

Blanchard River Broadcasting Company
WFIN-AM
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Issues/Program Report for Q4 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.

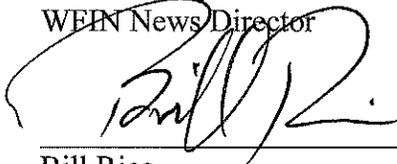
WFIN News Director Matt Demczyk has noted the following as significant issues during the October 1st – December 31st time period:

- A state trooper was shot in Findlay, leading to a manhunt for the suspect
- A lengthy project to raise two intersections so they don't flood was completed
- COVID cases started to surge again and health officials urged vaccinations
- A local Veteran was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame
- Educational institutions partnered on a Center for Advanced Manufacturing
- A project crucial to flood mitigation received a large federal grant
- The community rallied around Toys for Tots after they had \$20K in toys stolen

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WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

SUBJECT: Breaking News

Stories run an average of 30 seconds.

Programming as Follows:

Subject: Trooper Shot

News Broadcasts: 10/7

A trooper with the Ohio State Highway Patrol has been shot along Interstate 75 in Findlay. The shooting happened during a traffic stop at approximately 11:05 Wednesday night. The Highway Patrol says the trooper pulled over an SUV for a speeding violation between County Road 99 and US 224. The Highway Patrol says, during the traffic stop, the driver, identified as Robert Tramaine Hathorn struggled with the trooper over his gun and the trooper sustained a gunshot wound. The trooper was taken to Blanchard Valley Hospital with injuries that are not believed to be life-threatening. The Highway Patrol, Findlay Police and Hancock County Sheriff's Office were searching for the suspect.

Subject: Trooper Shooting Suspect Caught

News Broadcasts: 10/7

The suspect in the shooting of an Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper in Findlay was taken into custody after eluding authorities for hours. Law enforcement caught Robert Tramaine Hathorn at around 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. After a sighting of the suspect near the Blanchard River, he was apprehended in the area of County Road 223 near Trenton Avenue. The Highway Patrol says Hathorn struggled with Trooper Josef Brobst over his gun during a traffic stop on I-75 on Wednesday night and the trooper sustained a gunshot wound.

Subject: Homicide Investigation

News Broadcasts: 11/16

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office has released the name of the person who was found dead in a house a little east of Findlay on Monday. Investigators say Sherri Ziessler, 59, suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The sheriff's office is investigating the woman's death as a homicide.

The sheriff's office said on it received a 911 call from someone at 16777 Township Road 205, which is just south of the Findlay Reservoir, a little after 6 a.m. Monday.

Subject: Man Indicted in Wife's Death

News Broadcasts: 12/1

A Hancock County man has been indicted in connection with his wife's shooting death. Brian L. Ziessler, 65, is facing a charge of aggravated murder. Deputies arrived at 16777 Township Road 205 east of Findlay on November 15th to find Sherri Ziessler, 59, dead of multiple gunshot wounds. Brian Ziessler was arrested on November 22nd. He's being held at the Hancock County Jail. Court records show Ziessler's total bond is \$1 million.

Subject: Homicide Arrest

News Broadcasts: 11/22

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office has announced an arrest in the murder of Sherri Ziessler. Deputies arrested Brian L. Ziessler, age 65, on Monday afternoon. He is being held at the Hancock County Justice Center. The body of 59 year-old Sherri Zeissler was found at a Township Road 205 residence east of Findlay on November 15th. According to an earlier release, she died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds. The Sheriff's investigation has been assisted by the Findlay Police Department, and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Subject: Casey's Burglary

News Broadcasts: 11/17

A Findlay Police Department K9 helped apprehend a man who was stealing from a convenience store. Police responded to the Casey's at 1403 North Main Street at 3:11 Tuesday morning on the report that someone had broken the glass door and entered the business. Police say they arrived on the scene to find the suspect, William Brewer, 53, of Toledo, climbing out the broken door with more than \$5,000 worth of cigarettes.

Subject: Combine Fire

News Broadcasts: 10/11

A combine caught on fire just south of Findlay on Monday, sending black smoke high into the sky. The combine was in a grass field on the Findlay Airport's property a little west of U.S. 68/State Route 15.

It caught on fire at around 12:15 Monday afternoon, and people reported hearing a loud explosion around the same time. The Findlay Fire Department responded and requested help from Liberty Township's grass truck to put the fire out. The fire department said nobody was injured in the fire.

Subject: COVID Deaths

News Broadcasts: 11/28

Eight more people have died from COVID-19 in Hancock County, according to the health department. Hancock Public Health is reporting 356 new cases, 17 new hospitalizations and eight new deaths for the week of November 19th through the 26th. Hancock County averaged 44.5 new cases per day over that period and cases per 100,000 is 469.76. Community transmission in Hancock County remains "high" as defined by the CDC. The health department is urging people to continue to take COVID precautions over the holidays.

Subject: Fatal Crash in Findlay

News Broadcasts: 11/7

The Findlay Police Department says an 18-year-old was killed in a crash on Saturday. Police say Taylor Benson, 18, of Findlay, was driving south on Bright Road at 2:53 Saturday afternoon when she went left of center and struck an SUV head-on. Police say Benson was transported to Blanchard Valley Hospital where she was pronounced dead. The driver of the SUV was not injured in the crash.

Subject: Intersection Raising Completed

News Broadcasts: 11/9

The Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway overpass in Findlay will be reopening on Wednesday. The city has a ribbon-cutting scheduled for 3:30 Wednesday afternoon at Anchor Park. The city says the overpass will be open before the ribbon-cutting, but it was unclear at exactly what time. The overpass has been closed since June for a project that raised two intersections and a portion of the roadway so they don't flood.

Subject: Liberty-Benton State Champs

News Broadcasts: 11/14

For the second time in three years the Liberty-Benton Volleyball team won the state title. On Saturday, the Eagles defeated Independence in straight sets to finish the season undefeated at 30 – 0 and win the 2021 state championship. Liberty-Benton also won the Division III championship in 2019. The seniors on the team end their careers with a tremendous record of 106 – 8, with two state titles

Subject: Gas Line Fire

News Broadcasts: 12/5

A gas line fire did some damage to the side of a house in Findlay. The Findlay Fire Department was called to 2340 Foxmoor Road at 2:10 Saturday afternoon after a gas line was nicked by a mechanical auger. Firefighters started putting water and foam on the fire as other firefighters and Columbia Gas worked to shut off the gas. Firefighters managed to contain the damage to one side of the garage. A woman and three dogs were able to get out of the house uninjured.

Subject: Veteran Inducted into Hall of Fame

News Broadcasts: 10/26

A Hancock County Veteran was bestowed a big honor. Roger Neff was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Nichole Coleman, executive director of the Hancock County Veterans Service Office in Findlay, nominated Roger for the honor. Coleman tells WFIN that Roger's infectious patriotism and positive attitude creates an atmosphere that brings people together for the common good.

Subject: Semi Crash Closes Ramp

News Broadcasts: 10/15

A semi crash closed the ramp from Interstate 75 southbound to U.S. 68/State Route 15 and Lima Avenue in Findlay on Friday afternoon. The crash happened a little before 2 p.m. and caused quite a backup on

the interstate. Many southbound drivers got off at State Route 12 and detoured through the city to get to where they were going. The ramp was still closed at around 7 o'clock Friday night, but it sounded like it wouldn't be much longer until it reopened. There was no word on any injuries or how the crash occurred.

Subject: Shots Fired in Findlay .
News Broadcasts: 10/8

The Findlay Police Department is investigating after several shots were fired at a vehicle at an apartment complex. Police were responding to 1909 Kirkwood Court Thursday night for a large fight in the parking lot when they learned that shots had been fired. Police located the victim's vehicle at a different location that had been struck by some of the bullets and confirmed that nobody was injured.

Subject: Whirlpool Expanding in Ottawa
News Broadcasts: 10/17

Whirlpool has announced that it's investing more than \$65 million over the next several years into its factory in Ottawa. Whirlpool says the investment in the Ottawa operation is part of the company's ongoing efforts to position the plant as the Premium Refrigeration Factory in its North American Region. The investment will include an expansion of the Ottawa plant to accommodate production of premium refrigeration products, including Built-In Refrigerator production. Whirlpool says the plant expansion will create more than 100 additional jobs.

Subject: Kahuna Jam Postponed
News Broadcasts: 12/7

The Kahuna All-Star Christmas Jam benefiting Toys for Tots that was scheduled for Wednesday night at Alexandria's in Findlay has been postponed. The event was postponed out of an abundance of caution due to some of the band members having reported feeling ill. Organizers of the event are seeking an alternate date on which to reschedule. People are asked to continue supporting Toys for Tots this holiday season at the numerous drop-off points in the area.

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"The Conservancy District action today is another major step in addressing flooding within our community," said Tim Mayle, Director of Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development and board member of Blanchard River Watershed Solutions.

Subject: BVHS No Cloth Masks
News Broadcasts: 12/30

Blanchard Valley Health System has decided to prohibit cloth masks in all facilities and locations. BVHS says it now requires patients and visitors to wear a surgical mask or an N-95 mask, which will be provided upon entry. "Mitigation strategies for COVID-19 include face coverings and N-95 and surgical masks are the most effective. When outside of BVHS, we encourage our community to also wear masks whenever appropriate. In these situations, cloth masks are better than no face covering," explained Dr. Renee Smith, chief medical officer at BVHS.

Subject: Fatal Pedestrian Crash
News Broadcasts: 12/27

A pedestrian died after being hit by several vehicles while trying to cross Interstate 75 in Hancock County, the Highway Patrol said. It happened in the southbound lanes of Interstate 75 near the State Route 613 exit in Allen Township at around 6:45 on Christmas night. The Highway Patrol says a pedestrian was attempting to cross the interstate to the west when they were struck by a southbound SUV and then two other vehicles. He was identified as William J. Wells, 43, of Columbus.

WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

SUBJECT: Business

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Programming as Follows:

Subject: Alliance New President
News Broadcasts: 10/15

The board of directors of the Findlay-Hancock County Alliance has announced that Glenn Jost will serve as the organization's President/CEO effective November 1st. He follows John Haywood who retired in August. "We are fortunate to have Glenn accept this leadership role," said Richard Kirk, Chairman of the Board. Jost says he feels very fortunate to have been chosen for this very important role in the community.

Subject: Ballreich Ohio State
News Broadcasts: 10/14

Ballreich Snack Food Company of Tiffin has announced a new partnership with the Ohio State University to launch new Ohio State-themed potato chips. Ballreich's says the Tailgate Series is a collection of popular tailgating flavors packed into bite-size, crunchy potato chips – Buffalo Ranch, Cheddar Slider, Jalapeño Popper, and Classic. "We are excited about the new partnership with Ohio State University and the unique development of four new potato chip snacks that encompass popular tailgating flavors. We have something for everyone," said Jamie Twining, Vice President of Sales at Ballreich Snack Food Company.

Subject: Bar/Arcade Opens
News Broadcasts: 10/24

The Main Street Deli Bar & Arcade held its grand opening over the weekend in downtown Findlay. Main Street Deli expanded its operation and combined the current deli with a new bar and arcade right next door. Bar Manager Ashley Rainbolt says they've already received a lot of good feedback. Most of the games are free with the purchase of a drink, although you do have to pay to play the pinball games. She says they have a lot of craft beer on tap, a great liquor selection and of course all the great food from the deli.

Subject: Center for Manufacturing
News Broadcasts: 11/14

In a unique partnership, Owens Community College, the University of Findlay and Bowling Green State University are coming together on a new Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics to meet the need for a highly trained workforce. The Center will work with area employers in the Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics sectors to identify and anticipate their needs in workforce training, talent development, innovation, automation, systems integration, and supply chain management.

Subject: Chipotle Second Location
News Broadcasts: 10/21

Chipotle has opened a second location in Findlay. The second restaurant is located at 1107 West Trenton Avenue, in the building that used to be a Max & Erma's. The grand opening for the new location was on Thursday. The other Chipotle in Findlay is located at 15067 U.S. 224.

Subject: Downtown Restaurant Tour

News Broadcasts: 10/20

The United Way of Hancock County World of Downtown Restaurants Tour will be held on Thursday, November 4th from 5 - 9 p.m. "This event is hosted by downtown restaurants to benefit United Way and its partners and is always well-attended - definitely a favorite," said Heather Heilman, resource development director for United Way. The event is open to the public and requires the purchase of an event passport. The passport lists the location of this year's 15 participating restaurants.

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Subject: Whirlpool Tax Break

News Broadcasts: 12/7

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority has approved a 1.118 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for Whirlpool Corporation in Ottawa. Whirlpool expects to create 100 full-time positions, generating \$3.7 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$23.5 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Ottawa. In November, Whirlpool announced it would investing more than \$65 million over the next several years into its factory in Ottawa.

Subject: R+L Tax Break

News Broadcasts: 12/6

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority has approved a 1.567 percent, eight-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the new R+L Carriers facility that's coming to Findlay. R+L Carriers expects to create 199 full-time positions, generating \$9.9 million in new annual payroll as a result of the company's new project in Findlay. The Findlay City Planning Commission reviewed and approved a site plan for R+L Carriers in July.

Subject: Marathon Q3 Results

News Broadcasts: 11/2

Marathon Petroleum on Tuesday reported a net income of \$694 million for the third quarter of 2021. That's a big improvement from a year ago when the company reported a net loss of \$886 million for the third quarter of 2020. Adjusted net income was \$464 million for the third quarter of 2021, compared to an adjusted net loss of \$649 million for the third quarter of 2020.

Subject: Love Local Campaign

News Broadcasts: 11/8

The Seneca Regional Chamber has launched a campaign to encourage those living in Seneca County to support all things local instead of going out of town or online to non-locally owned and operated entities as the holiday season approaches. The Love Local campaign was inspired by the annual Small Business Saturday event sponsored by American Express that will take place on Saturday, November 26th in communities across the country.

Subject: Small Business Awards

News Broadcasts: 10/13

The Findlay-Hancock County Chamber of Commerce held its 2021 Small Business Awards on Wednesday afternoon 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. We spoke with Crystal Dye, owner of Details Auto Spa in Findlay, who won the Women In Business Champion of the Year award.

Subject: Tesla Charging Station

News Broadcasts: 11/16

A Tesla charging station has opened in Findlay.

The charging station is located in the parking lot of the Denny's at 1051 Interstate Court, west of Interstate 75 and north of Trenton Avenue. We spoke with a driver who was charging up his Model-S the other day and was on his way from Toronto to Florida. He said the car makes the driver aware of the nearest charging stations and directed him to the new one in Findlay.

Subject: Amazon Toys Donation
News Broadcasts: 12/5

Amazon is stepping up to help out the local Toys for Tots chapter that had \$20,000 worth of toys stolen. After learning of the recent theft, Amazon's new Findlay delivery station at 1601 Production Drive reached out to the organization to offer help. And on Friday, Amazon's new Findlay location unloaded more than \$10,000 worth of toys from one of their delivery vans and re-loaded them into a Toys for Tots vehicle. Amazon also gave Toys for Tots a gift card worth \$1,500, bringing their total donation to \$11,500.

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Subject: Findlay City Schools TikTok Warning
News Broadcasts: 10/11

Findlay City Schools says students who participate in any offensive TikTok challenges could face disciplinary action and possible law enforcement involvement. The school district sent a letter to parents and guardians asking them to talk with their kids about the severe consequences of participating in the challenges. The school district says the "disturbing" challenges are planned throughout the year and include stealing and damaging school property and assaulting school personnel.

Subject: Grow Ohio Act
News Broadcasts: 12/7

State Representative Jon Cross has announced a new piece of legislation named the GROW (Graduating and Retaining Ohio's Workforce) Ohio Act. The Republican from Kenton says the new initiative will help Ohio rebuild its population and future workforce with the creation of state incentives in partnership with Ohio's institutions of higher education and business. He says the primary focus of the legislation is to incentivize Ohio's younger population to live, learn, work and prosper in Ohio instead of leaving the state after graduation.

Subject: Golden Apple Winners
News Broadcasts: 10/20

The Findlay Rotary Club presented its 2021 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 for 2021 are, at the elementary level, Macie Wenner of Wilson Vance Intermediate School, at the middle school level, Ray Wolfe, Liberty-Benton Local Schools Choir Director, Musical Director and Assistant Band Director, and at the high school level, Mark Laux, Chemistry teacher at Findlay High School.

Subject: Art Auction
News Broadcasts: 11/1

Awakening Minds Art's 11th Annual Art Auction is being held virtually again this year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students of the organization have been able to continue their creativity by meeting with instructors under strict safety guidelines, but this hasn't stopped their artmaking. The online art auction takes place until 6 p.m. on Friday, December 3rd.

Subject: Library Book Sale
News Broadcasts: 10/10

The Friends of the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library will be having a sale of collectible books. The Friends of the Library received a big donation of mainly history books from an estate. The topics of the books range mostly from Western Americana to the History of World War II.

Subject: Camp FUN
News Broadcasts: 10/20

Registration is underway for Camp FUN, a program designed for area youth who have been affected by addiction and/or overdose. The camp, a community collaborative initiated by the Hancock County Opioid and Addictions Task Force, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 at the New Life Assembly of God, 3120 Norcrest St. The purpose of the camp is to provide positive encouragement and support to impacted youth.

Subject: Gift of Reading
News Broadcasts: 11/29

The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library will once again give library patrons the opportunity to share the joy of books with children during the annual "Give the Gift of Reading" program. Donations will support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Each \$25 donated provides a Hancock County child with an age appropriate book delivered to their home monthly for one year.

Subject: FCS Emergency Drill
News Broadcasts: 12/13

Findlay City Schools will be conducting a district-wide emergency drill. The drill is planned for Wednesday, December 15th. Superintendent Troy Roth says staff and students will be instructed on how to respond to a lockdown. "Our hope is that we will never have to use the skills learned in a practice drill; however, it is important to conduct periodic safety drills so that we are all prepared for any emergency circumstance," Roth said.

Subject: Hancock Literacy Golf Donation
News Broadcasts: 10/15

Hancock Literacy was presented with a sizable donation that will help them continue their mission of coordinating and supporting community initiatives that promote lifelong literacy. On Friday, Hancock Literacy received a check for \$4,500 from the 100.5 WKXA and 106.3 The Fox Charity Golf Scramble that was held in September. Kevin Hall, owner of Flag City Furniture & Mattress also added \$1,000 to that total, meaning Hancock Literacy has \$5,500 to help them achieve their goals.

Subject: Lincoln School Auction
News Broadcasts: 10/11

A public auction has been scheduled to sell off the leftover contents of Findlay's Lincoln Elementary School. The auction will be held on Saturday, October 23rd beginning at 10 a.m.

The list of items that will be auctioned off includes a Ford 3910 tractor and loader, 250 gal water tank, an original clock and bell from Central High School, oak teacher desks, shelves, cabinets, some old Rawlings baseball gloves and much more. The full list of items can be found by clicking [here](#).

Subject: Welding Program

News Broadcasts: 11/24

Northwest State Community College is collaborating with OhioMeansJobs-Hancock County and the City Mission of Findlay to offer an Introduction to Welding program at the Fostoria Learning Center. The program is providing seven individuals from the City Mission the opportunity to earn valuable welding skills and an OSHA 10-hour certification. The program is designed to provide a pathway for skill attainment, employment with a livable wage, and ultimately a pathway out of homelessness and poverty.

WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

SUBJECT: Flood Mitigation

Programming as Follows:

Subject: Bridge Flood Money

News Broadcasts: 11/16

A bridge replacement project that will eliminate a choke point on the Blanchard River in Findlay and help flood mitigation efforts has received a big federal grant. A flood mitigation project designed to eliminate a choke point on the Blanchard River in Findlay has received a big federal grant. Project manager Steve Wilson says the project will replace the current 150 foot span bridge that is over 100 years old with a new bridge with a 300 foot span. Findlay's other flood mitigation efforts have included 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.

Subject: Benching Next Phase

News Broadcasts: 12/6

The City of Findlay says it's moving forward with plans to ensure that the benching area east of North Main Street not only serves its primary purpose of flood mitigation but also provides a broader community benefit. The city is taking the lead with support of other local entities to find a firm to assist in developing plans on how the benching area can be used for recreation purposes or as a gathering area in conjunction with its flood reduction benefits.

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News Broadcasts: 12/12

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn is asking everyone to do their part to knock down this surge in COVID that's affecting Findlay and Hancock County. In the video below, the mayor said we did a good job early on in the pandemic with taking COVID precautions but says we're now falling back into old habits which are causing significant harm to the community. Over the past week she said she's heard from hospital leadership that they're at capacity and that the number of cases they're seeing is unsustainable.

Subject: Treasurer's Office Adoption

News Broadcasts: 11/8

In conjunction with National Adoption Month, Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague, of Findlay, has announced the launch of Family Forward - a program designed to provide financial relief to families managing the high cost of the adoption process. "Far too often, the rising costs of adoption deter hard-working Ohioans from growing their families," said Sprague. Family Forward provides financial relief through a linked deposit program administered by the Ohio Treasurer's office.

Subject: State Rep Sick

News Broadcasts: 11/18

State Representative Jon Cross became ill at the Ohio Statehouse on Thursday. His office says the Republican from Kenton was taken to a Columbus hospital as a precaution after he experienced flu-like symptoms prior to the Thursday session of the Ohio House of Representatives. Cross issued the following statement. "Today during a caucus meeting I became ill. My decision to go to the hospital was one I did not take lightly. I tested negative for COVID-19, but I am very disappointed to have missed several key votes that are of great importance to my constituents and all Ohioans. I

appreciate the kind words from those that have reached out. I am resting now and will await further test results." Cross previously had COVID in December of 2020.

Subject: Findlay Mayor Honored
News Broadcasts: 12/7

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn is being honored by the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC) for her work to advocate for U.S. global leadership as an imperative and effective approach to strengthening our country's local communities. USGLC will pay tribute to Mayors across America at its virtual 2021 Tribute Celebration on December 7th at 8 p.m., an event free and open to the public via registration by clicking [here](#). USGLC is recognizing Mayor Muryn for her outspoken advocacy on how leading globally matters locally.

Subject: Findlay City Award
News Broadcasts: 10/14

The City of Findlay has presented its John Edward Seman Award for Employee Excellence. The winner of the 2021 award is A.J. Copus, Public Works Foreman with the Public Works Department. Copus started with the City of Findlay as a seasonal employee from 2002-2005 working in the Cemetery Department and Parks Maintenance Department. In 2006, he was hired full time in the Street Department as a Street Maintenance Worker I.

Subject: Findlay Water Bills
News Broadcasts: 10/26

The City of Findlay is urging residents to take measures to ensure their water and sewer bills are received and paid in a timely manner. The city says, as of October 1st, the United States Postal Service implemented new service standards that increase time-in-transit by 1 or 2 days for certain first-class mail, meaning it may take up to 5 days to deliver some first-class mail.

Subject: Findlay Water Project
News Broadcasts: 11/3

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has awarded 28 water infrastructure projects with nearly \$44 million in financial support as part of the second round of funding offered through the new Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure grant program. Hancock County will receive a \$1.8 million grant to replace valves and piping at the feed pump to one of its reservoirs and update treatment for the second reservoir.

Subject: Shared Use Path Project

News Broadcasts: 11/17

The City of Findlay is partnering with the Ohio Department of Transportation on a project to install a shared-use path along the north side of State Route 568. The proposed shared-use path will start at the existing Greenway Trail on East Main Cross Street and will extend to the east towards the County Road 236 shared-use path. Officials would eventually like to see the path extend all the way out to Riverbend Recreation Area but this portion will end at County Road 236.

Subject: Findlay Strategic Planning

News Broadcasts: 11/29

The City of Findlay is looking for members of the community who are interested in serving on the as the city begins its strategic planning process. The Community Outreach Team will help engage the community so they can share their ideas and insights and build on the city's collective vision. Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn says the city needs committed community members interested in the future of Findlay to help to make the Strategic Plan a success.

Subject: Findlay Christmas Tree

News Broadcasts: 11/28

Santa Claus himself was on hand as the biggest City of Findlay Christmas Tree ever came aglow Friday night at Dorney Plaza in front of the Municipal Building. Santa helped Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn with the countdown and then the tree lit up as the crowd cheered. The city says the 45 foot tall blue spruce is the biggest Christmas Tree they've ever had, and it stands just about as tall as the municipal building.

Subject: Findlay Pet Friendly

News Broadcasts: 12/9

The City of Findlay has received the official BETTER CITIES FOR PETS certification, as part of the Mars Petcare BETTER CITIES FOR PETS program, showcasing its commitment to creating a pet-friendly community. Mayor Christina Muryn says more people than ever view pets as members of the family, and with 85 million pet-households in the United States, Findlay is on the forefront of creating a vibrant community where pets are not only welcome, but thrive.

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Subject: COVID Pediatric Clinic

News Broadcasts: 11/8

Hancock Public Health will be holding a pediatric COVID-19 vaccine clinic for children 5-11 years old. The clinic will be on Wednesday, November 17th from 3 to 6 at Hancock Public Health located at 2225 Keith Parkway in Findlay. Appointments are required. You can sign up by clicking on this link which also provides the fact sheet and registration form. For questions, please call 419-424-7441.

Subject: Second COVID Pediatric Clinic

News Broadcasts: 11/8

Hancock Public Health has scheduled a second pediatric COVID vaccine clinic for kids 5 to 11 years old after all the appointments were filled for the first one. The second pediatric COVID-19 clinic will be held on Friday, November 19th. The first clinic is set for Wednesday, November 17th. Both will be held at Hancock Public Health located at 2225 Keith Parkway in Findlay.

Subject: Fire Department Smoke Detectors

News Broadcasts: 11/4

The Findlay Fire Department is reminding everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors over the weekend when they move their clocks back for the time change. We spoke with Inspector Eric Wilkins, who told us that there's nothing in our houses that's more important to our safety than a smoke detector. He says batteries should be replaced every six months and smoke detectors last about ten years before they should be replaced.

Subject: Vax-2-School Winner

News Broadcasts: 11/30

One of the winners of the state's latest Vax-2-School drawings is from Fostoria. The latest Ohio Vax-2-School winners include Cheryl Weaver, of Fostoria, Meadow Stiles, of Toledo, and other individuals from around the state. They each won a \$10,000 scholarship. Other winners will be announced daily this week. The final entry deadline is December 1st for the \$100,000 grand-prize drawings. Ohio Vax-2-School is a series of statewide drawings to provide incentives to younger Ohioans to get the COVID vaccine.

Subject: CWD Surveillance

News Broadcasts: 11/1

Testing for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Ohio's white-tailed deer population will continue during the 2021-22 hunting season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. CWD is a fatal neurological disease that affects white-tailed deer and other similar species, including mule deer, elk, and moose. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is no strong evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans.

Subject: Flyover Ramp Crashes

News Broadcasts: 10/18

The Ohio Department of Transportation says it will be looking into what can be done to lessen the number of crashes on the Interstate 75 southbound flyover ramp to U.S. 68/State Route 15 and Lima Avenue in Findlay. There have been a number of crashes since the flyover ramp opened in November of 2018, particularly in wet weather. Just last Friday, a semi overturned on the ramp and slid halfway down the embankment.

Subject: Vanlue Overpass Project

News Broadcasts: 10/29

The Ohio Department of Transportation and the Hancock County Engineer's Office are moving ahead with project to construct an overpass at the intersection of State Route 15 and County Road 169 near Vanlue. The purpose of the project is to improve safety, reduce crashes, and control access to the divided highway at the location. The estimated \$4.5 million project is expected to begin construction in the spring of 2023.

Subject: RCUT To Open

News Broadcasts: 10/27

The Ohio Department of Transportation says northwest Ohio's first Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) may be open by the weekend. The signage in the picture above and pictures below was installed Friday at the U.S. 30/Thayer Road intersection in Allen County. The project was proposed to address an increase in crashes along the U.S. 30 corridor, particularly at the Thayer Road intersection.

Subject: Red Cross Local Volunteers

News Broadcasts: 10/29

The American Red Cross of North Central Ohio needs local volunteers who are trained to respond to disasters in their community. To help recruit new Disaster Action Team volunteers, the Red Cross will be holding a public information presentation on Wednesday, October 27th, 5:30 p.m. at the Hancock County office at 125 Fair Street in Findlay. The Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters every year, said Executive Director Todd James. The majority of those disasters are local home fires.

Subject: Intersection Raising Completed

News Broadcasts: 11/9

The Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway overpass in Findlay will be reopening on Wednesday. The city has a ribbon-cutting scheduled for 3:30 Wednesday afternoon at Anchor Park. The city says the overpass will be open before the ribbon-cutting, but it was unclear at exactly what time. The overpass has been closed since June for a project that raised two intersections and a portion of the roadway so they don't flood.

Subject: Hancock Health Alert

News Broadcasts: 12/6

Hancock Public Health is warning the community about an increase in counterfeit prescription tablets containing fentanyl. The agency says that fake prescription tablets that look like Xanax and Oxycontin are being sold in Ohio. They contain fentanyl, a powerful drug that can kill, and other contents that could cause death. The Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center points out that fake tablets are not being given out by licensed healthcare providers.

Subject: Corrections Officer Shortage

News Broadcasts: 12/14

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office is dealing with a significant shortage of corrections officers to work in the jail. Sheriff Michael Heldman says an ideal number of corrections officers is 36 and that they're down about ten officers. "The officer to inmate ratio is such that we feel that it's a safety and security issue by not having adequate staff and working the number of hours that people would have to work to accommodate the inmate level, many would be working 16 hours," the sheriff said.

WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

SUBJECT: Major Crime

Stories run an average of 30 seconds.

Programming as Follows:

Subject: Trooper Shot

News Broadcasts: 10/7

A trooper with the Ohio State Highway Patrol has been shot along Interstate 75 in Findlay. The shooting happened during a traffic stop at approximately 11:05 Wednesday night. The Highway Patrol says the trooper pulled over an SUV for a speeding violation between County Road 99 and US 224. The Highway Patrol says, during the traffic stop, the driver, identified as Robert Tramaine Hathorn struggled with the trooper over his gun and the trooper sustained a gunshot wound. The trooper was taken to Blanchard Valley Hospital with injuries that are not believed to be life-threatening. The Highway Patrol, Findlay Police and Hancock County Sheriff's Office were searching for the suspect.

Subject: Trooper Shooting Suspect Caught

News Broadcasts: 10/7

The suspect in the shooting of an Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper in Findlay was taken into custody after eluding authorities for hours. Law enforcement caught Robert Tramaine Hathorn at around 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. After a sighting of the suspect near the Blanchard River, he was apprehended in the area of County Road 223 near Trenton Avenue. The Highway Patrol says Hathorn struggled with Trooper Josef Brobst over his gun during a traffic stop on I-75 on Wednesday night and the trooper sustained a gunshot wound.

Subject: Homicide Investigation

News Broadcasts: 11/16

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office has released the name of the person who was found dead in a house a little east of Findlay on Monday. Investigators say Sherri Ziessler, 59, suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The sheriff's office is investigating the woman's death as a homicide. The sheriff's office said on it received a 911 call from someone at 16777 Township Road 205, which is just south of the Findlay Reservoir, a little after 6 a.m. Monday.

Subject: Homicide Arrest
News Broadcasts: 11/22

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office has announced an arrest in the murder of Sherri Ziessler. Deputies arrested Brian L. Ziessler, age 65, on Monday afternoon. He is being held at the Hancock County Justice Center. The body of 59 year-old Sherri Zeissler was found at a Township Road 205 residence east of Findlay on November 15th. According to an earlier release, she died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds. The Sheriff's investigation has been assisted by the Findlay Police Department, and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Subject: Casey's Burglary
News Broadcasts: 11/17

A Findlay Police Department K9 helped apprehend a man who was stealing from a convenience store. Police responded to the Casey's at 1403 North Main Street at 3:11 Tuesday morning on the report that someone had broken the glass door and entered the business. Police say they arrived on the scene to find the suspect, William Brewer, 53, of Toledo, climbing out the broken door with more than \$5,000 worth of cigarettes.

Subject: Would-be Burglar Stopped
News Broadcasts: 11/22

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office says a homeowner stopped a woman from burglarizing their house. It happened at a house at 17442 State Route 12, between Findlay and Arcadia, at around 6 a.m. Monday. A deputy responded to the address on the report of a burglary in progress and arrived on the scene to find a woman sitting on the floor of the garage. The woman was taken into custody and identified as 20-year-old Adrienne Trice, formerly of Findlay.

Subject: Suspect Shoots at Police
News Broadcasts: 10/4

A man from Tiffin is facing a charge of felonious assault - accused of shooting at a sheriff's deputy and state highway patrol trooper. On Saturday, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office received a call about a potentially suicidal 50-year-old man with a gun in a park in Bettsville. A deputy and trooper say they discovered Shawn William Varner inside one of the fenced-in ball fields and say that he fired his weapon at them.

Subject: Shots Fired in Findlay
News Broadcasts: 10/8

The Findlay Police Department is investigating after several shots were fired at a vehicle at an apartment complex. Police were responding to 1909 Kirkwood Court Thursday night for a large fight in the parking lot when they learned that shots had been fired. Police located the victim's vehicle at a different location that had been struck by some of the bullets and confirmed that nobody was injured.

Subject: Tip Led to Shooter's Arrest
News Broadcasts: 10/13

Authorities say a Crime Stoppers tip led to the arrest of the man accused of shooting an Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper in Findlay last week. Crime Stoppers of Findlay/Hancock County says someone called at around 12:30 Thursday afternoon reporting that a person matching the suspect's description was seen on their property in the vicinity of Township Road 89 east of County Road 140. The tipster will be getting a \$1,000 reward from Crime Stoppers. Authorities say the tip was very important because Hathorn was outside the perimeter where they were searching at that time.

WFIN COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

SUBJECT: Politics

Stories run an average of 30 seconds.

Programming as Follows:

Subject: Election Day is Tuesday
News Broadcasts: 11/1

Election Day is on Tuesday, and while there are no big national or statewide races there are several local races and issues that voters will decide on. Among the local races, 50 North is asking voters to support the renewal of the Senior Services levy in Hancock County. 50 North says demand for their services has increased by 76 percent since their last levy. In the race for Findlay City Schools Board of Education, four people are vying for two positions on the five-member board. Matt Cooper and Susan Russel are incumbents, and Patricia Klein and Sara Peltier are the other two people running.

Subject: Election Day Results

News Broadcasts: 11/2

Tuesday was Election Day, and while there were no big national or statewide races there were several local races and issues that voters decided on. Among the local races and issues decided, voters approved the renewal of the Senior Services levy in Hancock County. 50 North says demand for their services has increased by 76 percent since their last levy. In the race for Findlay City Schools Board of Education, four people were vying for two positions on the five-member board. Matt Cooper and Susan Russel are incumbents, and Patricia Klein and Sara Peltier are the other two people running.

Subject: Findlay Judge Race Result

News Broadcasts: 11/2

Tuesday was Election Day and voters made their voices heard on several local races and issues. Among the local races and issues decided was a race for Judge of Findlay Municipal Court between Stephanie Bishop and Garth Brown. Unofficial results from the Hancock County Board of Elections show Bishop winning that contest by 6,869 votes to Brown's 4,298. This is for an unexpired term ending on 12-31-23.

Subject: State Rep Sick

News Broadcasts: 11/18

State Representative Jon Cross became ill at the Ohio Statehouse on Thursday. His office says the Republican from Kenton was taken to a Columbus hospital as a precaution after he experienced flu-like symptoms prior to the Thursday session of the Ohio House of Representatives. Cross issued the following statement. "Today during a caucus meeting I became ill. My decision to go to the hospital was one I did not take lightly. I tested negative for COVID-19, but I am very disappointed to have missed several key votes that are of great importance to my constituents and all Ohioans. I appreciate the kind words from those that have reached out. I am resting now and will await further test results." Cross previously had COVID in December of 2020.