

Quarterly Issues and Programs List

Iron River Community Broadcasting – WIKB-FM

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Section I – Issues

These stations have identified the following issues facing our community during this quarter:

1. Local Government and Economic Issues
2. Health, Safety, Infrastructure, Education
3. Community Support and Events
4. Emergency and Police Issues & Incidents

Section II – Responsive Programs

The station has broadcasted programming dealing with these issues listed. Unless otherwise noted, the programming was broadcasted on WIKB radio station. This list of programs is intended to thoroughly represent the station's news gathering and community involvement, and does not necessarily include all broadcasts that may have addressed the issues noted.

1. Government and Economic Issues

Telephone Time, Monday-Saturday 9a-12p: Call-In Buy Sell Trade, Community Outreach and Events

Fri 11:15 on TT: "Chamber Chow" – Members of the Iron County Chamber and Chamber Alliance discuss local restaurants, enjoy a meal from one each week, and discuss operation statuses of local business/eateries and how to support them in the the uncertain times of 2020.

Fri 9:15 on TT: "Buckskin Bob's Weekend Report" – Buckskin Bob joins TT on Fridays for a 15 minute segment discussing community events, recreational opportunities and regulations, public service campaigns, businesses, job openings and more.

News, aired 10/5: Line 5, Canada and the Transit Pipeline Agreement - Story covering the AP report of Canadas invocation of a 1977 treaty to prevent Governor Whitmers Line 5 shutdown. This report details the relevance to Iron County and the U.P, as well as background of environmental and economic studies concerning the pipeline.

News, aired 10/8: Florence County Board – Story covering minutes and issues at the monthly Florence County Board. Amid a packed house, a main issue of discussion were land purchases around, and degradation of, the North Lake access points on the Spread Eagle Chain o' Lakes. Amid smaller issues were the resignation of the Clerk of Court and the approval of the County's 2020 Audit Report.

News, aired 10/9: Dickinson County Board of Commissioners – Covering issues discussed at the monthly meeting, which was brief in duration and mostly taken to discuss and debate the reinstatement of a COVID State of Emergency and the since-rescinded DIDHD Mask Mandate. Presented as well were arguments surrounding the ideas of vax mandates and and HIPPA violations.

News, aired 10/12: Crystal Falls City Meeting – Covering the monthly meeting dominated by discussion of Ordinance 3.08 to regulate food trucks in Crystal Falls. Few attended the meeting but for local bar and eatery owners concerned about perceived unfair advantages of food trucks doing business while restaurants still recover from COVID lockdowns. Also discussed was a proposition to re-name a local bridge.

News, aired 10/15: Caspian City Council – Covering the meeting in which the council discussed the demolition of two buildings in Caspian. A motion to accept bids for demolition was passed unanimously. Other issues discussed included the proposition for a new bike trail through the city.

News, aired 10/18: Local Former Congressman Dies – Covering the passing of former Congressman Dan Benishek. "Dr Dan" was an Iron County native and the first Republican elected in Michigans Frist Congressional District, serving three terms.

News, aired 11/2: Sec of State Wednesday Evening Hours – Announcing a press release from Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson stating a shift in office hours, staying open until 7pm on Wednesdays to provide more time for residents to visit for services.

News, aired 11/3: Iron County Elections – Covering the voting results of Iron County elections, including for two seats on the Iron River City Council, as well as commissioner seats in Caspian and Gaastra. Short backgrounds on the Iron River City Council candidates were also provided to re-cap.

News, aired 11/9: Line 5 and the Biden Administration – Covering reports from Politico Canada and comments from the Biden Administration regarding the future of the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline. Story covers the news release about studies and meetings concerning Line 5, as well as provides history and context as previously reported by the station.

News, aired 11/16: CF City Meeting – Covering the monthly meeting; the main issue of import were deals and funding between the city and the ICECA.

News, aired 11/18: IC Board of Commissioners Meeting – Main issue of discussion and public comment were questions surrounding potential fraud at the Alpha Senior Center in Alpha, MI. The organization receives public funding from the city via millage, and according to board members on the related task force, a lack of transparency, proof of execution of funds, reports of solicitation and questionable financial reports have triggered deeper investigation.

News, aired 11/20: Tribal Grants – US DOJ, Western District of MI announcement of grants to tribal communities in the U.P. to improve security services. This being part of the larger Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation program.

PSA, aired 11/5 – 12/31/21: ICECA Fast Track – Announcing the Fast Track Grant Program from the ICECA. The Grant offers \$2500 to start-up businesses approved by the Business Developer Committee.

2. Public Health, Safety, Infrastructure and Education

Telephone Time, Monday-Saturday 9a-12p: Call-In Buy Sell Trade, Community Outreach and Events

Thurs 9:15 on TT: “DYK with Dr. Larry”: Doctor Larry of Crystal Chiropractic joins TT every Thursday for a 45-minute segment where he discusses physical health, health solutions and in 2020 facts information about PPE and the COVID Pandemic. He also fields calls from listeners with specific questions about certain ailments and health policies.

Last Thursday of Month 8/21-9/21. 6pm: “MTU COVID Town Hall” – Town Hall meetings hosted at Michigan Tech, featuring health experts and city/state officials discussing and fielding questions about the areas COVID responses in healthcare, business, schools and communities.

PSA :30, aired daily – “N.A.”: PSA for Woods and Waters Area Service Committee N.A. website and contact info

PSA (Ongoing) started 4/1/21: “Crystal Falls Library” – PSA flight for the events, special days, book readings, book drives and more at the Crystal Falls District Library.

News, aired 10/7: Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease in Deer – Covering a press release from the AP on the subject, confirming 4 deaths and 150 possible cases in whitetail deer in Michigan. Story touches on symptoms and treatment studies and encourages public to report any observation of strange or erratic behavior in deer.

News, aired 11/5: Phone Scam Warning – Covering a press release from the MSP alerting the public to increased reports of phone scam activity in MI, asking residents for MSP donations. This news is specially relevant in Iron County, as the population demographic is heavily weighed toward seniors, who are the most vulnerable to and often targeted by these scams.

News, aired 11/13: Chronic Wasting Disease – Covering a press release from the DNR asking hunters in the U.P. to turn in deer heads in an effort to track chronic wasting disease across the state. Report includes background, specific instruction and resources for information and education.

News, aired 12/3: MTU Studies Report – Story covering the release of reports by MTU on studies they conducted concerning the use of solar energy for heating in the U.P. Included in these reports were comparisons of solar energy costs and costs of propane. Other aspects of energy costs were also covered by the reports, and the findings were outlined in this news report.

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PSA :30, aired daily – "VFW Food For Vets": PSA advertising Florence, WI VFW Post 3635's "Food for Vets" on the second Tuesday of every month.

News, aired 10/2: DNR Online Deer Harvest – Short news blurb from a DNR press release covering the online Deer Harvest reporting system with directions for use and URL for reporting and assistance.

News, aired 11/10: Short Story Contest – Story announcing the the U.P. Publishers and Authors Association's Short Story Contest for U.P. students from grades 5-12. Featuring siloed age brackets and cash prizes, students must submit stories of 500 words or less and be nominated by a teacher to enter the contest, with a max of 2 students from each school to be entered.

News, aired 11/29: Beer & Wine Tasting Fundraiser – Announcement for the annual fundraiser for the Crystal Falls Contemporary Center, who in addition to the fundraiser had been accepting donations around the county for their community events and outreach programs.

News, aired 12/2: Christmas in the Communities – Story announcing various holiday celebrations over the course of December in Iron County. Includes announcements of parades, events and fundraisers in Crystal Falls and Iron River, as well as contact information for people looking to participate, donate to or find more details about the events.

PSA, aired 11/13 – 12/5: Iron Co Historical Museum Events – Series of PSAs for the museum promoting their local events like "Small Business Saturday", the "Christmas Raffle", or the "Christmas Tree Galleria". Over 3k in ad value.

PSA, aired 11/9 – 12/11: Legion Lunch w/ Santa – Announcing Lunch with Mr and Mrs Clause on 12/11 at the American Legion.

PSA, aired 11/19 – 12/4: Christmas in Florence – Announcement of Christmas Fundraiser at Florence High School, including a visit with santa, craft and product vendors, door prizes, food and performances.

TT/BS Bob, aired 10/15: St Cecilia Parish Dinner – Live read on TT for the annual Italian Dinner fundraiser at the Parish.

4. Emergency and Police Issues & Incidents

PSA :30, aired daily - "Click It or Ticket": PSA from MSP encouraging drivers and passengers to buckle up.

News, aired 10/6: Wakefield Car Accident – MSP announces fatality in Wakefield, MI collision that occurred several days prior. A person of interest fled into the woods at the scene, later turning himself in to the authorities as the driver of the other vehicle. Recreational pharma were thought to be involved.

News, aired 10/11 – 13: Interview w/ Chief Harrington – A set of 12 questions were asked and answered by the Acting Police Chief of Iron River, covering his background and approach to law enforcement as well as ties and path to Iron River.

News, aired 10/14: Tipler ATV Crash – Reporting on a press release from the Florence County Sheriff about an ATV crash on the Nicolet State Trail just outside Tipler, WI. Alcohol and speed contributed to the crash that left a 57 year old man deceased.

News, aired 10/16: Iron River Shooting Report – Story covering the Iron County Prosecutors report on the police shooting of a man in Iron River. The shooting was determined to be justified self-defense upon interviews and examination of video evidence. The suspect was killed in the altercation, and both officers on scene were uninjured.

News, aired 12/6: Iron County Blizzard – Covering the big blizzard that blanketed Iron County in snow. The report included snow accumulation tallies and forecasts as well as other weather data, school closings, a public statement to use care while driving, and solicitation for weather tips reported to the station.

News, aired 12/7: Iron County Blizzard (cont) – Covering the extreme weather conditions that had continued from the initial storms on the 5th and 6th, the report also gathered comment from the Iron County Road Commission and both Iron River and Crystal Falls governments, as well as remind residents of parking restrictions and procedures in these circumstances.

News, aired 12/15: Winter Weather and Storms approach – story detailing the poor conditions including fog and mist along with forecast of winter storms to come in the night. WIKB asked listeners to use caution if they have to go out.

News, aired 12/16: Winter Storm – Story recapping the major storms that tore through during the night after WIKBs initial report of deteriorating conditions. Included information and witnessed damage by station personnel as well as announcement that WIKB tower facilities were also damaged by the weather. Also included statements from WE and UPPCO on power outages and restoration time estimates.

News, aired 12/16: Power Outages – Follow-up story tracking the power outages that followed the major storms on the 15th and 16th. Included stated outage numbers from WE and UPPCO as well WIKB transmission status after being knocked out by the storm.

"News" airs at 8a and 12p-6p Central Time on WIKB/WFER Monday – Saturday

"PSA" airs from 6a – 9p, 7 days a week on WIKB/WFER