

WLKR- FM

Fourth Quarter Report

Of issues and programs relating to those issues facing
the listening audience of WLKR FM during the period

October 1st, 2023

Through

December 31st, 2023

WLKR – FM 95.3

FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

October 1st through December 31st

This report focuses on the issues and programs facing the listening audience of WLKR-FM during the period of October 1st, 2023 through December 31st, 2023

WLKR-FM utilizes a mixture of live and pre-recorded programming – and monitors the news developments, local news media broadcasts and publications in Huron County and surrounding areas. The following concerns and issues have been found to be primary in the minds of the listeners of our service area.

1. SAFETY/CRIME
2. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
3. EDUCATION
4. ECONOMICS
5. HEALTH AND HEALTH ISSUES
6. SOCIAL SERVICES/CHARITY
7. ENVIRONMENTAL

WLKR-FM addressed these issues through various types of programming. They include Public Service Announcements, program conversation segments and news stories. The following detailed pages illustrate examples of such programming.

WLKR-FM news is broadcast at 6 a.m., 6:30 a.m., 7 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and also at 12 noon on Saturday. Also, numerous high school athletic events are broadcast Friday and Saturday nights. Our daily newscasts serve the public every day in areas of concern. The news is available online at www.wlkrradio.com under the “news” tab.

WLKR-FM features the “Community Calendar” with public service messages and community events. It is scheduled to broadcast daily at 6:35 a.m., 8:35 a.m., 10:35 a.m., 2:35 p.m., 4:35 p.m., 5:35 p.m., and 7:35 p.m. Each segment is approximately 60 seconds long. The Community Calendar is also posted on our website, with daily updates accessible 24 hours a day at www.wlkrradio.com

WLKR-FM organized its annual Step Up For Soldiers campaign benefitting the USO. The campaign kicked off on November 11th and ran until December 21st, collecting donations of toiletries, personal hygiene items, food, and more. Donation boxes were sent to various local businesses for collection during this period. This year 75 boxes of donations were collected and sent out to the USO.

OCTOBER 2023 – WLKR FM

1. SAFETY/CRIME

10-02-2023 A Wakeman man was seriously hurt in a one-vehicle crash early Sunday in Huron County. The State Highway Patrol says that 26-year-old Tristan Seaman was driving on Route 60 south of Auster Road in Wakeman Township when his vehicle traveled off the right side of the roadway, struck a pole, and overturned. Alcohol and speed are suspected factors in the crash.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-02-2023 Two Plymouth residents were hurt in a two-vehicle crash Sunday afternoon in Ottawa County. State Highway Patrol troopers say a 71-year-old woman from Marion was turning on Route 53 in Portage Township from a private drive when she failed to yield to a motorcycle driven by 47-year-old Ryan Hall of Plymouth and was struck by the cycle. Hall suffered minor injuries, while Hall's passenger, 50-year-old Millie Moore of Plymouth, was flown to a Toledo hospital with serious injuries.
News Programming - approx 30 sec

10-02-2023 Two men suffered minor injuries in an Ottawa County plane crash on Saturday. Authorities say the pilot, a 72-year-old from Florida, was attempting to take off when he struck a power line, lost control and crashed into the Portage River near West Harbor Road in Erie Township. The plane's passenger, a Perrysburg man, also received minor injuries.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-02-2023 It's 29 years in federal prison for a Toledo man charged with robbing a Norwalk bank in August of last year. According to the Sandusky Register, 63-year-old Scott Hansen's sentence also included two other robberies. According to authorities, Hansen robbed the Civista Bank on Route 250 while brandishing a gun and taking around \$82,000 before being caught by police in Monroeville.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-02-2023 An Elyria man...already serving life-in-prison for rape...is scheduled to go on trial today for a separate case. 42-year-old Brian Fazio is accused of trying to kill his estranged wife 2 and a half years ago.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-03-2023 The state fire marshal's office has wrapped up its investigation into a Norwalk fire last June that left an 8-year-old dead. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, "carelessly discarded smoking material" has been ruled the cause of the blaze. Fire officials found a drug pipe inside a couch and determined that ash and residue ignited the fabric, spreading to the ceiling. Authorities say the case has gone from a fire investigation to a criminal investigation involving the victim's mother, Dakota Jones.
News Programming - approx 30 sec

10-03-2023 A woman who formerly worked for the Port Clinton Fire Department has sued the City of Port Clinton and Fire Chief, 64-year-old Kent Johnson. According to the Sandusky Register, 31-year-old Rebekah Huskey claims she was sexually harassed and abused by Johnson. The lawsuit looks for compensatory and punitive damages and requests a jury trial. Johnson has been on paid administrative leave for 3 months now amid sexual harassment and assault allegations.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-05-2023 A man from Fremont is being held in jail for allegedly threatening to kill an Erie County judge. According to the Sandusky Register, 30-year-old Richard Norris allegedly made the threat via email that he was planning on visiting Erie County Common Pleas Court Judge Beverly McGookey in an effort to avoid jail time in Sandusky Municipal Court from a pending case. Norris is facing two misdemeanor counts of violating a protection order, which he pleaded 'not guilty'.
News Programming - approx 30 sec

10-05-2023 An inmate at the Lorain County Jail faces new charges...attempted murder. 31-year-old Eddie Ortiz of Lorain is accused of using needle-nose pliers to stab a fellow inmate. Those pliers...apparently stolen from a maintenance crew that had worked on a jail cell sink.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-06-2023 A foot pursuit following a traffic stop Thursday resulted in a Sandusky Police Officer getting hurt. According to the Sandusky Register, police made a traffic stop on West Monroe Street, with the driver reportedly fleeing on foot. A Sandusky Police Officer suffered a possible broken finger trying to capture the suspect. The suspect was eventually apprehended by other officers.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-06-2023 A suspect...in a fatal shooting in downtown Elyria...has been arrested...in Iowa. Extradition is underway to return 25 year old Antoine Richardson of Lorain, to Ohio. Police believe, Richardson was involved in the shooting-death of Isael Rios of Lorain in the parking lot of the Chronicle Telegram in the early morning hours of September 2nd.
News Programming - approx 20sec

10-06-2023 Police in Lorain are investigating a homicide. It happened early Thursday at East 31st and Victory Avenue...near Johnnie Wilson Park. Police say, they responded to a call about 'shots fired' and found a 19-year-old man, dead. His name has not yet been released. No word of any arrests...
News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-06-2023 Governor Mike DeWine has announced that traffic crashes have significantly decreased in the six months following the enactment of strengthened distracted driving laws in Ohio. New data shows that distracted driving crashes hit a record low in September 2023 when

compared to each month dating back at least to January 2018. Distracted driving crashes peaked in May 2018 with nearly 1,400 crashes as compared to last month's low of 576 crashes.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-09-2023 A missing person from Berlin Heights has been found safe and sound, say authorities. 18-year-old Sommer McKinney has been located after first being reported missing yesterday.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-09-2023 A 40-year-old Sandusky man faces charges after allegedly attacking and threatening a police officer's life last week. Charles Owens is charged with two felonies and two misdemeanors after police were called to West Osborne Street for a man causing a disturbance, who appeared to be intoxicated. Owens is scheduled to appear in Sandusky Municipal Court this week.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-10-2023 A corrections officer at the Lorain County Jail is due in court later this month. 51-year-old Rueben Ortiz of North Ridgeville is accused of assaulting an inmate at the Lorain County Jail as he was trying to place handcuffs on 34-year-old Charles Koch Junior of Lorain, back in August. Ortiz is on paid administrative leave.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-11-2023 A woman from Castalia was serious hurt in a one-vehicle/pedestrian crash on Tuesday. Authorities say 65-year-old Mary Beltz was walking in the crosswalk at the intersection of North Washington Street and Main Street when a SUV driven by Lindsey Troike of Vickery failed to yield and struck Beltz. Beltz was taken by Life-Flight to a Toledo hospital.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-11-2023 Today, some residents of Carlisle, Amherst and Elyria Townships might hear loud explosions. It's only a training exercise for the Lorain County Bomb Squad. The booms might be heard anytime through 3 pm today.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-12-2023 The State Highway Patrol says that alcohol is suspected to be a factor in a motorcycle crash late last night. 45-year-old John Dugan-the third of Sandusky suffered serious injuries when he failed to negotiate a curve on the Route 2 entrance ramp from Route 6 in Sandusky. He was air-lifted to Cleveland Metro.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-12-2023 A recent Norwalk home fire caused \$40,000 in damage and sent a person to the hospital. The Norwalk Reflector reports that the blaze took place on West Main Street, which was located on the porch of the house. Medical personnel took a person at the scene to the ER for evaluation.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-13-2023 A woman from Norwalk died Wednesday in a one-vehicle crash in Erie County. According to the Sandusky Register, authorities say that 67-year-old Janet Lavigne suffered an apparent medical issue while driving near the intersection of Berlin and Mason Roads in Berlin Township.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-13-2023 First responders and Lorain County Public Health are asking that drivers avoid the area near Murray Ridge and Infirmary Roads in Elyria this morning. They'll be conducting a mass casualty exercise...one that is NOT open to the public. Again...it's only a drill.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-13-2023 It's 20 to 25 years in prison for a man from Lorain...29-year-old Edward Stokes pled 'guilty' to involuntary manslaughter. Stokes was accused of firing a gun into Oakwood Park in August of 2020, killing 14-year-old Denzel Williams...an innocent bystander.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-16-2023 A man from Norwalk has been indicted by a federal grand jury on child pornography charges. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, 54-year-old Brent Bennett of West Main Street was arrested last week following an investigation by the U.S. Secret Service. Bennett is charged with one count of receipt and distribution of child pornography.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-17-2023 It's National School Bus Safety Week. During this week, the State Highway Patrol will be increasing enforcement efforts on school bus violations, including passing a stopped school bus, school zone violations and other school bus or school zone-related activity. Since 2018, there has been a total of nearly 6,300 school bus-related traffic crashes in Ohio, resulting in 8 fatalities and almost 2,000 injuries.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-18-2023 It's life in prison for a Kenton, Ohio man in connection with the murder of Elisha Cannon of Sandusky. According to the Sandusky Register, 37-year-old Curtis Thomas pleaded guilty to a count of aggravated murder; and was sentenced to life in prison with an opportunity for parole in 23 years. Cannon died from multiple gunshot wounds after being discovered in a car on South Larchmont Drive in July of 2021.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-18-2023 A scam alert from the Huron County Sheriff's Office...They say there's a Postal Service text scam/phishing scheme that is sending fake messages claiming there's a problem with delivering a package that needs to be updated. The message asks for payment or personal information and directs the recipient to fake USPS website. Do not click on the links or provide payment or information. This is a scam.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-18-2023 A man from Wellington will be sentenced in January after pleading 'guilty' to 'wire fraud'. In a news release from the U-S Attorney's Office...47-year-old Matthew Dickason was accused of misappropriating clients' real estate funds when he worked as an attorney in Georgia.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-18-2023 You've probably heard the messages...or received information in the mail. It's Open Enrollment season for Medicare, Medicaid and other marketplace health care plans. It's also open season for scammers, trying to take advantage of the volume of information that you receive. The Better Business Bureau says, be wary of anyone who contacts you, unsolicited, by phone, email or in-person. Also, guard your personal information and decline promotional gifts in exchange for that information.

News Programming - approx 30 sec

10-18-2023 Cooler weather and less daylight...it's that time of year...Deer are getting frisky, on the move, looking for love! And...Triple-A says, we've entered the peak time of year for deer collisions. The Highway Patrol says, since 2017, there have been more than 100-thousand reported, deer-related crashes in Ohio.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-19-2023 A 46-year-old man from Sandusky has been indicted on alleged child sex crimes. According to the Sandusky Register, Dung Tran faces multiple counts of rape and gross sexual imposition that allegedly occurred from 2020 to 2022. Perkins Police ask anyone with information in the case to contact them.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-19-2023 A 15-year-old student from Elyria High School faces a charge of 'inducing panic'. Police say, he showed up at school yesterday with a plastic B-B gun that looked like a semi-automatic weapon.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-19-2023 Another scam alert...this one from the City of Willard. They say there's been reports of residents receiving calls from someone claiming to be from Medicare, who requests a Medicare number to issue a new card. They say to be cautious when giving out any personal information to callers.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-23-2023 Traffic is flowing at Route 58 and Cooper Foster Park Road in Amherst. Yesterday, that was not the case for about 4 hours due to a crash involving 4 vehicles. It happened just before 8 o'clock yesterday morning. One person was taken to the hospital.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-24-2023 A North Fairfield man has died from injuries suffered in a traffic crash on September 25th. Lowell Brown was 84. Authorities say that Brown was traveling south on Old

State Road at Dublin Road when he was struck by a vehicle driven by 18-year-old Vincent Croft of New London, who failed to yield at a stop sign on Dublin Road.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-25-2023 A Lorain County man has been sentenced to 34 to 38 years to life in prison for his role in the 2019 shooting death of his girlfriend. The sentencing for 23-year-old Christian Marshall follows his October 5th conviction on 11 felony charges, including murder and complicity to attempted murder in the death of 17-year-old Jessica Baker, also of Lorain.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-25-2023 Two drive-by shootings in one day...both targets...people on motorcycles...one of them, now dead...The Lorain County Sheriff's Office is on the case. They say, a motorcyclist was shot dead yesterday afternoon by a drive-by shooter near Lake Avenue and Emerson Court in Elyria Township. A similar incident was reported earlier in the day in Amherst, near Route 58 and Cooper Foster Park Road. No one there was hurt...

News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-25-2023 In Elyria...A resident of Portia Court faces numerous charges after a 5-hour stand-off with the Elyria Police Department's Special Response Team. It began yesterday morning with reports of 'shots fired'. Joshua Caffey is accused of damaging other residents vehicles, then firing a gun through a second-story apartment window. No one was hurt...Caffey surrendered about 5 hours later.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-26-2023 A house fire in Margaretta Township on Wednesday... According to the Sandusky Register, the blaze on Bardshar Road claimed the lives of 2 dogs, with 1 dog rescued. No one was home at the time. The home appeared to be a total loss.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-26-2023 An Elyria man has been arrested, in connection with THREE separate drive-by shootings...all aimed at people on motorcycles...one of those people, now dead. 24-year-old Isaiah Makuch is charged with aggravated murder in the shooting death of 30 year old Trey Sukey of Lorain. Sukey was shot and killed on Lake Avenue near Emerson Court in Elyria Township, Tuesday night. The Lorain County Sheriff's Office says, Makuch has a history of mental health issues.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-26-2023 A man from Lorain...wanted in connection with a fatal shooting in Elyria...has been extradicted from Iowa. 25-year-old Antoine Richardson has been charged with murder. On September 2nd, 24 year old Isael Rios of Lorain was found dead in the parking lot of the Chronicle Telegram in Elyria.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-27-2023 A report of multiple gun shots in Sandusky last night... According to the Sandusky Register, Sandusky Police were called to West Water Street to investigate.

Police Chief Jared Oliver said there appeared to be some kind of altercation involved. It is unknown if anyone was struck by the gunfire.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-28-2023 The investigation continues into the reports of multiple gunshots in Sandusky Thursday night. According to the Sandusky Register, police were called to West Water Street where shell casings were found. There's been no report of injuries, with a vehicle and brick building being struck by the bullets, say police.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-30-2023 Burglary charges for a Sandusky man...According to the Sandusky Register, 48-year-old Charlton Seville was reportedly found in someone else's house on Hayes Avenue in Margaretta Township. Sheriff's deputies say they reportedly found Seville inside the home, coming out of the bathroom wearing jeans and brushing his teeth, both the jeans and toothbrush belonging to the resident.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-31-2023 Police in Elyria are asking for help in solving an apparent homicide. It happened Sunday night on 8th street. Police responded to a call about 'shots fired' and found two women...in their 20's...in a car. Both had been wounded...one later died.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-31-2023 A Sandusky man could face as much as 29 years in prison after accepting a plea deal and pleading guilty to involuntary manslaughter. According to the Sandusky Register, the plea by 37-year-old Brian Lewis was in connection with the death of Branden Murphy in 2021. Police say Murphy was found with gunshot wounds near Lewis' residence on Polk Street, later dying at the hospital.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

2. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

10-01-2023 It's Off Trail with Erie MetroParks. Erie MetroParks is excited to bring you a new podcast "Off Trail." Enjoy some educational topics and catch a few laughs along the way. Hang out with park naturalists and the marketing guy as Erie MetroParks talks about nature and how it's connected to your daily lives.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

10-01-2023 It's the North Fairfield Fire Department's Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. It'll be at the North Fairfield American Legion from 7 am until 1 pm. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, hash browns, toast, coffee and juice. Cost is by donation. Proceeds benefit the North Fairfield Fire Department.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

10-02-2023 It's the "What's Cooking? - Potluck Club" at the Milan Public Library from 6pm until 7pm. This month is all about squash, so bring an old or new favorite dish to share with the group! Registration is required. For more information, please call 419-499-4117.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

10-03-2023 The American Red Cross Northern Ohio Region currently has an urgent need for volunteers in several critical roles. The organization will hold several recruitment events throughout the region this fall. Sandusky will host a recruitment event on November 1st from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the American Red Cross on Columbus Avenue. Those attending can explore Red Cross volunteer opportunities in Erie/Huron/Seneca counties and the Northern Ohio Region.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-04-2023 94 non-profits across Lorain County will benefit from last week's, 12-hour fundraiser...Connect to a Cause...organized by the Community Foundation of Lorain County. They gathered yesterday at Lakeview Park in Lorain to celebrate and pick up their checks. Executive Director Cindy Andrews says, donations topped 311-thousand dollars.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-04-2023 It's time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at The Freight House. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund's 2023 Campaign "Give S'more."
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

10-06-2023 The Huron County Community Foundation has handed out close to \$30,000 to local nonprofits. The Norwalk Reflector reports that those receiving funds include: Second Harvest Food Bank - Willard food distribution - \$4,000, Firelands Historical Society, Firelands Museum - ADA Compliant Access Ramp - \$3,900, and Abigail Pregnancy Services - Baby Basics and Beyond Parenting Program - \$3,200.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-07-2023 It's the Sandusky Farmers Market in downtown Sandusky from 8am until noon. There is sure to be something for you, with over 80 unique vendors selling things from local produce and honey to baked goods and homemade dog treats. There will also be health screenings from Firelands Health. The Sandusky Farmers Market happens every Saturday, now through October.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

10-08-2023 It's the Bismark Senior and Community Center's monthly breakfast from 8am until 11am. There will be ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, homefries, biscuits with sausage gravy, pancakes, waffles, drinks, and more. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and donations are being taken for the local food banks.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

10-09-2023 The Christian Singles fellowship is having a planning meeting at the North Point Baptist Church starting at 7pm. For more information, please call 419-433-0085.

Community Calendar - approx 10 sec

10-10-2023 The morning show talked with Ashley from the Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction services about mental health awareness and assistance.

On-Air Interview - approx 5 minutes

10-11-2023 Honors for the Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio...named one of the 2023 Best Employers in Ohio by Crain's Cleveland Business. 75-percent of the scoring came from a survey measuring employee experience. Second Harvest works with about 100 partners, to provide food to those-in-need, in Lorain, Erie, Huron and Crawford counties.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-12-2023 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at the BGSU Firelands Campus from 11am until 4pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

10-13-2023 Thousands of additional donations needed to replenish blood supply, says the American Red Cross. The Red Cross says they must collect 10,000 additional blood and platelet donations – over and above expectations – each week over the next month to sufficiently meet hospital needs. Donors of all blood types are needed; especially those with type O blood or those giving platelets.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-13-2023 The morning show talked with Cora from the Sandusky Witches walk about their upcoming event and how to get involved as a participant.

On-Air Interview - approx 5 minutes

10-14-2023 Every Saturday at Osborn MetroPark it's the park run starting at 9am. Come out to the Community Gardens and join the run with other members of the community. This free 5K walk/run is open to the public and individuals of all skill levels. Registration is required and can be completed online at ParkRun.com. For more information, please call 419-625-7783.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

10-14-2023 It's the Pop-Up Café at the Berlin Heights Public Library from 11am until 1pm. Check out the fall for Sweets Café and sample a variety of desserts featuring your favorite cozy fall flavors. FREE while supplies last! For more information, please call 419-499-4117.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

10-15-2023 It's the Amherst Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast and open house at the fire station from 9am until noon. Breakfast is by donation and that includes eggs, pancakes, sausage, milk, coffee, and orange juice. Visitors can also check out the station and get pictures with the fire trucks and more.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

10-16-2023 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at the First United Methodist Church in Norwalk from 1:30pm until 7pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

10-17-2023 It's Market on Main in Norwalk. Check out West Main Street in Norwalk from 4pm until 7pm. There will be lots of vendors selling great items. There will also be live music, face painting and more. Market on Main happens every other Tuesday.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

10-18-2023 Today, the Second Harvest Food Bank will bring it mobile food pantry to Sheffield. It'll serve those-in-need at Brookside High School from 4:30 until 6 pm.
News Programming - approx 10 sec

10-19-2023 The Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio is holding a mobile drive thru food pantry at the Lorain High School from 4pm until 5:30pm.
Community Calendar - approx 10 sec

10-20-2023 It's the Swiss steak dinner brought to you by St John's United Church of Christ in Milan. Dinner will be from 4:30pm until 6:30pm. Tickets are \$12 and include Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, roll, dessert, and beverage. There will also be a bake sale.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

10-21-2023 Quarry Hill Orchards is celebrating fall with their annual Apple Peak Harvest Gathering. The event will be from 10am until 6pm with engaging activities, unique keepsakes, apple picking, the honey demo, food trucks, vendors and more!
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

10-21-2023 The Brownhelm Historical Association's 4th Annual Clambake. It'll be at the Historic Brownhelm School from 5pm until 6pm. The clambake is a drive-thru catered by Pogie's Catering in Amherst. Dinner is \$45 and includes 1 dozen clams, ½ dozen mussels, lemon chicken, corn on the cob, red skin potatoes, coleslaw, clam chowder dinner roll and more.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

10-24-2023 It's the Essential Pantry at the First Baptist Church in Vermilion, from 11am until 1pm and then from 5pm until 7pm. They provide basic essential items free of charge for people who can't afford them. Those items include toothbrushes and toothpaste, razorblades, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products and more. The pantry is every third Tuesday of each month. You can find more information on their Facebook page.
Community Calendar - approx 25 sec

10-24-2023 The Second Harvest Food Bank will make a stop in Willard later today. Their drive-thru mobile food pantry will be at Willard Parks and Rec on West Laurel Street from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-28-2023 The Huron County Humane Society is having a dedication ceremony for their new Rainbow Bridge. The bridge was built by the Edison Girl Scout Troop #50854 and can be used as a special place to remember our four legged friends. The ceremony will be at the shelter starting at 10am.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

10-29-2023 The Norwalk Eagles Club #711 is holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Ohio State School for the Blind. It'll be from 8am until noon. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 5 and under. The menu includes an omelet station, French toast, sausage, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, and juice.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

10-30-2023 Second Harvest Food Bank has announced special Thanksgiving Mobile Food Pantries in the area...They will stop by the BGSU Firelands Campus in Huron on November 14th from 4 to 5:30 pm and they'll be in Willard at the Parks and Rec Department on November 21st from 3 to 5 pm.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-30-2023 Today, The Second Harvest Food Bank will bring its mobile food pantry to Ely Stadium. It'll serve those-in-need from 4 until 5:30 pm.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

10-31-2023 Gaymont Care and Rehabilitation is having their indoor trick or treat event from 6pm until 7:30pm.

Community Calendar - approx 10 sec

3. EDUCATION

10-10-2023 The Lorain School Board has ratified a contract agreement with the Lorain Education Association. It's retroactive to August 1st, and runs through July 31st of 2026.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

10-10-2023 In Amherst, contract talks resume today between the school board and the teachers union. This past Friday, union members authorized a 10 day intent-to-strike vote if necessary.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-10-2023 Tonight, the Elyria Schools will screen the movie, The Right To Read...a documentary on literacy and what can be done to improve it. The movie will be shown at 6:30 in the Elyria High School Performing Arts Center.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-11-2023 A tentative contract agreement between the Amherst School Board and the teachers' union...the announcement coming late last night, after a bargaining session at the high school. The contract would run through June of 2026...it now goes to the Amherst School Board and the teachers union for consideration.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

4. ECONOMICS

10-02-2023 Driver-safety in Lorain County will benefit from a 55-thousand-dollar grant on its way from the Ohio Department of Public Safety to Lorain County Public Health. The money is used to promote seat belt use, sober driving, motorcycle safety and safe-driving campaigns.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-03-2023 Adjusted for inflation...Lorain County home values have reached their highest mark since 2007. According to new numbers from the Census Bureau, the median home value in Lorain County last year was just over 207-thousand-dollars...but still well below the STATEWIDE median...which has soared to 320-thousand-dollars.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-03-2023 Ohio's minimum wage will be going up on January 1st. According to the Ohio Department of Commerce, it'll increase to 10-dollars-and-45-cents per hour for non-tipped employees, and 5-dollars-and-25-cents per hours for tipped workers. The new numbers apply to workers in companies with annual gross receipts of more than 385-thousand-dollars-a-year.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-04-2023 Evidence believed to be from a mass shooting in Cleveland this past summer was found by authorities in Erie County. According to the Sandusky Register, sheriff's deputies were called to the area of Route 2 and Route 13 in Huron Township, where they assisted the FBI find the frame of a Glock handgun, near Route 2 and Huron-Avery Road. Nine people were shot in the mass shooting last July, with two men facing charges including attempted murder and felonious assault.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-04-2023 Prices up...interest rates up...sales down...According to the Ohio Association of Realtors, home sales across the state dropped more than 17-percent in August compared to one year ago.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-05-2023 Another month of increasing vehicle sales in northern Ohio...despite higher interest rates...Sales up more than 5-percent in September according to the Greater

Cleveland Automobile Dealers Association...Your local volume leader last month...Chevrolet, followed by Ford, then Kia. On the high-end of luxury...two Bentleys, four Maserati's and one Rolls Royce found new homes...

News Programming - approx 20sec

10-06-2023 After historic lows...the average new mortgage rate has surged to nearly 7-and-a-half-percent. That...according to a news release from mortgage buyer Freddie Mac. The new number...7-point-4-9 percent...the highest in 23 years.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-16-2023 Over \$675,000 in federal money has been awarded to Erie County to fight the opioid drug epidemic. According to the Sandusky Register, the money will go towards the county's Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. It's a portion of the \$100 million of federal State Opioid and Stimulant Response funds that was recently awarded to Ohio.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-17-2023 The Ohio Department of Development is sending 500-thousand-dollars to the Lorain County Land Bank...to demolish homes and/or businesses that are NOT so-called 'contaminated brownfields'.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-19-2023 Close to \$2.7 million in grant money is now available to local governments, park districts, soil and water conservation districts, and other public organizations for projects that improve and protect water quality and resources in Ohio. The Ohio EPA is accepting applications for water quality project grants through November 9th.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-19-2023 A major grant for the Neighborhood Alliance...The Stocker Foundation has donated 1-million-dollars to support various programs, including those that focus on early childhood education. The one million dollar grant represents the largest donation by the Stocker Foundation since the foundation issued its first grant, 43 years ago.

News Programming - approx

10-24-2023 Fisher-Titus Medical Center in Norwalk is proud to announce it has been awarded a \$4 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, an agency of the U.S Department of Health and Human Services. The goal of this funding is to improve the supply and geographic distribution of the registered nurse workforce throughout Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, and Huron counties.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

5. HEALTH AND HEALTH ISSUES

10-03-2023 A look at COVID-19 numbers from Huron County Public Health...After seeing 10 reported cases in the county in June, 14 in July and 61 in August; there were 134

cases in September. Willard, Greenwich, and Wakeman are the areas in Huron County that are currently experiencing the highest incidences of COVID-19.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-09-2023 The Ohio Department of Health has kicked off a campaign to remind businesses...that the Ohio Smoke-Free Workplace Act now includes e-cigarettes. This means that e-cigarettes may not be used at indoor public places, including businesses, restaurants and bars.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-09-2023 Lorain County Public Health will be closed Friday. They'll be taking part in a countywide emergency drill. People near the Lorain County Public Health office on Murray Ridge Road in Elyria might notice an increased presence of emergency vehicles...but again...it's only a drill.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-11-2023 Huron County Public Health says that the county and the state of Ohio are starting to see a decline in COVID-19 cases. After a dramatic increase of 61 in August to 139 cases in Huron County in September, there were a reported 13 cases from October 1st to 6th.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-11-2023 Huron County Public Health's Creating Healthy Communities has partnered with the Village of Wakeman on Red Cap Park improvements. With support of other donors as well, funds were used to purchase 2 park benches and 2 bike racks, which have been recently installed.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-12-2023 Numbers are in from the recent 2023 Sandusky Walk to End Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Association announced that this year's Walk raised over \$90,000 – 23% over their goal of \$75,000. 55 teams took part in the fundraising event – and the team which raised the most funds was the Commons Crew – at over 19 thousand dollars.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-12-2023 Huron County Public Health has released their first Influenza Surveillance Report of the season. Health officials say there were no positive flu tests and no flu hospitalizations this week in Huron County. According to the CDC, Ohio is listed as having minimal flu activity.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-17-2023 A look at COVID-19 numbers from Huron County Public Health...The downward trend continues...after 139 cases were reported in the county in September, there have been just 25 cases from October 1st to 13th. The state is also continuing a downward trend in positive COVID cases.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-17-2023 Huron County Public Health has released their latest Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report. There was 1 positive flu test this week and 0 flu hospitalizations in the county. According to the CDC, Ohio is listed as having minimal flu activity.
New Programming - approx 15 sec

10-18-2023 A Trick-or-Treat option in Willard for children with food allergies...For those residents participating in Trick-or-Treat, they can set out a teal-colored pumpkin with a non-food trinket to hand out. Teal pumpkins can be picked up at Willard City Hall, while supplies last. Trick-or-Treat in Willard is set for October 31st from 5 to 6:30 pm.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-24-2023 Huron County Public Health has released their first Respiratory Illness Report that details COVID-19, flu, and RSV trends throughout Ohio and Huron County. The report states that the general spread of COVID-19, flu, and RSV in the State of Ohio remains low this week. In Huron County, COVID-19 activity is decreasing and flu activity is minimal.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-25-2023 Huron County Public Health will be hosting a Halloween drive-thru flu shot clinic for individuals age 18 and up who are interested in receiving a flu vaccine. It will take place October 31st from 7 to 8:30 am at the Huron County Public Health main office on Executive Drive in Norwalk. Huron County Public Health will be distributing free COVID-19 at-home test kits at this event as well.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-26-2023 National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday. It will run from 10 am to 2 pm at various law enforcement and first responder agencies throughout the area. Those locations include the Bellevue, New London, Norwalk and Perkins Police Departments, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Margaretta Fire Department. The event's purpose is to provide a safe and responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs while educating the public about abuse of medications.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-30-2023 Norwalk is looking into the source of concerns over the taste and odor of the water in town. A social media post from the city says that neighboring communities have had the same issues, which were determined to come from organic compounds, which are not harmful to humans. The City of Norwalk says they're running tests to confirm the source of the taste and odor concerns; as well as adding more powdered activated carbon to the treatment process, with strategic flushing happening throughout the city.
News Programming - approx 30 sec

10-31-2023 The numbers are in from Huron County...According to the Norwalk Reflector, over 250 pounds of unwanted or expired prescription medication was collected during drug take-back day events in Huron County on Saturday.

10-31-2023 Huron County Public Health has released their latest weekly Respiratory Illness Report. COVID-19 activity is increasing slightly throughout the county. Flu activity is minimal. There were no positive flu tests this week and no flu hospitalizations.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

6. SOCIAL SERVICES/CHARITY

10-04-2023 The United Way of Greater Lorain County partnered with employees from Avient Corporation to build and install 15 Little Free Library throughout Lorain County on Wednesday. Little Free Library is a national free book exchange that encourages individuals and families to take a book and leave a book.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

7. ENVIRONMENTAL

10-02-2023 On the road...Look for nightly lane closures on Route 2 eastbound in the Amherst area...Crews will be working on the Main Street overpass...
News Programming - approx 10 sec

10-05-2023 Another update on construction work in Sandusky...Work will continue today on the westbound lanes of Perkins Avenue, between Columbus Avenue and 52nd Street, with two-way traffic maintained with one lane in each direction. Crews have completed paving of Perkins Avenue, between Campbell Street and Columbus Ave, with manhole adjustments and striping to take place today. That section is likely to open to two-way traffic tomorrow.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

10-05-2023 In Eaton Township...Trustees have voted 2 to 1, to allow Ross Environmental Services to bury waste ash from its incinerator in a so-called "monofil" on property the company owns. In recent months, residents have packed public hearings on the issue...many of them expressing concerns about possible groundwater contamination and/or a decrease in property values.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-09-2023 Mark your calendars for more road work in Sandusky...Starting next Monday, the north side of the intersection of Columbus Avenue and Perkins Avenue will close for 3 to 4 weeks. Traffic on Perkins Avenue will be maintained throughout the closure. Eastbound traffic on Perkins Avenue will be two lanes, but westbound traffic will be brought down to one lane. Northbound traffic on Columbus Avenue coming from Perkins Township will be directed to the left or right turn lanes onto Perkins Avenue. Crews are closing the intersection to perform critical work on the underground water line main.
News Programming - approx 35 sec

10-09-2023 Road construction in Norwalk...On Wednesday, West Main Street (Route 61) will be closed between Valley Park Drive and Marian Drive to perform repairs to the sanitary sewer. The closure is anticipated to be for one day.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-10-2023 Gas line work in Sandusky...Columbia Gas crews are working downtown on East Market and Franklin Streets. The streets will stay open to one lane of traffic during the project. It's expected to take 1 to 2 weeks for the first part of the project, covering Market from Hancock to Franklin and then another 1 to 2 weeks for the next section a block to the east.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-12-2023 On the road...In Lorain...Weather permitting...Colorado Avenue will be closed south of East Erie Avenue for repairs for several days. Detours will be posted.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

10-12-2023 Another road construction update in Sandusky. Starting Monday, the north section of the Columbus/Perkins Avenue intersection will close for 3 to 4 weeks for the replacing of an underground water main. The intersection will be open to Perkins Avenue traffic in both directions; two lanes eastbound and one lane westbound.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-13-2023 The road construction continues in Sandusky. Tuesday and Wednesday next week...Campbell Street, between Columbus Avenue and the railroad tracks, will be closed to traffic from 7 to 5 for street paving. Detour signs will be posted. The street will be open to traffic in the evening hours.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-16-2023 A road closure in Willard...Through this morning at 10, Route 99 is closed from Route 103 to Howard Street...This is due to railroad track repairs.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

10-16-2023 A road construction update in Sandusky... Starting today, the north section of the Columbus/Perkins Avenue intersection will close for 3 to 4 weeks for the replacing of an underground water main. The intersection will be open to Perkins Avenue traffic in both directions; two lanes eastbound and one lane westbound.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-17-2023 In Norwalk...The Linwood Bridge will be closed today and Wednesday for patching work. The bridge will be closed to vehicles, with pedestrian foot traffic allowed. Emergency Vehicles will be permitted as well.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-17-2023 Storms this past weekend brought more power outages to the west end of Avon Lake, and next week, a representative from First Energy will address a council committee. Scattered power outages have plagued that portion of Avon Lake this year, and results of an online citizen survey of service issues will be presented to First Energy.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-18-2023 A closed railroad bridge in Plymouth is on its way to getting repaired. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, the village of Plymouth has received over \$1.7 million in federal funds by ODOT to fix the bridge on West Broadway, which has been closed since July of 2022 after being deemed unsafe.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-18-2023 A reminder about a road closure in Sandusky...Campbell Street is set to be closed today for repaving. The city says the closure is between Columbus Avenue and the railroad tracks, during work hours. It's scheduled to be finished up today.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-19-2023 A reminder from the City of Norwalk...Hydrant flushing will begin on Monday. It will last around 2 weeks. Flushing may result in cloudy or discolored water, and residents should run cold water around 15 minutes or until the water is clear.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-19-2023 Ohio has become the first state to break ground on a national, E-V charging-station network. It's located off of I-70, west of Columbus. Plans call for two dozen additional full-service charging stations along major highways.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-23-2023 Construction continues in Sandusky...Road work begins today on Butler Street, with the road to be closed to through traffic, but local two-way traffic will be maintained this week. The road will be closed to all traffic starting next Monday. The project is expected to be completed in early December.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

10-23-2023 Norwalk's Multi-Use Path will close today. This is due to the repair of the storm sewer pipe there. It's expected to be closed for 3 weeks.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

10-23-2023 A one-day road closure near Norwalk...Whittlesey Road between Lais Road and Plank Road will be shut down to traffic today for a culvert replacement.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

10-24-2023 A reminder from the City of Norwalk...The Linwood Bridge will be closed on Wednesday for patching. The bridge will be closed to vehicles, but pedestrian foot traffic and emergency vehicles will be permitted.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

10-25-2023 An upcoming road closure in Huron County...The Engineer's Office says that Graham Road, between Route 61 and Peru Center Road will be closed starting Thursday, for 2 days, for a culvert rehab.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

NOVEMBER 2023– WLKR FM

1. SAFETY/CRIME

11-01-2023 Authorities are looking for a missing teen from Willard. 15-year-old Anna Stover was last seen leaving her home in Willard this past Saturday. She's believed to be in the Dayton area.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-01-2023 A fatal car crash has claimed the life of a Sandusky man. Daveon Brown was 19. According to the Sandusky Register, troopers say that Brown was driving on Route 4, north of Denzer Road, in Crawford County, when he went left-of-center, struck a culvert, where his vehicle overturned and was ejected from it. Another vehicle traveling on Route 4 struck Brown while he was lying in the roadway.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-01-2023 Police in Elyria continue their investigation into Sunday night's shooting on 8th street. Two women were shot in a parked car. 27-year-old Lyric Todd was killed. 20-year-old Chrishia Chester was wounded.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-02-2023 The Ohio State Highway Patrol, with the support of the Ohio History Connection and the Ohio Army National Guard, commemorated its 90th anniversary with the placement of an Ohio Historical Marker on Wednesday at a ceremony held at Camp Perry in the Port Clinton area. This is the first time that an Ohio Historical Marker is honoring the Patrol.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-02-2023 A Sandusky man is dead after being hit by a train Wednesday morning. According to the Sandusky Register, it happened on the tracks near the train station on North Depot Street in Sandusky. The man, who was 56 years old, was standing on the tracks prior to being struck, said police.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-02-2023 A house fire last night in Sandusky...According to the Sandusky Register, it took place in the 600 block of West Osborne Street, with the home receiving major damage and a house next door receiving heat damage. No reports yet of any injuries...

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-02-2023 An 18-year-old man has been taken to Metro after being struck by a pickup truck last night near Grove and 28th in Lorain. According to preliminary reports, the man walked into the street, in the path of traffic.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-03-2023 Gun shots ring out in Lorain and Elyria on the same day...First...in Lorain...just after 2:30 yesterday afternoon, as students were being dismissed at Washington Elementary School. No one was hurt, but the nearby gunfire resulted in immediate lockdowns at three schools. Lorain Police say, they have arrested a suspect.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-03-2023 Later in the day...just before 5-p.m...in Elyria...police responded to a 9-1-1 call about a man, shot, in a car, in the Wal-Mart Parking Lot at Chestnut Commons. The man was taken to University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center. Early this morning, a suspect was arrested in Oberlin.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-03-2023 A Huron toddler is recovering at a Cleveland hospital from severe burns. According to the Sandusky Register, it happened last week at a home on Rye Beach Road where 2-and-a-half-year-old Tracy Jones was found with second and third degree burns over 25 percent of his body. The incident, which authorities say occurred while the child was in the care of a babysitter, is under investigation.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-06-2023 A missing Willard teen has been located. Authorities say 15-year-old Anna Stover has been found after being reported missing late last month.
News Programming - approx 10 sec

11-06-2023 The State Highway Patrol is urging drivers to buckle up. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, 85 people not wearing seat belts have been seriously hurt or killed in Huron County since 2018. There's been an increase in fatal crashes this year in Huron County, with victims in 7 of 11 of those crashes not wearing a safety belt. The seat belt law in Ohio is a secondary violation; but troopers say they'll have zero tolerance when drivers are stopped for other violations and are not wearing their seat belts.
News Programming - approx 30 sec

11-06-2023 A 19-year old-man from Oberlin is due in court...in connection with the shooting death of 21 year old Nicholas Tubbs of Grafton. Tubbs was found last Thursday afternoon, shot, in a car, in the Walmart parking lot in Chestnut Commons. Police believe, the triggerman was Roosevelt Benton...he has been charged with murder. No word on a possible motive for the shooting...
News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-06-2023 A man from Michigan faces numerous charges in Elyria after leading police on a high speed chase, crashing into a house on Chestnut Ridge, barricading himself in a garage on Carol Lane; then trying to bust out of that garage by driving through the door. It all went down early Sunday when police approached a car at East Broad Street and South Abbe. No one was hurt in the house that was rammed on Chestnut Ridge.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-07-2023 It's the National Sleep Foundation's Drowsy Driving Prevention Week and the Ohio State Highway Patrol is offering some tips to help prevent drowsy driving. Firstly, make sure to sleep well before driving anywhere, especially for long car rides. Secondly, check all your medication labels to see if drowsiness is a possible side-effect. Lastly, avoid drinking alcohol before driving as alcohol can increase drowsiness and impaired feelings.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-08-2023 A scam alert from the Huron County Sheriff's Office... They say there's a scam phone call being made to employers of registered sex offenders in the county. The caller states they are Sergeant Moore and are looking to collect money for missing appointments or for not submitting DNA samples. They go on to say that there is a warrant out for the call recipient's arrest. Do not give them money, as this is a scam.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-08-2023 The second of two men charged in connection with a fatal drive-by shooting in Elyria has pled guilty on the day his trial was to begin. Jose Campos of Lorain was accused of driving the getaway car. Hezekiah Shepherd of Lorain previously pled 'guilty' to being the triggerman. 14-year-old Shayne Edwards was shot and killed in September of 2022 as he lay in his bed.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-10-2023 No gun, no problem... Yesterday, the Lorain County Joint Vocational School was placed on lockdown after a student reporting what he thought was another student saying he had brought a gun to school. The Lorain County Sheriff's Office sent in deputies for a thorough search, and no weapon was found. The lockdown was lifted, and students returned to class.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-14-2023 Triple-A (AAA), the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Insurance, Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission want to remind motorists of the increase in deer-related traffic crashes this time of year. Since 2018, statistics from the Ohio State Highway Patrol show there were over 100,000 deer-related crashes on Ohio's roadways. The routes with the most deer-related crashes include State Route 2.

News Programming - approx 30 sec

11-14-2023 Crime in the crime lab? A Lorain County Grand Jury has indicted the former assistant director of the Lorain County Crime Lab, Charges against 34-year-old Mark

Vandevender of Westlake include falsifying and tampering with records. He has pled 'not guilty' and is scheduled to return to court next month.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-14-2023 Members of Elyria City Council have opened discussions on whether the city needs an Animal Control Officer. Police Chief Bill Pelko says, so far this year, police have received more than 400 animal-related calls.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-15-2023 The Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash yesterday morning involving a charter bus, two commercial vehicles and two passenger vehicles in Licking County. The crash occurred on Interstate 70 near state Route 310. The vehicles were all traveling westbound on I-70 when the chain-reaction crash occurred. At least three of the vehicles subsequently caught fire as a result of the crash. The charter bus was occupied by a driver and 54 students and chaperones from Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools with three of the passengers on the bus pronounced dead at the scene. One of the passenger vehicles was occupied by three individuals with all three pronounced dead at the scene.

News Programming - approx 40 sec

11-15-2023 The Lorain County Coroner's Office believes, a woman found dead in Cascade Park in Elyria might have died from exposure. Autumn Ball was 34. Authorities say, she was homeless at the time of her death.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-16-2023 The head of the National Transportation Safety Board says, it might be several weeks before we have a clear idea, what happened Tuesday during a chain-reaction crash on I-70 in central Ohio. Six people were killed, including three students. They...and more than 50 students from Tusky Valley High School near Canton were on a charter bus, on their way to the Ohio School Boards Association conference.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-16-2023 There have been issues with Norwalk's water having a funny taste and odor. It's all safe to use and drink though, said city water treatment plant lab maintenance technician Kristina Wasniak to city council. The Norwalk Reflector reports that Wasniak said that when temperatures drop, it causes warmer water at the bottom of the reservoir to come to the top, which results in organic byproducts from different types of algae to create an earthy or musty taste and smell in the water.

News Programming - approx 30 sec

11-16-2023 A North Olmsted man who claimed he was the victim of an Anti-Palestinian hate crime in North Ridgeville...has been arrested, and accused of making up the story. North Ridgeville Police made the announcement yesterday, saying, surveillance video shows...20-year-old Hesham Ayyad was hurt NOT by being struck by a car as he initially claimed...but during a fight with his brother.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-17-2023 Developments in the case of a missing Huron County woman...
On Thursday, members of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation executed a search warrant at the property of a Wells Road residence near Collins, the last place Amanda Dean was seen alive. Dean has been missing since 2017. According to the Sandusky Register, a backhoe and excavator were seen on the property, digging up land.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-17-2023 'Tis the season...for gift card scams...According to the Better Business Bureau in Cleveland, scammers have doubled down on gift cards as a way to steal money from consumers...especially online shoppers. The Better Business Bureau says, be wary of anyone asking for payment with a gift card, including those supposedly representing a government agency.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-17-2023 The feds have charged 11 people...one of those from Lorain...
in connection with what they consider an 'international drug trafficking conspiracy'. 28-year-old Jessica Cochran has been indicted by a federal grand jury. The feds say, those accused allegedly sold drugs...including fentanyl... and that they had help from a man behind bars in the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-20-2023 Two people were sent to the hospital after being injured by
electricity in a bucket truck in Willard on Saturday. Authorities say two people were trapped in the bucket, 20 feet in the air, which was on fire. Firefighters rescued the people and extinguished the blaze. Both people were sent to a Toledo hospital. The fire took place outside a nursing home on East Howard Street, with those from the nursing home in the primary hazard area temporarily evacuated.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-20-2023 Police in Lorain are investigating multiple deaths on the east side
of Lorain as 4 bodies have been found in a residence on East 9th Street, 2 adults and 2 young children. The deaths are under investigation by the Lorain Police Department and the Lorain County Coroner's Office.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-20-2023 A woman has been charged in the overdose death of an area
man. Jered Hale's body was discovered in a wooded area near Hayes and 2nd Street in Willard, earlier this month. Hale had died of a narcotics overdose. After authorities conducted search warrants, Rachel Bryant was arrested and indicted on charges of involuntary manslaughter and narcotics trafficking.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-21-2023 We told you yesterday about the four bodies found in a residence
on the east side of Lorain over the weekend. Lorain Police now believe it to be an apparent murder-

suicide situation, with 29-year-old Tyler Young, his 24-year-old wife Skyler Young, 4-month-old Bandin Young, and 9-year-old Angel Isaac all found dead in their apartment.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-21-2023 State authorities returned yesterday to a residence near Collins, the last known place that missing Huron County woman, Amanda Dean, was seen. According to the Sandusky Register, a backhoe and crime lab vehicles were back on the property of Wells Road, where they began executing a search warrant last Thursday. Dean has been missing since the summer of 2017.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-22-2023 23-year-old Katrina Guevarez and her boyfriend, 24-year-old Raymond Clark, were charged with child endangering after Elyria Police found Guevarez's 4-year-old son wandering the 300 block of Washington Avenue by himself on Tuesday. Both Guevarez and Clark were charged and released before the child was returned to the mother under the supervision of Children Services

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-27-2023 A Milan man has been indicted on child sex crimes. According to the Sandusky Register, 43-year-old Andrew Feasel faces a 10-count indictment for illegal use of inappropriate material involving a minor. The 10 counts are second-degree felonies.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-27-2023 On November 15th, troopers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol joined law enforcement partners across the country as part of the ongoing "Highway 20 Speed Enforcement Project." In Ohio, Route 20 covers 259 miles. During the project, 28 troopers from nine posts in Ohio issued 50 citations, 45 warnings and assisted nine motorists.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-27-2023 If you drive a Kia or a Hyundai and live in Elyria... You can pick up a free steering wheel lock today at the Elyria Police Department. Bring along an I-D and vehicle registration...between 11am and 6pm...

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-28-2023 A suspect has been arrested in connection with the death of a Willard man. The Norwalk Reflector reports that 59-year-old Allen Sizemore was discovered dead outside his residence on Maplewood Street on Thanksgiving Day. 59-year-old Galen Barnett has been charged with vehicular manslaughter. Authorities believe Barnett is the only one responsible for the death of Sizemore, in which alcohol is suspected to be a factor.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-28-2023 Eight people were killed in seven crashes this past Thanksgiving holiday in Ohio. The State Highway Patrol says that number for the five-day reporting period is the fewest deaths since 2018. Of the eight people killed, one was not wearing a safety belt and one crash involved impaired driving.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-29-2023 An Oberlin man is due in court in connection with the shooting-death of a man from Lorain. 19-year-old Xavier Smith of Oberlin has been charged with ‘murder’... accused of shooting and killing 31-year-old Donte Noble Junior of Lorain...after some sort of altercation.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-30-2023 An Oberlin man is being held at the Lorain County Jail without bond, in connection with a fatal shooting in Oberlin earlier this week. 19-year-old Xavier Smith has been charged with murder. Police believe, Smith shot and killed 31-year-old Dante Noble Junior of Lorain after a family dispute.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-30-2023 Fire...has destroyed a 19th century home in Sheffield Township...No word yet what sparked the fire yesterday on Albany Avenue...No one was hurt. In Eaton Township...fire damaged a home on Royalton Road. Again, no one was hurt.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

2. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

11-01-2023 It’s the Online Safety for Seniors talk at the Norwalk Public Library from 10am until 11am. Join Ohio Connectivity Champion, Kayla Cicola, for tips and tricks on protecting your privacy and security. Registration is required. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

11-01-2023 It’s time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at Casa Fiesta. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund’s 2023 Campaign “Give S’more.”

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

11-02-2023 It’s the Seed Stratification Workshop at Old Woman Creek from 4pm until 5:30pm. Join OWC and Erie County Master Gardeners for a free native seed collection and identification lesson. You can also learn about seed stratification and create a milk jug stratification dome to take home. This program is free but registration is required.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

11-02-2023 It’s StoryTime at the Norwalk Public Library from 10am until 10:30am. You can listen to a selection of picture books and participate in educational, hands-on activities. For children up to age 5. For more information please call 419-668-6063.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

11-04-2023 Schilds IGA in Norwalk is working with Wreaths across America to honor our veterans. Wreaths can be purchased at Schilds from 9am until 3pm for \$17 dollars each. They can be picked up at Woodlawn Cemetery on December 16th.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

11-05-2023 It's the 2023 Izaak Walton League Turkey Shoot at 3116 Peru West Section Line Road starting at 8am. There will be cash and meat prizes. Stock guns only.
Community Calendar - approx 10 sec

11-07-2023 The Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio will be making a stop in Galion on Wednesday. A special Thanksgiving edition of the mobile food bank will be visiting the Galion school campus from 4pm until 5:30pm. Registration is required for this food bank.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-08-2023 The American Red Cross is having a blood drive at the Norwalk Eagles from 11:30am until 5:30pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

11-08-2023 It's time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at Suki. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund's 2023 Campaign "Give S'more."
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

11-09-2023 Today, the Second Harvest Food Bank will bring its Mobile Food Pantry to Lorain. It'll serve those-in-need at the Black River Landing from 3:30 until 5:30 pm.
News Programming - approx 10 sec

11-09-2023 The shelves are just about empty at the Lorain County Office on Aging Food Pantry. They're asking for donations of non-perishable food items, along with personal care and cleaning items. Donations may be dropped off at their new location...inside the Lorain County Port Authority complex on South Abbe Road in Elyria.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-11-2023 It's the 43rd Annual Stocking Stuffer's Craft and Vendor Show at the First Christian Church in Sandusky from 10am until 3pm. There will be quilted items, glass items, Scentsy, Tupperware, art work, handmade crafts and more! Lunch will also be available and there will be a bake sale.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

11-13-2023 The non-profit that builds beds for children of families-in-need are asking you to donate linens. Roger Dorsey of the Good Knights says, they're building about 100 beds-a-month, and they need twin bed sheets, blankets and pillows. You can check out the Good Knights' website for details.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-14-2023 The Sandusky Fire Department is having a community CPR training event. Registration is \$20 and includes a course manual and completion card. The event will be from 5pm until 8pm. To register please call 419-627-5823.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

11-14-2023 The morning show talked with Kevin from the Huron County Chamber about their upcoming events schedule for the holiday season, and next year.

On-Air Interview - approx 5 minutes

11-17-2023 It's Willard's 36th annual Christmas Parade starting at 6:30pm. Join the festivities downtown before the parade. There will be the Christmas tree lighting, pictures with Santa, food trucks and live music.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

11-18-2023 It's the Christmas Bazaar at the St Stephen United Church of Christ from 9am until 3pm. Admission is \$1 and that benefits the food pantry for local families in need. There will be lots of vendors selling things like baked goods, home décor, woodworking, gift baskets, quilted items and so much more. There will also be door prizes and lunch!

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

11-21-2023 The Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio is holding a Thanksgiving mobile drive through food pantry from 3pm until 5pm at Willard Parks and Rec. Registration is required.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

11-21-2023 As many gather for Thanksgiving celebrations with family and friends, the American Red Cross urges donors to give thanks and give back by making a plan to give blood or platelets in the coming weeks. The Red Cross says that this time of year is traditionally hard on the nation's blood supply. Seasonal illness, winter weather and holiday celebrations often lead to lower appointment numbers and decreased donor turnout, making it hard to keep up with the demand for blood products.

News Programming - approx 30 sec

11-22-2023 The Oberlin School system, along with other schools in the area and around the country, face a teacher shortage. Those interested in substitute positions at Oberlin can go to the school website and click on the employment link for more details. The Lorain County Educational Services Center will also be holding a job fair on January 9th from 11am until 2pm at its office on Lake Avenue in Elyria.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-23-2023 It's Norwalk's Annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Norwalk Catholic School cafeteria. Dine-in is available from 11am until noon and deliveries are available from

11am until 12:30pm. R.S.V.P.s are appreciated. For more information please call, 419-668-2766, 419-681-2617, or 419-681-2809.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

11-24-2023 It's Sandusky's 2023 Holiday Lighting Ceremony at Washington Park starting at 6pm. Santa will be arriving at 6:30pm and there will a performance by the Sandusky High School Keynotes and Bell Choir at 7pm. Also as 7pm is a live nativity scene from My Faith Church. The Merry-Go-Round Museum and Follett House are offering free admission as well. There will also be food and refreshments.

Community Calendar - approx 25 sec

11-25-2023 It's the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting in the Village of Wakeman. Everyone is welcome to join the 3rd annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade to downtown Wakeman for the lighting of the Christmas tree in Downtown Park at 6:30pm. There will also be rewards for the best decorated golf carts, UTVs, or ATVs.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

11-27-2023 Second Harvest will bring its mobile food pantry to Elyria today. It'll serve those-in-need at Ely Stadium from 4 until 5:30pm.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

11-28-2023 It's the STEM Club at the Milan Public Library from 4pm until 4:30pm. STEM Club offers opportunities for kids ages 5 through 12 to creatively explore science, technology, engineering, and math through the stocked STEM cart and various activities. This month will be turkey balloon races. Registration is required. For more information, please call 419-499-4117.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

11-30-2023 Today, the Second Harvest Food Bank will bring its Mobile Food Pantry to Lorain. It'll serve those-in-need at Oakwood Park from 2 until 4 pm.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

11-30-2023 The morning show talked with Keelie Webb with Artists Open Studios about their holiday event plans.

On-Air Interview - approx 5 minutes

3. EDUCATION

11-02-2023 The Elyria School Board has hired Paul Felton to serve as the new Head Coach of the Elyria Girls Wrestling program. Paul previously served as an assistant boys wrestling coach for 12 years.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-17-2023 The Avon Lake School Board is scheduled to vote November 29th, on placing a bond issue for new school construction on the ballot in March. Earlier this month, voters rejected a similar issue by about 400 votes out of more than 12-thousand, cast.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-17-2023 Some residents of Lorain County say, a book that's required reading for 9th graders at the Lorain County Joint Vocational School is 'inappropriate', 'erotic' and 'immoral'. They want the book, Looking for Alaska by John Green, pulled now.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-22-2023 A new contract for New London teachers... The Norwalk Reflector reports that the school board there has voted unanimously on a 3-year deal with the teachers. The contract includes cost-of-living raises of 3.5, 3 and 2.5 percent as well as reduced employee insurance premiums.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-28-2023 This morning, the Elyria School Board will hold a special meeting to consider a tentative contract agreement with the teachers' union. Neither group has released details of the package.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-29-2023 Huron Schools have named a new treasurer for the district. According to the Sandusky Register, it's Mike Limberios. Limberios will begin his new job next month. He has 5 years of experience as a treasurer; working for Townsend Community School in Castalia and working right now in Mansfield at Buckeye Community School.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

4. ECONOMICS

11-01-2023 The Lorain County Commissioners have endorsed tax abatement already approved by the city of Avon, for Advanced Polymer Coatings. The financial package keeps the company in Avon... a company that will consolidate its operations on Jaycox Road, build a new facility, and add 10 jobs.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-03-2023 The two largest amusement park companies in America are merging. Various reports say Cedar Point's parent company, Cedar Fair, and Six Flags will join forces to make one company worth around 8 billion dollars. The company will be stationed in Charlotte, North Carolina; but administrative and finance operations will be in Sandusky. The two companies together own 27 amusement parks, 15 water parks and 9 resort properties in 17 states.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

11-03-2023 Today is the filing deadline for non-profits, charter schools, pre-schools and religious institutions to apply for state safety and security grants. Nearly 8-million-dollars is available. Funding can be used for items such as surveillance cameras, alarm systems and motion sensors.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-09-2023 Plans for a site purchased by Cedar Point have been made known. According to the Sandusky Register, property located at 2206 Cleveland Road in Sandusky that was formerly a Firelands Auto Group dealership will become the site of auxiliary human resource offices. Cedar Point had purchased the property for \$1.5 million.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-10-2023 It appears, increasing interest rates are cooling off the housing market in Ohio, but not the selling price. According to the group, Ohio Realtors, September sales dropped about 17-percent from the same month a year ago. However, the average sales price increased nearly 6-percent during that time frame.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-13-2023 The Erie County Health Department has received a \$135,000 grant. According to the Sandusky Register, the federal grant will be used to make improvements to rural housing. The grant will help combat lead and make safety improvements to homes outside of Sandusky with residents that make a modest income.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-20-2023 The Lorain County Port Authority has received 4 new proposals after putting out requests on how to redevelop the Midway Mall property in Elyria. The proposals came from Industrial Commercial Partners of Cleveland, The Center for Food Innovation, Scannell Properties, and DiGeronimo Development.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-28-2023 Some non-union employees in Avon Lake will see a bump in salary in 2024. City council has approved a number of adjustments, based on comparable salaries in similar cities.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-29-2023 It's a deal...The Elyria School Board has endorsed a 3-year contract with the teachers union, retroactive to July 1st. The package calls for 3-percent raises in each year.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-29-2023 The Sandusky City Commission has approved an agreement for the City to sell the historic Osborne Building. The sale is to a developer from Columbus, Community Building Partners, to transform the building into a senior housing development. The plan is to keep the playground there for community use.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

5. HEALTH AND HEALTH ISSUES

11-02-2023 There have been reports of bed bugs and cockroaches in Norwalk City School buildings. Huron County Public Health has confirmed the presence of bed bugs within buildings in the district, and has spread a non-toxic powder used to kill them inside the buildings. Huron County Public Health did not confirm any appearance of cockroaches, despite school personnel reporting isolated incidents of the bugs being seen on students' personal items. A pest company has been hired by the school district and has treated different school buildings for the bug issues.

News Programming - approx 30 sec

11-08-2023 The latest Huron County Public Health Respiratory Report is out. COVID-19 activity in Huron County is steady or increasing slightly overall. Flu activity is minimal, with 2 positive flu tests this week and no flu hospitalizations. RSV activity in Ohio is increasing slightly.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-14-2023 The numbers are in from the latest Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report. COVID-19 activity in Huron County is steady or increasing slightly overall. Flu activity is minimal, with no positive flu tests this week and no flu hospitalizations. RSV activity in Ohio is increasing slightly.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-16-2023 In advance of the Thanksgiving holiday next week, Huron County Public Health is hosting free drive-thru COVID-19 test kit distribution events. One of those earlier this morning as well as another from 3 to 4 pm, at the Huron County Public Health main office on Executive Drive in Norwalk. COVID-19 at-home test kits will be distributed at four kits per vehicle.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-21-2023 The numbers are in from the latest Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report. COVID-19 activity in Huron County is steady or increasing slightly overall. Flu activity in Huron County is minimal; with one positive flu test this week and no flu hospitalizations. RSV activity in Ohio is increasing slightly.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-28-2023 The latest Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report has been released. Health officials say that COVID-19 activity in Huron County is increasing. Flu activity in Huron County is minimal, with four positive flu tests this week and no flu hospitalizations. RSV activity in Ohio is increasing slightly.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

6. SOCIAL SERVICES/CHARITY

11-15-2023 Perkins Township Police are holding a food drive this Saturday.

The department will be collecting food for those in need at the Sandusky Walmart from 10 am to 6 pm. A collection bin has been set up in the Police Department lobby for those unable to attend on Saturday.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-15-2023 The Sandusky Police Department is hosting ‘Coffee with a Cop’ later this morning. It’s set for 10:00 to 11:30 am at the Erie County Senior Center on East Water Street. Residents can ask questions, voice concerns and get to know their officers a little better.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-21-2023 A Thanksgiving Day dinner will be held at the Norwalk Catholic School cafeteria. The meals will also be ready for delivery to the Norwalk area between 11 am and 12:30 pm. For home delivery; names, addresses and phone numbers can be sent through tomorrow to Skip or Patti Wilde or Robin Bleile. Those wanting to eat in or pick up should arrive between 11:00 am and noon.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-27-2023 This year’s ‘Not Forgotten Box’ campaign officially opens today. Once again, the Chronicle Telegram is collecting toys for those-in-need at its headquarters in downtown Elyria. Those toys will be turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution. Last year, people donated 88-hundred toys.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

11-29-2023 The numbers are in from a fundraiser for Huron Police. \$2,500 has been given to the police department there from Family Health Services. The money was raised during Family Health Service’s golf event a few months back. The funds will be used for police officer training.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

7. ENVIRONMENTAL

11-01-2023 A road closure in the Willard area...Peru Center Road, between Bauman and Hanville Corners, will be closed today through next Monday for a culvert replacement. You’re asked to take alternate routes.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-01-2023 The first snowfall of the season has arrived on the first day of November. As usual, some areas have more lake-effect snow than others. Local crews, along with those from O-DOT and the Ohio Turnpike, have been out overnight, putting down de-icers.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-03-2023 On the road...In Avon...Two-way traffic has resumed on Chester Road, west of Route 83. The city is asking drivers to be careful...as finishing touches are being made on the widening project.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-06-2023 The Perkins Avenue project in Sandusky is coming to a close, says the city. They say they look to finish up manhole adjustments, lane striping and sidewalk and curb concrete work, which is expected to be done this week.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-08-2023 An update on road work in Sandusky...The city says that Columbus Avenue at the Perkins Avenue intersection is now open. This, after being closed for the last few weeks.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-10-2023 An upcoming road closure in Norwalk...Gallup Avenue between Milan Avenue and Federal Street will be closed on Monday at 8:30 am to allow crews to perform utility connections for the Ken Ganley Dealership. The closure is anticipated to be completed at 2:30 pm.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-13-2023 A temporary road closure today in Norwalk...Gallup Avenue between Milan Avenue and Federal Street will close at 8:30 am to allow crews to perform utility connections for the Ken Ganley Dealership. The closure is anticipated to be completed at 2:30 pm.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-16-2023 A road closure in Willard today...Tiffin Street, between the underpass and Route 99, will be closed today for Columbia Gas maintenance.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

11-17-2023 An upcoming road closure in Norwalk...On Monday and Tuesday, South West Street, between West Main and Norwood Avenue, will be closed from 7 am to 5 pm for work on storm sewer repairs.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-20-2023 An upcoming road closure in Sandusky...The closure of Monroe Street, between "A" Street and Shelby Street, will go into effect on Tuesday. The closure is for the replacement of an underground water service line. Madison or Tyler streets can be used as a detour.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

11-27-2023 On the road...Weather permitting...Construction work will continue this week on Route 20 in Carlisle and Eaton Townships...and Main Street in Grafton.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

11-28-2023 A road closure in Sandusky...Starting today, the intersection of Warren Street and East Washington will be closed for one to two weeks for storm sewer work. Detour signs will be set up directing traffic to take an alternate route.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

DECEMBER 2023– WLKR FM

1. SAFETY/CRIME

12-01-2023 A man and woman from Sandusky have been arrested in connection with the alleged assault and kidnapping of another man. According to the Sandusky Register, authorities are searching for a third suspect in the incident. The two Sandusky residents charged include 36-year-old Julius Standifer and 39-year-old Amelia Grant. The incident reportedly took place at a West Adams Street residence.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-01-2023 An update on Norwalk's water supply. The Norwalk Reflector reports that Kristina Wasiniak, a Norwalk official, has stated that the water in the city is safe to use and drink despite the musty and earthy smell and taste. Accordingly, the taste and smell were brought on by heavy rains stirring up sediment in the reservoir. She also suggested that anyone feeling that the water is unsafe should buy an in-home carbon filter.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-05-2023 The Sandusky County Sheriff's Office will have extra patrol during this month of December thanks to a state grant. Overtime shifts will be scheduled in an attempt to promote safety among drivers, as well as draw awareness to other traffic on the roadways during the Christmas and New year holiday season.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-05-2023 Two men in Elyria face charges...in separate incidents... involving reports of 'shots fired'...Yesterday's incident occurred on Melvyn Lake...The weekend incident...on Salem Avenue. Elyria Police Chief Bill Pelko says, the Special Response Team and dispatchers did outstanding work, and no one was hurt.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-05-2023 A 63-year-old Norwalk man has been arrested in connection with the theft of Christmas decorations. Police say William Ott was identified on surveillance footage after a resident on Breezewood Drive in Norwalk reported the theft of items from the front yard a little after midnight Saturday. According to Police, Ott had just been released from the Huron County Jail on an unrelated matter thirty minutes prior to the theft.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-06-2023 You've probably seen drivers, motoring down the highway, with a Christmas tree strapped on the roof...Hopefully, it stays there until you or they get home. Triple-A reminds everyone, to secure it tightly. They say, in recent years...nationwide...there have been more than 200-thousand crashes due to wayward Christmas trees.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-06-2023 A warning from the Better Business Bureau in Cleveland... Today's scam involves the online purchase of pure-bred dogs. The bureau says there's a scammer out there, posing as a breeder, asking for payments to register the dog with the American Kennel Club. A woman from Cleveland is out 700-dollars. The Better Business Bureau says, people who buy pets sight-unseen run a greater risk of being taken for a ride.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-07-2023 Fire has damaged a home on Clinton Avenue in Sheffield Township...No word yet how the fire began...No one was hurt.
News Programming - approx 10 sec

12-11-2023 An email with a bomb threat on this date has been sent to a number of schools around the area and state. The threat is directed towards American school buildings and did not call out a specific school. Local authorities and schools have looked into the matter, with most, if not all, saying the threat is not credible. Schools around the area say they'll have an increased police presence, but will be in full session today.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-11-2023 An Attica man died in a one-vehicle crash Friday night. Heath Mahl was 41. Authorities say Mahl was driving on County Road 35 North in Venice Township, when he entered a curve, drove off the road and struck a fence and several trees. Alcohol is considered a factor in the crash.
News Programming - approx 20 sc

12-11-2023 A traffic signage change in Vermilion...Effective today, stop signs have been moved from Sandusky Street to Ohio Street at that particular intersection. A 'Cross Traffic Does Not Stop' sign has been added as well. A traffic study found that more vehicles travel Sandusky Street over Ohio Street.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-12-2023 A Norwalk woman has been charged in the death of her 8-year-old son. The Norwalk Reflector Reports... Dakota Rae Jones has been charged with five counts of endangering children and two counts of involuntary manslaughter in relation to the death of 8-year-old Wyatt Duchette back in June due to a house fire. A pipe was found at the house and tested positive for meth.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-12-2023 Wintertime and the holidays can cause increased risks for home fire. According to the Sandusky Register... On average 120 people die from house fires every year across Ohio. Some tips to help with fire prevention include: make sure your home has working smoke alarms, keep a working fire extinguisher in your home and make sure residents know how to use one, have an escape plan in case of a fire, and ensure that candles, space heaters, and fireplaces are properly monitored

while lit. Lastly, if you have a real Christmas tree, ensure you are watering it properly to prevent drying out.

News Programming - approx 35 sec

12-13-2023 The mom of a Norwalk child who died in a fire last June has entered a not-guilty plea in connection with the death. The Norwalk Reflector reports that Dakota Jones entered that plea through her attorney Tuesday morning in Huron County Common Pleas Court. Jones is charged with five counts of endangering children and two counts of involuntary manslaughter in the death of 8-year-old Wyatt Duchette. Authorities say that a pipe was found in the East Main Street home, which tested positive for meth. A trial date has been set for February 28th.

News Programming - approx 30 sec

12-13-2023 A Willard man has been indicted in the death of his friend. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, 59-year-old Galen Barnett faces several charges including aggravated vehicular homicide. On Thanksgiving Day, Barnett is accused of parking his van at 59-year-old Allen Sizemore's residence on Maplewood Street in Willard, going to a bar, returning and driving away, causing Sizemore's death.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-13-2023 A pedestrian was killed in a crash last night in Perkins Township. Roger Fox of Sandusky was 79. The State Highway Patrol says it happened on Route 250, near Route 2, when Fox was crossing the road outside of the marked crosswalk where he tripped on the partitions on the centerline and fell down. Fox was then struck by a vehicle driven by 20-year-old Timothy Harrod of Sandusky.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-14-2023 Two men face charges...accused of leading state troopers on a high-speed chase on the Ohio Turnpike from east of Cleveland, through Lorain County, into Erie County. It happened yesterday, with speeds topping 120 miles per hour. Troopers say, it all began with a theft in western Pennsylvania... and ended...in Florence Township when they bailed out of their car.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-14-2023 A resident of Lorain has been sentenced to 14 years in prison on drug and weapons charges. The fed say, 41-year-old Brandon Chambers was stopped for speeding in Avon 2 years ago, and that led to his current troubles...with police finding a gun and meth in the car. They say, Chambers had multiple, prior felony convictions.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-14-2023 Norwalk water is still safe to consume and use. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, that was the continued message from the city during this week's Norwalk City Council meeting. City officials say work is being done to fix the smell and taste issues while not hurting the area's ecosystem. Norwalk water treatment plant lab and maintenance technician Kristina Wasiniak addressed council and said that staff has aggressively treated the lower reservoir with copper

sulfate for algae control as well as being recommended by consultants to treat the Memorial Reservoir with peroxide and copper sulfate, which the city plans to do.

News Programming - approx 35 sec

12-14-2023 Fire on Wednesday in a garage in Sandusky...According to the Sandusky Register, it took place on East Parish Street, destroying the garage, which had a value of \$25,000. The blaze is still under investigation. No one was hurt.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-15-2023 A Monroeville man and former Fremont Police Officer has pleaded not guilty to felony charges that include sexual battery and pandering sexually oriented material involving a minor. According to the Norwalk Reflector, Cage Roby faces 12 felony counts. Roby was initially put on administrative leave last February and resigned the next day amid an investigation. He's scheduled to next appear in court in January.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-15-2023 In Elyria, a December 7th surveillance video from the Lorain County Administration Building Parking garage has revealed some thievery. It shows 67-year-old John Gall, administrative assistant to County Commissioner Jeff Riddell, stealing a parking sign for County Recorder Mike Doran's office's two reserved parking spaces. The sign was returned the following day.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-20-2023 Huron County may see 2 murder trials in the first part of 2024. The Norwalk Reflector reports that those trials include...Austin Reed of Norwalk, who's accused of stabbing his father, Joeby Reed, to death, when Austin Reed was 16. The other is for 26-year-old Zachary Boster of Willard, who faces aggravated murder charges for allegedly stabbing 31-year-old Brandi Thorton, her unborn child and 13-year-old son. Both trials are slated to begin in March.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-20-2023 Prison time for a Norwalk man found guilty of extorting pornographic photos of a minor. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, 23-year-old Jordan Willis will spend between 9 and 12 years in prison and has been designated a Tier 2 sex offender. One victim was identified as an 11-year-old girl from Tennessee.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-20-2023 On the roads, the Lorain County Sheriff's Office is on the lookout for impaired drivers as part of a year-end "Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving" campaign. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, just over 1,000 drunken drivers were involved in fatal crashes nationwide in December of 2021.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-20-2023 Elyria police are still searching for a woman who robbed the U.S. Bank on Midway Boulevard this past weekend. A woman wearing a ski mask entered the bank

around 9:00 am Saturday morning, demanded money, and left with an undisclosed amount of cash. The robbery remains under investigation
News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-21-2023 An injury crash took place early Wednesday in Sandusky. According to the Sandusky Register, it happened on Franklin Street near Finch Street when a car struck a parked SUV and then struck another SUV. One person was taken to the hospital. The driver reportedly left the scene on foot.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-21-2023 A scam alert from the Sandusky Police Department...Callers have reported receiving phone calls from someone identifying themselves as Jared Oliver with the Sandusky PD saying that the caller missed a court date and demanded money or an arrest would be made. The phone number used is from the Erie County Prosecutor's Office. These calls are a scam.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-21-2023 An Avon Lake man is being charged in connection with a shooting in front Washington Elementary School in Lorain last month. Jamie Geiger, who is accused of shooting at two men walking on West 23rd street across from the school, has been indicted on multiple counts of felonious assault along with other charges.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-22-2023 The Ohio State Highway Patrol is reminding motorists to drive sober this Christmas. In an effort to reduce fatal and injury crashes, troopers will focus on removing impaired drivers from our roadways from today through December 25th. During the 2022 four-day Christmas holiday reporting period, six fatal crashes killed 12 people. Of the 12 fatalities in which safety belts were available, five were unbelted. Additionally, three of the fatal crashes involved alcohol and/or drugs, killing six people.
News Programming - approx 30 sec

12-22-2023 A Cleveland woman is being charged in connection with a robbery in Elyria this past weekend. 31-year-old Tyaesha Hunter is accused of robbing the U.S. Bank on Midway Boulevard this past Saturday and faces a charge of aggravated robbery. Hunter was arrested by authorities last night in Cleveland.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-26-2023 A Christmas Eve train derailment in Willard...The Norwalk Reflector reports that it happened on Townline Road 12, just west of the CSX Lock Swap Building. Four or five train cars were involved. No injuries were reported.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-26-2023 A former nurse in Huron faces jail time. According to the Sandusky Register, 35-year-old Mallory Giles has accepted a plea deal that included a guilty plea of

burglary. Giles was accused of taking thousands of dollars and poisoning a 93-year-old Sandusky man. She'll spend nearly 5 years behind bars.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-26-2023 Huron County Sheriff Todd Corbin is warning residents about scams around the holidays. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, Corbin says scammers will call and pretend to be someone to try and acquire credit card and other personal info. He says to also be aware of credit card skimmers at the gas pump and retail establishments.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-27-2023 A Sandusky man with a criminal history in 2023 was arrested again last week. According to the Sandusky Register, 22-year-old Tieson Gresh was charged with assault on a police officer, disorderly conduct and receiving stolen property. The arrest happened after police were called to West Madison Street in Sandusky for a man that may have fired a gun. According to court records, Gresh has been arrested 15 times this year, facing over 30 criminal charges.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-27-2023 Today, a visiting judge is scheduled to hear arguments in Lorain County Common Pleas Court, in the long-standing dispute between the county commissioners and first responders. At issue...a disagreement over the radio-communications-system of choice.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-28-2023 The State Highway Patrol has released their Christmas Holiday Report. Nine people were killed in eight fatal crashes on Ohio roadways this Christmas holiday weekend, resulting in the fewest deaths during a Christmas reporting period since 2018. Of the nine people killed, five were not wearing a safety belt and impairment was a factor in two of the crashes. The reporting period ran from Friday through Christmas Day.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-28-2023 A Perkins Township business was broken into on Wednesday. According to the Sandusky Register, it happened at a convenience store on Columbus Avenue, with two suspects taking an unknown amount of cash. Anyone with information on the incident is asked to contact authorities.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-28-2023 A Monroeville man died in a one-vehicle crash early Wednesday morning. The State Highway Patrol received a report of a vehicle traveling down the median and found 60-year-old Christopher Viock unresponsive in a truck in a wooded area off Route 20, just west of Route 250, in Norwalk. Authorities say the crash appeared to be from a medical-related incident.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-28-2023 A scam alert from the Erie County Sheriff's Office...They say people are being called from their office number with the caller saying they are Deputy David Miller.

They go on to say the caller missed a court date and they need money to avoid a warrant being issued. The Erie County Sheriff's Office says they will never make such calls. This is a scam.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-29-2023 A 52-year-old Wakeman man is due in court in connection with various child sex offenses. According to the Sandusky Register, Dave Kodger is facing counts of compelling prostitution and unlawful sexual conduct. He was taken to jail last week.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-29-2023 The Ohio State Highway Patrol is urging drivers who intend to celebrate the new year to plan ahead and designate a sober driver. The Patrol's zero-tolerance policy is part of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign. During the 2022-2023 four-day New Year's holiday reporting period, 11 fatal crashes killed 13 people. Of those, alcohol and/or drugs were a factor in nine fatal crashes.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

2. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

12-01-2023 It's Preschool Storytime at the Milan Public Library from 10:30am until 11am. You can listen to stories, sing, dance, and make a craft. Children ages 2 through 5. For more information, please call 419-499-4117.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

12-01-2023 It's Paint Your Own Pottery at Artists Open Studio from 6m until 8pm. The cost is \$12 to \$50 per piece. Options include ornaments, mugs, vases, dishes, coasters and more! Registrations are recommended but walk-ins are welcome.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

12-02-2023 It's the Eerie and Mad River Model Railroad Club's annual open house from noon until 4pm. This event will be featuring steam locomotives.
Community Calendar - approx 10 sec

12-02-2023 Be Strong Uniforms & Learning Center is hosting a Free CPR Class- Friends & Family Community CPR Training Starting at 9am at their location on Whittlesey Avenue in Norwalk. This event happens the first Saturday of Every month. Pre-registration is required for this event. For more information, please visit BeStrongNorwalk.com.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

12-03-2023 It's Castalia's Christmas in the Village on Main Street from 6pm until 8:30pm. Local businesses are uniting to light up the village to create a night of free food, games, gifts, contests, carols, prizes and more! There will also be a petting zoo and a live Nativity scene.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

12-04-2023 Fisher-Titus is having a Pre-Diabetes and Diabetes prevention seminar at the center from 5pm until 6pm. The talk will be presented by Dr. Christina Canfield and Family Nurse Practitioner Jaclynn Missler. This event is free to attend and light refreshments will be provided. RSVP by calling 419-660-2822.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

12-05-2023 The morning show talked with Miranda from the Norwalk Public library about their upcoming Holiday Extravaganza Event.
On-Air Interview approx 5 minutes

12-06-2023 It's the Holiday Extravaganza with the Norwalk Public Library from 5pm until 7pm. Check out all the fun with live harp music, magic shows, cookies and hot chocolate, a scavenger hunt and much more! Also you can come out and meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. There events will be at the Firelands Historical Society. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.
Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

12-07-2023 It's StoryTime at the Norwalk Public Library from 10am until 10:30am. Encourage a love of reading and learning as we introduce your little one to books, rhymes, and songs. For children up to age 5. For more information, please call 419-668-6063.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

12-07-2023 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at Firelands Regional Medical Center from 11am until 5pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

12-07-2023 Today, the Second Harvest Food Bank will bring its mobile food pantry to Lorain. It'll serve those-in-need at Longfellow Middle School from 4 until 5:30 pm.
News Programming - approx 10 sec

12-09-2023 It's a Holiday Open House at Anthony's Villa in Castalia from 12pm until 5pm. You are invited to come see the newest foster care group home which will be used for male children and young adults. The home is dedicated to providing life skills, stability, and love to the youth who need it most. They are also accepting donations including things like puzzles, games, personal hygiene items, and school supplies.
Community Calendar - approx 25 sec

12-09-2023 It's Paint Your Own Pottery at Artists Open Studio from 10am until 1pm. The cost is \$12 to \$50 per piece. Options include ornaments, mugs, vases, dishes, coasters and more! Registrations are recommended but walk-ins are welcome. Pottery Pick-up is December 16th.
Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

12-11-2023 Today, the Second Harvest Food Bank will bring its Mobile Food Pantry to Ely Stadium in Elyria. It'll serve those-in-need from 4 until 5:30 pm.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

12-12-2023 The Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio is holding a Drive-Thru Mobile Food Pantry at BGSU Firelands from 4pm until 5:30pm.

Community Calendar - approx 10 sec

12-12-2023 It's Stay & Play at the Milan Public Library from 10am until 10:45am. In this program, use music along with large- and small-motor movement to engage in a fun atmosphere that encourages caregivers and children to foster early learning through play. For ages 1 through 4. For more information, please call 419-499-4117.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

12-13-2023 It's time to Dine out for the FUND of it with the Norwalk Area United Fund at East of Chicago Pizza. A portion of the proceeds for the night will be donated to the United Fund's 2023 Campaign "Give S'more."

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

12-14-2023 Old Woman Creek is having a volunteer training opportunity where you can learn about shoreline marine debris surveying. Join staff from Old Woman Creek and the Office of Coastal Management to learn more about NOAA's Marine Debris Program and how you can participate in regularly surveying a local beach. It'll be at OWC from 5:30pm until 7pm. Registration is required.

Community Calendar - approx 25 sec

12-16-2023 It's the 4th Annual Christkindlmarkt at the Boeckling(Beck-ling) Club in Sandusky from 10am until 4pm. Come out and experience all the fun including a charity fundraiser for Care and Share of Sandusky, German food and drinks, a craft show, Christmas music, an appearance by Santa, and more! Admission is by donation. They are accepting monetary donations as well as nonperishable food items, and a pair of gloves or mittens for the Care and Share Mitten Tree. For more information, please call 419-656-8764.

Community Calendar - approx 30 sec

12-17-2023 It's Reindeer Day at the Hopfzinger Zimmerman Memorial Park in Port Clinton. The event runs from noon until 2:30pm. Come out and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, you can also take pictures with reindeer and sleigh. There will also be a fire truck and Swat truck to check out! Plus there will be free hot chocolate, cookies, and candy. Admission is free.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

12-18-2023 This week, the Second Harvest Food Bank will bring its Mobile Food Pantry to Lorain County, twice. First...on Wednesday to Brookside High School... Then...Thursday to Lorain High School...

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-19-2023 The morning show talked with Ashley from the Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services about mental health and depression during the Holiday season.

On-Air Interview approx 5 minutes

12-20-2023 Family Health Services has donated \$10,000 to area first responders. According to the Sandusky Register, the money was raised during the health organization's first golf classic back in September. Those receiving a portion of the funds include Perkins Police, Sandusky Fire, Huron Fire and Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #17.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-21-2023 It's the Book Exchange Book Group at the Huron Public Library starting at 7pm. This book selection is Lost Letter by Jill Cantor. New members are always welcome. Join the Library's monthly book groups. To join this book group, grab the month's selection from the Library's book club display or speak to Holly in the Adult Services Department. No registration necessary. For more information, please call 419-433-5009.

Community Calendar - approx 25 sec

12-21-2023 The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at the Erie County Commissioners building in Sandusky from 8:30am until 2pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment please visit RedCrossBlood.org or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Community Calendar - approx 15 sec

12-22-2023 It's the season of giving, and what better way to give than through the Community Foundation of Lorain County. Development Officer Laura Malone says when you give to the Community Foundation, you'll know it's going to the cause you want it to.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-27-2023 The Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio is holding a Drive-Thru Mobile Food Pantry at Galion School Campus from 4pm until 5:30pm.

Community Calendar - approx 10 sec

12-30-2023 The Christian Singles Fellowship is taking a Bible Walk Museum Trip. They'll be having a carpool meet up at Norwalk Alliance Church at 1pm. There is a free Christmas Gift admission to the Life of Christ Tour. After the tour they'll be getting dinner at Der Dutchman in Bellville. For more information, please call 419-433-0085.

Community Calendar - approx 20 sec

3. EDUCATION

12-15-2023 There's a new headquarters for the Lorain School's administration team. During a meeting last night, the Board of Education approved the purchase of the former Lorain Health Department building for \$200,000. The plan is to move administration staff there and expand course offerings at the high school into the current admin building.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-28-2023 Honors for a teacher in the Black River School System...
The Ohio Lottery's "Partners-in-Education" program has named Hannah Schnaterbeck its teacher of the month. Hannah is a 7th grade math teacher at Black River Middle School.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

4. ECONOMIC

12-06-2023 People continue buying new vehicles despite higher interest rates. According to the Greater Cleveland Automobile Dealers Association, local sales in November were up more than 7-percent compared to a year ago. Your volume leader was Chevrolet, followed by Ford, then Toyota. On the luxury side of life...shoppers bought 2 Rolls Royces, 4 Maseratis and 1 Aston-Martin.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-07-2023 A big time tax agreement has been reached between two local schools and a township and the company that plans to build at the former KBI plant in Sandusky. According to the Sandusky Register, Aligned Data Centers has said they look to build a computer data center at Perkins and Hayes Avenues. The deal includes the company making three one-time payments at the start of next year; \$300,000 to Perkins Schools, \$150,000 to Perkins Township and \$25,000 to EHOVE Career Center. The company will also make annual payments to those mentioned, instead of paying taxes, over the next 30 years.

News Programming - approx 35 sec

12-08-2023 U-S Senator Sherrod Brown is bullish on passenger train travel...and supports efforts to expand Amtrak operations across Ohio...The feds are sending 500-thousand-dollars to Ohio to begin expansion studies.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-13-2023 The new year will bring new tolls on the Ohio Turnpike. Of course, they're going up. The turnpike commission says, the increases will help maintain the turnpike's infrastructure...with rates...still among the lowest in the nation.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-15-2023 Governor Mike DeWine has announced awards for projects that will help protect Ohioans from the dangers of toxic lead. The Lead Safe Ohio program will allocate \$84 million to support lead mitigation and prevention projects in residential properties, childcare facilities, and congregate care facilities in 72 counties across the state. Those receiving funds include: Erie County Commissioners - \$510,000, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (includes Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties) - \$4.4 million

News Programming - approx 30 sec

12-20-2023 A tax agreement with a company that's set to build a data center in Perkins Township has been approved by township trustees. According to the Sandusky Register, the agreement is for Aligned Data Centers, which has plans to build their data center at the old KBI location at Perkins and Hayes Avenues. The tax deal includes one-time payments being made in January to Perkins Schools (\$300,000), Perkins Township (\$150,000) and EHOVE Career Center (\$25,000).

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-21-2023 After meeting to vote last night, the Lorain County Commissioners have approved a \$13.9 million contract with Motorola for its Multi-Agency Radio Communications System, otherwise known as MARCS. The system could take up to two years to install, test, and be ready for use.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-22-2023 The Huron County Commissioners have awarded a contract worth just short of \$5 million for construction of a new senior center. According to Norwalk Ohio News dot-com, the new senior center will be located behind the BMV/Title Office building in Norwalk, and will encompass just over 15,000 square feet of space. Hopes are for the building to be ready by next fall or early winter.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

5. HEALTH AND HEALTH ISSUES

12-05-2023 The Erie County Health Department has issued a Health Alert due to a rise in COVID-19 cases and deaths. They say that cases in Erie County have doubled from the month prior. This has led to an increase in hospitalizations and deaths. Within the month of November, a total of 5 deaths attributed to COVID-19 occurred. Deaths have not exceeded 1 to 2 a month since February 2023 in the county. This is a reminder to the public to be vigilant in monitoring and take appropriate prevention measures to avoid severe illness.

News Programming - approx 30 sec

12-05-2023 The numbers are in from the latest Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness report...In Huron County, COVID-19 activity is increasing. Flu activity in Huron County is minimal, with no positive flu tests this week and no flu hospitalizations. RSV activity in Ohio is increasing slightly.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-12-2023 Some information regarding respiratory illnesses in Ohio. According to the Huron County Respiratory Illness Report... COVID-19 activity in Huron County is increasing. Flu activity in Huron County is minimal. There were 4 positive flu tests this week and 0 flu hospitalizations. RSV activity in Ohio is increasing slightly.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-13-2023 Huron County Public Health will be hosting two free drive-thru COVID-19 test kit distribution events. Both will take place this Friday at Huron County Public Health's main location on Executive Drive in Norwalk from 7 to 8 am and from 3 to 4 pm.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-15-2023 Huron County Public Health is hosting two COVID-19 test kit distributions today. They will take place from 7 to 8 am and from 3 to 4 pm at the health department's main location on Executive Drive in Norwalk.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-19-2023 The numbers are in from the latest Huron County Public Health Respiratory Illness Report...COVID-19 activity in Huron County is increasing. Flu activity in Huron County is minimal. There was 1 positive flu test this week and 0 flu hospitalizations. RSV activity in Ohio is increasing slightly. Flu activity in Ohio is moderate. Flu activity in the southern states is measuring high to very high.

News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-21-2023 An update on Norwalk's water situation...The Norwalk Reflector reports that Public Works Director Aaron Osborn discussed the topic during this week's city council meeting. The city has been dealing with taste and odor complaints since this past summer, but have insisted the water is safe to use and drink. Workers have addressed the issue by treating the Memorial Reservoir with copper sulfate and Osborn said the water has dropped from 45 to 43 degrees, saying the colder the water gets, the less algae can grow. Water lab results have been posted on the City of Norwalk Facebook page.

News Programming - approx 35 sec

12-26-2023 People try to think of others this time of year, but what about ourselves? Dr. Glenn Levine from the American Heart Association says we can't forget to take care of ourselves this holiday season when it comes to our health and well being.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-28-2023 If you live in Lorain County and have a septic system, you'll be hearing from Lorain County Public Health. Letters are going out tomorrow about a new, state-mandated program to help keep Ohio waterways, clean. The new state mandate comes with permit fees of 120-dollars. That'll cover 3 years.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-29-2023 It's time to get moving, says Firelands Health. Just in time for your new year's resolutions, they're hosting the 'Strides Towards Wellness' program at the Sandusky Mall. It starts January 19th at 9:00 am with a weight loss medications overview, then features two more weight loss-related topic discussions in February and March. The program is free and open to the public.

News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-29-2023 On January first, Lorain County Public Health will assume responsibilities for the county's tuberculosis clinic. The move was endorsed by the county commissioners earlier this year. Mercy Health served as the program provider since 2012.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

6. SOCIAL SERVICES/CHARITY

12-01-2023 The Perkins Township Police Department is asking for donations for their giving tree. All of their cards on the tree have been taken but they are still accepting donations for the local nursing homes. Donations can be dropped off at their lobby on Columbus Avenue in Sandusky.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-01-2023 Sandusky City Commission hosting "Fill the Bin" donation drive for Care & Share...It will happen at Care & Share of Erie County on Jackson Street on Saturday, December 9th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Commissioners invite members of the public to participate by bringing donations of cash, food, clothes, and toys to Care & Share's location in downtown Sandusky. Care & Share is a non-profit organization that provides emergency and supplemental food, linens, clothing, and housewares to qualified residents of Erie County.
News Programming - approx 30 sec

12-01-2023 The Erie County Dog Pound is looking for donations to help give shelter dogs a happy holiday. According to the Sandusky Register... The Dog warden, Barb Knapp says they are always looking for donations, especially during winter. They are looking for items such as dog toys, dog food, bleach, paper towels, and kitty litter. They are also looking for volunteers to walk dogs.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-11-2023 The family of Avon Lake developer Herman "Bucky" Kopf is asking that donations be made in his name to the Avon Lake Sports Hall of Fame or the dog division of Love-a-Stray in Avon Lake. Kopf passed away last week at the age of 85, and the family held private services. He found Kopf Builders nearly 60 years ago...with subsequent projects in Avon Lake, Westlake and Port Clinton. He also donated nearly 70 acres of land behind the Avon Lake Library to the Lorain County Metro Parks for what is now the Kopf Family Reservation.
News Programming - approx 30 sec

12-12-2023 The Chronicle-Telegram's Not Forgotten Box toy drive is heading into its final week. Toy collection is running now through Friday the 15th. Donations can be dropped off at the Chronicle in Elyria from 10am until 5pm each day through the end of the week. They are accepting new, unwrapped toys, clothes, food, as well as monetary donations.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-19-2023 The Sandusky Police Department's coat, hat and glove drive has wrapped up. Police say that over 70 coats and several hats and gloves were collected and will be delivered to children in need. Officials say this year's drive was the most successful one yet in its 3 years.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-26-2023 Over the past week, Lorain County Recorder Mike Doran, along with his daughter and staff members, made a hat and mittens donation to Lorain County Children Services. He says the donation is "a small gesture that he hopes will make a big difference in the lives of those facing adversity".
News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-26-2023 Runners in Amherst took to the streets this past Sunday to help raise money for the Blessing House in the Jingle All the Way 5k. The event raised 5 thousand dollars and was hosted by the Community Congregational United Church of Christ in Amherst. The Blessing House is a children's crisis care center that provides residential care for children of families in need.
News Programming - approx 20 sec

12-27-2023 We've had a relatively mild winter so far, but once again, the Lorain County Community Action Agency is ready to help those in need of heat or facing utility disconnection. The Winter Crisis Program runs through March 31st, and application-information can be found at various locations across the county, including...the main office at 9th and Broadway in Lorain and the Office on Aging in Wellington.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

7. ENVIRONMENTAL

12-05-2023 An update from Elyria City Engineer Kathryn McKillips on two major road projects...She says, the Cleveland Street project will resume when the weather breaks, and the East Broad Street widening project will continue through the winter with a focus on underground work.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-06-2023 It appears another roundabout will be coming to Lorain County in a few years. Governor Mike DeWine has announced 73-million-dollars in funding support for 25 projects across the state. The list includes; Construction of a roundabout at Routes 57 and 83 in Lorain County and construction of a roundabout at Routes 3 and 162 in Medina County. Both projects are on the board for 2027.
News Programming - approx 25 sec

12-07-2023 Some residents of Lorain would like to see a skate park built at Longfellow Park. Tonight, they'll share ideas and talk about making it happen. They'll get together at 6 pm at the Lorain Palace Theater and hear from professional skater Chad Muska.
News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-07-2023 New housing could be coming to the former site of Windsor Elementary School in Elyria. Dale Yost Construction wants to put in some cluster homes. The plans are making their way through the application process.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-15-2023 An upcoming road closure in Sandusky... Workers will be closing the southbound lane through the Columbus Avenue underpass on Monday and Tuesday for repairs to the sewer. Two-way traffic will be maintained with flaggers directing traffic.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-18-2023 Two road closures in the Norwalk area today... Lover's Lane, between Drake Road and Whittlesey... and North Greenfield Road, between Section Line 30 and Old Military Road, will be shut down for road work. They will both be closed from 7 to 5 today only.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-18-2023 A road closure today in Sandusky... Workers will be closing the southbound lane through the Columbus Avenue underpass today and tomorrow for repairs to the sewer. Two-way traffic will be maintained with flaggers directing traffic.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-18-2023 On the road... In Elyria... Work continues on East Broad Street, and this week, the eastbound lane from Prospect to Abbe is scheduled to be closed.

News Programming - approx 10 sec

12-19-2023 Winter weather is making headlines today... Erie County is currently under a Level 1, while Huron County is also sitting at a Level 1 Snow Emergency due to the snow, blowing snow and slick conditions.

News Programming - approx 15 sec

12-27-2023 On the road... Next week... Weather permitting... Underground utility work will resume at the intersection of Gulf Road, Cleveland Street, East Bridge and Bridge Street. Look for lane closures and detour signs...

News Programming - approx 15 sec