

Issues Report

Quarterly Issues Program List for Station -- WBOI

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The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter:

Section I: Issues

- A. Public Health:** Public health matters, from infectious disease to addiction to mental health.
- B. Education:** Issues related to public school education in our community
- C. Politics and Government:** Indiana's legislative session and impact of federal legislation and regulation
- D. Criminal Justice:** Public safety and the courts
- E. Environmental issues:** Agriculture, clean water, and land use

Section II: Responsive Programs

The station broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. The programs are outlined below:

A. Public Health:

“Drug Pricing” -- (Broadcast on Jan.3 at 6:04a.m. and 7:04 a.m.) Story by Indiana Public Broadcasting reporter Jill Sheridan on increases in drug prices and attempts to deal with it via legislation

“Blood Shortage” -- (Broadcast on Jan. 22 at 4:04 p.m., 6:04 p.m. and Jan 22 at 7:04 a.m.)Story by Indiana Public Broadcasting reporter Jill Sheridan on a statewide shortage of blood donations.

“Raise It Rally” -- (Broadcast on Feb. 19 at 8:04 a.m and 4:04 p.m.) A story by Indiana Public Broadcasting's Jill Sheridan on efforts to raise the state's cigarette tax to help pay for public health programs around Indiana.

“Opioid Label Changes” -- (Broadcast March 23 at 6:04 a.m., 8:04 a.m. and 12: 04 p.m.)A report by Indiana Public Broadcasting's Jill Sheridan on a bill requiring Indiana pharmacies to identify drugs that contain opioids on the labels.

B. Education:

“Virtual Schools Regulation” -- (Broadcast on Jan. 17 at 4:04 p.m., 6:04 p.m. and Jan. 18 at 8:04 a.m./Duration 50 seconds) A story by Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Jeanie Lindsay on the poor quality of Indiana’s virtual schools, and calls for their improvement.

“ACLU/Leo Jr./Sr. High School Settles Lawsuit” -- (Broadcast on Jan. 18 at 4:04 p.m., 6:04 p.m. and on Jan. 17 at 7:04 a.m.) A story by WBOI’s Barb Anguiano about a settlement between the ACLU of Indiana and a local school district over LGBT discrimination.

“Firearm Training For Teachers” -- (Broadcast on Feb. 22 at 4:04 p.m.) A story by Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Carter Barrett on proposals to fund additional firearms training for teachers.

“Lakeland Schools Closure” -- (Broadcast on March 25 at 4:04 p.m., and March 26 6:04 a.m. and 8:04 a.m.) WBOI Reporter Barb Anguiano covered a decision by a local district to close some elementary schools because of declining enrollment.

C. Politics and Government:

“Council Approves Funds For Water Main Repairs” -- (Broadcast Jan. 9 at 6:04 a.m., 7:04 a.m., and 4:04 p.m.) WBOI’s Zach Bernard covered Fort Wayne city council’s continued infrastructure improvement work.

“Indiana House Sexual Harassment Policy” -- (Broadcast Jan. 24 at 5:04 p.m.) A story by Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Brandon Smith about legislation-mandated policies for sexual harassment within the chambers.

“Holcomb Firm On Hate Crimes” -- (Broadcast Feb. 27 at 6:04 a.m., 8:04 a.m. and Feb. 28 at 12:04 p.m.) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Brandon Smith covers Gov. Eric Holcomb’s insistence on a state hate crimes law..

“Mayor Pete On Hate Crimes” -- (Broadcast March 13 at 6:04 p.m.) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Tony Krabill on South Bend Mayor and presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg on the state’s hate crimes bill’s fits and starts.

D. Public Safety/Criminal Justice:

“Public Defender Budget Request” (Broadcast March 23 at 6:04 and 9:04 a.m.) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Barbara Brosher on requests by the Indiana Public Defender Commission for an additional \$15 million to improve the system.

“Family Recovery Court” -- (Broadcast Feb. 13 at 4:04 p.m., Feb. 14 at 7:04 a.m., 9:04 a.m. and 12:04 p.m.) WBOI’s Barb Anguiano reported on the creation of another problem solving court in Allen County, this one to help families stay together in times of addiction.

“Timbs/Forfeiture Ruling Before SCOTUS” -- (Broadcast Feb. 25 at 5:04 p.m.) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Barbara Brosher reported on the important SCOTUS ruling regarding civil forfeiture.

“Exonerated Prisoners Bill Faces Changes” -- (Broadcast March 12 at 5:04 p.m., March 13 at 7:04 a.m., 9:04 a.m., 12:04 p.m.) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Brandon Smith reported on legislative efforts to assist those wrongfully incarcerated.

E. Environmental Issues:

“Natural Prairie Dairy CAFO Approval” -- (Broadcast Jan. 22 at 5:04 p.m., Jan. 23 at 9:04 a.m. and 12:04 p.m.) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Rebecca Thiele on an approved permit for a confined animal organic dairy operation in Newton County.

“CO2 Storage” -- (Broadcast Feb. 28 at 7:04 a.m. and 9:04 a.m., 4:04 p.m. 6:04 p.m.) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Rebecca Thiele reported on a statehouse committee to study carbon dioxide storage this summer.

“Ohio EPA Meeting” -- (Broadcast March 11 at 4:04 p.m. and 6:04 p.m.) WBOI’s Barb Anguiano covered a meeting to propose allowing a private company to withdraw water for the Michindoh Aquifer.

“Logging Amendments” -- (Broadcast March 29 at 7:04 a.m. 4:04 p.m. and March 30 at 9:04 a.m.) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Rebecca Thiele reported on attempts to pass two amendments to change the way Indiana manages its forests.

