



WTVW EVANSVILLE

Sharing the Journey

"Sharing the Journey" is an hour long special celebrating Black History Month. Hosted by Brooke Hill, the show tells the story of the history of the African American community in Evansville, IN in a series of eight vignettes. These vignettes feature some of Evansville's most influential people. Lu Porter, Jonathan Weinzapfel, Maura Robinson, and many others talk about inclusion and diversity and how the past has led us on a path to our future.

Three independent segments created by guest host D'Angelo Coles showcase a local boxing champion.

Each vignette concludes with local singers, choirs, and musicians performing public domain or original gospel and jazz songs."

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QUARTERLY ISSUES PROGRAMMING REPORT

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ISSUE 1: Religious Freedom Restoration Act is passed in Indiana

On March 26, 2015, Indiana Governor Mike Pence signed SEA 101, known as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The legislation sparked a lot of discussion in the local area, across the state and around the country.

How it was treated: Interview

Date: March 30

Title: In Depth - Legality of Religious Freedom Restoration Act with Brad Byrd

Type: Interview

Time: 9 p.m.

Guest: Evansville Attorney Mike Woods

Duration: 8:52

Synopsis: The Religious Freedom Restoration Act was signed into law last week by Indiana Governor Mike Pence. It will allow the refusal of services to people based on your own personal beliefs. 19 other states have similar laws, but Mike Woods says Indiana's is different because it gives a freedom of religious to private businesses and allows them to discriminate. He says when George Stephanopolous asked Governor Pence on if it would be legal for a florist to refuse serving a gay couple at their wedding, Governor Pence wouldn't answer it. Woods says the law would allow this to happen. He mentions how Arizona Governor Jan Brewer vetoed a similar law. Woods says he thinks Pence is trying to dance his way out of a firestorm and that there is no way to clarify a law filled with hate. He says the best way to clarify this law is to get rid of it. He says there will most likely be court challenges. Woods says if the law doesn't allow to discriminate, then it has no meaning. He says someone who has to claim their sexual orientation should be in a protective classification to challenge the law. He adds the Indiana Chamber of Commerce looks at the law as a mess, and he says the statute was poorly drafted. Woods says the law should be repealed. He says they could add a provision to exclude any discrimination against a person's sexual orientation, but he says Pence has already said he won't do that. He says Pence was blinded by the repercussions. He says Pence won't back down and has backed himself into a corner.

How it was treated: Interview

Date: March 31, 2015

Title: In Depth - Reaction to Gov. Pence Calling Out the Media with Brad Byrd

Time: 9 p.m.

Guest: University of Southern Indiana Journalism Instructor Erin Gibson

TRT: 9:38

Synopsis: Indiana Governor Mike Pence holds a news conference Tuesday regarding the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Governor Pence asked legislators to clarify the language of the bill and send him a revision later this week. He also said the law is not a license to discriminate and called out the media. Erin Gibson says she thinks Governor Pence was trying to clarify the law more and he continued to stick to three points. She says she watched the first part of the news conference and turned it on for her students. She says students were demanding him to answer why he refused to acknowledge the reporter's questions about comparing Indiana's law to other states. Gibson says students were also concerned about how Pence was attacking the media. The Indianapolis Star posted an editorial titled "Fix This Now". Gordon says she thought the headline was bold. She says this is known to be a conservative newspaper that has endorsed Governor Pence. She mentions Angie's List, the NCAA, Salesforce.com voicing their displeasure of the law. She says it surprises her that Pence continues this narrative that this was a mischaracterization with the debate before he signed the law. Gordon says the reporting is reflective of how the law was explained. She says legislators didn't have a clear message of what it does. She says supporters are fearful of speaking out because they may be bullied. Edward R. Murrow once said "I don't think that there are two equal sides to every story." Gordon says she thinks Murrow knew what he was talking about. She says journalists have looked at this law closely and are letting it speak for itself.

ISSUE 2: Paul McManus conviction

On February 17, the U.S. Court of Appeals overturned the conviction and death sentence of Paul McManus. He was convicted and sentenced to death in a Vanderburgh County Court for the murder of his wife and two daughters.

How it was treated: Interview

Date: February 18

Title: In Depth - Nick Hermann Explains What's Next in the Paul McManus Case with Brad Byrd

Time 9 p.m.

Guest: Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Nick Hermann

TRT: 7:40

Synopsis: The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit overturned the death penalty case of Paul McManus. McManus was found guilty in 2002 and sentenced to death for shooting and killing his wife and two children in late February 2001. But the appeals court found McManus was forced to appear before the jury in a "drug induced stupor." The ruling means McManus could be released if prosecutors choose not to have a new trial. However, Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Nick Hermann says he is already preparing for a new trial if an appeal isn't filed in the U.S. Supreme Court. Nick Hermann says this ruling was a little bit of a surprise. He says the attorney general has 15 days to petition for a rehearing or 90 days to file for the U.S. Supreme Court to hear it. Hermann says otherwise it comes back to the district court, where McManus would be released or tried again. Hermann says his office will be ready to retrial this

case if necessary. Hermann says there were multiple times the trial was stopped and he was sent to the emergency room a few times. He says there were medicines changed during the trial and there was no way the court knew he was cognoscente during the trial. Hermann says they would be redoing the trial. He says the amount of time that has elapsed could be difficult as far on people's memories. He says McManus had his death penalty overturned before and then reinstated. Hermann says you never come across these type of tragedies, but at the same time this is the reason you do this job. He says these type of trials affect you permanently. Hermann says this ruling was based on McManus mental status during the original trial.

How it was treated: Interview

Date: February 26

Title: In Depth - Chief Billy Bolin Recalls Paul McManus Jumping off the Twin Bridge

Guest: Evansville Police Chief Billy Bolin

TRT: 7:18

Synopsis: Earlier this month, a ruling stunned many people earlier this month overturning the conviction of a Vanderburgh County man on death row. Thursday is the 14th anniversary of when Paul McManus shot and killed his estranged wife, Melissa, and two daughters, 7-year-old Lindsay and 23-months-old Shelby. McManus then drove to the Twin Bridges. That's where he stood on the bridge superstructure and jumped. He was later pulled from the frigid Ohio River and convicted one year later and sentenced to death row. Prosecutors are expected to retry McManus after a federal appeals court ruled he was on so many medications, he couldn't aid in his own defense. A young law enforcement officer was on the bridge when McManus jumped into the river. He is now Evansville Police Chief Billy Bolin. Chief Bolin says he was 25 years old and had been with the police department for about 2 years. He says he was on patrol and they drove to the bridge to find McManus where they found his car stopped. He says they approached the vehicle and nobody was in it. He says he saw a wallet hit the ground and looks up to see McManus. He says McManus yelled "Yoo hoo" and was waving. Bolin says they assumed McManus had a gun, so they took cover. He says they tried to call him down from the bridge, but he was cussing at them. Bolin says it's something has not forgotten to this day. Bolin says he did see McManus jump from the bridge. He says nobody expected McManus to actually jump. Bolin says nobody thought McManus would survive, and he says it seemed like he was underwater forever. He says McManus drifted out of sight down the river before a boat came and picked him up. Bolin says he has mentioned to his boys about the instance almost every time he crosses the Twin Bridges.

ISSUE 3: IU Medical School Project

The City of Evansville, in conjunction with Indiana University, is looking to secure funding through the Indiana General Assembly for a new medical school to be located in downtown Evansville.

How it was treated: News Story

Date: January 9

Duration: 40 seconds

The city of Evansville, for the first time during the just-started legislative session, saw that money was being put into the budget for the proposed downtown medical school.

How it was treated: News Story

Date: January 14

Duration: 37 seconds

During a scheduled meeting, the Evansville Redevelopment Commission voted to exercise its option for property in the downtown area where a proposed medical school would be built. The option is at a cost of \$1 and is good for only one year.

How it was treated: News Story

Date: January 27

Duration: 1:17

Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke received updated information from local members of the Indiana General Assembly on the funding for the proposed medical school for downtown Evansville. Winnecke spoke to us with us and talked about the new information.

How it was treated: News Story

Date: March 3

Duration 1:30

Civic leaders and government officials from Evansville and Vanderburgh County spent the day at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. They had meetings with Governor Mike Pence and legislators in both the Indiana House and Senate on the proposed medical school and other projects involving Evansville and Vanderburgh County.

How it was treated: Interview

Date: February 23

Title: In-Depth - Christy Gillenwater Discusses IU Medical School "Call to Action" with Brad Byrd

Guest: Christy Gillenwater, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana

TRT: 8:45

Synopsis: The city of Evansville has a new initiative to get the IU Medical School off the drawing board and built. This "call to action" encourages Evansville residents to show support for the medical school by contacting Indiana lawmakers. Christy Gillenwater and local

lawmakers will be traveling to Indianapolis on March 3, to talk with Governor Mike Pence and other key legislators to discuss the IU Medical School. She says key legislators understand the merit for the school due to the lack of medical technicians in Indiana. The Indiana House has in its spending plan \$36 million for the campus, and Governor Pence called for less than \$20 million. Gillenwater says it's a step forward for the governor to have the campus on his spending plan. Local officials however say they need close to \$50 million. She says the universities can come together and determine what programs they can keep on their campuses. She says there is also the option of private funding. She says officials can also go back to the legislature and ask for additional funding in 2017. Gillenwater says officials are confident they will receive full funding. She says it's about time Evansville start garnering projects. She says leaders in Indianapolis understand the priority Evansville is working on and says they are aggressive in garnering support from state leaders.

How it was treated: Interviews

Date: March 3

Title: Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, Gail Riecken Talk State Funding for IU Medical School

Guests: Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke and State Representative Gail Riecken

TRT: 4:29, 4:48

Synopsis: Evansville city officials travel to Indianapolis today to discuss funding for the IU Medical School. Mayor Lloyd Winnecke tweeted a picture of today's meeting with Governor Mike Pence. Officials talked about the importance the medical school would have on the city. Mayor Winnecke announced in February House Republicans included money to cover construction for the campus in their spending plan. It proposes \$36 million for the downtown school. Winnecke says his administration is working to seek full funding for construction. Mayor Winnecke says he and city officials said they were grateful Governor Pence included the medical school in his budget. He says the budget is now in the hands of the Senate and the state has one more revenue forecast before the end of the General Assembly. He says it's difficult to speculate where it will end up, but he says he feels confident it will end up around the \$36 million mark. Mayor Winnecke says the lawmakers feel confident about the \$36 million. Gail Riecken voted against the House version because she says it doesn't fully fund the IU Medical School. She says we miss the opportunity for truly developing a complex to train a lot of young people for middle management and mental skills. She says those are bio-med and bio-tech skills. Riecken says if the school received \$13 million more, that would satisfy everyone. She says she imagines everyone is on board for the medical school, especially Republicans she has talked to. Riecken says this project has tremendous economic possibilities for all of southwestern Indiana.

ISSUE 4: The media and media personalities are put in the spotlight.

How it was treated: Interview

Date: February 19

Title: In-Depth - Erin Gibson Talks NBC Anchor Brian Williams Controversy with Brad Byrd

Guest: University of Southern Indiana Journalism Instructor Erin Gibson

TRT: 7:30

Synopsis: NBC Anchor Brian Williams has been suspended for six months without pay for exaggerating events while in Iraq in 2003. It's a controversy that affects not just Williams, but all of TV journalism in terms of credibility. Erin Gibson says she was a loyal Brian Williams viewer. She says it was huge disappointment to hear about the controversy. The latest Pew research shows 27% of people questioned knew who Brian Williams was. Gibson says it reflects where viewership is today and that it is down. She says there is so many sources of information today making it hard for people to stay caught up on where we get our information from. She says her students are telling her they are disappointed in Brian Williams and say they know he didn't follow basic ethics of journalism. She says the truth part came into question. Erin Gordon says this is an issue from being a journalist to becoming a celebrity. She says Williams continued to change the story and made him the focus of it. She says Williams started to see himself in a different way. Gibson says she believes more sources of news can be a good thing. She says social media is the "beast that constantly needs to be fed." She says newsrooms are smaller and they don't have the resources to put out all the information. Gibson says she talks to her students and tells them that she will be more pleased if you are second and right.

ISSUE 5: Security changes planned for the Evansville / Vanderburgh County Civic Center

How it was treated: Interview

Date: February 4

Title: In-Depth - Sheriff Dave Wedding Explains Civic Center Security Changes with Brad Byrd

Guest: Vanderburgh County Sheriff Dave Wedding

TRT: 6:30

Synopsis: The Vanderburgh County Council approves Sheriff Dave Wedding's proposal to increase security at the Civic Center in downtown Evansville. It plans to replace civilian court screeners with trained sheriff deputies. Sheriff Dave Wedding says a deputy sheriff will be put in place immediately. He says the screeners are limited in capacity and can only work around entrances. They screen them to make sure no one brings any weapons in the courthouse. However, they can't make any arrests or break up scuffles within the Civic Center. Sheriff Wedding has talked to judges about security around their corridors. He says it is a common occurrence throughout the country to see attacks at courthouses. He says the Civic Center is a volatile place every day. The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office doesn't want screeners to respond to pursuits or arrests. Sheriff Wedding says he doesn't want to take jobs away from screeners and wants to give them plenty of time to be relocated. He says authorities don't want attacks to happen and then officials think about how they could have prevented them.

ISSUE 7: The current state of the City of Evansville

How the issue was treated: Interview

Date: February 25

Title: In-Depth -Mayor Lloyd Winnecke Explains the State of Evansville with Brad Byrd

Guest: Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke

TRT: 10:11

Synopsis: Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke delivered his state of the city address on Tuesday. He told a packed luncheon the city is strong, finances are in line, and covered a lot of territory. Evansville Redevelopment Commissioner Cheryl Musgrave says she thinks there are issues with finances. Mayor Winnecke says many of the city's major funds go into one account, and the majority of the revenue comes in twice a year. City Councilmember Stephanie Brinkerhoff-Riley says \$5 million wasn't spent by the city because she says it doesn't exist. Mayor Winnecke says the city council passed a budget and Winnecke's administration had \$5 million left over. State Representative Gail Riecken, who is running against Mayor Winnecke in November, says the city is not in a good position financially. She says every year the money seems to dwindle each year. Mayor Winnecke says the city has millions of dollars in rainy day funds. He says Riecken never contacts him about the funding concerns. Winnecke says she's being political. The Indiana House passed a bill to move casinos to land. Mayor Winnecke says he feels optimistic about this bill. He says the bill is hugely important for the LST 325 tourism. He says it will allow the vessel to move in to the riverboat spot. \$36 million is on the table for the proposed IU Medical School. Winnecke says city officials have talked to state leaders about the importance of the campus to the city and the state. Mayor Winnecke says the new drawing of the downtown convention hotel should be released in the next week or two. He says his administration works with the city council on a regular basis. While they don't agree, they will continue to work on what's best for the city.

ISSUE 8: African American History Month

As part of African American History Month, WTVW did a series of special reports

How it was treated: News Story

Date: February 4

Duration: 2:20

Reporter Joe Bird put together a story on the history of Lyles Station. Located in Gibson, County, Indiana, Lyles Station was a stop on the Underground Railroad during the Civil War era as African American were leaving the South to look for freedom in the North.

How it was treated: News Story

Date: February 11

Duration 2:14

Reporter Joe Bird traveled to an Evansville cinema, where a large group of students from multiple schools in the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation watched the movie Selma, which gave the history of the march from Selma to Birmingham, Alabama. We spoke to students following the movie about it.

How it was treated: News Story

Date: February 13

Duration: 51 seconds

Dr. Alveda King, the niece of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke at the Evansville African American Museum as a part of a program on African American History Month.

How it was treated: News Story

Date: February 18

Duration: 2:26

Reporter Kellie Cook from our sister station in Memphis, TN, put together a story on the National Civil Rights Museum located in Memphis



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PSA's

In addition to the above programming WTVW broadcast public service announcements related to the following issues:

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Health – Blood Sugar, Basic Blood Pressure, Caregivers Assistance

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