

# **Issues Report**

Quarterly Issues Program List for Station -- WBOI

Oct. 1 - Dec.. 30, 2019

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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:**

**“Prescription Drug Prices”** -- (Broadcast on Oct. 2 at 5:04 p.m.) Story by Indiana Public Broadcasting reporter Jill Sheridan on a study committee tackling prescription drug prices.

**“Dementia Responders”** -- (Broadcast on Nov. 16 at 5:04 p.m. and Nov. 17 at 7:04 and 9:04 a.m., and 12:04 p.m. ) Story by Indiana Public Broadcasting Reporter Lauren Chapman about efforts to improve the response by emergency services to patients with dementia.

**“Mental Health Waiver”** -- (Broadcast on Dec. 23 at 6:04 p.m.) A story by Indiana Public Broadcasting's Darian Benson on federal approval of a Medicaid waiver for Hoosiers diagnosed with serious mental illness.

**“Gulf Coast Tick”** -- (Broadcast Dec. 23 at 6:04 p.m. and Dec. 24 at 7:04 a.m.) A report by Indiana Public Broadcasting's Rebecca Thiele about a dangerous tick spotted in Indiana.

## **B. Education:**

**“Department of Education Governance”** -- (Broadcast on Oct. 3 at 4:04 p.m. and Oct. 4 at 7:04 a.m., 9:04 a.m. and 12:04 p.m.) A story by Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Jeanie Lindsay on consideration to merge three state education groups.

**“Referenda And Teacher Pay”** -- (Broadcast on Oct. 16 at 5:04 p.m. and Oct. 17 at 8:04 a.m. and 12:04 p.m.) A story by Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Jeanie Lindsay on school referenda as a way to achieve teacher pay increases.

**“Life Skills Funding Cut Proposed”** -- (Broadcast on Dec. 5 at 8:04 a.m. and 4:04 p.m.) A story by Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Justin Hicks on a proposal to cut funding for some life skills classes.

**“FWCS Repairs”** -- (Broadcast on Dec. 10 at 8:04 p.m. and 12:04 p.m. and 5:04 p.m.) A story by WBOI’s Zach Bernard on a proposal to put a large school repair project on the ballot in May 2020.

## **C. Politics and Government:**

**“Buttigieg Campaign Office”** -- (Broadcast Oct. 4 at 4:04 p.m. and Oct. 5 at 9:04 a.m. and Oct. 7 at 8:04 a.m.) A story from WVPE’s Annacaroline Caruso on a new presidential campaign office in South Bend.

**“Voter Registration Deadling”** -- (Broadcast Oct. 4 at 5:04 p.m. and Oct. 5 at 9:04 a.m.) A story by Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Brandon Smith on voter registration deadlines for the November 2019 municipal elections.

**“Fort Wayne City Tax Proposal”** -- (Broadcast Oct. 16 at 5:04 p.m. and Oct. 17 at 8:04 a.m.) WBOI’s Zach Bernard wrote about proposals to invest state tax revenue into specific neighborhoods within the city.

**“Holcomb Legislative Agenda”** -- (Broadcast Dec. 10 at 7:04 a.m. and 12:04 p.m.) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Brandon Smith reports on the governor’s agenda for the upcoming legislative session.

#### **D. Public Safety/Criminal Justice:**

**“Rockville Prison Employer Day”** (Broadcast Oct. 4 at 6:04 and Oct. 5 at 10:18 a.m.) A report from Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Justin Hicks on attempts to help inmates find work on release.

**“Indiana Pretrial Summit”** -- (Broadcast Oct. 17 at 4:04 p.m.) A story from Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Brandon Smith on a summit to determine bail amounts.

**“\$3 Million Embezzlement Case”** -- (Broadcast Nov. 26 at 5:04 p.m. and Nov. 27 at 8:04 a.m.) WBOI’s Rebecca Green reported on a local man’s involvement in a large embezzlement scheme.

**“Purkey Execution Plea”** -- (Broadcast Dec. 3 at 5:04 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 8:04 a.m.) A story from WFIU’s Adam Pinsker about attempts to halt the execution of a federal death row inmate.

#### **E. Environmental Issues:**

**“Forest Management Study”** -- (Broadcast Oct. 3 at 6:04 p.m.) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Rebecca Thiele reported a desire to have the state set aside 10 percent of state forests.

**“Renewable Health Study”** -- (Broadcast Nov. 6 at 5:04 p.m. and Nov. 7 at 8:04 p.m.) Indiana Public Broadcasting’s Rebecca Thiele reported on a study that shows the Great Lakes region as the best place for renewable energy sources.

**“Petersburg Power Plants”** -- (Broadcast Dec. 10 at 5:04 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 8:04 a.m.) IPB’s Rebecca Thiele reported on plans by Indianapolis Power and Light to close two of its coal power plants.

**“Cisco Fish Decline”** -- (Broadcast Dec. 26 at 5:04 p.m. and Dec. 27 at 8:04 a.m.) IPB’s Rebecca Thiele reported on climate change’s effect on Indiana’s coldwater fish.

