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Issues/Program Report for Q1 2024

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.

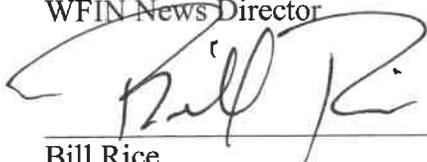
WFIN News Director Matt Demczyk has noted the following as significant issues during the January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 time period:

- Findlay was named the Top Micropolitan Community for a tenth straight year
- A tornado touched down in Hancock County, damaging homes and barns
- Ottawa-Glandorf's Colin White was named Ohio Mr. Basketball
- University of Findlay and Bluffton University announced a merger
- It was announced that important flood mitigation projects would be delayed

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



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WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

SUBJECT: Breaking News

Stories run an average of 30 seconds.

Programming as Follows:

Subject: Suspect shoots at officer

News Broadcasts: 2/17

An officer with the Findlay Police Department attempted to stop a vehicle in the 200 block of Western Ave. for numerous traffic violations on Saturday at 7:19 p.m. The vehicle fled from the officer and the officer pursued for several miles. The pursuit ended in the 14000 block of Township Rd 218 in Van Buren. The driver and one of the passengers of the vehicle fled on foot and the driver fired a shot from a handgun. The officer was not injured nor did he return fire.

Subject: High speed chase

News Broadcasts: 1/1

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office says a truck led authorities on a pursuit after refusing to stop for a deputy. It began at approximately 12:27 a.m. on Saturday, December 30th in the 1100 block of West Trenton Avenue in Findlay. The sheriff's office says a deputy tried to pull over a pickup truck for driving recklessly as it was leaving a gas station. The driver refused to stop and led authorities on a pursuit westbound on US 224 into Putnam County at speeds upwards of 100 miles per hour.

Subject: Top micropolitan award ten years

News Broadcasts: 3/1

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Subject: Hancock County tornado
News Broadcasts: 3/14

Some severe weather blew through Hancock County and surrounding counties on Thursday night. A tornado warning was issued for Hancock County around 6:45 p.m. we joined WTOL-11's severe weather coverage from Chris Vickers and John Burchfield. That severe weather moved east into Seneca County and Wyandot County where funnel clouds and tornadoes were reported. At around 7:30 p.m. the weather sirens sounded again in Hancock County for a funnel cloud sighted between Arlington and Bluffton, and the weather service issued another tornado warning. Hancock County Sheriff Michael Heldman told WFIN that state troopers and Bluffton police officers both witnessed funnel clouds. He said some homes were damaged and barns destroyed in the area of County Road 12 and Township Road 29, southwest of Jenera.

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Subject: Car in reservoir
News Broadcasts: 1/30

The Fostoria Police Department and the Fostoria Fire Department are aware of the vehicle in Reservoir 4. It was located and reported by city workers several days ago, as water was being pumped out. The vehicle appears to have been there for a while. At this time, we are waiting for weather conditions to continue to improve and warm up so that we can safely examine it.

Subject: Health commish leaving
News Broadcasts: 2/20

Hancock County Health Commissioner, Karim Baroudi, has resigned his position effective March 29, 2024. He will be transitioning to the role of Health Commissioner at the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department in April 2024. Karim has been instrumental in the operating success of Hancock Public Health since the combination in 2016 to establish it as a premiere organization in meeting the public health needs of the entire community.

Subject: Car hit by train
News Broadcasts: 2/17

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office says a driver was seriously injured when their car was hit by a train. It happened at approximately 1:22 Sunday morning on County Road 53 just south of Township Road 103, west of McComb. Deputies say a car traveling north on County Road 53 being driven by Augustine Mendez, 34, of McComb, was struck by an eastbound train.

Subject: Ottawa suspicious person
News Broadcasts: 1/1

Ottawa Police Department units were dispatched to the area of St Rt 65 at West Third Street, Ottawa, for a suspicious male complaint. Officers arrived on the scene and located a male subject matching the description given. While speaking with the male subject, officers became alerted by suspicious behavior and alarming statements made about the contents of the vehicle. Due to public safety concerns, Officers then requested the assistance of the Northwest Ohio Bomb Squad.

Subject: Fun for all will continue
News Broadcasts: 1/2

The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation's 'Fun for All' series of free community events will continue in 2024. According to the Community Foundation's website, the first event for 2024 will be ice skating at The Cube from 1 – 2:50 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, January, 13th.

Subject: First baby of the year
News Broadcasts: 1/1

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Subject: Honor Flight Schedule released
News Broadcasts: 1/4

Flag City Honor Flight (FCHF) announces its 2024 flight schedule, continuing its mission to honor our nation's Veterans.

2024 Dates:

April 23

June 11

September 10

November 12

Flag City Honor Flight President, Steve Schult, shares his enthusiasm for the upcoming year, stating, "We are honored to announce our 2024 flight schedule. Our Veterans have given so much to our nation, and it is our duty to ensure they have the opportunity to visit the memorials that stand in their honor. Flight sponsorships, financial contributions, and dedicated Guardians (volunteers) are increasingly crucial as we prepare for four flights this season."

Subject: Highway Patrol K9 Retiring
News Broadcasts: 1/6

A K9 who served with the Findlay Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is retiring. "Please help us congratulate K9 Boy, Findlay District, who has retired after six and a half years of service to the Patrol and the citizens of Ohio," the Highway Patrol posted on their social media. "Boy is an eight-year-old Belgian Malinois. During his years of service, he was utilized for tracking, article searches, narcotics

detection and criminal apprehension. Boy will spend his retirement years with his handler, Trooper Matthew M. Manly, and family.”

Subject: Tiffin shots into apartment

News Broadcasts: 1/8

On Saturday, January 6, 2024, around 4:30 pm, Tiffin Police Officers responded to a 9-1-1 call from a resident in the 100 block of Sycamore St. The caller reported two gunshots from an upstairs apartment penetrating his ceiling and entering his apartment. Upon arrival, officers confirmed the report, secured the area, and initiated communication attempts with the occupants of the upstairs apartment. The Black Swamp Emergency Service Unit (BSESU) was activated for assistance.

Subject: Car into house

News Broadcasts: 1/9

The Findlay Police Department says a car crashed into a house along Tiffin Avenue when the driver suffered a medical issue. It happened at around 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the 800 block of Tiffin Avenue. Police say Ronald Smith, 45, of Findlay, was driving eastbound in the 700 block of Tiffin Avenue when he began to have a medical issue and veered off the roadway to the right and through the front yard of 721 Tiffin Avenue.

Subject: Workers crushed

News Broadcasts: 1/8

On Monday, January 8th, 2024, at approximately 11:05am, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office was contacted by the Fostoria Police Department and advised that at Hopewell Estates 8702 W. S.R. 18, Fostoria, Seneca County, Ohio, a Toledo company was preparing a Mobile Home for removal tomorrow and the air jacks had failed, and two males were crushed beneath it.

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Subject: Warming center

News Broadcasts: 1/11

Starting on Sunday, January 14th, and continuing until January 17th, City Mission and St. Andrew's Church Annex will work together to help those affected by this cold spell. City Mission's warming center will be open from 8 pm to 8 am, while St. Andrew's Church Annex will be open from 9 am to 4 pm.

Subject: New court building gets name

News Broadcasts: 1/15

The new Hancock County Judicial Center Building is being named after a longtime judge for the Probate and Juvenile Court. The new facility will be named the Allan H. Davis Judicial Center. The new three-story, 47,000 square foot building will be home to Probate and Juvenile Court, which are currently located in a building just east of that location.

Subject: Body camera program update

News Broadcasts: 1/19

The Findlay Police Department recently gave Findlay City Council an update on how the police department's body camera program is going. The police department went live with its body worn cameras (BWC) on August 14th, 2023. The police department said, aside from a few minor learning curves, it has been a very successful program so far.

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Subject: New historical museum director

News Broadcasts: 1/25

The Hancock Historical Museum Board of Trustees is pleased to announce Sarah Foltz as the organization's new Executive Director effective Monday, February 5, 2024. Foltz brings a diverse set of skills to the position including a background in leadership, fundraising, hospitality and marketing.

Subject: FFE investigation over

News Broadcasts: 1/27

Findlay City Schools says the investigation into reports regarding student behavior and the culture of the Findlay First Edition program is finished. In November, the school district announced that a third-party investigator would be conducting the investigation. FFE Director Kevin Manley was placed on administrative leave at the end of November and returned to his teaching position on December 21st. Superintendent Dr. Andy Hatton says Manley resumed his directing duties this week.

Subject: Odor investigation

News Broadcasts: 1/28

The City of Findlay says it's looking into an unusual smell that some residents have been reporting. "In recent weeks we were notified that there's been an odor coming from the east side of town," said Service-Safety Director Rob Martin. He says, depending on which way the wind is blowing, different parts of town are experiencing the smell which has been described as an industrial smell, a moldy carpet smell, and even stale beer.

Subject: Fatal fire

News Broadcasts: 1/28

The Findlay Police Department says one person was killed in an apartment fire on Sunday afternoon. The Findlay Fire Department, Findlay Police Department, and Hanco were dispatched to 2315 Ivy Lane in reference to a structure fire at 4:09 p.m. Sunday. The fire was within an apartment complex building,

but the fire was contained mostly within a single unit. The police department says a male was found inside the apartment unit and was later pronounced deceased.

Subject: Grenades found
News Broadcasts: 2/27

On 02-27-24 at 1101 hours a construction crew performing work on 401 Washington Street located two hand grenades and a military style smoke grenade in the residence. The residence was not occupied; it had been used as a staging area for several construction companies in the past.

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Subject: United Way CEO retiring
News Broadcasts: 2/23

United Way of Hancock County (UWHC) CEO Angela DeBoskey has announced her retirement effective upon the successful recruitment, hiring and onboarding of a new CEO in 2024. DeBoskey guided UWHC through a changing philanthropic environment during her five-year tenure, during which she led the organization with the values of stabilization, transparency and relationships. "Angela has been a dedicated and passionate leader, and a wonderful asset for our community.

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News Broadcasts: 2/15

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Subject: Putnam scam
News Broadcasts: 2/14

We have had several scam calls today where someone is pretending to be a Jennifer Wilkinson from the Putnam co. Sheriffs office. There is even a linkedin account claiming to be a deputy with the Putnam County OH Sheriffs Office. This person does NOT work for us. It is a scam caller. When they call it looks like our phone number but it is spoofed.

Subject: Fatal motorcycle crash
News Broadcasts: 2/10

The Findlay Patrol Post responded to a report of a one-vehicle, fatal motorcycle crash on State Route 568, near milepost 5, in Marion Township, Hancock County, at 11:57 PM on February 9th, 2024. The Hancock County Sheriff's Office was pursuing the motorcycle at the time of the crash, after it fled an attempted traffic stop in the City of Findlay, and OSHP was requested to investigate the crash. A 2004 Honda CBR600 RR motorcycle was traveling eastbound on State Route 568, driven by Joshua J. Hayes, 33, of Tiffin, Ohio.

Subject: Carey death
News Broadcasts: 2/6

The Carey Police Department has been investigating a report of a missing person. Phillip Joseph Evans was reported missing from 314 Cherry Blossom Lane, Carey, on February 3, 2024 at 1:49 AM. Officers and Deputies from the Wyandot County Sheriff's Office searched multiple areas in and around Carey. On February 6, 2024 Officers from the Carey Police Department responded to 114 Oakwood Place. Officers were checking the property and located a deceased male in the yard.

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News Broadcasts: 2/3

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Subject: odor investigation results

News Broadcasts: 3/25

The City of Findlay says an investigation revealed an unpleasant odor people were reporting was originating from the Tall Timbers Industrial Park. The city said its investigation confirmed that the air quality was not affected by the odor and remained safe. Fire Chief Josh Eberle said, at one business in the industrial park, a fluid used during manufacturing is subject to a mildew-type process. Fluid measurements coinciding with the odor complaints revealed a slight increase in bioactivity (mildew or bacteria) within the waste fluid.

Subject: Putnam county tornado

News Broadcasts: 3/5

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office says the National Weather Service confirmed that a tornado touched down in the county on Tuesday afternoon. The tornado touched down in the area of 6142 Road H-5 a little south of Leipsic at around 2:40 Tuesday afternoon. When deputies arrived on the scene they found a structure heavily damaged. A homeowner advised that there were no injuries.

Subject: 50 north senior center of the year

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Mathews will face Democrat Sheila Coressel in the fall election, who ran unopposed.

Subject: Cortez wins sheriff race
News Broadcasts: 3/19

Three people were running for the privilege of becoming the next Sheriff of Hancock County, and the first new sheriff in decades. The candidates for Hancock County Sheriff were Mark Price, Mike Cortez, and Dan Harmon. Unofficial results from the Hancock County Board of Elections show Mike Cortez victorious. No democrats ran in the primary. So Cortez will take over as Sheriff from the retiring Michael Heldman who has been Sheriff since 1997 and with the sheriff's office since 1972.

Subject: Hunker wins commish race
News Broadcasts: 3/19

Three Republican candidates were running for the Hancock County Commissioner's that opened up when Commissioner Mike Pepple decided to not run for reelection. The candidates were Jeffrey Hunker, Holly Frische, and Jeff Wobser. Unofficial results from the Hancock County Board of Elections show Jeffrey Hunker winning. Hunker will face Democrat Joshua Shaferly in the fall, who ran unopposed on the Democrat side.

Subject: BVC and parks levy pass
News Broadcasts: 3/19

In the primary election on Tuesday, Hancock County voters overwhelmingly approved a renewal levy for the Blanchard Valley Center – Hancock County Board of Developmental Disabilities, as well as a replacement levy for the Hancock Park District. “To know that the community supports our mission and values the work that we do each and every day - providing services and supports to people with developmental disabilities in Hancock County - means the world to us,” said Nadine Weininger with the Blanchard Valley Center.

Subject: UF Bluffton Merger
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Subject: Eclipse safety advice
News Broadcasts: 3/24

On Monday, April 8, Northwest Ohio will get a front-row seat to a total solar eclipse. The moon will gradually begin to block the sun in the early afternoon, and the eclipse will reach totality (meaning the moon will entirely block the sun) at approximately 3:10 p.m. Only a small region of the United States will experience the total solar eclipse, so Northwest Ohio anticipates visitors from outside the area for this once-in-a-lifetime event. At Blanchard Valley Health System, we encourage our community to plan ahead with health and safety in mind.

Subject: Eclipse preps continue
News Broadcasts: 3/22

Any other year, April, 8th would just be another day, but this year a total solar eclipse will be happening on that date. Findlay is within the path of totality and will experience a total solar eclipse of an estimated 3 minutes and 44 seconds beginning at 3:10 p.m. on Monday, April 8th. Officials say they’re preparation for the rare event has been about ensuring that it’s a safe and enjoyable event for everyone.

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Subject: Donnel Stadium new turf
News Broadcasts: 3/28

Findlay City Schools' Donnell Stadium is getting new turf and a new track. Athletic Director Nate Weihrauch says the new turf and track will be ready to go in the fall. Nate says the Donnell Family certainly blessed the community with such a tremendous venue in Donnell Stadium. "We are truly thankful for the opportunity to play in the most exquisite high school stadium in Ohio; Donnell Stadium."

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Subject: Book vending machines
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Findlay City Schools says every primary and intermediate school building in the school district now has a book vending machine. The school district says the book vending machines were made possible by a generous grant from the Barton & Josephine Wilson Fund for Education and the Madeleine Thomas Schneider Fund, via the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation.

Subject: FCS mentorship program
News Broadcasts: 3/27

Our Honors Career Mentorship program bridges the classroom to potential careers! Findlay High School's Honors Career Mentorship students spend 18 hours over a 12-week period with a mentor from our community to explore a profession of interest. Students learn the ins and outs of a career from their mentor, and then complete a final report at the end of their time together.

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Fostoria Police Officers Tim Ink and Cole Noftz visited the kindergarten through 5th grade students at their alma mater, in New Riegel. Officer Noftz demonstrated the use of his K9 partner Creed, while Officer Ink showed students the police department drone. Both explained to the students how these specialized units assist police officers in their duties.

Subject: Secor scholar named
News Broadcasts: 3/23

United Way of Hancock County's Secor Scholarship committee is pleased to name Liberty-Benton High School senior Emily Tomlinson as this year's United Way Foundation Secor Scholar. The daughter of Sara and Jim Tomlinson, Emily plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to major in pre-occupational therapy. Emily was selected from a large field of applicants based on her volunteerism, academic accomplishments, involvement in extracurricular and school activities, and her ability to exemplify leadership skills.

Subject: FCS volunteer honored
News Broadcasts: 3/27

Mrs. Sarah Palmer, community member, parent, advocate, and change-maker, was honored last night at the Ohio School Boards Association's Northwest Region Spring Conference, where she was selected as a Community Service Hero for the countless hours she has poured into the Chamberlin Hill Land Lab. Thanks to her guidance, wisdom, and perseverance, our CH students have an outdoor learning space to utilize, care for, and take pride in, and we have a model to follow that could make our dreams of a Land Lab at each FCS school a reality.

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SUBJECT: Health & Safety

Stories run an average of 30 seconds.

Programming as Follows:

Subject: Hancock County tornado

News Broadcasts: 3/14

Some severe weather blew through Hancock County and surrounding counties on Thursday night. A tornado warning was issued for Hancock County around 6:45 p.m. we joined WTOL-11's severe weather coverage from Chris Vickers and John Burchfield. That severe weather moved east into Seneca County and Wyandot County where funnel clouds and tornadoes were reported. At around 7:30 p.m. the weather sirens sounded again in Hancock County for a funnel cloud sighted between Arlington and Bluffton, and the weather service issued another tornado warning. Hancock County Sheriff Michael Heldman told WFIN that state troopers and Bluffton police officers both witnessed funnel clouds. He said some homes were damaged and barns destroyed in the area of County Road 12 and Township Road 29, southwest of Jenera.

Subject: Health commish leaving
News Broadcasts: 2/20

Hancock County Health Commissioner, Karim Baroudi, has resigned his position effective March 29, 2024. He will be transitioning to the role of Health Commissioner at the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department in April 2024. Karim has been instrumental in the operating success of Hancock Public Health since the combination in 2016 to establish it as a premiere organization in meeting the public health needs of the entire community.

Subject: Body camera program update
News Broadcasts: 1/19

The Findlay Police Department recently gave Findlay City Council an update on how the police department's body camera program is going. The police department went live with its body worn cameras (BWC) on August 14th, 2023. The police department said, aside from a few minor learning curves, it has been a very successful program so far.

Subject: Warming center
News Broadcasts: 1/11

Starting on Sunday, January 14th, and continuing until January 17th, City Mission and St. Andrew's Church Annex will work together to help those affected by this cold spell. City Mission's warming center will be open from 8 pm to 8 am, while St. Andrew's Church Annex will be open from 9 am to 4 pm.

Subject: New court building gets name
News Broadcasts: 1/15

The new Hancock County Judicial Center Building is being named after a longtime judge for the Probate and Juvenile Court. The new facility will be named the Allan H. Davis Judicial Center. The new three-story, 47,000 square foot building will be home to Probate and Juvenile Court, which are currently located in a building just east of that location.

Subject: Grenades found
News Broadcasts: 2/27

On 02-27-24 at 1101 hours a construction crew performing work on 401 Washington Street located two hand grenades and a military style smoke grenade in the residence. The residence was not occupied; it had been used as a staging area for several construction companies in the past.

Subject: BVHS opening rehab unit
News Broadcasts: 2/28

Blanchard Valley Health System (BVHS) will soon open the first 12-bed Acute Rehabilitation Unit (ARU) in Hancock County. In the ARU, patients receive a minimum of three hours of physical, occupational, and/or speech therapy five days each week, a more rigorous therapy schedule than a patient might experience in a skilled nursing facility. However, they generally spend less time in the ARU, with an average stay of two weeks.

Subject: Flood mitigation projects delayed
News Broadcasts: 2/3

The Maumee Watershed Conservancy District, Hancock County Commissioners, and Findlay, Mayor Christina Muryn submitted a letter to Findlay City Council requesting support for an application to the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant. The letter outlines the progress on flood mitigation which has been made over the past ten years and how the final three projects are making progress. The initial target for ground breaking on each project, the expansion of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge, Eagle Creek Detention Basin, and the Phase II River Benching was expected this year. Due to increased estimated construction costs the group is now delaying that timeline to seek additional Federal financial support of approximately \$20MM.

Subject: odor investigation results
News Broadcasts: 3/25

The City of Findlay says an investigation revealed an unpleasant odor people were reporting was originating from the Tall Timbers Industrial Park. The city said its investigation confirmed that the air quality was not affected by the odor and remained safe. Fire Chief Josh Eberle said, at one business in the industrial park, a fluid used during manufacturing is subject to a mildew-type process. Fluid measurements coinciding with the odor complaints revealed a slight increase in bioactivity (mildew or bacteria) within the waste fluid.

Subject: Putnam county tornado
News Broadcasts: 3/5

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office says the National Weather Service confirmed that a tornado touched down in the county on Tuesday afternoon. The tornado touched down in the area of 6142 Road H-5 a little south of Leipsic at around 2:40 Tuesday afternoon. When deputies arrived on the scene they found a structure heavily damaged. A homeowner advised that there were no injuries.

Subject: 50 north senior center of the year
News Broadcasts: 3/6

50 North has been honored as the Senior Center of the Year in Ohio by the Ohio Association of Senior Centers (OASC) on Thursday, March 7th. OASC believes in the power of senior centers to make a difference in the lives of older adults in their communities. To that end, the Senior Center of the Year Award was established to raise awareness about the impact Senior Centers have on their community and recognize best practices.

WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

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Programming as Follows:

Subject: Suspect shoots at officer
News Broadcasts: 2/17

An officer with the Findlay Police Department attempted to stop a vehicle in the 200 block of Western Ave. for numerous traffic violations on Saturday at 7:19 p.m. The vehicle fled from the officer and the officer pursued for several miles. The pursuit ended in the 14000 block of Township Rd 218 in Van Buren. The driver and one of the passengers of the vehicle fled on foot and the driver fired a shot from a handgun. The officer was not injured nor did he return fire.

Subject: High speed chase
News Broadcasts: 1/1

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office says a truck led authorities on a pursuit after refusing to stop for a deputy. It began at approximately 12:27 a.m. on Saturday, December 30th in the 1100 block of West Trenton Avenue in Findlay. The sheriff's office says a deputy tried to pull over a pickup truck for driving recklessly as it was leaving a gas station. The driver refused to stop and led authorities on a pursuit westbound on US 224 into Putnam County at speeds upwards of 100 miles per hour.

Subject: Tiffin shots into apartment
News Broadcasts: 1/8

On Saturday, January 6, 2024, around 4:30 pm, Tiffin Police Officers responded to a 9-1-1 call from a resident in the 100 block of Sycamore St. The caller reported two gunshots from an upstairs apartment penetrating his ceiling and entering his apartment. Upon arrival, officers confirmed the report, secured the area, and initiated communication attempts with the occupants of the upstairs apartment. The Black Swamp Emergency Service Unit (BSESU) was activated for assistance.

Subject: Ottawa suspicious person
News Broadcasts: 1/1

Ottawa Police Department units were dispatched to the area of St Rt 65 at West Third Street, Ottawa, for a suspicious male complaint. Officers arrived on the scene and located a male subject matching the description given. While speaking with the male subject, officers became alerted by suspicious behavior and alarming statements made about the contents of the vehicle. Due to public safety concerns, Officers then requested the assistance of the Northwest Ohio Bomb Squad.

WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

SUBJECT: Politics

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Programming as Follows:

Subject: Mathews defeats cross

News Broadcasts: 3/19

Ty Mathews defeated incumbent State Representative Jon Cross in the Ohio Primary on Tuesday. Unofficial results from the Ohio Secretary of State's Office show Mathews earning more than 65 percent of the vote to 34 percent for Cross. The 83rd District of the Ohio House of Representatives includes Hancock County, Hardin County and a portion of Logan County. Mathews will face Democrat Sheila Coressel in the fall election, who ran unopposed.

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Subject: Abbot wins prosecutor race
News Broadcasts: 3/19

Two people were running for Hancock County Prosecutor, to take over from Phil Riegle who is running for Common Pleas Court Judge. Unofficial results from the Hancock County Board of Elections show Sean Abbott defeating Heather Pendleton. No Democrats were running. Riegle ran unopposed in the Republican primary for judge. No Democrats were running. Get more election results from the Hancock County Board of Elections by [clicking here](#), and the Putnam County Board of Elections by [clicking here](#).