

Issues Report

Quarterly Issues Program List for Station -- WBOI

Jan. 1 - March 31, 2024

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The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter:

Section I: Issues

- A. Health:** Health and healthcare access from infectious disease to addiction to mental health.
- B. Education:** Issues related to public school education in our community
- C. Politics and Government:** Indiana's legislative session and impact of federal legislation and regulation
- D. Arts and Culture:** Artists, musicians, theater, public art and its role in our community.
- E. Environmental issues:** Agriculture, clean water, and protected species

Section II: Responsive Programs

The station broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. The programs are outlined below:

A. Health:

“Health First Indiana Funding” -- (Broadcast on Jan. 4 at 5:04 p.m. and Jan. 5 at 7:04 a.m. and 9:04 a.m. *Duration :46*) Indiana Public Broadcasting (IPB)'s Abigail Ruhman on a round of public health funding to 86 Indiana counties.

“Avian Flu” -- (Broadcast on Jan. 29 at 7:31 a.m. and Jan. 31 at 4:04 and 6:04 p.m. *Duration :50*) Via IPB, Clayton Baumgarth on a commercial turkey farm seeing an outbreak of the disease in a flock of 13,000 birds.

“IDOH Measles Case” -- (Broadcast on Feb. 23 at 5:04 p.m. and Feb. 26 at 7:04 a.m. and 9:04 a.m. *Duration :45*) IPB's Abigail Ruhman on the first confirmed measles case since 2019.

“Blood Test for schizophrenia” -- (Broadcast on Feb. 23 at 6:31 a.m., 8:31 a.m. and 4:32 p.m. *Duration :45*) From IPB, WFYI's Darian Benson on the development of a blood test to test for psychotic disorders.

B. Education:

“FWCS Amp Lab” -- (Broadcast on Jan. 19 at 5:04 p.m. and Jan. 22 at 8:04 a.m. and 9:04 p.m. *Duration :55*) WBOI’s Ella Abbott reported on the expansion of the Amp Lab to students outside the district.

“SB_225” -- (Broadcast on Jan. 22 at 8:04 a.m., 12:04 p.m. and 5:32 p.m. *Duration :47*) IPB’s Kirsten Adair on a GOP plan to reform school choice options.

“Chaplains” -- (Broadcast on Feb. 23 at 4:04 and 6:04 p.m. and at 7:04 and 8:31 a.m. *Duration :45*) IPB’s Kirsten Adair on a proposal to put chaplains in public schools, and its progress through the legislature.

“Ball State FAFSA Delays” -- (Broadcast on March 22 at 5:04 p.m. and 6:04 a.m. *Duration 1:00*) Via IPB, Indiana Public Radio’s Stephanie Wiechmann on the impact of updates to federal financial aid forms to financial aid packages.

C. Politics and Government:

“State of the State address” -- (Broadcast Jan. 10 at 5:04 p.m. and Jan. 11 at 8:04 a.m. and 12:04 p.m. *Duration :52*) IPB’s Brandon Smith on Gov. Eric Holcomb’s final state of the state address.

“Governor Powers” -- (Broadcast March 7 at 4:04 p.m. and 6:04 p.m. and March 8 at 7:04 a.m., 9:04 a.m. and 12:04 p.m., and the podcast. *Duration :45*) IPB’s Brandon Smith on a bill that restricts the governor’s power in a disaster or emergency.

“Bridge Money” -- (Broadcast on March 8 at 5:04 p.m. and March 9 at 8:04 a.m. *Duration :50*) WBOI’s Tony Sandleben on more than \$7.3 million in money coming to the area to fix a bridge.

“Mayor Henry Dies” -- (Broadcast on March 29 at 6:04 a.m., 7:04 a.m., 8:04 a.m. and 9:04 a.m. and the podcast. *Duration 1:05*) WBOI’s Tony Sandleben on the sudden death of Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry a month after going public with his cancer diagnosis.

D. Arts & Culture:

“Sameer Patel returns to Fort Wayne” -- (Broadcast on Jan. 19 at 6:44 a.m. and 8:44 a.m. and 5:44 p.m. *Duration 4:59*) WBOI’s Julia Meek on the visit of former FW Philharmonic associate conductor.

“Library Cards” -- (Broadcast on Feb. 7 at 5:04 p.m. and Feb. 8 at 7:04 a.m. and 9:04 a.m. *Duration: :59*) WBOI’s Ella Abbott on new library cards featuring local artists.

“Poet Laureate” -- (Broadcast on Feb. 21 at 6:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m. and 6:44 p.m. *Duration 5:00*) WBOI’s Ella Abbott on PFW professor Curtis Crisler and his appointment as the state’s poet laureate.

“Prom Play” -- (Broadcast on Feb. 23 at 6:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 4:44 p.m. and 6:44 p.m. and 6:04 p.m. *Duration 4:59*) WBOI’s Julia Meek on a local production of the Broadway hit play “The Prom”.

E. Environmental Issues:

“Wetlands Bills” -- (Broadcast on Jan. 19 at 5:32 p.m. and 6:32 p.m. and Jan. 22 at 9:04 a.m. and 12:04 p.m. *Duration :55*) IPB’s Rebecca Thiele on a bill that would remove more protection for Indiana’s wetlands.

“Class 3 Wetlands” -- (Broadcast on Feb. 13 at 8:04 a.m., 12:04 p.m., 4:04 p.m. and 6:04 p.m. *Duration :45*) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Rebecca Thiele on the signing of a bill further reducing protection for Hoosier wetlands.

“Lake Ice Update” -- (Broadcast on March 7 at 4:04 p.m., 6:04 p.m. and March 8 at 9:04 a.m. and the podcast. *Duration :43*) IPB’s Rebecca Thiele on the decline in ice on the Great Lakes this winter.

“PFAS Labels” -- (Broadcast on March 21 at 6:04 p.m. March 22 at 6:31 a.m. and podcast. *Duration :50*) IPB’s Rebecca Thiele on how to tell if a product contains toxic PFAS.