

Quarterly Issues and Program List

WTVW

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
Health/Healthcare
Crime/Law Enforcement

Legal Matters
Consumer Issues
Transportation

Technology
Minority Issues
Women's Issues

Employment
Environment
Business & Industry

Programs

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7 (WTVW)	Crime/Law Enforcement	Noon	01/15/21	2 minutes	Eyewitness News at Noon	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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7 (WTVW)	Technology	6:30 pm	01/15/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 6:30	<p>Paula Gawthorp-Armentroiut is the President of Parabon Nanolabs. She is originally from Southern Illinois. She founded a company that helps police solve cold cases. Parabon 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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7 (WTVW)	Minority Issues	9:00 pm	01/19/21	6 minutes	Eyewitness News at 9	<p>Alex Burton is an Evansville City Councilman. He said Martin Luther King would like the progress we have made recently in race relations, but he would say we still have a long way to go. He said one of the highlights is in a few days the U.S. will inaugurate its first Black Vice President. He also said we still need to address the minimum wage, poverty, and black male incarceration. Rev. Gerald Arnold is the head of the Evansville chapter of the NAACP. He said the recent riot at the capitol is an example of a place where we, as a society, need to improve. Both said people need to advocate on the local, state and federal levels to make a difference.</p>

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7 (WTVW)	Business & Industry	7:00 am	01/27/21	2 minutes	Eyewitness News Daybreak	<p>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.</p>

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7 (WTVW)	Consumer Issues	8:00 am	02/02/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Daybreak Extra	<p>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.</p>

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7 (WTVW)	Education	6:30 pm	02/02/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 6:30	<p>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.</p>

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7 (WTVW)	Women's Issues	9:00 pm	02/08/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 9	<p>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.</p>

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7 (WTVW)	Employment	6:30 pm	02/25/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 6:30	<p>Ivy Tech offers classes for people hoping to obtain a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL.) The school says beginning next month students who take the class will be eligible for financial aid. Ivy Tech Employer Consultant Kyla Dowell said usually people who take the CDL class are not eligible for financial, but the school noticed a lot of students in the class struggling financially, so it decided to offer aid for the class. Instructor Scott Renschler said offering financial aid opens the class and the road instruction up to more people, so more students can get the license, and get a job. Renschler also said there is a shortage of qualified truck drivers, so people who get their license should have an easy time finding gainful employment.</p>

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7 (WTVW)	Environment	9:00 pm	03/01/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News at 9	<p>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.</p>

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7 (WTVW)	Transportation	9:00 pm	03/04/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness News Nine	<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%. 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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7 (WTVW)	Legal Matters	7:00 am	03/05/21	1 minute 30 seconds	Eyewitness New Daybreak	<p>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.</p>

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7 (WTVW)	Health/Healthcare	8:00 am	03/30/21	4 minutes	Daybreak Extra	<p>Elizabeth Harp is the director of the Welborn Baptist Foundation. The foundation recently conducted a health survey of the Evansville area, which included Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, and Posey counties in Indiana and Henderson County, Kentucky. She said the survey shows many of the problems the area has seen in the past it continues to see, but she said many of those problems are getting better. Some of those problems include alcohol abuse, mental health services, and obesity. She said one are in which the area is doing well is smoking, which is below the national average. She said the survey found the poor are more likely to get chronic diseases, but they are less likely to get treatment for them. She said the first thing the area must do is to educate ourselves on the factors of poor health so we can make better decisions on how to address those problems.</p>