

Quarterly Issues and Program List



WANE 15 2020 FOURTH QUARTER ISSUES AND PROGRAM LIST

This report contains a comprehensive sampling of stories aired on WANE-TV news broadcasts between April 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021. These stories were deemed to be of interest or concern to residents in the Fort Wayne television market.

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15.1	Business	5pm	4/14/21	:74	First at 5	Business is booming along Dupont Road. Thanks for joining us, I'm Terra Brantley. Dirk has the night off. With several projects in the works, we wanted to find out what's happening with grocery stores that were once planned for the area east of I-69. WANE 15's Chris Darby has been covering the fast-developing area for years. He continues our coverage tonight live near the intersection of Dupont and Diebold. Chris, what's going on out there? This is the land the planned to be a new Meijer store. We first reported on the new store back in 2018... a model smaller than other Meijer stores in the area. We were told back then it would take at least three years to build. While there is no building here yet, work is happening to clear the land. I have reached out to Meijer's corporate office looking for an update on the store. We are also waiting to hear back from Kroger. That chain once had a store planned further east, near Tonkel Road. The sign advertising the new store, that was once posted at that land, disappeared with no official word on plans being canceled.
15.1	Community Development	5pm	4/25/21	:87	Weekend Early at 5	Hundreds of volunteers from the First Assembly of God church lent a hand around Fort Wayne today. WANE 15's Britt Salay stopped by one of the locations. She joins us now with more. Britt? The church started doing this back in 20-16, and typically sees hundreds of volunteers turn out. This year, round 350 volunteers took part. One group took to the former Hall's Guesthouse to help clear out leftover items as the Y-W-C-A prepares to move their shelter operations there. The church's pastor tells me that they say this as a good fit because they're always looking to partner with other churches and organizations to help make a difference in the community. Rob Haslett//Lead Pastor, First Assembly of God. We feel that we are called as Christian to constantly serve, to reach out, to be a part of our community. It's not just us in our walls at the church, that's dangerous. if we just focus inward all the time. We've got to focus outward and it's something that God has called us to do. It's bringing Jesus to people, but it's also being the hands and feet of Jesus to people." church members also helped out at Smith Academy of Excellence, Image of Hope Ranch, Just Neighbors Homeless Shelter and at parks near Bridge of Grace Ministries and City Life. Coming up tonight on Nightcast, hear more about what kind of work volunteers were doing to help get the Guesthouse closer to its future as a shelter. In Studio 15, Britt Salay. WANE 15 News.
15.1	Community Development	11pm	4/25/21:	:101	Weekend Nightcast	Hundreds of volunteers from the First Assembly of God church lent a hand around Fort Wayne today. WANE 15's Britt Salay has the story. First Assembly of God tries to help out the community all year-round, but no day is quite as big as Serve Day. "This is the big day where anyone who is a part of our church to jump in and serve the community. It's bringing Jesus to people but it's also being the hands and feet of Jesus to people. "The church started doing this back in 2016, and typically sees hundreds of volunteers turn out. This year, around 350 people. One group took to the former Hall's Guesthouse to help clear out leftover items as the YWCA prepares to move their shelter operations there. "You know, when you live in a place for 40 years you collect stuff and there's a basement full of stuff. First Assembly is going to help us unearth that, see what's useable, what's not, and help us sort through it and make a new home. "Volunteers also helped clear out guest rooms in the hotel. It's a big task for the YWCA and one they welcome help with. "I cannot overstate what a blessing it is to see just that, the volunteers and the people who care. We've had multiple people come up to us and say what else can I do? Can I do a Yoga class, can I lead a Bible study with the women in your programs? We will take all the help that we can because really it's about helping our clients and we love making those connections." It's a good fit because Haslett says First Assembly is always looking to partner with other groups making a difference. "We know there is a lot of churches and organizations that try to meet people's needs in the community and we just want to be one of those coming alongside other organizations, other churches, just to meet people where they're at in the community. The work helps the YWCA get that much closer to their goal of starting construction on the space in late summer, with hopes of moving in by the end of the year. In Fort Wayne. Britt Salay. WANE 15 News."
15.1	Crime	5pm	4/29/21	:95	First at 5	What can you do to keep yourself safe? Fort Wayne Police offering tips tonight as we prepare for the summer months ahead. Thanks for joining us, I'm Terra Brantley. My partner Dirk is on assignment. WANE 15's Briana Brownlee spoke with FWPD about safety in the city. She joins us in studio with our top story. Bre? Terra, these tips are basic and simple, but they are usually overlooked. Locking your doors and securing you items. These tips are to prevent you from falling victim of a crime of

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						<p>opportunity. FWPD notices a huge increase in call volumes when it comes to the spring and summer months. According to FWPD's statics from 2020, the most common crimes in the warmer months are burglaries, car jackings and theft. Police tracked nearly 200 more burglaries in the summer compared to winter, More than 500 thefts and 100 more car jackings. The spokesman from FWPD says it's because people usually leave for vacation. He says If you are out of town make sure you stop your newspaper, have a neighbor pick up your mail, and let them know that you will be out of town and no one should be at your home. As for your car, it's all about remembering the basics. You'll be surprised how many people get their vehicles broke in and their doors aren't locked, it's just an easy crime of opportunity. So, make sure you do the basic things, lock your doors, and roll your window up. Tonight at 6, Sgt. Webb will explain the increase in juvenile investigations during the summer months and what could be the cause. In studio 15, Briana Brownlee WANE 15 news.</p>
15.1	Crime	6pm	4/29/21	:91	News at 6	<p>Warmer temperatures are on the way and police are projecting an increase in certain crimes. WANE 15's Briana Brownlee spoke with FWPD today and joins us now in studio. Bre? Terra, Fort Wayne Police is sending out a reminder to everyone to help prevent them from being a victim of a crime of opportunity. These tips may seem basic, but they are usually overlooked. Bre: lock your doors, roll up your windows and if you are out of town. Webb "make sure you stop your newspaper, maybe you get a neighbor to put your mail up. Bre: why? Because police say these are tips to prevent you from becoming a victim of crime of opportunity. In the warmer months, Sgt. Webb says the call volume increases tremendously and they are usually burglary's, car jackings and theft. Webb: "you'll be surprised how many people get their vehicles broke in and their doors aren't locked." Bre: another increase is the number of juvenile investigations. Based on FWPD's statistics from 2020, nearly 300 more juvenile investigations are open in the summer compared to the winter months. Webb: parents are working, they can't watch their kids, they aren't supervising their kids as much because many of them can't because there are a lot of single parent households and a lot two parents' households where both parents are working as well. Sgt. Webb mentioned that doing the small simple things that are usually overlooked really helps deter. He also suggests getting a ring doorbell or security camera. In the newsroom, Briana Brownlee WANE 15 news.</p>
15.1	Education	6pm	4/2/21	:77	News at 6	<p>Last month, we talked about Indiana legislation that expands private school vouchers. Tonight. as we edge closer to a final vote, WANE 15's Angie Trindade spoke to both public and private school advocates to get both sides of the story. Angie? This legislation is currently awaiting approval while the debate continues. The topic of discussion: how this will be funded. From a private institution standpoint, advocates are excited that this would provide enhanced financial aid for students seeking non-public education funded by the state. Public school advocates, however, are concerned due to lack of general education funding. I spoke to members on both sides. If a student leaves a public school and goes to a private school, it is true that the public school will no longer receive money to educate that child. But you shouldn't because that child is not in their system in their school. If you're going to fund the education of all the students in the state of Indiana, great, but funded and they have plain and simple basic math, it's a fact. Whichever side you're on, advocates encourage you to call your representatives to make your voice is heard. For a more in-depth breakdown of this issue, head to wane.com. In studio, Angie Trindade wane 15 news.</p>
15.1	Health & Wellness	6m	4/9/21	:55	News at 6	<p>A Warsaw medical device company donated various healthcare products to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne. The donation from Zimmer Biomet included hygiene products like hand and body soap, diapers, baby wipes, deodorant, toothpaste, and other amenities. During this pandemic, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne has focused on providing health care products to the community. Last summer, in addition to food, the club gave away almost 12-thousand health care packets serving more than 35-thousand people in Allen County. Joe Jordan: "this is huge for us I mean really when you have a corporation in Warsaw Indiana saying we want to help some kids in the community in our community it is huge for us and we are really appreciative honored and humbled by their gift to us and more importantly just being visible for our children to see professional in our community." Zimmer Biomet put together a community outreach program to help organizations in the African American Community.</p>

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15.1	Political	5am	4/27/21	:51	First News	City leaders revealed 2021 water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure improvement plans. More than 90-million dollars have already been invested. This year's commitments will improve reliability, solve drainage issues, and protect the environment. A consolidation sewer is being constructed to intercept combined sewage from several north side neighborhoods. It will be transported to a drop shaft connected to the "Three Rivers Protection and Overflow Reduction Tunnel," under construction right now. councilman Geoff Paddock - D 5th district: "it's underground infrastructure and what we're doing as a community to continue to clean up our rivers and divert our waste and treat it properly is an investment that a lot of folks can't see but is something that is important for our future." City leaders say this investment will improve Fort Wayne's economic development opportunities and create new jobs.
15.1	Business	11pm	5/3/21	:151	Nightcast	Right or wrong, you've probably heard the criticism that businesses exist only to make money. Well, here's an example or actually maybe 30 examples of companies who want to do good. Take a closer look at Good Market, the concept store at Jefferson Pointe that is Positively Fort Wayne, we're bringing together a community of likeminded brands who are all purposeful, their new concept for a small business like mine is amazing. Together, one plus one equals three, it actually, lists all of them more when they're together and they can work together. Now with my non for profit, and with a good market behind us oh my god, we're going to populate the world with cycle breakers and bosses. That's what we're going to do. Mugs for clean water. Totes for smaller landfills. Bath bombs for second chances, Women coming out of prison we have a real belief that you don't define a person by their past, but you look at the beauty in their life when you look at their potential, it was the folks at Vera Bradley who curated good market, selecting brands with quality products and intentional company causes, about a third of the brands coming from the local area and when we mean local, we talk about Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. Additionally, there's brands coming here from all over the country, brands from as far away as Portland Oregon to Portland, Maine, so we kind of love that we covered both Portland's and as far south as Texas and sort of everything in between. So, whether your cause might be related to breast cancer, mental health awareness, keeping the oceans clean, we know that there's a brand here that it's going to be great and something that you're going to love, and we continue to look for what is the next what is the new way that we're going to find that we haven't brought together yet and get them in the shopping experience offers Fort Wayne utopian coffee which touts its ethically sourced beans. You can shop by product, or by cause we're actually using QR codes so that the brand owners' founders can actually tell their own story when they're not physically here. So, they'll be able to learn and understand what all these causes really art together and hopefully walk away with a sense of good, and the brands learn from and inspire one another. It just makes you want to up your good game. It just makes you want to do better because everybody's doing good, and you think about how I don't know how, how much better the world would be if there were more good markets out there, good market is located across from the Vera Bradley store at Jefferson point now if the concept does well here. They say they might start popping up around the country Dirk Rowley WANE 15 News.
15.1	Community Development	12pm	5/3/21	:87	News at Noon	Staff and volunteers with mental health America of Northeast Indiana kicked off mental health awareness month. WANE 15's Josh Ayen met with these volunteers this morning. He joins us with more details on their conversations, Josh? If you are driving along Clinton street today, you may notice green ribbons hanging on the trees near Headwaters park. Those ribbons are meant to represent mental health and a month of mental health awareness. Groups like mental health America of Northeast Indiana have worked for years to destigmatize this topic. However, conversations around mental health have evolved over the last year due to the pandemic. Some people like Aubrey Mumma believe many are willing to be more open about their mental health and seek resources. Audrey Mumma, Mission Advancement Manager, Mental Health America of NE Indiana: "There is help out there. There are ways that people can do self-care and can reduce their stress. And if they feel like it is something that is becoming a real issue, then definitely seeking help is a good first step. To make sure that it doesn't become more of a problem than it already might be." Today's ribbon hanging is one of many events that Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana will hold throughout the month. The local non-profit is also holding an Evening of Hope on May 15. This virtual fundraising event is meant to help the organization's mission to bettering mental and emotional health in the community.

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15.1	Crime	12pm	5/20/21	:55	News at Noon	New at Noon. The man arrested in the death of a 17th month old earlier this week has been released from jail. Good afternoon I'm Sierra Tufts. And I'm Pat Hoffmann. The Allen County Sherriff's Department confirmed to WANE 15 that 27-year-old Shaquille Rowe posted a bond of 50-thousand dollars. Monday afternoon, Police were called to the 2700 block of Millbrook Drive. 17-month-old Aiden Clark was taken to the hospital in critical condition, where he later died. The Allen County Coroner's Office ruled his death a homicide from blunt injuries to the chest. The autopsy also shows his heart was ripped in half. Rowe faces charges of neglect of a dependent and battery to a person under 14, both resulting in death. He is set to appear in court on Monday. According to the investigators, he was the only adult at home with the child. This is an ongoing investigation. WANE 15 did reach out to the family and they were aware of Rowe's release.
15.1	Education	11pm	5/10/21	:76	Nightcast	If you work in the Fort Wayne Community Schools district, you're about to get some money. The FWCS board voted tonight to grant all its staff members a stipend. WANE 15's Natalie Clydesdale was there. She joins us in studio with our top story. Natalie? That's right Terra. All of the board members approved the decision, except for one who chose not to vote. Every district employee will receive a stipend between 1 thousand and 2 thousand dollars. It'll be broken down like this Administrators and salaried school-based staff will receive \$2,000. Other salaried employees and hourly school-based employees will get \$1500. All other hourly employee \$1,000 payments. Anyone who works for the district part-time will get a prorated payment. The FWCS superintendent says he couldn't be happier the board approved this; I'm so pleased the board approved this. This again is a token of our appreciation for really our entire staff, so from our bus drivers to our teachers and classrooms, it's just been an unbelievable year and again this is based on effort and time above what is normal, said Mark Daniel, the district's superintendent, we think it is definitely worthy, that all of these individuals are worthy. These checks are being paid using the districts relief funds. The employees should expect to get them sometime in June. The next FWCS board meeting will be held on May 24 at 6 p.m. In studio, Natalie Clydesdale, WANE 15 News.
15.1	Health & Wellness	5pm	5/6/21	:74	First at 5	In 2020 the birth rate decreases so much that that it may be below the replacement rate nationally, which means the birth rates is less than death rates. That Parkview doctor explaining the latest data for our area. Hospitals are seeing a decrease in newborns. WANE 15's Briana Brownlee has been digging into this. She joins us now with our top story. Bre who did you speak with? Dirk and Terra, I spoke with Parkview Medical Center. They told me they have noticed a 5 percent decrease in 2020 which is larger decrease than the national average. With more people staying at home during the pandemic, it was expected that there would be another baby boom, However the numbers are showing it's more of a bust. For the 6th consecutive year, the united states dropped in birth and fertility rates, and the rate for 2020 is lowest it's been since the late 70s. According to Parkview, the county is on trend. It has been declining over the last few years, but last year was more than the previous years. There was a 5 percent decline in birthrate for Allen County from 2019 - 2020. Tonight at 6, we'll explain why the decline is happening. In studio, Briana Brownlee WANE 15 news
15.1	Health & Wellness	6pm	5/6/21	:108	News at 6	Wane 15's Briana Brownlee went to get the answer and joins us in studio with more. Bre - is our area also seeing a decline? Dirk and Terra, Yes, according to an OBGYN at Parkview, Allen County is seeing a 5 percent decrease, which is a larger decrease than the nation's average. With more people staying at home during the pandemic, it was expected to increase the nation's population. However, with the recent data form the from the centers for disease control and prevention, it shows that the baby boom is a bust. For the 6th consecutive year, the united states dropped in birth and fertility rates, and 2020 is lowest it's been since the late 70s We went to Parkview medical center to see if they noticed the decline. Dr. Blackmon: "There was a five percent decline in birthrate in Allen County this year from 2019 to 2020." Bre: Dr. Sailaja Blackmon is an OBGYN doctor at Parkview medical center. She says Parkview has noticed a decline in birthrates prior to the pandemic. Dr. Blackmon: "Delaying childbirth, women are having kids more in their late 30s or late 40s sometimes. A lot of women are choosing to have smaller families one or two children. Bre: with the pandemic, there are other reasons. Dr. Blackmon: There's been less socialization during this time and there is also more anxiety that people have. There is also a decrease in teen pregnancy, Dr. Blackmon says this could be because there is more education that is lowering the rate. As for teen pregnancy in the pandemic year, not having in person school helped lower the rate as well. In studio, Briana Brownlee WANE 15 news.

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15.1	Political	11pm	5/11/21	:98	Nightcast	It's official the city of Fort Wayne will receive 50 million dollars in Covid recovery funding. The account to set up this fund was set up at tonight's council meeting. WANE 15's Natalie Clydesdale was there. She joins us in studio with our top story, Natalie? Dirk and Terra, one of the city council members I talked to says this quote Just puts us one step ahead of becoming the great American city that we already are." How exactly the money will be spent is still uncertain. But it was decided that it will be spread equally across four, what city council is calling "buckets". These include assistance to small businesses and impacted industries essential workers government services that lost revenue during the pandemic. And necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. Our city is in a, in a current state of rise right we are, we are in we're sitting good so the funds that will come in will be able to help replace things that we had to subtract from the budget last year, for example 6 million that we had to take out of the streets and sidewalk repair. We can now put that money back and contribute a little bit more, to be able to help cover some of the things that we've had to limp along with in the past. The first half of this money is expected to be received by the end of the week with the second half coming sometime in 2022. The deadline to spend it will be December 31, 2024. Tonight, city council also announced that it will not be holding a meeting next week. In studio15, Natalie Clydesdale, WANE 15 News.
15.1	Business	5pm	6/3/21	:93	First at 5	A new solar farm is now up and running in Columbia City. THE 30 ACRES OF PANELS NEAR U-S 30 WILL turn sunlight into power, feeding into a network of communities across the state. Wane 15's Chris Darby was there today, he joins us now. Chris? A lot of conversation happening at the Columbia City Solar Park today, focused on the future the city's mayor saying this could be the first of several solar farms. Today's celebration marked the opening of the thirty third Indiana Municipal Power Agency solar farm. I'm told the power collected in Columbia City goes into the network that feeds electricity to both to Columbia City and other communities who are also plugged in. Over the course of a year, this system can power about 800 homes. "This solar park is 4.3 megawatts, so it can power a quarter of our total power load in Columbia City on a sunny day. It's really great in a lot of ways. It also stabilizes our rates. We certainly know that forces in our federal government to change the direction of our power grid in general, so this really puts us in the ability to stabilize long term for our customers, our rate payers, certainly for our future." While IMPA buys the land, builds the panels, and operates the farm, they do work with city leaders to find a location. The president of the not-for-profit corporation tells me a 10-year tax abatement helps lock in the deal, that leads to 40 or 50 years of property taxes that benefit the city. Other nearby cities that are home to IMPA solar parks include Gas City and Peru. In Studio, Chris Darby, WANE 15 News.
15.1	Community Development	5am	6/17/21	:65	First News	This is a big day at WANE 15, and we're asking for your help. Our parking lot is pretty quiet right now - but we hope that'll change later this morning. We're partnering with Community Harvest Food Bank, for a food drive. It runs from 7 this morning to 6 tonight in our front parking lot off West State Boulevard. As you can see, we're making it super easy for you - just drive in, and we'll help unload your items and get you back on your way. We need things like beans, rice, pasta, peanut butter, canned fruit, and canned soup. Open containers, expired products, homemade foods, and glass containers will not be accepted. Today's food drive is part of a "Founder's Day of Caring," by our parent company Nexstar. More than 100 television stations across the country are participating in public service projects today. That includes our sister stations, CBS 4, and FOX 59 in Indianapolis. They got started yesterday, assembling food boxes at Midwest Food Bank. Those boxes will go to people affected by natural disasters or other emergencies. Today, station volunteers will lend a hand at Gleaners Food Bank.
15.1	Crime	11pm	6/15/21	:73	Nightcast	Neighbors are saying Sunday's shooting near Weisser Park was the result of a block party gone wrong. Police called it a gun battle between rival factions." The neighbors say a fight broke out between two women on top of a car. One man fired gun shots into the air to try to stop it. An officer arrived and tackled a person to the ground, more shots were fired on a nearby street which brought more police cars to the area. The neighbor says the officers told everyone not to move. That's when a guy got out of the backseat of white jeep and police shot him. Neighbors say when the boy was shot, he fell to the ground and did not move until medics arrived. In a press release, police say the person shot has non-life-threatening injuries. A neighbor says they called police multiple times to break up the party before the chaos erupted. I called back again and said "nope" you got to send somebody because it's getting out of hand. Too many kids out here, too many people, that's when she said they were

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						fighting so she must have called, it was 12 o'clock the party still going on, 12:30 there you go that's when the chaos started. She says when she called 911, she was told that the department was short staffed and couldn't send officers at the time. Police say the incident is still under investigation.
15.1	Education	12pm	6/1/21	:66	News at Noon	Students will be wrapping up the school year soon. It might be the time for parents to consider educational summer programming, too. Educators say kids can suffer from "brain drain." This primarily affects reading abilities from the end of school to the start of the next school year. Summer programming can help fill those gaps. Fort Wayne Community Schools Director for Secondary education says students do need a brain break away from school, but engagement shouldn't completely be abandoned. It's more crucial than ever before. You know, given the fact we know that during the pandemic we had to switch modalities. And that was really difficult for teachers and students. So, one of the things we want to do in our Jumpstart program is really what we're calling "gap repairs." So, we're trying to address the standards that student may have struggled with during the year and try to reinstruct and provide additional support where that's needed." FWCS's Jumpstart programs and other educational programs offered in Allen County can be found in this story on wane.com.
15.1	Health & Wellness	12pm	6/15/21	:59	News at Noon	Neighborhood Health is expanding its reach with a new mobile-services unit. The organization believes the unit will help people in underserved communities access health care. It features a private exam area, on-board access to patient electronic health records, a generator and Wi-Fi. Neighborhood Health plans to use the unit to support its ongoing COVID testing and vaccination effort. Angie Zaegel President & CEO, Neighborhood Health "We are going to have our ear to the ground and be listening to what does the community want and need and see how we can use this unit to address that. If it's mental health services, we have a private area somebody can talk to a licensed social worker, or if it is signing up for insurance, we can help people access that right here from the unit." Neighborhood Health plans to setup shop at area businesses, churches, and schools. If you'd like them to stop by your organization, you can contact their Community Outreach and Communications Coordinator -- OR file a request online.
15.1	Political	11pm	6/8/21	:130	Nightcast	Tonight, Fort Wayne city council voted to introduce a resolution that opposes government-required covid-19 vaccine passports. The vote was 6 to 3. WANE 15's Natalie Clydesdale was at the meeting. She joins us in studio. Dirk and Terra, Councilmen Jason Arp and Paul Ensley are the resolutions co-sponsors. And although 3 of their co-councilmembers voted against introducing their resolution tonight it was very clear Arp and Ensley had the public's support. Some say it's a slippery slope, I think it's a deep dive into tyranny." "Come on man, what happened to America?" At tonight's city council meeting. About 15 Fort Wayne residents made it known that they are firmly against vaccine passports. "If we require passports, we will be regressing into a time that our country worked so hard to overcome. "Resolution xyz is for the benefit of all of our community and I would ask for your full support." It argues that vaccine passports disenfranchise local citizens of the right to make their own health care choices and move freely within society." It really extends the message to our constituents who have had a lot of their freedoms sidestepped or trampled upon, you know, put on the back burner over the last 15 months. Michelle Chambers, Glynn Hines and Sharon Tucker worry this will cause a divide in the community. In tonight's meeting we saw people come forward that have strong passions, said Tucker. Well, there are people who strongly feel the opposite way and so who's rights should override other individuals' rights? She also reminded everyone this resolution is nonbinding. No real teeth to it and it's just a public statement. Chambers reminded the room of House Bill 1405. Which already bans state and local governments from creating or requiring COVID these passports. Regardless, the resolution's cosponsor still believes it quote sends a message. It certainly, certainly expresses the values of our community as far as it pertains to individual liberty. The resolution will be further discussed on Tuesday, June 22nd's meeting. In studio 15, Natalie Clydesdale WANE 15 News.
15.1	Political	11pm	6/22/21	:105	Nightcast	Vaccine passports continue to be a controversial topic throughout the country. That includes Fort Wayne. Dirk and Alyssa, this resolution was non-binding - so it wouldn't have impacted any policy. It was really just a public statement to let the city know where the council stood on vaccine passports. Republican councilmen Jason Arp and Paul Ensley co-sponsored it - and Tom Freistroffer joined them in supporting the resolution. They argue the passports are quote "discriminatory and violate people's

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						<p>privacy." Arp also says he has questions about the vaccine's safety, but they were outvoted by the four democrats at the meeting. Republicans Tom Didier and Russ Jehl weren't there. Arp wasn't happy about tonight's outcome. "I think people are frustrated because they've seen a lot of inaction by their elected officials right here and yeah. And so, this is a small step but it's something that we can do to say hey we do hear your frustrations and we're trying to address." Democratic Councilmembers Geoff Paddock, Sharon Tucker, Glynn Hines, and Michelle Chambers were the 4 votes against the resolution- saying it wasn't necessary and was causing debate for no reason. "While I wanted to respect my friend Councilman ARP and his resolution to bring it up for discussion. I couldn't support it and obviously for many reasons. So, I want to send the message out that I believe the vaccinations are safe. "On cam: As for Arps future plans about taking action against vaccine passports. He says he'll see what options are. In studio 15, Natalie Clydesdale, WANE 15 News.</p>
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The station also aired the following public service announcements during the instant quarter:

<i>Month PSA Aired</i>	<i>Type of Issue</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Title of Narrative</i>
April	Ft Wayne Sister Cities Intl.	:30	Taste of Sister Cities 21
April	Health Visions	:60	Covid Vaccine
April	Better Business Bureau	:30	Shred Day
April	FAME	:30	FAME Festival
May	Community	:15	Cherry Blossom Festival
May	Community	:30	Kickstart FW
April	Community	:30	Rental Assitance FW
April, May, June	Community	:30	Crime Stoppers
May	Downtown Improvement	:15	Mother's Day Downtown
May, June	Fort 4 Fitness	:30	Spring Cycle
May	Our Children Our Future	:30	Provider Resouce Fair
June	Downtown Improvement	:15	Downtown Live Concerts
June	Fort Wayne Parks and Rec	:15	Senior Games
May, June	Young Leaders NE Indiana	:15	Farmers Market
June	Health Visions	:60	God Answered Vaccine
June	Community	:30	Day of Caring Food Drive
June	Boys and Girls Club	:30	Tunes and Trucks