

Blanchard River Broadcasting Company
WFIN-AM
Findlay, OH

Issues/Program Report for Q4 2023

WFIN makes an ongoing effort to serve the community of Findlay and the surrounding area. As part of this effort, WFIN has identified the most significant needs, problems and interests for our coverage area. This quarterly report documents the programming provided by WFIN in response to these identified community issues. Key areas and the issues addressed during this period are verified in the attached documentation. This list is not inclusive, but does represent primary focal areas.

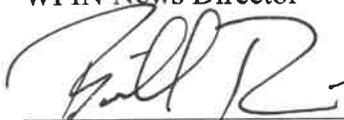
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- A Findlay City Schools bus was involved in a crash that injured some students
- An investigation was initiated into the Findlay First Edition program
- The YMCA announced that it would be building a new facility
- Two new overpasses opened over State Route 15 to improve safety

This letter with the attached documentation was placed in the WFIN Online Public Inspection File on January 10, 2024.



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News Broadcasts: 10/30

The Findlay Police Department has released the name of the person who was found dead inside a vehicle that had entered a retention pond. Police say it happened near 1020 Interstate Court at around 6:15 Saturday night. The first officers arrived on the scene as the vehicle sunk below the water approximately 30 yards from the bank. Witnesses advised they did not see anyone exit the vehicle.

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Findlay High School Head Principal, Meg Simon, was selected as one of Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan's distinguished young leaders in the 20 Under 40 ceremony held October 24, 2023 in Toledo. "I'm so honored to be representing Findlay City Schools, Findlay High School, and the Findlay community with this recognition," said Simon. "I am proud to call Findlay home. I'm grateful to be recognized for doing work I love and serving a community I love."

Subject: Trojans playoff pairing
News Broadcasts: 10/20

The Findlay Trojans football team finished the regular season with a dominating 48-0 win over Northview at Donnell Stadium Friday night. The Trojans finished the regular season with a record of 8-2. The Ohio High School Athletic Association on Sunday released the first round pairings for the playoffs.

Subject: Museum director leaving
News Broadcasts: 10/20

The Hancock Historical Museum's Board of Trustees announces that Sarah Sisser will step-down as Executive Director effective November 22nd as she begins her new position as Executive Director and

CEO of CreativeOhio. “We applaud Sarah for her leadership these past several years and thank her for her contributions, which have helped shape the Museum as we know it today. We are well-poised to attract an energetic successor who can continue to build on this success.” said Susan Harms, President of the Hancock Historical Museum’s Board of Trustees.

Subject: Dick Beckett passes away
News Broadcasts: 10/20

A man who was an important and influential leader in Findlay and Hancock County has passed away. Dr. C. Richard Beckett was a highly successful and well-respected veterinarian in Findlay for years and was a great friend to the University of Findlay. Dr. Beckett joined the University of Findlay’s Board of Trustees in 1985 and became chair in 2002. “His enthusiasm for this wonderful campus and for the faculty, the staff, the students here was infectious, and it was genuine,” said University of Findlay President Dr. Katherine Fell who was good friends with Dr. Beckett and his wife Linda.

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Subject: Bob Montgomery Day declared
News Broadcasts: 10/8

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn declared Sunday, October 8th Bob Montgomery Day in Findlay. The longtime color commentator for WFIN's Findlay Trojans broadcasts passed away in January. October 8th

would have been Bob's 80th birthday. Bob "Monk" Montgomery is in the University of Findlay Athletics Hall of Fame and was a teacher at Findlay High School and coached at the high school and college level.

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Subject: Red Kettle goal surpassed

News Broadcasts: 12/28

The Salvation Army Findlay Corps says it surpassed its 2023 Red Kettle Campaign goal. Major Mike Morales said the campaign total for 2023 was \$96,659, which is well over their goal of \$80,000. He says this year's goal was blown away thanks to the generosity of this community.

Subject: Marathon Petroleum changes

News Broadcasts: 12/21

Marathon Petroleum Corp. President and Chief Executive Officer Michael J. Hennigan today announced changes to the executive management team of MPC, effective January 1, 2024. Maryann T. Mannen, executive vice president and chief financial officer of MPC, has been appointed president of MPC. Hennigan will continue to serve as MPC's CEO, as well as the chairman, president and chief executive officer of the general partner of MPLX LP

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The Division I football All-Ohio teams have been announced by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association. Findlay Trojans quarterback Ryan Montgomery made the First Team Offense. He was also a finalist for Ohio Mr. Football. Also making First Team Offense was Findlay wide receiver/tight end Javonte Hill. Trojans defensive back Luke Weihrauch made the Third Team Defense.

Subject: Cops and Kids Go Shopping
News Broadcasts: 12/10

The Fort Findlay FOP Foundation held its annual Cops & Kids Go Shopping event on Sunday morning. Local police officers were paired with income-challenged and at-risk children for a shopping spree at the Findlay Meijer. Lt. David Hill with the Findlay Police Department, says they were able to take 135 kids shopping this year thanks to generous donations from businesses and community members.

Subject: Bomb squad called in
News Broadcasts: 12/31

On December 31, 2023, at approximately 11:47 hrs. Ottawa Police Department units were dispatched to the area of St Rt 65 at West Third Street, Ottawa, for a suspicious male complaint. Officers arrived on the scene and located a male subject matching the description given. While speaking with the male subject, officers became alerted by suspicious behavior and alarming statements made about the contents of the vehicle. Due to public safety concerns, Officers then requested the assistance of the Northwest Ohio Bomb Squad. At this time, this incident remains under investigation.

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News Broadcasts: 12/15

A Sheetz gas station will be built just down the road from where the company is building a large food and distribution facility in Findlay. The Findlay City Planning Commission approved the site plan review for a Sheetz gas station to be located on the northeast corner of County Road 220 (North Main Street) and County Road 99, on the north end of Findlay.

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News Broadcasts: 12/19

The Hero Day Adventure Park has announced on its website that it will be opening a location in Findlay. It says their indoor action parks are designed to ignite the adventurer in all of us. Hero Day says their 20,000 square foot indoor playgrounds offer a one-of-a-kind adventure for all ages and skill levels. Hero

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Subject: Foundation Scholarships

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The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation scholarship application is live. "Our universal application could qualify you for over 140 different scholarships, with \$430,000 available to award this year!" The application closes on February 7th, 2024, at noon. Click below to access the online scholarship portal and apply.

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Programming as Follows:

Subject: Upcoming Flood mitigation projects

News Broadcasts: 10/10

A variety of anticipated flood mitigation projects in Findlay should be happening over the next few years. We spoke with Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn about the projects, which she says will lower 100-year storm event flood levels in downtown Findlay by 3 feet. The Phase 2 Benching project will take place along the north side of the Blanchard River in downtown Findlay from North Cory Street to the CSX railroad. As part of the Phase 2 Benching project the city wants to put in a Downtown Recreation Area, and you can click [here](#) for more details on that.

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Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development is pleased to announce the release of a comprehensive report by the A.F.T.E.R. Hours Task Force, a workforce initiative aimed at addressing the challenges of attracting and retaining young talent. Led by a vision of "Attracting Future Talent, Entertainment, and Resources," the task force, comprised of young professionals, met over the course of a year to collectively identify and work towards the opportunities and resources desired by their cohort.

Subject: Ty Mathews running

News Broadcasts: 10/3

A Hancock County resident has announced he's running for the Ohio House of Representatives. Ty Mathews is seeking the Republican nomination in the 83rd Ohio House District in the 2024 primary. Jon Cross is currently the State Rep. for the 83rd District, which includes Hancock County, Hardin County and portions of Logan County. Mathews says he'll bring to the state legislature a strong record of service and deep-rooted dedication to upholding conservative principles and values.

Subject: Cross files for reelection

News Broadcasts: 12/5

Today, Republican State Representative Jon Cross announces his reelection campaign for his fourth and final term in the Ohio House of Representatives. Representative Cross is a compassionate, conservative champion representing the 83rd district, which encompasses Hancock, Hardin, and (part of) Logan Counties. "I'm humbled and honored to serve the hardworking people of the 83rd district in the Ohio House. In the relentless pursuit of protecting our constitutional rights and freedoms, I've voted to pass pro-life, pro-adoption and pro-family legislation, rigorously defended our Second Amendment rights, and fought to keep Ohio open for business during COVID restrictions," said Cross.

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News Broadcasts: 12/3

U.S. Senate candidate and current Ohio State Senator Matt Dolan was in Findlay on Friday. Dolan stopped by the WFIN Studios ahead of his talk at the Hancock County GOP's First Friday Luncheon at the Moose Lodge at 1028 West Main Cross Street. Dolan, whose family owns the Cleveland Guardians, is vying for the Republican nomination in the March primary to take on Democrat Senator Sherrod Brown in November 2024. Bernie Moreno and Frank LaRose are also seeking the Republican nomination.

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The Findlay Police Department says a man fired a gunshot into a bar after leaving the business after getting into an argument. Police say it happened at Tim and Tommy's Tavern on Walnut Street at approximately 12:42 Friday morning. Police say Alexander Lorenzo, 44, of Findlay, had been in an argument inside the bar and left.

Subject: Bomb squad called in
News Broadcasts: 12/31

On December 31, 2023, at approximately 11:47 hrs. Ottawa Police Department units were dispatched to the area of St Rt 65 at West Third Street, Ottawa, for a suspicious male complaint. Officers arrived on the scene and located a male subject matching the description given. While speaking with the male subject, officers became alerted by suspicious behavior and alarming statements made about the contents of the vehicle. Due to public safety concerns, Officers then requested the assistance of the Northwest Ohio Bomb Squad. At this time, this incident remains under investigation.

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Subject: Mayor Muryn reelected
News Broadcasts: 11/7

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn fended off a write-in challenger on Tuesday and was re-elected, earning her second full term as mayor. Unofficial results from the Hancock County Board of Elections show

Muryn defeating Jeffery Simon. Muryn was appointed mayor in February of 2019 to replace Lydia Mihalik who joined the cabinet of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.

Subject: Cross files for reelection
News Broadcasts: 12/5

Today, Republican State Representative Jon Cross announces his reelection campaign for his fourth and final term in the Ohio House of Representatives. Representative Cross is a compassionate, conservative champion representing the 83rd district, which encompasses Hancock, Hardin, and (part of) Logan Counties. "I'm humbled and honored to serve the hardworking people of the 83rd district in the Ohio House. In the relentless pursuit of protecting our constitutional rights and freedoms, I've voted to pass pro-life, pro-adoption and pro-family legislation, rigorously defended our Second Amendment rights, and fought to keep Ohio open for business during COVID restrictions," said Cross.

Subject: Ty Mathews running
News Broadcasts: 10/3

A Hancock County resident has announced he's running for the Ohio House of Representatives. Ty Mathews is seeking the Republican nomination in the 83rd Ohio House District in the 2024 primary. Jon Cross is currently the State Rep. for the 83rd District, which includes Hancock County, Hardin County and portions of Logan County. Mathews says he'll bring to the state legislature a strong record of service and deep-rooted dedication to upholding conservative principles and values.

Subject: Moreno campaigns in Findlay
News Broadcasts: 10/6

U.S. Senate candidate Bernie Moreno was in Findlay on Friday. He spoke at the Hancock County Republican Party's First Friday Luncheon at the Moose Lodge after stopping by the WFIN Studios to discuss his campaign. The businessman from Cleveland talked about why he believes people should vote for him over fellow Republicans Matt Dolan and Frank LaRose in the 2024 primary.

Subject: Matt Dolan in Findlay
News Broadcasts: 12/3

U.S. Senate candidate and current Ohio State Senator Matt Dolan was in Findlay on Friday. Dolan stopped by the WFIN Studios ahead of his talk at the Hancock County GOP's First Friday Luncheon at the Moose Lodge at 1028 West Main Cross Street. Dolan, whose family owns the Cleveland Guardians, is vying for the Republican nomination in the March primary to take on Democrat Senator Sherrod Brown in November 2024. Bernie Moreno and Frank LaRose are also seeking the Republican nomination.