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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
MONTHLY REPORT**

**APRIL 1 – 30, 2022**

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL –HEALTH**      4/03/22                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA

**IMPORTANCE OF COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING**

I interviewed Everett Cunningham, Chief Commercial Officer, Exact Sciences who shared information on the awareness of the importance of colorectal cancer screening, prevention, and treatment. He also shared why people who are 50 years and older have had a colorectal cancer screening test (blood stool test, sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy) in the past one, five and 10 years.

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

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**PFIZER RECALLS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MEDICATION**

I shared health news on Pfizer issuing a recall for a high blood pressure medication distributed under three names. They also stated that the medications treat hypertension, which increases the risk for potential cardiovascular events like strokes.

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**ISSUE: INTERNATIONAL-POLITICAL**

4/03/22

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**WESTERN LEADERS MEET TO DISCUSS UKRAINE SUPPORT**

I shared International news that world leaders were scheduled to meet over Russia's invasion in Ukraine. Nato, the G7 and the EU are all holding meetings, in a display of unity rarely seen by the West. President Joe Biden will take part in all three, the first ever visit by a US president to an EU summit in Brussels. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has given the Western defensive alliance Nato a renewed sense of purpose. And as the EU attempts to sever energy ties with Russia, it needs to forge and reinforce other relationships, particularly with the US.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-EDUCATION**

4/03/22

6A.M.

30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**PARENT REQUESTS ANSWERS ON NEGATIVE POLITICAL CHANT VIDEO IN CHILD'S SCHOOL**

I shared news on a California mother who is asking for accountability after she received a video last month showing her child's preschool teacher leading her class in a political chant against President Joe Biden. The video was taken by an unidentified teacher at Turning Point Christian School, a private school in Norco, California. In the video McFadden blurred and shared with CNN, the teacher is heard initiating a call-and-response when she asks her students, "Who is our president?" and the students reply with, "Biden!"

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**BA.2 SUB VARIANT HAS DOUBLED IN THE UNITED STATES**

I shared health news that the BA.2 sub variant has more than doubled in the U.S. over two weeks and will become the dominant variant in the country. The BA.2 sub variant has been referred to as stealth Omicron because it contains genetic mutations that can make it harder to distinguish from the Delta variant using PCR tests compared to the original Omicron variant. That means that while the test can detect a BA.2 infection, it looks like it is the Delta variant instead.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-HAMMOND-CRIME**

4/05/22

7A.M.

1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WPWX

### **WOMAN DIES IN WRONG-WAY CRASH ON INDIANA TOLL ROAD NEAR HAMMOND**

Kirsten announced that in Hammond, IN, a woman died after driving the wrong way on the Indiana Toll Road and crashing into another vehicle, according to Indiana State Police. She was driving east in the westbound lanes of I-90 and crashed head-on into a Honda HR-V about 5 miles east of the state line around 3 a.m., state police said. The woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Honda was airlifted to the University of Chicago Medical Center with serious injuries.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE-CRIME**

4/06/22

8 A.M.

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MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WYCA

### **CRETE MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT, DAMAGE TO SCHOOL BUS**

Kirsten announced that in Crete, IL, police arrested a Crete man for aggravated assault and criminal damage to a school bus. Troopers from the Illinois State Police Chicago District investigated a report of criminal damage to a school bus when no children were present on Interstate 57 northbound at 127th Street in Cook County. Officers identified the vehicle and offender after responding to the scene.

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**ISSUE: STATE-ILLINOIS-EDUCATION**      4/10/22      6A.M.      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA

**ILLINOIS TEACHER SHORTAGE ADDRESSED BY LT. GOVERNOR STRATTON**

I interviewed Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton, who discussed why there is a teacher shortage in Illinois and what the state is doing to change the numbers. She shared the importance of her going to schools to address the teacher shortage. Also shared the top Illinois High Schools, including, Whitney Young High School and Jones College Prep.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-HEALTH**      4/10/22      6A.M.      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA

**ANOTHER COVID-19 SURGE WILL HIT THE U.S. THIS FALL, DR. FAUCI WARNS**

I shared health news on the current Covid surge in the US in the coming weeks and fall according to Dr. Fauci. There will likely be an uptick in COVID-19 cases in the next few weeks, but a true coronavirus surge will happen this fall, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. What Fauci said: "I think we should expect, David, that over the next couple of weeks, we are going to see an uptick in cases — and

hopefully there is enough background immunity so that we don't wind up with a lot of hospitalizations".

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-CRIME**      4/12/22      3 P.M.      1MIN

WSRB

DAVID WALKER

**2 DEAD IN LITTLE CALUMET RIVER AFTER CARJACKING LEADS TO BISHOP FORD FREEWAY POLICE CHASE**

David announced that for Lansing, IL a police chase spurred by a carjacking on the Near North Side ended with two suspects dead in a river on the Far South Side. Three others were in custody following the pursuit of the stolen vehicle on the Bishop Ford Freeway near Lansing, according to Illinois State Police.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-HAMMOND-CRIME**      4/13/22      7A.M.      1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WPWX

**SUSPECT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AFTER MAN SHOT IN HAMMOND, IN**

Kirsten announced that in Hammond, IN, a suspect has been taken into custody after a Chicago man was shot following an incident near Oasis Liquors before flipping over his car in downtown Hammond. Zachery S. Smith, a 27-year-old Chicago man, died of his injuries after he was shot at the 5500 block of State Line Avenue in Hammond, according to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL- ECONOMY/POLITICS**                      4/17/22                      6 A.M.                      30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYBR/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

**CONGRESS HOLDS HEARINGS ON HIGH GAS PRICES**

I interviewed former Massachusetts State Rep. Hank Naughton; President of Centrist Democrats of America. He discussed why Congress is holding hearings on the increase in energy costs and how it has affected the average American and the most popular idea to combat rising energy costs. He also said that we should invest in Electric Vehicles along with focusing on other political topics like free school meal programs, aging infrastructure, or hiring and training police.

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

**NORTH CAROLINA TEACHER RAISES \$100K, SPENDS IT ALL AT COSTCO TO ENSURE STUDENTS DON'T GO HUNGRY**

I shared news on an educator in North Carolina who raised money for students in need. Turquoise LeJeune Parker, a 34-year-old library teacher at Lakewood Elementary School in Durham, North Carolina, collected \$106,000 to feed her students in need. Within two weeks, Mrs. Parker's Professors Foodraisers raised the money needed to purchase enough food to fill

up big, brown grocery bags for thousands of children in the district. Each bag contained kid-friendly food, such as cereal, canned goods, granola bars and macaroni and cheese.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-BUSINESS-ECONOMY**      4/17/22      6 A.M.      30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

**ARE ELECTRIC VEHICLES THE BETTER CARS**

I shared news and facts on electric vehicles, including the first electric vehicle was created in 1832. An EV would cost only \$1 in energy to travel the same distance as a gallon of gas, which currently averages \$3.04 and a Tesla Roadster is faster than most sports cars, with an acceleration speed of 0 to 60 in 1.9 seconds.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE-EDUCATION**      4/20/22      2 P.M.      1 MIN

WYCA

Norris Thompson

**CORETTA SCOTT KING MAGNET SCHOOL EVENT HONORS MRS. KING WITH A DAY OF ACTIVITIES DEVOTED TO PEACE, ADVOCACY, AND ACTIVISM**

Norris announced that for Crete, IL, students at Coretta Scott King Magnet School honored the legacy of author, activist, and civil rights leader Coretta Scott King with a day of activities that began with a proclamation by Mayor Joseph Roudez, III Coretta Scott King Day in the Village of University Park.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-CRIME**      4/21/22      3 P.M.      1MIN

WSRB

David Walker

**TWO SHOOTINGS IN THREE DAYS – LANSING POLICE RESPOND**

David announced that for Lansing, two shootings occurred in Lansing this week, one in an apartment complex on 175th Street, and another at the Extended Stay America hotel. 175th Street — Attempted Murder charges, Lansing Police responded to an apartment on 175th Street in Lansing to a 9-1-1 call with yelling in the background. Officers arrived to find two gunshot victims, who were transported to the hospital.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-EMPLOYMENT/BUSINESS**      4/24/22                      6 A.M.                      30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

**HOW COMPANIES CAN CLOSE THEIR WAGE GAPS**

I interviewed Dr. Zara Nanu; CEO/Co-Founder of Gapsquare, and she shared info on the complexities of out of pay equity and wage gaps in companies. She stated that senior management is one root cause of the existence of pay inequities at companies. Dr. Nanu also shared that senior leadership and individual pay decisions have a high impact on driving pay disparities within the workforce and attributed pay inequities to talent management and individuals' salary histories or organizational structure.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-HEALTH**      4/24/22                      6 A.M.                      30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

**REDUCE STIGMA AROUND PARKINSON'S DISEASE NON-MOTOR SYMPTOMS**

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I interviewed Dr. Gus Alva, assistant professor at University of California Riverside Medical School, and Michelle Rios, bilingual caregiver to a family member with Parkinson's disease complications. They both discussed the new campaign in collaboration with StoryCorps helping to elevate voices from the Parkinson's community. This campaign is to help raise awareness and encourage patients to speak out about their experiences with Parkinson.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-BUSINESS**

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30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **BILLIONAIRE ELON MUSK PURCHASES TWITTER FOR 44 BILLION DOLLARS**

I shared business news that billionaire Elon Musk bought Twitter for forty-four billion dollars. Musk, the C.E.O. of Tesla and the richest man on earth, plans to take the social-media company private, and has said that he wants Twitter to adhere more closely to the principles of free speech, which, in a statement, Musk called "the bedrock of a functioning democracy."

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**ISSUE: INTERNATIONAL-POLITICS**

4/24/22

6 A.M.

30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **US SUPREME COURT DENIED DISABILITY BENEFITS TO RESIDENTS OF PUERTO RICO**

I shared news that the US Supreme court denied disability benefits to residents of Puerto Rico. By an 8-1 ruling, the court said Congress can deny Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to residents of Puerto Rico (even though they are U.S. citizens) because they don't pay all federal taxes. The ruling was also indirectly tied to a series of Supreme court opinions in 1901 known as the Insular Cases that held, among other things, that citizens of certain American-held territories were not entitled to all rights of citizenship.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-DEKALB-CRIME**

4/24/22

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **DEKALB COUNTY SHOTS FIRED-OFF CAMPUS OF NIU**

I announced for Dekalb the Dekalb Police Department is investigating a Shots Fired Incident that occurred off Campus in the 900 Block of Ridge Drive. The suspect is described as follows: Male, African American, Thin build, wearing black clothing. The suspect fled Northbound by Foot from the area.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-DEKALB-CRIME**

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6 A.M.

30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **MOTORCYCLIST KILLED IN DEKALB COUNTY CRASH IDENTIFIED**

I announced for Dekalb a motorcyclist in DeKalb has died after being hit by a car. The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office has identified the driver as Christian Elliot<sup>28</sup>, of Malta. A 2010 Cadillac DTS, driven by 50-year-old Sherie Newman of Shabbona, was traveling westbound on S. Malta Road when it turned southbound onto University Road. The motorcycle was traveling eastbound on S. Malta, and the Cadillac hit it head-on while turning. The rider of the motorcycle was transported to Northwestern Kishwaukee Hospital where they were later pronounced dead.

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## **Local/Regional**

**HAMMOND: HAMMOND MAN SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR FIREARM OFFENSE**

**HAMMOND: HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL APPROVES DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR APARTMENT COMPLEX COMING TO FORMER BANK CALUMET BUILDING**

**LANSING: 1 INJURED IN LANSING SHOOTING ALONG I-80: ILLINOIS STATE POLICE**

**LANSING: LANSING WOMAN WORKS TO DIVERSIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FIELD**

**CRETE: 8TH GRADER ARRESTED FOR BRINGING LOADED GUN TO CRETE-MONEE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**CRETE: WILL COUNTY RESIDENT CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF DRUGS**

**GENOA: DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG CAPER SCHEDULED FOR JUNE-2022**

**GENOA: NIU STUDENT AMONG 2 INJURED IN DEKALB AMC MOVIE THEATER PARKING LOT SHOOTING: POLICE**

## **State-Illinois**

- **WHAT HAPPENS IN ILLINOIS IF ROE V. WADE IS OVERTURNED**
- **ILLINOIS EDUCATORS PUSH BACK AGAINST TESTING REQUIREMENTS**
- **ILLINOIS CORONAVIRUS HIGH COVID ALERT LEVEL EXPECTED, MASK GUIDANCE**

## **State-Indiana**

**IPS PRINCIPAL ANDREA HUNLEY WINS STATE SENATE PRIMARY**

## **National**

- **IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING BALANCE IN EVERYDAY LIVES**
- **NATIONAL COMEDIANS FEAR VIOLENCE DURING PERFORMANCES**
- **ROE V. WADE UPDATE: PROTESTS RAGE ON OVER LEAKED ABORTION RULING**
- **SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN BETTER WORLD DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE**
- **BIDEN ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHES PLAN TO REFILL EMERGENCY**
- **TURBOTAX TO PAY CUSTOMERS \$141 MILLION AFTER ALLEGEDLY STEERING AWAY FROM FREE SERVICES**

- **HEALTH ISSUES SPECIFIC TO WOMEN'S HEALTH**
- **GUNMAN KILLS 10 AT BUFFALO SUPERMARKET IN RACIST ATTACK**
- **LESSONS LEARNED IN CRISIS: HOW COVID-19 CHALLENGED AND CHANGED SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES**
- **NONPROFIT BUSINESS FOR GOOD PRESENTED A DONATION TO TULSA RACE MASSACRE SURVIVORS**
- **DHS PREPARING FOR VIOLENCE FOLLOWING ABORTION RULING**
- **IMPORTANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY AND WAYS TO HONOR THOSE WHO'VE SERVED**

### **INTERNATIONAL**

**RUSSIAN FORCESS STEAL FARM EQUIPMENT FROM UKRAINIAN FARMERS**

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING BALANCE IN EVERYDAY LIVES**

I interviewed Toure’ Roberts, Bestselling Author, Businessman, Pastor, Producer, and Influencer. He shared the importance of establishing Balance in our lives and hat our life would look like if we were able to break the patterns of inconsistency that keep us from your absolute best. He also unpacks the divine formula that makes this a reality and gave a unique and eye-opening perspective to the evasive concept of balance.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-ENTERTAINMENT-CRIME**    5/08/22                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**NATIONAL COMEDIANS FEAR VIOLENCE DURING PERFORMANCES**

I shared entertainment news that Howie Mandel and other comics are sounding the alarm after Dave Chappelle was attacked on stage following a performance. Howie Mandel is very fearful and stated that this is one step that kind of opens a door and triggers somebody if they don’t like what you’re saying or they’re offended by what you’re saying and it’s kind of okay because it’s been done, to be violent, and that’s what my fear was.

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

## **RUSSIAN FORCESS STEAL FARM EQUIPMENT FROM UKRAINIAN FARMERS**

I shared International news that Russian forces are stealing farm equipment and thousands of tons of grain from Ukrainian farmers in areas they have occupied, as well as targeting food storage sites with artillery. Sowing operations in many areas have since been disrupted or abandoned. The actions of the Russian forces may threaten the harvest this year in one of the world's most important grain-producing countries. The volumes involved are said to be huge. On the eve of the invasion 6 million tons of wheat and 15 million tons of corn were ready for export from Ukraine, much of it held in the south of the country. Ukraine's Defense Ministry said Thursday an estimated 400,000 tons of grain had been stolen to date.

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**ISSUE: STATE-ILLINOIS-HEALTH/POLITICAL**      5/08/22      6A.M.      30 MIN

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WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

## **WHAT HAPPENS IN ILLINOIS IF ROE V. WADE IS OVERTURNED**

I shared Illinois news on what will happen in Illinois if Roe V. Wade is overturned. If this happens, abortions will remain legal in Illinois if Roe v. Wade is overturned. Illinois is one of 16 states, plus the District of Columbia, that have protections in place for abortion rights. But many states near Illinois would ban or severely restrict access to abortions, with Missouri and Kentucky having "trigger" laws that go into effect immediately if the nation's high court strikes down Roe.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-HEALTH/POLITICS**      5/08/22      6A.M.      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

## **ROE V. WADE UPDATE: PROTESTS RAGE ON OVER LEAKED ABORTION RULING**

I shared health and political news that since the leak of the fate of abortion rights in the U.S., workers were seen installing higher fences around the building. For days, abortion-rights and anti-abortion advocates have clashed outside the building after a leaked draft Supreme Court opinion.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-HAMMOND-CRIME**      5/10/22      7A.M.      1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WPWX

**HAMMOND MAN SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR FIREARM OFFENSE**

Kirsten announced that in Hammond, IN, Matthew Burton, 20 years old, of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced by United States District Court Chief Judge Jon E. DeGuilio on his plea of guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Clifford D. Johnson. Burton was sentenced to 24 months in prison followed by 2 years of supervised release. According to documents in the case, on May 17, 2021, law enforcement conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Burton and recovered a firearm from under the front passenger seat which he possessed. Burton’s criminal history revealed he had a prior felony conviction for robbery, and as such, is prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE-CRIME**                      5/11/22                      8 A.M.                      1                      MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WYCA

**8TH GRADER ARRESTED FOR BRINGING LOADED GUN TO CRETE-MONEE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Kirsten announced that in Crete, IL, school district officials said an eighth grader was arrested for bringing a loaded gun to Crete-Monee Middle School in University Park. A spokesman for School District 201-U said a security guard noticed an unattended backpack in the cafeteria around 10:50 a.m. The backpack was searched and a loaded gun was found inside. In a letter home to parents, school officials said the school was placed on a Hold and Teach, or soft lockdown, while administrators contacted University Park police. The student was taken off the premises by police, school officials said.

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN BETTER WORLD DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE**

I interviewed Ron Berger, senior advisor at EL Education and he discussed how EL Education a national nonprofit partnering with K-12 educators is transforming public schools and districts into hubs of opportunity for all students to achieve excellent equitable outcomes. He shared the recent venture called Better World Day, where thousands of students from more than 100 schools across the country will celebrate and spotlight the power of students who are changing the world. On this day, students will be presenting learning projects and engaging in acts of service that demonstrate the power of the EL Education vision for public school: a place where children become great scholars and active citizens with the capacity to make a positive impact.

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<b><u>ISSUE: STATE-INDIANA-EDUCATION</u></b>	5/15/22	6A.M.	30 MIN
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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**IPS PRINCIPAL ANDREA HUNLEY WINS STATE SENATE PRIMARY**

I shared Indiana education news about IPS Principal Andrea Hunley won a crowded primary Tuesday night to represent Indianapolis' Senate District 46. Hunley, a political newcomer who serves as principal of Center for Inquiry School 2, won 44% of the vote to defeat four other Democrats.

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<b><u>ISSUE: STATE-ILLINOIS-EDUCATION</u></b>	5/15/22	6A.M.	30 MIN
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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

## **ILLINOIS EDUCATORS PUSH BACK AGAINST TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

I shared Illinois education news that teachers and other education professionals are urging the Illinois State Board of Education to reduce the time students spend each year on standardized tests and adopt a new testing system that produces more useful information to help teachers improve their teaching. Also, the State Board of Education considered revising its testing system and at one point proposed replacing the single year-end test with three smaller tests to be administered in the fall, at the end of the year, winter and spring. The plan also would have given districts the ability to test children in kindergarten through 2nd grade.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-POLICTICS-ECONOMY**      5/15/22      6A.M.      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

## **BIDEN ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHES PLAN TO REFILL EMERGENCY**

I shared political news that the Biden administration plans to seek bids this fall to buy 60 million barrels of crude oil as the first step in a years-long process aimed at replenishing America's emergency oil reserve, an Energy Department official told CNN. This would mark the first time since the early 2000s that the Energy Department has acquired large quantities of oil for the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR), the largest emergency supply of oil on the planet.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-FINANCES/BUSINESS**      5/15/22      6A.M.      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

## **TURBOTAX TO PAY CUSTOMERS \$141 MILLION AFTER ALLEGEDLY STEERING AWAY FROM FREE SERVICES**

I shared business/financial news that Intuit, the owner of tax filing software TurboTax, has agreed to pay \$141 million in a settlement with all 50 states for allegedly steering millions of low-income Americans away from free tax-filing services. The settlement, stated that about 4.4 million customers were "unfairly charged." Intuit must also suspend its "free, free, free" ad campaign because it falsely lured customers with the promise of free tax preparation services, the statement added. In a statement, Intuit (INTU) said that it "admitted no wrongdoing" as part of the agreement and it expects "minimal impact to its business" from the changes demanded in the future.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-CRIME**      5/17/22      3 P.M.      1MIN

WSRB

DAVID WALKER

## **1 INJURED IN LANSING SHOOTING ALONG I-80: ILLINOIS STATE POLICE**

David announced that for Lansing, IL one person was shot while driving on Interstate 80 in Lansing, Illinois early morning, Illinois State Police said. The individual was driving east on I-80 near Torrence Avenue just after 2:30 a.m. when the shooting took place, according to police.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-HAMMOND-CITY DEVELOPMENT**

5/18/22

7A.M.

1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WPWX

## **HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL APPROVES DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR APARTMENT COMPLEX COMING TO FORMER BANK CALUMET BUILDING**

Kirsten announced that in Hammond, IN, the city has approved a development agreement that will fill the iconic Bank Calumet building with apartments and commercial space. During a meeting, the Hammond City Council unanimously approved a development agreement with the Michigan City-based NWI Hohman LLC. The \$24 million project will bring 100 market-rate apartments and 10,000 square feet of commercial space to the historic building, which is located at 5231 Hohman Ave. The mixed-use development will include a fitness center and a co-working lounge.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL- HEALTH**      5/22/22                      6 A.M.                      30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYBR/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

**HEALTH ISSUES SPECIFIC TO WOMEN'S HEALTH**

I shared in depth information for Women's Health Month including that while both men and women contract various conditions, some health issues affect women differently and more commonly. Furthermore, many women's health conditions go undiagnosed and most drug trials do not include female test subjects. Even so, women bear exclusive health concerns, such as breast cancer, cervical cancer, menopause, and pregnancy. Women suffer higher heart attack deaths compared to men. Depression and anxiety exhibit more frequently among female patients and urinary tract conditions present more often in females, and sexually transmitted diseases can cause more harm to women.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-CRIME**                      5/22/22                      6 A.M.                      30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYBR/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

**GUNMAN KILLS 10 AT BUFFALO SUPERMARKET IN RACIST ATTACK**

I shared the national news story that a teenage gunman entranced by a white supremacist ideology known as replacement theory opened fire at a supermarket in Buffalo methodically shooting and killing 10 people and injuring three more, almost all of them Black, in one of the

deadliest racist massacres in recent American history. The authorities identified the gunman as 18-year-old Payton S. Gendron of Conklin, a small town in New York's rural Southern Tier.

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**ISSUE: STATE-ILLINOIS-HEALTH**

5/22/22

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **ILLINOIS CORONAVIRUS HIGH COVID ALERT LEVEL EXPECTED, MASK GUIDANCE**

I shared Illinois Health news that Chicago could soon reach a high alert level for COVID, but that doesn't necessarily mean mask mandates will return right away, the city's top doctor said. While masks are "strongly recommended" across the city with cases spiking, Chicago Department of Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady said she's watching a different metric to determine if mandates will return

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**ISSUE: STATE-NATIONAL-ECONOMY/HEALTH** 5/22/22

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **BIDEN ADMINISTRATION INVOKES THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT FOR BABY FORMULA SHORTAGE**

I shared that the Biden administration invoked a wartime tool, the Defense Production Act, in an effort to address the nationwide shortage of baby formula. Its use of the law, which Congress passed in the early days of the Korean War, reflects the magnitude of the supply crunch that has left many parents scrambling for formula. Supply chain disruptions tied to the coronavirus pandemic have fueled shortages of a wide range of consumer goods, but a recall on formula produced at an Abbott plant in Michigan exacerbated the shortfall. A majority of American parents and caregivers rely, at least partially, on formula to feed their babies, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Some Democrats initially thought the law might not extend to food-security issues, but the most medically vulnerable babies have been the hardest-hit by the shortfall. Some older children also rely on baby formula because of extreme and deadly food allergies.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE-CRIME**

5/24/22

2 P.M.

1 MIN

WYCA

Norris Thompson

### **WILL COUNTY RESIDENT CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF DRUGS**



Norris announced that for Crete, IL, Shane Mitchell, 43, of the 100 block of Drew Street in Marseilles was arrested by sheriff's police and booked into the Will County jail on charges of obstructing justice, possession of a controlled substance and possession of any substance with intent.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-EMPLOYMENT**                      5/25/22                      3 P.M. 1MIN

WSRB

David Walker

**LANSING WOMAN WORKS TO DIVERSIFY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FIELD**

David announced that for Lansing, Brenda Elmore diversifies conservation field. Elmore has found purpose and joy for more than a decade restoring the woodlands at the Forest Preserves of Cook County. As a production manager, one of her responsibilities to direct crews removing invasive species at the forest preserves, Elmore works to educate others about the importance of nature conservation, particularly people of color.

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WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **LESSONS LEARNED IN CRISIS: HOW COVID-19 CHALLENGED AND CHANGED SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES**

I interviewed Cindy Baier; President and CEO of Brookdale Senior Living who shared a behind-the-scenes look at how her company navigated the pandemic with a responsibility to tens of thousands of senior residents and associates and Baier shares the stories of those who proved pivotal in helping save lives and maintain the business throughout COVID-19.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-FINANCES/PHILANTHROPY** 5/29/22 6 A.M. 30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **NONPROFIT BUSINESS FOR GOOD PRESENTS DONATION TO TULSA RACE MASSACRE SURVIVORS**

I shared news that as the last living survivors of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre continue their fight for reparations, a New York philanthropist gifted them \$1 million hoping it begins to account for the wrongs they have faced. Ed Mitzen, co-founder of the New York-based nonprofit Business for Good, presented the donation to Viola Fletcher, 108, Lessie Benningfield Randle, 107, and Hughes Van Ellis, 101, at the Greenwood Cultural Center in Tulsa.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-POLITICS** 5/29/22 6 A.M. 30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **DHS PREPARING FOR VIOLENCE FOLLOWING ABORTION RULING**

I shared political news that the U.S. government is bracing for a potential surge in political violence once the Supreme Court hands down the ruling that's expected to overturn Roe v. Wade. Also Law enforcement agencies are investigating social-media threats to burn down or storm the Supreme Court building and murder justices and their clerks, as well as attacks targeting places of worship and abortion clinics.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-COMMUNITY/HOLIDAY** 5/29/22 6 A.M. 30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

## **IMPORTANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY AND WAYS TO HONOR THOSE WHO'VE SERVED**

I shared the history of Memorial Day and details and information on activities that individuals and families can do to give back to those who have served our country.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-DEKALB-FINANCES**

5/29/22

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

## **DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG CAPER SCHEDULED FOR JUNE-2022**

I announced for Dekalb a Public Hearing will be held before the City Council on June 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the DeKalb Public Library Yusunas Room, 309 Oak Street, DeKalb, Illinois, to receive public input on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). This report provides information on the use of funds and accomplishments by the City of DeKalb for CDBG Program Year 2021 and the City's Program Year 28 (April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022).

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-DEKALB-CRIME**

5/29/22

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

## **NIU STUDENT AMONG 2 INJURED IN DEKALB AMC MOVIE THEATER PARKING LOT SHOOTING: POLICE**

I announced for Dekalb a Northern Illinois University student and a woman were injured during a shooting in the parking lot of AMC Market Square 10 movie theater in DeKalb Sunday, said DeKalb Police Chief David Byrd. NIU spokesperson Lisa Miner confirmed Sunday that the university had been notified of the male student's injuries that were not life-threatening. She deferred further comment to police. Byrd said police responded to reports of gunfire at the theater, 2160 Sycamore Road, about 2:30 a.m. Sunday. A citywide emergency alert was sent about 3:49 a.m. informing the public a shooting had occurred and asked that people avoid the area.

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**PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
MONTHLY REPORT**

**JUNE 1 – 30, 2022**

**Prepared by: Tracy Williamson  
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**CRETE: 2 STEGER MEN KILLED IN ILLINOIS ROUTE 394 CRASH IN SOUTH SUBURBAN CRETE:  
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**GENOA: DEKALB COMMUNITY TAKES TO STREETS FOR PRIDE**

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## **State-Illinois**

**CATERPILLAR TO MOVE HEADQUARTERS TO TEXAS FROM ILLINOIS**

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**\$10M IN AID DESIGNATED TO INDIANA STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES NEXT SCHOOL YEAR**

## **National**

**THE GRIO BLACK PODCAST NETWORK CELEBRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF BLACK MUSIC  
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**SKILLED FREELANCERS IN U.S. FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT WORK IN POST PANDEMIC WORLD**

**FOUR PEOPLE KILLED IN SHOOTING AT TULSA MEDICAL CENTER/SHOOTING AT TEXAS  
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THOUSANDS**

**DALLAS ISD STUDENTS SEND CARDS TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT ROBB ELEMENTARY**

**OFFICE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND HIV/AIDS POLICY LAUNCHES NATIONAL CAMPAIGN  
URGING PEOPLE WITH HIV TO SEEK CARE**

**NEW TECHNOLOGY SIMPLIFIES LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES**

**5 THINGS TO INVEST IN WHEN A RECESSION HITS**

**TIPS TO HELP AMERICANS SAVE FOR EDUCATION  
EDUCATING THE COUNTRY THAT BLACK HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**HOW 3 NATIONS HAVE VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED MASS SHOOTINGS**

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA

**THE GRIO BLACK PODCAST NETWORK CELEBRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF BLACK MUSIC MONTH**

I interviewed Panama Jackson, influencer, blogger and podcast host of the Dear Culture on the Grio Podcast. For Black Music Month, Panama Jackson shared the Blackest songs of all time to the musicians and entertainers whose beats power our culture and stated that no topics are off limits on “Dear Culture with Panama Jackson”.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-EMPLOYMENT**      6/05/22      6A.M.      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYBR/WYCA

**SKILLED FREELANCERS IN U.S. FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT WORK IN POST PANDEMIC WORLD**

I interviewed Brent Messenger, vice president of public policy and community engagement at Fiverr. He discussed that Fiverr has released the findings that the demand for workers has surged in the past year. Independent workers continue to be a powerful economic driver as the economy rebounds from the downturns of the pandemic. Inflation and higher cost of living have allowed these freelancers to increase their hours and rates, and their clients are

understanding. Lastly that independent workers have high satisfaction with their work, despite challenges over the last two years with over 80% believing they are more satisfied than they would be with traditional employment.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-CRIME**                      6/05/22                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**FOUR PEOPLE KILLED IN SHOOTING AT TULSA MEDICAL CENTER/SHOOTING AT TEXAS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

I shared national crime news on the mass shooting in Uvalde, TX at Robb Elementary and in Tulsa, OK at the Tulsa Medical Center. Both were mass shootings in the United States.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-HAMMOND-COMMUNITY/POLITICAL**    6/08/22                      7A.M.                      1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WPWX

**HAMMOND INDIANA JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM**

Kirsten announced that in Hammond, IN, Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr invited the public to attend an event to commemorate the emancipation of those who were enslaved in the U.S. held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Juneteenth celebration will begin at Freedom Plaza on Tapper Avenue and Highland Street.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE-CRIME**                      6/09/22                      8 A.M.                      1                      MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WYCA

**WILL COUNTY POLICE REPORT FOR DRUG POSSESSION AND RETAIL THEFT**

Kirsten announced that in Crete, IL, Stanford Abbott Jr., 34, of the 1300 block of North William Street in Joliet was arrested by Joliet police and booked into the Will County jail on a charge of drug possession. Also, Markas Bowden, 45, of the 400 block of Hoxie Avenue in Calumet City was arrested by Tinley Park police and booked into the Will County jail on a charge of retail theft.

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WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**FLORIDA’S RED FLAG LAW CHAMPIONED BY REPUBLICANS IS TAKING GUNS FROM THOUSANDS**

I shared political news that the Florida 13th Circuit Court Judge Denise Pomponio decides who in Hillsborough County can no longer be trusted with a gun and in just the last two months, she has taken away the firearm privileges of dozens of people. This is Florida’s “red flag” law in action. Passed in the wake of the horrific 2018 mass shooting at a Parkland high school, the state law provides police a path to ask a judge to temporarily bar dangerous individuals from possessing or purchasing a firearm. Since its creation, Florida judges have acted more than 8,000 times to keep guns out of the hands of people

authorities deemed a risk to themselves or others, according to data maintained by the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-EDUCATION**                      6/12/22                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**DALLAS ISD STUDENTS SEND CARDS TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT ROBB ELEMENTARY**

I shared news that an elementary school teacher Veronica Green who runs the "Affirmation Club" at Dallas ISD's Edna Rowe Elementary, came up with the idea to send handwritten cards to students and teachers at Robb Elementary, where the tragedy occurred.

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**ISSUE: INTERNATIONAL-CRIME/POLITICS**                      6/12/22                      6A.M.                      30 MIN

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

WPWX/WSRB/WYRB/WYCA

**HOW 3 NATIONS HAVE VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED MASS SHOOTINGS**

I shared info on countries who did something about their mass shootings. Australia is a nation which had lost 105 lives to gun massacres in the preceding decade and with a mandate from polls showing 90-95% public support, newly elected Prime Minister John Howard, one of the country's most conservative leaders in decades, took only 12 days to broker nationwide, bipartisan gun law reform across all eight states and territories. Lastly, for the United Kingdom and almost a decade later, in 1996, after a licensed pistol shooter killed 16 elementary school pupils and a teacher in Dunblane, Scotland, renewed public pressure along with a change of government saw the UK further banning all handguns. In the gun buyback which followed, owners were paid \$146 million in compensation for returned firearms, parts and ammunition.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-CRIME/COMMUNITY**                      6/15/22                      3 P.M.                      1MIN

WSRB

DAVID WALKER

**RESCUERS RALLY TO SAVE RABBIT STUCK IN LANSING SEWER**

David announced that for Lansing, IL a Lansing city employee noticed something unexpected while peering down into a sewer while replacing some equipment, turning a normal work day into a rescue effort. Around noon employees from the Lansing Public Works Street Department

noticed a manhole cover that was out of place in the 18200 block of Exchange Avenue, said Tiffani Rosati, of Lansing Public Works. The crew then got in touch with staff from the water and sewer department about replacing the lid and checking the area for other issues. As a water department employee looked down into the sewer, a rabbit was spotted about 15 feet down in the darkness.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-HAMMOND-CRIME**      6/16/22      7A.M.      1 MIN

KIRSTEN HEDRICK

WPWX

### **HAMMOND POLICE INVESTIGATING HOMICIDE**

Kirsten announced that in Hammond, IN, Hammond Police are actively investigating a shooting that left one dead. Hammond Police & Fire were dispatched to the 4300 block of Hickory for a 35-year-old male gunshot victim who was laying in the middle of the street, Hammond Police said. On arrival CPR was already in progress but the victim succumbed to their injuries on scene. A crime scene was established and the Lake County Coroner was notified. The identity of the victim has been released by The Lake County Coroner as Antonio Mora, 35, of Hammond.

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## **WYCA/WSRB/WYBR/WPWX – HAMMOND, LANSING, CRETE, GENOA, IL**

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL- HEALTH**      6/19/22      6 A.M.      30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

## **OFFICE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND HIV/AIDS POLICY LAUNCHES NATIONAL CAMPAIGN URGING PEOPLE WITH HIV TO SEEK CARE**

I interviewed Kaye Hayes, Acting Director of OIAP, Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy and she shared info that they plan to launch a national HIV viral suppression campaign this summer 2022 entitled "I am a Work of ART" (WOA). WOA features a diverse group of community members with HIV who share their experiences of getting into HIV care and on antiretroviral therapy (ART). The campaign is designed specifically to reach people with HIV who are not in care or in and out of care to encourage them to stay in care so they can achieve viral suppression.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-HEALTH**      6/19/22      6 A.M.      30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

## **NEW TECHNOLOGY SIMPLIFIES LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES**

I interviewed Jennifer Sherr MD and she shared information on the new technology, Omnipod 5 which is designed to make it easier than ever to manage glucose with no multiple daily injections, no tubes, and zero finger sticks to help simplify life with diabetes. Dr. Jennifer Sherr also lives with type 1 diabetes. She also discussed the current burden people face in managing type 1 diabetes.

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**ISSUE: STATE-NATIONAL-FINANCIAL/ECONOMY**      6/19/22      6 A.M.      30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

## **5 THINGS TO INVEST IN WHEN A RECESSION HITS**

I shared financial and economic news on the possibility of a recession in our country and 5 things to invest when a recession hits. Seek Out Core Sector Stocks. During a recession, you might be inclined to give up on stocks, but experts say it's best not to flee equities completely. Focus on Reliable Dividend Stocks. Consider Buying Real Estate. Purchase Precious Metal Investments and "Invest" in Yourself.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-CRETE-CRIME**      6/21/22      2 P.M.      1 MIN

WYCA

Norris Thompson

## **2 STEGER MEN KILLED IN ILLINOIS ROUTE 394 CRASH IN SOUTH SUBURBAN CRETE: ILLINOIS STATE POLICE**

Norris announced that for Crete, IL, two young men from Steger were killed in a single-vehicle crash early morning in Will County, Illinois State Police said.

The crash occurred just before 3:55 a.m. on northbound Illinois Route 394, north of Goodenow Road, in Crete Township, according to ISP.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-LANSING-CRIME**

6/22/22

3 P.M. 1MIN

WSRB

David Walker

## **FATHER CHARGED IN LANSING TODDLER'S 2014 DEATH FOUND NOT GUILTY**

David announced that for Lansing, the mother of a 2-year-old girl who died is speaking out after the child's father was found not guilty of the death. Jakarriah Patterson was found beaten to death inside a south suburban Lansing home in 2014. Her father, Jeremiah Thompson, was charged with her murder. Lansing police said Thompson was angry the 2-year-old wasn't potty-trained and she soiled herself. He had been previously investigated by DCFS and gave a videotaped confession admitting to abusing Jakarriah.

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**ISSUE: NATIONAL-EDUCATION**

6/26/22

6 A.M.

30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **TIPS TO HELP AMERICANS SAVE FOR EDUCATION**

I interviewed Steve Rueschhoff; Principal of Edward Jones and he shared tools and tips on how to help save for education. He shared info on the 529 plan, it's benefits and how the pandemic and other current events impacted American's education savings. He also shared some barriers keeping Americans from using 529 plans and how American's can increase their awareness and usage of 529 savings.

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **EDUCATING THE COUNTRY THAT BLACK HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY**

I interviewed Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich, Children's Author, who shared details about the importance of educating students on African American history through children's books. She said, I write to celebrate Black children being their whole selves in the world, belonging just as they are. Black people have all kinds of stories and can tell them in all kinds of ways, activism, justice (Saving Earth, Mae Reeves, Clara Luper, etc.)

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**ISSUE: STATE-INDIANA-EDUCATION/ECONOMIC**

6/26/22

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **\$10M IN AID DESIGNATED TO INDIANA STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES NEXT SCHOOL YEAR**

I shared that the Indiana Education Scholarship account program was created last year by the General Assembly with 3 million designated for startup costs. Program funds of 10 million will be available in the 2022-2023 school year. An additional \$579, 000 was earmarked for administrative costs covering his fiscal year and next.

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**ISSUE: STATE-ILLINOIS-BUSINESS**

6/26/22

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

### **CATERPILLAR TO MOVE HEADQUARTERS TO TEXAS FROM ILLINOIS**

I shared Illinois news that Caterpillar said it would move its global headquarters to Irving, Texas from its current location in Deerfield, Illinois, marking an end to the company's century-long

presence in the Land of Lincoln. The construction equipment maker is the latest big manufacturer to exit Illinois. Last month, aerospace giant, Boeing announced that it would move corporate headquarters from Chicago to Arlington, Virginia. A company spokesperson said most of its 230 employees based in Illinois will transition to the new headquarters over time. CAT hosted its bi-annual Investor’s Day in Grapevine, Texas, last month. Currently the machinery maker’s electric power division operates out of its Irving office.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-DEKALB-COMMUNITY**

6/26/22

6 A.M.

30 MIN

WYCA/WSRB/WYRB/WPWX

REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

**DEKALB COMMUNITY TAKES TO STREETS FOR PRIDE**

I announced for DeKalb “Love is love,” read many of the signs hoisted in the air Thursday for the second annual Pride march in DeKalb. The free event – put on by the Egyptian Theatre, Safe Passage, Sycamore Library, Queer-Oriented Rural Resource Network, Grace Place, Hometown Sports Bar & Grill, Youth Outlook, 94.9 WDKB and S.O.A.S. – was attended by dozens. Jeanine Holcomb, marketing and communications director for the Egyptian Theatre, said the turnout for the event speaks volumes to the community’s willingness to accept the LGBTQIA+ community. “We’ve seen already with the start of this event that people are coming back and they want to have pride here,” Holcomb said.

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**ISSUE: LOCAL-DEKALB-WEATHER**

6/26/22

6 A.M.

30 MIN

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REAL TALK W/ TRACY WILLIAMSON

**DEKALB FIRE URGES BEING PREPARED FOR SUMMER HEAT**

I announced for DeKalb extremely hot and humid weather is forecasted, which may increase the risk of heat-related stress and illness when heat pushes the human body beyond its limits. In extreme heat and high humidity, perspiration evaporation slows, causing the body to work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. Most victims of heat-related illnesses have been overexposed to indoor or outdoor heat or have over-exerted themselves for their age and physical condition. Individuals who are very young, elderly, ill, overweight, or participating in strenuous outdoor activities are most at risk for succumbing to extreme heat.

