

Quarterly Issues and Program List

WEHT

2020 Q3

Pursuant to the disclosure requirements in 47 C.F. R. 73.3526(11)(i), and during the quarter referenced above, this station provided information to its viewers regarding the following significant issues, including:

Education
Children/Youth
Crime/Law Enforcement
Legal Matters (e.g. court decisions)

Consumer Issues
Economy
Transportation

Minority
Women's Issues

Government (National)
Environment
Business & Industry

Programs

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25 (WEHT)	Children/Youth	10:00pm	07/03/20	90 seconds	Eyewitness News at 10	<p>The Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation decided to cancel all graduation ceremonies for 2020. The school corporation said it made the decision after Governor Eric Holcomb pushed back the next phase of the COVID-19 reopening.</p> <p>Destinee Banhorn is a graduating Senior at Reitz High School. She said she is disappointed with the decisions, but she understands why it had to be made.</p> <p>Ashlyn Miller is also a graduating Senior at Reitz. She said she worked hard in high school, and the fact that she will not be recognized for it hurts a bit.</p>

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25 (WEHT)	Government – National	4:00 pm	07/13/20	5 minutes	Eyewitness News First at 4	Indiana Senator Mike Braun says he believe enforcement and ideas concerning COVID-19 needs to primarily be handled on the state and local levels. He said, “One size fits all,” usually does not work. He also said the federal government usually does not do a good job with mandates. He also said Dr. Anthony Fauci has been giving great expert advice, but leaders need to take advice from all sides, not just one person. He also said he generally supports the return to capital punishment on the Federal level, he says we must be careful as we move forward with it.

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25 (WEHT)	Consumer Issues	4:00 pm	7/29/20	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News First at 4	The moratorium for shutting off utilities because of the COVID 19 pandemic will end in August. Evansville Utility Department Manager Alan Mounts said his department has about 2,000 customers facing cut off. Usually the department has a couple of hundred people facing shut offs. He urged people who may be facing a cut off to seek help now, and not to wait until the last minute. He said agencies such as Community Action Program of Evansville have funds that can help, and many utilities are willing to set up a payment plan for customers to avoid a shut off.

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25 (WEHT)	Economy	5:00 pm	07/31/20	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 5	According to records from the U.S. Department of Labor, Owensboro, Kentucky, was the only metropolitan area in the country to see an unemployment decrease from this time last year. It was 4.4% last year. It was 4.2% this year. Karen Wilhite with Hire Dynamics said one reason is a high demand for products made in Owensboro. She said many of the industries in Owensboro are going into their peak season of production. She also said Owensboro is a leader in e-commerce, which has seen an increase in demand during the pandemic.

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25 (WEHT)	Transportation	10:00pm	08/01/20	90 seconds	Eyewitness News at 10	A group opposed to the Mid-States Corridor held a demonstration in Jasper, Indiana. The road is scheduled to run from I-69 through Dubois County and then link up with I-165 in Daviess County, KY. Ataile Schroering is one of the residents opposed to the highway. He said spending \$19(M) to save seven minutes off his drive to Owensboro is not worth it. Jeff Stants with the Indiana Forest Alliance said the state does not need to pave over farmland and forests for a new terrain highway. A spokesperson for the Mid-States Corridor said the project team is looking at numerous alternatives for the highway, including a no build option.

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25 (WEHT)	Education	7:00 pm	08/13/20	1 hour	Back to School: New Lessons	WEHT hosted a 1 hour back to school special. Superintendents from 6 area school districts discussed how they plan to conduct classes and other activities during a pandemic. Some schools plan all in-person classes, some will start on-line and move to in person, and others will use both. John Sciolto with the Tell City School Corporation said his district invested \$50,000 in eight ionization air handlers to purify the air. Dr. Chuck Bleyer said Wabash County Schools are using a hybrid model for education. Students will report to school based on their last name, then the next day that group will take classes on-line so only half of the students will be in the building at a time. Marganna Stanley with the Henderson County School District said teachers are making one on one contact with students to make sure they have the technology at home to be able to take

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						<p>advantages of on-line classes. Dr. Matthew Constant with Owensboro Independent Schools said he expects elementary students to be in front of a computer screen 2 hours a day, middle schools, a little over 3 hours, and high school students about 4 hours, while learning on-line, which he says is reasonable.</p>

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25 (WEHT)	Environment	6:00 am	08/28/20	2 minutes	Daybreak	<p>Biologists are studying the entire length of the West fork of the White River, which stretches about 300 miles. Biologist Sandy Clark-Kolaks with the Indiana Department of Natural resources says crews are looking at fish, insects, and water quality. She said they are counting the number of fish they catch, weighing and measuring each one, and observing the general health of the animal. They are also taking water samples. She said the idea is to see how healthy the river is and to make recommendations on future use. She also said preliminary results show the health of the river is pretty good with a lot of fish and a lot of variety of fish.</p>

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25 (WEHT)	Crime/Law Enforcement	6:00 pm	08/29/20	2 minutes	Eyewitness News at 6	Steven Hargrove was arrested in Owensboro on charges of human trafficking. The victim was a 15-year-old girl from Owensboro. Hargrove was arrested under a law that recently went into effect in Kentucky. State Rep. Suzanne Miles of Owensboro authored the bill. She said the new law allows people to be arrested for trafficking, not just promoting trafficking. She also said the new law require posters of missing children to be placed in places like airports. Major Barry Smith with the Daviess County Sheriff's Department says trafficking occurs in Owensboro. He said there were 136 reported cases last year in Kentucky.

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25 (WEHT)	Business & Industry	5:00 am	09/01/20	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News Daybreak	Rheinisch-Westfalisches Elektrizitatswerk a.k.a. RWE announced that it was no longer looking to build wind farms in Posey & Gibson counties. It was hoping to build windfarms in the area that it said would have introduced a new industry to the area, resulting in millions of dollars in investments, and produced clean, renewable energy. A spokesperson for RWE said recently passed zoning laws in the 2 counties are far more restrictive than the industry sees elsewhere, and those restrictions would not make the project profitable. Scott Fisher is a Posey County resident who opposed the wind turbines. He said wind turbines would have interfered with doppler radar, and they would have had an overall adverse effect on the area.

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25 (WEHT)	Minority Issues	10:00pm	09/12/20	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 10	Students from 2 Owensboro colleges came together to march for justice in the wake of recent shootings of black Americans across the country. Kentucky Wesleyan College student Malcom Hayes said protestors are trying to get people to understand what is going on in the country is wrong. Brescia University student Mazvita Ngorosha said it is important to have uncomfortable conversation around the racial injustice issue in the country. She also said it was important police be held more accountable for what they do.

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25 (WEHT)	Women's Issues	6:00 pm	09/18/20	1 minute 30 Seconds	Eyewitness News at 6	<p>The U.S. House passed a bill called the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. The bill would allow expecting mothers to get snacks, take quick breaks, etc. Ashley Phillips is the project manager for Grassroots Maternal and Child Health Care Leadership Initiative. She proposed a similar bill in Indiana. When it failed, she took the cause to Washington D.C. Irby said the requests are not major issues. She said when she was a pregnant worker, she felt harassed when she asked for such things. Erin Macey is a Senior Policy Analyst with the Indiana Institute for Working families. She said the law would say if the accommodations are an undue hardship on employers, they do not have to provide them. Irby and Macy both say if passed the law will save the lives of mothers and babies.</p>

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25 (WEHT	Legal Matters	5:00 pm	09/24/20	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at Five	Political leaders and community advocates say they will push for a change in Kentucky law because of the Breonna Taylor incident. Police shot and killed Taylor in her apartment while serving a warrant. Owensboro NAACP President Rhondalyn Randolph said the law needs to change to hold people accountable. One bill proposed would ban no-knock warrants, another would require police to wear body cameras while serving warrants. State Rep. Mike Scott said it is also important to back police officers because a lot of them are taking the brunt of issues they have nothing to do with.