

WGTD Community Issues File

WGTD news stories air a minimum of two times in our newscasts that air between 6am and 8:10am, Monday through Friday. Each news story then airs again on our 25-minute WGTD Midday newscast @ Noon. (Key: N=WGTD News) (Key: WPR = Wisconsin Public Radio) (Key: NPR = National Public Radio) (Key: MMR= Marketplace Morning Report)

WGTD's "Morning Show" airs Monday through Friday from 8:10-9am. (Key: MS)

Education Matters and Community Matters are locally produced shows, 45 minutes in length, which air every Saturday morning. (Key: EM or CM)

WGTD Community Issues: 1st Quarter, January-March 2024

Civil Rights Initiatives/Policing in America: The George Floyd Murder/Jacob Blake Shooting/Other Police Shootings/Policing Procedures/Civil Rights Policies:

02-26: Reviving the dormant Kenosha County Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission will be an uphill battle. A proposal from County Board Supervisor Jeff Gentz failed to get a motion that would've allowed it to even be discussed at last week's meeting of the board's executive committee. (:60) (N)

03/15: There's a renewed push by retired Navy servicemembers and current members to rename an aircraft carrier. The USS John C. Stennis is named after a segregationist senator. (3:50) (N/NPR)

03/18: Race and gender will be explored at the Courageous Conversation coming up on Thursday, March 21. (:30) (N)

03/20: The sentencing phase has begun in Mississippi for six former officers who pleaded guilty to torturing two Black men.(3:41) (N/NPR)

03/27: A women's college basketball team---playing in the NCAA tournament---said they had to change hotels for safety reasons after being racially harassed in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho -- a city long linked to white supremacy. (2:30) (N/NPR)

Gun Violence/Mass Shootings:

02/19: Two minors are charged in connection with the shooting at the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl rally. NPR's Leila Fadel talks to Jeffrey Butts, a researcher at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. (4:03) (N/NPR)

02/21: Missouri prosecutors have charged two adults with second-degree murder following the shooting that killed one person and injured 22 others at last week's Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl rally. (2:12) (N/NPR)

03/14: When a shooting ended the Super Bowl victory rally in Kansas City, the local prosecutor assumed it was a traditional mass shooter -- a lone gunman bent on destruction. The truth was more complex. (3:30) (N/NPR)

03/20: A year after the shooting at a Nashville private school, more money for security has been the only response from state lawmakers. (3:38) (N/NPR)

Public Health: Coronavirus Updates/Vaccine News

01/30: Remote work has declined in Wisconsin after spiking during the COVID-19 pandemic, but office vacancies remain elevated in the state's largest city and its suburbs. (:45)(N/WPR)

02/07: Advocates say the federal government no longer views long COVID with urgency. Private donors are funding research, bringing an unprecedented level of collaboration. (3:51) (N/NPR)

02/16: After-effects of long-term COVID vary from region to region here in the US. (:90) (N/NPR)

02/19: The H-P-V vaccine — when given to teens and pre-teens — is effective at preventing cancers later in life. But, since the pandemic, researchers have seen worrying drops in coverage among Medicaid recipients. In recent years, the percentage of kids getting these recommended shots has fallen. (2:53) (N/NPR)

02/29: Older U.S. adults should roll up their sleeves for another COVID-19 shot, even if they got a booster in the fall, U.S. health officials said Wednesday. (:60) (N)

03/05: Since the pandemic, schools across the country are struggling with chronic absenteeism. One Pittsburgh community has asked senior citizens to help get kids to school every day.(4:38) (N/NPR)

03/05: Cash aid with no strings keeps expanding across the U.S. Advocates say the pandemic proved that it should be a permanent part of the U.S. social safety net. (7:08) (N/NPR)

03/20: Principals and superintendents talk to NPR about how students are faring four years after the pandemic shutdowns began. We also hear what schools plan to do when pandemic-related federal aid runs out. (4:00) (N/NPR)

03/21: Four years after COVID lockdowns began, two books explore how 2020 changed us all. NPR's Michel Martin talks to writers Eric Klinenberg and Dr. Cornelia Griggs about their reflections.(7:08) (N/NPR)

Public Health: SCOTUS Overturns Roe v Wade: Abortion Implications

02/09: A research paper that questions the safety of the abortion pill was retracted this week after an investigation. The paper was cited by a federal judge who wants to limit access to the abortion pill. (3:29) (N/NPR)

02/21: Alabama's Supreme Court gives fertilized eggs the same rights as children. (3:45)
(N/NPR)

02/23: Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin will ask the Wisconsin Supreme Court to consider whether the state's constitution protects a person's right to abortion. (:45) (N/WPR)

02/23: A study shows that abortion restrictions take a toll -- not only on women who can't access the procedure -- but also on obstetricians who feel they can't provide the care patients need. (3:29) (N/NPR)

03/01: Wisconsin Democrats are denouncing Republican US Senate candidate Eric Hovde's stance on abortion. (:45) (N/WPR)

03/07: A new poll finds broad consensus in support of access to abortion for women experiencing pregnancy-related emergencies such as miscarriages. (2:20) (N/NPR)

03/14: Vice President Harris is planning to tour a Minnesota medical clinic that provides abortions today during a trip to the Twin Cities. It's believed to be a first for a vice president or president. (3:51) (N/NPR)

03/15: In Texas, three abortion bans overlap and can contradict each other. Now, the Texas Medical Board will create advice for doctors on compliance with state laws when problems arise during pregnancy. (2:04) (N/NPR)

03/19: More than one million abortions took place in the U.S. in 2023 -- the highest number in more than a decade. That's according to new research from the Guttmacher Institute. It's also somewhat surprising, given the number of states with abortion bans now in place (2:08) (N/NPR)

03/26: The Supreme Court hears arguments today in a case challenging FDA regulations related to abortion pills. Scientists and researchers say the entire structure of the FDA's power is at risk. (7:07) (N/NPR)

03/27: A challenge to the abortion pill mifepristone came before the Supreme Court Tuesday. But several justices appeared to suggest the case should be dismissed: (5:00) (N/NPR)

ENVIRONMENT: Climate Change/Recycling

02/06: A trial is wrapping up this week in Washington, D.C. with big stakes for climate. One of the world's most prominent climate scientists is suing a right-wing author and an analyst for defamation. (3:51) (N/NPR)

02/09: Climate change is making severe weather more common -- like the heavy rain that caused major flooding and mudslides this week in LA. Residents in one community talk about whether it's time to leave. (2:39) (N/NPR)

02/12: Atmospheric rivers recently soaked California. NPR's Steve Inskeep talks to Karla Nemeth of the state's Department of Water Resources, about protecting residents from floods and future water needs. (4:35) (N/NPR)

02/21: A key environmental effort to improve air quality and protect people from downwind pollution faces a legal challenge at the U.S. Supreme Court from several states and energy companies. (4:45) (N/NPR)

03/19: As packaging waste piles up by the tons, Minnesota lawmakers press to make companies ensure their materials are recyclable. (3:37) (N/NPR)

02/26: ExxonMobil is suing two investors over a shareholder proposal that called for it to reduce emissions. If Exxon succeeds, advocates worry the case could chill shareholder activism on climate change. (2:34) (N/NPR)

02/27: The largest trees on the planet have been hit by climate change and wildfires/ Now, a new effort is underway to help California's giant sequoias survive. (6:44) (N/NPR)

03/04: A new study finds swapping red meat for plant protein can boost health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It adds to the evidence that a diet that's good for health is also good for the planet. (3:52) (N/NPR)

03/14: A new study finds the oil and gas industry is emitting far more climate-warming methane than the EPA estimates. (2:00) (N/NPR)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: A Kenosha Indian Casino

01/31: In Kenosha earlier this week---Governor Tony Evers had no comment on whether he would or would not approve the latest Kenosha casino proposal IF it gets to his desk. (:90)(N)