

# **WNWO-TV**

## **QUARTERLY REPORT OF PROGRAMMING ISSUES OF COMMUNITY IMPORTANCE**

**For The Period**

**October 1 – December 31, 2010**

## THIRD QUARTER 2010

### DESCRIPTION OF WNWO(TV) PROGRAMS THAT DEAL WITH COMMUNITY ISSUES

<b><u>PROGRAM</u></b>	<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>
<b>Local News</b>		
NBC24 Today	Monday through Friday	4:56 – 7:00am
NBC24 at Six	Monday through Sunday	6:00 – 6:30pm
NBC24 Tonight	Monday through Sunday	11:00 – 11:35pm
NBC24 Saturday at Six	Saturday	6:00 – 6:30pm
NBC24 Saturday at Eleven	Saturday	11:00 – 11:30pm
NBC24 Sunday at Six	Sunday	6:00 – 6:30pm
NBC24 Sunday at Eleven	Sunday	11:00 – 11:30pm

All of the above programs are locally produced news programs presenting a mix of news, weather and sports, including issue-responsive and multi-part segments.

<b>Dateline NBC</b>	Fridays	8:00pm
	Sundays	7:00pm

This is an NBC network program often featuring investigative reporting on controversial issues facing the American public. The program usually has multiple segments, 8-12 minutes in duration.

<b>Meet the Press</b>	Sundays	9:00am
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This NBC News interview program usually has one or more guests being questioned about subjects in the news by moderator Tom Brokaw, David Gregory, and other reporters.

<b>NBC News Today</b>	Monday through Friday	7:00 – 11:00am
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These NBC network news programs offer a mix of news, weather and features, including interviews and in-depth reports on issues of current concern.

<b>NBC Nightly News</b>	Monday through Sunday	6:30 – 7:00pm
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This NBC network news program provides a roundup of the day's major news events, as well as in-depth reports on issues of public concern.

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#### **Fugitive of the Week**

Tuesday

11:00pm

NBC24 in an exclusive agreement with the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force, profiles the Fugitive of the Week. Our exclusive partnership has resulted in the arrest of over 130 fugitives profiled through September 30, 2008

#### **My School**

Tuesday

6pm

The "My School" franchise enables a designated school to showcase itself through the eyes of the student through a video essay of sorts. Four schools from the area are typically showcased each month. Each school/story is shown on-air and online. A major voting online campaign takes place during the month, and the school with the highest viewer penetration, online, wins \$500 scholarship money to Wayne State University in Detroit. This sponsorship ends after September 2009.

#### **Green Report**

Wednesday

11:00pm

Every Wednesday and Friday, NBC24's Michael Schlesinger investigates the latest developments and stories related to green technology.

#### **Sell It @ 6**

Thursday

6:00pm

With the housing market in a slump, NBC24 is working with viewers who are trying to sell their home. Every Thursday night at 7pm, we profile a home that is up for sell.

#### **Storytime**

Daily Monday through Friday

6&11:00pm

Stories that often get lost in the shuffle of "major news" are told, whether they be a story out of history or a story about an important person or institution in our community, air in this segment. Lou Hebert finds the strange, the interesting, the inspiring, and the educational stories often overlooked by other media.

**COMMUNITY**  
**OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**October 5, 2010**

**Exotic pet keeper not in compliance with new USDA regulations**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package 1:50**

A man who buys and sells exotic pets in the Wood County village of Stony Ridge is worried that his farm will not be up to USDA specifications which increased mandatory fence heights effective November 1. It is particularly worrisome to Kenny Hetrick because if he can't make the improvements, he will lose his license to keep exotic animals and will not be able to get it back under Gov. Strickland's new state regulations that would keep any Ohio citizen from buying or keeping exotic animals.

**October 10, 2010**

**Flower Hospital celebrates centennial**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**VOSOT :53**

Flower Hospital has been in business for 100 years and they celebrated today with a party for the community. Flower Hospital was founded in Toledo's central city, but are now owned by ProMedica Health Systems and is located in Sylvania, OH.

**October 12, 2010**

**Finding new home for Habitat not hard**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package 2:00**

An overnight fire burned the back half of the headquarters of Habitat for Humanity on Fearing St. Volunteers and employees salvaged what they could from the damaged portion of the building. Lathrop Construction donated a trailer for them to use as storage and organizations and institutions such as the University of Toledo, Owens Corning, and ProMedica have offered the organization space for their offices. Habitat officials are weighing their options.

**October 12, 2010, October 13, 2010**

**Toledo retools vicious dog laws**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**VO :26**

**Package 1:53**

The State of Ohio declared Ohio's vicious dog law unconstitutional because it carried breed specific language that targeted pit bulls. After months of deliberation by the special committee, Toledo city council passed a new vicious dog law that eliminated references to pit bulls, provided larger fines for dog bites, and defined how long a dog may be kept outside unattended.

On October 13, Hubert Wiggins spoke with pit bull owners who are happy with the new ordinance, saying pit bulls are not the problem – owners are. In addition to the changes noted in the earlier story, Wiggins reported that unsprayed or neutered dogs caught roaming free will be fixed at the owner's expense.

**COMMUNITY**  
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**October 22, 2010**

**Columbia Gas imposters taking scheme to risky new levels**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package 1:46**

For a few days, there have been one or two scam artists in the city of Toledo claiming to be collection agents for Columbia Gas. They request \$100 from the resident and threaten to turn off the gas if the person does not comply. In one instance in south Toledo, the fake Columbia Gas worker took the gas meter off the house while the gas was still hooked up. Columbia Gas does not employ billing agents or collection agents, relying on the third party for those services.

**October 26, 2010**

**National Park Service works to restore Perry's Victory Memorial**

**Reporter: Lou Hebert**

**Package 3:07**

The monument that commemorates Commodore Perry's victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Erie is getting refurbished. In 2006, a 500 lbs piece of concrete fell from the 352 foot tall monument. An inspection found numerous cracks and flaws in the monument, so it was closed to the public. The National Park Service – which owns and manages the monument – is working to completely reconstruct the granite viewing deck of the monument. The project is still two years away from completion.

**October 30, 2010**

**Tent City brings awareness of homeless in our community**

**Reporter: Pamela Osborne**

**Package 2:10**

Tent City is an annual event in downtown Toledo to remind area residents of the homeless that live among them. Pamela Osborne talked to organizers about the event and the extent of homelessness (or unhoused) in our community.

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**November 3, 2010**

**Toledo to get visit for bicentennial of war of 1812 victory**

**Reporter: Lou Hebert**

**Package 1:58**

Toledo will be on the itinerary when the U.S. Navy commemorates the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Commodore Perry's victory over the British Fleet at the Battle of Lake Erie. Celebrations will include a flotilla of tall ships and perhaps an air show.

**November 7, 2010, November 9, 2010**

**Cherry Street Mission needs new boiler**

**Reporter: Pamela Osborne**

**Package 2:01**

**VOSOT :47**

The region's largest shelter for homeless men is without heat as we enter the winter months. The boiler at the Cherry Street Mission has quit working. Crews are working to replace the boiler – which will cost \$16,000 for an agency facing a six figure deficit. Meanwhile, they are using space heaters and blankets.

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On November 9, NBC 24 reported that donations had quickly flowed into the Cherry Street Mission and that they were going to be able to replace the broken boiler.

**November 13, 2010**

**Area agencies work to safely dispose of pharmaceuticals**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**VOSOT :43**

St. Lukes Hospital and the Lucas County Solid Waste District combined efforts to safely collect pharmaceuticals that are no longer needed and dispose of them safely. Old drugs flushed down a toilet or placed into landfills are showing up in the water table. These drugs will be safely disposed of.

**November 18, 2010**

**Small town potter has large reputation**

**Reporter: Lou Hebert**

**Package: 3:55**

In his “Storytime” segment, Lou Hebert profiled Jan Pugh who has a pottery shop in the small Ottawa County village of Genoa, OH. Jan Pugh has sold thousands of pieces around the globe and continues to produce pottery with an international reputation.

**November 22, 2010**

**Thanksgiving puts pressure on local food bank**

**Reporter: Lou Hebert**

**Package 2:57**

Toledo Seagate Food Bank serves 48,000 people a month in the Toledo region and Thanksgiving puts an extra burden on volunteers and resources. Many of their clients are veterans or long term unemployed people who would not have a Thanksgiving meal without assistance from the food bank.

**November 25, 2010**

**Homeless get first class dining experience on Thanksgiving**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package 2:01**

Those who often have to fend for scraps for meals got a first class dining experience on Thanksgiving thanks to the owners of Real Seafood Co. at the Docks restaurant complex. Residents and clients of the Cherry Street Mission and their families were invited to the fine dining restaurant where they were waited on by the professional staff and served fine dining cuisine.

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**December 3, 2010**

**Old Newsboys hit the streets for charity**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package 2:02**

The Old Newsboys, a charitable organization dating back 81 years, took to Toledo's major intersections today to sell their annual newspaper and raise money for charity. Their goal is to raise \$200,000 to buy coats, gloves, and shoes for Toledo area children who need them.

**December 6, 2010**

**Rudolph, Ohio emerges to the fore of the Christmas season**

**Reporter: Lou Hebert**

**Package 1:57**

The little Wood County village of Rudolph escapes notice most times of the year. But it gets to be a popular destination at Christmas time. People from all over the region flock to the village's post office to get a cancellation from Rudolph on their Christmas cards.

**December 14, 2010**

**Dog pound to get major upgrades**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 1:45**

The Lucas County Commissioners voted 3-0 to provide \$2 million in funding to make major improvements to the dog pound, including a new adoption area, larger cages for the larger dogs, and facilities for an on site veterinarian.

**December 14, 2010**

**Salvation Army distributes presents**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package 2:04**

The community got to see first hand where the money they drop into the Salvation Army's red kettles as the organization distributed their presents today to families in need. The organization provides Christmas for families who would otherwise have nothing under their trees.

**December 21, 2010, December 22, 2010**

**Someone steals Christmas meal from Methodist kitchen for the needy**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 1:44**

**Package 1:49**

Someone broke into The Bridge Kitchen for the Poor, a free kitchen operated by the Methodist Church, and stole all of the food for the Christmas Dinner they planned to put on on December 22. Bridge and church leaders plan to go forward with the dinner and are looking for donors to help replace the more than \$1000 worth of food that was stolen.

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On December 22, the Bridge Center reported that the community responded by donating much more food than they lost and the Andersons stores had replaced all of the stolen meat. So, the meal was put on and people who attended were able to take home food.

**December 27, 2010**

**Libbey alumni plead to save school**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 2:17**

Dozens of alumni of the old Toledo high school flooded a school board meeting to plead with them to reverse their decision to demolish the high school. At first, the school board had resolved to keep the school open. Now, budget cuts forced them to close the school. To qualify for federal aid to tear down the building, they must act quickly. Libbey Alumni were disappointed with the news.



**GREEN REPORT**  
**OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**October 6, 2010**

**Brooks Insurance makes their building green**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 2:01**

One local insurance company believes our society is too much of a liability when it comes to protecting the earth. Now, Brooks Insurance has decided to do something about it and has gotten rewarded in the process.

Only a handful of Toledo businesses can say they have it. But now you can add Brooks Insurance Agency to the list of "energy star rated buildings" certified through the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy.

Brooks Insurance says through its efforts it has reduced electrical consumption by five percent and around ten percent savings per year on the electric bills.

**October 13, 2010**

**Farmer uses Black Swamp Conservancy to preserve his farm for generations.**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 2:07**

Don Miller looks out his precious property he's owned for thirty years. The Sandusky River snakes around his land known as Peninsular Farms. Over the last decade, bit by bit, he's protected what's his by signing a conservation agreement, or easement, with Black Swamp Conservancy.

In all, 600 acres on and around his farm cannot be developed regardless of future owners. For his donation Miller received a tax deduction. But according to him, finances is just a small part of why he did it. He wants to preserve his property for future generations.

**October 20, 2010**

**Portion of Middle Bass Island will be preserved in natural state**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 1:54**

On the way over by ferry, you get a birds eye view of Middle Bass Island. From afar, you see land, trees, and water, but once you've arrived there's so much more to experience. Now, a small portion of the island, the East Point Preserve, is protected from development.

Participating organizations, including the Black Swamp Conservancy, the Put-in-Bay Township Park District, and The Trust for Public Land have all played a part in making this happen. The position on the tip of the island and its wooded shores create a great resting spot for migratory birds. The property also contains a diversity of habitats, including natural beachlands, mature hardwood forest, and grass prairies. The land also protects the federally threatened Lake Erie Water Snake and other listed plant and animal species.

The cost for the approximately eight acre site came to a million dollars. But funding from non profits and even the government helped offset the expense. Also Black Swamp Conservancy and the park district set up a conservation agreement, preventing the property from ever being subdivided or developed

**GREEN REPORT**  
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**October 27, 2010**

**Still time to take advantage of Ohio energy tax credit**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 2:01**

Homeowners have until December 31st to buy qualifying items, such as certain heating and air units, water heaters, insulation, roofing, windows and doors.

The tax credit is 30 percent of the cost of certain energy-efficient home improvements, up to a maximum of \$1500 for both 2009 and 2010 combined. Make sure to save all receipts and signed statements from the manufacturer certifying the product qualifies for the credit.

**November 3, 2010**

**Running a car on water**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 2:12**

Toledo's AAA Transmission wants to put you in a hybrid without the cost of buying one. At this auto shop a device is used to break water down to H-H-O. Two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. This is also known as Browns Gas. By using this alternative type of energy it's estimated your gas mileage can increase 20 to 50 percent.

The cost of the H-H-O device can run between \$700 and a thousand dollars, depending if you install it yourself. If you're interested in getting one for your car, call AAA Transmission at 419-389-9800/419-389-9992. You can also go to [www.browns gas.com](http://www.browns gas.com) for more information about "running" your car on part water.

**November 10, 2010**

**New method of growing produce in an urban setting**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 1:55**

Farmlife meets the city with a new product on the market. It's a way to grow your favorite vegetables, even in a downtown setting.

Grow Soxx are two foot long cotton tubes filled with organic material, soil, and fertilizer. And while they aren't the prettiest to look at they sure shine at bringing a garden to life in places you wouldn't even think possible.

Toledo's Budapest Restaurant got to experiment with them this summer. Here, the tubing mixed with compost material was laid out in rows similar to a farm. Mulch covered the Grow Soxx and areas in between to help keep everything moist. The soil itself was contaminated since it was on the former site of a burned out building. This proves how versatile this product really is.

The non-profit, Center for Innovative Food Technology, or CIFT, played a big part in making this all happen.

**GREEN REPORT**  
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**November 17, 2010**

**Pizza shop manager on a mission to save the environment**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 2:01**

One local gentlemen loves pizza leftovers, and it goes one step further. He recycles the boxes too.

Pizza is in Danny Shepard's blood. The 44-year old from Perrysburg is an assistant manager and driver for a Domino's store. And while getting the delivery to a place, fast and fresh, is a concern, he also has an appetite to save the earth.

And once a week he completes his mission by bringing about 150 boxes from his store to the Perrysburg recycling center.

**November 24, 2010**

**Local print shop goes solar**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 2:13**

The mood at Metzgers Printing and Mailing is definitely looking a whole lot brighter with the addition of more than four thousand square feet of solar panels on the roof of its main printing plant in south Toledo. There's hope close to 13% of its annual power usage can be generated through this technology.

Metzgers Printing worked with Solscient Energy for more than a year on this project, considered to be one of the largest solar installations at a privately help company.

Another five thousand square feet of panels will be added to the roof of the Mailing and Fulfillment Center off Frenchmens Road. The total array is capable of producing up to 125 thousand watts at any time during peak conditions. Think of it as powering 13 homes continuously.

Solscient Energy provided the system design, installation, and development of the solar array. This company is a tenant at the University of Toledo's Clean and Alternative Energy Incubator program.

**December 1, 2010**

**U.T and NASA join forces to teach about climate change**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 2:08**

U.T. and NASA are now one when it comes to educating students and teachers about climate change. Now plans are in the works to spread the word through lesson plans.

The University of Toledo is one of seventeen places of higher learning across the country receiving grant money to build online climate change classes from NASA of all places. More than \$377 thousand will go to U-T over three years.

Once the curriculum is ready for the classroom students will spend between six and ten hours on each plan. Then they'll receive a certificate after successful completion.

**GREEN REPORT**  
**OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**December 8, 2010**

**Local student attends science fair hosted by President Obama**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 2:12**

Two students from Woodward High School in Toledo have a story to tell for a very long time. They had the chance to travel to Washington DC to see the President of the United States and share their science project with dignitaries in fields of science and government.

Tenth grader Tazhianna Dean and senior Tiffine Guindon recently made a field trip of a lifetime as they traveled to our nation's capitol to present their research on global climate change. And lets just say some very important eyes were looking at it.

These two young women are part of The Globe Program. It enables students, with the help of scientists and various organizations, to explore scientific questions and then share research with peers around the world. In this case, the University of Toledo played a part as well.

**December 15, 2010**

**Federal money makes apartment complex a green mecca**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 1:51**

Over a year ago, Harborview apartments received close to \$1.5 million from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development, or HUD. And it seems not one penny has been wasted on making this 40-year old facility more eco-friendly.

National Church Residences owns this property. It applied for the grant about a year and a half ago. Those who oversee the day to day operations say they aren't surprised the money became readily available due to National Church Residences good standing in the community.

Those with Harborview say the energy-efficient upgrades from the Green Retrofit Program will hopefully save them 50% of energy costs in the long run.

**December 22, 2010**

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**December 29, 2010**

**Federal money makes apartment complex a green mecca**

**Reporter: Michael Schlesinger**

**Package: 1:51**

The Northwest Ohio Green Products Center, created by the Center for Innovative Food Technology, or CIFT, has played a major role in getting a seal of approval for many natural items from the government.

Jim Matzinger is the coordinator for the Northwest Ohio Green Products Center. It's a non-profit funded by the state. This organization helps to find eco-friendly, biobased materials as a replacement for non-renewable resources, like petroleum or coal.

Just this year, Ohio passed a new law establishing a bio-products preferred purchasing program for state agencies and state-supported colleges and universities. It's similar to existing "buy ohio" provisions in state law.

**EDUCATION**  
**OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**October 5, 2010**

**TPS aviation school thrives during budget cuts**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 1:58**

Even as Toledo Public Schools has cut schools, teachers, and administration, the aviation program headquartered at Toledo Express Airport has continued to thrive. The program, offered to all students in Lucas County, leads to an FAA certification in aircraft engine repair with which students can enter the job market.

**October 6, 2010**

**Birmingham Elementary students fight global hunger**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package 1:44**

Volunteer students for Kids Against Hunger at Birmingham Elementary School in east Toledo packed 20,000 bags of food that will be shipped to Ecuador to feed indigent people there. 4000 of the bags will be distributed to local shelters.

**October 20, 2010**

**Toledo Public Schools receives Race to the Top grant**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VOSOT :47**

Toledo Public Schools learned that they will receive a \$10.8 million competitive grant from the federal government. The money has to be spent in very specific ways. Superintendent Jerry Pecko. They outlined their plan to use scientific data to improve school performance, recruit and reward teachers who excel, and improve instruction.

**October 20, 2010**

**University of Toledo gives TPS financial forecast seal of approval**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VOSOT :48**

The University of Toledo College of Business has reviewed the method and means utilized by TPS to conduct revenue and expense forecasting and found their methods sound. One board member discounted UT's approval, calling the relationship between TPS and UT "Incestuous."

**October 27, 2010**

**Battle brewing over Rossford Schools levy**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package 1:38**

Rossford Schools is seeking a 5.99 mill levy to help them construct new schools. Proponents call it an investment in the future of the community. Opponents claim that it is all being rushed and that the school system does not need to replace all of the buildings in the district.

**EDUCATION**  
**OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**November 4, 2010**

**Penta County student learn life lessons in building home**

**Reporter: Lou Hebert**

**Package 3:03**

Every year, Penta County Vocational School students in the carpentry class build a home to be sold. They learn carpentry skills that will lead many of them into apprenticeships and they learn life lessons like teamwork to help them succeed in any occupation they choose.

**November 4, 2010**

**Oregon Schools looking at tough cuts**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package 1:45**

Oregon voters rejected the school system's levy request, so now, \$2 million will have to be cut from the Oregon Schools budget. This will mean the elimination of high school bussing and the closing of an elementary school, among other cuts.

**November 8, 2010**

**Sylvania and Springfield Schools will go back to ballot after loss**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 1:40**

Sylvania and Springfield School districts both had levies on the ballot on November 2 and both failed. Both schools plan to go back and ask voters again in the March primary for more money. Superintendents both talked of cuts to popular programs to eliminate looming deficits if the levies are not approved.

**November 12, 2010**

**Toledo Public Schools suing state for money owed**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package 2:00**

Toledo Public Schools have joined their counterparts in Dayton and Cleveland in suing the state of Ohio for shorting them on state funding. The state funding formula relies on how many students attend a given school district. TPS and the other districts claim the state instead relied on data from charter schools which undercounted their student load. TPS claims the state owes them \$12 million.

**EDUCATION**  
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**November 22, 2010**

**T.P.S. substitute teacher fired for using sleeper hold**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package 2:42**

The mother of a Toledo youth is upset that a substitute teacher at Start High School put her son in a sleeper hold similar to that employed by sheriff's deputies that led to the death of an inmate. Toledo Public Schools officials argue that they have responded appropriately by firing the substitute in question. The student showed up late for class and got into an argument with the substitute. The substitute feared the student had a weapon, so he restrained him with the sleeper hold that made him pass out. The mother was not advised until later in the day when she came to pick up her son for a scheduled doctor's appointment.

**November 29, 2010, December 16, 2010**

**Oregon schools make \$2 million in cuts**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VOSOT :55**

**VOSOT :53**

Oregon Schools operating levy failed on the November 2 ballot. So the school board cut approximately \$2 million from the budget to balance it. Among the cuts were all high school busing and reduced janitorial services.

On December 16, Oregon Schools officials met with parents who complained that Oregon is too rural for students to find their way to school on their own. Parents said work schedules will have to be adjusted or their students will have to find a ride with another teenager. Oregon school officials say there is nothing left to cut.

**December 8, 2010, December 13, 2010**

**Bedford meets with constituents to discuss school closure**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package 1:53**

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Bedford Public School officials held a town hall meeting to inform and discuss their plans to close an elementary school to meet a budget deficit after the failure of their levy. A second meeting is planned.

A second meeting was held to discuss the closure of an elementary school as Bedford Schools try to find a way to close a \$4.6 million budget gap. Bedford has lost nearly 500 students in recent years and Michigan allocates education funds based on student enrollment.

**December 22, 2010**

**Lake Local Schools shows off design for their new high school**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 1:54**

Their high school was destroyed by a tornado in June. They fought with their insurance company and won the right to build an entirely new high school. On December 22, the school board unveiled the new design to the media and the public.



**GOVERNMENT**  
**OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**October 4, 2010**

**Ottawa Hills residents debate deer cull**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package: 1:56**

Citizens in Ottawa Hills will go to the polls in November to determine whether or not the village will hire professional hunters to reduce the deer population in the village. But a former Ohio Supreme Court Justice and others in the village feel the cull is an unnecessary risk and are campaigning against the cull.

**October 4, 2010**

**Ohio senate candidates debate in Toledo**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VOSOT :53**

Democrat Lee Fisher and Republican Rob Portman squared off in a debate over who will replace Sen. George Voinovich in the U.S. Senate. This is one of three debates being held across the state.

**October 10, 2010, October 11, 2010**

**Congressional candidate photographed in Nazi regalia**

**Reporter: Pamela Osborne, Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 2:03**

**Package 2:06**

Rich Iott is a former grocery store owner, millionaire, and Republican candidate for Ohio's ninth congressional district. Photographs have surfaced of him wearing a Nazi uniform. The photographs were taken at a World War II re-enactment where Iott portrayed a Nazi. He calls the photographs and the re-enactment "harmless fun." Some voters felt differently. Osborne spoke to voters who sounded off on the controversy.

As the controversy continued into its second day, Democrats universally condemned Rich Iott for portraying a Nazi in World War II recreations and leading Republicans distanced themselves from the candidate. Iott continues to claim that the entire episode is nothing but photographs of men playing war. The issue was front and center as the two candidates debated in Toledo.

**October 14, 2010**

**Bowling Green to vote on anti-discrimination ordinances**

**Reporter: Pamela Osborne**

**Package 1:46**

Bowling Green residents will vote on two anti-discrimination ordinances this election day. One will prohibit discrimination against gay, lesbian, and transgender people in housing. The second ordinance would provide employment protections. The ordinances were passed by Bowling Green City Council, but a petition drive by residents forced the issue to the November ballot. Osborne spoke to both sides of the issue to frame it leading up to the election.

**GOVERNMENT**  
**OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**October 16, 2010**

**Toledo and Ottawa Hills to merge fire departments**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**VO :25**

The cities of Toledo and Ottawa Hills have agreed to merge their fire departments, having Toledo Fire Department provide coverage to the village of Ottawa Hills. The village will pay the city of Toledo \$425,000 a year for 25 years for the coverage.

**October 18, 2010**

**Auditor claims opponent took pay for not working**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package 2:25**

Lucas County Auditor Anita Lopez produced payroll documents that she claims demonstrates that former auditor, Larry Kaczala authorized pay for his wife, Gina, who worked for him while he was auditor. Gina Marie Kaczala is running against Lopez for auditor. Kaczala said that Lopez was simply trying to hurt her reputation.

**October 19, 2010**

**Several school districts going to ballot with levy requests**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 2:04**

Several school systems, including Oregon, Rossford, Springfield, Toledo, and Ottawa Hills have levies on the ballot to help them meet operational costs. Wiggins defined the potential financial costs to homeowners as well as the financial hit each district would take if the levy fails.

**October 20, 2010**

**City of Toledo falling short in effort to sell property**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 2:07**

As part of its plan to balance the city budget, the City of Toledo resolved to sell \$5 million worth of excess property this year. As of October, it had sold approximately \$1.4 million. The city says it will continue to strive through the rest of the fiscal year to sell that property, but increased income tax revenue has put less pressure on them to get that done.

**October 31, 2010**

**Vice President Biden campaigns in Toledo for Gov. Strickland**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 1:01**

Vice President Joe Biden attended a campaign rally at UAW Local 12 hall today with Gov. Strickland. Polls show Strickland running just a couple points behind his Republican challenger.

**GOVERNMENT**  
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**November 2, 2010, November 3**

**Election coverage**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins, Pamela Osborne, Laura Rice, Chance Walser, Laura Rice**

**Live**

**VO :22**

During the 6 PM broadcast, NBC 24 advised viewers of poll hours and rules for voting. Chance Walser talked to people voting in the morning about who they voted for and why. During the 11PM broadcast, NBC 24 reported the latest returns and broadcast live from the Democrats' victory party at the UAW Local 12 hall and from the Rich Iott campaign hall at 3030 Navarre Ave. in Oregon.

On November 3, NBC 24 reported that voter turnout was approximately 45 percent, five percent less than expected.

**November 3, 2010**

**School levies fail across region**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package 2:04**

School levies went down to defeat in Springfield Local, Toledo, Oregon, and Rossford. Chance Walser spoke to superintendents in those districts the day after the election to find out where they go from here.

**November 15, 2010**

**Bell administration releases budget proposal**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VOSOT 1:03**

The Bell administration's FY 2011 operating budget contains no new taxes, but draws \$6 million from the capital improvement fund, relies on the sale of \$5 million in assets, and delinquent tax collection. The budget must be passed by March 31, 2010.

**November 22, 2010, November 23, 2010, December 1, 2010, December 2, 2010, December 10, 2010, December 13, 2010**

**Election results reversed**

**Reporter: Laura Rice, Hubert Wiggins**

**VO :54**

**Package 2:06**

**VO :31**

**VOSOT :51**

**Package 1:51**

**Package 1:54**

In a stunning reversal of fortune, the board of elections announced that Democrat Carol Contrada actually run the November election for Lucas County Commissioner over her opponent, Republican George Sarantou who was the announced winner. Also, the Springfield Schools levy, which had originally failed, now passed. The changes came when the provisional ballots were counted. Both races were close enough to trigger an automatic recount.

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On November 23, Hubert Wiggins reported that the automatic recount would get underway on November 29 and continue through November 30. Sarantou has expressed reservations about the manner in which provisional ballots were validated and has assembled a team of election experts to advise him through this process.

On December 1, the recount process commenced with five percent of precincts selected at random to be recounted.

On December 2, the Board of Elections confirmed the results as announced that Carol Contrada had won the race for Lucas County Commissioner and that the Springfield Levy passed. Republican commissioner candidate George Sarantou has not conceded and has requested information from the board of elections related to the provisional ballot count and the standards of validity applied to those provisional ballots.

On December 9, Sarantou complained that board of election officials had not yet supplied him and his advisors with the information they requested to help them determine if Sarantou will file a court challenge to the election results. He must make a decision by December 12.

On December 13, 2010, George Sarantou filed his protest with the Lucas County Common Pleas Court, naming Carol Contrada and the Lucas County Board of elections as defendants. He said all he wanted was a transparent process of counting provisional ballots, but the board of elections would not provide him with the documents he needs.

**November 22, 2010**

**Anti-discrimination ordinances pass in Bowling Green**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VOSOT :47**

Two ordinances that prohibit discrimination against gays, lesbians, and transgender people in hiring and in housing, passed. The vote was close enough the Wood County Board of Elections did not declare a winner until the provisional ballots were cast.

**November 23, 2010**

**Toledo wants to raise water and sewer rates by 50 percent**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VOSOT 1:09**

Toledo mayor Mike Bell wants to increase Toledo's water and sewer rates by 50 percent over the next four years to fund improvements in the city's aging water and sewer infrastructure which is averaging 400 main breaks a year. This increase would lead to rate increases in most suburban communities as well because they purchase their water from Toledo. City council was not immediately receptive.

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**December 14, 2010**

**Wrong candidate certified winner of county auditor's race**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VOSOT :54**

When the Lucas County Board of Elections sent in its election report to the Ohio Secretary of State, it did so with the wrong candidate certified as county auditor. The report stated the Gina Marie Kaczala had defeated incumbent Anita Lopez when the opposite was true. Local Republicans pointed to the gaff as evidence that the board and its staff were lacking in competence.

**December 21, 2010**

**Ashford resigns from city council, headed for Columbus**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**VO :27**

Michael Ashford attended his last Toledo City Council meeting where he resigned so he can assume toe position of State Representative. The Democrats have tapped local political activist, Paula Hicks-Hudson. Republicans have nominated Alphonso Narvaez.

**LEADERSHIP**  
**OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**October 6, 2010**

**Derelict house on Colburn St. angers residents**

**Reporter: Pamela Osborne**

**Package: 1:44**

Residents on Colburn St. contacted NBC 24 about two houses that they feel is brining down their neighborhood. The city, according to residents, doesn't seem to care. One neighbor reported trapping 18 rats outside one of the homes and residents fear that they will become targets for arson. They want the city to fix them up or tear them down. The City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods did not return calls seeking comment.

**November 30, 2010**

**Mercy Health Partners' surgeon pioneer in liver cancer surgery**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package 1:55**

Dr. Wade Banker is the first Toledo area surgeon to conduct radioembolization. The procedure is less invasive than most liver cancer surgeries and less painful. The doctor injects highly radioactive material into the liver to shrink the tumor. Meanwhile, the patient relaxes with a foot rub.

**ENVIRONMENT**  
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**October 19, 2010**

**Wind turbines versus birds**

**Reporter: Lou Hebert**

**Package 3:38**

In his segment called “Storytime” Lou Hebert discusses the collaboration between the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University in studying how wind turbines and birds interact. One of the chief objections of wildlife advocates to wind turbines is that they harm birds. These students are studying to determine if birds can and do avoid the turbines.

**November 8, 2010**

**Non-indigenous plant responsible for marsh fire**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package: 1:48**

A marsh fire yesterday burned out of control and threatened homes near Monroe, MI. After burning for hours, the fire finally went out. It was started by spontaneous combustion of phragmites reeds – a plant that is not native to North America and is now considered a nuisance species. Authorities in Ohio and Michigan battle the plant every season to keep it from catching fire and from destroying native species.

**November 16, 2010**

**Oregon Schools installing wind turbines**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package 1:55**

Oregon Schools have funded a feasibility study to install six wind turbines near Clay High School, Eisenhower Middle School, and Coy Elementary School to generate electricity for the district. They are confident that the wind turbines will cost no more than what the school pays Toledo Edison for electricity.

**HEALTH**  
**OCTOBER 1 — DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**October 7, 2010**

**Cancer survivor gives back to other cancer victims**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package 2:37**

Sue Schwartz did not fit the profile of a typical breast cancer victim. She was young and she had no family history of the disease. A breast self exam revealed a lump. She scheduled a mammogram and cancer was found. She eventually had the tumor removed. She now volunteers with the American Cancer Society to help others who are afflicted with cancer. Schwartz says they were an invaluable resource when she was going through her ordeal.

**October 8, 2010**

**Lucas County one of the state leaders on AIDS cases**

**Reporter: Pamela Osborne**

**Package 2:02**

Lucas County is fifth among Ohio counties when it comes to AIDS infections. That makes proposed cuts to federal funding that helps AIDS patients pay for the medications that keep them alive very alarming. Osborne spoke to one man living with the disease, wondering if he'll be able to pay for the drugs that keep him alive.

**December 1, 2010**

**Cancer Center serves family from Puerto Rico**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package 2:31**

Laura Rice profiled the Hope Lodge – a facility at the Cleveland Clinic for families of people who have traveled a long way to be with family and friends who are undergoing cancer treatment at the hospital. The facility is owned and operated by the American Cancer Society and serves thousands of people from around the globe each year.



**ECONOMY**  
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**October 25, 2010**

**Casino construction well underway**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package 1:47**

The general contractor in charge of the construction of Penn National Gaming's new casino in Toledo says construction is right on schedule for the casino to open in 2012. City leaders in Toledo and Rossford expect the casino to be a catalyst for development in both cities with new restaurants and entertainment venues. Penn National will not be building any lodgings because an agreement with the City of Toledo says they can not until the city's hotel occupancy rate reaches 68 percent.

**November 12, 2010**

**North Baltimore intermodal terminal near completion**

**Reporter: Pamela Osborne**

**Package 2:03**

The intermodal rail yard that will allow cargo containers to be moved from rail to truck and vice versa is nearing completion. CSX plans to have 80 people working there by the end of the year. When it is complete, it will allow CSX to unload containers placed on trains in Baltimore, MD on trains in the village and to take containers from trucks and place them on trains headed both directions.

**November 25, 2010**

**Residents of Cleveland and Toledo swap homes to expedite sale**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**Package: 3:04**

A Cleveland resident was offered a job at the University of Toledo that presented her with a real opportunity to advance her career. Unfortunately, she would have to sell her home in the softest real estate market in history and probably would not get what she owed on it. So, she placed an advertisement on Craig's List to "trade" homes with a Toledo resident who wanted to move to Cleveland. She found a "buyer" and the swap was completed.

**LABOR**  
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**October 7, 2010**

**CSX taking applications for North Baltimore facility**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VO :18**

Construction is well underway on the new CSX intermodal hub and regional headquarters in North Baltimore, OH. CSX is now taking applications for engineers and yard workers at the facility. They plan to hire more than 50 to start.

**November 3, 2010**

**Powertrain workers going back to work**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 1:58**

Toledo's G.M. Powertrain plant has called back all of the workers that have been laid off over the last two years as the auto industry tanked. The plant is gearing up for the production of the new six speed front wheel drive transmission that will go into the Chevy Cruze which will launch for the 2011 model year.

**November 6, 2010**

**County sponsors veterans job fair**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package 1:56**

Veterans got a chance to meet with potential employers at a job fair held at the Erie Street Market. More than 60 employers participated and more than 100 veterans met with them.

**December 2, 2010**

**Global Suspension Systems shuts down, idling 142 workers**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VO :28**

Global Suspension Systems, an independent automotive parts supplier in Williams County, announced that they will cease operations and lay off 142 workers. The layoffs will begin January 31 and be complete by June 1

**LABOR**  
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**December 20, 2010, December 24, 2010**

**Workers locked out at Titan Tire of Bryan**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VO :21**

**VO :24**

Workers at the Titan Tire plant in Bryan, OH have been locked out of the facility after the United Steelworkers Local 890 rejected their last contract request. More than 200 people are locked out. The union says the company wants them to pay more toward health care and impose mandatory overtime.

On December 24, NBC 24 reported that Titan Tire workers had rejected the company's latest contract offer. The company declared an impasse in the negotiations and the union said they expected to be allowed to go back to work on Monday while they consider their options – including a strike. The company says this contract was their final offer.

**CRIME**  
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**October 1, 2010, November 4, 2010**

**Police officer charged with theft in office**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VO :15**

Officer Ova Tate is charged with theft in office for filling out time sheets and accepting pay for hours he did not work. Timesheets and logs indicate that he was being paid to “project” at times he claimed to be working for Toledo Police.

**October 21, 2010**

**Toledo police sergeant indicted for felonious assault on fellow officer**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VO :29**

**VO :19**

Sgt. Gloria Burks was indicted in by a Lucas County grand jury for felonious assault on Toledo police Sgt. Jeffery Bechtel at the Scott Park substation. The motive remains unclear. Burks is free on her own recognizance.

On November 4, Burks was arraigned in Lucas County Common Pleas Court where she entered a plea of not guilty.

**October 27, 2010, October 28, 2010**

**Police respond to domestic violence call and find hazmat situation**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins, Laura Rice**

**Package 1:54**

**VO :22**

Toledo police responded to a domestic violence call in the 4700 block of Douglas Ave. in north Toledo and found a drug growing facility that contained hazardous chemicals. FBI specialists were summoned from Quantico, VA to help handle the castor beans from which the toxic substance, Ricin, is derived. Police also found marijuana, cocaine, and psilocybin mushrooms in the home as well. The resident, Thomas Wineinger, was arrested on numerous drug trafficking and possession charges.

On October 28, 2010, Thomas Wineinger was arraigned in Lucas County Common Pleas Court on drug and weapons charges.

**CRIME**  
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**October 27, 2010**

**Father Robinson wins victory in court**

**Reporter: Pamela Osborne**

**Package 1:48**

Father Gerald Robinson was convicted of murder in 2005 of a nun with whom he worked at Mercy Hospital in 1980. On October 27, he won an appeal that will allow his attorney to view more than an hundred pages of evidence withheld from the defense by the prosecution during the trial. His attorneys are hopeful that there is something within those documents that might help the priest get a new trial.

**October 31, 2010, November 1, 2010, November 2, 2010, November 3, 2010**

**Triple murder in Ottawa County**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins, Laura Rice**

**VO :32**

**Package 2:04**

**VO :28**

**VO :32**

**VO :23**

The bodies of a man, his wife, and the woman's teen age son were found dead in their Bono, Ohio home. The man's son, William Liske, Jr. was arrested at the family cabin in Carroll County, Ohio later in the day. He will be transported back to Ottawa County for arraignment.

On November 1, NBC 24 broadcast the 9-11 call and provided background information on William "BJ" Liske, Jr. who has a history of mental illness and run-ins with the law.

On November 2, young Liske was arraigned in Ottawa County Common Pleas court and his bond was set at \$1 million.

On November 9, William Liske, Jr. entered a plea of Not Guilty. His bond was increased to \$3 million.

**November 1, 2010, November 2, November 4, November 5, November 10, November 11, November 12, November 17, November 18, November 19, November 29, December 1, December 3**  
**Telb trial starts**

**Reporter: Laura Rice, Pamela Osborne, Hubert Wiggins**

**VO :45**

**VO :30**

**Package 2:04**

**VO :34**

**VO :36**

**VO: 36**

**VO :33**

**Package 2:12**

**Live and Package 1:13**

**Package 2:16**

**VO :23**

**VO :30**

**VOSOT 1:13**

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On November 2, testimony started and three jail employees recounted what they remembered from the night that Colton Benton died.

On November 3, a forensics expert from the U.S. Navy testified that the choker hold applied to Carlton Benton was the direct cause of his death.

On November 4, corrections officers that assisted in subduing Colton Benton testified that they had his arms and legs secure and that Sgt. Gray placed Benton in the sleeper hold while they were restraining him. They testified that Benton was not a threat once his arms and legs were secure. The prosecution also showed video of Sgt. Gray pushing Benton into a wall for no apparent reason where Benton struck his head and was apparently injured.

On November 5, the internal affairs investigator for the Lucas County Sheriff testified that the events that led to Colton Benton's death should have been investigated because false testimony was provided and documents were falsified.

On November 10, the sheriff's internal affairs investigator said he talked to the county prosecutor about Benton's death and said he told the prosecutor that the investigation was going nowhere and that corrective measures needed to be taken within the sheriff's department.

On November 11, the detective who investigated Colton Benton's death said he was uncomfortable pursuing the investigation because it "pointed fingers at Sgt. John Gray."

On November 12, the defense attorney representing Captain McBroom collapsed as he was cross examining a witness. He was conscious and alert when he was taken from the courtroom. The trial adjourned for the day.

On November 17, The prosecution rested its case. The last prosecution witness was the FBI agent who conducted the investigation that led to the charges being filed. He battled with defense attorneys who questioned his ability to recall what was said to him in interviews that were not recorded four years ago. Defense will start November 18.

On November 18, the defense for all four defendants made opening statements.

On November 19, the defense for all four defendants rested. The brought in an expert to demonstrate the sleeper hold that jailers are taught to use.

On November 29, Closing arguments began in the trial with the prosecution and attorneys for all four defendants presenting their case to the jury.

On December 1, the case went to the jury.

On December 3, the jury returned a mixed verdict. Sheriff Telb was found not guilty on both counts against him as was Captain Ron McBroom. However, Sgt. John Gray was found guilty of two counts of falsification and one count of civil rights violation. Deputy Jay Schmeltz was found guilty of one count of falsification.

**CRIME**  
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**November 9, 2010**

**Federal raid nets Toledoans in sex trade ring**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package: 1:51**

Five Toledoans were arrested on November 8 at the Motel 6 on Heatherdowns Blvd. and charged with prostitution or promoting prostitution. Local experts and one state legislator says that Toledo is a popular recruitment territory for those who pedal flesh. Sen. Teresa Fedor has sponsored legislation to make human trafficking a stand-alone felony in Ohio.

**November 17, 2010**

**Thieves stealing fixtures from new homes for moderate income families**

**Reporter: Pamela Osborne**

**Package 2:14**

The Toledo Community Development Corporation rehabilitates existing housing stock and builds new homes to be leased and sold to low to moderate income people. But on November 16, somebody entered six homes owned by Toledo CDC and stripped them of all of their metal furnishings including plumbing and gas lines – while the utilities were still hooked up – doing tens of thousands of dollars in damage.

**November 17, 2010, December 9, 2010, December 16**

**Local radio personality indicted for not remitting taxes and other felonies**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VOSOT :53**

**VO :42**

Andrew Zepeda, known to radio listeners as Andrew Z on KISS FM, was indicted for not remitting taxes from his failed pizzeria at Levis Commons. He was also indicted for burglary and theft stemming from a break-in at his pizzeria after he was evicted from the shopping center.

Andrew Zepeda was in Wood County Common Pleas Court where he asked to be allowed to enter a felony diversion program in lieu of being charged with a felony.

On December 16, Andrew Zepeda announced that his employer, Clear Channel, opted not to renew his contract to be a morning host on WVKS.

**November 19, 2010**

**East Toledoan becomes city's 22<sup>nd</sup> homicide victim of 2010**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VO :23**

Javon Bey was found lying dead on the ground from a gunshot wound in the 400 block of Walden Street in east Toledo. No suspects are in custody.

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**November 20, 2010, November 23, 2010, November 27, 2010, November 29, 2010, December 4, 2010**

**Girl raped in Highland Park**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins, Laura Rice, Pamela Osborne**

**VO :34**

**VOSOT 1:02**

**Package 2:15**

**VO :18**

A fifteen year old girl on her way to school was abducted and raped in a wooded area of Highland Park in south Toledo. She's the second student to be abducted and raped on her way to school in the last three weeks. Police have developed a composite sketch of the suspect that NBC 24 ran as part of its story.

On November 23, police advised the media that they think the suspects in the south Toledo rapes and similar crimes carried out in east Toledo are different suspects. They released a second composite sketch of a suspect in a series of attacks on the east side.

On November 27, a suspect was arrested in east Toledo. Vernell Williams of south Toledo was arrested in east Toledo after a short chase. Chief Mike Navarre credited his officers with "good, old fashioned police work," in making the arrest. He was charged with two counts of rape in east Toledo, but police suspect him of being guilty of as many as five rapes – including the south Toledo rapes.

On November 29, NBC 24 reported that Williams' bond was set at \$1 million and he remained in the Lucas County jail.

On December 4, Vernell Williams was indicted.

**November 22, 2010**

**Local pastor with tragic past, disappears**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**Package 2:01**

The retired pastor of a west Toledo church disappeared after she told her family she was going to the Erie Street Market to purchase food. Bonnie Larkins has led a tragic life. Her mother, son, and grandson were all murdered in separate incidents. Investigation has revealed Larkins never made it to the market and police do not know where she is.



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**Amber alert issued for three missing Morenci brothers**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins, Pamela Osborne**

**VO :43**

**Package 2:41**

**Package and live 2:29**

**Package and live 3:21**

**Package 1:09**

**Package and Live 2:41**

**Package 2:23**

**Package 1:45**

**Package 2:45**

**Package 1:50**

**VO :49**

**VO :42**

**VO :40**

**Package 1:19**

**Package 1:40**

**VO :54**

**Package 1:48**

**VO :25**

Three Morenci boys are missing after their father says he handed them off to a woman he met on the Internet before trying to take his own life. Alexander, Tanner, and Andrew Skelton are 11, 9, and 5 years of age.

On November 28, volunteers began searching the Morenci, MI area, looking for the three missing boys. Their father is in the hospital after a botched suicide attempt. He continues to insist that he gave the boys to a woman named Joann Taylor who was to return the boys to their mother. The Skeltons are divorcing.

On November 29, the search for the three Skelton brothers moved into Ohio as volunteers and police searched parts of Williams County between Pioneer, OH and Holiday City, OH. Morenci police say their father drove this route often as a truck driver and knew the area.

On November 30, the search for the Skelton brothers continued in Williams County, OH. The chief of police of Morenci said he did not expect a positive outcome in the search. Skelton's statement that he gave the boys to a woman named Joann Taylor has been dismissed as false. NBC 24 ran a picture of Skelton's van because police want to know if any Williams County residents saw the van in the area on Thanksgiving Day.

On December 1, NBC 24 ran two full packages on the Skelton story. Jon Skelton appeared in a Lucas County courtroom on December 1 and refused to waive extradition from Ohio. Skelton had been in a Toledo hospital with an injured ankle after an abortive suicide attempt.

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Also on December 1, the search continued in Williams County for the missing brothers. Searchers concentrated on areas along the St. Joseph River and small retention ponds in the area as well as secluded wooded areas.

On December 2, the Toledo police dive team searched the waters of a number of area retention ponds and the St. Joseph River near a Williams County campground for the bodies of the three young boys now missing for more than a week. That evening, NBC 24 covered live a candlelight vigil held at Northwest State Community College in Archbold.

On December 3, the volunteer searchers continued to look for the Skelton brothers even though the Morenci police have ceased organized search activities. Pamela Osborne spoke with a teacher who had the Skelton boys in school about the toll their disappearance has taken on the school and its students.

On December 4, Pamela Osborne talked to Morenci residents who are still trying to find ways to help find the missing boys. Morenci's mayor canceled the city's Christmas tree lighting.

On December 5, Pamela Osborne provided a recap of events as they occurred from Thanksgiving evening when the Amber Alert was issued up until the day prior when the search officially ended. Osborne also covered the candlelight vigil held in Morenci the evening of December 5.

On December 6, 2010, NBC 24 reported on the efforts of local merchants and individuals to "keep hope alive" and encourage people to continue the search for the two missing boys even after the police ceased organizing searches. Signs are appearing all over the Morenci area.

On December 7, 2010, the Chief of Police of Morenci reported that there were no new leads in the boys' disappearance. He encouraged area residents to search their own properties.

On December 8, Skelton's parents visited him in the Lucas County jail. They came away from the visit believing their grandchildren were alive. Meanwhile, Skelton's aunt says she believes she can get Jon Skelton to open up to her about where the boys are, but she has not made any effort to travel from Florida to visit Skelton.

On December 14, Skelton appeared in a Lucas County court where he waived extradition and surrendered to Michigan authorities. He was transported back to Morenci.

On December 15, Skelton faced a judge in Morenci, MI where his bond was set at \$30 million. He was provided with a court appointed attorney. Tanya Skelton, Jon Skelton's estranged wife, says her faith and the Bible are sustaining her.

On December 16, Skelton appeared in court on the matter of his divorce. At this hearing, he claimed that he gave the boys to an "organization" that visited his home on Thanksgiving Day. He refused to name that organization and a judge informed him that he could be held indefinitely on a contempt of court charge.

On December 22, a prayer vigil was held to mark the one month anniversary of the boys' disappearance. Their mother pleaded for their return and defended herself against accusations made by the boys' father that she was not a fit mother.

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On December 27, NBC 24 reported that Skeldon waived his preliminary hearing in Monroe county District Court and will be bound over to the Circuit Court.

**December 11, 2010, December 14, 2010, December 15, 2010, December 16, 2010**

**Pawn shop owner shot dead in east Toledo**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins, Laura Rice, Chance Walser**

**VO :31**

**VO :30**

**VO :30**

**Package 1:18**

William Carswell, part owner of the Main Street Exchange – an east Toledo second hand shop – was shot and killed in his business around 4:00 PM December 11. A coworker said he left Carswell – who was blind – alone with two men in the shop for just a few moments while he went to get change. When he returned, he found Carswell dead in the back room of the shop.

On December 14, 2010, police released surveillance video from another building that showed two men leaving the scene of the murder shortly after it happened.

On December 15, NBC 24 reported as breaking news that two cousins, Luis Osley and Alexander Osley, turned themselves into Toledo police after seeing their pictures on television. The two will be charged in connection with Carswell's murder.

On December 16, the Osley's appeared in Toledo Municipal Court and allowed time to retain counsel. Chance Walser took a look at their violent past where they beat and tortured a Vietnam veteran back in the mid 1990s in a crime that horrified the city.

**December 12, 2010, December 14, 2010**

**Man murdered on Norwood St. in central Toledo**

**Reporter: Hubert Wiggins**

**VOSOT :44**

**VO :29**

For the second time in two days, a man is dead after being shot in Toledo. Police were called to a home near the intersection of Norwood and Bell streets in central Toledo. There, they found the body of a 49 year old man dead from multiple gunshot wounds. Victim: Mark Ward.

On December 14, police named John Winfield as a suspect in Ward's murder. Winfield's sister and brother were in custody, charged with being part of the crime.

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**December 13, 2010, December 16, 2010**

**Burns enters Alford plea to swindling Toledo Public Schools**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VO :33**

**VO :34**

Former Toledo Public Schools business manager, Dan Burns, entered an Alford plea to charges of theft in office and obstruction of justice. He will have to repay more than \$500,000 to Toledo Public Schools and faces up to 20 years in prison on top of the four year sentence he received for a similar scheme in Cleveland.

On December 16, Burns' partner in the conspiracy to defraud TPS, John Briggie, who owned the local office supply company involved in the scheme, pleaded no contest to charges associated with the theft.

**December 30, 2010**

**Still 11 unsolved homicides for 2010**

**Reporter: Chance Walser**

**Package 1:40**

There were 26 homicides in 2010 – three fewer than 2009. The first homicide of the year was on New Years Day where the body of a man was found burned in a Jeep Grand Cherokee. It remains one of 11 unsolved homicides in 2010.

**FUGITIVE OF THE WEEK**  
**OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**October 5, 2010, October 12, 2010**

**Fugitive of the week: Victor Phillips**

**Reporter: U.S. Marshal Rodney Hartzel**

**Package: 1:08**

Phillips is described by marshals as not being very bright. He went to a bar, put a gun to a man's head, and robbed him and his family members. He later contacted the family via phone and threatened them, making it possible for police to identify him. He is now on the lamb. Hartzel describes Phillips and his crimes.

**October 5, 2010**

**Fugitive of the week captured**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VO :18**

Fugitive of the week was at the top of the U.S. Marshal's wanted list for having sex with minors over a two year period. More than 50 tips flowed into the marshal's office and he was captured.

**October 19, 2010**

**Fugitive of the week: Willie Harris**

**Reporter: U.S. Marshal Rodney Hartzel**

**Package 1:30**

Rodney Hartzel tells NBC 24 about Willie Harris whom they want for assault. He beat up his pregnant girlfriend because she refused to have sex with her.

**October 26, 2010, November 23, 2010**

**Fugitive of the Week: Cordarius Williams**

**Reporter: U.S. Marshal Mike Wagner**

**Package: 1:12**

Cordarius Williams is wanted for armed robbery. U.S. Marshal Mike Wagner describes Williams and his crimes.

**November 2, 2010, November 9, 2010**

**Fugitive of the Week: Tony Perrin**

**Reporter: U.S. Marshal Mike Wagner**

**Package 1:09**

Tony Perrin took a minor shoplifting charge and made it a collection of felonies after he shot at a store owner who caught him shoplifting. Wagner described Perrin and his crimes.

**November 16, 2010**

**Fugitive of the Week: Hassain Echols**

**Reporter: U.S. Marshal Mike Wagner**

**Package 1:01**

Hassain Echols is wanted for rape. U.S. Marshal Mike Wagner described Echols and his crime.

**FUGITIVE OF THE WEEK**  
**OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**November 30, 2010, December 1, 2010**

**Fugitive of the week: Samuel McCrimmon**

**Reporter: U.S. Marshal Mike Wagner**

**Package 1:03**

**VO :24**

McCrimmon is wanted for assault because he assaulted another college student after the University of Toledo versus Bowling Green State University football game. That assault resulted in a broken jaw for the student. Wagner profiled McCrimmon and his crimes.

McCrimmon was captured on December 1 in East Cleveland, OH.

**December 7, 2010**

**Fugitive of the Week: Gregory Long**

**Reporter: Rodney Hartzel**

**Package 1:08**

Gregory Long is wanted for raping a child under the age of 10. Hartzel described Long and his crimes.

**December 14, 2010**

**Fugitive of the Week: John Winfield**

**Reporter: Rodney Hartzel**

**Package 1:01**

John Winfield is wanted in connection with a murder last weekend of a man at a party in Toledo's inner city. Winfield's brother and sister are already in custody for being part of a conspiracy. Hartzel profiled Winfield and his crimes.

**December 21, 2010**

**Fugitive of the Week: Edward Renfree**

**Reporter: Rodney Hartzel**

**Package 1:04**

Hartzel profiled Edward Renfree and his crimes.

**December 28, 2010**

**Fugitive of the Week: Bruce Johnson**

**Reporter: Laura Rice**

**VO :54**

Bruce Johnson is wanted for violating the terms of his supervised release on assault, resisting arrest, tampering with evidence, and drug possession. Marshals believe he is hiding in the Cleveland area.

## **Fourth Quarter 2010 station involvement in the community various events**

In October, Lou Hebert was master of ceremonies for the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments Water Quality panel

In November, Michael Schlesinger delivered meals with Meals on Wheels.

On November 7, Pamela Osborne and Laura Rice helped hosted a fundraising event for Ann Grady Center for Women..

On November 20, several employees of NBC 24 participated in the St. Jude Give Thanks Walk.

On December 3, Laura Rice served as the emcee for the Area Office on Aging's annual holiday party.

Lou Hebert was selected by Toledo police to serve on the board of directors of the Toledo Police Museum.

Lou Hebert is serving as a consultant on an upcoming book on the history of the Elmore-Genoa, Ohio region.

On November 20, Norm Van Ness served as Master of Ceremonies of the Village House Charity concert/auction held at the American Legion in Fremont, Ohio. This annual benefit concert is held each year to benefit the Village House of Fremont...a family "safe house" designed to provide a safe, supervised visitation area for local families that are in a transitional status.

On December 19, Norm Van Ness served as Master of Ceremonies of the "Operation Needy Kids" Christmas concert held at the American Legion in Fremont, Ohio. This annual benefit concert rotates to a different children's charity each year...and this time around benefited Heartbeat teen/women's pregnancy center in Fremont, Ohio.

In December, NBC 24 began airing "Academic Challenge" which, using the old "quiz bowl" format, allows various area high schools compete for academic supremacy.