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Issues/Program Report for Q2 2021

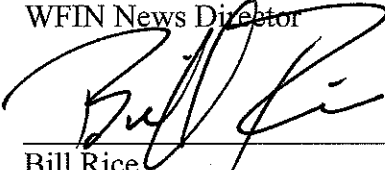
WFIN makes an ongoing effort to serve the community of Findlay and the surrounding area. As part of this effort, WFIN has identified the most significant needs, problems and interests for our coverage area. This quarterly report documents the programming provided by WFIN in response to these identified 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.

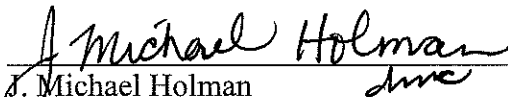
WFIN News Director Matt Demczyk has noted the following as significant issues during the April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> time period:

- Cooper Tire was acquired by Goodyear Tire
- Public meeting held on Eagle Creek Flood Basin
- COVID cases started to drop significantly
- Woman indicted on manslaughter in man's overdose death
- Flooding event closed roads
- Findlay's DORA began

This letter with the attached documentation was placed in the WFIN Public Inspection File on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

  
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## WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

### **SUBJECT: Breaking News**

**Stories run an average of 30 seconds.**

**Programming as Follows:**

**Subject:** Blanchard River Flood Warning

News Broadcasts: 5/10

The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Warning for the Blanchard River in Findlay. Forecasters say the river will crest at around 12.5 feet this afternoon, which is about a half foot above flood stage. Minor flooding is forecast. At 12 feet, flooding impacts areas near Riverside Park and East Main Cross. We have a link on our website where you can check at the water levels of local rivers and creeks.

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News Broadcasts: 4/30

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**Subject:** Only 7 Covid Cases

News Broadcasts: 6/4

Hancock Public Health on Friday reported that the county was down to seven active COVID cases.

The week before there were 22 active cases. Active cases are defined as cases currently under quarantine or in isolation. Three people were hospitalized with the virus on Friday which is one less than a week earlier. The state's pandemic health orders were lifted on Wednesday.

**Subject:** Rollover Crash

News Broadcasts: 5/26

If you just saw police, fire and EMS rushing to a location on the north side of Findlay it was probably for this crash at Bolton and Madison between a SUV, truck and car. Police tell us on scene some folks are shaken up but it doesn't appear anyone will have to be taken to the hospital.

**Subject:** Fatal Crash Putnam County

News Broadcasts: 4/3

The Ohio State Highway Patrol says one teenager was killed and another injured in a crash in northern Putnam County. The crash happened on State Route 109 just north of Road X at around 4 a.m. Saturday. The Highway Patrol says Landon Bailey, 16, of Ottawa, was driving south on State Route 109 when his car went off the right side of the road, got back on the road and then went off the left side of the road. The car overturned several times, ejecting front seat passenger Jagguare Rich, 18, of Ottawa, before coming to rest on its top. Rich was pronounced dead by the Putnam County coroner while Bailey suffered injuries that are not life-threatening. The Highway Patrol says alcohol is suspected to have played a role in the crash.

**Subject:** Teen Killed In I-75 Crash

News Broadcasts: 6/7

A Findlay teenager was killed in a crash on Interstate 75.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol says Mya S. Lunguy, 18, was driving northbound on I-75 Sunday at 6:17 p.m. when her car went off the right side of the road and struck the bridge abutment at County Road 99. The Highway Patrol says Lunguy suffered fatal injuries in the crash.

She was wearing her seat belt. The Highway Patrol says it's unknown at this time what caused her to drive off the side of the interstate.

**Subject:** Findlay Parade/Fireworks Returning  
News Broadcasts: 6/9

The City of Findlay's Independence Day Parade is returning this year after being canceled last year due to the pandemic. The 2021 Flag City 4th of July Parade will be held in downtown Findlay at noon on Sunday, July 4th. The parade will go from Lima Street to Center Street. There will also be fireworks this year. The fireworks show will be held on Saturday, July 3rd at the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

**Subject:** Flood Warning Eagle Creek  
News Broadcasts: 5/9

The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Warning for Eagle Creek in Findlay. Flood stage is 9 feet and forecasters predict the creek will rise to above flood stage and crest at 9.8 feet by Sunday night. It will then fall below flood stage early Monday morning. Minor flooding is forecast for along the creek.

**Subject:** Flood Warning Blanchard River Ottawa  
News Broadcasts: 5/10

A Flood Warning is in effect for the Blanchard River in Ottawa. The warning goes until late Wednesday night. Forecasters say the river is expected to rise to a crest of 24.1 feet by Tuesday morning, which is about a foot above flood stage. Minor flooding is forecast. The river will then fall below flood stage early Wednesday morning.

**Subject:** Gas Station Robbed  
News Broadcasts: 6/9

A Findlay gas station was robbed overnight. The robbery happened at 2:01 a.m. Wednesday at the S&G at 800 West Trenton Avenue. The clerk told police that a man asked for change, and when she opened the register, he grabbed the \$20 bills. The clerk tried to stop the suspect from leaving but he forced himself away and ran out of the store. The suspect left in a small dark-colored vehicle westbound from the gas station.

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News Broadcasts: 5/26

Bob LaRiche is selling LaRiche Toyota-Subaru.  
Bob says they've been a Toyota dealer for 33 years and a Subaru dealer for 39 years at corner of Tiffin Avenue and Plaza Street and his dad started there with a Volkswagen store in the mid 60s.  
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**Subject:** Woman Indicted Manslaughter  
News Broadcasts: 6/7

A Findlay woman is facing charges in connection with a man's overdose death.  
A Hancock County Grand Jury has indicted Kayla M. Jones on charges of involuntary manslaughter and corrupting another with drugs. The indictment alleges that Jones supplied the fentanyl that killed Ricky D. Andonian in December. The 23-year-old Jones was arrested and is being held at the Hancock County Justice Center on a \$60,000 bond.

**Subject:** Missing Kid Fostoria  
News Broadcasts: 5/8

The Fostoria Police Division is asking people to be on the lookout for a missing juvenile.  
Police say 15-year-old Zach Reilly has been missing from Fostoria since April 27th.  
Zach is about five feet five inches tall and weighs approximately 135 pounds with blond hair and blue eyes. Police are asking people in Tiffin and Toledo to pay special attention.  
Anyone with information about where Zach might be should contact the Fostoria Police Division at 419-435-8573.

**Subject: Two People Stabbed**

News Broadcasts: 4/27

A Findlay man was taken into custody in connection with a stabbing that left two people injured. The Hancock County Sheriff's Office says it happened at 11:04 p.m. Monday at an address on Oakwood Drive in Findlay. A caller had reported that two people had been stabbed. The sheriff's office says, through its investigation, it learned that Marissa M. Sanchez, 27 and Federico M Palacios, 23, both of Findlay, were stabbed at the residence. Both were taken to Blanchard Valley Hospital and treated for injuries that are not life-threatening. The sheriff's office says Austin H. Palacios, 24, of Findlay, was taken into custody for felonious assault.

**Subject: Flooding Closes Roads**

News Broadcasts: 5/10

High water has closed State Route 235 between State Route 12 and U.S. 224 in Hancock County until further notice. The video and picture are what the flooding looked like at around noon on Monday about a mile north of Benton Ridge. Flood Warnings were issued for the Blanchard River in Findlay and Eagle Creek due to all the rain that fell on Sunday. For the current water levels on area rivers and creeks check out the WFIN River Levels page by clicking here.

**Subject: Tornado Watch Issued**

News Broadcasts: 6/18

A Tornado Watch has been issued for some counties in Ohio. The Watch includes Hardin County and goes until 11 p.m. Friday. The National Weather Service says storms could contain damaging wind gusts, large hail and even a few tornadoes. The storms could also dump a lot of rain. The storm threat continues into Friday night and early Saturday.

**Subject: Vax-A-Million Winner From Findlay**

News Broadcasts: 6/16

The winner of the state's fourth \$1 million Vax-a-Million drawing is from Findlay. Suzanne Ward's name was announced at 7:29 Wednesday night. Also, Sean Horning, of Cincinnati, won the four-year, full-ride scholarship to an Ohio state college or university. The winners of the fifth of five drawings will be announced on Wednesday, June 23rd. The winner of the state's second \$1 million Vax-a-Million drawing was from Toledo.

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**Subject:** 50 North Renamed For Hemingers

News Broadcasts: 6/25

50 North has announced that it has renamed its facility as the 50 North Heminger Center, in honor of Gary and Jane Heminger's contributions to the recent renovation and expansion project.

Heminger is the former CEO of Marathon Petroleum. 50 North Executive Director Carolyn Copus, on with WFIN's Chris Oaks, says so many people in the community stepped up in support of the project.

**Subject:** Cooper Tire Q1 Results

News Broadcasts: 5/3

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company on Monday reported first quarter 2021 net income of \$22 million compared to a net loss of \$12 million for the same period last year. The company said global unit volume increased 16.6 percent compared to the first quarter of 2020 and net sales increased 23.3 percent from the first quarter of 2020 to \$656 million. "We are pleased to have delivered strong first quarter operating results," said President and Chief Executive Officer Brad Hughes.

**Subject:** Cooper Tire Women On Boards

News Broadcasts: 5/19

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company has been recognized by an advocacy campaign that seeks gender balance and diversity on corporate boards. 50/50 Women on Boards (50/50WOB) has recognized Cooper Tire for having three of more women on its board of directors.

**Subject:** Findlay DORA Begins

News Broadcasts: 5/6

The City of Findlay's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) opens Friday, May 7th in downtown. A DORA is a specific area in which alcoholic beverages may be sold by licensed liquor establishments for outdoor consumption.

The city says the DORA is designed to make it easier to social distance, stroll within the district and support our local restaurants and bars.



**Subject:** Marathon Q1 Results

News Broadcasts: 5/4

Marathon Petroleum on Tuesday reported a net loss of \$242 million for the first quarter of 2021. That compares to a net loss of \$9.2 billion for the first quarter a year earlier. "During the first quarter, our industry continued to struggle with effects of the pandemic," said Michael J. Hennigan, president and chief executive officer.

**Subject:** Marathon Equality Index

News Broadcasts: 6/7

The Human Rights Campaign has ranked Marathon Petroleum as a "Best Place to Work" for LGBTQ equality for the second consecutive year. For 2021, Marathon scored 100% on the Corporate Equality Index survey, which is the highest possible score. The CEI is a national benchmarking report for LGBTQ-related corporate policies and practices including non-discrimination workplace protections, inclusive benefits, supporting an inclusive culture, and responsible citizenship. To earn a perfect score, companies must meet all criteria pertinent to equality and inclusion.

**Subject:** Stock+Field Reopening

News Broadcasts: 4/24

The Stock+Field location in Findlay that recently closed will be among stores that the company will be reopening soon. Stock+Field says they are under new management and ownership and are busy readying stores with products, prices and experience customers will appreciate. The Findlay location at the mall has a big banner at the entrance that says "now hiring". In January, Stock+Field announced it was closing its 25 locations, including the one in Findlay at the mall.

**Subject:** Stock+Field New Name

News Broadcasts: 6/4

Stock+Field is asking for help in turning the page as they reopen previously closed stores, including in Findlay. They are renaming the stores and want to know what you would call a store that "serves the hardworking families of the heartland." The new store name will be revealed in the first week of July.

**Subject:** Tiffin Drive-In Construction  
News Broadcasts: 5/18

The second phase of a major renovation of the Tiffin Drive-In Theater is underway. Construction has begun on a new concession stand building, which will house state-of-the-art movie projectors. The project represents a second phase of major renovation to the Tiffin Drive-In Theater. In October of 2020, the original movie screen was brought down, and a new all-steel screen was put up in its place and a second all-steel screen was also erected at the rear of the lot.

**Subject:** Wilson's Drive-Thru Only  
News Broadcasts: 5/3

Wilson's has closed their dining room and is only serving customers through their drive-thru for the time being. The change went into effect on Monday. Owner Doug Baker says he had to make the change because of a lack of employees. He told WFIN that they're down to about 5 to 6 employees a day and generally they need 9 to 10 a day. He said they'd like to start opening on Sundays again but that won't be possible until they get more employees.

**Subject:** Wolfie's Nuts Recall  
News Broadcasts: 4/23

Wolfies Roasted Nuts in Findlay is voluntarily recalling its Cheddar & Jalapeno Artisan Nuts. The Ohio Department of Agriculture says the recall is due to an undeclared milk allergen and undeclared artificial colors including FD&C Yellow Nos. 5 and 6. The recall has been initiated due to the ingredient label not listing cheese as an ingredient, which contains a milk allergen.

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### **SUBJECT: Education**

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**Programming as Follows:**

**Subject:** FCS Autism Speaker  
News Broadcasts: 4/15

The Findlay City Schools Autism Team is sponsoring an event on Wednesday, April 28 at 6pm at Glenwood Middle School. Speaker will be high schooler Caiden Hooks from Columbus, who has been diagnosed with autism and also has no vision. He recently made the national news by making it to the state wrestling tournament. RSVP info is listed on the flyer. This is an amazing opportunity that you won't want to miss.

**Subject:** Camp 911 K9s  
News Broadcasts: 6/16

The youngsters at Camp 911 got to see some local K9s in action as K9s Sonny and Charlie with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office and Deke with Findlay PD stopped by for a demonstration. The demonstration included suspect apprehensions and drug and article searches. Afterward the kids got to meet Charlie and Sonny. Get more in the video below, including our conversation with Sonny's handler, Sgt. Miller.

**Subject:** School Earth Day  
News Broadcasts: 4/21

Some students at Findlay's Chamberlin Hill Intermediate school are learning to be Environmental Leaders by helping the school recycle. Third Grade Teacher Jennifer Suermann says the students signed up for the leadership job as part of the Leader in Me program. She says the school has several leadership teams including students who run messages to classrooms, students who call the buses and students who collect the recyclables called Environmental Leaders. The 51st Earth Day is on Thursday.

**Subject:** Cooper Tire Scholarships  
News Broadcasts: 5/28

Cooper Tire has awarded its annual Roy V. Armes and Centennial Scholarships. This year, for the first time, a Findlay student won both the Roy V. Armes and Cooper Centennial Scholarships. Full details are in the following news release from Cooper Tire.

**Subject:** School Golf Project

News Broadcasts: 5/19

A neat project for 6th graders at Donnell Middle School, who used their math skills to create a mini golf course. Long-term substitute math teacher Jillian Prince says the students worked really hard over the past two weeks to take the project from on paper to a real-life design. She says the project was a fun way for the students to review a little bit of everything they've learned this school year and get some hands-on project-based learning as well.

**Subject:** FCS Librarian Honored

News Broadcasts: 5/20

The Ohio Educational Library Media Association has named Amanda Brasfield as the recipient of their Emerging Leader Award. Brasfield is the district library media specialist for Findlay City Schools. The Emerging Leader Award recognizes OELMA members who have recently assumed an OELMA leadership role for the first time.

**Subject:** Findlay High School Graduation

News Broadcasts: 5/31

The Findlay High School Class of 2021 received their diplomas during a commencement ceremony at Donnell Stadium over the weekend. In his remarks, Superintendent Troy Roth said he believes the characteristic that best describes this graduating class is grit. Findlay High School's 149th graduating class was comprised of 351 students. See video and pictures on our website.

**Subject:** FHS Key Club

News Broadcasts: 5/17

A youth service leadership program at Findlay High School is working to help ensure that seniors behind on their school fees still get their diploma. Maureen Jones is with the Findlay High School Key Club. Maureen says the club is selling tickets to the Kiwanis Club of Findlay's Pancake Day and Kiwanis has agreed to give the Key Club half of the proceeds, which will be put toward covering as many senior's outstanding fees as possible. Get more on our website

**Subject:** BGSU Frat Expelled  
News Broadcasts: 4/9

Bowling Green State University has permanently expelled the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, the organization that was involved in the suspected hazing death of student Stone Foltz in March. "This is permanent loss of recognition – the fraternity will never again be recognized at BGSU in the future," a statement from BGSU read. The statement says the fraternity's expulsion is because of hazing, which is absolutely intolerable.

**Subject:** Liberty Benton Schools Upgrades  
News Broadcasts: 6/22

Big things are happening at Liberty-Benton Local Schools. They recently broke ground on a new elementary/middle school building as well as a field house project. Superintendent Mark Kowalski says the indoor turf practice facility will be utilized by all sports, the band and the community in general. In addition to the new school and field house, they're also putting in synthetic turf on the football field, along with a new track and some other track and field areas.

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**Subject:** Lincoln Elementary Farewell  
News Broadcasts: 5/18

A lot of people spent some time walking down memory lane during an open house at Findlay's Lincoln Elementary. The open house was held to give people a chance to check out the building one last time before it closes at the end of this school year. Thomas Brumley started at Lincoln in 1947, and went to First, Second and Third grade there. We also got some memories from a woman who taught at Lincoln

for 35 years. Lincoln is closing as Findlay City Schools undergoes some elementary school building consolidation in the wake of three failed operating levies last year.

**Subject:** Library New Bookmobile  
News Broadcasts: 4/7

The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library unveiled its new Bookmobile on Wednesday. The Chamber of Commerce helped out with a ribbon-cutting in the front parking lot and then people were able to tour the new bookmobile. We spoke with library Director Sarah Clevidence at the celebration. She says the new bookmobile will help them continue to be able to reach patrons in communities like Arcadia and Jenera.

**Subject:** Rotary Scholarship  
News Broadcasts: 5/23

The Findlay Rotary Club has awarded its 2021 Richard E. "Dick" Daugherty Scholarship. The scholarship is designated for students studying art, including graphic design, music, dance, theatre or speech (broadcasting). Details are in the following news release from the Findlay Rotary Club

**Subject:** School Fees Help  
News Broadcasts: 5/21

Families needing help paying school fees may be able to get some assistance from OhioMeansJobs-Hancock County. OhioMeansJobs-Hancock County is taking applications for its School Fees Program. Families at or below 150 percent FPL (Federal Poverty Level) with children in grades K-12 are potentially eligible for \$300 per student (per school year) to be directly paid to the school for school fees.

**Subject:** FCS Summer Lunches  
News Broadcasts: 6/6

The Findlay City Schools summer lunch program begins on Monday, June 7th and goes through July 29th. Meals are free for everyone under 18-years-old and adults can purchase one for \$3.50. Meals are available from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Glenwood Middle School. People are invited to come for lunch and stay for fun activities.

**Subject:** UF Graduation and Arch Ceremony

News Broadcasts: 5/9

After receiving their diplomas on Saturday, hundreds of brand new University of Findlay graduates completed the university's most sacred tradition by walking through the Arch towards Main Street. We caught up with Samantha Bartley of Valencia, Pennsylvania after she completed the Arch Ceremony. Samantha, who earned an animal sciences degree, walked in the ceremony with the service dog she's been training for the last nine months through the UF organization 4 Paws for Ability named Jiggly. You can see their picture and video from arch ceremony on our website.

**Subject:** UF Scholarship Gift

News Broadcasts: 6/22

A scholarship has been created from a significant legacy gift to the University of Findlay. The estate gift was made through the generosity of the late "Becky" Craig of Kenton, who passed away in December at the age of 83. Craig was not a UF graduate, but she was a frequent attendee and enthusiastic supporter of UF's Civic Band concerts where her brother played the oboe for several years. In fact, she loved UF's band concerts so much that she left nearly \$500,000 to the university for scholarships.

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### **SUBJECT: Flood Mitigation**

**Programming as Follows:**

**Subject:** Eagle Creek Basin Decision Tabled

News Broadcasts: 5/7

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Blanchard River Watershed Solutions. The community meeting will be held sometime before July 9th, when the Conservancy Court will meet to decide on the Eagle Creek Storage Basin project. Officials believe the basin will reduce the 100-year flood elevation at Main Street by around a foot and a half, which is on top of the benefits being seen from other flood mitigation projects.

**Subject: Flood Basin Meeting Scheduled**

News Broadcasts: 6/2

A community meeting has been scheduled in Findlay to discuss the proposed Eagle Creek Floodwater Storage Basin with the public. Tim Mayle, director of Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development, is a board member on Blanchard River Watershed Solutions. Officials believe the basin will reduce the 100-year flood elevation at Main Street by around a foot and a half, which is on top of the benefits being seen from other flood mitigation projects. The public meeting will be held on June 28th at the Old Mill Stream Centre at the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

**Subject: Flood Basin Public Meeting**

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**Subject: Blanchard River Cleanup**

News Broadcasts: 4/23

National Honor Society students at Findlay High School made a positive impact on the environment through a new litter cleanup project called Blue & Gold Goes Green. Senior Sakhi Bhavsar says she and her friends were shocked by just how much trash they collected. The litter cleanup project was a result of a new collaboration between the United Way, the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership and Findlay City Schools. Around 90 students picked up litter at three sites around Findlay. Get more on our website



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News Broadcasts: 4/7

Findlay residents on Wednesday night had a chance to hear from some city council candidates ahead of the Primary Election on May 4th. WFIN aired a Candidate's Forum featuring the five people vying for the three "at large" seats on Findlay City Council. The candidates are Holly Frische, Andre Gilbert, Randy Greeno, Grant Russel and Jeff Wobser. All the candidates are Republican. Russel and Wobser are incumbents as "at large" council members and Greeno is currently the Fifth Ward Councilmember. The other at large councilmember, Tom Shindledecker, is not running for re-election.

**Subject:** Airport Director Leaving

News Broadcasts: 6/30

Matt McVicker will be stepping down as director of the Findlay Airport.

His resignation will be effective September 30th, 2021.

McVicker started with the City of Findlay on May 1st, 2014.

Mayor Christina Muryn said, during his tenure as director of the Findlay Airport, McVicker planned and executed an Airport Capital Improvement Program that invested more than 4 million dollars into the facility in way of infrastructure improvements and capital equipment.

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**Subject:** Governor Visits Findlay

News Broadcasts: 5/5

It's never too early in the day for ice cream, and Governor DeWine and First Lady Fran Dewine enjoyed some during a visit to Dietsch Brothers on Wednesday morning. Erika Dietsch-Brokamp says it was nice to have the governor and his wife stop in as part of Ohio Tourism Day. She says the governor asked a lot questions about their business and how things were going.

**Subject:** Findlay Spring Cleaning Questions

News Broadcasts: 4/25

The City of Findlay took to its social media to answer some common questions as people begin or continue their spring cleaning. The city listed the following as the most common questions they get. People who need to file a complaint can do so by [clicking here](#). People with questions about zoning should call 419-424-7108.

**Subject:** Mayor Forum Speech

News Broadcasts: 6/13

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn will speak at the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's Global Impact Forum. Muryn will be presenting in a segment called "Leading Globally Matters Locally: The Next Frontier for America's Mayors" and will be joined by Columbia, South Carolina Mayor Steve Benjamin and Deputy Mayor of International Affairs for the City of Los Angeles, Nina Hachigian. The forum will air live as part of a virtual broadcast taking place on the USGLC Global Impact Forum platform on Tuesday, June 15th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. eastern daylight time.

**Subject:** Mayor Gets Vaccinated

News Broadcasts: 4/1

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn received the COVID vaccine on Thursday at Hancock Public Health and is encouraging everyone eligible to do the same. Mayor Muryn said she's happy with how the COVID vaccine distribution process is going in Hancock County. The mayor said she wouldn't be encouraging people to get vaccinated if she didn't think it was the right decision.

**Subject:** Mayor Fit Challenge

News Broadcasts: 4/18

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**Subject:** Mayor Teacher Week

News Broadcasts: 5/3

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn has issued a proclamation declaring the week of May 3-7 as Teacher Appreciation Week in Findlay. Mayor Muryn is encouraging all members of the community to join with her in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

**Subject:** More Hometown Hero Banners

News Broadcasts: 5/4

Findlay put up more Hometown Hero banners this week to honor local members of the military. Mayor Christina Muryn says you'll notice some banners with the same last name displayed close to each other. See video of the banners and get details about ordering one on our website.

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### **SUBJECT: Health & Safety**

**Stories run an average of 30 seconds.**

**Programming as Follows:**

**Subject:** Drop In Covid Cases  
News Broadcasts: 4/21

There's been a big drop in the number of active COVID cases in Hancock County. In the latest numbers released by Hancock Public Health on Tuesday, there were 85 active cases in the county which is down from 170 cases on April 9th. Active cases are defined as cases currently under quarantine or in isolation.

**Subject:** Only 7 Covid Cases  
News Broadcasts: 6/4

Hancock Public Health on Friday reported that the county was down to seven active COVID cases.

The week before there were 22 active cases. Active cases are defined as cases currently under quarantine or in isolation. Three people were hospitalized with the virus on Friday which is one less than a week earlier. The state's pandemic health orders were lifted on Wednesday.

**Subject:** ADAMHS Grant  
News Broadcasts: 4/19

Hancock County ADAMHS has been tapped to administer \$1.3M in grant money to further address substance abuse issues and addiction recovery in the community... a multi-faceted effort that will involve a variety of local agencies

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**Subject:** Blanchard River Flood Warning  
News Broadcasts: 5/10

The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Warning for the Blanchard River in Findlay. Forecasters say the river will crest at around 12.5 feet this afternoon, which is about a half foot above flood stage. Minor flooding is forecast. At 12 feet, flooding impacts areas near Riverside Park and East Main Cross. We have a link on our website where you can check at the water levels of local rivers and creeks.

**Subject:** Motorcycle/Bike Safety  
News Broadcasts: 4/2

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is reminding everyone to keep an eye out for motorcycles as the weather warms up. "As the weather gets warmer and as people come out from being cooped up from the stay at home order you are going to see a lot more motorcycles out there," said Lt. Matt Crow, Commander of the Findlay Post. He's urging motorcyclists to ride trained and sober and other drivers to be aware and take a few extra seconds to watch out for motorcycles.

**Subject:** Blood Shortage  
News Broadcasts: 6/16

The American Red Cross is making an emergency appeal for blood donors to help remedy a nationwide blood shortage. Todd James is Executive Director of the American Red Cross of North Central Ohio in Findlay. He said, as the number of trauma cases, organ transplants and elective surgeries rises and depletes the nation's blood supply, the American Red Cross is experiencing a severe blood shortage.

**Subject:** Cross On Health Orders Lifted  
News Broadcasts: 5/13

State Representative Jon Cross (R-Kenton) is reacting to Governor DeWine's plans to end the pandemic health orders and incentivize people into getting the vaccine. Cross said, while he's encouraged that the governor finally listened to the legislature and is removing the health orders, he should not be treating the healthcare needs of Ohioans like a game show. "I do not support using gameshow gimmicks with our federal tax dollars. Instead of raffling off \$5 million from the American Recovery Act, the governor should focus his efforts on removing the additional unemployment stimulus and getting Ohioans back to work."

**Subject:** 50 North Renamed For Hemingers  
News Broadcasts: 6/25

50 North has announced that it has renamed its facility as the 50 North Heminger Center, in honor of Gary and Jane Heminger's contributions to the recent renovation and expansion project. Heminger is the former CEO of Marathon Petroleum. 50 North Executive Director Carolyn Copus, on with WFIN's Chris Oaks, says so many people in the community stepped up in support of the project.

**Subject:** Flood Warning Eagle Creek  
News Broadcasts: 5/9

The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Warning for Eagle Creek in Findlay. Flood stage is 9 feet and forecasters predict the creek will rise to above flood stage and crest at 9.8 feet by Sunday night. It will then fall below flood stage early Monday morning. Minor flooding is forecast for along the creek.

**Subject:** Flood Warning Blanchard River Ottawa  
News Broadcasts: 5/10

A Flood Warning is in effect for the Blanchard River in Ottawa. The warning goes until late Wednesday night. Forecasters say the river is expected to rise to a crest of 24.1 feet by Tuesday morning, which is about a foot above flood stage. Minor flooding is forecast. The river will then fall below flood stage early Wednesday morning.

**Subject:** Flooding Closes Roads  
News Broadcasts: 5/10

High water has closed State Route 235 between State Route 12 and U.S. 224 in Hancock County until further notice. The video and picture are what the flooding looked like at around noon on Monday about a mile north of Benton Ridge. Flood Warnings were issued for the Blanchard River in Findlay and Eagle Creek due to all the rain that fell on Sunday. For the current water levels on area rivers and creeks check out the WFIN River Levels page by clicking [here](#).

**Subject:** Flood Basin Meeting Scheduled  
News Broadcasts: 6/2

A community meeting has been scheduled in Findlay to discuss the proposed Eagle Creek Floodwater Storage Basin with the public. Tim Mayle, director of Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development, is a board member on Blanchard River Watershed Solutions. Officials believe the basin will reduce the 100-year flood elevation at Main Street by around a foot and a half, which is on top of the benefits being seen from other flood mitigation projects. The public meeting will be held on June 28th at the Old Mill Stream Centre at the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

**Subject:** Flood Basin Public Meeting  
News Broadcasts: 6/29

A community meeting was held in Findlay on the proposed Eagle Creek Floodwater Storage Basin. Several people aired their concerns about the project, concerns that include safety, need and lack of communication. Dave Blatnik, President of Blanchard River Watershed Solutions, says the basin will be built to stringent standards. Officials believe the basin, just south of Findlay, will reduce the 100-year

flood elevation at Main Street by around a foot and a half, which is on top of the benefits being seen from other flood mitigation projects. Get more on our website.

**Subject:** Blanchard River Cleanup  
News Broadcasts: 4/23

National Honor Society students at Findlay High School made a positive impact on the environment through a new litter cleanup project called Blue & Gold Goes Green. Senior Sakhi Bhavsar says she and her friends were shocked by just how much trash they collected. The litter cleanup project was a result of a new collaboration between the United Way, the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership and Findlay City Schools. Around 90 students picked up litter at three sites around Findlay. Get more on our website

## WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

### **SUBJECT: Major Crime**

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**Programming as Follows:**

**Subject:** Woman Indicted Manslaughter  
News Broadcasts: 6/7

A Findlay woman is facing charges in connection with a man's overdose death. A Hancock County Grand Jury has indicted Kayla M. Jones on charges of involuntary manslaughter and corrupting another with drugs. The indictment alleges that Jones supplied the fentanyl that killed Ricky D. Andonian in December. The 23-year-old Jones was arrested and is being held at the Hancock County Justice Center on a \$60,000 bond.

**Subject:** Rape Indictment  
News Broadcasts: 5/20

A Fostoria man was arrested after being indicted on rape charges involving a child. Jeffrey D. Kingery, 68, was indicted on a charge of rape, a 1st-degree felony. Court records show that the charge comes with a penalty specification that the victim was under 10 years of age. The indictment indicates that the alleged crime occurred in March of 2020 in Fostoria.



**Subject:** Drug Bust In Findlay

News Broadcasts: 5/5

A man was arrested after a drug task force raided his Findlay home.

The Hancock County METRICH Drug Task Force along with the Findlay Police Department Emergency Response Team (ERT), executed a search warrant at 1116 Brookside Drive on Tuesday.

While searching the house, the task force says they found 5 kilograms of marijuana, nearly \$23,000 in cash, four handguns and numerous other items indicative of drug trafficking.

As a result of the search, David L. Fenderson, 31, was arrested and booked at the Hancock County Justice Center.

**Subject:** Woman Charged After Crash

News Broadcasts: 6/24

A woman is facing charges that include OVI and endangering children after crashing her car in McComb. The Hancock County Sheriff's Office said it received a report of a reckless vehicle on State Route 186 at 7:10 Thursday morning.

The caller said the vehicle had driven off the road, through a stop sign and into a field.

While searching the area, deputies received a report of a vehicle matching the description that had crashed on Park Drive, near Merrimont Drive, in McComb.

The Sheriff's Office says, through their investigation, they learned that Reyna A. Ortega, 26, of Findlay, was driving south on Park Drive and went off the west side of the roadway, striking a cable box and a pole.

**Subject:** Drug Bust In Fostoria

News Broadcasts: 4/8

Two people were arrested after a drug task force raided a house in Fostoria.

The Seneca County Drug Task Force - METRICH Enforcement Unit along with additional officers from other entities executed a drug-related search warrant at a residence on Buckley Street on Thursday.

The task force says suspected methamphetamine, criminal tools, cash and other items indicative of drug trafficking was found in the residence.

Authorities say Anthony N. Nix and Crystal N.E. Dayton were arrested.

**Subject:** Fostoria Suspect In Findlay  
News Broadcasts: 4/30

Police in Fostoria say a suspect they're looking for was last known to be staying in Findlay. On Tuesday Fostoria police say they responded to investigate an individual who was violating a protection order and brandishing a gun. The suspect, Tyler R. Day, had fled the scene before officers arrived. Shortly after that, police received a report of someone shooting at a vehicle on Central Avenue. The Fostoria Police Division says they have been searching for the suspect in several different cities and was last known to be staying in Findlay.

**Subject:** Pursuit Suspect Dead in Pond  
News Broadcasts: 4/12

A suspect involved in a pursuit with the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Findlay Police Department was later found dead in a pond. The Findlay Police Department says it was asked by the Highway Patrol to assist with a pursuit that was entering Findlay on West Sandusky Street a little after 3 a.m. Sunday. The pursuit went through the city at speeds of up to 95 miles per hour at time before going back westbound on West Sandusky Street.

**Subject:** Putnam Pursuit Two Arrested  
News Broadcasts: 6/11

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office says two people were arrested after leading police on a pursuit. The sheriff's office says the Ottawa Police Department attempted to stop a car being driven by Michael Jeffrey Moore, 29, of Mount Victory, at around 11:45 Thursday night. The sheriff's office says Moore failed to comply and led officers on a pursuit that traveled into Hancock County and back into Putnam County before finally ending behind Pandora-Gilboa Local Schools. The sheriff's office says Moore, and a passenger, Erin Lee Sue Douglas, 30, of Kenton, fled the vehicle and entered a nearby wooded area.

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**Subject:** City Council Forum Held

News Broadcasts: 4/7

Findlay residents on Wednesday night had a chance to hear from some city council candidates ahead of the Primary Election on May 4th. WFIN aired a Candidate's Forum featuring the five people vying for the three "at large" seats on Findlay City Council. The candidates are Holly Frische, Andre Gilbert, Randy Greeno, Grant Russel and Jeff Wobser. All the candidates are Republican. Russel and Wobser are incumbents as "at large" council members and Greeno is currently the Fifth Ward Councilmember. The other at large councilmember, Tom Shindledecker, is not running for re-election.

**Subject:** Governor Visits Findlay

News Broadcasts: 5/5

It's never too early in the day for ice cream, and Governor DeWine and First Lady Fran Dewine enjoyed some during a visit to Dietsch Brothers on Wednesday morning. Erika Dietsch-Brokamp says it was nice to have the governor and his wife stop in as part of Ohio Tourism Day. She says the governor asked a lot questions about their business and how things were going.

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**Subject:** Mayor Forum Speech

News Broadcasts: 6/13

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn will speak at the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's Global Impact Forum. Muryn will be presenting in a segment called "Leading Globally Matters Locally: The Next Frontier for America's Mayors" and will be joined by Columbia, South Carolina Mayor Steve Benjamin and Deputy Mayor of International Affairs for the City of Los Angeles, Nina Hachigian. The forum will air live as part of a virtual broadcast taking place on the USGLC Global Impact Forum platform on Tuesday, June 15th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. eastern daylight time.

**Subject:** Mayor Gets Vaccinated

News Broadcasts: 4/1

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn received the COVID vaccine on Thursday at Hancock Public Health and is encouraging everyone eligible to do the same. Mayor Muryn said she's happy with how the COVID vaccine distribution process is going in Hancock County. The mayor said she wouldn't be encouraging people to get vaccinated if she didn't think it was the right decision.

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