

## Quarterly Issues and Program List

WEHT

2021 Q1

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  
Health/Healthcare  
Crime/Law Enforcement

Legal Matters  
Consumer Issues  
Transportation

Technology  
Minority Issues  
Women's Issues

Environment  
Business & Industry

### **Programs**

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Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
25 (WEHT)	Crime/Law Enforcement	6:00 am	01/15/21	2 minutes	Eyewitness News Daybreak	Illinois is considering a bill that would drastically alter the justice system in the state. The bill would end the cash bail system. That means when someone is arrested, they would either be kept in jail, or they would be released pending their trial. They would not have to post cash to be released. Attorney Josh Reeves said the current system discriminates against the poor. Madison County State's Attorney Tom Haine said the proposal would put the community at risk since there are fewer consequences with committing a crime.

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25 (WEHT)	Technology	10:00pm	01/15/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 10	<p>Paula Gawthorp-Armentroit is the President of Parabon Nanolabs. She is originally from Southern Illinois. She founded a company that helps police solve cold cases. Parbon recently teamed up with the Vincennes Police Department in an attempt to solve a cold case. The case involved a young lady who was sexually assaulted in her apartment several years ago. Parabon used DNA to develop a picture of what the suspect may have looked like. Dr. Ellen Creytak says the company started using the technology several years ago. Since then, it has been able to help police across the country solve crimes. She said in 2020 alone it helped police identify 50 suspects in cold cases. Police released a sketch of what the suspect may look like based on the company's tests.</p>

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25 (WEHT)	Business & Industry	10:00pm	01/26/21	2 minutes	Eyewitness News at 10	A recent Kentucky Supreme Court ruling said historic horse racing machines found in many Kentucky horse tracks, including Ellis Park in Henderson, are illegal. Ellis Park General Manager Jeff Inman said if Ellis Park can't have historical horse racing machines, it will likely have to close. He said the historic horse racing machines are what is keeping Ellis alive and what is supporting the thoroughbred industry in Kentucky. He said revenue from the horse races themselves is not enough to pay the bills. Inman said the horse industry will work with the General Assembly and the Governor to change the law.

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25 (WEHT)	Minority Issues	5:00 am	01/29//21	2 minutes	Eyewitness News Daybreak.	<p>The Hopkins County, Kentucky school board appointed J.W. Durst to fill an open seat on the board. The minority community is upset about the appointment because Durst is white, as are all of the other school board members. Bill Mc Reynolds with the African American Coalition of Hopkins County said the appointment shows a lack of diversity on the board. McReynolds said the open seat was in district 5, which he said is where most of the county's African American children go to school. McReynolds also said 2 African American candidates were considered. The school board said it followed law in making the appointment, and it said the board will continue to work with the district and school leadership to make sure the board is meeting students' needs. McReynolds asked Durst not to accept the appointment.</p>

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25 (WEHT)	Consumer Issues	6:00 am	02/02/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News Daybreak	Center Point Energy, a.k.a. Vectren, is asking for a \$15/month increase in natural gas bills. It says it needs the money to pay for a gas pipeline improvement project. Vectren points out even with the increase, its natural gas bills would be lower than they were in 2007. Anthony Swinger with the Office of the Utility Consumer Counsellor said he is there to make sure rate payers are treated fair. He said he believes Vectren could still provide a quality service even with less of a rate hike. Natalie Hedde with Vectren said the pipeline replacement cost is \$240 million, and the replacement is needed to ensure the safety and reliability of the natural gas system.

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25 (WEHT)	Education	5:00 pm	02/02/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 5	State Representative Wendy McNamara of Evansville introduced a bill in the Indiana General Assembly that could provide \$150 million to children falling behind in school due to the COVID 19 pandemic. McNamara says some students' grades have gone down since the pandemic began and since some schools have had to conduct virtual classes. The bill would allow schools, organizations, and individuals to apply for part of the \$150 million dollars to use to assist student to get caught up.

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25 (WEHT)	Women's Issues	6:00 pm	02/08/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 6	The Indiana General Assembly is considering a bill aimed at helping pregnant workers. Part of the proposal allows a pregnant employee to request an accommodation and requires the employer to respond. However, it does not require the employer to grant the request. Another proposal requires businesses to provide reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers as long as it does not cause undue hardship on a business. Eva Bell with Hoosier Action says the bills don't cut it. She says they create more confusion and don't really address the problem. Tim Brown with the Chamber of Commerce said he thinks the bills are fine and fair to both pregnant workers and to businesses.



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25 (WEHT)	Children/Youth	4:00 pm	02/10/21	4 minutes	Eyewitness News at 4	Shenea Rowe is the Director of Nutrition for the Warrick School Corporation. She asked the Federal Government to continue the free meal program permanently. Since the pandemic began meals have been free to students. She said studies show a good school lunch and good nutrition helps students achieve and do better in class. She said she does not see the difference between a free meal and a free bus ride to school for every student. She said she plans to ask several school and nutrition agencies to lobby Congress to fund the free meals program permanently.

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25 (WEHT)	Environment	6:00 pm	03/01/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 6	The Indiana General Assembly is considering a bill that would prohibit local governments from putting additional restrictions on wind and solar farms. The bill would put regulating such entities entirely in the state's hands. State Representative Ed Soliday said if the bill does not pass, Hoosiers will just pay more for electricity because consumers are demanding renewable energy. Jake German with the Indiana Association of County Commissioners disagreed. He said individual counties, not the state, are better suited to decide what restrictions should and should not be placed on such projects. Will Eberly with the RWE Renewables said the bill needs to pass because currently Indiana is an unfriendly place for the renewable energy industry. Supporters of the bill also the state needs more renewable energy to be more environmentally friendly.

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25 (WEHT)	Transportation	5:00 pm	03/04/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 5	<p>The Indiana Department of Transportation is attempting to educate motorists on a new way of merging in work zones. It wants drivers to “Zipper merge.” Jason Tiller with INDOT says zipper merging is when drivers stay in their lane and just before they enter the construction zone each lane alternates merging into the open lane like a zipper. Tiller said the traditional way of merging when drivers attempt to get into the open lane as soon as possible slows traffic and causes more back-ups. He said zipper merging reduces congestion by 40%.</p> <p>Vanderburgh County Sheriff Dave Wedding said he is skeptical of the new procedure because he said he does not believe drivers will be patient enough to take turns when it is time to merge.</p>

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25 (WEHT)	Legal Matters	5:00 am	03/05/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News Daybreak	A University of Southern Indiana student filed a lawsuit against the school. Seth Pressler was diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome, which means he is prone to outburst. Those outbursts can obtain foul language. Last year USI told him he would not be allowed to attend class in person. The school said it had received several complaints from people who either felt uncomfortable or feared for their safety when they were in class with Pressler. Pressler's lawsuit said the school's decision discriminated against him due to his disability. Pressler's attorney, Jeremy Schnepfer said the school overreacted. He also said Pressler's situation could have been addressed through education and awareness, not dismissal from class. USI said its policies are in full compliance with equal opportunity laws.

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25 (WEHT)	Health/Healthcare	4:00pm	03/23/21	4 minutes	Eyewitness News First at 4	March 23 is Diabetes Alert Day. Endocrinologist Dr. Vishal Bhatia says this is designed to be a wake-up day for people who may be at risk of developing the disease. He said diabetes is a condition in which the body fails to process sugars, which may eventually result in organ failure. He said most type 1 diabetes cases are hereditary, while most type 2 diabetes is caused by dietary habits. He said we cannot defeat our genetics, but there are things to do to help prevent diabetes including limiting alcohol intake, quitting smoking, maintaining a healthy diet, and exercising.