



WLDE

**ISSUES/ASCERTAINMENT REPORT
1st QUARTER 2024**

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The following is a list of ascertained issues for the 1st quarter of 2024:

Child Care and Child Care for Special Needs Children

WLDE Public Affairs Programming, 1st quarter of 2024

Animal Welfare

1/14/24 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of the local pet food bank.

Guest: Rochelle Watson

Sunday Side Up

Childcare and Childcare for Special Needs Children

1/28/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed DSANI, Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana. Particularly the difficulty of finding childcare for kids with disabilities. Also discussed their child advocacy efforts at the Statehouse and within local school districts. Talked about pre-natal and post-natal outreach programs and the recreational opportunities offered to kids and their families.

Guest: Shelley Yoder, Executive Director, DSANI

Fort Wayne Feedback

2/4/24 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed the need for quality childcare.

Guest: Theresa Dorais, Deanna Beckman

Sunday Side Up

Community Service

3/17/24 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of the Bell Mansion and its history.

Guest: Angie Sturm

Sunday Side Up

3/24/24 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed The Mustard Seed which provides furniture for those who have lost theirs due to natural or manmade disasters.

Guest: Sarah Lance, Executive Director, The Mustard Seed

Sunday Side

3/31/24 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed the upcoming EcoFest.

Guest: Addie Ferris

Sunday Side Up

Economy

1/14/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed the impact of tourism on the local economy and how Visit Fort Wayne recruits organizations, tournaments and conventions to hold their events in Fort Wayne. Also discussed their ten-year tourism master plan and a local winter event, Savor Fort Wayne.

Guest: Kristen Guthrie, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Visit Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne Feedback

Education

2/11/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed the Fort Wayne Center for Learning which strives to help kids improve comprehension, grades, and self-confidence. They offer tutoring, and guidance on how to properly study and retain the information they learn in class.

Guest: Lori Lehman, Executive Director, Fort Wayne Center for Learning
Fort Wayne Feedback

3/3/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of McMillen Health which works with local school districts to provide education and resources on physical and mental health issues. Discussed their recent anti-vaping program.

Guest: Sabrina Marques Strasley, Director of Development and Marketing, McMillen Health
Fort Wayne Feedback

Employment

1/7/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of a new E-commerce program through Goodwill. Local proceeds from Goodwill stores help people with employment barriers find and keep jobs. It's hoped that by adding an online store, they can generate even more funds for their various programs and awareness about the services offered through Goodwill.

Guest: Kevin Morse, President and CEO, Goodwill of Northeast Indiana
Fort Wayne Feedback

Employment cont.

3/31/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of Northeast Indiana Works and the outlook for the labor market in Northeast Indiana. Discussed what jobs will be plentiful and the skill set people will need to fill the jobs of the future. Their programs focus on working with employers to recruit and retain workers. Discussed Jobs for America's Graduates which prepares students for the workforce.

Guest: Rick Farrant, Director of Communications, Northeast Indiana Works
Fort Wayne Feedback

Faith Based Programs

2/11/24 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of helping the community through faith.

Guest: Zeke Bryant

Sunday Side Up

Healthcare

1/21/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter, and the options available to the community including education and online resources for patients and caregivers. Also discussed updates in research and treatment for Alzheimer's patients.

Guest: Laura Forbes, Communications Director, Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter.

Fort Wayne Feedback

Healthcare cont.

3/10/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter and the resources they provide including education, meetings, and a 24-hour helpline for those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Also talked about current research and advances in treatments.

Guest: Laura Forbes, Communications Director, Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter
Fort Wayne Feedback

Homelessness

1/21/24 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed homelessness across Northeast Indiana.

Guest: Pastor Bill Thomas
Sunday Side Up

Human Trafficking

2/4/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed an Indiana State Police initiative to prevent human trafficking. They have created a network of semi drivers who have been specially trained to spot potential trafficking cases.

Guest: Kimberly Hill, Motor Carrier Inspector, Vice Chair of the Human Trafficking Prevention Program with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and Truckers Against Trafficking.
Fort Wayne Feedback

Public Safety

2/25/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussed Earthquake Preparedness Month in Indiana. While not known as a hot zone, there are active fault lines in the state. Talked about the geology of an earthquake, how common quakes are in the Midwest and safety measures to utilized in the event of an earthquake.

Guest: Polly Root Sturgeon, Education and Outreach Coordinator, Indiana Geological and Water Survey, Indiana University
Fort Wayne Feedback

3/17/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of Severe Weather Preparedness week across Indiana. Talked about safety precautions, weather patterns common in northeast Indiana, advances in forecasting technology and new definitions for “tornado alley.”

Guest: Liz Braden, Meteorologist, 21Alive and Classic Hits 101.7
Fort Wayne Feedback

Senior Services

3/3/24 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed senior care and food pantry program.

Guest: Ermina Musedanagic
Sunday Side Up

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Substance Abuse

3/24/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of The Lighthouse, which is an addiction and recovery center in Fort Wayne. It's an in-house program which not only provides counseling services, but helps people find jobs and reestablish themselves within the community. They also have a food bank and a thrift store which allows them to raise funds to continue their programs.

Guest: Brandon Power, Founder and Director, The Lighthouse
Fort Wayne Feedback

Veteran's Affairs

1/28/24 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussion of housing and other help for veterans.

Guest: Tracy Barr

Sunday Side Up

Victim's Assistance

2/18/24 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed victim's assistance and support programs.

Guest: Angelo Mante

Sunday Side Up

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Sunday Side Up

Workforce Readiness

2/18/24 6:30-7:00am 30 min.

Discussion of the Schools of Success program which pairs core academics with real world experience to prepare students for the workforce. The program includes Pre-K through 12th grade with an introduction of certain careers to kids as young as kindergarten age.

Guest: Shenita Bolton, Executive Director of College and Career Success Program, Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Fort Wayne Feedback

Youth Services

1/7/24 6:00-6:30am 30 min.

Discussed Powerhouse Youth Center.

Guest: Bonnie Roth

Sunday Side Up



**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
STAFF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

JANUARY-MARCH, 2024

The following is a list of recorded
public service announcements aired on
WLDE during the 1st quarter of 2024:

Crimestoppers

Fort Wayne Rescue Mission

Indiana Broadcasters Association

St. Paul Street Evangelization

Women's Care Center

The following is a list of community activities in which WAJI-HD1, WGBJ and WAJI HD2, and WLDE staff members participated during the 1st quarter of 2024:

Stacey Shaw-Board Member/Secretary, Stone Lake Home Association

Lisa Thompson-Volunteer, City Church;
Volunteer, Fort Wayne Rescue Mission;
Member, WOWnet Philanthropic and Networking Group

Angie Nash-Celebrity Reader, Abbott Elementary School; Volunteer, Fort Wayne Community Schools High School Music Contest;
Volunteer, Three Rivers Festival Entertainment Committee

Krystal Sullivan-Doyle-Chairman, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana Ribbon Walk

Chris Didier-Usher, Lector, St. Peter's Catholic Church; Council Member, Knights of Columbus; Volunteer, St. Peter's Catholic Church Fish Fry

Drew Bogs-Volunteer, Youth Group Leader, City Church

Lisa Thompson-Volunteer, Fall Banquet and Thanksgiving Meal Service, Fort Wayne Rescue Mission; Networking and Philanthropy, WOWnet

Jim Reed-Marketing Committee, Greek Festival

Carrie Wellman-Volunteer, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

Lee Tobin-Board Member, Franciscan Center; Board Member, Indiana Broadcasters Association

Andy Beckman-Board Member, Children's Autism Center