ANN ARBOR RADIO 2023 4th Q ISSUES & PROGRAMS REPORT 1290 AM – WLBY "Lucy Ann Lance Show" On-Air Guests and Events:

Regular Segments:

Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce – Monday 10:10am

10/9 – **REGROUP - Jan Muhleman, Co-Founder / President, REGROUP -** Since its inception in 1974, this independent brand communications agency has shaped the vision and messaging for companies of all sizes. It all started with Domino's Pizza, its first client.

10/16 – **No Fault Reform - Chris Kolokithas, Insurance Agent, Farm Bureau Insurance -** This new insurance agent is a former Arena football player. He now enjoys helping his clients understand the impact changes in the industry can have on their lives.

11/6 – Ann Arboristas - Diane Frank Wilson and Nancy Fortino Bates, Owners - These decades long friends have started a concierge tour business to showcase Ann Arbor and connect people with what makes the town so special.

12/18 – Growing Your Business - Mike Lockman, Certified Profit Coach, Achieving Sales Results / Author, *Pathways to Profitability* - Learn how to generate new sales and opportunities to drive profit and revenue growth for your business.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan: Monday 9:10 am – Andy Hetzel VP Communications BCBSM

10/2 - What You Need to Know about Flu - It's flu season and it's time to protect yourself.

10/9 – **Better Way to Access Behavioral Health -** Blue Cross and Blue Care Network are offering a new virtual solution to help your members connect with behavioral health care services.

10/16 - Eye Exams Help Detect Diabetes - Regular eye exams play a major role in detecting illness.

10/23 - High Performing PCMH Practices

10/30 - Prior Authorization

11/6 – **Coordinated Care Expands -** Blue Cross Coordinated Care Portfolio delivers personalized resources that make navigating health care easier.

11/13 – **Dental Health and Whole Person Health -** The health of our teeth and gums is directly linked to the health of our whole body.

11/20 – **Food Grants Support Communities Statewide -** About 1.8 million Michigan residents face food insecurity – meaning they don't have easy access to healthy, nutritious foods.

11/27 – **Cancer Care Support -** BCBSM's Cancer Support Program will provide access to educational resources, clinical expertise, mental health support and peer support.

12/4 – **Price Edge and Other Rx Cost Savers -** Find out how Price Edge is helping Blue Cross members save money on their prescription drugs.

12/11 – **Great Winter Activities** - Blue Cross encourages a healthy lifestyle through its My Kids Can campaign to help children and families stay active year-round, and winter is no exception.

12/18 – How to Avoid Chronic Conditions - Chronic conditions affect six in 10 adults in the United States. And they account for about 3-point-5 TRILLION dollars in health care spending each year.

12/26 – Blueprint for Affordability Update

UMCU Money Monday – Monday 9:20am – Mark Munzenberger, Financial Education Manager, University of Michigan Credit Union

10/2 – Five Ways to Teach You Teen about Money Management – Nicole Bernacik, Financial Education Specialist, UMCU

10/9 – Benefits of Using AnnualCreditReport.com – Nicole Bernacik, Financial Education Specialist, UMCU 10/16 – How to Plan For and Enjoy Retirement - Learn the three stages of retirement and how you can maximize your retirement years.

10/23 - **Is an AARP Membership Worth It? -** The American Association of Retired Persons, commonly known by its acronym AARP, is America's leading organization for people aged fifty and older, providing member benefits, marketing services, and lobbying on their behalf.

11/6 – Shop Local, Give Local Campaign - Katie Joseph, UMCU's Graphic Design Specialist / Brand & Marketing Team - Now in its 8th year, this UMCU campaign is a winner on many levels because it promotes shopping and dining locally while also giving back to an important charity right here in our community.

11/13 – The Three Savings Buckets - Nicole Bernacik, Financial Education Specialist, UMCU - Having different "buckets" for our savings can help manage and attain our separate goals

11/20 - Black Friday Shopping - Nicole Bernacik - Black Friday can be a great day to get some amazing deals on an array of items and holiday gifts, but we need to be smart with our money and make a plan.

11/27 – **The Mortgage Market - Looking Ahead to 2024 -** Insight and analysis about the state of the real estate market.

12/4 – Six Financial Moves to Make Before the End of the Year – Nicole Bernacik

12/11 - Five Ways to Have a Great Holiday Without Breaking the Bank - Nicole Bernacik

12/18 – Five Tips to Bank Safely and Avoid Scams – Caitlin Hickman, Branch Manager, UMCU

12/25 – Five Tips to Prevent Fraud – Caitlin Hickman, Branch Manager, UMCU

Fifty Plus Financial News: Monday 9:35am

10/2 – How to Avoid Work at Home Scams that Target Retirees

10/16 - Social Security Cost-of-Living increase for 2024 will be 3.2%

11/6 - FBI warning of "Phantom Hacker" scam targeting older adults financial accounts

11/20 - Baby boomers have overtaken millennials as the largest generation of homebuyers

Beyond The Courtroom: Tuesday 9:20am- Dan Chlebos, Court Consultant / Asst. Professor of Justice & Public Policy / Former Police Chief

10/3 – Importance of a Criminal Defense - Bill Amadeo, Criminal Defense Attorney, McManus & Amadeo; -Beyond the Courtroom, looks at real life legal cases locally and across the country from the perspective of the prosecution, defense, judges and law enforcement. On this inaugural edition, we examine the role of a criminal defense attorney and explore the latest court action revolving around the Oxford High School shootings.

10/10 – The Expert Witness - Steve Ashley, Law Enforcement Trainer, Risk Manager, Consultant, and Author, and frequently serves as an expert witness in both state and federal courts - A look at the role of the expert witness and how juries perceive them.

10/17 - The Life of an FBI Agent - Special Agent Greg Stejskal, FBI (Ret'd.) / Author, FBI Case Files -

Michigan: Tales of a G-Man - An FBI agent for 31 years, Special Agent Greg Stejskal retired as Resident Agent in Charge of the Ann Arbor office in 2006. He takes us inside two of his cases, Jimmy Hoffa and the Unabomber. 10/31 – **Family Law - Jennifer Kelley, Attorney, McManus & Amadeo -** The challenges of navigating the dissolution of a marriage, especially when children are involved (and even dogs.)

11/7 - The Expert Witness - An inside look at the role of an expert witness in court cases.

11/14 – **Polygraphs - Scott Grabel, Attorney, Grabel & Associates -** Polygraph/lie detector examinations still have some skeptics and the results of polygraph testing are generally not admissible in Michigan courts except under a few exceptions. However, critical investigative and prosecutorial decisions have been known to be influenced by the polygraph examination results.

11/21 - **Inside the Michigan Football Scandal - Donald Shelton, Ret'd. -** The controversy over a Michigan football analyst allegedly stealing signals through a method that goes against NCAA rules has been one of the biggest stories this season. We take a look at what the court's involvement was all about.

12/5 – When a Cop Goes to Court - Steve Ashley, Law Enforcement Trainer, Risk Manager, Consultant, Expert Witness and - A police officer called in to court may feel confident in his or her performance, however that may actually be a false sense of security. Here is what to look for when either having been deposed or called to testify. 12/12 – Appearing in Court - When asked to appear in court there are several rules to follow to help you make a credible impression.

12/19 – Does AI Create Artificial Justice? - Dr. Khalid Malik, Professor of Computer Science, College of Innovation & Technology, University of Michigan Flint - The thorny issue of Artificial Intelligence creating deep fake content has now entered the court room, creating difficulties for juries to ascertain the truth.

12/26 – **Strange But True Laws** - These laws have been on the books for decades and still stand, but they hardly make sense in today's world.

Saline Report: Wednesday 9:20am – Michelle Duggan, Saline Chamber Executive Director

10/25 - People's Choice Winner - Jill Durnen, Co-Owner, Hartman Insurance / President, Saline Main Street; Michelle Dugan, Executive Director, Saline Area Chamber of Commerce - A two-time winner of the chamber's People's Choice award, Hartman Insurance has a long legacy in Saline and is a great supporter of the community. 11/1 – Holiday Tree Lighting & Parade - Kolby Miller, SACC Operations Manager - The 48th Annual Saline Holiday Parade has lots of lights, music & entertainment including a visit by Santa! Scheduled for Sat., December 2 at 6:15 PM, people from all over the area line the streets of downtown Saline for this holiday favorite.

11/8 – The Role of the Chamber Board - Lisa Bozzi, Chamber President / Liebherr Gear and Automation Technologies, Inc., Molly Luempert-Coy, Chamber Vice President / DTE Energy - When you become a member of the Chamber of Commerce you get members-only perks, networking opportunities and a whole lot of exposure for your business.

12/20 – **2024 Membership Investment & Sponsorship Schedule - Kolby Miller, SAC Operations Manager-** The chamber has changed its membership structure, offering businesses more ways to maximize their investment.

Fifty Plus Health News: Wednesday 9:35am

10/4 – High Blood Pressure and Older Adults

10/25 – A new study from the National Council on Aging on the impact of falls on older adults over 65

11/1 - Should older adults with fewer years to live keep getting cancer screenings?

11/22 - How to navigate Black Friday, exercise opportunities are available

11/29 - Common eye conditions affecting older adults

A Healthier Michigan: Wednesday 9:50am -

10/4 – Understanding Metastatic Breast Cancer - Dr. Gina Lynem Walker , Medical Director at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan - Metastatic breast cancer — also called stage IV — is breast cancer that has spread to another part of the body, most commonly the bones, lungs, brain, or liver.

10/11 – Signs and Symptoms of ADHD in Children - Dr. Kristyn Gregory, Medical Director of Behavioral Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan - Learn how to identify if your child has Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder and how to manage it.

10/18 – Nutrition Differences in Farm-Raised vs. Wild-Caught Fish - Shanthi Appelö, Registered Dietitian and Health and Wellness Spokesperson at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan - Learn about the benefits of fish and which type you should buy for the best health benefit.

10/25 - 5 Tips to Handle Halloween Candy in a Healthy Way - Dr. Kristi Thomas, D.D.S., M.P.H., Associate Dental Consultant, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan - How much candy will the average kid consume on Halloween night?

11/1 – 5 Everyday Ways to Live Healthier with Diabetes - Shanthi Appelö, Registered Dietitian and Health and Wellness Spokesperson, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan - Important nutrition changes you should make to maintain a healthy blood sugar level.

11/8 – Understanding Premature Birth - Dr. Angela Seabright, Care Management Physician, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan - Although there can be many reasons why a baby is born premature, it can actually happen to any woman during a pregnancy.

11/15 – How Being Kind Can Boost Wellbeing - Shanthi Appelö, Registered Dietitian and Health and Wellness Spokesperson at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan - The positivity of kindness and how it impacts you.

11/22 - 3 Ways to Avoid Overeating During Holidays - Shanthi Appelö, Registered Dietitian and Health and Wellness Spokesperson at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan - This is the time of year when eating is central to celebrating the season, but there are ways to curb your hunger and not your enthusiasm.

11/29 – Health Disparities Affecting Native Americans - Dr. James D. Grant, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan - The challenges American Indians/Alaska Natives face when it comes to health care.

12/6 – Top 5 Sources of Stress during the Holidays – Dr. Kristyn Gregory, Medical Director of Behavioral Health at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

12/13 – How Social Media Can Put a Damper on Your Holiday Spirit – Shanthi Appelo, Registered Dietitian and Health and Wellness Spokesperson at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

12/20 – Celebrating the Holidays Safely – Dr. William Beecroft, Medical Director of Behavioral Health at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

12/27 – How Contagious is the Flu? – Dr. James Grant, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

On The Couch: Wednesday 10:10am - Frank Rubino – Psychologist / Asst. Professor, Concordia University Ann Arbor

10/4 – **Modern Dating & Relationships -** There are some strange trends in dating today across the country and the world with pulls for people to be in less traditional relationships. However, the vast majority of those proposing marriage remain men.

10/11 – **Critical Incident Response Teams -** More law enforcement agencies are training their personnel in mental health awareness to help better identify people with a mental illness and to develop partnerships in the community. 10/18 – **How Our World Impacts Us -** An examination of work trends and the difference between real mental health crises and social illnesses.

10/25 - **The Value of Mentors -** Mentors are important for the development of a young person. Here's how you can make a difference in a young person's life.

11/1 – **Matthew Perry, as a Cautionary Tale -** What makes one happy and content with their life? Seeking fame and fortune isn't the answer.

11/8 – **Do We Have the Right to Happiness? -** Where does your happiness come from? If you seek it from others, you'll never find true happiness.

11/15 – The Psychology of Swearing

11/22 - **Impact of the Nuremberg Trials -** This week marks the 78th anniversary of the start of the Nuremberg Trials, November 20, 1945, where Nazi Germany leaders stood trial for their crimes. Learn what those trials meant to the world, to justice and even psychology.

11/29 – **Repairing Relationships** - After the holiday gatherings you may have ruffled a few feathers among family members and friends. We have advice on what to do to make sure the upcoming holidays go a bit smoother. 12/6 – **The Impact of Friendships** - How good or bad friendships impact our mental health.

12/13 – **Prayer & Mental Health -** Studies show that how you pray can determine your mental health.

12/20 – **Are You Prepared for a Crisis?** - Unwarranted events since the pandemic have tended to layer one after another for many of us, creating fertile ground for trauma and a life of psychological pain for years. Learn how to become more resilient and able to handle adversity.

Around the Home: Thursday 9:50am – Pete Nowakowski, Marketing & Communications Director, BRAG Ann Arbor:

10/5 – Home for Good - Dexter Builders' Jerry Tyrrell, Project Manager; and Jake Manderfield, Customer Service Communications and Marketing - Rob and Nina Robertson in Ypsilanti are getting a poured concrete wheelchair ramp and front exterior makeover thanks to Dexter Builders and generous donors and volunteers through the BRAG Ann Arbor Foundation's Home for Good community service project.

10/19 – **Remodelers Home Tour** - Visit 13 beautifully remodeled homes in Ann Arbor! Find design inspiration, and connect with the professionals that can help improve or design and build your home. October 28 & 29, 2023 • Saturday & Sunday 11am - 5pm.

10/26 - Remodelers Home Tour - Jef Forward, Owner / Creative Director, Forward Design Build Remodel - With two beautiful homes on the tour this year, this builder understands what it means to cater to his customers dreams and desires.

11/9 – Staying Safe While Doing Your Home Improvements - Chris Otto, Founder& Principal, Otto Custom Craftsmen - Chris Otto has been in both the residential and commercial building industries since 1982, from building custom residential homes, high-end remodeling, to project management for national franchises.

11/16 – Ann Arbor Student Building Industry Program, Pt.1 (Morning Class) - Teacher's Assistant Grant Welch; Students Stephanie Bushey (Sr., Skyline); Conner Zahn (Sr., Skyline); Gabriel Mercier (Sr., Pioneer); Rita Albarkat (Sr., Pioneer) - As these students construct a new home from the ground up on Ann Arbor's west side, they're also preparing to flip pancakes at their annual fundraiser to help build their future.

11/23 - Ann Arbor Student Industry Building Program, Afternoon Class - Mark Valchine, Teacher; Students Desmond Hollands (Sr., Huron); Gabriel Stoner, (Sr., Pathways); Noah Mattson, (Jr., Huron); Izzy Slaymers-Tuccinard (Sr., CHS) - Learn about the new home these students are building and how the skills they are learning will help them in the future.

12/21 – The Difference European Windows Make - Valentin Avasiloaie, President, Ava Window - Choosing European window design for your home or commercial property offers a better construction, energy efficiency, and distinctive design.

TRAVEL MICHIGAN: Thursday 9:05am/Saturday 10:40am: Dave Lorenz, Vice President Travel Michigan;

10/5 – **Michigan's Museums, Part 2 -** Michigan's many museums showcase rich cultures, historic innovations, interactive exhibits and more.

10/12 – Scenic Fall Drives - Learn the history behind many of Michigan's storied roads.

10/19 – **Beautiful Places to Fall in Love with Michigan, Pt. 1** - They are highways with labels like M-22, M-201 and M-37. Whatever your destination, take the long way and enjoy a drive through Michigan's explosion of color.

10/26 - Beautiful Places to Fall in Love with Michigan, Pt. 2 - We meander along US-31 and visit Petoskey and Charlevoix, and even stop in at places author Ernest Hemingway explored in his youth.

11/2 – **Frankenmuth -** Waterparks, world-famous chicken dinners, Christmas all-year-round, one-of-a-kind shopping, and Bavarian charm, Michigan's Little Bavaria has European charm and a whole lot of fun.

11/9 – **Travel Michigan Director Announces Retirement -** After a 21 year career championing the Michigan travel industry, David Lorenz will be retiring at the end of the year.

11/16 – Michigan's Trails - The colder months are a perfect time to visit the wonders of Michigan's vast trail system.

11/23 - Enchanting Michigan Towns - These Michigan towns will take you back in time and soothe your soul.

11/30 – **Frozen Wonderland -** Learn to luge, snowshoe and even ice climb in Michigan's frozen waterfalls.

12/7 – Light Displays - Create a festive tradition with your family by visiting these beautiful displays throughout the holiday season.

12/14 – Skiing in Michigan - Michigan is #1 in the country for the most public ski areas.

12/21 - Weekend Getaways - Five quick trip ideas to rejuvenate your spirit.

12/28 – **Michigan Memories -** After more than 21 years with Travel Michigan Dave shares some of his memories, as he readies for retirement.

Talking Pictures - Friday 9:25am, Saturday 11:05am– Perry Seibert; Detroit Film Critics Society

10/6 – A review of Wes Anderson's quartet of Roald Dahl shorts, "The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar", "The Swan", "The Rat Catcher", and "Poison".

10/13 - A review of the Talking Heads concert movie, "Stop Making Sense", now making a return to the big screen.

10/20 - A review of the new Decaprio/DeNiro movie, "Killers of the Flower Moon".

10/27 – A review of the movie "Bottoms".

11/3 – 67 years of "The Wizard of Oz" on TV

11/10 - A review of the new Sofia Coppola movie, "Priscilla".

11/17 - A review of the David Fincher Netflix movie, "The Killer".

11/24 – A review of director Todd Haynes' new movie "May December" with Julianne Moore and Natalie Portman.

12/1 – A review of the movie "The Holdovers".

12/8 - A review of the movie "Maestro".

12/15 - A review of the movie "Anatomy of a Fall".

12/22 - A review of the movie, "Poor Things?" with actors Willem Dafoe and Emma Stone

12/29 - Perry's end of year top 5 movies.

Downtown Friday with the Main Street Area Association: Friday 9:10am – Sandra Andrade, MSAA Executive Director;

10/6 – **New Hair Salon - Mariah Smiley, Co-Owner, hJEM Beauty -** This Main Street salon opened up this past May and owner Mariah says they stake their reputation on their highly educated colorists and artists.

10/13 – Adult Fun Nights at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum - Ann Arbor Hands On Museum's Hannah Miller, Program Manager, and Charlie Reischl, Development Manager - This fun educational museum in downtown Ann Arbor isn't just for kids! The museum has on-going adults-only themed events that will turn the over 21 crowd into kids again.

10/20 – **Halloween Fun!** - Enjoy a spook-tacular good time at the many Halloween events in downtown Ann Arbor, including the annual Trick-or-Treat Parade down Main Street on Sunday, October 29 for the little ones.

10/27 - The New Peridot - Partners Duc Tang (owner, Pacific Rim) and Adam Lowenstein (owner, The Alley **Bar)** - Peridot is a new joint venture between these iconic restauranteurs on West Liberty. It melds together delectable Vietnamese dishes with craft cocktails in a setting befitting of its name.

11/3 – **New Director - Vicki Joling, New MSAA Executive Director -** The MSAA board has hired a new executive director following the move of Sandra Andrade to the DDA. Vicki Joling is very familiar with Main Street and the surrounding area through her previous work with Ann Arbor SPARK.

11/10 – Entrepreneur Debuts Children's Book - Don Hicks (CEO/President, Optilogic Inc.; Managing Director, Multiverse Investments) and son Alex Hicks (Junior at Steiner School), Authors of *Frankenwalnut*; Vicki Joling, MSAA Executive Director - This serial entrepreneur has been at the forefront of several downtown software development companies, artistic endeavors and restaurants. Now Don Hicks has teamed with his teenage son to develop a book based on original bedtime stories he used to tell him as a boy.

11/17 – Turkey Trot - Annabelle Smith, Fleet Feet; Trevor Step, RF Events; Vicki Joling, MSAA Executive Director - It's the 17th running of the Ann Arbor Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, a morning full of holiday fun, costumes, and running before your Thanksgiving Day feast!

11/24 - **Midnight Madness - Vicki Joling, MSAA Executive Director -** Holiday lights will be on, windows painted, & musicians playing. Don't miss downtown Ann Arbor's Holiday Season kick-off on Friday, December 1st with great deals and discounts.

12/8 – Tiny Expo - Rich Retyi, Communications & Marketing Manager, Ann Arbor District Library; Vicki Joling, MSAA Executive Director - This indie art and craft fair features over 50 artists and crafters selling handmade wares in the library in the heart of downtown Ann Arbor.

12/15 – Arbor Art Center Expands Classes - Jenn Cornell Queen, Executive Director, AAAC; Vicki Joling, Executive Director, MSAA - Since increasing its space on West Liberty, the Ann Arbor Art Center is finding ways to appeal to a broader audience by offering more classes, some with a unique twist.

12/22 – Conquer the Cold - Lilliane Webb, Business Services Program Manager, The Ride / AATA; Vicki Joling, MSAA Executive Director - Conquer the Cold is an annual promotion that aims to show that it isn't as difficult to get to work without driving as it may seem in the winter months.

50+ Lifestyle News - Friday 9:35am

10/6 - Seven New Tech Gadgets Making Life Easier for the Elderly

10/13 - Popular Halloween costumes and candy from the 1950s

10/27-Popular Halloween costumes and candy from the 1960s

11/17 – Classic Rock Groups Touring in 2024

11/24 – Popular Christmas toys from the 1940s

12/1 - Popular Christmas toys from the 1950s

12/8 – Popular Christmas toys from the 1960s

12/15 - Popular Christmas toys from the 1970s

12/22 – The history behind three iconic Christmas TV specials.

Events around Town: Friday 9:50am– Michael Bright, the Ann Arbor Observer

WLBY Pet of the Week – Saturday 9:15am – Wendy Welch Humane Society of Huron Valley

10/7 - Meet Porcupine the dog/Compassionate Feast on 10/19/Muttster Mash on 10/20/Friends for Life program

10/14 – Meet Brady the dog/Compassionate Feast/Muttster Mash/Puppy Socialization Seminar on 10/27

10/28 - Meet Morticia the dog/Cats & Kids/Low cost vaccine clinic

11/4 – Meet Biggie the cat/Teen "Mew-vie" night/Love Train puppies available for adoption

11/11 – Meet Batman Taco the cat/Camp Paws on 11/22/Humane Ed activities at HSHV

11/18 – Meet Montana the dog/Camp Paws on 11/22/Pop-up vaccine clinic

12/2 - Meet Mr. Puzzles the dog/Santa Paws on 12/2/Pop-up vaccine clinic/Stories with Santa on 12/17

12/9 – Meet Space Cadet the cat/Story time with Santa on 12/17/Year end giving/Holiday gift ideas from HSHV

12/16 - Meet Fendi the dog/Free adoptions on all adult cats & dogs/Love Train puppies/Year end giving

12/23 – Meet Merida the cat/Camp Paws on 12/27-29/Year end giving

12/30 - Meet Pip the dog/Cat Café reservations/Yoga with Cats/End of Year donation triple match

LUCY ANN COMMENTARIES:

10/3 - **Booze in the Big House - Should it be allowed? -** Now that Michigan Governor Whitmer signed off on a law allowing public universities in Michigan to sell alcohol at college football, basketball and hockey games and University of Michigan regents are weighing the options.

GUESTS:

10/3 - Employee Consent for Union Dues: Patrick Wright, VP of Legal Affairs, Mackinac Center for Public **Policy** - States must obtain direct consent from employees before withholding union dues, but the majority of states do not. The Mackinac Center has now filed a brief at the U.S. Supreme Court.

10/4 - Professional Women Building Community - Megan Mazurek, Co-President, Women's Exchange of Washtenaw - No matter what career stage you are in, the Women's Exchange of Washtenaw can help you overcome challenges and create connections.

10/4 - **Many Hands Lifesharing Community - Kerry Kafafian, Board Chair / Founder -** In Washtenaw County alone, there are 7,000 people with intellectual and/or developmental disability, including severe autism. At least 1,000 adults require 24/7 care from family or professional caregivers. A new organization has unveiled a groundbreaking homestead in Washtenaw County that will help define a life-affirming future for these individuals.

10/10 - **Trash Talk Tour - Dan Ezekiel, Washtenaw Zero Waste Coalition -** This free, family-friendly, self-guided event shows you what happens to your trash, recyclables, and compost after you "throw it away."

10/11 - **The Future of AI - Bud Gibson, Director of The Center for Digital Engagement at EMU -** Real-world examples of what is possible with Artificial Intelligence and how it will impact our lives. An upcoming conference at EMU will showcase Building a \$100 Million Brand with alum Chris Prucha, an AI investor who built his startup into a company he sold for \$100 Million. Visit www.TheDigitalMarketingWorkshop.com

10/16 - **Cybersecurity Awareness: Michigan Gilbert, VP Public Relations, Comcast Cable -** Staying vigilant in the digital age is critically important.

10/17 - The Rivalry Match - Amy Forehand, President, Chelsea Education Foundation; Mike Cipolla, President, Educational Foundation of Dexter; Terris Ahrens, Executive Director, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce - The "Rivalry Match" exemplifies the commitment of both the Educational Foundation of Dexter and the Chelsea Education Foundation to enhance educational experiences for students in their respective districts. The \$154k funds they have raised support teacher-authored grants, building-level grants, district-wide initiatives, and scholarships for district graduates.

10/17 - YDL Tops Fundraising Goal for New Superior Branch - Sam Killian, Community Relations Coordinator, Ypsilanti District Library - The YDL officially surpassed its \$2M fundraising goal for the new Superior Library branch that opened last November. The new location is already making a difference in the community.

10/18 - United Way: Michigan Energy Assistance Program - Sean Scane, Director, Utility Services • Utility Assistance - Energy assistance ranks in the top three requested needs among people calling 2-1-1 for help, along with housing and food. Those seeking support have long relied on the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP), which provides utility payment support to struggling low-income households. Unfortunately, many of those in need are not eligible for assistance.

10/18 - Mott Poll: Promoting Children's Independence: What Parents Say vs Do - Sarah Clark, Mott Poll Co-Director, CS Mott Children's Hospital - While most parents agree that kids benefit from opportunities to be independent, they may be engaging in more "helicopter parenting" than they realize.

10/23 - Keep Michigan Tax Cut Permanent - Patrick Wright, VP of Legal Affairs, Mackinac Center for Public **Policy** - The Mackinac Center is seeking to keep a rate reduction for Michigan taxpayers permanent, while the state treasury is arguing to increase it. Here's the latest on court action in the case.

10/24 - Are You Prepared for Extreme Weather? - Kimberly Collom, MS, Emergency Preparedness Program Manager, Washtenaw County Health Department - A new survey shows older adults in Washtenaw County are not prepared for emergency weather. The survey results will now help the county in its emergency preparedness work.

10/24 - **Polluter Pay Investigation - Paula Gardner, Business Editor, Bridge Michigan -** A Bridge Michigan investigation recently revealed how the automobile industry has abandoned contaminated properties across the state, with taxpayers routinely left to foot the bill for cleanup. That may soon change.

10/25 - Life in Michigan - Brenda & Chuck Marshall, Founders / Michigan Explorers - This Ann Arbor couple has been chronicling the beauty and culture of Michigan for over ten years. Published online, they draw you into a world of magical places, local food and craft beer, along with music that is distinctly Michigan.

10/26 - Saline Craft Show: Valerie Gaskill, Gaskill Family Farm; Cheryl Hoeft, Founder, Saline Craft Show; Brian Puffer, Community Education Director, Saline Area Schools - Named top craft show in Michigan, the Saline Craft Show will host 244 crafters on Sat., November 11 at Saline Middle School, and the admission fee goes to the many school groups assisting at the show.

10/31 - FestiFools Returns to Ann Arbor in 2024 - Mark Tucker, Founder of FestiFools / Art Director and Visual Arts Instructor, University of Michigan Lloyd Scholars for Writing and the Arts - The giant parade of puppets down Ann Arbor's Main Street will return in 2024, with the founder of the event vowing to make it happen after a non-profit he had turned it over to had to bow out.

10/31 - Ann Arbor Stamp Show - Mike Homel. Show Chair / VP, Ann Arbor Stamp Club - Learn about the world of stamp collecting at this weekend's Ann Arbor Stamp Show with 25 dealers represented from nine states.

11/2 - Wine. Women & Shopping - Terris Ahrens, Executive Director, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce -The annual Wine, Women, & Shopping event is returning for its 18th year, offering a weekend of retail therapy, exclusive events, and great wine in historic Chelsea, Michigan.

11/7 - When Immigrants Become U.S. Entrepreneurs - Millie Chu. Global Entrepreneurship Business Lab -They arrive in the U.S. with hardly anything. But they have big dreams. The Global Entrepreneurship Business Lab is helping to make those dreams a reality for both immigrants and other marginalized community members.

11/7 - Washtenaw County Hires New Community & Economic Development Director - Toni Kayumi, Director, Community and Economic Development - Washtenaw County - After nearly a year-long vacancy in the position, Washtenaw County has named Toni Kayumi as the incoming director of the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED). Kayumi brings over 20 years of executive level experience, most recently as CEO with the Ann Arbor YMCA.

11/9 - **Tech Homecoming - Jenn Hayman, Sr. VP of Marketing, Communications & Events, Ann Arbor SPARK -**Tech Homecoming connects out-of-town professionals who are home for Thanksgiving with hiring companies. Everyone is welcome to attend though, not just out-of-towners. (14:12) *Tech Homecoming is Wed., 11/22 from 4-7 PM at Venue by 4M on Industrial at Stadium Blvd. Visit <u>AnnArborUSA.org</u>*

11/9 - Michigan Scouting Scandal - Larry Lage, AP Sports Writer - It has been one of the most bizarre sports stories to follow - - a scouting scandal involving the University of Michigan Football team, and now allegedly a few other college teams as well.

11/14 - Ride the WAVE - Marie Gress, WAVE Executive Director; Shasta Grifka, WAVE Community Relations Coordinator; Terris Ahrens, Executive Director, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce - Chelsea's public transit system is for anyone who wants a ride. But did you know it actually spans all of Washtenaw County with a number of options for riders.

11/20 - Dexter H.S. Students Create Inclusive Environment - Special Education Teacher Kalli Nowitzke; Students Liam Fealy, Ella Nelson, Kiara Kapusansky, Tristan Snyder and Madison Talsma - An elective class at Dexter High School designed to bring together students of all abilities is making a profound difference in the lives of the students and fostering a community of inclusiveness.

11/21 - Chelsea Chamber Report: Ballet Chelsea's 26th Staging of The Nutcracker - Ballet Chelsea's Artistic Director Michelle Quenon and Assistant Artistic Director Natalie Krienke; Terris Ahrens, Executive Director, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce - Join Clara and her Nutcracker Prince as they embark on an enchanting journey through the land of the sweets while enjoying the exceptional music of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra and talents of Ballet Chelsea's dedicated students and professional artists.

11/22 - C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health: Parental Sharing on Social Media - Sarah Clark, Mott Poll Co-Director - Parents of young children increasingly turn to social media for parenting advice.

11/22 - Christmas at the Mansion - Bev Hill, VP, Dexter Area Historical Society - As preservation work continues at this historic mansion in the heart of Dexter, a number of events are slated to usher in the holiday season.

11/22 - Saline Area Players: Ho, Ho, Ho! The Christmas Chronicles - Adia Rokicki, Host (Freshman at Dexter HS); Deb Nichols, Mrs. Claus / Asst. Dir. / Music Dir. / SAP VP; Lori Zupan - Pianist / Producer / SAP President
This delightful production captures the true meaning of Christmas. The Saline Area Players have been producing community theater since 1972.

11/29 - Chris Rizik, CEO & Managing Partner, Renaissance Venture Capital - The Detroit region, which includes Ann Arbor, is the fastest growing start-up hub in the U.S. Renaissance Venture Fund has now released its Hotlist of

top early-stage Michigan startups that are seeking venture capital investment, showcasing why the region is a big draw for investors.

11/30 - **Downtown Saline Cocoa Crawl - Jen McPherson, Proprietor, McPherson Local -** Enjoy hot cocoa at downtown Saline businesses, shop their sales, and fill out a passport at each stop to enter to win a goodie basket this Saturday in downtown Saline.

12/6 - How to Make Michigan Grow - Michael LaFaive, Senior Director of Public Policy, Mackinac Center for **Public Policy** - States that provide residents with lower tax rates and fewer regulations are more likely to experience population growth, the Mackinac Center for Public Policy finds in a new report on state-level population trend.

12/8 - **YSO Celebrates the Season - Adam Riccinto, Director, Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra -** Now in its 25th season, the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra is celebrating with its Holiday Concert featuring the Lincoln H.S. Choirs.

12/14 - Ann Arbor Store Rebrands - Sara Graham, Proprietor, Graham's Upscale Liquidation Store - A brand is arguably the most important part of your business. So when the owner of a recently opened retail business on Ann Arbor's west side decided to change the name of her business, we wondered why.

12/20 - UM Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health: Goal Setting for Parents and Kids -Sarah Clark, Mott Poll Co-Director - Many parents and children find it helpful to set goals to motivate themselves to improve or to achieve something. This month's poll asked a national sample of parents of children 0-18 about setting goals related to parenting, and about how they support goal-setting among children age 11-18.