

# **Issues Report**

Quarterly Issues Program List for Station -- WBOI  
October 1 - December 31, 2018  
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The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter:

## **Section I: Issues**

- A. Public Health:** Public health matters, from infectious disease to addiction to mental health.
- B. Education:** Issues related to public school education in our community
- C. Politics and Government:** Local, state and federal decision-making that affects northeast Indiana.
- D. Public Safety/Courts:** Public safety and the courts
- E. Environmental issues:** Agriculture, clean water, and land use

## **Section II: Responsive Programs**

The station broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. A sample of the programming is outlined below:

### **A. Public Health:**

**“Opioid Hearing”** -- (Broadcast on Oct. 17 at 7:05 a.m., 9:04 a.m. and 4:04 p.m.)

Coverage of a meeting of the national Opioid Task Force and legal interventions. A story by IPB News Jill Sheridan.

**“Mental Health Grant”** -- (Broadcast on Oct. 17 at 5:04 p.m.) A Purdue Fort Wayne associate psychology professor received a large grant to help with an early intervention program. A story by WBOI’s Rebecca Green

**“Day Care Radon”** -- (Broadcast on Oct. 22 at 7:04 a.m., 4:04 p.m. and 6:04 p.m.) The state of Indiana is trying free radon testing programs for a number of daycare centers in some Indiana counties. A story by IPB News Rebecca Thiele.

**“Smoking Spending”** -- (Broadcast on Dec. 14 at 8:04 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 4:04 p.m..) Indiana has one of the highest smoking rates in the nation. This story examined whether the state was spending enough on prevention. A story by IPB News Jill Sheridan.

### **B. Education:**

**“Bus Safety”** -- (Broadcast Oct. 31 at 5:04 p.m., 7:04 p.m. and Nov. 1 at 9:04 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.) With a horrific bus crash in Fulton County, state officials discussed school bus safety. A story by IPB News Jeanie Lindsay.

**“Childcare Deserts”**--(Broadcast Nov. 2 at 6:04 a.m., 9:18 a.m. and then Nov. 3 at 7:04 a.m. and 9:04 a.m.) About 90 percent of Indiana children do not have access to licensed child care services. A story by IPB News Jeanie Lindsay.

**“BSU Test Optional Applications”**-- (Broadcast Dec. 14 at 5:04 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 8:04 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.) Ball State University is accepting some applications without ACT or SAT scores. A story by IPB News Stephanie Wiechmann

**“Local Charter To Close”** -- (Broadcast Dec. 16 at 5:04 p.m. and Dec. 17 at 7:04 a.m., 9:04 a.m.) The Thurgood Marshall Academy Charter School will close at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. A story by WBOI’s Barb Anguiano.

### **C. Politics and Government:**

**“Donnelly Biden Rally”** -- (Broadcast Oct. 15 at 5:04 p.m.) Former Vice President Joe Biden came to Indiana to stump for U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly. A story by IPB News Samantha Horton.

**“Balanced Budget Amendment”** --(Broadcast Oct. 29 at 5:04 p.m. and Oct. 30 on 8:04 a.m. and noon) Indiana’s voters were asked to consider a balanced budget in the November general election. By IPB News Brandon Smith.

**“Organization Day 2018”**--(Broadcast Nov. 20 at 8:04 a.m. and 4:04 p.m.). Budgetary concerns will be the big agenda item for the upcoming 2019 legislative term. By IPB News Brandon Smith.

**“Fort Wayne Infrastructure”** -- (Broadcast Dec. 12 at 4 04 p.m. and Dec. 13 at 7:04 a.m.) City officials announced \$30 million in improvements were seen throughout the city in 2018. WBOI’s Zach Bernard.

### **D. Public Safety/Courts:**

**“Allen County Judicial Replacement”** -- (Broadcast Nov. 2 at 5:04 p.m. and 7:04 p.m.) A new judge was picked to fill the seat of Allen Superior Judge John Surbeck on the Criminal bench. By WBOI’s Rebecca Green.

**“DCS Funding Guaranteed”** -- (Broadcast Dec. 12 at 6:04 p.m.) DCS needs more than \$285 million a year for the next two years. By IPB News Brandon Smith.

**“Social Worker Pilot** -- (Broadcast Dec. 19 5:04 p.m. and Dec. 20 at 8:04 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.) The Indiana Public Defender Commission wants to change the way parents are represented in DCS cases. A story by IPB News Brandon Smith.

**“Tinsley Killer Sentenced”**--(Broadcast Dec. 21 at 6:44 p.m.) The conclusion of the 30-year case of April Tinsley, unsolved until July 2018. A story by WBOI’s Barb Anguiano.

#### **E. Environmental Issues:**

**“Green Scooters”**--(Broadcast Oct. 16 at 4:04 p.m., 6:04 p.m. and 7:04 a.m.) Electric scooters are billed as an environmentally friendly transportation alternative. By IPB News Rebecca Thiele.

**“Michindoh Aquifer”**-- (Broadcast Oct. 18 at 5:04 p.m., Oct. 19 at 8:04 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.)Residents in the tri-state area are concerned about plans to sell water from an important area aquifer. A story by WBOI’s Barb Anguiano.

**“Dicamba Restrictions”**-- (Broadcast Nov. 08 on 4:04 p.m. and Nov. 09 at 8:04 p.m.) Indiana farmers can continue to use Dicamba with the permission of the EPA. By IPB News Rebecca Thiele.

**“EPA and Franklin Investigation”**-- (Broadcasts Dec. 10 at 6:04 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 7:04 a.m. and 9:04 a.m.) Outgoing Senator Joe Donnelly wants the EPA to take on the investigation of contaminated sites in Franklin. By IPB News Jill Sheridan.

