

Indiana Public Radio: WBST, WBSB, WBSH and WBSW 2023 4th Quarterly Issues Report

For the period of October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

Indiana Public Radio, consisting of FM radio stations WBST, WBSB, WBSW, and WBSH, has determined that the following issues were of importance to its audience community during the past three months and has aired the following news stories to address these issues:

Health

10/02/23 CarePointe Lawsuit Abigail Ruhman

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is suing a northwest Indiana medical office over a ransomware event that put personal and protected health information at risk. As Indiana Public Broadcasting's Abigail Ruhman (ROO-man) reports, the lawsuit alleges the provider was aware of security concerns before the data breach.

CUT 30000 TRT: 0:47 OUT: SOC

HOST OUT: The office of the attorney general is suing for injunctive relief, damages, and attorney fees and costs.

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10/05/23 IN Abortion Numbers IN Capital Chronicle (SLW Short Edit)

Indiana abortion clinics and hospitals performed fewer than two-thousand abortions from April through June. According to a new quarterly state report, that's the lowest since 2019.

Although Indiana's near-total abortion ban officially went into effect in August, a legal fight for nearly a year before kept enforcement on hold. During that time, the state's previous abortion law stood - allowing the procedures up to 20 weeks post-fertilization.

From April through June, providers recorded 1,937 abortions. About 81 percent were performed on Indiana residents.

A higher proportion of out-of-state patients has been seen since 2022. This quarter, about 87 percent of those who traveled in came from Kentucky.

The report also said the average abortion patient was a 29-year-old woman. And about 60 percent of procedures were done at eight weeks of gestation or less.

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10/12/23 Poll access for disabled voters Thorp (SLW Short Pledge Edit)

As early voting has started in Indiana for the municipal election, Indiana Disability Rights is working with the US Attorney's Office to make it easier for people with disabilities to cast a ballot.

The group will send surveyors to visit polling locations and then send county clerks accessibility recommendations within 10 days. Last year, these surveys happened in nine counties. This year, the hope is to double that number.

Kristen Dulaney is the Special Projects Manager for Indiana Disability Rights.

CUT 29003

TRT: 0:10

"smooth experience"

Dulaney says some of the most common issues include ensuring van-accessible parking ... and making sure blind voters are protected from objects that may protrude from the walls - such as coat hangers or fire extinguishers. Surveyors use a checklist provided by the US Department of Justice.

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CDC Infant Mortality Rate

Abigail Ruhman

The rate of infant deaths in the country increased in 2022, marking the first year-to-year increase in two decades.

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Abigail Ruhman reports provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed Indiana remained among the ten worst states for infant mortality.

CUT 25062

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11-08-23

CIIF Health funding

Violet Comber-Wilen

New funding from Indiana University Health is aimed at improving health outcomes for Hoosiers in need.

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Violet Comber-Wilen reports the grant money will help address social and environmental issues that affect people's health.

CUT 25096

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SOC

11/09/23

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11/14/23

RICHMOND EPA CLEANUP

Figueroa

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has begun hazardous waste cleanup in Richmond. The work is due to the massive fire that destroyed a plastics recycling warehouse in April.

WYSO's Alejandro Figueroa has the story.

CUT 25151

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SOQ

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COPD Rate in Indiana

Herron

More than 12 million people in the U.S. live with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or COPD. And Indiana has one of the highest COPD prevalence rates in the country. That's according to new data from the American Lung Association.

The disease causes blocked airflow to the lungs.

Doctor Bobby Mahajan (Ma-ha-jin) is with the American Lung Association. He says the main cause of COPD is smoking, but other factors such as exposure to pollution and genetics may onset the disease and stress the lungs.

CUT 25045

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OUT: "and overinflated"

"A lot of it is their functionality is just really poor because their muscles are being overworked because their lungs have been destroyed and overinflated."

There is no timetable for the appeals court decision. And any ruling will almost certainly be appealed to the state Supreme Court.

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Climate Abandon

Rebecca Thiele

Flooding could become the tipping point for people considering moving out of their neighborhoods in Indiana. That's according to a new study by the First Street Foundation, a nonprofit risk mitigation research group.

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Rebecca Thiele reports it projected that most of the population loss due to flooding in the next 30 years will be in the Northeast and Great Lakes states.

CUT 25212

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Anchor Out: The good news is, Porter says more people are considering the climate risks when moving to a new home as companies like Redfin and Zillow add that information to listings.

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Economy

10/10/23

Eviction Demographics Study

Brandon Smith (SLW Short Edit)

New research from the Eviction Lab at Princeton University provides a clearer picture of the demographics of who gets evicted in the U-S.

The study linked names and addresses on eviction court records to census data. Lead researcher Nick Graetz (GRATES) says the trends that appeared weren't exactly shocking.

CUT 29001

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OUT: "surprising to me"

Less than a fifth of renters in the United States are Black. But more than half of eviction filings are against Black renters.

In Indiana, it's a similar story. Indiana has one of the highest eviction rates in the country. And while an average of eight percent of renters per year here have eviction filings against them, that number is 23 percent for Black renters.

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Where Does Budget Money Go

Brandon Smith

The vast majority of state budget funding comes from taxes, whether state or federal. But where, exactly, does it then go? That's a question our listeners have been asking.

There are more than 850 line items in the state budget. The largest is tuition support, the primary source of K-12 school funding. It's nearly 18 billion dollars, about 40 percent of total budget spending.

There are also a few dozen line items that are less than 100 thousand dollars a year. That includes everything from investigating real estate appraisers ... to youth tobacco prevention ... to constructing and maintaining snowmobile trails.

Lawmakers have a lot of flexibility to decide how they use tax money toward all those line items. But there are some tax dollars that don't have such flexibility. As Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute President Stephanie Wells explains, those are known as dedicated funds.

CUT 29001 TRT: :14 OUT: "other fuel taxes"

About 13 percent of the state budget is dedicated funds.

This story is a part of "Civically, Indiana" - a project to answer both the how and why of Indiana's state government.

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I&M Rate Increase Public Mtg

E. Abbott (SLW Adds Edit)

As Indiana Michigan Power seeks to increase customer rates for its services, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission is seeking public input on the proposal.

Last night (MON) in Fort Wayne, comments from the public were nearly unanimous in their opposition to the increase.

Junius Pressey spoke about his struggle to pay utility bills, a sentiment repeated by several other speakers. Pressey says he's been an I-and-M customer for 37 years.

CUT 29001 :13 "...and senior years."

The proposed two-phase increase would raise rates by nearly 7 percent. The company has told the state regulator the average residential customer's bill would rise by about 15 dollars per month. I-and-M says its plan will benefit customers by "improving reliability."

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor - which represents ratepayers - must take a formal position on the rate increase proposal by November 15th.

The office is holding another public meeting in South Bend and taking public comment through November 8th by mail, email, and through their website. You can find details on how to comment on our website ... at indianapublicradio-dot-org.

10/17/23

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11-15-2023 INF B Thanksgiving Dinner Survey Violet Comber-Wilen

According to an annual Indiana Farm Bureau survey released today, Hoosiers can expect lower Thanksgiving dinner prices than last year. Indiana Public Broadcasting's Violet Comber-Wilen reports.

CUT 30000 TRT: 0:47 OUT: SOC

Host Outro: The Indiana meal price is also 11 percent lower than the national average.

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11-16-2023 Why hasn't Indiana increased minimum wage? Comber-Wilen

An M-I-T calculator shows the average living wage for an adult Hoosier with no children is more than 15 dollars an hour. So why hasn't Indiana raised its seven dollar and 25 cent minimum wage? As Indiana Public Broadcasting's Violet Comber-Wilen reports, some employers may push against a wage increase because of the economic impact on their business.

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OUT: SOC

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AES Rates

Rebecca Thiele

A settlement reached with AES Indiana could see customer bills increase by less than expected. Electric bills for average AES customers were expected to go up by more than 17 dollars a month. A settlement reached with consumer advocates, the city of Indianapolis, and companies like Walmart and Rolls Royce will see a proposed increase of less than 10 dollars a month. Indiana Public Broadcasting's Rebecca Thiele explains.

CUT 30000

TRT: 48

OUT: SOC

Anchor Out: If the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission approves the settlement, A-E-S customers could see higher bills starting next summer.

11/27/23

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Statewide Evictions Dashboard

Brandon Smith

Indiana researchers have unveiled a statewide evictions and foreclosures dashboard, believed to be the first of its kind in the country. The data tool comes from the Polis (POE-liss) Center and New America.

The Polis Center collected data from the Indiana courts system ... and joined it with demographic data from New America to create the dashboard. It shows eviction and foreclosure filings and judgments down to the census tract level, data that wasn't really available to the public before now.

Indiana University professor Patricia Basile (pah-TREE-see-ah / bah-SEE-lay) says the dashboard can help better identify trends and challenges.

CUT 29001 TRT: :13 OUT: "different results"

Community organizer Mari (MARR-ee) Luna says the dashboard can also empower advocates.

Cut 29002 TRT: :06 OUT: "the research"

The Polis Center hopes to add more data and features to the dashboard in the future.

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12/12/2023 Chamber 2023 Economic Report Card Brandon Smith

In other news from the state Chamber of Commerce, its newly released report card says Indiana is improving in some key economic areas.

But in many areas, that improvement is being outpaced by other states.

The report cards, released every couple of years, are tied to the chamber's economic vision plan. It tracks metrics across a range of issues - everything from labor force participation and entrepreneurship ... to health care costs and educational attainment.

Outgoing chamber C-E-O Kevin Brinegar (BRINN-eh-grr) says Indiana ranks in the top ten of only seven of the report card's 49 national measures.

CUT 29001 TRT: :08 OUT: "pick up the pace"

Incoming C-E-O Vanessa Green Sindors says the chamber will bring the report card's message to lawmakers - even as legislative leaders promise a quieter 2024 session.

Cut 29002 TRT: :07 OUT: "moving forward"

Areas where Indiana lags that the chamber highlighted are health care costs and early childhood education.

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Income Tax Changes In 2024

Brandon Smith

Members of the military won't have to pay income tax in Indiana, starting next year... while the rate goes down for all other Hoosiers. Indiana Public Broadcasting's Brandon Smith reports on upcoming income tax changes.

CUT 30000

TRT: :49

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Local Stories

10/02/2023

Marion GM Layoffs

Adam Yahya Rayes (SLW Short Edit)

Dozens of General Motors workers at a plant in Marion are being temporarily laid off as a result of the United Auto Workers union's targeted strike strategy ... as negotiations continue with Ford, General Motors, and Stellantis. Indiana Public Broadcasting's Adam Yahya Rayes reports.

CUT 30187

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OUT: SOB

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Muncie board approves moratorium on noise ordinance exemptions

SLW 10/04/23

The Muncie Board of Works is putting a moratorium on giving out exemptions to the city's noise ordinance for the rest of the year. As IPR's Stephanie Wiechmann reports, the board has been making changes after a larger-than-expected permitted event resulted in a deadly shooting this summer.

CUT 31569

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10/10/2023 Teacher pay dispute case Adam Yahya Rayes/Kirsten Adair

A legal dispute between a teacher's union in Richmond and their school corporation may set an important precedent for how educator salaries are negotiated across the state. As Indiana Public Broadcasting's Kirsten Adair reports, the dispute is over the timing of supplemental payments added on top of base salaries.

CUT 30000 :45 OUT: SOC

HOST OUT: In an emailed statement, a Richmond schools spokesperson says the district believes "the law clearly allows" these payments. The state board decision will likely come in the next few months. A similar case is playing out in Evansville.

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11/01/23 Final Muncie officer in federal investigation pleads guilty SLW

A final Muncie police officer charged in a federal police brutality investigation - whose case resulted in two undecided jury trials - has pleaded guilty to a federal charge and will give up his career in law enforcement.

Corey Posey has stood trial twice this year, accused of falsifying a report to cover up a fellow officer's physical assault of an arrestee in 2018. Both juries could not reach a unanimous verdict and Posey had been scheduled to go to trial again in January.

Now, he's pleading guilty to one count of obstruction of justice. If the deal is agreed to by the court, Posey will serve no jail time - just probation, including three months of home detention. And he'll participate in an alcohol treatment program, after being arrested for drunk driving in Howard County this summer.

A sentencing hearing has not been scheduled.

Delaware County has drafted an ordinance that could end a moratorium on new solar energy projects in the county. But, as IPR's Stephanie Wiechmann reports, opponents are still not happy the county wants to welcome the projects at all.

CUT 31573 2:15 ... SOQ.

11/03/23

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11/09/23 AMACOR SF6 Rebecca Thiele

You may have not heard of sulfur hexafluoride- or S-F-6 - but it's one of the most potent greenhouse gases. Last year, a metal recycling company in Anderson emitted more of it than any other industrial facility in the country. And as Indiana Public Broadcasting's Rebecca Thiele reports, it has a plan to transition away from the gas soon.

CUT 29001 TRT: 50 OUT: SOC

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Solar advocates ask Delaware County commissioners to change solar ordinance setbacks

SLW 12/04/23

As the local plan commission prepares to once again consider a change to an ordinance governing solar energy projects on farm ground in Delaware County, solar advocates are asking county commissioners to open up a second topic for changes - setbacks. IPR's Stephanie Wiechmann reports.

CUT 31577 1:30 ... SOQ.

OPTIONAL OUTRO: On December 13 at 6:00 PM at the Delaware County Building, the plan commission will consider a commissioner recommendation to scale back the maximum amount of farmland that solar panels can take up.

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Brandon Million Grad Journey

Lisa Renze

At Ball State University's fall commencement on Saturday, one graduate will complete a journey to receive his doctorate degree – a journey that he never thought he'd make.

That's because it began when he dropped out of high school.

Reporting for IPR --- Lisa Renze.

CUT 31590

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Ball State, Earlham, and Taylor receive grants to revitalize local cities and towns

SLW 12/15/23

Three local colleges have received a total of 85 million dollars from the Lily Endowment to revitalize nearby cities and towns, hoping to create stronger town-gown connections. IPR's Stephanie Wiechmann reports on awards to Ball State University, Earlham College, and Taylor University.

CUT 31579 1:36 ... SOQ.

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Local and State Government

10/2/23 Spartz Threatens To Resign Brandon Smith

U-S Representative Victoria Spartz is threatening to resign if Congress doesn't create a commission this year to study ways to reduce the national debt.

Spartz vented her frustrations in a statement today (Mon), calling Congress a QUOTE "circus with a complete absence of leadership, vision, and spine."

Political scientist Andrew Downs says Spartz's concerns about the debt are not new. The surprise, he says, is the threat.

CUT 29001 TRT: :15 OUT: "at that time"

Spartz cited struggles with being away from her high school-aged children when she announced she wouldn't run for re-election. And she referenced her kids again in the threat to resign.

Downs says those struggles are legitimate - and it's fair to ask whether Spartz is just looking for a way to step down early.

Cut 29002 TRT: :04 OUT: "I'm out"

If Spartz resigns, the governor would have to call a special election to fill her seat. And with a slim G-O-P majority in the House, losing a Republican member for even a little bit of time makes Spartz's threat more potent.

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10/03/23 Muncie Council Tables Fire Station Proposal SLW

With a month to go until the municipal election, the Muncie City Council considered and tabled a major want from Mayor Dan Ridenour – essentially an 8-million-dollar contract to replace a fire station on the city's east side.

IPR's Stephanie Wiechmann reports.

CUT 31568

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SOQ

Host Out: Muncie Mayor Dan Ridenour was not at the Monday night council meeting. On his campaign Facebook page, he writes QUOTE “Our fire department deserves better treatment.”

10/04/23

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10/5/23

Blackbaud Data Breach Settlement

Brandon Smith

A software company that had a data breach that exposed the information of thousands of nonprofits will pay nearly 50 million dollars in a multi-state settlement.

Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Brandon Smith reports Indiana led the settlement agreement and will get the most money: three-point-six million dollars.

CUT 25061

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10-18-23

DCS Meeting

Violet Comber-Wilen

A legislative study committee on child welfare didn’t propose or recommend any legislation for the upcoming session in 2024.

Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Violet Comber-Wilen reports on the committee’s final report adopted Wednesday.

CUT 25193

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10/19/23

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11/1/23

Indiana treasurer Israeli bonds

Lauren Chapman

Yesterday, Indiana's chief investment officer purchased 35 million dollars in Israeli bonds. As Indiana Public Broadcasting's Lauren Chapman reports, advocates say the purchase supports "the genocide of Palestinians."

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OUT: SOC

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Muncie Mayor Ridenour survives election challenge from city council president

True and Huber 11/07/23

Muncie Mayor Dan Ridenour secured a second term in office Tuesday night, though the race was close between him and Muncie City Council President Jeff Robinson. IPR's Ransom True and Daniel Huber report on how the evening unfolded.

CUT 31590

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... SOQ.

Host Out: In mayor's races across east central Indiana, most incumbents kept their seats. There are three exceptions.

In Marion, Republican Ronald Morrell, Jr. bested current mayor Jess Alumbaugh.

In Richmond, current mayor Dave Snow had three challengers – a Republican and two Independents. Republican Ron Oler [OH-lerr] was victorious in that race.

And in Portland, Republican Jeff Westlake defeated the current mayor in May's primary and defeated another former two-term mayor Tuesday night to become the mayor-elect.

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Destiny Wells Launches AG Bid

Brandon Smith (SLW Short ATC

Democrat Destiny Wells has announced she's running for Indiana attorney general next year.

Wells is a former deputy attorney general and military veteran. She ran unsuccessfully last year for Secretary of State

Wells says the A-G's office has fallen short of what Hoosiers need.

CUT 29001 TRT: :08 OUT: "to serving Hoosiers"

Current Attorney General Todd Rokita has aggressively pursued health care providers over abortion and gender-affirming care. And he recently became the second consecutive A-G to be sanctioned by the Indiana Supreme Court.

Democrats haven't won a race for attorney general since 1996.

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Gov't Reform Task Force Recs

Brandon Smith

A legislative task force last week approved, along party lines, recommendations that would further restrict the ability of state agencies to adopt rules and regulations.

Democrats on the task force said that while they agreed with a majority of the 12 recommendations, three of them needed further study.

Chief among the complaints was a recommendation that the General Assembly create a law that would block agency rules from taking effect without legislative approval, if those rules have a “a significant fiscal or regulatory impact.”

Democratic Representative Ed DeLaney says that creates a separation of powers problem.

CUT 25041 :07 OUT: “full-time legislature” “I’m not interested in issuing regulations. I don’t think it’s my duty. And I think, also, by the way, you’re pushing us in the direction of a full-time legislature.”

Republican Senator Chris Garten, the chair of the task force, says the recommendation isn’t the end of the discussion.

CUT 25042 :09 OUT: “get into that” “It would be our responsibility to define what ‘significant fiscal or regulatory impact’ is, not just use those words. I think we would really need to get into that.”

Democrats also disagreed with recommendations that would direct state courts not to give state agencies deference when reviewing agency decisions.

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12/5/23 Second 25-Foot Police Bubble Lawsuit Brandon Smith

The state is asking a federal judge to dismiss a second lawsuit challenging a new law ... that criminalizes anyone who gets within 25 feet of police after being told to stop.

A group of media organizations and Indianapolis newspaper and television stations sued the state in October over the law. They argue it is unconstitutional, allowing law enforcement to prevent the press from documenting police activity.

But attorneys for the state argue the lawsuit should be dismissed ... because it's purely hypothetical. The media outlets and organizations haven't been affected by the law, and the state says they haven't shown that they likely will be.

The state also says this lawsuit shouldn't move forward because there's already another lawsuit - filed earlier, in August - challenging the law. That case involves a citizen in South Bend who regularly films law enforcement for his YouTube channel. And the new 25-foot bubble was applied to him by police at the scene of a shooting.

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Merrick Garland

Pross

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland spoke with Indiana law enforcement members Monday during a summit to address violent crime across the country.

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Katrina Pross has more.

CUT 25121

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Education

10/04/23

Taxable Loan Forgiveness

Kirsten Adair

Federal student loan repayments are restarting this month and some borrowers may be eligible for loan relief or forgiveness, and the possibility of paying state taxes on that relief.

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Kirsten Adair reports.

CUT 25052

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AP-US-Indiana-School-Shooting, 1st Ld-Writethru

Judge orders central Indiana school shooter's release into custody of parents

Oct 4, 2023 (SLW Edit)

This week, an Indiana judge approved the release of a teenager who opened fire at a Noblesville middle school in 2018 ... wounding another student and a teacher.

The Hamilton County prosecutor's office says the teenager was 13 years old at the time of the shooting. Now 18, the judge approved his release into the custody of his parents ... because he is now an adult and could no longer be legally held for crimes he committed while a minor.

The prosecutor says the teenager will be on home detention with a GPS monitor ... and bound by restrictions including no guns or drugs, no computers unless monitored by probation officials, limited time on electronic devices ... and no visits to schools or college campuses without prior approval.

Those limits are in place QUOTE "to ensure the safety of the community." A Hamilton County judge had wanted the teenager to be released into a secure residential facility to ease his return to society. But the court said no such facility could be found.

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School Attendance Data

Kirsten Adair

The Indiana Department of Education says schools across the state have an attendance problem.

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Kirsten Adair reports the department introduced new attendance data this week and discussed possible solutions.

CUT 25063

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IU INVESTMENTS IN MICROELECTRONICS AUBREY WRIGHT

Indiana University is investing millions into one of Indiana's emerging industries: microelectronics.

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Aubrey Wright reports on the university's plans.

CUT 25164

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SOC

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11/06/23

Kinsey Separation

Sandweiss

The Indiana University Board of Trustees plans to discuss separating the world-famous Kinsey Institute from the university at its meeting this Thursday. Kinsey faculty, staff and students are pushing back, saying the proposal would do QUOTE "irreparable harm" to the institute and its extensive collections.

The Kinsey Institute's research on sexuality, gender and relationships has attracted plenty of opposition, but until 2023 the university had been largely able to insulate it from direct attacks. That changed this year when the state legislature added an amendment to the budget that stripped the institute of public funding.

Under the IU administration's proposal, the university would split Kinsey Institute into a separate 501c3 nonprofit governed by its own board its collections and archives would remain under university ownership.

Professor Zoe (ZO-ee) Peterson is Director of the Kinsey Institute's Sexual Assault Initiative but says she had no idea this proposal was coming, and that the timeline leaves faculty without enough opportunity to respond.

CUT 25073

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“...not yet able to answer.”

“In some ways, our biggest concern is this rush to vote. So we learned about this the end of last week, and the vote by the Board of Trustees is next week. And we have many, many questions and concerns that they're not yet able to answer.”

Former Kinsey board chair Claude Cookman says separating the collections from the institute would be a mistake.

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“...and the brand of the institute.”

“It's impossible to overstate how important those collections are to the history and the brand of the institute.”

In a letter addressed to IU President Pamela Whitten and the trustees, signatories from the institute asked the university to fully address their questions before taking action and urged Whitten and trustees to keep both the institute and its collections at the university.

(MORE >>>)

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Sandweiss

IU issued a statement to WFIU News saying QUOTE “it is firmly committed to protecting the intellectual freedom and academic inquiry of the Kinsey Institute and is taking steps to ensure that its work continues in perpetuity.” UNQUOTE

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Hammond and DUAB

Kirsten Adair

A Lake County school that lost a vote last week to continue a property-tax levy says it could now be in danger of a state takeover. As Indiana Public Broadcasting's Kirsten Adair reports, the school is in talks with a state agency that helps schools cut spending and initiates state takeovers when they can't.

CUT 29002

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IPS Wins Lawsuit

Weddle (SLW EDIT)

This week, a judge in Marion County has ruled Indianapolis Public Schools is exempt from a law that requires districts to sell closed school buildings to charter organizations for a dollar. The decision came in a lawsuit between the school district and the state.

The original aim of the 2011 law was to give charter schools, which do not receive property taxes for facilities, access to vacant buildings. This year, lawmakers added an exemption to the law for school districts in Marion County ... and three other counties that share funds from a property tax ballot referendum with a charter school.

IPS argued that update included the district, after sharing revenue from a previous referendum. Rokita's office argued exemptions were only for those referendums after May of this year.

The decision in favor of IPS allows the district to move ahead quickly to sell a school that was closed earlier this year ... as part of an effort to address declining enrollment. If the deal goes through, the building's purchase price is set at 550-thousand dollars.

Rokita's office did not respond to a question asking if the ruling will be appealed. But an Indiana group representing charter schools says it expects an appeal.

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Ascend Indiana Grants

Kirsten Adair

Students across the state will have greater access to youth apprenticeship programs through nearly 2-and-a-half million dollars in new grants.

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Kirsten Adair reports Ascend Indiana expects to nearly double the number of students in its apprenticeship programs.

CUT 25113

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12/04/23

New Notre Dame President

Marek Mazurek

The University of Notre Dame yesterday announced it has selected a new president.

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Marek Mazurek has more on the Rev. Robert Dowd.

CUT 25053

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12/13/23

Cursive Writing Survey Indiana Capital Chronicle (SLW Edit)

A new statewide survey shows most Indiana private schools teach cursive writing, compared to roughly half of public schools.

The Indiana Department of Education has conducted its first such survey on the topic, talking to more than 17-hundred schools this fall. The results show 91 percent of non-public schools are teaching cursive. Of the public schools doing so, it's 52 percent.

Cursive writing hasn't been required in Indiana's public schools since 2010 - and Republican Senator Jean Leising has spent years trying to bring the mandate back. Of the new survey, she says this shows many Hoosier students attending public school are at a QUOTE "clear disadvantage." She says she'll renew her legislative efforts to require cursive instruction.

Critics of mandatory cursive instruction say students already have too many subjects to master ... and that they're better off focusing on typing and coding.

The state says the survey was voluntary and 78 percent of all schools sent back responses.

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Indiana Civics Bee Creation

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Indiana sixth through eighth graders can now participate in the first statewide civics bee.

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce and state Department of Education partnered with local chambers to create the competition. The aim is to get kids more excited and engaged with civics and their communities.

State chamber Vice President Jason Bearce (BEERCE) says it gets to the "heart" of the chamber's mission - to help people be informed, engaged citizens.

CUT 29001

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OUT: "that collaboration"

Chamber President-elect Vanessa Green Sindors says civic engagement should be thought of as a business and economic issue.

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OUT: "involves all of us"

Participation in the civics bee begins with an essay competition at the local level. You can find more details at indiana-chamber-dot-com-slash-civics-bee.

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