

## Issues/Programs 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018

\*October and early November are specifically geared to the County, State and National election. WROI interviews both the Fulton County Republican and the Fulton County Democratic Chairpersons for information on their candidates and their expectations for the upcoming election.

\*December saw the Annual Downtown Christmas Parade with Santa Claus as the main attraction. WROI talked with Chamber and Downtown Parade Officials about the parade and Santa going to his house.

\*A dark morning in October brought a horrific accident at a school bus stop in the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation in a location close to Rochester. 4 school children (including 6-year old identical twins) were struck getting on the bus while crossing Highway 25. 3 died and the 4<sup>th</sup> has a long road to recover. The driver who struck the children says she simply did not realize it was a stopped school bus loading children. WROI followed the accident and accurately reported on the outcome. The driver has a February 2019 court date. WROI also followed up on the repercussions from the accident... Such as increased police protection, cameras on busses and changed bus routes for both Tippecanoe Valley Schools and the Rochester Schools. Legislation is also being introduced in the 2019 session of the Indiana State Legislature by our area Senator and

Representatives to assist in school bus safety. The incident also called into question the whole issue of Daylight Saving Time.

\*WROI actively promoted an open house to raise funds to restore the Times Theater in Downtown Rochester. We interviewed Theater Representatives and members of the Rochester Downtown Partnership. We discussed with those folks a proposed grant to raise Federal Funds for Downtown Façade Improvement. The Grant was approved in late December to the excitement of all concerned.

\*We interviewed Salvation Army Bell Ringers and the Salvation Army Major who oversees our area. Our broadcast went a long way to them having a record year!