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Issues/Program Report for Q3 2021

WKXA makes an ongoing effort to serve the community of Findlay and the surrounding area. As part of this effort, WKXA has identified the most significant needs, problems and interests for our coverage area. This quarterly report documents the programming provided by WKXA in response to these identified community issues. Key areas and the issues addressed during this period are verified in the attached documentation. This list is not inclusive, but does represent primary focal areas.

WKXA News Director Matt Demczyk has noted the following as significant issues during the July 1st – September 30th time period:

- The decision was made to proceed with a flood basin project in Findlay
- COVID continued to affect the community as cases increased
- Health officials warned about deadly, fake prescription pills
- The hospital reopened its drive-thru COVID testing site due to the increase in cases
- Cooper Tire reached a big milestone

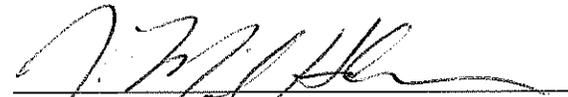
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News Broadcasts: 9/30

The Findlay Fire Department responded to a fire at the Dollar Tree at 2250 Tiffin Avenue.

The fire started at around 5:30 p.m. Thursday and was in the storage area of the store.

Battalion Chief Matt Cooper says the first firefighters on the scene saw heavy fire and smoke coming from the northwest portion of the building. Everyone had been evacuated from the store when firefighters arrived and no civilians or firefighters were injured

Subject: Flash Flood Watch Issued
News Broadcasts: 9/21

Much of northwest Ohio is under a Flood Watch as heavy rainfall is expected.

The Flood Watch goes through Thursday morning. Forecasters say rainfall amounts could be between 2 to 4 inches with locally higher amounts in the heaviest rain.

There is a possibility for widespread flooding resulting from small streams and creeks flowing out of their banks and flooding from rivers. The heaviest rain is expected to fall late Tuesday and through Wednesday.

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News Broadcasts: 9/9

Cooper Tire's Findlay manufacturing plant is celebrating production of its 200 millionth tire. Plant Manager Mark Kreinbrink says this is quite an accomplishment. The Findlay plant was constructed in 1919 and was Cooper Tire's first manufacturing facility. Today, it employs approximately 900 associates within one million square feet of production space. In June, Cooper Tire became part of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. Get more on our website

Subject: Deli adding Bar & Arcade

News Broadcasts: 9/20

Main Street Deli is expanding and will be combining the current deli with a new bar and arcade next door. It will be called Main Street Deli Bar and Arcade and will include a full bar and 30 to 40 classic arcade games along with some retro decor. We spoke with general manager Andrew Crom about what games they'll be getting and the nostalgia that comes with them.

Subject: New Senior Living Facility

News Broadcasts: 7/23

A new living facility for seniors recently opened in Findlay. The Village at Eastern Woods is located at 15105 Birchaven Lane. The new senior living facility is for individuals 55 years of age and older. The affordable housing complex is right down the street from Birchaven Village retirement community and offers a convenient location next to top quality healthcare facilities.

Subject: Heavenly Pizza Employee Day

News Broadcasts: 7/13

Heavenly Pizza in Findlay held an Employee Appreciation Day recently in which all the money that came in that day went directly to the staff. Owner Josh Elchert says his employees ended up making \$78 an

hour on Monday, July 5th. "We just really wanted to make a big deal, and 78 dollars an hour to make pizza is a pretty big deal, but we just wanted to make sure they felt valued and appreciated." Josh said, while many restaurants have been experiencing staffing shortages, they've been able to stay fully staffed thanks to their dedicated employees.

Subject: R+L Carriers
News Broadcasts: 7/8

The Findlay City Planning Commission has reviewed and approved a site plan for R+L Carriers. R+L Carriers is a family-owned, freight shipping company built on the idea that a satisfied customer is their number one priority. Tim Mayle, Director of Economic Development, says the company's values make them an ideal fit for Findlay. "We first began working with the Site Selector for R+L Carriers before COVID19 emerged."

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The Hancock County Commissioners have come to an agreement about future tax revenue with the developers of a solar farm project near Arcadia. Tim Mayle, director of Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development, says the agreement will generate \$1 million annually for local school districts, townships and the county. Construction could begin in late 2022 and it could be ready to go in late 2023.

Subject: UF BRITE Center
News Broadcasts: 7/28

The University of Findlay's College of Business is offering assistance to entrepreneurs through a new multi-faceted program, the Business Resource for Innovation, Teamwork, and Entrepreneurship, or (BRITE) Center. UF says the BRITE Center will offer guidance in starting a new business or exploring a new profession by offering events where participants can gain insight on the validity of a business idea and even get paired with a mentor in a relevant industry to get real-world advice.

Subject: Whirlpool Vaccine
News Broadcasts: 9/14

Whirlpool Corporation, which has a plant in Findlay and employs about 10,000 people at five facilities in Ohio, is trying to get more of its workers vaccinated. Whirlpool is offering to pay workers \$1,000 who get vaccinated against COVID-19. It comes as the Biden administration prepares an emergency rule that will require large companies, like Whirlpool, to ensure their entire workforce is vaccinated - or subject them to weekly testing.

Subject: Alliance President Retiring
News Broadcasts: 7/15

The head of the Findlay-Hancock County Alliance is retiring. John Haywood's retirement will be effective August 13th. Haywood has served as President and CEO of The Alliance since 2011. Haywood began his relationship with the Chamber and Economic Development twenty years ago, serving on both boards. Haywood had previously retired as Findlay Division Vice President of Whirlpool where he worked for 24 years.

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News Broadcasts: 9/23

Findlay High School's Homecoming Parade and football game are happening today. Then on Saturday they'll have the Homecoming Dance at the High School, something they couldn't do last year because of COVID. The parade is at 5:30 today and then the homecoming game against Fremont Ross starts at 7, at Donnell Stadium.

Subject: UF STEAM Center Opens
News Broadcasts: 9/15

The University of Findlay's Mazza Museum held a grand opening and dedication for its new Joseph and Judith Conda STEAM Education Center. Mazza Director Benjamin Sapp says the The STEAM Center blends Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics/Medicine in a hands-on learning lab. He says research shows that a strong foundation in the arts can lead to enhanced critical thinking skills in the sciences, and STEAM education connects them all together.

Subject: FHS Student Section
News Broadcasts: 9/30

A student group at Findlay High School was determined to make their student section at football games bigger and louder to rival what they've seen at other schools. And that's exactly what the students did, even faster than expected. After the game at Perrysburg on August 27th, the Student Leadership class formed a group and started brainstorming about ways to get more students involved in the student section.

Subject: Mazza Museum Workshop
News Broadcasts: 7/22

The University of Findlay's Mazza Museum has been holding their annual Young Artist Workshop this week. The Mazza Museum says the event helps children learn about the fascinating world of picture book art in a fun, exciting way with instruction from children's book illustrators, Mazza staff, and local area teachers.

Subject: UF Class One Energy
News Broadcasts: 9/17

A class at the University of Findlay got to see up close how a Findlay company is "leading the industrial decarbonization revolution." During their visit to One Energy the students toured the wind turbine component yard, getting a look at wind energy to supplement the class's discussion on different types of electricity generation. One Energy said "it was a pleasure to host these students and help round out their energy conversations."

Subject: FHS Homecoming Parade Held
News Broadcasts: 9/26

People lined the streets for the Findlay High School Homecoming Parade on Friday. The Trojan faithful showed off their school pride and youngsters scrambled for candy that was tossed their way. And then the Trojans Football team defeated Fremont Ross that night in the Homecoming Game. See some video from the parade on our website.

Subject: School Bus Safety
News Broadcasts: 9/14

The Findlay Police Department is reminding drivers to obey school bus laws and to watch for children getting on and off of buses now that the school year is underway. Crime prevention officer Brian White says kids are notorious for not paying attention sometimes, and he says drivers also need to remember to slow down in school zones when children are present.

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News Broadcasts: 8/4

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News Broadcasts: 9/10

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The Hardin County Sheriff's Office says a man from Fostoria was found dead in the county.

The sheriff's office identified the man as Robert B. Mays, 29, of Fostoria.

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Subject: Stabbing in Findlay

News Broadcasts: 7/6

The Findlay Police Department says a man was arrested after stabbing another man during a fight. It happened in the 2400 block of Jennifer Lane at around 9:30 Monday night. Police arrived to find a 26-year-old man suffering from a stab wound. He was taken to Blanchard Valley Hospital for treatment of the wound that police describe as not life-threatening. Police say William Burkhalter, 35, of Findlay, was taken into custody at the scene.

Subject: Wolfies Robbery Suspect

News Broadcasts: 9/9

Some Findlay police officers made quick work of a robbery suspect. The Findlay Police Department says officers were dispatched to Wolfies Roasted Nuts on Glessner Avenue for a robbery in progress at around 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Police say a man had entered the business, stated that he had a gun, and demanded the money. Police arrived to find the suspect, 43-year-old Christopher Sterling, of Findlay, in front of the store. He was taken into custody without incident.

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