

VIEWPOINT OVERVIEW JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2022

1/2/22 State Senator Jim Buck Discussed the upcoming legislative session in Indianapolis. The short session was originally designed to be used in emergencies, but has become a regular session. Various pieces of legislation will be discussed including annexation, and having less of a public notice burden to local governments with shrinking newspaper circulation.

1/9/22 State Representative Mike Karikoff. Discussed legislation to lighten the burden of COVID mandates on employers and employees. School transparency will also be a topic for legislative discussion this short session. Healthcare and Medicaid for the future was also discussed as well as incremental tax cuts.

1/16/22 Keith Kruger, Senior high temperature alloy market manager for Hayne's International, discussed the Hayne's alloy that is part of the Mar's rover.

1/23/22 Elizabeth Kirchner, Kokomo Parks Dept. Talked about the winter activities of the parks in Kokomo and also had some great trivia information and how folks can make use of the city park facilities.

1/30/22 Paul Wyman, Howard County Commissioner President, talked about the recent COVID-19 upsurge, assuring that hospitals are not overwhelmed. Also discussed the progress on the broadband initiative in Howard County and making sure all areas, rural and urban are wired for the internet.

2/6/22 Christie Tate, Howard County Suicide Prevention Coalition. Talked about suicide prevention, tips for those needing help.

2/13/22 Mary, Kokomo Rescue Mission, Walk A Mile In My Shoes fundraiser for women and women with children shelters. Talked about the history of the event and how to participate this year.

2/20/22 Cheryl Graham United Way Tax Preparation. Discussed the new ways the United Way of Howard and Tipton counties are able to get free tax preparation for those earning less than \$60-thousand a year.

2/27/22 Kokomo Mayor Tyler Moore discussed the winter and the job the city crews have been doing to keep the city going with the winter snow. Talked about the pothole helpline and preparations as the city moves into spring and summer with sports and musical events.

3/6/22 Dennine Smith, executive director of CAM(Co-ordinated Assistance Ministries) discussed the upcoming sleepout experience fundraiser for CAM. Also discussed the move to new facilities at 625 North Union Street by the end of March and the expansion of services to the homeless.

3/13/22 Sgt. Tony Slocum, PIO Indiana State Police Post Peru. Discussed ISP looking to hire new troopers and how to apply. Also discussed increased patrols for St. Patrick's day and the NCAA Tournament. The state police will also offer camp experiences to youth to learn more about law enforcement, plus a college course for adults to be available at Anderson University.

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3/27/22 Emily Fritsch, director of Kokomo Excel Center. Talked about the Excel Center, a high school for adults, opportunities to obtain a full Core-40 diploma, not a GED. Plus advantages in career advancement with an Ivy Tech partnership