

Blanchard River Broadcasting Company
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Findlay, OH

Issues/Program Report for Q2 2023

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 April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 time period:

- A Findlay shooting left two people injured and a suspect in custody eventually
- A teen opened fire on two people outside a gas station after being assaulted
- Two prison inmates escaped; one was caught and one was found dead in a river
- Officer Dominic Francis' name was added to the fallen officer's memorial
- A new Findlay Police Department Chief of Police was sworn in
- An iconic Findlay root beer stand reopened for business

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WKXA COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST

SUBJECT: Breaking News

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News Broadcasts: 4/8

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Subject: Escaped Inmate Dead

News Broadcasts: 5/28

Police in Henderson, Kentucky on Sunday said that escaped Ohio prison inmate Bradley Gillespie's body was found in the Ohio River near his last known whereabouts. "Today, I believe we have closure to our five-day manhunt," said police chief Sean McKinney. The chief said a boater called in around 1:30 Sunday afternoon saying he believed he saw a body in the river. The body was recovered from the river and police said their preliminary investigation indicates that the body is that of Gillespie.

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Subject: Francis' Name Added To Memorial
News Broadcasts: 5/23

Bluffton Police Officer Dominic Francis' name was added to the Hancock County Fallen Officer's Memorial at the Fort Findlay FOP during a ceremony on Monday night. Dominic's name was hidden until his father and son pulled away the tape to reveal it, and family members, colleagues and friends of Dominic spent some time with it. "Dominic's death hit our community very hard," said Teresa White, Development Director for the Fort Findlay FOP Lodge Foundation.

Subject: Walmart Evacuated
News Broadcasts: 5/11

The Walmart on Trenton Avenue in Findlay was evacuated around 6 p.m. Thursday due to a false active shooter call. Employees were ushered to a far side of the parking lot as police responded and searched the building. After no threat was found, the all clear was given. The store reopened around 6:40 and employees and customers were allowed back in.

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News Broadcasts: 5/19

The Findlay Police Department says a man was arrested after making a threat on social media indicating a shooting was going to occur at a school. Police responded to Jefferson Primary on Fairlawn Place on Friday afternoon after learning of the threat. Officers made contact with school officials and the school went into lockdown. Investigating officers responded to a residence near the school, and after interviewing the suspect, he was placed under arrest. Police identified the man who was arrested as Chad Johnston Jr.

Subject: Dick Daugherty Hall of Fame
News Broadcasts: 4/13

WFAN legend Richard E. "Dick" Daugherty will be inducted into the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts Wall of Fame. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6 p.m. People are asked to RSVP by clicking [here](#) no later than April 25th. The Wall of Fame recognizes those who have academic, professional and/or civic ties to Findlay/Hancock County, and whose impact has been recognized at the highest level in music, dance, theatre and visual arts.

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Subject: Dwight Allen Dies

News Broadcasts: 6/12

The longtime host of WFIN's "Racing World" and "A Second Look at Sports", Dwight Allen, has passed away. "I've always had a desire to combine sports with my faith," is how Dwight says his show "A Second Look at Sports" came about. "I didn't know how I was gonna do it but through the years a plan kind of

came together and it ended up being on 601 stations across the country." After 23 years of being on the air "A Second Look at Sports" came to an end at the end of 2019.

Subject: Root Beer Stand Reopens

News Broadcasts: 6/1

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Subject: New Police Chief Sworn In

News Broadcasts: 6/12

The Findlay Police Department's James Mathias was sworn in as the department's new Police Chief on Monday morning. Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn performed the swearing in ceremony, which you can see video of below. Mathias told us he's looking forward to this new challenge. "I'm looking forward to working with the community and the different organizations and groups and building public trust."

Subject: House, Shed Destroyed In Fire

News Broadcasts: 6/10

Several fire crews responded to a fire that destroyed three structures and damaged others on the north end of Findlay. The fire began around 2 p.m. Saturday at 2520 Northtowne Drive, not far from Broad Avenue, and just outside the Findlay city limits. Liberty Township was primary and Allen Township and McComb also responded as did Findlay. We spoke with Findlay Battalion Chief Matt Cooper at the scene.

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Subject: Nat Lime and Stone 120 Years
News Broadcasts: 6/5

The National Lime & Stone Company in Findlay is celebrating its 120th anniversary this year. We spoke with Carl Palmer, Executive Chairman of the Board, and his son Paul Palmer, Chief Executive Officer. Paul says the company began in Carey in 1903, and that was the location of their first and biggest quarry, and in 1927 they moved their headquarters to Findlay. "The Carey quarry is still in operation 120 years later and is the largest quarry in the state of Ohio."

Subject: Work Advance Program
News Broadcasts: 5/20

Raise the Bar Hancock County (RTB) is partnering with Owens Community College (OCC), the Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM), and Habitat for Humanity of Findlay/Hancock County's Financial Opportunity Center (FOC) to launch a short-term training program, WorkAdvance. WorkAdvance has benefitted job seekers and manufacturers in other Ohio regions. The model relies on local partnerships to conduct grassroots referrals, screen participants for program eligibility, offer a short-term training to equip individuals with job readiness and technical skills necessary for manufacturing roles, and pair program alum with a career coach to reduce barriers to employment.

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Subject: Dental Center Closes

News Broadcasts: 5/4

The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation is working to address the need left in the community after The Dental Center of Northwest Ohio closed their Findlay Smiles office at The Family Center in Findlay on Monday. The Community Foundation, whose supporting organization Hancock Properties Foundation owns and operates The Family Center, is working with other nonprofit organizations to address the local need.

Subject: Farmers Market Opening

News Broadcasts: 5/1

The Hancock County Farmers' Market opens for the season on Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. The Hancock County Farmers' Market is held in the parking lot of Marathon Center for the Performing Arts at 200 West Main Cross in Findlay every Thursday afternoon, May through the end of October. "Our local farms and small business owners appreciate your making the first market day a success. Send them home with empty baskets."

Subject: Massage Parlor Busted

News Broadcasts: 6/27

A Findlay business was raided amid an investigation into complaints of human trafficking and prostitution. The Findlay Police Department said a search warrant was executed at Massage Max at 1100 Croy Drive Suite B on Thursday morning. Police said the search warrant stemmed from an investigation into complaints against the business of alleged human trafficking and possible sex work.

Subject: Pizza Trail Seneca County
News Broadcasts: 6/20

The Slice of Seneca County Pizza and Geocaching Trail sponsored by Destination Seneca County and the Seneca Regional Chamber of Commerce launches this Saturday, June 17. Following the launch, the trail will continue to run allowing residents and visitors the opportunity to complete it at their own leisure.

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Subject: FCS New Website
News Broadcasts: 5/20

Findlay City Schools has launched a new district website. Communications Director Kelly Cheney says the new website makes it quicker and easier for people to access information. She says news and

announcements will be updated on the website as will important alerts. Kelly says the website supports features for mass communications directly to families in the form of text messages and e-mails.

Subject: UF Commencement Set
News Broadcasts: 4/25

The University of Findlay has scheduled its 2023 commencement ceremonies for Saturday, May 6th. The graduate and undergraduate ceremonies will both take place at the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex. Following each ceremony, graduates will participate in the University of Findlay's long-standing tradition of marching back through the Griffith Memorial Arch.

Subject: Chamberlin Hill Elem. HOF
News Broadcasts: 4/23

The Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OAESA) announced that Chamberlin Hill Elementary School in Findlay has been selected as a 2023 OAESA Hall of Fame School. The Hall of Fame School Award recognizes schools that engage faculty, students, and the community to provide a quality school experience. The school staff submitted an extensive application documenting the effectiveness of their educational program in several areas.

Subject: School Safety Funding
News Broadcasts: 4/21

The State of Ohio has awarded more than \$42 million to support physical safety and security upgrades at hundreds of Ohio schools. A total of 624 schools will receive funding as part of the fifth round of Ohio's K-12 School Safety Grant Program. This latest round of funding brings the total number of schools served by this program to 2,789 and the total amount of funding awarded to more than \$215 million.

Subject: BVHS Scholarships
News Broadcasts: 4/20

The Blanchard Valley Health System Auxiliary recently awarded ten \$1,000 scholarships to students in Hancock and surrounding counties interested in pursuing a health-related career.

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Subject: Library week
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The director of the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library was at the Ohio Statehouse for Library Legislative Day as part of National Library Week. Sarah Clevidence says state funding through the Public Library Fund is critically important because it remains a primary source of revenue for public libraries. "With over 7.7 million registered borrowers, Ohio's public libraries have the highest use per capita in the nation."

Subject: SummerRead Program
News Broadcasts: 5/25

Readers of all ages are encouraged to keep reading during the summer months and celebrate friendship and kindness as The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library presents "SummerREAD-All Together Now," their summer reading program. Activities include crafts, art projects, games and puzzles, science and engineering experiments, and of course, reading. Partners for exciting, new programs include The Marathon Center for the Performing Arts, the Lima Symphony Orchestra, Hancock Park District, the Greater Cleveland Aquarium, and more.

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Chamberlin Hill Elementary sent its 5th graders out in style with a clap-out. The 3^d and 4th graders lined the halls and cheered, clapped and high-fived the 5th graders as they walked by. The 5th graders then proceeded outside to the front of the building where families that lined the sidewalk cheered them on. Principal Misty Sager says this is a big moment for the students.

Subject: FCS Needs Subs
News Broadcasts: 6/20

Findlay City Schools is in need of substitutes for the upcoming school year. "We have a huge need for substitutes at Findlay City Schools just like every other school district right now," said Communications Director Kelly Cheney. Kelly says that when most people hear "substitute" they think classroom teaching, but she says the school district is seeking quality subs for every aspect of their operations.

Subject: Camp 911
News Broadcasts: 6/21

The Camp 911 educational safety camp is being held this week in Findlay. The free camp is for kids entering kindergarten and teaches important safety lessons like stranger danger, drug safety, pedestrian safety and more through a combination of demonstrations, activities, and videos. Beth Baker with the Findlay Fire Department says 175 kids are participating in the morning and afternoon sessions this year.

Subject: FCS Summer Lunch Program
News Broadcasts: 6/2

The Findlay City Schools Summer Lunch Program begins on Monday, June 5th. Free lunches will be available for kids from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Glenwood Middle School on Monday through Thursday, and at Journey at Christ Church on Wednesdays. Meals are to be eaten on site with activities provided as they enjoy their lunch.

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Subject: Judicial Center Groundbreaking

News Broadcasts: 6/28

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new Hancock County Judicial Center building in downtown Findlay. The new building will be located at 209 West Main Cross Street on what is currently a parking lot between Cory Street and the post office. We spoke with Hancock County Commissioner Tim Bechtol about the new judicial center.

Subject: Mayor's Cup Competition

News Broadcasts: 6/24

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn participated in the Mayor's Cup Skills Competition against 12 fellow mayors from northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. The challenge consisted of four events: a passing challenge, a catching challenge, a punting challenge and an obstacle course. Mayor Muryn said she had a fun time competing and came in 5th place. "I enjoyed an afternoon of football, I know it is hard to believe I was not a football player growing up but I was able to show off some of my skills and not embarrass myself so I consider it a win."

Subject: Mayor at Conference of Mayors

News Broadcasts: 6/15

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn recently attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Columbus. Muryn says the panel brings together mayors for discussions on things like best practices, economic issues and advocacy. "We also have a large business council of organizations that come in and talk about what they're seeing in their markets and industries."

Subject: Ohio Treasurer Hall of Fame

News Broadcasts: 6/20

Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague, of Findlay, was inducted into the American Legion Buckeye Boys State Hall of Fame. The induction took place during the evening program and following Treasurer Sprague's address to this year's participants. "Each summer, young men from every corner of the state come together at Buckeye Boys State to learn about the rewarding and challenging roles in public service, while also gaining invaluable leadership experience," said Treasurer Sprague.

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Subject: McComb Childcare Center
News Broadcasts: 6/11

Families who live or work in McComb will soon have access to quality childcare thanks to collaborative community efforts to construct a new facility. The village has been awarded \$1 million in CARES Act funding from the Ohio Office of Community Development. The grant allows for construction of a new childcare facility on property owned by the village on State Route 235, next to Dollar General. McComb Mayor Cathy Schroll said the project will advance quickly, as the grant must be spent in its entirety by Dec. 31, 2023.

Subject: City Planning For Solar Eclipse
News Broadcasts: 6/2

The City of Findlay has been busy preparing for the solar eclipse of April, 8th 2024. Findlay is within the path of totality and will experience a total solar eclipse of an estimated 3 minutes and 44 seconds beginning at 3:10 p.m. Service Safety Director Rob Martin says ensuring it's a safe and enjoyable event for everyone is all about the planning. However, there are still many unknowns.

Subject: City Answering Questions
News Broadcasts: 5/4

The City of Findlay is answering some common questions about things like grass height and construction projects as residents begin or continue their spring cleaning. The city listed the following as the most common questions they get.

High grass – Grass height may not exceed 6 inches in height.

Junk Vehicles – Vehicles must be fully operable and have current registration

Garage Sales – Each resident may have up to two a year per code

Swimming Pools – Anything over 14 feet in diameter or length must be permitted and location verified prior to construction

Fences, Decks, and Sheds – A permit must be obtained and location must be verified prior to constructing

People who need to file a complaint can do so by clicking [here](#).

People with questions may contact the Zoning Department at 419-424-7108.

Subject: Findlay Bulk Trash Drop Off

News Broadcasts: 4/10

The City of Findlay will be offering a bulk trash drop-off for Findlay residents from Saturday, April 22nd to Saturday, April 29th. Hours are 8 to 4 or until dumpsters are full on Saturdays and 8 to 8 or until dumpsters are full on weekdays. Dumpsters will be at the Public Works Department, 330 N. Cory St., where city residents may dispose of unwanted debris.

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Subject: Putnam County Bank Theft
News Broadcasts: 6/16

The Columbus Grove Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying an individual who's wanted for questioning in regards to a theft at Fort Jennings State Bank in Columbus Grove. The man in the pictures above and below is around five feet ten and five feet eleven and around 210-220 pounds.

He has brown/red hair with a beard and looks to be around 40 years of age, according to police. Anyone who recognizes the man is asked to contact the Columbus Grove Police Department or Putnam County Sheriff's Office at 419-523-3208.

Subject: School Threat Arrest
News Broadcasts: 5/19

The Findlay Police Department says a man was arrested after making a threat on social media indicating a shooting was going to occur at a school. Police responded to Jefferson Primary on Fairlawn Place on Friday afternoon after learning of the threat. Officers made contact with school officials and the school went into lockdown. Investigating officers responded to a residence near the school, and after interviewing the suspect, he was placed under arrest. Police identified the man who was arrested as Chad Johnston Jr.

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Subject: Primary Election Preview
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Ohio's Primary Election is being held on Tuesday, May 2nd. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Among the local races voters will decide is the Republican Primary for Findlay Mayor between incumbent Christina Muryn and challenger Haydee Sadler. Findlay city councilwoman Beth Warnecke is being challenged by fellow Republican Kraig Kutschbach. Among the issues voters will decide; Cory-Rawson Local Schools and Riverdale Local Schools each have a renewal income tax issue up for a vote. Van Buren Local Schools has a renewal tax levy on the ballot.

Subject: Mayor Wins Primary
News Broadcasts: 5/2

Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn withstood a challenge from a fellow Republican in Tuesday's Primary Election. Unofficial results from the Hancock County Board of Elections show Muryn defeating Haydee Sadler by a vote of 1,824 to 1,206, or 60 to 39 percent. Muryn was appointed mayor in February of 2019 to replace Lydia Mihalik who joined the cabinet of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. In May of 2019 Muryn won the Republican mayoral primary. In November of 2019, Muryn won the general election earning her first full four-year term as mayor.

Subject: City Council Race Results
News Broadcasts: 5/2

Three write-in candidates were vying for the Republican nomination for Findlay City Council's Fourth Ward seat. Unofficial results show Dan DeArment defeating Craig Kuperberg and Jeff Stutzman. DeArment got 98 votes, Kuperberg 70 and Stutzman 25.

Fourth Ward Councilman Jim Slough was unable to seek reelection as his candidate petition was rejected by the board of elections because he didn't get enough signatures. Two independent candidates have filed to challenge for the seat in November. Get more election results by clicking [here](#).

Subject: Sunday Sales Issue results
News Broadcasts: 5/2

The Sunday sales issues Findlay Brewing Company and Dark Horse had before voters on Tuesday were approved. Unofficial results from the Hancock County Board of Elections show the issue for Findlay Brewing passing by a vote of 74 to 17, and for Dark Horse the vote was 160 to 51. The issue was for the sale of wine and mixed beverages and liquor on Sundays at Findlay Brewing at 213 East Crawford Street in Findlay and at Dark Horse at 4136 North Main Street.

Subject: School District Issue results
News Broadcasts: 5/2

Some area school districts found success at the polls in Tuesday's Primary Election. The Cory-Rawson Local School District was asking for a renewal income tax of 0.75 percent for five years for current expenses. Unofficial results from the Hancock County Board of Elections show the tax passing by a vote of 274 to 140. Van Buren Local School District had a renewal tax levy on the ballot, and it passed by a vote of 467 to 335. Riverdale Local Schools had an income tax renewal up for a vote and Hancock County voters in the school district voted in favor of it by a margin of 291 to 53.