

WQLB FM 103.3
QUARTERLY REPORT
OF PROGRAMMING ON ISSUES OF
COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE

(WQLB is simulcast with WKJZ 100%)

FOR THE PERIOD
JULY1ST THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH 2023

Below is a list of significant problems and needs of the WQLB FM service area and programming information includes:

The Economy and Job Opportunities: The state and local economy continues to hold steady, while business development is slow and unemployment is in check. Tourist related businesses dominate the market. We focus in on new and established businesses in to the area and what job opportunities might be available. Plus, career training facilities that might be available

Education: Northeast Michigan monitors assessments of education funding and effectiveness, test scores for students and employment placement for graduates. Continued debate over the state's primary, secondary and high school education system prompts examination of issues related to education.

Environment: As awareness of the environment increases nationwide, Northeast Michigan is confronted with an increasing number of environmental issues. More than protection and preservation of the environment, the state, and its residents must concern themselves with issues such as: hazardous waste, chemical manufacturing sites, contamination of streams and rivers by the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, industrial pollutants, and the effects of these on the area's abundant wildlife.

Government: This section focuses on decisions made by national, state, and local officials, which affect Northeast Michigan. These include increased concerns regarding the various law enforcement agencies, environment, roads, and local communities.

Health Care: Among the concerns expressed for the elderly is medical issues regarding area nursing homes, hospitals, therapy centers, Iosco County medical care facilities plus, cost of housing. Also the continuous escalation of insurance costs.

Tourism and Recreation: Northeast Michigan continues to be one of the top vacation spots in the Midwest. This section of the report focuses on hunting, the Great Lakes, parks, and events that bring tourist dollars essential to our economy.

Description of WQLB FM Programs Providing the Most Significant Treatment of
Community Issues

Program	Day	Time
6:30 a.m. News	Monday through Friday	6:30 – 6:35 a.m.
7:30 a.m. News	Monday Through Friday	7:30 – 7:35 a.m
8:30 a.m. News	Monday Through Friday	8:30 – 8:35 a.m

All of the above programs are locally produced news programs. They include local News, Local Weather, Local sports and local obituary notifications. This is particularly important to mention because we have no daily local newspaper, only a weekly. We do include issue responsive segments as well.

InfoTrack	Sunday	5:15 – 5:45am
Sunrise Side Today	Monday through Friday	5:30 – 5:40 a.m.
Morning Interviews	Monday through Friday	8:15 a.m. – Varies (See times below)

Public Service “Live Read” Announcements	Monday through Friday	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
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**Public Service “live Read” cards are :10, :15, :20, :30 and :60 seconds in length
And pertain to issues of community interest.
They are read twice per hour, Monday thru Friday
(complete list at the end of this report)**

**Public Service
"Recorded"
Announcements**

Monday through Friday

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Public Service scheduled messages are:30 and :60 seconds in length
And pertain to issues of community interest.
See below for times and subject matter**

JULY

7/04/2023 - 8/07/2023

<u>Campaign</u>	<u>Message</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>RunTimes</u>
LEO	MENT TO BE	:30	08
FOSTER CAR	GIVE THE CHANCE	:30	08
MGCB	WHITE WATER RAFTING	:30	11
OHSP	NEW LAW MAB	:30	10
OHSP	NEW WALKS	:30	15
MDOS	MOTORCYCLIST	:30	08
COVID	HOMEWORK	:30	10
COVID MENTAL	HOPE FOR TOMORROW	:30	10

AUGUST

8/08/2023 - 8/28/2023

<u>Campaign</u>	<u>Message</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>RunTimes</u>
MVAA	WE SERVED	:30	08
MRLA	FOOT SAFETY	:30	06
MGCB	WHITE WATER RAFTING	:30	12
OHSP	ALL WALKS OF LIFE	:30	15
COVID	HOMEWORK	:30	10
COVID MENTAL	HOPE FOR TOMORROW	:30	10
MHEF	DEMENTIA RESOURCES	:30	04

SEPTEMBER

9/01/2023 - 9/25/2023

<u>Campaign</u>	<u>Message</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>RunTimes</u>
BBBS	ONE TO ONE	:30	12
MVAA	WE SERVED	:30	10
HD	HELP4HD	:30	08
COVID	HOMEWORK MAB	:30	12
COVID MENTAL	HOPE FOR TOMORROW	:30	12
MRLA	FOOD SAFETY	:30	06

Call Letters: WQLB/WKJZ

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QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2023

Show # 2023-27

Date aired: 7/2/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

Nora Volkow, MD, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the National Institutes of Health

Fentanyl overdoses are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 49, more than car accidents or suicides. On average, one person dies of a fentanyl overdose in the United States every seven minutes, and the number of Americans killed by the drug has jumped 94 percent since 2019. Dr. Volkow discussed why the problem has skyrocketed and what steps the federal government is taking to address it. She said that, while the epidemic was worse in certain rural areas of the US in past years, the problem has now overwhelmed every city and state. She talked about the importance of education and treatment programs, and also explained why fentanyl is a particularly troubling issue for pregnant women.

Issues covered:

**Substance Abuse and Treatment
Government Policies**

Length: 17:52

Sam Quinones, author of *"The Least of Us: True Tales of America and Hope in the Time of Fentanyl and Meth"*

The opioid crisis' damage to US communities cost the economy \$1.5 trillion in 2020 alone, according to a congressional analysis. Mr. Quinones talked about steps that cities and towns can take to try to repair community bonds, most effectively on the neighborhood, school and church level. He believes that stronger law enforcement is necessary to force drug abusers into treatment, whether they want it or not.

Issues covered:

**Substance Abuse and Treatment
Community Rehabilitation
Law Enforcement
Homelessness**

Length: 5:08

Show # 2023-28

Date aired: 7/9/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

Paul R. Lawrence, former Under Secretary of Benefits at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, author of "*Veterans Benefits for You: Get What You Deserve*"

Mr. Lawrence offered tips for veterans to successfully apply for benefits they have earned from their service. He explained several ways that a veteran can document a service-related injury, and how they can request their medical records with help from the National Archives and Veterans Administration. He also talked about the value of benefits not just to a veteran, but to his or her family, as well.

Issues covered:
Veterans' Benefits
Military Service

Length: 8:14

David Maimon, PhD, Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Georgia State University

Prof. Maimon explained how criminals are increasingly targeting US Postal Service blue collection boxes and residential mailboxes to steal filled-out checks. He said the thieves sell the stolen checks via social media platforms, then buyers alter the payee and amount on the checks to rob victims' bank accounts of thousands of dollars. He recommends that consumers only hand mail directly to a clerk at a US Post Office, or use other methods to send payments.

Issues covered:
Crime
Identity Theft
Government

Length: 9:09

Lori R. Sackler, Senior VP and family wealth advisor at Morgan Stanley, author of "*The M Word: The Money Talk Every Family Needs to Have about Wealth and Their Financial Future*"

Conversations about money remain taboo for most U.S. households. Ms. Sackler said a staggering 70 percent of families lose their money, assets, and family harmony in the aftermath of estate transfers. She explained how to successfully talk about money matters. She said many people make the same money mistakes that their parents made.

Issues covered:
Retirement Planning
Aging

Length: 5:05

Show # 2023-29

Date aired: 7/16/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

Pam Baker, freelance journalist who focuses on emerging tech topics like artificial intelligence, data analytics, and edge computing, author of “*ChatGPT For Dummies*”

ChatGPT has garnered an amazing amount of attention in just a few months. Ms. Baker explained how the rise of artificial intelligence has already begun affecting our daily lives. She talked about the importance of learning to use AI in the workplace, and why learning how to prompt AI is both the easy part and the most difficult part of using it.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:05

**Artificial Intelligence
Education
Career**

Ruchi S. Gupta, MD, MPH, board-certified pediatrician and health researcher, Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Clinical Attending at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, founding director of the Center for Food Allergy & Asthma Research

Dr. Gupta led a groundbreaking study of allergies in adults and found the prevalence of food allergy is highest among black, Hispanic and Asian individuals across all ages. She also found that food allergy is lowest among households earning more than \$150,000 a year. She talked about potential reasons for these findings and the importance of getting a proper diagnosis.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:23

**Food Allergies
Minority Concerns**

Greg Keoleian, Director of the Center for Sustainable Systems at the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability

Environmentally-conscious consumers have probably heard that today’s highly efficient dishwashers use less energy and water than traditional hand-washing techniques. However, Prof. Keoleian led a study that found that one manual washing technique--the two-basin method, in which dishes are soaked and scrubbed in hot water and then rinsed in cold water--that is associated with fewer greenhouse gas emissions than machine dishwashing. He offered numerous energy-saving tips related to the task of washing dishes.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:03

**Environment
Energy
Consumer Matters**

Show # 2023-30

Date aired: 7/23/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

Haywood Talcove, CEO of LexisNexis Risk Solutions' Government Group, a multinational information and analytics company based in Atlanta

Mr. Talcove outlined a frightening new wave of scams: next-gen thieves are utilizing sophisticated new artificial intelligence tools to steal millions of dollars from consumers. He discussed the use of AI-generated voices--that criminals can now clone from social media profiles--to easily con parents or grandparents out of significant sums of money. He said the schemes are almost impossible to detect, but he suggested three steps every family should take to defend themselves

Issues covered:

Length: 8:49

Crime
Identity Theft
Technology

F. Perry Wilson, MD, MSCE, Associate Professor of Medicine, Director, Clinical and Translational Research Accelerator at the Yale University School of Medicine, author of "*How Medicine Works and When It Doesn't.*"

Dr. Wilson explained how and why the doctor-patient relationship has eroded in recent years. He believes that profit-driven companies—from big pharma to healthcare corporations—have corrupted what should have been medicine's golden age. He offered several potential solutions to restore trust between patients and doctors.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:15

Personal Health

Morag MacKay, Director of Research, Safe Kids Worldwide

Ms. MacKay said that an American child is killed every five days in a train collision, a preventable tragedy that most parents overlook. She outlined the most common scenarios for these incidents and explained how parents can teach their children to avoid dangerous situations with trains.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:06

Railroad Safety
Child Safety
Parenting

Show # 2023-31

Date aired: 7/30/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

Kate W. Bauer, PhD MS, Associate Professor of Nutritional Sciences, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Prof. Bauer recently led a study that compared beverage consumption in low-income households that utilize taxpayer-funded food assistance programs. She found that families that used just one of the programs were in the normal range, but those that participated in both the Supplementation Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), consumed high amounts of sugar-sweetened beverages. She explained why this is a concern.

Issues covered:

**Government Food Assistance
Poverty
Nutrition**

Length: 8:00

Patrick Olsen, Editor-in-Chief, CarFax

More than 2.5 million vehicles that have been issued a “Do Not Drive” or “Park Outside” safety recall remain unrepaired, Carfax data shows. Mr. Olsen talked about the most common reasons behind these serious recalls, and why consumers fail to take their cars to dealers to get the issue taken care of. He also explained how someone can check to see if their car is on a recall list.

Issues covered:

**Auto Recalls
Consumer Matters
Transportation**

Length: 9:22

Rachel Neale, PhD, Professor, Group Leader, Deputy Coordinator of the Population Health Department at QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute in Brisbane, Australia

Dr. Neale led a study that examined whether monthly vitamin D supplementation for older adults can prevent major cardiovascular events. She found that vitamin D did result in a small reduction for patients who were already at risk of a heart attack, and she believes further research is needed to better understand the link.

Issues covered:

**Personal Health
Nutrition**

Length: 4:58

Show # 2023-32

Date aired: 8/6/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

Bacall Hincks, Family Advocate and Program Coordinator at Children's Service Society of Utah

More than one million American children now live with grandparents, primarily because of their parent's addiction to opioids and other drugs. Ms. Hincks said this growing trend is causing grandparents to put off retirement and plow through savings to rescue their grandchildren from dangerous situations. She discussed how these difficult experiences can negatively affect children's mental and physical health.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:17

Parenting

Substance Abuse

Foster Care

Retirement

Maryanne Wolf, PhD, Professor of Child Development and Director of the Center for Reading and Language Research at Tufts University, author of *"Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital World"*

Prof. Wolf discussed the latest research into the human brain as we become increasingly dependent on digital technologies, rather than the printed word. She expressed concerns for both children's and adults' ability to "deep read," as the brain is literally rewired by huge amounts of short bursts of information. She offered suggestions for how the nation's education system needs to adapt.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:04

Literacy

Education

Technology

David Michael Slater, teacher, author of *"We're Doing It Wrong: 25 Ideas in Education That Just Don't Work—And How to Fix Them"*

Mr. Slater explained why he believes that many current approaches in education simply aren't working—for students, for teachers, and for society at-large. He explained how teacher evaluations could be improved and why anti-bullying programs in schools don't work.

Issues covered:

Length: 4:50

Education

Show # 2023-33

Date aired: 8/13/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

Paul Pilibosian, a Houston attorney specializing in real estate law

It is a pattern being played out in many cities in the United States: squatters move into a home, refuse to leave, and homeowners have few options to evict them. Mr. Pilibosian explained why this trend is on the rise and what homeowners should do to try to discourage squatters from moving into a house in the first place.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:50

Crime

Home Ownership

Legal Issues

Anupam Bapu Jena, MD, PhD, Joseph P. Newhouse Professor at Harvard Medical School, physician at Massachusetts General Hospital, co-author of *“Random Acts of Medicine: The Hidden Forces That Sway Doctors, Impact Patients, and Shape Our Health”*

Dr. Jena explained how unexpected—but often predictable—events can profoundly affect our health. He offered several examples of how randomness affects medical decisions and treatment options. He said a healthy diet and exercise are the wisest choices to lead a healthy life.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:16

Personal Health

Sophie Kjærviik, doctoral candidate in communication at Ohio State University

Firearms contribute to the deaths of more children ages 1-17 years in the U.S. than any other type of injury or illness. While much of that total is gang-related teen shootings, sometimes younger deaths are tragic accidents after a child finds an unsecured gun. Ms. Kjærviik was the co-author of a recent study that found that a simple 60 second video on gun safety made a significant difference in whether kids ages 8 to 12 played with a found gun.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:04_

Gun Safety

Parenting

Show # 2023-34

Date aired: 8/20/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

Karl Brauer, Executive Analyst at ISeeCars.com

The pain of inflation has hit every consumer's pocketbook in the past couple of years, but perhaps the impact has been greatest in the car buying market. Mr. Brauer shared research that found that while the value of used electric vehicles has been plummeting in 2023 (and the trend is accelerating), the price of used cars in general has jumped 47% since 2019. He added that more than half of today's used cars also have 20% or more miles than they did three years ago.

Issues covered:
Consumer Matters
Transportation

Length: 9:01

LeRoy Hood, MD, PhD, biologist who has served on the faculties at the California Institute of Technology and the University of Washington, developed ground-breaking scientific instruments which made possible major advances in the biological and medical sciences, author of "*The Age of Scientific Wellness*"

Dr. Hood discussed the reasons that medicine is undergoing a major transformation from a reactive, hit-or-miss approach to a personalized, predictive, data-rich, and preventive one. He calls this new form of care "scientific wellness", which uses information from our blood and genes, as well as AI, to optimize our health and extend our "healthspan." He believes this new technology can eventually conquer heart disease, Alzheimer's disease and many other illnesses, with noticeable progress within five years.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Technology

Length: 8:15

Tobias Rose-Stockwell, author of "*Outrage Machine: How Tech Amplifies Discontent, Disrupts Democracy—And What We Can Do About It*"

The original internet was not designed to make us upset, distracted, confused, and outraged. But Mr. Tobias explained why something unexpected happened at the turn of the last decade, when a handful of small features were quietly launched at social media companies with little fanfare. Together, they triggered a cascading set of dramatic changes to how media, politics, and society itself operate. He explained what needs to happen to find a promising pathway back to a healthier online environment.

Issues covered:
Social Media
Mental Health

Length: 5:14

Show # 2023-35

Date aired: 8/27/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

Anna Mills, textbook author, English instructor at the College of Marin, member of a joint Artificial Intelligence task force with the Modern Language Association and College Conference on Composition and Communication

AI chatbots have triggered a panic among educators, who are flooding listservs, webinars and professional conferences to figure out how to deal with the technology in this new academic year. Ms. Mills explained why many professors are expecting chaos. She said few universities are offering clear guidelines for teachers or students. She also talked about the difficulty of detecting AI-generated cheating.

Issues covered:
Higher Education
Artificial Intelligence

Length: 7:50

J. Scott Roberts, PhD, Professor in Health Behavior and Health Education at the University of Michigan, Associate Director of a poll from the University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation

Prof. Roberts led a poll of people age 65 to 80 and found that while 80% adults see the benefit of tests that can give an early warning of memory and thinking decline, 80% of older adults said they haven't had a cognitive test in the past year to look for early signs of dementia, and 59% reported never having had such a screening. He said the poll also found very low awareness of blood tests that can help detect Alzheimer's disease.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Technology

Length: 9:17

Peter Clark, Applied Forest Ecologist at the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont

The US Forest Service has been given taxpayer funding to plant more than a billion trees across the country in the next nine years. Prof. Clark's research found a troubling bottleneck that could threaten these efforts: U.S. tree nurseries don't grow nearly enough trees—nor have the species diversity needed—to meet the unprecedented plans. He talked about the reasons behind the problem and what can be done to remedy it.

Issues covered:
Environment
Government

Length: 5:13

Show # 2023-36

Date aired: 9/3/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

ChatGPT, an artificial-intelligence (AI) chatbot

ChatGPT was launched as an artificial intelligence prototype on November 30, 2022, quickly gaining much attention for its detailed responses and articulate answers across many topics. It explained how was it trained and learns, and what its biggest weakness are. It acknowledged that the concerns about potential biases in its answers are legitimate. It also outlined the top 5 human endeavors in which it anticipates making the biggest impact.

Issues covered:
Artificial Intelligence
Technology
Employment

Length: 9:29

Andrew Houtenville, PhD, Professor of Economics at the University of Hampshire, Research Director of the UNH Institute on Disability

Prof. Houtenville discussed recent findings from the National Trends in Disability Employment report, issued semi-monthly by Kessler Foundation and the University of New Hampshire. He explained what is driving historic highs in employment of people with disabilities, and why disabled employment has outstripped the non-disabled since the start of pandemic lockdowns.

Issues covered:
Disabilities
Employment

Length: 7:59

Erin Dooley, PhD, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health

Prof. Dooley was the lead researcher of a study that measured the number of daily steps that may make a difference in the risk of heart problems in senior citizens. Her study of people ages 70 and older found walking an additional 500 steps per day, or an additional quarter mile of walking, was associated with a 14% lower risk of heart disease, stroke or heart failure.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Senior Citizens

Length: 5:06

Show # 2023-37

Date aired: 9/10/23 Time Aired: 5:05am_

Erica Eversman, President of the Automotive Education and Policy Institute in Akron, OH

Drivers are looking for ways to save money on auto insurance as premiums rise rapidly. Ms. Eversman explained a new offering from some insurance companies: usage-based car insurance programs, where the insured agrees to share detailed data about their driving habits with their insurer via a phone app or an in-vehicle device. She said the data does permit insurance companies to evaluate risk better and better match the price of the insurance for the risk, but at a steep cost to consumers' privacy and legal rights.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:55

Consumer Matters

Auto Insurance

Legal Matters

Caroline Leaf, PhD, clinical and cognitive neuroscientist, author of "*How to Help Your Child Clean Up Their Mental Mess*"

Increasingly, children ages 3-10 are struggling with anxiety, depression, and mental health challenges. Dr. Leaf discussed the factors behind this trend and warning signs that parents should watch for. She said if left unaddressed, childhood mental health problems often follow kids into their teens and adulthood.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:15

Child Mental Health

Parenting

Edgar Dworsky, Founder & Editor of ConsumerWorld.com

Grocery costs for Americans have skyrocketed in the past two years. Mr. Dworsky discussed the subtle trend of "shrinkflation," in which many manufacturers shrink their packaging, rather than raising prices. He explained what products most commonly are affected, and ways that consumers can protect themselves against the tricky practice.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:01

Consumer Matters

Show # 2023-38

Date aired: 9/17/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

Ryan P. Burge, PhD, sociologist, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Eastern Illinois University, co-author of *"The Great Dechurching: Who's Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to Bring Them Back?"*

The largest and fastest religious shift in US history is in progress. Prof. Burge co-authored a comprehensive study to learn who is leaving organized religion and why. He said the most common reason people stopped attending church was because they moved, and that lower-income people with a high school education or less are the most likely to leave. He also talked about societal effects when faith-based community services such as food banks, after-school programs and prison ministries disappear.

Issues covered:
Religion

Length: 9:22

Chris Carosa, MBA, Certified Trust & Financial Advisor, Senior Contributor to Forbes.com, author of *"Hey! What's My Number: How to Improve the Odds You Will Retire in Comfort"*

A recent New York Life survey found that Americans believe they need \$4.3 million stashed away to retire comfortably. Unfortunately, the average person has around \$135,000 saved. Mr. Carosa explained how to determine how much money will really be needed for a comfortable retirement, along with simple steps to get there.

Issues covered:
Retirement Planning
Personal Finance

Length: 8:03

Kevin Fiscella, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community & Preventive Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry

Dr. Fiscella discussed his groundbreaking research that found that the lives of nearly 8,000 black Americans could be saved each year if doctors could figure out a way to bring their average blood pressure down to the average level of whites. He talked about the reasons behind the gap between the races in controlling blood pressure, and the possible ways to reduce it.

Issues covered:
Personal Health
Minority Concerns

Length: 4:50

Show # 2023-39

Date aired: 9/24/23 Time Aired: 5:05am

Diane Mullins, founder of Deborah's Voice, a national non-profit women's advocacy organization

Pastor Mullins said that child trafficking has become the 2nd largest criminal activity in the world behind illegal drug sales. She said most Americans are unaware of the existence of human trafficking and forced prostitution in their own towns, but it is surprisingly prevalent – not just on dimly lit street corners, but at music concerts, VIP dinners, and sporting events. She talked about techniques used by human traffickers to select their victims.

Issues covered:
Human Trafficking
Women's Issues
Crime

Length: 7:26

Dawn Graham, PhD, psychologist, employment and career expert, Director of Career Management for the Executive MBA Program at The Wharton School, author of "*Switchers: How Smart Professionals Change Careers -- and Seize Success*"

Dr. Graham offered job search advice, particularly for those in middle age who are considering career changes. She said a job search in a new field or occupation requires much more work than a typical job search. She offered suggestions on how to tailor a resume to sidestep age biases and other potential hurdles.

Issues covered:
Career
Aging

Length: 9:45_

Susie Vanderlip, teen counselor, author of "*52 Ways to Protect Your Teen*"

Ms. Vanderlip has conducted school assemblies for more than 1 million teens and adults, aimed at helping youth make wise choices and seek help. She talked about the motivations of today's teenagers and why parents may be fearful of their kids. She offered tips to improve communication in a parent/teen relationship.

Issues covered:
Youth at Risk
Parenting Issues
Drug Abuse

Length: 4:54

Sunrise Side Today

3rd Quarter: July-September 2023

5:30am WQLB 103.3FM & WKJZ 94.9FM

6:15am WTZM 106.1FM

12:30pm WKJC 104.7FM

3:15pm WIOS 1480AM & 106.9FM

5 Minutes Per Show

-Monday, July 3rd- **Samantha Duvall**, Director of the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce, with information on the activities scheduled for the Fourth of July Holiday in the Tawas

-Tuesday, July 4th- **Jill Gonzalez**, Marketing Director with Wallet Hub Dot Com, with information including statistics on spending during the Fourth of July Holiday in Michigan and across the country

-Wednesday, July 5th- **Jessica Guoan**, Director of the Iosco County Humane Society, with information on the dogs and cats, kittens and puppies available for adoption at the Animal Shelter

-Thursday, July 6th- **Melissa Hager**, comedian and host of The Comedy Series, with information on their upcoming Comedy Night presentation at the Tawas Bay Beach Resort

-Friday, July 7th- **Ron Whitney**, Service Officer of the Iosco County Veterans Affairs Agency, with information on the upcoming series of Information Sessions open to Veterans and their families

-Monday, July 10th- **Lynn Bigelow**, Director of the Iosco Arenac District Library, with information on their ongoing Summer Reading Program presentations at the library branches

-Tuesday, July 11th- **Bill Erickson** and James Erickson of the Tawas Area Kinights of Columbus, with information on their hosting of the upcoming Red Cross Tawas Community Blood Drive

-Wednesday, July 12th- **Carol Kushion**, Director of the Tawas Bay Artists Association, with information on their upcoming Open House and Pets On the Porch at the Tawas Bay Art Gallery

-Thursday, July 13th- **Terry Bovee**, General Manager of Alwards Market in Hale, with information on the family's 75th Anniversary Party, store history, services offered and future plans

-Friday, July 14th- **Donna Thompson**, Director of the Clare County Fair Board, with information on the Grandstand events and daily attractions scheduled for the Fair in Harrison

-Tuesday, July 18th- **Jessica Guoan**, Director of the Iosco County Humane Society, with information on the dogs and cats, kittens and puppies available for adoption at the Animal Shelter

-Wednesday, July 19th- **Dale Willet** and Brian Loeffler, of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, with information on the upcoming two day Hunter Safety Course in Tawas

-Thursday, July 20th- **June Hudgins**, director of the Tawas Bay Players, with information on their upcoming production of the comedy “Run For Your Wife” and upcoming Summer schedule

-Friday, July 21st- **Sue Miller**, Director of the Shoreline Players of Oscoda, with information on the Youth Drama Association’s production of “Spy Games” at the Theater

-Monday, July 24th- **Justin Griffith**, Board member for the Consumers Energy AuSable River Canoe Marathon, with information on the upcoming Dash For Cash fundraiser in Oscoda

-Tuesday, July 25th- **Jan Baederstadt**, Bishop of the Anglican Church and President of the Tawas Area Ministerial Association with information on their upcoming Totally Divine Golf Scramble fundraiser

-Wednesday, July 26th- **Tom Nixon**, President of the AuGres Cruisers Car Club, with information on their upcoming AuGres Classic Car Cruise and Classic Car Show Weekend

-Thursday, July 27th- **Ryan Ladley**, of the Friends of the East Tawas Library, with information on their upcoming “Tawas Uncork’d and Untapp’d Wine, Ale and Food Festival Fundraiser

-Friday, July 28th- **Kathy Erickson**, Co-Chairperson of the Consumers Energy AuSable River Canoe Marathon, with information on the 75th annual event, record registrations and course records

-Monday, July 31st- **Marge Ellenburger**, Director of the Michigan Lighthouse Association, with information on the upcoming Michigan Lighthouse Appreciation Weekend in Alpena

-Tuesday, August 1st- **Michael Jacot**, actor and writer with the Tawas Bay Players, with information on their upcoming Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at the Knight of Columbus Hall

-Wednesday, August 2nd- **Ryan Ladley**, of the Friends of the East Tawas Library, with information on their upcoming Tawas Uncorked & Untapped Wine, Ale and Food Festival Fundraiser

-Thursday, August 3rd- **Bill Bickel**, of the Oscoda American Legion, with information on their upcoming Car Show Weekend Fundraiser for the Oscoda Veterans Memorial Park at the former Air Force Base

-Friday, August 4th- **Bill Bickel**, of the Oscoda American Legion, with information on the other events that are a part of the fundraiser for the Oscoda Veterans Memorial Park in Oscoda

Monday, August 7th- **Jessica Guoan**, Director of the Iosco County Humane Society, with information on the dogs and cats, kittens and puppies available for adoption at the Animal Shelter

-Tuesday, August 8th- **Gina Kolevar**, coordinator of Whittemore Heritage Days, with information on the events taking place including the Gene Ott Memorial Race at the Whittemore Speedway

-Wednesday, August 9th- **Nick Failla**, founder and coordinator of the annual Sunrise Side Music Festival, with information on the musical acts appearing at the event at Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln

-Thursday, August 10th- **Rick Ruth**, president of the Northeast Michigan Rocket Association, with information on their monthly rocket launches and fundraiser for the Oscoda Rotary Club

-Friday, August 11th- Members of the country music group **Boomtown Saints**, with information on their history, musical style, and performance time at the annual Sunrise Side Music Festival

-Monday, August 14th- **Rick Middleton**, owner of Wolverine Promotions, with information on their upcoming fundraising concert with Buddy Jewell for the Iosco County Firefighters Association

-Tuesday, August 15th- **Megan Hewitt**, of the Standish Area Chamber of Commerce, with information on their upcoming annual Standish Strong Arts & Crafts Show in downtown Standish

-Wednesday, August 16th- **Dave Lesinski**, President of the Tawas Area Knights of Columbus, with information on their upcoming dinner and dance featuring the group Kountry Klass

-Thursday, August 17th- **Christopher Martin**, Director of Develop Iosco and Region 7B, with information on the merging of the two agencies and upcoming projects for Iosco County

-Friday, August 18th- **Bob Colby**, President of the congregation at Saint John's Lutheran Church in Au Gres, with information on their special service, potluck dinner and carnival for the kids

-Monday, August 21st- **Arleen Wood**, of the Iosco Arenac District Library, with information on the upcoming free concert featuring classical guitarist Peter Fletcher at the Tawas Bay Playhouse

-Tuesday, August 22nd- **Sue Miller**, Director of the Shoreline Players of Oscoda, with information on their upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration Gala weekend Friday and Saturday

-Wednesday, August 23rd- **Captain Matt Gibas**, Captain of The Appledore Four Schooner, with information on how he became a captain and tours this weekend on Tawas Bay

-Thursday, August 24th- **Ken Murphy**, Director of the Tawas Bay Blues Society, with information on the acts appearing at the annual Tawas Blues By The Bay Weekend in East Tawas

-Friday, August 25th- **Jane Illig** and Sara Lessen of the Ogemaw County Conservation District, with information on the upcoming Outdoor Extravaganza featuring canoeing, hiking, programs and more

-Monday, August 28th- **Samantha Duvall**, Executive Director of the Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce, with information on the upcoming annual Labor Day Arts and Crafts Show

-Tuesday, August 29th- **Jean Evans**, of the Oscoda County Area Chamber of Commerce, with information on the events at their upcoming Annual Luzerne End of Summer Bash Weekend

-Wednesday, August 30th- **Ed Crainer**, President of the congregation of the Judson Baptist Church in Prescott, with information on their Deer Blind Raffle Bake Sale for the Girls and Boys Clubs

-Thursday, August 31st- **Jessica Guoan**, Director of the Iosco County Humane Society, with information on the dogs and cats, kittens and puppies available for adoption at the Animal Shelter

-Friday, September 1st- **George Bolger**, president of the Glennie Lions Club, with information on their Annual Gun Raffle Fundraiser going on through November 25th in Glennie

-Monday, September 4th- Bill and **James Erickson** of the Tawas Area Knights of Columbus, with information on their ongoing Calendar Raffle fundraiser and upcoming dinner

-Tuesday, September 5th- Michigan Author **Landon Beach**, with information on his new book “Blue Hour Sanction” as well as where the book can be purchased and background information on him

-Wednesday, September 6th- Michigan Author **Landon Beach**, with information on his new book “Blue Hour Sanction” as well as where the book can be purchased and background information on him Part 2

-Thursday, September 7th- **Dennis Locke**, President of the Whittemore Area Chamber of Commerce, with information on their upcoming Gun and Knife Show Fundraiser at the Chamber Hall

-Friday, September 8th- **Ed Crainer**, President of the congregation of the Judson Baptist Church in Prescott, with information on their Education Appreciation Sunday for teachers and students

-Monday, September 11th- **Jessica Guoan**, Director of the Iosco County Humane Society, with information on the dogs and cats, kittens and puppies available for adoption at the Animal Shelter

-Tuesday, September 12th- **James Erickson** and Bill Erickson, of the Tawas Area Knights of Columbus with information on their sponsorship of the American Red Cross Blood Drive

-Wednesday, September 13th- **Ron Whitney**, Veterans Services Officer for Iosco County, with information on their upcoming Veterans Breakfast and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new office

-Thursday, September 14th- **George Samra**, new Director of the Oscoda AuSable Chamber of Commerce, with information on the upcoming Paul Bunyan Days Weekend at Furtaw Field

-Friday, September 15th- **Cathy Wusterbarth**, President of the Action Group NOW: Need Our Water Oscoda, with information on the showing of the PFAS documentary “No Defense”

-Monday, September 18th- **Christopher Martin**, Director of Develop Iosco and Region 7B Consortium, with information on the meeting recently held and the upcoming Broadband Survey

-Tuesday, September 19th- **Diane Teddy**, Director of the Thunder Bay Folk Fest, with information on the three day Folk Music Festival, Arts & Crafts Show and more in Alpena

-Wednesday, September 20th- **Annette Baarallen**, Director of the Alpena Fiber Festival, with information on the vendors, crafters, programs, presentations and classes to be held this weekend

-Thursday, September 21st- **Cathy Wusterbarth**, President of the Action Group NOW: Need Our Water Oscoda, with information on the ongoing PFAS Testing by the state of Oscoda residents

-Friday, September 22nd- **Cathy Wusterbarth**, President of the Action Group NOW: Need Our Water Oscoda, with information on the ongoing PFAS Testing by the state of Oscoda residents Part 2

-Monday, September 25th- Doctor **Marvin Pichla**, President of Alpena Community College Oscoda Campus, with information on the upcoming ACC Talks on the topic of Artificial Intelligence

-Tuesday, September 26th- **Sara Perrault**, Senior Editor of the 2024 Old Farmers Almanac, with information on the articles, history and weather forecast for Northeast Michigan in the latest edition

-Wednesday, September 27th- **Amy Coron**, Director of the Atlanta Area Chamber of Commerce, with information on the events scheduled for the Annual Elk Fest Weekend in Atlanta

-Thursday, September 28th- **Debbie Thomas**, President of the Rose City Lions Club, with information on their organization and upcoming annual Dinner and Raffle Fundraising Event

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July 3 – State Representative Mike Hoadley – 3:22 Mike talked about the budget process in Lansing, reminded listeners and visitors about the new Michigan law regarding using hands-free devices while driving. No driver

July 6 – Kim Margherio, Rogers City MainStreet – 4:21 – Kim invited the public to the upcoming fundraiser, “Candlelight Concert”. The concert will be held Saturday night at the Purple Martin Inn. There will be hors d’oeuvres and live music with violinist Carrie Caruso. Tickets are available and proceeds benefit Rogers City Main Street.

July 7 – Angie LaLonde, Assistant Manager, Woodworker’s Shoppe – 4:01 Angie talked about the history, and future of the Woodworker’s Shoppe in Comins in our Business Profile of the week. She also talked about the products and services offered by the locally owned business.

July 10 – Clint Kendiorski, Thunder Bay Arts Council – 3:55 – Clint invited everyone to the upcoming Art on the Bay at Bayview Park in Alpena. The largest arts & crafts show is part of the Brown Trout Festival, admission is free. There will be lots of artists, crafters, vendors, food and beverages.

July 11– Melissa Hagar, Greta Van Fleet Album Pre-Release Party – 3:44 – Melissa invited everyone to the party to celebrate the upcoming album release for their new album, “Catch A Star”. There will be special merchandise, live music, games, prizes and more.

July 12– Stephanie Gandulla, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary – 3:02 – Stephanie talked about the “Ben Franklin” in our Shipwreck Story! The history of the ship, and it’s sinking in Thunder Bay. She also reminded listeners to see pictures, video and more on the sanctuary’s website of the 99 ships that have been found in Lake Huron.

July 13 – Dave Alpere, Tawas Blues By The Bay – 4:22 – Dave let everyone know that the 21st annual Blues by the Bay festival will be held at Harbor Park in East Tawas the last weekend of August. He talked about the 9 bands who will be playing and details of the upcoming festival.

July 14 – Terry Bovie, Owner, Alwards Market, Hale – 2:55 – Terry invited the public to his upcoming 75th anniversary of the store. There will be live music, food, and fun. It’s free and open to everyone to come help the store celebrate.

July 17– Lynne Bigelow, Child & Teen Services Coordinator, Iosco Arenac District Library – 4:33 – Lynne invited everyone to the 2nd half of their summer reading program. The Theme is “All Together Now”. There will be free programs including magicians, musicians, Nerf games, and much more. All programs are free and open to everyone.

July 18 – Stephanie Gandulla, Thunder bay National Marine Sanctuary – 4:01 – Stephanie invited everyone to the upcoming Maritime Festival of Sail. A 3 day festival including science research vessels, tall ships, live music, the world’s largest rubber duck, crafts and ROV demonstrations, food, beverages and more. Admission to the festival is free and open to everyone.

July 18 – Shelly Gibbs, Friends Together, Alpena – 3:18 – Shelly invited everyone to the upcoming Pig Roast dinner. It’s a fundraiser for Friends Together, a non-profit cancer support group which covers all of northeast Michigan. All programs and services are free to cancer patients and their families. All proceeds from the pig roast dinner will be used to help cancer patients with transportation, wigs, support groups, rides to appointments and more.

July 19 – Brendan O’Dell, Park Ranger, Lumberman’s Monument Visitor’s Center in Oscoda. 4:38 – Brendan talked about the visitor’s center, which includes interpretive displays showing the logging area of the 1800’s. Brendan also invited the public to the upcoming presentation focusing on different needs of different trees, and why it’s important for a healthy forest.

July 20 – Sue Miller, Shoreline Players Community Theater – Sue invited the public to the Youth Drama’s Association’s production of “The Spy Game”. There will only be 2 performances of the show, so Sue encouraged everyone to get their tickets and support youth theater.

July 21 – Marge Ellenberger – Director, MI Lighthouse Festival – 4:34 – Marge talked about the upcoming Michigan Lighthouse Festival. Events will be held throughout the state, but locally, events will be held at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena and the Presque Isle Lighthouse. With live music, guest speakers, a sunset cruise to a lighthouse and more. A schedule and tickets are available online.

July 24 – Justin Griffiths, AuSable River Canoe Marathon – 4:01 – Justin invited everyone to the upcoming annual Dash for Cash. It’s a sprint race open to all of those who will be taking part in the annual AuSable River Canoe Marathon. New this year will be paddlers from Oscoda & Tawas High schools to earn money for sports programs. Everyone is encouraged to cheer on the paddlers and enjoy the action.

July 25 – Cathy Erickson, Co-Chair AuSable River Canoe Marathon – 4:29 – Cathy invited everyone to the Dash for Cash this evening and she invited the public to the upcoming annual Consumer’s Energy AuSable River Canoe Marathon this weekend. The race will begin in Grayling on Saturday night, and end Sunday in Oscoda.

July 26 – Robin Savage, Librarian, Robert J Parks Library – 3:22 – Robin invited all families to the 3rd annual Family Fun Day. Starting at noon, there will be lots of activities for families including an ice cream bar, tug o’ war with local police officers, carnival games and more. It’s free and open to everyone.

July 27 - Ryan Matthews, Statistician, AuSable River Canoe Marathon – 5:03 – Ryan talked about the history of the marathon, and talked about statistics for the upcoming race. 120 miles of continuous paddling overnight from Grayling, Michigan to Oscoda Michigan. He talked about this year’s entries including a record number of rookies and women’s teams and a record number of teams.

July 28 – Cathy Erickson, Co-Chair AuSable River Canoe Marathon – 3:23 Cathy reminded listeners about the upcoming marathon and new events, including the Rivalry on the River at the dash for cash, a canoe sprint race between rival high school teams. Also, the new ARC 120. This is an event so that those who want to try to the marathon, but don’t have a racing canoe can challenge themselves with any watercraft.

July 31 – June Hudgens, Tawas Bay Players, - 3:44 – June invited everyone to the upcoming comedy, “Run For Your Wife”. The show will be on the stage this Friday through Sunday and next Thursday through Sunday. Tickets and more information are available online. She also reminded listeners that the theater can always use more volunteers and information about volunteering is also available online.

August 1 – Marge Ellenberger – Director, MI Lighthouse Festival – 4:34 – Marge talked about the upcoming Michigan Lighthouse Festival. Events will be held throughout the state, but locally, events will be held at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena and the Presque Isle Lighthouse. With live music, guest speakers, a sunset cruise to a lighthouse and more. A schedule and tickets are available online.

August 2 – Ryan Ladley, Friends of East Tawas Library – 4:22 – Ryan invited everyone to the upcoming “Tawas Uncorked” wine, ale & food festival. The 14th annual festival will be held at Harbor Park in East Tawas. A family friendly event, it will feature lots of Michigan wineries and food vendors. Admission is \$20 per person and proceeds benefit the Friends of the East Tawas Library.

August 3 - Kim Margherio, Co-chair, Nautical City Festival in Rogers City – 5:34 – Kim talked about all the events happening for the annual Nautical City Festival all week in Rogers City. With many events each day, including live music, arts & crafts, amusement

rides, community dances, 3 on 3 basketball tournaments, parades, films, and much more. Admission to events are free and open to everyone.

August 4 – Michael Jacot, Tawas Bay Players, - 4:01 – Michael invited everyone to the upcoming Murder Mystery dinner at the American Legion Post in East Tawas. “The Family Reunion Murder” will include dinner, beverages and the murder mystery to solve. All proceeds will benefit the Tawas Bay Players and American Legion Post.

August 7 – Brandon O’Dell, Visitor Information Assistant Lumberman’s Monument – 3:33 Brandon invited the public to Smokey Bear’s 79th birthday party celebration at the monument. Everyone is welcome for cake, ice cream, lots of kids activities and family fun. Free and open to everyone.

August 8 - Gina Kollivar, Whittemore Heritage Days – 4:01 – Gina invited everyone to the upcoming 2 day celebration for the whole family. With Kids Movie Night, arts & crafts show, Car & Bike Show, Whittemore Marketplace, farmer’s market, a food truck, live music and racing at Whittemore Speedway.

August 9 – Carol Kushion, Tawas Bay Art Gallery – 3:45 – Carol invited everyone to the upcoming Fine Art Festival. The 60th annual Fine Art Festival will be held at Shoreline Park in Tawas City. There is no admission charge and there will be a number of juried artists on display. There will also be food and beverages available for purchase.

August 10 – Kurt Cunningham, Singer, The Screaming Cassanovas. 3:45 – Kurt invited everyone to come out to Shoreline Park in Tawas City for a free concert with the band. He talked about the history of the band and their music and invited everyone to the free concert.

August 11 – Sandy Handrich, Heritage Days & Logging Expo – 3:56 – Sandy invited everyone to the 10th annual festival at the Oscoda County Fairgrounds in Mio. The Festival includes a logging competition, lots of kids activities, bike rodeo, wrestling, bounce houses, vendors, bake sale, petting zoo and more. Admission is free and open to everyone.

August 14 – Michael Jacot, Tawas Bay Players, 3:22 – Michael invited everyone to upcoming auditions at the Playhouse in East Tawas. Auditions are for the upcoming comedy production of “It’s My Wedding, Dear Grandpa”. They need 5 men and 7 women in all ages from young to senior citizens, and 2 women who can play musical instruments. For more information or an audition packet, log on to tawas bay players dot com.

August 15 - Kim Schultz, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary – 3:02 – Kim invited everyone to the upcoming Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting. The council is a group

of individuals who advise the government about the programs and projects at the sanctuary.

August 16 – Dave Alperer and Ken Murphy, Blues By The Bay Tawas – 4:33 – Dave and Ken talked about this year’s annual “Blues by the Bay” festival coming up in August. Admission Buttons are available now at businesses in the area. There will be 9 bands over 3 days, and food, beverages and merchandise will be available.

August 17 – Jodi Bishop, Coordinator, Art in the Park – 4:23 – Jodi invited everyone to the upcoming arts & crafts show at McRae Park in Alpena. From 9 until 4, there will be vendors, artists, crafters, concessions, face painting, kids crafts, and more. Admission is free for the 2nd annual event, and proceeds benefit the Sunrise Mission, the local homeless shelter.

August 18 – Dave Lesinski, Rushman Hall – 2:44 – Dave invited the public to a special show at the hall. The Country Klass band will be performing, and the show is free and open to everyone. An event to bring people together for dancing and fun! Food and beverages will be available and it’s open to all ages.

August 18 – Rocky Athas – Lead Singer, Rocky Athas Band – 4:55 – Rocky talked about his history in the music business and invited everyone to the upcoming Tawas Blues By The Bay festival. Rocky is actually a replacement for a band that could not make it due to Covid-19. Rocky’s band is made up of his son, and another father/son team.

August 21 – Captain Matt Gibas, Schooner Appledore IV 3:29 – Matt invited everyone to a special sunset cruise on the schooner Appledore IV which will be in port on Tawas Bay next weekend. 3 cruises will be available for the whole family. He also talked about the history of the ship, 2-masted schooner, 85 foot overall, and can set 52 people. He invited everyone to get tickets for the cruises.

August 22 – Arlene Wood, Community Liason Librarian, Iosco Arenac District Library – 3:01 – Arlene invited the public to a special musical performance with classical guitarist Peter Fletcher. Arlene invited everyone to come out to the Tawas Bay Playhouse for this free musical event.

August 23 – Dave Alperer and Ken Murphy, Blues By The Bay Tawas – 4:33 – Dave and Ken talked about this year’s annual “Blues by the Bay” festival coming up in August. Admission Buttons are available now at businesses in the area. There will be 9 bands over 3 days, and food, beverages and merchandise will be available.

August 24 – Sue Miller, Shoreline Players Theater – 3:25 – Sue talked about the upcoming Cabaret Under The Stars. The theater is celebrating it’s 50th anniversary this year and Sue invited everyone to the free Cabaret under the Stars, with around 20 performers, including comedy, music, dancing and more. And, Saturday night is the Grand Gala at the Theater, and everyone is welcome.

August 25 – Fr. Jim Sylar, St. Augustine Church, Hillman – 3:57 – Father Jim invited everyone to the upcoming Parish Festival. Everyone is welcome, to enjoy a taco lunch, kids and family activities. Games, horseback riding, bounce houses, face painting, live music and a silent and live auction, plus raffles. Proceeds will benefit the church to replace the roof on the church.

August 28 – Sam Duvall, Exec Director, Tawas Chamber of Commerce – 3:20 – Sam invited everyone to the upcoming Labor Day Arts & Crafts show at Shoreline Park in Tawas City. 32nd annual show will feature more than 120 artists and crafters. Admission is free, and food and beverages will be available. Everyone is welcome.

August 29 - Major Prezza Morrison, Salvation Army in Alpena – 4:01 – Major Morrison invited the community to an upcoming distribution day of underclothing for kids. The Salvation Army held a clothing drive for underclothing for kids of all ages and sizes, and the distribution days for that clothing will be held over 2 days at the Salvation Army in Alpena.

August 30 – Dave Alperre and Ken Murphy, Blues By The Bay Tawas – 4:33 – Dave and Ken talked about this year’s annual “Blues by the Bay” festival coming up in August. Admission Buttons are available now at businesses in the area. There will be 9 bands over 3 days, and food, beverages and merchandise will be available.

September 1 – Todd Poli, Manager, Northeastern Window & Door – Harrisville & Alpena – 4:04 – Todd talked about the history of the store, the products and services they offer, and plans for the future of Northeastern Window & Door in our local business profile.

September 5– Lee Fitzpatrick, Director Communications , Alpena Public Schools – Lee reminded parents that all schools are now offering free breakfast and lunch for all students, regardless of family income. He asked parents to be sure to fill out required paperwork so that the district can be reimbursed for the cost of the free meals.

September 6 - - Lee Fitzpatrick, Director Communications, Alpena Public schools – Lee invited all veterans and military to the upcoming football game at Wildcat Stadium in Alpena. It will be Veterans Appreciation Night at the stadium. All veterans will have special seating available, all veterans and active service military get into the game free of charge and there will be special gifts for veterans and military.

September 7 – Marv Pichla, President, Alpena Community College, Huron Shores Campus – 4:02 – Marv invited everyone to the upcoming series of programs. “Strengthening Your Workforce” which is a special series of classes to fill in educational gaps, including creative welding, medical ethics matter, computer capabilities and geographic information systems. Everyone is welcome to take the classes they want.

September 8 – Dennis Locke, President, Whittemore Chamber of Commerce – 3:25 – Dennis invited everyone to the upcoming Whittemore Chamber Gun & Knife show, sale and swap. There will be guns, knives, hunting accessories and more. Lunch will be available for purchase at the chamber, and admission is \$5 for adults, kids 12 and under are free. Proceeds will be used for community projects.

September 11 – Crystal Lesneski, PTO President, Holy Family School, East Tawas – 3:10. Crystal invited everyone to get their tickets for the school's upcoming Grand Raffle drawing. Tickets are available for \$100 each, only 999 will be sold and the grand prize is \$25 thousand dollars. The drawing will be held on October 6th and proceeds benefit the students and the school.

September 12 – Robin Savage, Volunteer, Alcona Humane Society – 4:32 – Robin invited all women to the upcoming Ladies Night Out to benefit the humane society. The event will be held at Maria Hall in Harrisville with music, dancing, wine, beer, raffle prizes, door prizes, fashion show and more. Tickets are available in advance for \$20 or at the door for \$25 which includes a drink ticket and unlimited hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds benefit the animals at the humane society.

September 13 – Diane Teddy, President, Thunder Bay Folk Festival – 3:45 – Diane invited everyone to the upcoming 3 day folk festival at the Antique Tractor Grounds on French Road in Alpena. The event will include more than 22 live bands on 2 stages, plus, open mic, food, beverages, music workshops, activities for kids and much more. Tickets and a full schedule are available online.

September 14 – Cathy Wusterbarth, NOW or Need Our Water – 3:46 – Cathy invited the public to the upcoming public informational meeting on PFAS contamination, and the debut of the new movie "No Defense". The film was created in Oscoda, and looks at the issue of the chemical contamination and the work being done to clean up the chemicals that leaked into the water from firefighting foam used by the military.

September 15 – George Samra, Executive Director, Oscoda AuSable Chamber of Commerce – 4:22 – George invited everyone to this weekend's Paul Bunyon Festival at Furtaw field in Oscoda. With lots of kids games, a chainsaw carving contest, food, vendors, live music and much more. Admission is a \$10 button for adults, kids are free.

September 18 – Stephanie Gandulla, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary – 4:23 – Stephanie invited everyone to the Sanctuary Lecture series tonight at 7:00. The topic will be "The Vampires of the Great Lakes", a presentation on Sea Lamprey and the work being done to eradicate them from the Great Lakes. It's free and open to everyone with a question and answer period to follow the presentation.

September 19 – Marv Pichla, President, Alpena Community College, Huron Shores Campus – 3:45 Marv invited everyone to the upcoming "ACC Talks" series. Each

quarter, the college invites professionals to talk about a different subject relating to business and this upcoming talk will focus on A.I. It's free and open to everyone.

September 20 –Annette Barlair, Northern Michigan Fiber Festival – 3:11 – Annette invited everyone to the 3rd annual Fiber Festival this weekend at the A Plex in Alpena. With lots of vendors, crafts, classes and more. Admission to the festival is free and everyone is welcome.

September 21 – Julie Neville, Women's Auxiliary, American Legion Post 422 in Hale – 3:56 – Julie invited everyone to the upcoming "Veteran Suicide Awareness Walk" in Hale. She talked about the latest statistics of veteran and active duty military suicide. The walk is \$25 per person and open to everyone. All proceeds benefit the Veteran Suicide Hotline.

September 22 – Melissa Hagar, Comedienne, 2:49 – Melissa invited everyone to a special comedy show this Friday and Saturday Night at Pine River Golf Club in Standish. With 2 professional comedians, and dinner and beverages will be available. All adults are welcome.

September 25 – Lee Fitzpatrick, Director Communications, Alpena Public schools – 3:22 – Lee talked about the new program "Eat on the Beat". Alpena public schools are teaming with local law enforcement and the United Way for northeast Michigan to supply breakfast and lunch for law enforcement officers who want to come have a meal with students at the schools. The United Way is taking donations to pay for the meals, and everyone is welcome to donate.

September 26 – Arlene Wood, Community Liason Librarian, Iosco Arenac District Library – 4:01 – Arlene invited everyone to a series of upcoming programs about the partial and full Eclipses. A partial eclipse will occur in October, a full eclipse in April of 2024. There will be 3 programs, with astronomers and a special kids program with storytelling and outer space crafts. All are free and open to everyone.

September 27 – Yvonne Malick, Oscoda Lions Club – 3:19 – Yvonne invited everyone to the upcoming Lions Arts & Crafts Show & Fall Festival at Oscoda High School Admission is \$1 for adults, kids are free. And all proceeds will benefit the Iosco County Animal Shelter. There will be more than 80 artists and crafters on site, plus a chainsaw carver, a farmer's market and more.

September 28 – Amy Coron, Secretary, Atlanta Chamber of Commerce – Amy invited everyone to the upcoming Elk Fest in Atlanta! 3 days of activities for the whole family. With food, vendors, bump & run, parades, cornhole tournament, beer tent, live music, pie & pizza eating contests, bounce houses, crafts, and much more. Admission is free to the festival, a \$5 button for adults is needed for the raffles and beer tent.

September 29 – Clint Kendiorski – Thunder Bay Arts Council – 4:02 – Clint invited everyone to the upcoming "Shades of Fall" festival in downtown Alpena and at

Michekewis Park in Alpena. Events include the scarecrow competition, the chili and chowder cook off, the Fall Harvest and Fossil Fest at the Besser museum and much more. All events are free and open to everyone.