

Quarterly Issues and Programs List

Iron River Community Broadcasting – WFER-FM

For the Quarter beginning July 1, 2021
Compiled and placed in the public file October 8, 2021

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 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 does not necessarily include all broadcasts that may have addressed the issues noted.

1. Government and Economic Issues

PSA :30, aired 7/2 – 7/17: “UP Championship Rodeo” – announcing the annual Championship Rodeo in Iron River. Announces dates/times, attractions, food, events and event registrations and more.

News, aired 7/17 “Board of Commissioners Meeting” – Coverage of the Iron County Board of Commissioners Public Meeting on 7/15/21. Items discussed included a funds request from the Fair Association, a letter of support for Iron-Baraga Conservation Grant Application, improvements at the courthouse buildings and more.

News, aired 7/26: “Iron River City Council Meeting” – Recap of the Regular City Council Meeting. Minutes include discussion on medical marijuana facilities, apple blossom trail renovations and excess real estate sales.

News, aired 8/4 “New Grow Facility” – News story on the details and opening of a new Cannabis Grow Facility in Mastodon Township.

News, aired 8/3 “Markkanen: CF Water Study” – Story on Rep Greg Markkanens announcement of the grant awarded to Crystal Falls Township to help improve water system infrastructure.

News, aired 9/21 “IC Road Commission” – Covering the September 14th meeting of the Iron County Road Commission. Items discussed included the Drain Commission budget and dues, the need for new truck chassis, and departure of Caspian-Gastra City Manager.

News, aired 9/24 “DNR Facilities” – Covering the DNRs press release announcing updated facilities schedules.

News, aired 9/28 “McBroom on State Budget” – Story covering Senator Ed McBroom’s optimistic comments about provisions he secured in the State Budget that will benefit the Upper Peninsula. This includes increases to flood repair budgets, job training programs, school funding and more.

2. Public Health, Safety, Infrastructure and Education

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.

PSA :30, aired 6/28 – 8/31: “DIHD Med Marijuana” – PSA for “Lock em Up” campaign to educate people on marijuana legality and to encourage them to lock up their medical marijuana.

News, aired 6/29: “Blood Drive” – Story informing the public of the American Red Cross Blood Drive on July 15th, stressing the statewide blood shortage.

News, aired 7/20 “Aspirus Visitor Guides/” – Report on Aspirus Hospital’s updated Visitor Guidelines, which ease restrictions in certain areas of the hospital with exceptions for pediatric care, assisted living, compassionate care and COVID patients.

News, aired 7/27: “Meeting Schedule Change” – announcing a date change for the Iron County DHHS board meeting scheduled for 28th (meeting moved to 29th) at Iron County Medical Care Facility.

News, aired 8/19 “Drug Deactivation Kits” – Press Release from Dial Help announcing drug disposal sites and their receipt and subsequent planned distribution of 1000 “drug deactivation kits” to 10 Counties.

News, aired 8/30 “Narcan Distribution/” – Press Release from Communities That Care about August “Overdose Awareness Month”. Includes messaging about Narcan and encourages prescription opioid users to have Narcan on hand.

News, aired 9/7: “Hop2Help” – Story on the 4th annual Suicide Prevention Walk hosted in Iron Mountain, MI. T-shirts were given out at sign up. The organizers are also looking to expand in to Iron County in the future.

NEWS 5mins, aired 9:10a, 9/11 – Short special remembrance announcement recognizing and reflecting upon the events of September 11th, 2001.

News, aired 9/19 “WIC Public School Mask Meeting” – Covering the impromptu meeting held at the West Iron County High School concerning impending mask mandates made by the Health Department. 55 people were in standing or seated in the room with many more in hall. The circumstances surrounding the mandate were discussed and debated. The public was polled to 75% not in favor of the mandate.

News, aired 9/25 “Mask Mandate Rescinded” – Story on the rescinded Mask Mandate by the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department. WIKB covers comment from the director as well as details from the original mandate and the press release detailing the termination of the order.

NEWS, aired 9/28: “Road Closure Notice” – Special released announced multiple times on Telephone Time, IC Road Commission announces section closure on Old 141.

News, aired 9/29 “Mask Mandate Meeting” – Story covering the dramatic Iron District Health Department meeting concerning rumors of mask mandates and inter-council drama. Hosted public comment and meetings were packed by the public, spilling out into hallways. WIKB obtained comments from the Director that were aired the following day during Local News.

3. Community Support and Events

News, aired 7/1 “Fourth of July Celebrations” – Announcing Independence Day festivities in Iron River, MI including Parade and Parade events and an afternoon WW2 Flyover.

News, aired 7/27 “9/11 Iron County Museum” – Story on the “Classics and Curios” event at the Iron County Historical Museum, offering antique appraisals, a classic car and farm machinery show, and a concert. Details sign-up, contact info and event festivities.

News, aired 8/27 “FP HOF Banquet” – Announcing the event for the Forest Park Achievement Hall of Fame celebrating this years inductees. Details event, sign-up info, inductee list and date/time.

News, aired 9/15 “Iron River Fall Clean Up” – Announcing dates/times/contact info for the Residential Clean Up of large items in conjunction with GAD in Iron River.

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.

PSA :30, aired 7/1-7/31: “DARE Golf Tourney” – Announcing the Mark Morkin Memorial DARE Golf Tourney at Youngs Golf Course. Includes dates/times, signup and prize info.

PSA :30, aired 7/20 – 8/4: “Pedaling for Preslie” – Announcing the radio-thon to raise money for the Pedaling For Preslie event, with local Bill Melstrom pedaling across the county to raise money for local girl with cancer.

PSA :30, aired 8/4 – 8/15: “Missoula Auditions” - Announcing Missoula Childrens Theatre production of Sleeping Beauty – registration for auditions, dates/times and details of rehearsals and final curtain time.

EVENT, aired 8/6, 5:30p-8:30p: “Iron County Livestock Auction” – WIKB broadcasts live from the Rotunda and the Iron County Fairgrounds for the Iron County Youth Market Livestock Council’s Livestock Auction. WIKB also ran promos for this live event in the week leading up.

PSA :30, aired 8/16 – 8/21: “Fill the Boot Drive” – Announcing the WIC Fire Departments annual “Fill the Boot” fundraiser for the department. WIKB, as usual, participated by hosting volunteers collecting donations at the radio station.

PSA :30, aired 8/31 – 9/18: “Fire Dpt Poker” – PSA for Texas Hold Em tourney hosted by Caspian-Gaastra Fire Department, date/time/contact info.

PSA: 30, aired 9/2 – 9/4: “Armstrong Creek Sports Club” – PSA announcing the Sports Club Fundraiser dates and donation info

PSA :30, aired 9/2 – 10/4: “American Legion Walkathon” – Announcing Post 21s walk a thon for Veterans Emergency Relief Fund. Dates, Times and Contact Info provided

PSA :30, aired 9/10-9/30: “VFW School Contest” – PSA for Crystal Falls VFW Post 2891 hosting student competitions in essays, art and talent with college fund awards.

PSA :30, aired 9/21 – 10/2: “Fortune Lake Fall Fest” – announcing fundraiser event for local Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Dates/Times, events, registration etc..

PSA :30, aired 9/28 – 10/2: “Alpha Tractor Show” – Event sponsored by WIKB: the Alpha Tractor Show and Hay Rides in Alpha, MI. Details dates/times, registration, events and more.

PSA/Donation: “D/I Youth Involvement Group” – WIKB ran promos for and donated Milwaukee Zoo tickets to the Dickinson Iron CTC’s WIC Youth Involvement Group fundraising event

4. Emergency and Police Incidents

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

News, aired 8/17 "Submerged Vehicle" – Reporting per Sheriffs Press Release on submerged vehicle in Net River near Amasa, MI. Vehicle was recovered but owner remains unknown.

News, aired 8/25 "Iron River Shooting" – Short news update on investigation into a police shooting at a residence in Iron River.

News, aired 9/4 "Vehicular Accident" – WIKB on scene for vehicular accident on the evening of September 3rd reporting the presence of EMS, Fire and Police responders as well as the involved vehicles being towed. No official comment or names were available.

News, aired 9/24 "MSP Sexual Assault Arrest" – Announcing the arrest of a sexual assault suspect. Includes details from the MSP Press Release and WIKB-obtained comment from Detective Sergeant Chris Bracket.

"News" airs at Noon and 5pm Central Time on WIKB/WFER Monday – Saturday

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