border states, particularly Texas. That plan shifted money from elsewhere



in the Department of Human Services' budget, including block grant funding and \$40 million that was backing a pending application for Federal Emergency Management Agency funding.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL GENOA-COMMUNITY**                      11/12/23                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREWD

WPWX/WYCA/WSRB/WYRB

**NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> HYDRANT FLUSHING**

I announced that Genoa Public Works will be flushing hydrants on November 16<sup>th</sup> and it may cause a disturbance in the system and discolored water in and around parts of Genoa.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-CRIME**                      11/14/23                      3P.M.                      1 MIN

DAVID WALKER

WSRB

**LANSING POLICE DISPATCHED TO MOTEL 6 FOR AN UNRESPONSIVE SUBJECT**

The Lansing Police Dept. and Fire Dept. were dispatched to Motel 6, 2151 Bernice Rd, for an unresponsive person. Upon arrival First Responders learned the subject was a 2-month- old infant. CPR was initiated in an attempt to revive the infant and she was rushed to the hospital where she was pronounced dead.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-CHARITY**                      11/19/23                      6 A.M.                      30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

### **LOVE BEYOND THE HOLIDAYS: HOW THE ANNUAL RED KELLTE CAMPAIGN ASSISTS FAMILIES IN NEED YEAR-ROUND**

I interviewed Commissioner Kenneth Hodder, national commander, the Salvation Army. This holiday season, families across the country are facing increased challenges, but The Salvation Army continues to love and serve nearly 24 million people living in the United States across its 7,000 centers of operation throughout the entire year. The Salvation Army relies on funds from public support to provide food, housing, and other services, and during a typical year, anywhere from 40%-60% of funds raised come directly from public and individual contributions.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-SAFETY**

11/19/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WPWX/WSRB/WYRB

REAL TALK W/DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

### **PUTTING THE BRAKES ON DISTRACTED DRIVING**

I interviewed Joan Woodward, President, Travelers Institute. With the holiday season in full swing and more people hitting the road, its an important time to discuss the dangers and impact of distracted driving. She also discussed the different types of distractions drivers can face on the road and how they can combat them.

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**ISSUE: STATE -INDIANA-ENVIRONMENT**

11/19/23

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WPWX/WSRB/WYRB

REAL TALK/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **Supreme Court Will Hear Challenge to EPA Rule Limiting Downwind Power Plant Pollution in 10 States**

The Supreme Court will hear arguments in February on whether the Environmental Protection Agency can continue enforcing its anti-air-pollution [“good neighbor” rule](#) in 10 states, an effort to restrict smokestack emissions from power plants and other industrial sources that burden downwind areas with smog-causing pollution.

The high court put off a decision on whether to halt enforcement of the rule Wednesday, allowing it to stay in effect at least until after it hears arguments during its February session.

The rule is being challenged by three energy-producing states — Ohio, Indiana and [West Virginia](#) — as well as industry groups and individual businesses.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE-VOTING**

11/20/23

3 P.M. 1MIN

WYCA

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON W/ DEB & NORRIS

**CRETE/MONEE TO LOSE EARLY VOTING LOCATION TO UNIVERSITY PARK**

Beginning with the March 19 Presidential Primary Election, Monee residents will lose the ease of early voting close to home. Monee Clerk Doneshia Codjoe reported during the village board's December 13 meeting Will County Clerk Lauren Staley Ferry's office has sent notification that early voting services will be moved to the University Park Public Library, [1100 Blackhawk Drive](#), in University Park. Staley Ferry expressed her thanks to the Village of Monee and Codjoe for providing the early voting services there "for many years," but did not offer an explanation for the move. Codjoe said that as the election date approaches, she will provide additional information as it becomes available.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CHICAGO-CRIME**

11/22/23

3P.M.

1 MIN

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON W/DEB & NORRIS

WYCA

**CHARGES PENDING AFTER BEDFORD PARK OFFICER SHOT WHILE INVESTIGATING STOLEN CAR**

A Bedford Park Officer was shot multiple times within walking distance of the police department. An empty car, allegedly stolen from Chicago, led officers to two people nearby. A struggle ensued, followed by shots fired. For nearly three decades, Southern Belles restaurant has served the people of Bedford Park proudly, including their next-door neighbors at the Bedford Park Police Department.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-HAMMOND-CRIME**

11/24/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

WPWX

KIRSTEN HEDWICK

**STUDENT FIRES OFFICER'S GUN DURING INCIDENT AT HAMMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Kirsten announced that a 14-year-old middle school student is accused of firing a police officer's weapon Monday inside the school during an incident. According to the Hammond Police Dept., the student was seen leaving Eggers Junior High School against regulations and was stopped by

an officer. In the office, while the officer was trying to secure the student, the student was able to get her finger on the officer’s duty belt and fire their weapon, police said.

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

**THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSIFYING PATIENT POPULATIONS IN CLINICAL TRIALS**

I interviewed Dr. Elizabeth Ofili, professor of medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine. As reported in the 2020 US census, diversity refers to the representation and relative size of different racial and ethnic groups within a population, where diversity is maximized when all groups are represented in an area and have equal shares of the population. However, the lack of demographic diversity in US clinical trials has burdened an issue for many decades. Despite representing a large proportion of the general population with a high disease burden, racial and ethnic minority populations have been consistently underrepresented in clinical trials.

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

## **ARKANSAS PASTOR UNDER FIRE FOR DISCLOSING ABUSE CHARGES AGAINST STAFFER**

When leaders of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock found out in 2016 that a former church staffer had been accused of sexually abusing a child, they called the police and reported the information. Then they went silent for seven years. An assistant director of children's ministry, Patrick Stephen Miller was arrested, charged with second-degree sexual assault and later [convicted](#) of a lesser offense. Pastor Steven Smith and other leaders never informed the congregation.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-ADOPTION**

11/26/23

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

### **"FROM FEARS TO FAMILIES" EMPOWERING BLACK WOMEN IN THEIR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION JOURNEY**

I interviewed Deborah Farmer, advocate for foster care and adoption. "From Fears To Families" is an empowering and heartfelt guide for Black women who are considering foster care or adoption. The book serves as a beacon of hope, wisdom, and support. It's a celebration of the strength and nurturing spirit within every Black woman, emphasizing the power of love, resilience, and offers invaluable advice to guide readers through the complexities and joys of building loving families through adoption.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL CHICAGO - CRIME**

11/28/23

3P.M.

1 MIN

WYCA

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON W/ DEB & NORRIS

### **WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN CRASHED VEHICLE WITH GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD**

Norris announced that at about 8:44 p.m., police officers responded to a car accident in the 4800 block of West Thomas and found that a vehicle had stuck two unoccupied vehicles. While investigating, officers located a woman, approximately 30 years old, in the driver's seat of the vehicle with a gunshot wound to the head. She was pronounced dead at the scene. A witness told officers that they saw a man and woman flee from the vehicle after the crash occurred.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-BUSINESS**

11/29/23

3 P.M.

1 MIN

WSRB

DAVID WALKER

**NEW LANSING BUSINESS LICENSES AWARDED IN OCTOBER 2023**

David announced that the city of Lansing is proud to award new business licenses to local businesses and provide the new list of businesses to residents who can soon look forward to patronizing the varied list of businesses.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE-BUSINESS**

11/30/23

3P.M.

1 MIN

WYCA

**REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON W/ DEB & NORRIS**

**Monee's Crozehead Cooperage Inducted into Illinois Made Program**

Crozehead Cooperage, a handcrafted barrel-making company in the Village of Monee, has been inducted into the Illinois Made program by Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Illinois Made is a group of local businesses that best exemplify authentic experiences and one-of-a-kind products boosting Illinois' destination value.

**WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/**

**WPWX**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
MONTHLY REPORT**

**DECEMBER 1 – 31, 2023**

**Prepared by: DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW  
WYCA Program Director**

**Public Affairs Host WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX**

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## **Local/Regional**

HAMMOND: A CHRISTMAS STORY COME HOME FOR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOVIE  
HAMMOND: HAMMOND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING CUT SHORT AS BOARD MEMBER CALLS FOR SUPERINTENDENT TO RESIGN

LANSING: HOLIDAY TREES & DECORATIONS NOW ON DISPLAY AT FOX POINTE

LANSING: LANSING POLICE DEPT. PARTICIPATE IN IDOT'S SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

CRETE: VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURY AT RT. 394/GOODENOW RD.

CRETE: 3 CRITICALLY INJURED IN WILL COUNTY STABBING DURING APPARENT DOMESTIC INCIDENT

GENOA: GENOA APPOINTS NEW GENOA-KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

GENOA: TACO BELL COMES TO GENOA

CHICAGO: MAN CHARGED AFTER TEEN FOUND STRANGLER IN SOUTH SHORE APARTMENT

CHICAGO: CHICAGO BUSINESSMAN WILLIE WILSON GIVING OUT \$333K WORTH OF FREE GAS AND GROCERIES

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## **State-Illinois**

NEW LAWS FOR ILLINOIS PRISONERS SET TO GO INTO EFFECT STARTING JAN 1.

## **State-Indiana**

PERSONAL INFORMATION OF THOUSANDS OF INDIANA GUN OWNERS AT RISK FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

## **National**

MEN AND WOMEN CAN STEP UP TO IMPROVE MEN'S HEALTH

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**IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON FROM DAIRY**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**HEZBOLLAH'S DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL REITERATES SUPPORT FOR HAMAS**

**RELIGION**

**DOZENS ACCUSE INDEPENDENT FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF ABUSE COVERUPS**

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**REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW**

**WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA**

**MEN AND WOMEN CAN STEP UP TO IMPROVE MEN'S HEALTH**

I interviewed men's health expert Dr. Amy Pearlman. It's a common line of thinking: men aren't the best about getting the health care they need. Dr. Pearlman says that could be

putting their health at risk. The mortality rate for men is 41 percent higher than for women, and men live about 5 years less than women. Leading health issues for men include heart disease, cancer, stroke and diabetes. Men are significantly less likely than women to see a doctor or report symptoms to a health care provider and 40 percent won't go until something is seriously wrong.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CHICAGO-CRIME**

12/05/23

3P.M.

1 MIN

WYCA

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON WI/ DEB & NORRIS

**MAN CHARGED AFTER TEEN FOUND STRANGLER IN SOUTH SHORE APARTMENT**

A Chicago man was charged after a 15-year-old girl was found strangled in a South Shore apartment. Joshua Williams, 24, was charged with first degree murder after being taken into custody. The body of Amarise Parker was found inside an apartment in the 7200 – block of South Phillips Ave. Horrifying details were revealed in court about what allegedly happened, prompting the judge to keep Williams in jail until his next court date.

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**ISSUE: HAMMOND-ENTERTAINMENT**

12/07/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WPWX

**'A CHRISTMAS STORY' COMES HOME FOR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOVIE**

Kirsten announced that the movie was based on a story written by humorist and author Jean Shepherd, which included bits of his real childhood memories of growing up in the Hessville neighborhood of Hammond, Indiana. In the movie, his fictional hometown is called Hohman, Indiana (a nod to one of Hammond's main corridors).

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WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**COLLEGE BOARD TO OFFER ADVANCED PLACEMENT AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES COURSES IN THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**

I interviewed Dr. Brandi Walters, Senior Director, Program Manager, AP African American Studies, College Board. The College Board released the revised framework of Advanced Placement African American Studies, a course that covers an important part of American history, culture, and literature. AP African American Studies is a college-level, interdisciplinary introductory course that covers the history and experiences of African Americans in the United States within the broader context of the African diaspora.

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WYCA/WSRB/WYRB

**DOZENS OF ACCUSE INDEPENDENT FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF ABUSE COVERUPS**

Former members of Independent Fundamental Baptist churches from across the country took to Hammond, Indiana in protest this weekend. "There is a reckoning that needs to happen here, and it is gone on for far too long," Esther Gallarday, a former Independent Fundamental Baptist Church member said.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-HOLIDAYS**

12/13/23

3P.M.

1 MIN

DAVID WALKER

WSRB

**HOLIDAY TREES & DECORATIONS NO ON DISPLAY AT FOX POINTE**

David announced that Fox Pointe will be open to the public daily from 3 – 8 pm December 5<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26-30 to allow guest to view all of the trees and holiday decorations. There will also be a Santa House open to the public.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE**

12/14/23

3P.M.

1MIN

WYCA

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON W/ DEB & NORRIS

**3 CRITICALLY WOUNDED IN WILL COUNTY STABBING**

Norris announced that The Will County Sheriff's Office said three people are in critical condition in an apparent violent attack in a home in unincorporated Crete. Police said they responded to the 2600-block of Shady Grove Court at 6:41 p.m. for a report of a shooting. When they arrived, deputies found three people who had been cut and stabbed with a knife, and possibly shot, inside the home. A 66-year-old woman and a 68-year-old were found bleeding profusely with multiple cuts and stab wounds, police said.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-SAFETY**                      12/17/23              6A.M.              30 MIN

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WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**RETAIL SAFETY DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND BEYOND**

I interviewed Mike Shore, VP and General Manager of Enterprise at Axon. The busy holiday season is the most important time of year for retail stores. Unfortunately, an uptick in retail crime, especially theft, has put retailers on edge. According to the Retail Industry Leaders Association, organized retail crime costs retailers over \$69 billion per year annually causing the loss of thousands of jobs through store closures and reduced hours.

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**ISSUE: INTERNATIONAL-WAR**                      12/17/23                      6A.M.              30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**HEZBOLLAH'S DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL REITERATES SUPPORT FOR HAMAS**

I announced that Hezbollah's deputy secretary general said that the Iran-backed militant group will be "on the lookout" following news that the United States and United Kingdom will send military barges to the Mediterranean Sea in its ongoing war with Palestinian militant group Hamas in the Gaza strip.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL GENOA – EDUCATION**                      12/18/23                      3P.M.              1 MIN

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON W/ DEB & NORRIS

WYCA

**GENOA-KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DIST. NAMES NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

Norris announced that the Genoa-Kingston School district 424 board has appointed its next superintendent following the departure of his predecessor over the summer. Chad Wagner, the current superintendent of Elmwood School District 322, will become the superintendent of the Genoa-Kingston district.

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**ISSUE: CRETE LOCAL-CRIME**

12/22/23

3P.M.

1 MIN

WYCA

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON WI/ DEB & NORRIS

**VEHICLE ACCIDENT WITH INJURY AT RT. 394/GOODENOW RD.**

Fire and police personnel, ambulances, a medical helicopter, plus heavy-duty tow trucks all were involved in safely extricating a victim trapped in the truck's cab after an accident at Rt. 394 and Goodenow Road.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-SPORTS**

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30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREWWPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA**AMERICANS FALLING VICTIM TO FINANCIAL SCAMS**

I interviewed Mike Steinbach, Head of Financial Crimes and Fraud Prevention at Citi and former FBI Agent. Waves of sophisticated phone, text and online scam attempts may leave Americans numb to the dangers of financial scams and overconfident in their ability to prevent them. A new Citi survey performed by YouGov shows that while 90% of U.S. adults say they believe they're able to fend off financial scams, more than 27% reported having fallen victim to them at some point, with increasing financial consequences.

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**ISSUE: STATE-ILLINOIS-POLITICS**

12/24/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREWWPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA**NEW LAWS FOR ILLINOIS PRISONERS SET TO GO INTO EFFECT STARTING JAN. 1**

Illinois is set to have several new laws go on the books starting in 2024, with several of those affecting prisoners throughout the state. One of the measures taking effect Jan. 1 is Senate Bill 423, which supports the reintegration of individuals into the community while aiming to lower the possibility of recidivism and increase public safety. Senate bill 2073 allows those sentenced to life in prison while under the age of 21 to become eligible for parole review.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL CHICAGO-PHILANTHROPY**

12/27/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDWICKWPWX**CHICAGO BUSINESSMAN WILLIE WILSON GIVING OUT \$333K WORTH OF FREE GAS, GROCERIES**

Kirsten announced that Chicago Businessman Willie Wilson will be out with another round of giveaways. He's providing 5,000 people with \$50 food coupons that must be used the same day at 21 grocery stores in the city and suburbs. Wilson is also holding another gas and grocery giveaway on a first-come, first-serve basis. Everyone will receive \$50 in free gas.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-HAMMOND-EDUCATION**

12/28/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WPWX

**HAMMOND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING CUT SHORT AS BOARD MEMBER CALLS FOR SUPERINTENDENT TO RESIGN**

Kirsten announced that the School City of Hammond Board of Trustees meeting was abruptly cut short as a board member attempted to ask for the superintendent's resignation, and a packed audience of parents and teachers expressed their frustrations with the district's administration.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL–SAFETY**

12/31/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA



## **IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON FROM DAIRY**

I interviewed Marissa Price, social media manager for PETA. Soy, almond, oat coconut, cashew, hemp, rice – vegan milk varieties abound these days, and for good reason. Shoppers who want to help support the growing movement, let mother cows keep their newborn slash greenhouse gas emissions, and cut out cholesterol are ditching dairy, meaning that supermarkets and even small stores are packing their shelves with a plethora of plant milk choices, and coffee shops are dropping the extra charge for vegan milks – gaining a whole latte love from conscientious consumers.

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**ISSUE: STATE-INDIANA-SECURITY**                      12/31/23                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

## **PERSONAL INFO OF THOUSANDS OF INDIANA GUN OWNERS AT RISK FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

I announced that Gary v. Glock is a 24-year-old lawsuit that refuses to die. Attorneys for Brady filed the lawsuit on behalf of the city of Gary, Indiana in 1999. At that time, more than 40 cities filed similar lawsuits, which sought to hold gun makers and gun dealers liable for murders that were committed using firearms. Some of the manufacturers named as defendants included Glock, Smith & Wesson, Colt, Sturm Ruger & Co., Beretta USA Cor. And Hi-Point. Various gun dealers – national and local – were also named in the city of Gary lawsuit. By 2006, almost all of these nuisance lawsuits were squashed – all except for Gary v. Glock. As a result, these dealers must now turn over their Acquisition & Distribution books to the government, which contain the names and addresses of hundreds of thousands of law-abiding gun purchasers.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-GENOA-ECONOMY**                      12/31/23                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

## **TACO BELL COMES TO GENOA**

I announced that starting next year Genoa residents won't have to drive 10 miles to get a Baja Blast, as Taco Bell recently broke ground on a new location in their city. Taco Bell is expected to open its first Genoa location in the spring near the intersection of Routes 72 and 23.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-SAFETY**                      12/31/23                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

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## **IDOT'S SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

Lansing Police Department Officers, along with other agencies across the State of Illinois, continue to participate in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program. Twenty additional patrols between 12/1 and 12/9 were conducted, focusing on speeding enforcement. During these patrols, 102 citations for speeding were issued, in addition to 51 other citations. This enforcement also resulted in six arrests.

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