

2022 4th Quarterly Issues Report

WBST, WBSB, WBSH and WBSW- Indiana Public Radio

For the period of October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

10-04-2022 High Healthcare Costs Violet Comber-Wilen

Why are the costs for health care in Indiana among the highest in the country? A listener in Angola wanted to know. As Indiana Public Broadcasting's Violet Comber-Wilen reports, it's due to a number of factors - including the general health of Hoosiers and lack of innovation in health care systems.

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10/14/22 Flu season Lauren Chapman

Health officials in the US look to Australia's flu season to predict the strain that will be most common here. And as Indiana Public Broadcasting's Lauren Chapman reports, epidemiologists say flu shots are really effective against this year's strain ... but only if people get their vaccine.

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Anchor Out: Today [Fri], the Indiana Department of Health announced the state's first flu death of the season.

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11/10/22 Hospital Capacity Christine Herman

Hospital capacity is strained in much of Indiana. That's due to the early arrival of RSV and influenza ... coupled with ongoing COVID-19 cases and critical health care worker shortages. As Indiana Public Broadcasting's Christine Herman reports, the availability of hospital beds for children is the most pressing concern.

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11/28/22 Hoosier Survey 22 - Abortion Brandon Smith

More than 80 percent of Hoosiers believe an abortion ban should have at least some exceptions. And more than half say abortion should be legal in most cases. As Indiana Public Broadcasting's Brandon Smith reports, these numbers come from the results of the Indiana Public Broadcasting-Ball State Hoosier Survey.

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12/02/22 Medicaid and PHE Yousry

The end of the federal public health emergency around COVID-19 has been postponed several times, but could now expire in a few months. Patient advocates worry many Hoosiers could be at risk of losing their Medicaid coverage when it happens. As Indiana Public Broadcasting's Farah Yousry reports, state health officials say they're working to ensure people avoid coverage gaps.

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Opioid Settlement IPB

Darian Benson

Indiana is set to receive more than 278 million dollars from national lawsuit settlements spurred by the ongoing opioid crisis. As Indiana Public Broadcasting's Darian Benson reports, the companies - CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart - are accused of fueling the opioid crisis.

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Economy

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MARTIN UNIVERSITY

ELIZABETH GABRIEL

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Sept Unemployment data

Adam Yahya Rayes

Indiana's unemployment rate has remained below 3 percent for 12 straight months ... despite rising inflation, interest rates, and layoffs. Today, Indiana Public Broadcasting's Adam Yahya Rayes explains what new preliminary federal employment numbers tell us.

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Taxpayer Refund Payment Update

Brandon Smith

Hoosiers who haven't received Indiana's automatic taxpayer refund and inflation relief payments - but think they should have - should contact the state.

Indiana first sent out 125-dollar-per-taxpayer direct deposit payments for its automatic taxpayer refund in May. Lawmakers added an additional 200 dollars during this summer's special session. All direct deposits and paper checks for those payments should now have been received.

People who filed an income tax return in Indiana last year are eligible for both the 125 and 200-dollar amounts. Hoosiers on Social Security who didn't file a return can receive the 200 dollars by filing a tax return next year.

If you're eligible for the payments but haven't gotten them, the Department of Revenue wants you to contact it using IN-TIME, the agency's online portal. There, you can send the department a message and they will investigate the issue and contact you with further information.

State officials are urging people not to call the Department of Revenue, if possible. They say that will ensure phone lines are available for people with other issues.

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Electric Bills

Rebecca Thiele

CenterPoint Energy has the highest prices of any state-regulated electric utility - and other large Indiana utilities aren't far behind. That's according to a survey of Indiana residents' bills by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

The average CenterPoint residential customer pays about 168 dollars a month for one thousand kilowatt hours of electricity. The utility has had noticeably higher prices than others for at least a decade, but that gap has started to narrow since 2020. Now Duke Energy, NIPSCO (NIPS-coh), and Indiana Michigan Power all have average residential customer bills above 150 dollars a month.

Most municipal utilities - run by cities and towns - have lower bills. Customers served by the municipal utility with the highest prices, Crawfordsville Municipal Electric, still pay about ten dollars a month less than residents served by the investor-owned utility with the lowest prices, A-E-S Indiana.

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11/18/2022 Workforce Cabinet Report Adam Yahya Rayes

The future of Indiana's workforce faces a lot of threat ... like shrinking college enrollment, automation, and lack of child care access. As Indiana Public Broadcasting's Adam Yahya Rayes reports, the Governor's Workforce Cabinet recommended a wide range of solutions to lawmakers today.

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12/15/22 Dec 2022 Revenue Forecast Brandon Smith

A new state revenue forecast projects that Indiana lawmakers will have about one-point-six billion dollars in new money to spend in the 2023 session. Yet, as Indiana Public Broadcasting's Brandon Smith reports, Republican fiscal leaders are already preparing to say no to a lot of budget requests.

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12/20/22 MonoSol Strike Update Adam Yahya Rayes

About 190 employees at a northern Indiana packaging manufacturer are considering a new contract this week after three weeks on strike.

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Adam Yahya Rayes reports on the latest from MonoSol in LaPorte.

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Local Stories

Delaware County Commissioners scrap noise ordinance proposal

SLW 10/03/22

Delaware County is scrapping a noise ordinance that was in the works, leaving the county without such a formal law. As IPR's Stephanie Wiechmann reports, the county sheriff told officials Monday he prefers to use a state statute instead.

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Madison County adding license plate reader cameras

SLW 10/09/22

Police agencies in Madison County are the latest to announce they are adding license plate reader cameras to their line-up of crime-fighting tools. As IPR's Stephanie Wiechmann reports, they join more than one hundred agencies in Indiana using the same technology.

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Peru Mayor Returns To Work

AP

A north central Indiana mayor has resumed his duties after a judge found him able to again perform his job after suffering an April heart attack that sidelined him.

Miami Circuit Judge David Cox ruled this week that Peru Mayor Miles Hewitt is able to perform the duties of the city's executive office after hearing testimony from Hewitt and considering a letter from the mayor's cardiologist.

The 70-year-old, first-term mayor resumed his duties Tuesday. City Attorney Dustin Kern filed a letter from the cardiologist stating the doctor believed Hewitt was able to return to work.

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Indiana this fall shows dry conditions and dry rivers

Adele Reich 11/07/22

Indiana has been particularly dry this year - we're not seeing the rain we're used to and conditions have been dry enough to issue several warnings to prevent fires from spreading. As IPR's Adele Reich [RYE-shh] reports, the dry season is especially apparent when you look at the White River in Muncie.

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Ex-Muncie police officer Winkle pleads guilty

AP-IN + Star Press + SLW 12/06/22

Former Muncie police officer Chase Winkle pleaded guilty in federal court this week to 11 charges of using excessive force with several arrestees ... and using false reports to cover up his actions.

The charges come from five arrests, made when Winkle's father was the Muncie police chief.

According to the FBI investigation that led to the charges, Winkle kicked, punched, used knee-strikes and a taser on several arrestees without justification. One person was "knocked unconscious."

According to the Star Press, Monday's court hearing included summaries of Winkle's attacks on arrestees read aloud. One summary says a victim suffered facial fractures that required surgery.

After agreeing to plea guilty to the charges in November, Winkle was fired by the Muncie Police Merit Commission.

He is set to be sentenced on March 3rd and has been released until that date.

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12/21/22 Community Warming Centers Share Updated Hours -- City of Muncie

The Center Township Trustees Office, The Muncie HUB, Christian Ministries, the YWCA, the Muncie Mission, and the Salvation Army have opened their doors since October to provide warming centers for individuals in need. For Christmas and New Years, the hours will be as following:

- Muncie HUB
 - o 318 W 8th Street
 - o Monday to Friday, 8 am to noon, 1 pm to 4pm
 - o Closed Saturday through Monday

- YWCA
 - o 310 E Charles Street
 - o Monday to Friday, 8 am to 6 pm; Saturday/Sunday 7 am to 3 pm
 - o Women and children seeking overnight shelter must arrive during weekday hours for intake

- Salvation Army
 - o 1015 N Wheeling Avenue
 - o Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm
 - o Closed between December 24th and January 2nd

- Muncie Mission
 - o 1725 S Liberty Street
 - o Open 24/7
 - o Overnight shelter for men only

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Marketplace Enrollment IPB

Darian Benson

Open enrollment for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act's marketplace begins today [Tues, Nov.1].

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Darian Benson reports, Hoosiers have up to 5 insurers to choose from depending on where they live.

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Sen. Braun For Governor?

AP

Indiana Sen. Mike Braun says the long list of possible Republican candidates for governor won't sway his decision on whether to enter the 2024 race.

Braun has talked openly for months about trying to replace Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb, who can't seek reelection because of term limits.

The run for governor would be instead of Braun seeking reelection to the U.S. Senate. He said Wednesday at the Capital that he would likely make his decision before the end of this year.

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and U.S. Rep. Trey Hollingsworth are other possible Republican candidates for governor. Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden kicked off a campaign last year.

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Proposed Renter Support Solutions

Brandon Smith

Indiana lawmakers are expected to explore ways to help address the state's housing crisis in the upcoming session.

Ahead of that debate, the Notre Dame Student Policy Network and Prosperity Indiana proposed policies to help renters.

Indiana is one of only five states without a rent escrow or repair and deduct policy. They deal with situations where rental units have serious habitability issues that landlords aren't fixing.

Jessica Preddie (PRED-ee) is a case manager with Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis, an organization dedicated to eliminating homelessness. She says she's worked with families facing situations like this.

CUT 25021 :09 "...behind on rent." "A family who wasn't able to pay rent because they weren't able to work – because of all the mold that was in their home. They were hospitalized several times because of it and fell behind on rent."

Under repair and deduct, the family could make the repairs themselves and then deduct the cost from their rent.

Under rent escrow, the family could ask a judge to allow them to put their rent payments into a third-party account. It would get withheld from the landlord until repairs are made.

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IDOE Website Soon

Eric Weddle

A new website intends to show how student performance goes beyond a single state test score.

The Indiana Department of Education will launch the site next week. It combines a wide range of education data. But one metric is not included.

Secretary of Education Katie Jenner says a school's A-to-F letter grade won't be part of the initial launch. Jenner says legislation in the upcoming Statehouse session will address the future of the accountability system.

CUT 25082 :11 "...on improving our schools."

"How should it look in the future? How can we best set up an environment where we're really focused on improving our schools."

The public can provide feedback on the new website after it goes live.

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Education

10-1-22

MeToo Purdue Calls For Resignations

Ben Thorp

MeToo Purdue held a rally Friday, calling for the resignation of campus leaders found guilty of retaliating against students who came forward with sexual assault allegations.

Last week, a jury found Purdue University guilty of retaliation and treating a student differently because she was a woman. That included Purdue's Dean of Students and the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance.

Charlotte Russel is president of MeToo Purdue. She said in a meeting with Purdue's Dean of Students, she was told the way to reduce sexual violence on campus was to increase the number of people who came forward to report.

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"... is outstanding."

"That very administration that told us the solution to solving this issue was to get survivors to report is now punishing survivors that do report, claiming that they are lying. Do you think anyone would feel safe to report knowing that? The hypocrisy is outstanding."

MeToo Purdue is calling for the Dean of Students and Vice President for Ethics and Compliance to resign. The group also wants to see revisions to the school's false statement policy - making it easier for students to come forward.

A spokesperson for Purdue University said in a written statement that while they support students' passion, "we believe, because of the evidence presented, that this is not the correct case to use in advocating for it."

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10/31/22 Clean Buses Rebecca Thiele

More than five million dollars from the federal infrastructure law will go to buy cleaner school buses at six districts in Indiana.

The money will go towards 13 electric buses and six propane buses.

But as Indiana Public Broadcasting's Rebecca Thiele reports, districts in areas that suffer from more air pollution weren't given priority.

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11/14/2022 Bartholomew Co Library Bente Bouthier

Residents attended a Bartholomew County Public Library board meeting Monday to express opinions on what is appropriate for the library's teen section.

Indiana Public Broadcasting's Bente Bouthier reports.

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“We The People” Civics Class

IPB

A new middle school civics course will soon be required for Indiana students.

The Indiana Bar Foundation advocated for the requirement during the 2022 legislative session, and the State Board of Education approved the curriculum in June.

Tim Kalgreen, director of civic education for the foundation, says they are currently implementing assessment strategies to help students and teachers with the curriculum.

CUT 25064 :15 “... understanding about it.” “We are building out lesson plans to help the teachers, we are working to add professional development opportunities. We are looking to make sure that teachers feel comfortable and competent teaching the content as well as the students being able to showcase their knowledge and understanding about it.”

Middle school students will be required to take the one-semester civics course before starting high school.

Kalgreen said teachers are interested in learning the content.

CUT 25065 :15 “...relay that to the students.” “So currently in sixth grade, it’s not focused on American history, American civics. So current sixth grade teachers are really looking for how do we get some knowledge and some content, understanding, to be able to relay that to the students.”

The course will likely start in the second semester of the 2023-24 school year.

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Ivy Tech program1

Jagiello

The State of Indiana is now participating in the Achieve Your Degree program offered by Ivy Tech Community College. This means full-time state employees ... with conditions ... can go to IVY Tech without paying tuition.

Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Tim Jagiello has details.

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