

WSWI-AM
Quarterly Report
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Community Needs Assessment

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Education

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM	DATE/TIME	NARRATION
<p>The university of southern Indiana is kicking off the first day of school today.</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>8-21-23 8 & 9am</p>	<p>The university of southern Indiana is kicking off the first day of school today. Returning students are refreshed and ready to get back to it, but the incoming freshmen are in a brand-new world. Freshmen students Andrew Hall and Samuel Wells say there is a mix of emotions. With USI celebrating welcome week last week to get the new students acquainted with their school, some students are very optimistic.</p> <p>When getting the chance to speak to these new students the feeling of excitement with a touch of nervousness was in the air, but these students seemed more determined than ever, however they all shared the same concern,</p> <p>Today we will see how many of these freshmen found those classes.</p> <p>Today a high of 93 and sunny with a low of 74 tonight, tomorrow a high of 94 with dangourous heat. It is 76 and sunny in the city of evansville now back to more music on 95.7 the spin.</p>

<p>Robots rollout at USI campus</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>8-23-23 8 and 9</p>	<p>Students at the university of southern Indiana are getting a taste of the future, introducing Kiwi bot, the campus food delivery robot. Students can now use the grub hub app to get food delivered right to them on campus with the help of these electronic buddies. The delivery devices use AI to navigate sidewalks and walking areas. The robots are getting a lot of use as the fall semester begins.</p>
<p>Price increases for housing and food at USI</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>9-15-23 8 and 9</p>	<p>The university of southern Indiana has approved a price increase for housing and food. In 2024 USI's meal plan will go up \$125 DOLLARS, and the housing rates will increase by \$75 per semester. Steve Bridges, vice president of finances and administration says that these rates have been frozen for the past 2 years. Bridges says the university does not know how much these rates will go up or down after 2024. Bridges claims that the price increases are due to general inflation and to wage increases for workers at the university. The price increases go into effect next year, the prices are looked at annually.</p>
<p>Holocaust presentation at usi</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>9-18-23 8 and 9</p>	<p>The University of Southern Indiana is having a presentation tonight called,</p>

			"My Family's Holocaust Story and The Threats We Face Today." award-winning author Margaret McMullan will be discussing her memoir, her families experiences, and threats facing today. This event takes place today from 7-8 in Carter Hall at USI and is free to the public.
The University of Southern Indiana will be hosting a Greater Evansville College Fair	Newscast	9-26-23 8 and 9	The University of Southern Indiana will be hosting a Greater Evansville College Fair. There will be close to 40 colleges and universities for prospective students and families to visit. This event will take place tomorrow, 27th, from 6 until 7:30 in the Screaming Eagles Arena.

Jobs

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EFD has just received new bullet proof vests.	Newscast	9-8-23 8 and 9	The Evansville fire department has just received bullet proof vests. EFD says there are 12 sets of body armor and 4 trauma bags in addition. Officials say this is to aid in an active shooter situation and to insure trauma bags gets to who needs them most.

Drugs and drug related crimes

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A man accused of killing his wife has his first court appearance today	Newscast	8-30-23 8 & 9am	A man accused of killing his wife has his first court appearance today. Fenel Germain is accused of stabbing his wife in their apartment during an argument. she was taken to the hospital after police arrived but she died shortly after. Germain is facing a murder charge.
A trial date is set for an Evansville teen that shot two people	Newscast	9-11-23 8 and 9	A trial date is set for an Evansville teen that shot two people, killing one. In January, 18 year old Austin Ousley will be on trial for the killing of Shawn Wildt and injuring Chad Wildt, Shawn's Brother. Officials say that Ousley all but confessed to the crime on social media, but he has pled not guilty. Ousley was denied bail, the trail is set for January.
A 57-year-old Evansville man has been arrested by Indiana State Police for allegedly fleeing authorities.	Newscast	9-11-23 8 and 9	A 57-year-old Evansville man has been arrested by Indiana State Police for allegedly fleeing authorities. They say Patrick Pate and his 19-year-old passenger Nova Collins were arrested without incident after he led a trooper on a chase. Pate put the bike down after losing control riding through the grass after a street hit a dead-end. He is being held without bond,

			while Collins has a 250-dollar bond.
Officials have announced the arrest of a man accused of killing his mother and leaving her body in an Evansville home	Newscast	9-13-23 8 and 9	Officials have announced the arrest of a man accused of killing his mother and leaving her body in an Evansville home. Jaron Wells was arrested in Illinois after a body was found in an abandoned home in July. Wells is being held without bond, Its is unclear when he will be in Vanderburgh county court.
Police are investigating after a shooting on Fulton avenue in Evansville.	Newscast	9-13-23 8 and 9	Police are investigating after a shooting on Fulton avenue in Evansville. Officials say one person was injured after a man shot them in the leg during an altercation. The victims injury's are not life threatening. Officials say that this was an isolated incident and their is no danger to the public, Police are investigating.
A Tennessee man is jailed after he allegedly threatened to kill Evansville police officers and others at a gas station	Newscast	9-15-23 8 and 9	A Tennessee man is jailed after he allegedly threatened to kill Evansville police officers and others at a gas station. John Thweatt is accused of making the threats early Wednesday morning at the Huck's station on Old Business 41. He started making several racist comments inside and then went outside and pulled his gun. Thweatt is accused of threatening to

			kill police if they searched his home.
An Evansville man is arrested after police say he resisted arrest during a traffic stop	Newscast	9-25-23 8 and 9	An Evansville man is arrested after police say he resisted arrest during a traffic stop. Police pulled over Austin Ricks for an expired plate but then gave him a sobriety test. during the test, police say a confrontation took place and Ricks was tased. he was arrested and charged with two felony's and a Misdemeanor.
A Newburg woman is set to receive sentencing after police say she shot and killed her husband.	Newscast	9-25-23 8 and 9	A Newburg woman is set to receive sentencing after police say she shot and killed her husband. Lisa Harris had initially pled not guilty to the 2020 murder but court documents show that she has changed her plea. a second trial has been canceled, the hearing is today.
Teacher arrested after police find meth	Newscast	9-22-23 8 and 9	An EVSC teacher, Sarah Duncan, has been arrested. Police say that at a Family Fun Night event students found the scrunchie the teacher was wearing with methamphetamine inside it. The kids told another teacher, who then reported it to the police. Ms. Duncan was arrested Wednesday afternoon into the Vanderburgh County Jail with a \$1,000 bond.

<p>An Evansville man was arrested Sunday night after Evansville police say he assaulted a woman and her dogs</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>9-26-23 8 and 9</p>	<p>An Evansville man was arrested Sunday night after Evansville police say he assaulted a woman and her dogs. The female victim claimed that John Kaiser had been drinking, and they got into an argument. Police say there was a struggle to get Kaiser cooperating and out of the house. Kaiser has been charged with domestic battery, two counts of resisting law enforcement, and animal cruelty.</p>
<p>An Evansville local, was arrested in a city in Florida by United States marshals.</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>9-26-23 8 and 9</p>	<p>An Evansville local, was arrested in a city in Florida by United States marshals. Police say this man was accused of running from Vanderburgh County Sheriff's deputies a few days earlier. Police also say that Buckingham has a history of making runs from the police officers. Buckingham is being charged with reckless driving, resisting law enforcement, and criminal recklessness.</p>

Economic development

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<p>Construction on Evansville's downtown</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>8-21-23 8 & 9am</p>	<p>Construction to Evansville's main street starts toodday. Crews will be working to rebuild the</p>

			through lane and to fix failed parking spots. Third Street to Fourth Street will be under construction till October 13 th , construction on second street to 3 rd street is scheduled October 2 nd through November 17 th .
Last day of free week at Wesselman woods	Newscast	8-30-23 8 and 9	Today is the last day of free week at Weselmen woods. Today you can get into the park free of charge and check out the parks new ADA accessible Mini Loop Trail. The trails ribbon cutting kicked off free week with a bang and with free week ending today you wont want to miss out.
Haynie's corner is coming up	Newscast	8-30-23 8 and 9	Haynie's corner is JUST around the corner as the first Friday of September draws nearer. You can look forward to front porch fest, as well food trucks and local business. you wont wanna miss out this is the second to last Haynie's corner of the year.
The westbound ramp that leads to I-69 North will be closed due to an intersection improvement project.	Newscast	9-11-23 and 9	The westbound ramp that leads to I-69 North will be closed due to an intersection improvement project. This is to repave the ramp and to also add drainage pipes. Officials say this closer will last a

			month. Their is a detour in place.
A water main break has been reported in Evansville by the home depot of Burkhardt Road.	Newscast	9-11-23 8 and 9	A water main break has been reported in Evansville by the home depot of Burkhardt Road. The Evansville Water and Sewer Utility report a break in a 12 inch water main. Serval businesses are closing and are under a boil order. Officials say the main will be fixed by tonight.
Habitat for humanity broke ground on 600 th house	Newscast	9-13-23 8 and 9	Habitat for humanity broke ground on their 600th house. Members and volunteers started digging for the Hailey family. The house on covert avenue will not be habitats last house as the Evansville chapter is one of 25 that have had 600 ground breakings.

Healthcare/Insurance

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Sewer utility change	Newscast	8-23-23 8 and 9	<p>The taste of your tap water may taste a little different in the coming days. On the 28th, Evansville Water and Sewer Utility is switching free chlorine from chloramine which is done to keep water mains clean. A difference in taste and odor can be noticed but the utility says that the water is still safe.</p>
The U.S. Census Bureau says seven-percent of people in Indiana are uninsured	Newscast	9-22-23 8 and 9	<p>The U.S. Census Bureau says seven-percent of people in Indiana are uninsured, which is down six-tenths-of-a-percent from 2022. Increased insurance coverage in Indiana is due to an enrollment increase in public health insurance options like Medicaid and not a significant change in private insurance plans. Officials warn, however, the increase could just be temporary.</p>

Politics and government

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Hurricane Idalia [[ee-DAL-ya]] continues to pick up steam as it barrels toward Florida's Big Bend region.	Newscast	8-30-23 8 and 9	<p>Hurricane Idalia [[ee-DAL-ya]] continues to pick up steam as it barrels toward Florida's Big Bend region. WFLA meteorologist Amanda Holly says the storm surge could be an issue in Tampa Bay. The latest update from the National Hurricane Center clocks Idalia's maximum sustained winds at 125 miles per hour, making it an extremely dangerous Category 3 storm. There's a strong likelihood it will further intensify, growing into a Category 4 hurricane ahead of landfall in a matter of hours.</p> <p>FEMA is prepared for the arrival of Hurricane Idalia as the storm is set to make landfall in Florida soon. President Biden said yesterday his administration was monitoring the situation closely.</p> <p>FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell said personnel and resources are being deployed to Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Idalia is currently a Category 4 storm with maximum sustained winds of 130 miles per hour and it could bring up to 16 feet of storm surge in some areas along the western coast of Florida.</p>
Former Indiana Commerce Secretary Brad Chambers has released his first ad	Newscast	9-8-23 8 and 9	Former Indiana Commerce Secretary Brad Chambers has released his first ad in the campaign to be elected governor. He is the newest Republican hopeful seeking

<p>in the campaign to be elected governor.</p>			<p>to succeed Governor Eric Holcomb, who cannot run again due to term limits. Chambers spent over a million-dollars on the TV ad purchase in the state. He has never held any elected office.</p>
<p>Former Trump White House adviser Peter Navarro will appeal his conviction in his contempt of Congress case.</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>9-8-23 8 and 9</p>	<p>Former Trump White House adviser Peter Navarro will appeal his conviction in his contempt of Congress case. A jury reached a guilty verdict today after several hours of deliberation. Navarro says the judge in this case made history. Prosecutors say Navarro illegally refused to comply with subpoenas issued by the House committee investigating the attack on the U.S. Capitol. The decision comes after a federal judge last week rejected Navarro's bid to dodge the charges. He claimed former President Trump invoked executive privilege to prevent Navarro from testifying before the committee.</p>
<p>The Federal Emergency Management Agency says Florida residents of Sarasota and Manatee counties may now apply for emergency assistance</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>9-11-23 8 and 9</p>	<p>The Federal Emergency Management Agency says Florida residents of Sarasota and Manatee counties may now apply for emergency assistance after Hurricane Idalia. Troy York with FEMA says bring driver's license, insurance and receipts if you're applying in person. York says if you get a rejection letter, don't throw it away. Residents of 16 Florida counties are now eligible for assistance after Hurricane Idalia struck almost two weeks ago.</p>
<p>House Speaker Kevin McCarthy is backing an impeachment inquiry into President Biden</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>9-13-23</p>	<p>House Speaker Kevin McCarthy is backing an impeachment inquiry into President Biden. McCarthy had an important announcement about President Biden. The President and</p>

			his son Hunter Biden have denied any wrongdoing and so far, there's been no evidence the President was involved in his son's business affairs.
The United Auto Workers Union is on strike after failing to reach a new contract with the Big Three automakers.	Newscast	8-15-23 8 and 9	<p>The United Auto Workers Union is on strike after failing to reach a new contract with the Big Three automakers. Tony Totty, UAW president of a Jeep Wrangler plant in Ohio, says they will strike until a deal is met. yesterdays deadline passed, prompting targeted strikes against Ford, GM and Stellantis. The UAW, made up of more than 140-thousand members, is seeking pay increases, a four-day work week, and the return to pension and retiree benefits. Michigan worker Travis Smith says the strike has to be done to get what he and other employees deserve from respective American automakers.</p> <p>One estimate says a strike lasting just ten days could result in a total loss nationwide of more than five-billion dollars. Meantime, the White House said President Biden spoke to Fain and company officials about the negotiations.</p>
Coastal communities are preparing for potential flooding and dangerous surf conditions this weekend from Hurricane Lee.	Newscast	9-15-23 8 and 9	<p>Coastal communities are preparing for potential flooding and dangerous surf conditions this weekend from Hurricane Lee. Hempstead Supervisor Don Calvin is urging coastal residents to monitor the storm's progress. The hurricane is expected to make a big impact in places off Long Island, the Jersey Shore and coastal parts of New York City. Forecasters say 10 to 16 foot breaking waves are possible, creating very dangerous rip</p>

			currents, high surfs and beach erosion.
The Hollywood writers' strike could soon be coming to an end.	Newscast	9-25-23 8 and 9	The Hollywood writers' strike could soon be coming to an end. The Writers Guild of America and Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers reached a tentative agreement on a new contract Sunday night, but actor and comedian TK Kirkland says he wants to see the terms. Writer's Assistant Tom Whelan says the tentative agreement is an important step toward the SAG-AFTRA actors' strike coming to an end. The deal still needs to be ratified by the nearly eleven-thousand members of the WGA. The strike, one of the longest in the union's history, started on May 2nd.
A bi-partisan House caucus says it has only one objective as the clock winds down on the September 30th funding deadline.	Newscast	9-25-23 8 and 9	A bi-partisan House caucus says it has only one objective as the clock winds down on the September 30th funding deadline. Pennsylvania Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick says the caucus is trying to do what's in the best interest of all Americans and keep the government running. Fitzpatrick and New Jersey Representative Josh Gottmeier are co-chairs of the bi-partisan "Problem Solvers Caucus," which is made up of 32 Republicans and 32 Democrats.
The three candidates for Evansville mayor will take part in a candidate forum today.	Newscast	9-18-23 8 and 9	The three candidates for Evansville mayor will take part in a candidate forum today. It is being hosted by SWIRCA & More at 12:45 p.m. at their activity center on West Virginia Street. Democrat Stephanie Terry, Libertarian Michael Daugherty, and Republican Natalie Rascher will be on hand to answer questions.

<p>Former President Trump says the United Auto Workers are not getting a fair deal from their leadership.</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>9-18-23 8 and 9</p>	<p>Former President Trump says the United Auto Workers are not getting a fair deal from their leadership. Trump touched on the standoff between the auto workers and the big three auto manufacturers, saying he is on the side of "making our country great." Nearly 13-thousand auto workers remain on strike, demanding better pay and pension benefits.</p>
<p>House Speaker Kevin McCarthy says things are trending upward in talks to avoid a government shutdown.</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>8-18-23 8 and 9</p>	<p>House Speaker Kevin McCarthy says things are trending upward in talks to avoid a government shutdown. McCarthy said that Republicans wanted to "change Washington" when they took the majority, and that he has never seen anyone "win a shutdown." McCarthy faces challenges in passing a stopgap funding bill, and lacks the votes to keep the government open beyond September 30th. Some conservatives are threatening to strip him of the speakership. McCarthy added the only way to cut spending is to pass bills which allow the government to keep running, which he said are the "most conservative bills going forward."</p>
<p>UAW president Shawn Fain will give an update to union members this morning at 10</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>9-22-23 8 and 9</p>	<p>UAW president Shawn Fain will give an update to union members this morning at 10, as he has set a deadline of noon for expanding their strike against the Detroit three automakers, unless substantial progress in contract talks have been made. Autoworkers like Marc Kane remain on the picket line at Ford's plant in Wayne and the strike also includes a Stellantis factory in Toledo and a General Motors plant in Missouri.</p>

<p>President Biden is calling on Congress to pass legislation to fund the government and avoid a shutdown by the end of the month.</p>	<p>Newscast</p>	<p>9-26-23 8 and 9</p>	<p>President Biden is calling on Congress to pass legislation to fund the government and avoid a shutdown by the end of the month. Following a meeting with the President's Board of Advisors on HBCUs, Biden called on House Republicans to abide by the bipartisan funding agreement he negotiated with Speaker Kevin McCarthy in May. The President added that a shutdown would hurt everyday Americans and disproportionately affect Black families.</p>
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