

## Quarterly Issues and Program List

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2021 Q2

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	Consumer Issues	Business	Employment
Crime/Law Enforcement	Economy	Technology	Government (Local)
Legal Matters (e.g. court decisions)	Housing	Minority Issues	Environment

### **Programs**

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25 (WEHT)	Environment	10:00pm	04/11/21	2 minutes	Eyewitness News at 10	Kate Slankard is an Avian Biologist with the Kentucky Division of Fish & Wildlife. She said bald eagles can be called a great American comeback story. She said in the 1970's bald eagles had all but disappeared from Kentucky, but now their numbers are growing. Each year the state tries to count all the bald eagles in Kentucky, but there has gotten to be so many, the state is only to count one-third of the state annually. She said bald eagles were almost extinct because the use of the pesticide DDT led to thin eggshells, which led to baby eagles dying, but since then DDT has been banned. She also said the number of bald eagle-human contact has increased, but she warned people to stay at least 330 feet away from a bald eagle's nest, or the people could be charged with harassing the birds, which could lead to a \$100,000 fine and a year in prison.

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25 (WEHT)	Business	6:00 pm	04/12/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 6	Ethanol supporter say a bill headed to Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's desk tries to sabotage sales of the fuel, but supports say it will protect Hoosiers at the pump. The bill would require a warning label on every pump telling drivers to check their owners' manual before pumping E-15 gasoline. State Senator Mark Messmer said E-15 gasoline could damage non-flex fuel vehicles. That is why he said the warning is necessary. Tim Phelps is with the Indiana Ethanol Producers Association. He said E-15 is cheaper, better for the environment, and good for Indiana farmers. He said putting the warning label up will only confuse drivers and hurt sales. He said no other state requires such a warning.

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25 (WEHT)	Education	5:00 pm	04/19/21	2 minutes	Eyewitness News at 5	In the most recent Kentucky General Assembly, lawmakers passed a law allowing students to repeat their current academic year. Owensboro school's spokesperson Jared Revlett said the legislature did that because many students and parents believe they did not learn what they needed to learn due to remote learning, etc. from the COVID 19 pandemic. Daviess County Schools Assistant Superintendent Jana Beth Francis said it is something parents need to consider if they believe it's necessary. She also said students who want to re-do a year must make the request to the schools by May 1. Francis said the law allows students to play an extra year of sports as long as they still meet age requirements.

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25 (WEHT)	Economy	5:00 pm	04/28//21	2 Minutes	Eyewitness News at 5.	<p>Toyota announced it will produce 2 new SUV's at its Gibson County facility. Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb says the decision will mean an \$800,000,000 investment in the plant, and it will result in 1400 additional jobs. Holcomb also said this will have a ripple effect on the economy by adding wages and increasing spending and charitable giving in the community. Princeton Mayor Greg Wright said the city needs to plan for the expected growth. He said some of that planning includes a new sewer plant and a new water treatment facility to handle to added capacity. Toyota President Leah Curry said the new lines will include the latest technologies in the automotive industry, including electric power and cars that start through an app, not through a key.</p>

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25 (WEHT)	Crime/Law Enforcement	4:00 pm	05/05/21	10 minutes	Eyewitness News First at Four	Evansville Police Chief Billy Bolin said it is scary to be a law enforcement officer. His department is having a hard time filling positions on the force. He said a lot of officers are retiring and leaving the job. He said many of those officers see the negative light being put on police lately, and they are deciding to get out before something happens that could put them in financial or legal trouble. Bolin said many of the older officers do not see an incentive to stay. Bolin also said recruiting is getting more difficult. He said many younger people do not want to get into law enforcement for the same reason some of the older people are getting out. Bolin said he is concerned good people are leaving combined with a lack of qualified candidates applying will lead to a shortage in law enforcement and public safety.

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Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
25 (WEHT)	Consumer	5:00 am	05/11/21	90 seconds	Eyewitness News Daybreak	<p>Several groups have filed a lawsuit to prevent CenterPoint Energy from moving forward with its plan to change the way it gives credit to people with solar panels. Currently people who produce excess power through solar panels can sell back the energy to CenterPoint at roughly 15 cents per kilowatt hour, which is close to retail price. CenterPoint wants to change that to 2.7 cents per kilowatt hour, which is closer to wholesale price. It said the higher price simply means higher prices for other customers. Laura Ann Arnold with the Indiana Distributed Energy Alliance said her group believes state regulators misinterpreted state law in allowing the change. The alliance also said CenterPoint's new plan discourages people from using cleaner forms of energy.</p>

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25 (WEHT)	Employment	6:00 pm	05/20/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 6	Businesses are having a difficult time hiring workers, so many businesses have started offering hiring bonuses to potential employees. McDonald's is offering a \$100 signing bonus. The city of Henderson is also discussing offering signing bonuses to its lifeguards because it is having a difficult time finding summer help. Dodge's Fried Chicken in Henderson is offering a \$2000 signing bonus to attract workers. Jeff Janes with Dodge's said the store hopes the incentive will attract workers. He also said the bonus will be paid off over 6 weeks so people can't show up for work one day, collect the \$2000 bonus, then leave.



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25 (WEHT)	Technology	5:00 pm	05/27/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 5	Evansville's two hospitals are unveiling new technology they say will save lives. The hospitals are using a new device called e-bridge. Dr. A.J. Voelkel with Ascension St Vincent said the device can transmit data from EMT's to the hospital. He said the EMT's can perform an EKG in the field then use the new technology to send the data back to the hospital to diagnose a patient's condition. Tim Vollmer with Ascension St Vincent said the technology acts similar to a smart phone. He said it will speed up treatment and save lives..

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25 (WEHT)	Legal Issues	6:00 pm	06/09/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 6	Indiana University recently announced it would require its students and faculty to have a COVID-19 vaccine. Several students opposed to the idea and staged a protest. Demonstrator Ann Dorris said requiring the vaccine was a violation of the students' rights. Dorris said she is not opposed to others getting the vaccine, but she does not believe the school should require it. IU Spokesperson Chuck Carney said this is not the only vaccine IU requires. He said the school is well within its legal rights to require the vaccine. A group of students has filed a lawsuit opposing IU's decision.

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25 (WEHT)	Government – Local	10:00pm	06/15/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 10	Warrick County is considering a half percent income tax hike to pay for expanded law enforcement. Supporters of the tax increase say the growing population base is the reason more money needs to be spent on law enforcement. Part of that money would go toward renovating the jail or building a new jail. Jail commander Jeremy Holder said the jail is outdated, and it is too small. He said overcrowding leads to fights, which leads to additional problems. A public hearing on the tax hike is set for July 8.

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25 (WEHT)	Housing	6:00 pm	06/22/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 6	The national eviction moratorium is scheduled to end June 30 <sup>th</sup> . Indiana officials are working to reach people who could be at risk of eviction. Ann Nelson with the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority said her agency has given \$10 million in grants to more than 7,000 families facing eviction. She said many of these households were asking for rental assistance for the first time. James Sipe, also with the Development Authority said a new program will offer up to one year in rental assistance for people who may need it.

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25 (WEHT)	Minority Issues	6:00 am	06/25/21	1 Minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News Daybreak	AN LGBTQ group hosted a forum to talk about worker's rights. U.S. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh addressed the group. He said his office is doing everything it can to make sure LGBTQ workers have equal rights in the workplace. Indiana Pride group member Chris Handberg said many LGBTQ workers claim they have seen workplace discrimination firsthand. Indiana Pride member Angie Martinez said he would like to see the government fund workplace training and set guidelines to ensure fair treatment on LGBT workers.