

Blanchard River Broadcasting Company
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Issues/Program Report for Q4 2020

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.

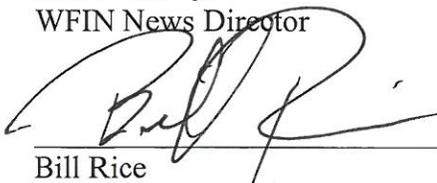
WFIN News Director Matt Demczyk has noted the following as significant issues during the October 1st – December 31st 2020 time period:

- Marathon Petroleum reaffirmed its commitment to Findlay
- COVID-19 continued to affect people's lives as cases/deaths increased
- The first local COVID-19 vaccines were administered
- A Findlay priest was indicted on felony charges
- Findlay City Schools went fully remote for grades 6-12
- A local state lawmaker contracted the coronavirus

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SUBJECT: Breaking News

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Subject: Columbus Grove Fire

News Broadcasts: 11/23

Authorities are investigating a fire in Columbus Grove that destroyed four businesses. The Putnam County Sheriff's office says a call came in about a fire on north high street. The fire then spread west to the 100 block of west sycamore. The businesses that were destroyed were small, family-owned businesses right in the heart of town. A GoFundMe page has been set up to raise money to help the businesses.

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Subject: Fires Stop Traffic On Interstate

News Broadcasts: 10/9

Traffic on Interstate 75 in Findlay was brought to a standstill thanks to several fires along the roadway. The fires started at around 4 p.m. along the southbound lanes just south of Findlay. The pictures and video with this story were taken from the Lima Avenue overpass. The fires sent smoke across the interstate, making it difficult for drivers to see. The Ohio State Highway Patrol responded and shut down the southbound lanes. The Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department responded and had the fires extinguished in a few minutes.

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Subject: Interstate 75 Incident

News Broadcasts: 11/5

A person was taken to Blanchard Valley Hospital after suffering a self-inflicted gunshot wound on the side of Interstate 75 north of Findlay. The driver eventually pulled to the side of the interstate a little north of State Route 613 and that's where they suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

After firing the shot, the individual surrendered without further incident and was taken to Blanchard Valley Hospital. The sheriff's office describes the wound as not life-threatening.

Subject: Leipsic Business Destroyed In Fire

News Broadcasts: 11/29

The Leipsic Fire Department says it responded to Smokin' B's Bar & Grill at 125 East Main Street for a structure fire. Firefighters were met with heavy smoke and fire in the rear area of the business.

The fire department says, with the help of mutual aid, they were able to contain the fire to the building of origin. The building to the east, Dulle Chiropractic, sustained minor smoke and water damage.

Smokin' B's said on their Facebook page that the business is a total loss, but thankfully no one was injured, and they will be back. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Subject: Marathon Reaffirms Commitment to Findlay

News Broadcasts: 12/14

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Subject: Pedestrian Hit By Car

News Broadcasts: 12/29

A pedestrian was struck by a car in a downtown Findlay intersection on Tuesday afternoon. It happened at 12:23 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of South Main Street and East Sandusky Street. The Findlay Police Department says Dorothy A. Jones, 72, of Findlay, was walking across South Main Street in the crosswalk on the north side of the intersection when she was hit by a car that was turning from West Sandusky Street onto South Main Street to go northbound.

Subject: Putnam County Highest COVID Rate

News Broadcasts: 10/27

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Subject: Kidnapping/Pursuit In Putnam County

News Broadcasts: 10/25

A man is facing charges after allegedly leading authorities on a pursuit with his young child in the vehicle. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office says it responded to 212 North High Street in Columbus Grove to investigate an incident that was reported as a kidnapping. The sheriff's office says they learned that Michael B. Strykul, 52, and Dorothy A. Selhorst, 43, have a 4-year-old child and that Michael took the child during an argument with Dorothy. Deputies say they tried to stop Michael's vehicle and a pursuit ensued that later ended in Lima after his vehicle was disabled from stop sticks. The sheriff's office says the child was okay and was returned to its mother.

Subject: Som Carryout Robbed

News Broadcasts: 12/10

A clerk told police the suspect waved a gun in her face as he robbed her convenience store in Findlay. It happened at Som Carry Out at 825 North Main Street at around 9:30 Wednesday night. Police say the suspect went to pay for a drink and asked for four packs of cigarettes. The clerk asked if he needed anything else and that's when he instructed the clerk to give him all the money in the cash register. The clerk said, when she didn't comply immediately, the suspect pulled a gun and began waving it. The clerk gave the suspect the money and he fled southbound from the store. Officers checked the area with a K9 but the suspect was not located.

Subject: Pedestrian Hit and Killed

News Broadcasts: 11/17

The Ohio State Highway Patrol says a pedestrian was killed in a hit and run crash in Seneca County. The crash happened on State Route 53 in Pleasant Township, north of Tiffin. The highway patrol says Amanda Borer, 35, of Tiffin, entered State Route 53 from the west chasing after the family dog. The patrol says Borer was struck by a northbound car being driven by Carrie M. Conner, 33, of Tiffin. Investigators say Conner fled the scene and her car was located at a residence in Seneca County on Tuesday but her whereabouts are unknown. She is wanted for questioning for her involvement in the crash and charges are pending, the patrol says. Borer was pronounced dead at the scene and transported to the Lucas County Coroner's Office.

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Subject: Westside Carryout Robbed
News Broadcasts: 10/21

A man robbed the West Side Carryout in Findlay. Police say the man entered the store at 1132 Logan Avenue at 7:53 p.m. Tuesday and selected a couple items and walked to the counter. That's when police say the man gave the clerk a note demanding the money from the register. The note also implied the suspect had a gun, although no gun was seen. The cashier cooperated and handed over the money from the register.

Subject: Findlay Priest Indicted
News Broadcasts: 10/23

A Findlay priest has been indicted on charges that include child sex trafficking. A federal grand jury handed down the 10 count indictment against Father Michael Zacharias on Friday. Zacharias was the pastor at St. Michael The Archangel Parish in Findlay. He has been in federal custody since his arrest in August. The offenses Zacharias has been charged with allegedly involve boys from Catholic schools in Toledo.

WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

SUBJECT: Business

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Programming as Follows:

Subject: Cooper Tire Q3 Results
News Broadcasts: 10/29

After struggling in the first half of the year due to the pandemic, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company rebounded in the third quarter to post some impressive numbers. The company reported on Thursday that their third quarter net income was \$123 million, which is a big increase from their third quarter 2019 net income of \$29 million.

Subject: Marathon Q3 Results
News Broadcasts: 11/2

Marathon Petroleum Corporation on Monday reported a third quarter net loss of \$1 billion. In the third quarter of 2019 the company reported a net income of \$1.1 billion. President and Chief Executive Officer Michael J. Hennigan said the challenges created by the COVID pandemic continued through the third quarter. "Despite some recovery, global demand for our products and services remains significantly below historical levels, which continues to pressure profitability for both our company and the industry," Hennigan said.

Subject: Small Business Awards

News Broadcasts: 10/7

The Findlay-Hancock County Chamber of Commerce held its 2020 Small Business Awards at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts. Each year, the Chamber highlights local individuals, who through their independent entrepreneurial spirit, play a vital role in building the community and the economy. The Women in Business Champion of the Year award went to the Baking Company & Bread Kneads. Owner Eve Marie Stump was surprised to hear the name of her business called. The 19-year-old Stump, who took over the restaurant in September of 2019, says the award means a lot to her because the business has always been woman-owned. [Click here for the full list of award winners at the 2020 Small Business Awards.](#)

Subject: Cooper Tire Forbes List

News Broadcasts: 12/2

Cooper Tire finds itself on the World's Best Employers list compiled by Forbes. Cooper placed within the top 20 percent, ranking 143 out of 750 companies on the list, and ranked highly in the automotive industry, placing second among six tire companies in the category. In partnership with a market research firm, Forbes compiled the ranking based on employee ratings of their employer on topics such as economic footprint, gender equality, social responsibility, talent development and COVID-19 response. [Get more and see the full list on our website.](#)

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Subject: OH! FAME Recruits
News Broadcasts: 11/9

The Ohio Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (OH! FAME) of Findlay-Hancock County is taking recruits for its 2021 cohort. Tricia Valasek, manager of Raise the Bar - Hancock County spoke with WFIN's Chris Oaks about how the program works. She says the OH! FAME 'earn while you learn' program brings local manufacturers and educators together to create a skilled workforce pipeline and pathway to area jobs.

Subject: 50 North Closed
News Broadcasts: 10/28

50 North has announced it will be closed for two weeks, beginning on Wednesday, due to a positive COVID test by a staff member. The facility says its board of trustees, working directly with Hancock Public Health, has determined that for the safety of its members and staff, the facility will close for 14 days. Services that are essential for at-risk seniors will continue, such as mobile meals and grocery delivery.

Subject: Axe-throwing venue opens
News Broadcasts: 12/21

There's an interesting, new activity to take part in during your next trip to downtown Findlay. Axe throwing. Axe Ventura held its grand opening on Saturday. We spoke with manager Bryan White, who said they don't just give you an axe and say 'go have fun'. He says each lane has an Axe Master that teaches customers the proper technique. "We teach what we call the Axe Ventura way, which is two-handed. We teach you how to stand, throw and get it to stick." This is their second location. The first one is in Ann Arbor, right by the campus of the University of Michigan.

Subject: Christmas Tree Farm
News Broadcasts: 12/3

We stopped by Kaleidoscope Farms in Mt. Cory and spoke with Co-owner Matt Reese about the high demand for real Christmas trees in what's been a tough 2020 for everyone. Matt told us that they sold out of the bigger trees earlier than usually this year. He believes the increased demand is from people tired of being cooped up inside and wanting to find a fun family activity, and also wanting a nice, real tree to enjoy over the holidays.

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SUBJECT: Education

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Subject: FCS Third Levy Attempt

News Broadcasts: 11/1

Findlay City Schools will have an operating levy on the November 3rd ballot. Superintendent Troy Roth says the levy is smaller than the one that was defeated in a special election in August and in the primary in April. As Roth said, since the millage is lower, even if this levy is approved, the district will still have to make some cuts to personnel and in other areas. The 3.9 mill levy would cost taxpayers significantly less than the 5.9 mill levy that voters twice rejected.

Subject: FCS 3rd Levy Fails

News Broadcasts: 11/1

Voters once again rejected a Findlay City Schools operating levy on Tuesday. This is the third levy defeat this year, following a defeat in the primary in April and in a special election in August. This latest levy failed by a vote of 10,358 against it to 8,337 for it. The levy that the school district put before voters on Tuesday was a 3.9 mill levy, which was a reduction from the 5.9 mill levy that failed twice.

Subject: FCS Virtual Choir

News Broadcasts: 12/23

While Findlay City Schools wasn't able to put on a holiday choir concert this year because of COVID, they have been entertaining people with their Virtual Choir project. Choir Director Kevin Manley says, while the Virtual Choir videos have been very well received by the public, they will never replace in-person performances. Manley says the choirs have not performed since December of 2019 and it is a very tough time for the performing arts. "Here's to hoping that we will be able to get together soon for a traditional, in-person concert."

Subject: FCS Golden Apple Awards

News Broadcasts: 10/21

The Findlay Rotary Club has presented its 2020 Golden Apple Awards to three area teachers for their teaching excellence. Annually, The Rotary chooses three teachers from the elementary level, three from the middle school level and three from the high school level to compete for the award.

The winners of the Golden Apple Award this year are; at the elementary level, Lani Sapp, First Grade at Jefferson Primary, at the middle school level, Kathleen Rayle, Intervention Specialist grades 6-8 at Glenwood Middle School, and at the high school level, Martie Andrews, Intervention Specialist at Findlay.

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Subject: Flood Basin Project Funding

News Broadcasts: 12/21

Ohio's \$2.1 billion capital budget for 2021 has money in it for a variety of local projects.

Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development Director Tim Mayle was on with WFIN's Chris Oaks to discuss the budget. He says the area will be getting a second installment of \$15 million dollars for construction of the Eagle Creek Flood Basin project just south of Findlay. The overall project is anticipated to cost around \$60 million. The 600 to 800-acre floodwater storage basin would be constructed west of U.S. 68 and just north of Township Road 49 in Hancock County. He says the projects already undertaken, such as the benching of Blanchard River, are making an impact on flood levels.

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Subject: Bateson Wins Commissioner Seat

News Broadcasts: 11/3

William Bateson won a seat on the Hancock County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday. The Republican defeated Democrat Melissa Kritzell by a vote of 26,149 to 10,047. Bateson is a lifelong resident of Hancock County and is in agribusiness and now operates 750 acres in the Arlington area. He's been serving on the Ohio Soybean Council for eight years. There are three Hancock County Commissioners.

Subject: Budget Hearings Virtual

News Broadcasts: 12/10

The City of Findlay has announced that it will be holding its annual budget hearings virtually this year. The hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, December 9th and Thursday, December 10th beginning at 5:30 p.m. each day. The hearings can be viewed on the City of Findlay YouTube channel by clicking [here](#).

Subject: CARES Act Funds

News Broadcasts: 10/27

Ohio is allocating millions of dollars in CARES Act funding to help those impacted financially by the pandemic. Ohio is allocating nearly \$420 million in CARES Act Funding to help ease the burdens caused by the pandemic. The funding package includes money for small businesses, restaurants and bars, hospitals, higher education, arts, nonprofits and low-income Ohioans impacted financially by the pandemic. Governor DeWine says this money is essential in helping Ohioans stay in their homes and to pay off outstanding bills accrued during the pandemic.

Subject: Findlay CARES Act Funding

News Broadcasts: 12/4

The City of Findlay says more than \$436,000 in federal CARES Act funding that the city received has been awarded to 15 local nonprofit organizations. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is a more than \$2 trillion economic relief package passed by Congress in response to the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic. Among the nonprofits that received funding: Marathon Center for the Performing Arts was awarded \$112,833 and Habitat for Humanity \$74,675.

Subject: New Findlay Police Officer

News Broadcasts: 11/9

The Findlay Police Department has a new officer on the force. Joshua Scharp was sworn in by Mayor Christina Muryn on Monday. Scharp, 29, is a Findlay High School graduate and served in the United States Marine Corps. After his service in the Marines, he completed the Police Academy at Owens Community College. Before joining the Findlay Police Department, Scharp was an auxiliary officer with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Scharp will join the department's patrol division upon completion of his field training program.

Subject: House Speaker in Findlay

News Broadcasts: 10/14

Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development hosted a business roundtable discussion with Ohio House Speaker Bob Cupp on Wednesday. Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn said COVID response was one of the main topics and how the legislature can help support businesses through the pandemic, especially bars and restaurants. She says allowing bars and restaurants to serve alcohol past 10 p.m. would be a big help. Speaker Cupp said the roundtable discussion was very informative.

Subject: Sprague OMAP Carey

News Broadcasts: 12/4

Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague, of Findlay, says a state program has helped the Village of Carey save a lot of money in interest costs. The Ohio Market Access Program (OMAP) administered by Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague has helped the Village of Carey (Wyandot County) enter the market to refinance outstanding debt, saving an estimated \$42,750 in interest costs.

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News Broadcasts: 12/1

The Ohio Department of Health will be holding a COVID-19 testing event in Ottawa. The pop-up testing site will be at the Putnam County Fairgrounds on Sunday, December 6th from noon to 4. The department of health says anyone can get a no-cost test during the event although quantities may be limited. No appointment or health provider referral is needed.

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Subject: BVHS COVID Beds
News Broadcasts: 12/7

Blanchard Valley Health System says obstetric services at Blanchard Valley Hospital and Bluffton Hospital are being combined as part of their Pandemic Response Plan. In order to increase bed capacity system-wide, as well as maximize staffing availability in the pandemic response, Blanchard Valley Health System (BVHS) will combine in-patient Bluffton Hospital and Blanchard Valley Hospital obstetrics on the main Findlay campus, effective December 14.

Subject: BVHS COVID Update
News Broadcasts: 12/14

Blanchard Valley Health System will be holding an online update about its response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The event will be held via Facebook Live on Friday at 2 p.m. and is titled "Our Response to the Rising COVID-19 Cases in the Community - Part III" BVHS President and CEO Scott Malaney and Dr. William Kose, vice president of special projects, will discuss the organizations planning of operations and processes to ensure the safety and care of patients as the pandemic continues.

Subject: Findlay COVID Testing
News Broadcasts: 10/13

The Marion Township Trustees, in cooperation with Hancock Public Health, will be holding a COVID-19 testing event. The free, drive-thru testing, will take place Wednesday, October 14th from 3 to 7 at the Marion Township House at 16003 State Route 568. No co-pay or insurance card is required. People will need to have their photo ID and those under 18 will require a parent or guardian's signature to get tested.

Subject: Food Distributions Held
News Broadcasts: 12/17

People had the chance to pick up a variety of nutritious food at different distribution events in Hancock County on Thursday. Ron Rooker, the director of Chopin Hall in Findlay, says there's been an uptick in people seeking food assistance since the pandemic began and the need continues to grow as the pandemic drags on. We spoke with Ron at one of the two food distributions that were held at the Hancock County Fairgrounds on Thursday. You can get more of our conversation with him in the video below.

Subject: Stay Safe Advisory Issued
News Broadcasts: 11/20

Hancock Public Health has issued a Stay Safe Advisory as COVID-19 cases continue to rise. The advisory states that beginning on Friday, November 20th, all residents are advised to utilize additional scrutiny in their daily behaviors to curb the rapid increase of COVID cases and hospitalizations in the county. People are being advised to avoid gathering with anyone outside of their family, limit any non-essential activities and to only patronize businesses that have implemented COVID-19 safety protocols.

Subject: Police Survey
News Broadcasts: 11/2

The Findlay Police Department says it continues to seek improvements in the quality of services it provides to the people of Findlay and Hancock County. And that's why they're asking people to complete a citizen survey. The police department says the anonymous survey will help them place resources where they are most needed and address concerns of residents. The survey can be completed by clicking [here](#).

Subject: Saved by the Belt Club
News Broadcasts: 10/20

Findlay resident Ryan Drury is the newest member of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Saved by the Belt Club. Ryan was involved in a bad crash back in April at State Route 12 and Township Road 212 when he was broadsided. Ryan is still recovering from some of the injuries he sustained that day, but, as he said, he doesn't think he'd even be here today if hadn't been wearing his seat belt when he was hit.

Subject: Sheriff's Office on Curfew
News Broadcasts: 12/1

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office says it has been receiving several questions about the 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew set by Governor DeWine. The sheriff's office says deputies are not currently issuing citations for curfew violations or stopping vehicles on that suspicion. The sheriff's office points out that people, should they be pulled over for a traffic violation, should be ready to answer any questions from a deputy about why they're out during the curfew hours. The sheriff's office urges everyone to stay healthy and safe, and says further questions can be directed to their Facebook page

Subject: Trooper saves woman
News Broadcasts: 12/11

A Trooper with the Findlay District of the Ohio State Highway Patrol has been honored for saving a woman's life who was suffering a mental crisis. Trooper Adam Hartford was presented with a certificate of recognition at the Bowling Green Post on behalf of Colonel Richard S. Fambro, Patrol superintendent.

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Subject: Kidnapping/Pursuit In Putnam County

News Broadcasts: 10/25

A man is facing charges after allegedly leading authorities on a pursuit with his young child in the vehicle. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office says it responded to 212 North High Street in Columbus Grove to investigate an incident that was reported as a kidnapping. The sheriff's office says they learned that Michael B. Strykul, 52, and Dorothy A. Selhorst, 43, have a 4-year-old child and that Michael took the child during an argument with Dorothy. Deputies say they tried to stop Michael's vehicle and a pursuit ensued that later ended in Lima after his vehicle was disabled from stop sticks. The sheriff's office says the child was okay and was returned to its mother.

Subject: Som Carryout Robbed

News Broadcasts: 12/10

A clerk told police the suspect waved a gun in her face as he robbed her convenience store in Findlay. It happened at Som Carry Out at 825 North Main Street at around 9:30 Wednesday night. Police say the suspect went to pay for a drink and asked for four packs of cigarettes. The clerk asked if he needed anything else and that's when he instructed the clerk to give him all the money in the cash register. The clerk said, when she didn't comply immediately, the suspect pulled a gun and began waving it. The clerk gave the suspect the money and he fled southbound from the store. Officers checked the area with a K9 but the suspect was not located.

Subject: Pedestrian Hit and Killed

News Broadcasts: 11/17

The Ohio State Highway Patrol says a pedestrian was killed in a hit and run crash in Seneca County.

The crash happened on State Route 53 in Pleasant Township, north of Tiffin. The highway patrol says Amanda Borer, 35, of Tiffin, entered State Route 53 from the west chasing after the family dog. The patrol says Borer was struck by a northbound car being driven by Carrie M. Conner, 33, of Tiffin. Investigators say Conner fled the scene and her car was located at a residence in Seneca County on Tuesday but her whereabouts are unknown. She is wanted for questioning for her involvement in the crash and charges are pending, the patrol says. Borer was pronounced dead at the scene and transported to the Lucas County Coroner's Office.

Subject: Westside Carryout Robbed
News Broadcasts: 10/21

A man robbed the West Side Carryout in Findlay. Police say the man entered the store at 1132 Logan Avenue at 7:53 p.m. Tuesday and selected a couple items and walked to the counter. That's when police say the man gave the clerk a note demanding the money from the register. The note also implied the suspect had a gun, although no gun was seen. The cashier cooperated and handed over the money from the register.

Subject: Findlay Priest Indicted
News Broadcasts: 10/23

A Findlay priest has been indicted on charges that include child sex trafficking. A federal grand jury handed down the 10 count indictment against Father Michael Zacharias on Friday. Zacharias was the pastor at St. Michael The Archangel Parish in Findlay. He has been in federal custody since his arrest in August. The offenses Zacharias has been charged with allegedly involve boys from Catholic schools in Toledo.

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Subject: Bateson Wins Commissioner Seat

News Broadcasts: 11/3

William Bateson won a seat on the Hancock County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday. The Republican defeated Democrat Melissa Kritzell by a vote of 26,149 to 10,047. Bateson is a lifelong resident of Hancock County and is in agribusiness and now operates 750 acres in the Arlington area. He's been serving on the Ohio Soybean Council for eight years. There are three Hancock County Commissioners.

Subject: House Speaker in Findlay

News Broadcasts: 10/14

Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development hosted a business roundtable discussion with Ohio House Speaker Bob Cupp on Wednesday. Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn said COVID response was one of the main topics and how the legislature can help support businesses through the pandemic, especially bars and restaurants. She says allowing bars and restaurants to serve alcohol past 10 p.m. would be a big help. Speaker Cupp said the roundtable discussion was very informative.

Subject: Cross Likely Has COVID

News Broadcasts: 12/17

State Representative Jon Cross (R-Kenton) is isolating and awaiting the results of a COVID test. Cross says his wife has tested positive and he likely has it also. Cross says he's had mild symptoms of a light fever, body aches, fatigue and he lost his sense of smell. Cross has been very critical of the governor's handling of the pandemic, in particular business closures and curfews. He tells WFIN News that his bout with COVID won't change his stance at all.

Subject: Commissioner Forum To Be Held

News Broadcasts: 10/13

Two candidates vying for a Hancock County Commissioner's seat will participate in a forum on Wednesday. Republican William Bateson and Democrat Melissa Kritzell will share their thoughts on a variety of issues affecting the county during the event. The forum will be held on Wednesday, October 14th at 5 p.m. and can be heard on WFIN.

Subject: Tiffin Mayor COVID

News Broadcasts: 10/8

The mayor of Tiffin says he has tested positive for the coronavirus. Aaron Montz says he suddenly developed symptoms similar to those of COVID-19 on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Montz posted a message on Twitter saying he had tested positive for the coronavirus and had begun his quarantine period. The mayor says he's been fortunate so far to have had relatively mild symptoms and he'll be monitored closely for any changes.

Subject: Voting and Masks

News Broadcasts: 11/2

While voters are required to wear a mask at the polls on Tuesday, Jody Beall O'Brien with the Hancock County Board of Elections says people who don't want to wear a mask will not be turned away... And she says if a voter insists on voting inside and not wearing a mask, the polling location will make room for it happen safely.

Subject: High Voter Turnout

News Broadcasts: 11/3

The Hancock County Board of Elections says 74.03 percent of registered voters cast a ballot in the election on Tuesday. In 2016, that number was around 72 percent. In Putnam County, voter turnout in this election was 83.10 percent.