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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MONTHLY REPORT**

JULY 1 – 31, 2023

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ISSUE: NATIONAL-EDUCATION 7/2/23 6A.M. 30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

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DON'T LET SUMMER BREAK YOUR KIDS

I interviewed Brodrick Clarke, Vice President of Programs at the National Summer Learning Association. Summer may be in full swing but it's not all fun and games for parents as the extended break can lead to "summer slide" for many children. Summer slide, also known as learning loss, occurs when kids tend to "forget" what they studied in school.

Research shows that high-quality summer programs can make a difference in stemming learning loss and closing the country's educational and opportunity gaps. This summer, The National Summer Learning Association is teaming up with Netflix to offer ways to keep kids motivated throughout the break.

ISSUE: NATIONAL-ENVIRONMENT 7/2/23 6A.M. 30 MIN

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CHICAGO TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM BEZOS EARTH FUND

The Bezos Earth Fund has announced a commitment to enhance green spaces in underserved urban communities across the country, with more parks, trees, and community gardens. The Greening America's Cities initiative has launched in several cities, with plans to expand to new U.S. cities.

These inaugural grantees are integral in leading groundbreaking projects to advance green spaces in their communities. Their work includes community engagement, land acquisition, project design and construction, local training, and long-term maintenance.

ISSUE: HAMMOND-HEALTH

7/05/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

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KRISTEN HEDRICK

NW INDIANA HOSPITAL MUST KEEP ER OPEN FOR 9 MONTHS

Kristen reported that a northwestern Indiana hospital that was days away from closing its emergency room has been ordered by a judge to keep those emergency services operational for another nine months. A Lake County judge granted a preliminary injunction last week that Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. had sought against Franciscan Health Hammond which announced that it would close its emergency room at tear's end.

ISSUE: LANSING-CRIME

7/07/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WSRB

LANSING: PARENTS SUE LANSING HOME DAYCARE OVER DEATH OF THEIR BABY SON

Kristen reported that parents, devastated by the death of their son, are suing a Lansing home day care center after their 10-month-old died after being found unresponsive at the home. Learn-N-Play All Day Home Childcare has been shut down while Lansing Police and the Department of Children and Family Services investigate allegations of neglect.

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ISSUE: STATE ILLINOIS-HEALTHCARE/FINANCE **7/9/23** **6A.M.** **30 MIN**

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA

New AARP Survey Shows Family Caregivers Need More Support

I interviewed Philippe Largent, state director for AARP Illinois, a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to improving lives for the 50+ and their families, with 1.7 million members across Illinois. More than 48 million Americans help take care of parents, spouses, grandparents and other adult loved ones so they can live independently as long as possible. **A recent AARP report found Illinois caregivers provide \$21 billion in unpaid care each year.** They help with medical care, meals, bathing and dressing, finances, groceries, transportation and more. Many caregivers also pay for expenses out of their own pockets and reduce their work hours or leave their jobs to care for loved ones.

A recent AARP survey found 70% of voters would be more likely to support a candidate who backs proposals to support family caregivers. The White House recently signed an Executive Order that improves access to home-based care for veterans, enhances job quality for long-term care workers and offers more support to those caring for loved ones with dementia. But there is still more to be done.

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STAY COOL WHILE PREPARING FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

I interviewed Multimedia lifestyle contributor, Justine Santaniello a top authority for providing engaging content and innovative products. It is hard to believe but back-to-school season is already upon us and now is the perfect time to equip your kids with everything they need to take on the new school year. Justine Santaniello, our Lifestyle & Parenting Expert, will be available to help alleviate the stress that comes with back-to-school prep and share ways that parents can set their kids up for success at the start of the new school year. Justine will also provide tips on preparing fun lunch and snack ideas, time saving hacks, how to stay organized, and more!

ISSUE: LOCAL CRETE-SERVICE 7/13/23 2P.M. 1 MIN

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON W/ DEB AND NORRIS

WPWX

CRETE FIRE DEPUTY CHIEF EINHORN 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Norris announced that, Deputy Chief Michael Einhorn cuts the cake at the open house event in his honor. “It sort of just creeps up on you, I guess,” Mr. Einhorn said, while cutting the cake at the open house event at Fire Station 1 the following day.

ISSUE: LOCAL-GENOA-CRIME 7/09/23 6A.M. 30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

GENOA MAN ACCUSED OF STARTING FIRE IN DOWNTOWN GENOA BUILDING

I announced that a genoa man accused of intentionally starting a fire to a downtown Genoa building in June was arrested again for failing to appear in court for a status hearing on the charges, court records show. Kraig H. Baughman, 33, of the 200 block of West Main Street in Genoa, is charged with arson in the June 15 structure fire.

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ISSUE: NATIONAL-HEALTH

7/16/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA

New Report Reveals U.S Maternal Health Continues to Decline

I interviewed Dr. Elizabeth Cherot, president, and CEO of March of Dimes. Counties in which there is no hospital offering obstetric care, no birth center, and no obstetric provider are considered Maternity Care Deserts, and force families every year to find new ways to get the care they need. According to March of Dimes' new set of reports, "*Where You Live Matters: Maternity Care Deserts and the Crisis of Access and Equity*," **more than 5.6 million women in the US live in counties with no or limited access to maternity care services.**

Despite efforts to improve maternal health in the United States, the quality of care continues to decline in many communities, leaving women vulnerable to poor health outcomes.

ISSUE: STATE-INDIANA – CRIME

7/16/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA

A Murder Suspect Mistakenly Released from an Indianapolis Jail Was Captured in Minnesota

A murder suspect who was mistakenly released from jail in Indianapolis was captured Wednesday by the U.S. Marshals Service in [Minnesota](#), where he faces charges in a 2021 killing, police said. Kevin Mason, 28, was apprehended in the afternoon in St. Paul, said Marion County Sheriff Kerry Forestal, who added in a statement that he's grateful to the Marshals Service "for concluding this manhunt and safely bringing Mason back into custody."

ISSUE: NATIONAL – PET CARE _____ 7/16/23 6A.M. 30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WYCA/WSRB/WYRB

HEAT WAVES SPELL DANGER FOR DOGS

I interviewed Rachel Bellis, Associate Director of Local Affairs for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). Many people have no idea of the danger that high temperatures pose for dogs, not realizing that dogs' skin does not allow them to cool themselves through perspiration as humans can, often have a fur coat that traps heat, and can only pant to try to expel hot air build-up inside them. The danger is extreme in the case of French and Boston bulldogs, pugs, and other breathing-impaired dogs who have shortened noses and shortened windpipes. Older dogs are also particularly susceptible to heat stroke that can kill them. Every day PETA receives reports about dogs, cats, and other animals who have suffered and died of heat-related causes after being left outside or confined to a vehicle, which can become a death trap within minutes for any animal locked inside—even in the shade with the windows cracked. And even just walking a dog on hot pavement can cause permanent injury to their paws.

ISSUE: CRETE LOCAL–ECONOMY _____ 7/18/23 3P.M. 1 MIN

WYCA

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON WI/ DEB & NORRIS

CRETE WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS TO THE CITY

Congratulations and a warm welcome to Crete's latest business, Toni's Gaming Parlor! Toni's Gaming Parlor on 565 W. Exchange St. is now open, "hoping to offer a different kind of gaming experience," says owner Teresa Barrow.

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SKINCARE LEADER TEAMS UP WITH SUPERMODEL CHANEL IMAN TO PROVIDE FREE RESOURCES AND EDUCATION TO WOMEN OF COLOR IMPACTED BY SKIN HEALTH INEQUITIES

I interviewed **Ashlee Wisdom**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Health In Her HUE. A dermatologist can be your best advocate for preventing and treating skin flareups, but new research reveals that one of the most prominent chronic diseases impacting the Black population is sensitive skin and eczema, yet only three percent of all dermatologists are Black, making it hard for the community to find a doctor that understands their skin health needs. This combined with the lack of training for doctors specific to Black and brown skin can lead to the misdiagnosis and late diagnosis of skin conditions, creating significant inequities in skin health.

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

GENOA WOMAN HOSPITALIZED AFTER 2-CAR CRASH IN RURAL SYCAMORE

I announced that a Genoa woman was hospitalized Tuesday afternoon after a two-car crash in rural Sycamore. DeKalb County sheriff's deputies responded to reports of a collision at 3:03 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Peace and Freed roads in Sycamore Township, according to a news release from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office.

ISSUE: LOCAL HAMMOND - SAFETY

7/25/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDWICK

WPWX

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL DELAYS VOTE ON OVERNIGHT GAS STATION CLOSURES

Hammond, IN will look at a plan to shut down its gas stations during the overnight hours. The proposal comes after, police said, a 33 -year-old Chicago man was shot at a Luke gas station around 2 a.m. on June 25th. He later died at the hospital. Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr. said violent crime is happening late at night at the city's gas stations. He pointed to a murder that happened at one station just last month.

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ISSUE: NATIONAL- ENTERTAINMENT

7/30/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

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SIMPLY DELICIOUS SUMMER ENTERTAINING

I interviewed **Amy Goodson, MS, RD, CSSD, LD** is a registered dietitian and consultant with an emphasis in overall health, wellness and sports nutrition. She has fifteen years of experience and has worked with Ben Hogan Sports Medicine, the Dallas Cowboys, the Texas Rangers as

well as with many middle school, high school and endurance athletes. She also works with the everyday exercising population to improve health and wellness.

ISSUES: NATIONAL – ECONOMY 7/30/23 6A.M. 30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

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Inaugural Shopping Event for myWalgreens Members

I interviewed Dave Cooper who is the Walgreens Regional Vice President for the Greater Metropolitan New York region. Everyone is feeling the strain of higher inflation and interest rates, lower tax refunds and an uncertain economic outlook --- leaving consumers looking for additional value when they shop. And Walgreens is doing just that with myW Days, a weeklong shopping event where the healthcare retailer is offering myWalgreens members the highest Walgreens Cash rewards earnings opportunities to date. Walgreens is one of the only retailers giving shoppers accelerated reward opportunities, putting cash rewards in consumers' wallets for future spending.

ISSUE: LOCAL LANSING – CRIME 7/31/23 3P.M. 1 MIN

DAVID WALKER

WSRB

CONCEALED-CARRY PERMIT HOLDER EXCHANGES GUNFIRE WITH SHOOTER

Although a number of shots were fired last Thursday night outside a south suburban Hooters restaurant, no one was injured in the incident. Lansing police received a report of shots fired about 9:30 p.m. both inside and outside a Hooters in the 17000-block of Torrence Ave. Charnelle Harmon was inside with her baby when the shots rang out. They were trying to get to the safety of a Wendy's nearby.

ISSUE: CHICAGO LOCAL – CRIME 7/31/23 3P.M. 1 MIN

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNNON W/ DEB & NORRIS

WYCA

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATING FOUR OFFICERS

Norris announced that the Chicago Police Dept. is reportedly investigating four officers who allegedly engaged in sexual relations with migrants living at a West Side patrol district. According to a spokesman with the Chicago Police Department, an internal investigation was

launched into allegations that four officers engaged in sexual relationships with migrants who were living in a police station on the city's West Side.

ISSUE: CHICAGO LOCAL – ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT 7/31/23 3P.M. 1 MIN

REJOICE IN THE AFTERNOON W/ DEB & NORRIS

WYCA

THE LEAGUE, A MOVIE ON NEGRO LEAGUE PIONEERS, PLAYING AT CHICAGO THEATERS

Norris announced that there's a rousing new film called "The League" about the renowned negro League baseball pioneers – now playing. The Negro league paved the way for players from Jackie Robinson to Willy Mays, Hank Aaron and Ernie Banks. Chicago played a big part of that movement.

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Local/Regional

HAMMOND: DRIVER EXTRICATED FROM CAR AFTER CRASHING INTO HAMMOND HOME
HAMMOND: PURDUE NORTHWEST'S NEW HIGH TEC CRIME UNIT COLLECTS DIGITAL EVIDENCE FOR POLICE

LANSING: THORNTON FRACTIONAL SOUTH HS TRACK TEAM BUS INVOLVED IN LANSING CRASH

LANSING: LANSING WOMAN WORKS TO DIVERSIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD

CRETE: CRETE GETS THREE NEW POLICE OFFICERS

CRETE: BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY

GENOA: FREE COOLING CENTERS AVAILABLE IN DEKALB COUNTY

GENOA: GENOA VOLKS FEST RETURNS FOR 9TH YEAR

CHICAGO: A 14-YEAR-OLD BOY FACING FELONY CHARGES

CHICAGO: NEWBORNS FOUND ON NORTHWESTERN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CAMPUS

State-Illinois

ILLINOIS: ILLINOIS ONE OF THE WORST BEHAVED STATES ON SOCIAL MEIA

State-Indiana

INDIANA: INDIANA BREAKS GROUND ON NEW \$1.2B PRISON IN WESTVILLE

National

DAV CELEBRATES 'NATIONAL HIRE A VETERAN' DAY

FOOD ALLERGY RESEARCH AND EDUCATON DISCUSS BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS FOR PARENTS

MEDICAL EXPERTS WARN OF COVID 19 RESURGENCE ACROSS THE U.S.

TRAVEL EXPERT HIGHLIGHTS BENEFITS OF VISITING ITALY IN THE OFFSEASON

AI IS CHANGING JOBS AND CREATING NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITES

EXPERTS SAY PARENTS NEED TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND MODEL HEALTHY EATING FOR KIDS

INTERNATIONAL

AFRICA'S WHITE RHINO POPULATION REBOUNDS FOR 1ST TIME IN A DECADE

RELIGION

HANDFUL OF CHURCHES SPLIT FROM THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY

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DAV CELEBRATES ‘NATIONAL HIRE A VETERAN’ DAY

I interviewed U.S. Air Force and Army Veteran of the Iraq War and DAV National Employment Director Ryan Burgos. July 25 was ‘National Hire a Veteran Day’, and this year, [DAV \(Disabled American Veterans\)](#) is urging employers to take notice of veterans and the unique qualities they offer the workplace. Nearly 4 million veterans have a service-connected disability and are among the most resilient members of society. DAV is committed to connecting veterans, as well as transitioning active-duty service members and spouses, to meaningful employment opportunities. In return, employers are connected to a valuable workforce.

One way DAV connects veterans and their spouses to employment opportunities at no cost is through hosting virtual and in-person career fairs nationwide. And while the overall veteran unemployment rate as of April 2023 is low at 2.2%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statics, many veterans remain under-employed, and the job market is tightening up. Through DAV’s more than 35 career fairs so far this year, over 4,100 job offers have been extended to the veteran community.

ISSUE: NATIONAL–EDUCATION 8/06/23 6A.M. 30 MIN

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FOOD ALLERGY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION DISCUSS BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS

I interviewed Dr. Kelly Cleary, Senior Director of Education & Support Programs

- 85 million Americans including young children, adolescents, and adults, live with or are impacted by food allergies and intolerances.
- These issues are especially prevalent in Children with a [report](#) from the CDC finding that 1 in 13 U.S. children deal with food allergies.
- As school starts again, it is imperative for parents to prepare and understand the best measures that can be taken to help their children and classmates handle food allergies.
- The number of life-threatening – or anaphylactic – reactions to food has skyrocketed in recent years, which has driven innovation and calls for greater access to life-saving treatments.
- [FARE \(Food Allergy Research & Education\)](#) is the leading nonprofit working to enhance the lives of individuals with food allergies and empowering people to lead safe, productive lives. Kelly Cleary, MD, FARE Senior Director of Education & Support Programs is available for interviews about the latest news regarding:
 - Announcements about innovative treatments and their path to FDA approval,
 - Guidance for using epinephrine devices,
 - Cost-savings programs offered by manufacturers of drugs commonly used in the treatment of food allergy and allergic reactions, and
 - Legislation at the national and state levels to increase research funding and access to treatments within schools, universities, and public venues

ISSUE: INTERNATIONAL-ENVIRONMENT

8/06/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

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AFRICA'S WHITE RHINO POPULATION REBOUNDS FOR 1ST TIME IN A DECADE

I shared that the African rhino populations are increasing despite poaching and habitat loss, new figures from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) show. The new figures, release Thursday, highlight that protection and biological management initiatives across the continent have resulted in black rhino populations rising by 4.2% to a population of 6,487, and white rhino populations rising by 5.6% to a population of 16,803.

ISSUE: LOCAL-GENOA - ENTERTAINMENT

8/06/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

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GENOA VOLKS FEST RETURNS FOR 9TH YEAR

I shared that it will be a fun-filled weekend in Genoa when the ninth annual Genoa Volks Fest returns to Carroll Memorial Park. Genoa's Volks Fest is a weekend-long festival featuring Rumble on the River, Lucha Libre wrestling, a 6K and 10K Volksmarch, a Craft Beer & Wine Festival, the Boy Scout burrito breakfast, the Ducky Day's Fun Fair sponsored by the Boy Scouts, and the 20th annual Great Genoa Duck Race.

ISSUE: LOCAL HAMMOND - CRIME

8/09/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

WPWX/ KIRSTEN HEDRICK

DRIVER EXTRICATED FROM CAR AFTER CRASHING INTO HAMMOND HOME

Kirsten announced that a driver crashed into a home in Hammond, IN rolling the car and causing major damage to the house. Hammond police responded to reports of a single-car crash at a residence in the 3700 block of Hohman Ave. around 1:45 a.m. officers found a vehicle that had crashed into the front of a home and flipped over, trapping the driver inside.

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ISSUE: NATIONAL-HEALTH

8/13/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

EXPERTS SAY PARENTS NEED TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND MODEL HEALTHY EATING FOR THEIR KIDS

I interviewed Erin Palinski-Wade, Registered Dietitian. Experts say parents who practice healthy eating are more likely to have kids who eat healthy too. Modeling healthy eating habits is more effective than using force, rewards, or punishments, according to a Michigan State University study. Kids who eat good, clean, nutritious foods have increased focus and attention, better test scores and good classroom behavior. Experts recommend children get 10-15 percent of their daily caloric intake from protein. Physically active children may need even more protein.

ISSUE: NATIONAL-RELIGION

8/13/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

HANDFUL OF CHURCHES SPLIT FROM THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE OVER WOMEN IN MINISTRY

I announced that eight congregations have broken away from the Christian and Missionary Alliance over the denomination's decision to ordain women and allow them to carry the title of "pastor." The change was approved by a majority of delegates at the Alliance's general council in June, after several years of discussion.

ISSUE: LOCAL HAMMOND – TECK/CRIME

8/15/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

WPWX/KIRSTEN HEDRICK

PURDUE NORTHWEST'S NEW HIGH TECH CRIME UNIT COLLECTS DIGITAL EVIDENCE FOR POLICE

Kirsten announced that on the Hammond campus of Purdue Northwest, there's a new effort to help drive down crimes in Lake County, Indiana and surrounding areas by investigating what's part of their everyday lives.

ISSUE: LOCAL LANSING - ENVIRONMENTAL

8/17/23

3P.M.

1 MIN

DAVID WALKER/WSRB

LANSING WOMAN WORKS TO DIVERSIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FIELD

David announced that it wasn't Brenda Elmore's dream to do environmental conservation work. "Somethings were going on in my life at that time that I needed a change. I needed something that I could do where I could get outside and feel like I could breathe again," said Elmore, production manage for Friends of the Forest.

ISSUE: STATE-ILLINOIS- SOCIAL MEDIA 8/18/23 3 P.M. 1MIN

WSRB

DAVID WALKER

ILLINOIS ONE OF THE WORST BEHAVED STATES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Illinois was revealed to be the third worst behaved state on social media, with over two in five of the residents committing bad behavior online. The most common social media sin conducted in the Prairie State was arguing with others and publishing something regrettable while angry or hurt. New York ranked as the worst behaved state in America while Washington took second place with nearly half admitting to behaving badly online.

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ISSUE: NATIONAL-HEALTH 8/20/23 6 A.M. 30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

MEDICAL EXPERTS WARN OF COVID 19 RESURGENCE

I announced that medical experts are warning about the possibility of a COVID-19 resurgence across the U.S. a new variant now makes up a plurality of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. EG.5, an offshoot of the omicron variant and descendant of the XBB strain, has been circulating in the

country since at least April. However, as of August 5th, it accounts for 17.3% of COVID infections, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

ISSUE: NATIONAL-TRAVEL 8/20/23 6 A.M. 30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

TRAVEL EXPERT STEVE PERILLO HIGHLIGHTS THE BENEFITS OF VISITING ITALY IN THE OFFSEASON

I interviewed **Steve Perillo, President & Owner, Perillo Tours**, Italy is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world, especially in the summer. Some 50 million people visited Italy last year with 5 million alone in the Amalfi Coast (The hashtag #amalficoast has over a billion views on TikTok, with tourists posting videos of their travels there nearly every day).

But thanks to celebrity Instagram pictures, the popular TV show The White Lotus, weddings, fashion shows and of course TikTok — little by little, the not as well know regions are emerging as desired vacation destinations.

ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-CRIME 8/24/23 3 P.M. 1 MIN

WSRB

DAVID WALKER

THORNTON FRACTIONAL SOUTH HS TRACK TEAM BUS INVOLVED IN LANSING CREASH

David announced that 11 people were hospitalized after a bus carrying a south suburban high school track team was involved in a crash Tuesday night, Lansing fire officials said. Lansing fire crews responded just after 9p.m. to the intersection of Ridge Road and Torrence Ave. for a crash involving a school bus and a passenger vehicle.

ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE-LAW ENFORCEMENT 8/24/23 3 P.M. 1MIN

WYCA

NORRIS THOMPSON

THREE NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Norris announce that three new Crete Police Officers were sworn in at noon on Monday. Officers Ricardo Rodriguez, Joshua Jones and Julian Flores will begin 16 weeks of training at the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Academy on October 9th.

ISSUE: LOCAL – CHICAGO CRIME 8/25/23 2P.M. 1 MIN

WYCA/NORRIS THOMPSON

NEWBORNS FOUND ON NORTHWESTERN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CAMPUS

Norris announced that an investigation is ongoing after two baby girls were found dead in a bathroom at a daycare facility on the campus of Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Streeterville Thursday night. The two newborn girls were found unresponsive just before 7 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of East Ontario Street, Chicago Police said. They were taken to Lurie Children’s Hospital, where they were pronounced dead.

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ISSUE: NATIONAL-ECONOMY 8/27/23 6 A.M. 30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

AI IS CHANGING JOBS AND CREATING NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

I interviewed Amy Regan Morehouse, Senior Vice President of Global Education at ServiceNow. AI-enabled technologies are creating a profound shift in the jobs we do and how we do them. In addition, while most companies understand that digital transformation is key to navigating today’s business environment, workers with the right technical skills are in short supply—and the situation is only growing more extreme. Here’s the good news: ServiceNow, the leading digital workflow company making the world work better for everyone partnered with research firm, Pearson on new findings around the impact of AI and the skills of the future. The research reveals that U.S. companies will have an opportunity to retrain 23.5 million people for higher-value work that is not automatable and some of the most humanlike of competencies—communication,

collaboration, innovation—will be the most in demand skills for these newly created job opportunities and can be transferred from positions potentially impacted by AI.

ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE-COMMUNITY

8/28/23

2 P.M.

1 MIN

WYCA/NORRIS THOMPSON

BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY

Norris announced, imagine you, or a loved one, has just been involved in a serious accident. In the ambulance on the way to the hospital, the paramedics inform you that blood will be needed, the availability of which, may be the difference between life and death. By donating blood, you can save actual lives! From medical emergencies to surgeries to chronic conditions, like sickle cell disease, your donation will make a significant and lasting impact.

ISSUE: LOCAL-GENOA-CLIMATE

8/27/23

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

FREE COOLING CENTERS AVAILABLE IN DEKALB COUNT AS TEMPS RISE

I announced that individuals needing a respite from the summer heat have a handful of options to pick from, as city officials from DeKalb, Genoa, and Sycamore announced separate colling centers available for free to those in need.

ISSUE: STATE-INDIANA-BUSINESS

8/27/23

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

INDIANA BREAKS GROUND ON NEW \$1.2B PRISON IN WESTVILLE

I shared that groundbreaking ceremonies on Thursday marked the start of a \$1.2 billion project to build a new prison on the same campus as the old and current Westville facility. When the new prison is complete in about four years, the old one will close, as will the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City. The new prison in Westville is designed to increase safety, security, and programming.

ISSUE: LOCAL-CHICAGO-CRIME

8/30/23

2 P.M.

1 MIN

WYCA/NORRIS THOMPSON

A 14-YEAR-OLD BOY FACES FELONY CHARGES

Norris shared that a 14-year-old boy is facing felony charges after an armed carjacking that took place in the city's Auburn Gresham neighborhood last month. According to police, the boy was positively identified Monday in the 1200 block of West 69th Street as the individual who forcefully took a vehicle at gunpoint from a 47-year-old woman and a 50-year-old man. The incident took place in the 1100 block of west 78th Street on June 19th.

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ISSUE: NATIONAL-SAFETY

9/3/23 6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

EVERY 3 HOURS IN THE U.S., A PERSON OR VEHICLE IS HIT BY A TRAIN

I interviewed John Fleps, Vice President of Safety at Norfolk Southern Corporation. Did you know that every 3 hours in the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by a train? And, over 60% of vehicle-train collisions happen at active crossings with gates or signals?

Rail Safety may seem like common sense but being in a hurry can cloud the judgment of even the savviest motorist. While train-vehicle incidents are dramatically declining, hundreds of preventable fatal accidents still happen yearly. Joining us to discuss railway safety is John Fleps, Vice President of Safety for Norfolk Southern.

ISSUE: NATIONAL-HEALTH

9/3/23 6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE MOST AGGRESSIVE TYPE OF BRAIN CANCER

I interviewed Dr. Rimas Lukas, Associate professor of neurology, Northwestern Medicine, and Jason Tharp, patient living with GBM. Jason Tharp is an award-winning speaker, author, and illustrator who was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme (GBM), a rare and aggressive form of cancer, but the most common type of primary brain cancer in adults. In July of 2021, Jason had a seizure which led doctors to discover a tumor that would be later diagnosed as GBM. GBM can be hard to treat as the tumors often penetrate sensitive areas of the brain responsible for vital neurologic processes, meaning it is not often possible to completely remove a GBM tumor with surgery.

ISSUE: HAMMOND—CRIME

9/05/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

WPWX

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

FBI DOUBLES REWARD FOR INFO IN ALEXANDRA ANYA'S 2005 MURDER IN HAMMOND

Kirsten reported that it's been 18 years since a 13-year-old Hammond girl went missing from her home during the night, and the FBI has just doubled the reward for information about her murder. In the summer of 2005 Anaya's daughter Alexandra went missing from her home during the night. Three days later her torso was found in the Little Calumet River. The FBI has doubled the reward for information in the case to \$20,000.

ISSUE: LANSING—RELIGION

9/07/23

7A.M.

1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WSRB

LANSING: LIVING WORD CHURCH OF LANSING

Kirsten reported that Living Word is thrilled to have Dr. Nadim Nassar as their speaker this Sunday. Dr. Nassar was born and raised in Lattakia, Syria, to a Christian family, and studied in Beirut during the Lebanese civil war before moving to the UK, where he was ordained and became senior chaplain to the universities and colleges in London.

He is director of the Awareness Foundation, which he founded with the Bishop of London; its mission is "to equip Christians everywhere to form an effective counter-force to the intolerance and mistrust that now prevail in so many communities."

ISSUE: CHICAGO- CRIME

9/8/23

3P.M.

1 MIN

WYCA/NORRIS THOMPSON

CHICAGO HIP-HOP ARTIS WAS ARRESTED

A Chicago hip-hop artist was arrested after being in possession of a gun during a traffic stop in the River North neighborhood. 27-year-old Herbert Randall Wright III, the hip hop artist known as G Herbo, was arrested by the Chicago Police Department after being found with a gun in the River North neighbor near North Wabash Ave. and East Ontario Street around 5:45 pm. On Monday.

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REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

BEST FISCAL YEAR IN ILLINOIS FOR HOTEL REVENUE

I announced that the most recent fiscal year in Illinois was the best one yet for hotel revenue across the state. Governor JB Pritzker announced the record-breaking milestone at a press conference from Chicago's River North neighborhood. He noted the most recent fiscal year, which ended June 30, saw the highest ever hotel revenue numbers. Pritzker added the 111 million visitors who filled those hotel rooms also spent more than \$44 billion dollars while in Illinois.

ISSUE: NATIONAL-HEALTH

9/10/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

U.S. OFFICIALS APPROVE FIRST OVER-THE-COUNTER BIRTH CONTRIL PILL

I announced that U.S. official have approved the first over-the-counter birth control pill, which will let American women and girls buy contraceptive medication from the same aisle as aspirin and eyedrops. The Food and Drug Administration said it cleared Perrigo’s once-a-day Opill to be sold without a prescription, making it the first such medication to be moved out from behind the pharmacy counter. The company won’t start shipping the pill until early next year, and there will be no age restrictions on sales.

ISSUE: NATIONAL-SUICIDE PREVENTION

9/10/23

6A.M. 30 MIN

REALD TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WYCA/WSRB/WYRB

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

I reported that unfortunately, September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The CDC recently reported that nearly 50,000 Americans took their lives via suicide in 2022. The second leading cause of young adult Black males and older Black men is suicide. As human beings, we need to be more compassionate and concerned about our loved ones. I also gave out the suicide prevention hotline number for Illinois, 988.

ISSUE: LOCAL-GENOA-CRIME

9/10/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL TO BE NEW INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

I announced that Genoa-Kingston High School Principal Matt Cascio will take over to lead the district next month. Griffin Powell will step down from his office on Oct. 9 due to unforeseen health concerns. Powell previously served as interim superintendent for DeKalb School District 428 in 20202.

ISSUE: LOCAL CRETE-ECONOMY

9/12/23

3P.M.

1 MIN

WYCA/NORRIS THOMPSON

NEW CRETE GAS STATION

Norris announced that a new BP gas station and QuickRun convenience store are currently under construction and are expected to be open for business in late November. The gas station is part of a multi-phase development plan for the area. In the second phase, plans include a small strip mall adjacent to the gas station, complete with a convenient drive-through option.

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ISSUE: NATIONAL–HEALTH/EDUCATION

9/17/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

CHILDREND WITH HEALTH INSURANCE ARE BETTER PREPARED TO HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL

I interviewed Dr. Aditi Mallick, Acting Director, Office of Minority Health for Centers for Medicare Services. Studies have shown that academic performance and health insurance go hand in hand. Children who have health coverage miss fewer classes and perform better in school than those who are uninsured. Additionally, they are more likely to complete high school and graduate college. Routine medical visits are a vital part of keeping kids safe and protected as they start the new school year and participate in extracurricular activities.

Nationwide, millions of school-aged children and teens qualify for free or low-cost health coverage through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), but do not have coverage. For eligible children, Medicaid and CHIP can provide access to routine and emergency care, vision care, dental visits, mental and behavioral health services, immunizations, prescriptions, and more. Medicaid and CHIP enrollment is open year-round, and coverage must be renewed annually. Each state has a Medicaid and CHIP program that provides health insurance for children up to age 19 in families with low and moderate incomes. Eligibility varies by state and generally depends on how many people are in a household and family income; in most states, a family with income up to \$60,000 per year (for a family of four) may qualify.

ISSUE: NATOINAL- COMMUNITY

9/17/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

2023 TOYOTA HBCU NEW YORK CLASSIC RELEASES FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

I interviewed Albert Williams, President of the HBCU NY Classic. The 2023 Toyota HBCU New York Classic (HBCUNY) announced its full schedule of events for the five-day celebration of HBCU culture and community activities, including career fairs and college fairs in both New York and New Jersey, a Greek step show, tailgate, battle of the bands, and more. Known as the world's largest HBCU Homecoming, the event culminates on game day with a match-up between Morehouse College and Albany State at MetLife Stadium on September 16, 2023. Kickoff is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. ET. The football game will also be presented live on CNBC, Peacock, and the NBC Sports App. Fans can get tickets and more details on the full schedule of events at www.hbcunyclassic.com.

ISSUE: STATE-INDIANA-CRIME

9/17/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WYCA/WSRB/WYRB

INDIANA DRUG BUST: GUNS, CASH, OVER 130 LBS. OF DRUGS FOUND

I announced that the Lake County, Indiana Sheriff's Department found guns, cash and more than 130 lbs. of drugs in a Hobart home. The sheriff's office said they executive a raid on the home in the 500 block of South Lawrence Street at about 7 a.m. They found a little less than \$50,000 in cash, three pistols, three rifles, and more than 130 lbs. of drugs including marijuana, pre-roll marijuana cigars and cigarettes, THC edibles, concentrated THC wax, THC vape cartridges, and mushrooms.

ISSUE: HAMMOND- LOCAL-POLITICS 9/18/23 7A.M. 1 MIN

WPWX

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE CLOSING GAS STATIONS IN EARLY MORNING HOURS

Starting on November 1, Hammond gas stations will close for part of the late-night hours after an ordinance passed the city council. The ordinance was first proposed after a 33-year-old Chicago man was shot at Luke gas station around 2 a.m. on June 25. He later died at the hospital. The ordinance closes the city's 37 gas stations from midnight to 5 a.m. the mayor said he's gotten support from major gas stations and their owners, but not all drivers are sold on this plan.

ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-CRIME 9/20/23 3P.M. 1 MIN

WSRB/DAVID WALKER

FBI SEARCHING FOR 3 MEN WHO ROBBED AN ARMORED CAR

David announced that the FBI is searching for three suspects behind an armored vehicle robbery in the south suburbs. The agency said just before 11 a.m., three men approached a person at the Chase Bank ATM on Torrence Ave. the men were armed with guns and demanded money from the person.

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ISSUE: NATIONAL-PETA

9/24/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WYCA/WPWX/WSRB/WYRB

EXPOSING HORSE ABUSE AT BUDWEISER & THE RACE TRACK

For generations, Anheuser-Busch has hitched Clydesdales to Budweiser wagons to promote their beer and a wholesome image. But the brand’s decades-long marketing strategy, which equates these beautiful horses to American values, comes at a high cost for the Clydesdales: Anheuser-Busch’s hidden cosmetic procedures carried out on the horses permanently disfigure them by amputating their tailbones, a practice condemned by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Association of Equine Practitioners, and that is also illegal in 10 U.S. states and many countries. PETA has launched a campaign to compel the company to leave the horses tails intact. Meanwhile, horses used for racing are dying in shocking numbers on racetracks throughout the country—with their deaths dominating the headlines during the Triple Crown Season this year. Twelve horses died at the iconic Churchill Downs alone in the weeks surrounding the Kentucky Derby. Under pressure from PETA, the track did something it has never done before: It shut down. Now PETA is pressing the multi-billion-dollar gambling industry to get rid of the drugs and protect the horses.

ISSUE: LOCAL-GENOA-PHILANTHROY

9/24/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

I announced that a Genoa man was honored Thursday for his perseverance and philanthropy with keys to a brand-new wheelchair-accessible car. For Steve Karmgard, the keys give him access to more than just a car, but to freedom. At 18, Karmgard was in a diving accident that left him wheelchair-bound, but that did not stop him from working full time and volunteering. Kamgard's new Toyota sienna was customized just for him with an added ramp, removable seat, and hand controls so he can hit the road all on his own.

ISSUE: INTERNATIONAL-WAR

9/24/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

UKRAINE'S 24/7 BATTLEFIELD DRONE OPERATION

I announced that drone warfare in Ukraine is quickly evolving, according to Robert "Madyar," a former Ukrainian businessman who now commands one of the country's best known military drone regiments. The "UAV Birds of Madyar" operation started off with a handful of commercial off-the-shelf drones in the early days of the war which began in February 2022. Today, his soldiers, who sit in front of a wall of screens inside the regiment's headquarters, can, at any one time, tap into dozens of separate live drone video feeds. Each one gives his soldiers a view of the frontlines in their sector.

ISSUE: LOCAL CRETE - VETERANS

9/25/23

3P.M.

1 MIN

NORRIS THOMPSON

WYCA

VETERAN'S HOME CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Veterans' Home at Manteno invites volunteers to join its force of more than 50 volunteers to assist with a wide range of services and programs for residents. Opportunities include serving food, escorting residents to appointments, leading projects, playing games, and maintaining and organizing donated goods. Immediate needs include transporting residents to church services on Thursday and/or Sunday, and leading creative projects for members in the on-site woodworking shop.

ISSUE: LOCAL-CHICAGO- SPORTS

9/24/23

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ DEBRA RHODES PETTIGREW

WYCA/WPWX/WSRB/WYBR

INAPPROPRIATE ACTIVITY LED TO ALAN WILLIAMS' DEPARTURE FROM BEARS

I announced former Chicago Bears defensive coordinator Alan Williams' resignation was due in part to inappropriate conduct while with the organization, according to a new report. Williams abruptly resigned from his post on Wednesday after having missed the team's Week 2 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. While rumors have swirled on social media that a search had been conducted of Williams' home and Halas Hall office, the team and attorneys representing Williams denied any criminal investigation related to his departure.

ISSUES: NATIONAL – POLITICS

9/29/23

3P.M.

1 MIN

WYCA/ NORRIS THOMPSON

TRAILBLAZING CALIFORNIA SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN DIES AT 90

Norris announced that, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., a vocal advocate of gun control measures who was known for trying to find common ground with Republicans during her three decades in the Senate, has died, her office confirmed on Friday. She was 90.

"Senator Feinstein never backed away from a fight for what was just and right. At the same time, she was always willing to work with anyone, even those she disagreed with, if it meant bettering the lives of Californians or the betterment of our nation," her chief of staff, James Sauls, said in a statement. Feinstein's office did not share a cause of death, but she had been experiencing rapidly declining health in recent months.