



WAOR Issues and Programs List
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Regularly Scheduled
News and Public Affairs Programming
Broadcast by WAOR

Program Name	Schedule and Description
Local Newscasts	Three minute news segments broadcast each hour at 6 am, 7 am, 8 am Monday through Friday; Covers news stories affecting the local cities, counties, and states.
Weather Forecasts	30 second segments broadcast one time each hour between 12 am and 12 midnight; Forecasts of the weather and updates on weather related watches and warnings.
What's Happening in Our Community	Highlights of activities from around the community. 24 hours per day Froggy announces different events or activities associated with non profit organizations to inform the community of their happenings.
Radio Health Journal	30 minute program broadcast each Sunday at 6 am; Interviews with guests that have expertise and real-world experience in health and medicine.
Scam Of The Week	3 minute program broadcast each Sunday at 6:30 a.m.; Interview with representatives from the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana regarding scams and consumer news designed to help prevent consumers from falling prey to scammers or becoming victims of identity theft.
The Zach Attack	A music intensive afternoon show, offering local weather and highlighting local events and news; plus local interviews from dignitaries in the community. Keeping Elkhart County residents informed and entertained each weekday afternoons from 2pm to 7pm.
Laura's Lounge	A music intensive midday show, offering local news, weather and sports for the listeners commute and enjoyment. Keeping Elkhart County residents informed and entertained each weekday from 10am to 2pm.
Tommie Lee til Midnight	A music intensive evening show for the listeners commute and enjoyment. Keeping Elkhart County residents informed and entertained each weekday afternoon from 7pm to Midnight.
NorthWood High School Alternative Sports	A weekly High School sports broadcast that includes a basketball matchup between the Nappanee High School and their opponent; 2 hour program broadcast Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday at various times.
Elkhart County Game of the Week	A 2 ½ Hour weekly High School sports broadcast that includes a football/basketball matchup between schools within signal reach. Fridays beginning at 6:45pm.

Issues of Concern to the Communities Served by WAOR

Subject	Description
Environment	Coverage of ways to help public be more conscience of the community, and raise awareness on the need to protect our environment.
Public Safety	Coverage of public safety issues faced on a national, state and local level including violent crimes against people, property crimes, scams and ways to combat crime.
Economy	Coverage of the economy and employment issues on a local, state or national level as it affects listeners' money, as well as local and statewide economic initiatives.
Public Charity	Coverage of events that raise funds and/or awareness for charitable organizations in the community. This may also include organizations actively supported by local government
Political/Election	Coverage of important political news and the current primary and general election on a state or local level.
Family/Childhood Well Being	Coverage of quality of life, be it family, education, economy, social, as it relates to children on a national, state or local level.
Health	Coverage of public health issues faces on a state and local level, including effects on family, disease outbreaks and recall information.
Education	Coverage of school/education issues on a state and local level including graduation rates, extra-curricular and increasing children's GPA's and learning skills.
Coronavirus Pandemic	Coverage of the coronavirus pandemic and how it is affecting lives of residents on a local level.
Scam/Fraud Prevention	Coverage of scam alerts and news to protect consumers' money and online information/identity.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story – State of Manufacturing

Broadcast Date: January 2, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep listeners informed about the state of the economy, this radio station aired a news story about how one in four Indiana-based manufacturing companies say their current financial performance is challenging. That's according to the 2023 Indiana Manufacturing Survey. Even more than that are worried about a recession. Mark Frohlich is a professor with Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. They helped put the study together. He says despite those concerns, manufacturers are still committed to investing in technology and developing the state's workforce.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Health, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Weight Loss Goals

Broadcast Date: January 3, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To help listeners who may be set weight-loss goals for their New Year's resolutions, this station aired a news story about how one of the most common resolutions is to lose weight. A board-certified psychiatrist recommends setting realistic goals such as walking two days a week. Doctor Dion Metzger suggests using "the buddy system..." She also suggests holding off any making any *radical* changes to your diet right away, and, instead easing your way in.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: First Fridays – January Edition

Broadcast Date: January 5, 2024

Broadcast Time: 5pm to 7pm

Duration: 1 minute/each break

Summary: Zach Miller broadcasted live from Downtown Goshen's First Fridays, encouraging people to support local businesses in the community. Amanda Jean, the events coordinator for Goshen's First Fridays was interviewed about the event and offered information about ways people can participate for the event.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Childhood and Family Well Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Fire and Ice Festival-Goshen

Broadcast Date: January 5, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the audience about a big, free community event taking place in Goshen, this station aired a news story about how the Fire and Ice Festival during Goshen First Friday was taking place on this date. Professional ice carving will start at noon for people to watch and all of the activities will happen from five until eight. The completed sculptures will be on display, with fire dancers performing. Kids can have their picture taken sitting on the ice throne or ice sleigh.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: January 2, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana talk about the dangers of weight loss scams that target people who are looking to lose weight in the new year.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Childhood and Family Well Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign

Broadcast Date: January 8, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about efforts to curtail human trafficking, this station aired a news story about how Indiana State Police are partnering with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance this week to raise human trafficking awareness among truckers. The U.S. Department of Transportation says human traffickers use the interstate system for recruitment, moving and controlling victims, and delivering victims to buyers for sex or forced labor. Four major interstates, including the 80-90 toll road, cross Indiana.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Education, Environment, Public Safety,

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: January 8, 2024

Broadcast Time: 8:50am, 12:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about The Elkhart Environmental Center's recycling program for Christmas Lights thru the end of January 2024.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Childhood and Family Well Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Winter Days At Potawatomi Zoo

Broadcast Date: January 9, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a chance to attend the local zoo during the off-season, this station aired a news story about how Winter Days have begun at the Potawatomi Zoo. These special hours run every other weekend through March 17th from noon to 3 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. The zoo says this allows families to get out and enjoy the outdoors and see some of the animals who don't mind the cold. Winter Days are free for members of the Zoo, and 7-50 for non-member adults...6-50 for non-member children and seniors.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Extreme Weather, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Winter Storm Watch

Broadcast Date: January 10, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a major winter event in the forecast, this station aired news stories about how a Winter Storm Watch goes into effect at 10 o'clock, Friday morning, and last through 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. During that time heavy snow is possible with total accumulations in excess of 6 inches possible. The counties in the Watch zone include Elkhart, St. Joseph, LaPorte, LaGrange and Steuben Counties. In Michigan, Berrien, Cass and St. Joseph Counties are included. Travel could be very difficult. Areas of blowing snow could reduce visibility.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Family Well Being, Pet Adoption, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: January 10, 2024

Broadcast Time: 9:50am, 1:45 p.m., 5:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about The Humane Society of Elkhart County waving adoption fees for pets thru the end of January 2024.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Possible Home Heating Rate Increase

Broadcast Date: January 11, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a chance to challenge a possible rate increase to their home heating bills, this station aired a news story about how to try to stop your gas bill from going up, you have a chance. Indiana regulators are inviting public comments on the pending NIPSCO Natural Gas rate request through January 24th. They're taking written comments online. We've posted the website where you can submit your comments and a street address if you'd like to snail mail them at 95-3 MNC Dot Com.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Extreme Weather, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Winter Storm Warning

Broadcast Date: January 11, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a major winter event nearing the area, this station aired news stories about how a Winter Storm Warning was forecast for this date: now in effect from 10 o'clock this morning through 7 o'clock tomorrow night. Rachel Cobb with the National Weather Service says the worst time for the snow and the wind will be tonight through late Saturday afternoon. She says to get your errands done as early as possible. After the winter storm passes, it's going to get bitter cold, with sub-zero wind chills. Alex MicGinnis with the National Weather Service says Hoosiers in Northern Indiana could see up to 3 inches of snow.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: January 9, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana discuss reports of fake discount offers for the popular weight loss drug Ozempic.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Health, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Goshen Library-Goshen Health Mental Health Initiative

Broadcast Date: January 16, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about the chance to learn more about mental health issues, this radio station aired a news story about how the Goshen Public Library and Goshen Health are partnering up for mental health. Their plan is to provide free programs about mental health coping strategies. Topics include talking about feelings, physical activities, and spending time outside. It's for families with children in grades K through 5. It'll take place at the Goshen Public Library on Thursday from 4 to 4:30, starting next week, for five weeks.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Extreme Weather, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Wind Chill Advisory

Broadcast Date: January 16, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about the extended cold spell, this radio station aired a news story about the Wind Chill Advisory which continues through at least Wednesday morning. Evenings, overnights and early morning wind chills could dip to 20 below zero, or even lower. There's a full list of school delays and closings, this morning, due to the extreme weather. Check the website at 95-3 MNC Dot Com... or check with your school district.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Animal Welfare

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Pet Adoption Fees Waived

Broadcast Date: January 18, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about the need for animal adoption in Elkhart County, this radio station aired a news story about how the Humane Society of Elkhart County is reaching a critical point where they are running out of space for incoming dogs. Their urgent appeal says that there are nearly 50 dogs needing homes. So, the Humane Society is waiving adoption fees throughout the rest of January.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Extreme Weather, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Next Big Winter Storm

Broadcast Date: January 19, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about another winter storm heading to Michiana, this radio station aired a news story about how a Winter Storm Warning is in effect through early Saturday morning. By tonight, lake-effect snow will take over the area. Intense snowfall rates of 1 to 2 inches per hour will be possible within the lake effect snow bands. As many as 4 to 8 inches of snowfall is expected with even higher localized amounts under the lake-effect bands. Get set for a big melt next week. But Tuesday, highs will be near 40 with rain.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Shishewana Ice Festival

Broadcast Date: January 19, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about a beloved community event taking place, this radio station aired a news story about how the Shishewana Ice Festival was taking place. It's the 17th year of the festival where ice carvers will be drilling and shaving ice all over town. Carving begins at 10 o'clock this morning and will continue until Saturday with a competition in the parking lot behind the Davis Mercantile. There's a wing sauce competition tonight... and a chili cook-off tomorrow.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: January 16, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana discuss reports of phony parking tickets appearing on cars that are designed to trick you into paying fines you don't actually owe.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Health, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Red Cross Blood Donations Needed

Broadcast Date: January 24, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about the urgent need for blood donations, this radio station aired a news story about how, according to the Red Cross, the blood supply has fallen to dangerously low levels across the country, and the nation is seeing the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. Donors of all blood types, especially type O and platelets, are needed now. More than 370 blood drives have been cancelled nationwide, this month due to winter weather.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Charity, Family Well Being, Public Safety

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: January 24, 2024

Broadcast Time: 10:50am, 2:45 p.m., 6:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about a donation drive at the South Bend Church of the Nazarene, benefitting a local family who lost all 6 of their children in a house fire.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Health, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Hispanic Infant Mortality Grants

Broadcast Date: January 26, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about health issues hitting minority groups, locally, this radio station aired a news story about how the Indiana Department of Health has provided a grant worth \$250,000 to tackle the high infant mortality rate among Hispanics in Elkhart County. The county is ranked among the top 10 counties with the highest infant mortality rate in the state. Moreover, the 46516-zip code in the county has the highest infant mortality rate in the state, at 13.7 percent.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: January 23, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana talk about "Do Me A Favor" scams. These involve messages claiming to be from friends with an urgent need for money.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Education, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Goshen Student Essay Contest

Broadcast Date: February 1, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a student essay contest in the City of Goshen, this radio station aired a news story about the details of the contest. The city says the essay contest is meant, "to challenge the city's future leaders to rethink what it takes to build a community where every neighbor can live, work, and learn in their fullest potential."

Contest entries will be divided into two age groups, 7-8 grade and 9-12 grade, and is open to any student with a Goshen address.

First, second, and third prizes will be awarded in each of the two grade groups with the first-place winner from each group having the opportunity to present their essays at the Goshen Chamber of Commerce's Founder's Day Celebration.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: First Fridays – February Edition

Broadcast Date: February 2, 2024

Broadcast Time: 5pm to 7pm

Duration: 1 minute/each break

Summary: Zach Miller broadcasted live from Downtown Goshen's First Fridays, encouraging people to support local businesses in the community. Amanda Jean, the events coordinator for Goshen's First Fridays was interviewed about the event and offered information about ways people can participate for the event.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: January 30, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana discuss the recent rise in "Sugar Momma" or "Sugar Daddy" romance scams aimed at tugging on the heartstrings in order to loosen the purse strings.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family Well Being, Health

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: February 5, 2024

Broadcast Time: 8:50am, 12:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about the Special Olympics of Elkhart County hosting a day long basketball tournament showcasing Special Olympians from all over the state.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Health, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Sleep Patterns and Heart Health

Broadcast Date: February 6, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about their heart health, this radio station aired a news story about how, for "American Heart Month," new research confirms the connection between a person's sleeping patterns and heart health. According to the report, inconsistent sleep can lead to an increase in heart failure risk. Cardiologists say, besides sleep, a healthy diet and doing 30 to 40 minutes of daily moderate exercise - like walking four to five days a week can ward off heart disease

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family Well Being, Health

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: February 8, 2024

Broadcast Time: 10:50 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about the Blood Drive for the South Bend Medical Foundation happening at the Monteith's Best One Tire location in Nappanee location on February 8th.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: February 6, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana talk about the annual confusion over changes in our income taxes that can lead people to make poor decisions when faced with a scammer claiming to be a tax expert.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Family Well Being, Public Charity

Program/Segment Title: What's Happening in Our Community

Broadcast Date: February 12, 2024

Broadcast Time: 10:50 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 7:50 p.m.

Duration: 1 minute

Summary: Every Day, What's Happening in Our Community features a PSA for a local event happening in our listening area. We informed listeners about the Salvation Army in Elkhart hosting Senior Care Day on Wednesday, February 21st.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Education

Program/Segment Title: News Story – First Responder Recruits

Broadcast Date: February 6, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To let the community know about a potential way to get more first responder recruits, this radio station aired a news story about a partnership, between Goshen Community Schools and the City of Goshen is meant to, hopefully, introduce high school students to a possible first responder career. Through the partnership, students can enroll in a two-year program and attain certifications through Ivy Tech, meeting the requirements for careers as firefighters or E.M.T.'s. The program is expected to start during the 2024-25 school year.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: February 13, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana discuss scholarship scams targeting students who are in the process of applying for colleges.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Education, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Goshen College Symphony Director Fired

Broadcast Date: February 19, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about a major change for the Music Department at Goshen College, this radio station aired a news story reporting about how a week after he was placed on leave, Goshen College fired the Director of the Goshen College Symphony Orchestra and Associate Professor of Music.

BACKGROUND: The Director of the Goshen College Symphony orchestra and Associate Professor of Music has been placed on administrative leave. This, was after the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel published an article about Richard Brunson's departure from a former job he held at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point amid accusations of sexual harassment against male students.

According to Goshen College's student-run newspaper, The Record, Brunson resigned from his position in Wisconsin after an investigation into alleged multiple incidents of inappropriate sexual behavior. He then went on to work in a K-12 public school district in Wisconsin and was placed on leave after the district found out about the nature of his resignation from the university.

The school district wrote Brunson a "neutral letter of recommendation." After he was hired by Goshen College, last spring, the college requested but was denied documents related to his resignation from the University of Wisconsin, but Brunson had sued the University, preventing their release, The Record reported. The documents were ordered to be made public months later, but the records weren't sent to Goshen College.

Goshen College was contacted by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel late last month, put in a new request for the documents, and received them earlier this week, after placing Brunson on leave. An employee conduct review is now underway, The Record reported.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Health, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Salvation Army Senior Care Day

Broadcast Date: February 20, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To let the public know about an opportunity for seniors to get free services, this radio station aired a news story about how the Salvation Army of Elkhart will host another Senior Care Day event on Wednesday...

Seniors age 55 and older are invited to a Senior Care Day hosted by the Salvation Army of Elkhart.

Seniors are invited to receive free services, including mini massages, hair cuts and trims, and nail filings and polishings.

With a need for senior citizen care in the community, the Salvation Army hopes to offer the free services while also providing valuable information for participants.

Some additional activities will include a free lunch, rounds of Bingo, a color relaxation therapy room and multiple resource tables.

It's happening from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Eductaion, Political/Election

Program/Segment Title: News Story – Goshen School Board Members Investigation

Broadcast Date: February 21, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: TO inform the public about a criminal investigation underway involving members of the Goshen School Board who face arrest warrants for failing to disclose donor names in a 2022 fundraiser.

BACKGROUND: Several Goshen School Board members face arrest warrants for failing to disclose donor names in a 2022 fundraiser. Former Mayor Allan Kauffman, Jose Elizalde, Mario Garber, Roger Nafziger, and Andrea Johnson are implicated.

The Goshen News reports the charges include filing a fraudulent report and misdemeanors for accepting contributions in others' names.

The report states that Sue Neeb, a retired teacher, raised funds for the candidates, listing Kauffman as the donor on forms, which was later revealed as inaccurate.

The contributions were used to help pay for a mailer against three other candidates. According to the Elkhart County Election Board, more than 40 people were fined for campaign violations last April.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Health, Animal Welfare

Program/Segment Title: News Story – IN Puppy Mill Bill

Broadcast Date: February 23, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To address concern concern about a bill in the Indiana General Assembly some people fear may open the door for jam-packed pet shelters, this radio station aired updates about the bill and its intentions.

THE CONCERN/BACKGROUND: Some Hoosiers want Indiana lawmakers to rethink proposed legislation that would usurp existing local laws that prohibit retailers from selling puppies. Legislators listened to emotional testimony during a 3.5 hour hearing on the proposed law, which was revived from last year's session.

Dr. Scott Robinson, a physician and attorney who also founded a low-cost spay and neuter center in Indianapolis, told the Senate Agriculture Committee there's no mystery about House Bill 1412. Pet stores support the legislation because they're trying to keep themselves from being forced out of business.

"I've been involved in animal welfare for a long time, and I've seen over the years many wolves in sheep's clothing and that's what this is about," Robinson argued. "There's plenty of regulations that can be made to monitor puppy mills, but this is designed to usurp local control of communities and protect pet stores."

Lori Wilson, CEO of Uncle Bill's Pet Centers, who operates six stores throughout Indiana, supports the proposed legislation.

"We are very transparent. We're open door," she intoned. "Being USDA, you have to be open door, so we are very picky. I actually go to many of the kennels to make sure that they are exactly what we want them to be and need them to be, to be able to source humanely and ethically raised puppies."

Opponents say the bill lacks funding to support the agencies tasked with enforcing laws. This is not a budget year for Indiana lawmakers, so any funding to support the proposed mandate would not come before 2025.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: February 20, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee, CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana, and special guest "Julie" talk about her harrowing and expensive experience with a local law enforcement impersonation scam that cost her \$5000, and nearly cost her even more.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Education, Political/Election

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Goshen School Board Investigation Latest

Broadcast Date: February 26, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about the ongoing case involving members of the Goshen School Board who face arrest warrants for failing to disclose donor names in a 2022 fundraiser, this radio station aired a news story about how a motion has been filed citing school board member and former Goshen Mayor Allan Kauffman's hospitalization for the reason he hadn't turned himself in. Kaufman has been in the hospital for two weeks and won't be released until early March.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Education, Political/Election

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Spring-like Severe Weather

Broadcast Date: February 27, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about the chance for springtime-like severe weather moving through Michiana, this station aired a news story about how the National Weather Service is expecting damaging winds, hail, heavy rain, and even tornadoes tomorrow as a system continues to develop over the Great Plains. Meteorologist David Beachler says most of the state is in the bullseye. He advises that you make yourself ready with the necessary provision in case your power goes out or your home is damaged. For severe weather text alerts to your cell phone, text WEATHER to 4-5-3-6-4.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Education, Health, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Parent Coalition Anti-Bullying Community Meeting

Broadcast Date: February 29, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To keep the public informed about ongoing talks to help reduce bullying in schools, this radio station aired a news story about "The Parent Coalition's" latest community empowerment meeting from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024 & A Night of Remembrance & Truth-Telling in-person gathering on March 14.

BACKGROUND: Each month during their virtual Community Empowerment Meetings, a new person/family will be highlighted in sharing their Truth, surrounding child safety in our schools and communities. This month's meeting on Thursday, February 29th, 2024, from 6:30pm-7:30pm introduces their first mother-daughter Truth-Telling session. There will be collective listening, followed by community discussion related to the family's experiences surrounding child safety, bullying, mental health, and suicide prevention.

In addition to this month's Community Empowerment Meeting, the Parent Coalition is asking the community save the date for an upcoming in-person event, A Night of Remembrance & Truth-Telling. Rio's Rainbow, Parent Coalition for Child Safety & Wellness, and Braving Connection have partnered to co-host the gathering to honor the two-year anniversary of the passing of Rio Allred and the several other children lost to suicide in our local communities. All are welcome and invited to join from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, at Calvary United Methodist Church, which is located at 2222 W. Indiana Ave. Elkhart, IN 46516.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy, Public Charity, Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: First Fridays – March Edition

Broadcast Date: March 1, 2024

Broadcast Time: 5pm to 7pm

Duration: 1 minute/each break

Summary: Zach Miller broadcasted live from Downtown Goshen's First Fridays, encouraging people to support local businesses in the community. Amanda Jean, the events coordinator for Goshen's First Fridays was interviewed about the event and offered information about ways people can participate for the event.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Economy

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Hall Of Heroes Comic Con

Broadcast Date: March 1, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a huge local economic event, this radio station aired a news story about how this coming Saturday and Sunday marked the return of the Hall of Heroes Comic Con at the Northern Indiana Event center in Elkhart. The 7th annual event is twice as big as before, with more than a hundred vendors, food, cosplay contests, kids activities and plenty of celebrities. Single Day and Weekend passes, as well as VIP passes, are still available at the door this weekend, or at H O H Comic Con dot org. Veterans get in free.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Childhood and Family Well-Being

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Stranger Danger In Elkhart County

Broadcast Date: March 1, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a case of stranger danger in Elkhart County, this radio station aired a news story about how a young girl narrowly avoided being kidnapped from her home on Tuesday. Fortunately, the video captured a silver/gray van driving along Cassopolis Street where it approached the girl. A neighbor shared his surveillance camera footage on Facebook after hearing about his neighbors' terrifying ordeal with their daughter almost being abducted. Thankfully, the girl managed to escape.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: February 27, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and Jan Diaz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana discuss the pitfalls of new email scams, and their dangerous impacts on personal and business accounts and finance.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: March 5, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana break down the many features of the BBB scamtracker website, how to use them, and how it impacts the community.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Childhood and Family WellBeing

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Bikers Against Predators Bust Leads To Conviction

Broadcast Date: March 4, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a case of a man charged for sex-related crimes against children, this radio station aired a news story about how a man caught on a Bikers Against Predators video was sentenced in Elkhart County Court.

48-year-old Shawn Ensign of Goshen was charged by plea agreement on a charge of Child Solicitation.

A probable cause affidavit says a man associated with Bikers Against Predators contacted Goshen police on May 4 to report that Ensign had attempted to meet with what he believed was a 14-year-old girl at the Goshen Dunkin Donuts, though the person he had been speaking to and arranging to meet was actually an adult living in California.

According to The Goshen News, officers were given a cell phone containing the two's conversation, some of which included sexual content, affirmations to the teen that her age was permissible to Ensign and discussions about meeting.

When police met Ensign at the scene, he claimed that he did not remember the teen's age and only claimed that their conversations involved discussion about cuddling and meeting for coffee. He was sentenced to 3 years on reporting probation.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: March 12, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana talk about a recent rise in fake Publisher's Clearing House winner scams, how they differ from the real sweepstakes, how these scams work, and how to avoid them.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Family Well Being, Health, Public Charity

Program/Segment Title: Live Broadcast – Leprechaun Leap

Broadcast Date: March 23, 2024

Broadcast Time: 12pm to 2pm

Duration: 1 minute/each break

Summary: Zach Miller broadcasted live from Leprechaun Leap 2024. An event for Cancer Resources for Elkhart County – a 501 3C that gives money to patients going through cancer treatments. Miller spoke with organizer and Executive Director, Peter Norton; as well as other board members; about the importance of their cause.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Scam Of The Week

Program/Segment Title: Scam Of The Week

Broadcast Date: March 19, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6:30 a.m.

Duration: 3 minutes

Summary: News anchor/reporter Tommie Lee and CEO Rick Walz of the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana talk about the upcoming total eclipse in The Hoosier State, and the importance of making sure the eyewear you buy to view it is genuine and safe.

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Public Safety, Health, Childhood and Family WellBeing

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Local Safe Haven Baby Box Installed

Broadcast Date: March 28, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about a option to help save baby's lives, this radio station aired a news story about how the City of Mishawka now has it's own Safe Haven Baby Box. A ceremonial blessing for the box took place, Wednesday morning, at Penn Township Fire Department Station 13 on McKinley Highway. The box was dedicated in honor of Representative Jackie Walorski. Her mother, Martha, spoke on her daughter's behalf. Safe Haven Baby Boxes provide a vital resource for women in crisis, allowing a mother to surrender her newborn baby anonymously

Most Significant Issue Responsive Programming

Issues Addressed: Education

Program/Segment Title: News Story –Changes To Indiana High School Diplomas

Broadcast Date: March 29, 2024

Broadcast Time: 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m.

Duration: 1 minute/each story

Summary: To inform the public about possible changes to Indiana high school diplomas, this radio station aired a news story about how, as part of Indiana's ongoing effort to rethink the high school experience, the Department of Education has presented a proposal to streamline the number of diplomas. For the first time ever, Indiana's high school diplomas would be aligned to the state's current graduation goals, as well as the five characteristics of an Indiana G.P.S. In the proposal presented on Wednesday, Indiana's future diplomas would include the Indiana G.P.S. Diploma and the Indiana G.P.S. Diploma-Plus. For all students, regardless of the diploma type they earn, learning in 9th and 10th grades would be more directly focused on essential knowledge and skills while allowing more flexibility and personalization in 11th and 12th grades.