

Blanchard River Broadcasting Company  
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Findlay, OH

Issues/Program Report for Q1 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 January 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> time period:

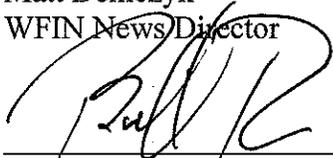
- Economic Development officials announced that Amazon was coming to Findlay
- It was announced that Cooper Tire was being sold to Goodyear Tire
- Findlay was named the top Micropolitan community for a 7<sup>th</sup> straight year
- COVID-19 vaccination clinics started being held locally
- Findlay City Schools returned to a 5-day in-person learning schedule
- Due to ongoing mitigation efforts, flood stages on the Blanchard River were raised

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



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WFIN News Director



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## WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

### **SUBJECT: Breaking News**

Stories run an average of 30 seconds.

Programming as Follows:

**Subject: Hotel Fire**

News Broadcasts: 3/31

A fire did extensive damage to a Findlay hotel.

Crews were called to the Fairfield Inn & Suites at the corner of Tiffin Avenue and Bright Road at around 6:15 Tuesday night. Fire Chief Josh Eberle says the fire caved in much of the roof on the south side of the hotel but the chief says the fire wall did a good job in preventing it from spreading even further. Initially it appears there were no injuries to hotel guests or firefighters. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

**Subject: Amazon Coming To Town**

News Broadcasts: 2/17

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News Broadcasts: 2/22

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**Subject:** Winter Storm Warning  
News Broadcasts: 2/14

The entire State of Ohio has been placed under a Winter Storm Warning ahead of what's anticipated to be a significant winter weather event. The Winter Storm Warning goes from 1 a.m. Monday until 1 p.m. Tuesday. For Findlay and Hancock County, the National Weather Service is forecasting 8 to 12 inches of snow. Forecaster say two rounds of snow are expected across the area.

**Subject:** Level 3 Snow Emergency  
News Broadcasts: 2/16

Hancock County was placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency by the sheriff's office at around 12:30 Tuesday morning. The Hancock County Sheriff's Office defines a Level 3 Emergency as: Most roadways are closed and extremely hazardous/flooded. Employees should comply with workplace policies or contact their employer. Violaters may be cited. Earlier, Seneca County went to a Level 3, closing roadways to non-emergency personnel. Persistent snow and high winds were causing blizzard-like conditions and making some roads impassable.

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**Subject:** Fresh Encounter Expanding  
News Broadcasts: 1/5

Fresh Encounter, a supermarket management company in Findlay, is expanding into Florida. President and CEO Michael Needler, Jr. says the company has acquired 51 stores from Save A Lot in the Tampa market. The acquisitions double Fresh Encounter's store count. Needler tells WFIN News this is a good move for Fresh Encounter and Needler Enterprises. "Because we'll be able to develop a little further scale, and the more scale that we get the better we'll be able to compete with the big-box stores."

**Subject:** Endurica Award  
News Broadcasts: 3/4

A Findlay company is being honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Endurica, LLC received the SBA's prestigious Tibbetts Award for its accomplishments in creating cutting-edge technologies. The SBA says Endurica's advancements in rubber product design have led to cost savings in development programs and more durable parts for the U.S. Army, ultimately ensuring the safety of military personnel and civilians.

**Subject:** Logan's Irish Pub St. Paddy's Day  
News Broadcasts: 3/16

Logan's Irish Pub is looking forward to St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, although COVID restrictions will still be in place. "Last year was just strictly online orders and to-gos, so we're at least happy to sell some drinks in here and have some live music," said General Manager Clayton Acheson. Clayton told WFIN that the community has been very supportive throughout the pandemic. "We absolutely are in debt to the community around here, they really lifted us up." He says even though COVID restrictions will be in place and capacity will be limited, they still plan to have plenty of fun on St. Patrick's Day. He said they will be doing takeout as well, so you celebrate with them from home if you prefer.

**Subject:** Cooper Tire LGBTQ  
News Broadcasts: 1/28

For the second straight year Cooper Tire has been named a 'Best Place to Work for LGBTQ Equality'. The company met all the criteria and scored a 100 percent Corporate Equality Index (CEI) rating from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. Full details are in the following news release from Cooper Tire & Rubber Company.

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**Subject: Arcadia Superintendent Hired**

News Broadcasts: 3/26

Arcadia Local Schools will have a new superintendent who is a familiar face. Dave Golden has been the district's elementary principal for more than a decade. Golden has also served as co-Athletic Director at the school since 2018. He will succeed Bruce Kidder in the role beginning August 1st. Kidder has served as the district superintendent since 2015, including this year on a one-year contract in a retire/rehire scenario.

**Subject: BGSU Nursing Program**

News Broadcasts: 3/23

Bowling Green State University has announced that it will be expanding its nursing program to include a Bachelors Degree program. The program will include a 23-bed lab setting in what is now known as Central Hall, formerly the College of Business Annex, on the Bowling Green campus. The renovated facility will open late this spring with the BSN program offering classes beginning with the fall semester. BGSU has offered nursing education for 50 years. The school will continue to offer LPN and RN programs.

**Subject:** Carey Principal of the Year  
News Broadcasts: 3/16

Carey High School Principal Peter Cole has been selected by the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators as the 2021-2022 Ohio Principal of the Year. "I'm extremely overwhelmed by the award," Peter told WFIN. He said he never fathomed that he would win an award for helping others, let alone a state award. "I feel that the honor really belongs just as much to the people that are around me and work here and learn here at Carey High School as it is about me."

**Subject:** Donnell Students Fundraiser  
News Broadcasts: 3/23

Over two weeks in February Donnell Middle School raised a whole lot of money for the Humane Society & SPCA of Hancock County. On Tuesday they presented Natalie Reffitt of the Humane Society with a big check made out for \$3,388.26. Gavin says they wanted to help out the Humane Society make sure all the animals in the shelter had everything they needed. The money raised from the Dollars for Dogs and Cash for Cats fundraiser will go towards food, medication, bedding and toys for the animals at the shelter.

**Subject:** FCS Needs Substitute Teachers  
News Broadcasts: 2/16

Findlay City Schools held an open interview night for substitute teachers. Superintendent Troy Roth says the district had a substitute shortage even before COVID and then many subs decided to sit out this school year because of the pandemic. Roth says he was impressed with the quality of substitute teacher candidates they saw at the open interview night.

**Subject:** FHS Lockdown  
News Broadcasts: 2/5

Findlay High School went into a Level 2 lockdown on Friday morning.

High School Principal Ryan Imke says the lockdown was for precautionary reasons to investigate a concern. He said the concern was investigated and determined to not be a threat and the lockdown was lifted. The lockdown was in place for about a half hour, from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

A Level 2 lockdown calls for the doors to the school to be locked and for no one to leave the building or the classroom they are in. The school returned to a normal two-hour delay schedule for the rest of the day.

**Subject:** FHS New Football Coach

News Broadcasts: 2/22

Findlay High School has hired Stefan Adams to be the next head football coach of the Findlay Trojans.

Adams takes over from Matt Pees who left after one season as head coach to return to the NFL.

Adams, a school counselor for Findlay City Schools, was an assistant coach for the Trojans from 2017-2019. "Stefan's relationships with our student-athletes and community will provide a seamless transition honoring our 'Tradition of Excellence' at Findlay High School," said Athletic Director Nate Weihrauch.

**Subject:** FHS Senior Promenade

News Broadcasts: 3/12

While Findlay High School won't be having a traditional prom this year, they will be holding their first-ever Senior Promenade. Assistant Principal Christine Siebeneck says the seniors-only event combines the glamour of prom while keeping the seniors safe and healthy during the ongoing pandemic.

She says the evening will consist of a formal dinner, a live band, recognitions, and memories.

The event will give seniors a chance to celebrate their accomplishments, reminisce about their years at FHS, and look forward to their futures. The Senior Promenade will be held on Saturday, May 15th from 7-11 p.m. in the Findlay High School Courtyard.

**Subject:** Golden Apple Nominations

News Broadcasts: 2/2

The Findlay Rotary Club is looking for three of the most outstanding teachers in Findlay and Hancock County. The Rotary is accepting nominations for its 2021 Golden Apple Awards. The Rotary's Golden Apple Award, signifying teaching excellence, is awarded annually to outstanding teachers in the elementary, middle, and high schools of Findlay/Hancock County. The Rotary hopes the Golden Apple Awards will enhance the public's respect for teachers and help attract new, dedicated people to the teaching profession. People in Findlay and Hancock County who know a teacher who has improved a

student's life through excellent, dedicated teaching are encouraged to nominate that teacher for the Golden Apple Award.

**Subject:** OH FAME Open Houses  
News Broadcasts: 1/4

The Ohio Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (OH! FAME) based in Findlay is hosting two virtual open houses/job recruitment events. Tricia Valasek, Executive Director for Raise the Bar Hancock County, says even in spite of COVID, Northwest Ohio manufacturers are seeing an increase in production and hiring demands, and one of the positions most companies need to fill is supported by OH! FAME

**Subject:** School Building Consolidation  
News Broadcasts: 1/25

Findlay City Schools is making changes in the wake of 3 failed operating levies. After going 0 for 3 at the polls last year Findlay City Schools will be undergoing some elementary school building consolidation in the wake of three failed operating levies in 2020. Superintendent Troy Roth says the district is moving ahead with the difficult decision to close Lincoln Elementary at the end of the current school year. Also, Jacobs Primary will be repurposed and will no longer be a K-3 school building.

**Subject:** Spelling Bee Champ  
News Broadcasts: 1/29

A Van Buren middle school student won the Hancock County Spelling Bee. Sixth grader Rajshekhar Basu Sarkar took home the first place trophy after the event Thursday night at Glenwood Middle School in Findlay. One of the words that he spelled correctly on the way to the victory was 'triceratops'. Rajshekhar now moves on to the regional spelling bee, which will be held in Toledo in March. Lucy Mallamaci, a student at Donnell Middle School, came in second place.

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**Subject: New Flood Stages In Effect**

News Broadcasts: 3/1

The adjusted flood stages of the Blanchard River went into effect on Monday. In February, the National Weather Service announced that the flood stages of the Blanchard River in Findlay would be raised effective March 1st. Sarah Jamison, Senior Hydrologist with the National Weather Service in Cleveland, says Findlay is making a lot of progress with flood mitigation efforts but still has a ways to go. Findlay has been benching the river and removing flood-prone properties along it. Another project that will help flood mitigation efforts is the Eagle Creek Floodwater Storage Basin project just south of Findlay. Among the new flood stages; Minor flood stage was raised from 11 feet to 12 feet.

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### **SUBJECT: Government**

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### **Programming as Follows:**

**Subject:** Findlay DORA Meeting

News Broadcasts: 2/5

The City of Findlay will be holding a virtual public meeting about a proposed Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). A Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) is a specific area in which alcoholic beverages may be sold by licensed liquor establishments for outdoor consumption. The city says a DORA is designed to make it easier to social distance, stroll within the district and support local restaurants and bars.

**Subject:** Findlay Lowers Flags

News Broadcasts: 1/11

The City of Findlay flags have been lowered to half-staff in remembrance of the service and sacrifice of US Capitol Police Officers Brian Sicknick and Howard Liebengood. Sicknick died Thursday, a day after he was injured while defending the U.S. Capitol from the violent group of Trump supporters who stormed the building after Trump gave a speech encouraging supporters to disrupt the certification of Joe Biden's election win. Officer Liebengood died of an apparent suicide on Saturday.

**Subject:** Findlay Micropolitan Award Again

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**Subject: Findlay Mayor Starts Newsletter**

News Broadcasts: 1/15

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn is starting a newsletter.

"Communication is the largest challenge for any organization. I am always looking for new ways to connect with citizens and hope that this will be a valuable way to do that," the mayor said.

She says the newsletter will include things like, updates on city projects and legislation, committee updates, city performance and a new Citizen of the Month program.

Muryn says the newsletter will be released at least monthly, beginning in late January or early February.

**Subject: Heroes Award**

News Broadcasts: 2/8

Two women who work at Fox Run Assisted Living are being honored for saving a woman's life and preventing what could have been a big fire at the facility. Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn recognized Jennifer Rose, and Lori Willming as Community Heroes with certificates in recognition and appreciation of their outstanding contribution to the community. Findlay Fire Chief Josh Eberle and Hanco EMS Chief Rob Martin also honored Rose and Willming during the small ceremony.

**Subject: Muryn Ohio Mayors Alliance**

News Broadcasts: 2/10

The Ohio Mayors Alliance has announced its policy priorities for 2021, which focus on local recovery efforts, resiliency, and equity. The mayors also discussed a letter sent to Ohio's congressional delegation urging them to come together and pass a bipartisan COVID-relief bill that includes direct, flexible fiscal assistance to frontline communities. "Our communities have been on the frontlines responding to this health and economic crisis and we've appreciated our strong working relationship with our state and federal partners," said Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn. Muryn and other mayors say their communities need continued support to respond to and fully recover from the pandemic.

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

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**Subject:** Vaccine Clinic at 50 North  
News Broadcasts: 3/11

Hancock Public Health held a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at 50 North today on Thursday. Shannon Chamberlin, director of community health services with Hancock Public Health, says they administered around 600 doses of the vaccine. She said about half of those 600 doses were the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine. She says the people that got the two-shot Moderna vaccine will be notified when to come back for their second dose. Hancock Public Health, Blanchard Valley Health System and the University of Findlay are teaming up for a large vaccine clinic at the University of Findlay on Saturday.

**Subject:** Vaccine Distribution Update  
News Broadcasts: 3/10

Blanchard Valley Health System will be holding an online update about COVID vaccine distribution. The event will be held via Facebook Live on Thursday at noon. BVHS President and CEO Myron Lewis and Dr. William Kose, vice president of special projects, will be joined by Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn for discussion regarding COVID vaccine distribution. Additional topics will include future plans for vaccination efforts, the city's response, the mobile health clinic, state directives and more. Lewis and Kose will be taking questions from the community

**Subject:** COVID Testing Kits at Library  
News Broadcasts: 3/4

Free COVID-19 test kits are now available at the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library. Hancock County residents are now able to stop into their local library and pick up their books, movies and tax forms as well as a free rapid COVID-19 test kit they can use at home. The self-administered, at-home BinaxNOW COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits have been provided by the Ohio Department of Health and Hancock Public Health at no cost to patrons or the library.

**Subject:** COVID Scam Wyandot County

News Broadcasts: 1/13

The sheriff's office in Wyandot County is warning residents of a COVID-related scam. The sheriff's office says a group calling itself Wyandot Covid is reaching out to people through Facebook in the hope of obtaining people's personal information. The scammers are using pictures from the Wyandot County Health Department to make it look legitimate. The sheriff's office says the health department will not reach out to people through Facebook messenger or ask for any personal information in such a manner. Anyone with questions or concerns may contact the Wyandot County Health Department at 419-294-3852.

**Subject:** City Mission Keeping Homeless Warm

News Broadcasts: 2/21

The City Mission of Findlay has been helping the homeless stay warm during the cold and snowy weather we've been having. Chief Development Officer Joy Barger says they need continued community support to operate the recently opened warming center which allows anyone in need to shelter from the elements. In addition to financial support, donations such as hand warmers, men's gloves (L & XL) and men's sweatpants and sweatshirts in larger sizes that allow for layering are needed at this time.

**Subject:** Mobile Health Clinic

News Broadcasts: 2/25

Hancock Public Health is getting a mobile health clinic.

"It's going to be a resource on wheels," said Health Commissioner Karim Baroudi.

"Instead of waiting for people to come into hospitals or public health, we're going to go out to them."

He says it will be used for a variety of prevention initiatives like immunizations and health education.

But he says the first thing it'll be utilized for is administering the COVID vaccine. He says the mobile clinic will be fully equipped with two exam rooms, a lab area and refrigeration and freezing capacity so they can transport medicine and vaccines.

**Subject: Service Safety Director Hired**  
News Broadcasts: 3/31

Hanco EMS Chief Rob Martin is leaving that role to become the next Service Safety Director for the City of Findlay. Mayor Christina Muryn has named Rob Martin, BSN, MBA as the next Service Safety Director for the City of Findlay. "I am thrilled with the results of our search. It was a thorough process that yielded a number of strong candidates. I am confident that Rob is the right person for this job and his experience will be an amazing asset for the City of Findlay."

**Subject: Vaccine Clinic For School Personnel**  
News Broadcasts: 2/27

More than 1,100 school personnel from Findlay and Hancock County received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at a clinic held at Findlay High School on Saturday. We caught up with Findlay City Schools Superintendent Troy Roth at the clinic. He said more than 500 Findlay City Schools staff received the vaccine, around 70 percent of their personnel, and he's happy with that percentage. He says the vaccination is a step toward allowing FCS to move to a full 5-day in person schedule by the end of March.

**Subject: Vaccine Clinic Held at UF**  
News Broadcasts: 3/13

A large COVID-19 vaccination clinic was held at the University of Findlay's Koehler Complex on Saturday. Hancock County Health Commissioner Karim Baroudi was happy with how community health partners and volunteers worked together to put on the 2000+ dose clinic. "Literally in this arena you can see the finish line, it's right there where the vaccine is being offered, and we want everyone to take advantage so we can get this over with," Baroudi told WFIN at the clinic.

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**Subject: 'Bad' Batch of Drugs**

News Broadcasts: 3/9

Hancock Public Health is reminding people that they have Narcan kits available for the public. Narcan is a medication designed to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. The reminder comes as the Fostoria Police Division is warning about a batch of bad street drugs that have caused three fatal overdoses recently. "Obviously there is no good batch of heroin/fentanyl, but over the weekend the Fostoria Police Division responded to four suspected drug overdoses in four days," a post said on their Facebook page.

**Subject: Homicide Suspect Arrested**

News Broadcasts: 3/25

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office helped the Bluffton Police Department arrest a man wanted in connection with a homicide in Detroit. Authorities learned that Eugene Jerome Lemons, 37, of Dearborn Heights, Michigan was at a motel on State Route 103 in Bluffton. The sheriff's office says Lemons was taken into custody without incident on Thursday by the sheriff's office and Bluffton Police Department. Authorities obtained a search warrant for his room at the motel and say they found two high powered rifles and ammunition.

**Subject: Fleeing From Police Arrest**

News Broadcasts: 2/19

The Findlay Police Department says a man nearly struck an officer while driving away from a traffic stop. It happened around 11:50 Thursday night in the 1800 block of Brookside Drive. Police say they went to pull over Ian J. Fleck, 37, of Findlay, for a traffic violation. After initially stopping, police say the man refused to exit his truck and started to drive off. An officer attempted to stop Fleck by pulling him out of the truck. The officer was knocked to the ground and Fleck drove away, nearly running over the officer on the ground.

**Subject: Hazing Death Parents Speak**

News Broadcasts: 3/24

The parents of Stone Foltz, the Bowling Green State University student killed by an alleged fraternity hazing incident have spoken out. Cory and Shari Foltz appeared in an interview on Good Morning America, Wednesday. The couple explained how they got the news and described the drive to Toledo to see their son in the hospital. Get more on our website.

**Subject: Pursuit Arrests Findlay**

News Broadcasts: 3/5

Two people are facing charges after a police pursuit in Findlay. The Findlay Police Department says an officer attempted to stop a car for driving the wrong way on Liberty Street at around 3:30 Friday morning. Police say the driver failed to comply and fled from the officer. After a 2 1/2 mile pursuit at speeds up to 70 miles per hour, the car crashed into a tree at the corner of East Street and East Front Street. Police say the driver, Johnathin M. Hinojosa, 23, of Fostoria, fled on foot into a wooded area. A K9 unit was deployed and located Hinojosa hiding behind a tree along the Blanchard River and he was taken into custody.

**Subject: Rape Indictment**

News Broadcasts: 2/25

A Findlay man has been indicted on rape charges. A Hancock County Grand Jury this week indicted Michael G. Ochoa, 34, on two counts of rape, a 1st degree felony. Court records state the offenses happened in August of 2020. Ochoa was indicted on Tuesday and a warrant for his arrest was issued on Wednesday.

**Subject:** Fostoria Drug Bust  
News Broadcasts: 3/17

A man who was already facing drug charges in Hancock County is now facing even more in Seneca County. The Seneca County Drug Task Force, along with additional officers from the Fostoria Police Department, executed a search warrant on South Vine Street in Fostoria following a suspected drug overdose. Authorities say the search warrant revealed suspected Fentanyl, suspected heroin, suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The task force says Brandon L. Myers, 33, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for a parole violation.

**Subject:** Drugs Search Warrant Findlay  
News Broadcasts: 2/2

A Findlay woman is facing charges after a drug task force searched her residence. The Hancock County METRICH Drug Task Force along with the Findlay Police Department Emergency Response Team (ERT) executed a search warrant at 301 Edith Avenue on Monday night. They say the search of the residence yielded a large amount of crack and powder cocaine, methamphetamines, Fentanyl mix, psilocybin mushrooms and marijuana. Cash and other drug paraphernalia was also seized, according to police. The task force says Ashley D. Woods, 35, was arrested and booked at the Hancock County Justice Center.

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### **SUBJECT: Politics**

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**Subject:** Biden in Ohio  
News Broadcasts: 3/26

President Joe Biden was in Ohio yesterday touting the recently passed Covid relief plan. In a speech at The James Cancer Hospital in Columbus, while wearing a mask, he implored the public to continue the

fight against the virus. While in Columbus, Biden, the first lady, and Vice-President Kamala Harris toured The James and the Solove Research Institute at Ohio State. Biden was also expected to make time to discuss Ohio's progress with Covid-19 vaccinations with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine during the 2-hour visit.

**Subject:** Filing Deadline for Primary

News Broadcasts: 2/1

The filing deadline for the May primary is almost here.

The Hancock County Board of Elections says the filing deadline for candidates and issues is tomorrow (February 3rd) at 4 p.m. The primary is on May 4th. Get more on our website.

**Subject:** Primary Voter Registration Deadline

News Broadcasts: 3/26

Those not yet registered who wish to vote in the May Primary Election have until April 5th register. To register, you can visit your county board of elections, or print the form from the board of elections website, fill it out, and deliver it to the the board office. The deadline also applies to changes in address and legal name changes. Those who try to vote with out of date information will be required to fill out a provisional ballot and then provide proof of the change to the board after the fact to have their ballot counted. Those wishing to file absentee ballots should make their request soon so that there is ample time to get the ballot and get it returned to the board of elections by election day, May 4th.

**Subject:** Mayors Alliance Muryn

News Broadcasts: 2/10

The Ohio Mayors Alliance has announced its policy priorities for 2021, which focus on local recovery efforts, resiliency, and equity. The mayors also discussed a letter sent to Ohio's congressional delegation urging them to come together and pass a bipartisan COVID-relief bill that includes direct, flexible fiscal assistance to frontline communities. "Our communities have been on the frontlines responding to this health and economic crisis and we've appreciated our strong working relationship with our state and federal partners," said Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn.

**Subject:** Secretary of State in Findlay

News Broadcasts: 2/9

The entrepreneurial spirit of Ohioans and modernizing elections were two things Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose spoke about during a legislative roundtable at the Findlay-Hancock County Chamber of Commerce on Monday. LaRose said 2020 was a record-shattering year for new business creation in Ohio with more than 170,000 new businesses created through the Ohio Secretary of State's Office.

"To me that's a fundamental statement of optimism," LaRose told WFIN News.

**Subject:** UF President Speaks at Ohio House

News Broadcasts: 3/19

University of Findlay President Dr. Katherine Fell recently testified in an Ohio House Finance Subcommittee meeting on higher education, providing important insight on the financial situations higher education institutions are currently facing as well as how, specifically, the committee can help to better educate the state's citizens. This subcommittee of the Ohio House of Representatives meets regularly to discuss proposed bills regarding financial issues within higher education. In public hearings, details of each bill are thoroughly reviewed and, eventually, the merits of the bill inform a decision. As a leader in higher education in Ohio, Dr. Fell said at the March 3 meeting that she supports both the proposed increase to the Ohio College Opportunities Grant (OCOG) as well as the requirement of students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).