





WNIT 2019 Annual Report

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Mission Statement

WNIT is a trusted, community owned, public media source that is dedicated to inspire, inform, educate, entertain and unify the communities we serve.





























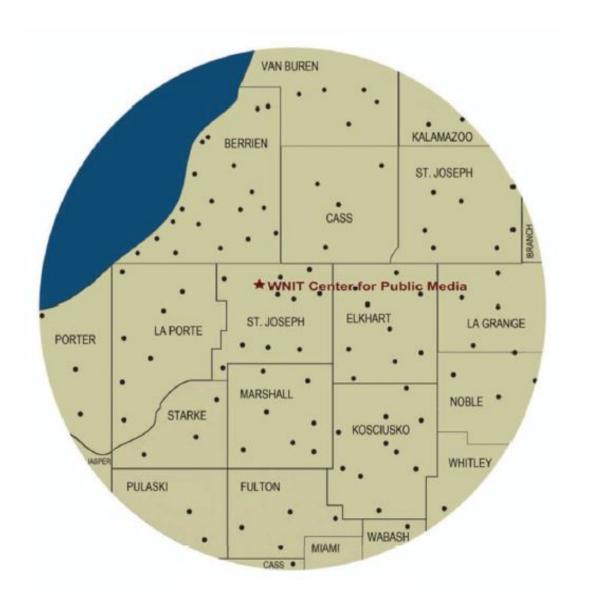






WNIT is Michiana's PBS Station

Serving 22 counties in northern Indiana and southwest lower Michigan





WNIT is Michiana's Largest Classroom

PBS aims at making a powerful difference in the lives of America's children through high-quality, educational content that addresses essential skills needed for child development.

PBS Nationally

- PBS Kids is the #1 education media brand for children
- PBS is the #1 source of media content for pre-school teachers
- Kids who watched "Super Why!" scored 46% higher on standardized tests than those who didn't
 - Kids who played the "Martha Speaks" app for two weeks had a 31% gain in vocabulary tested







WNIT Locally

- WNIT supplies activity books and other education materials to the St. Joseph County Public Library system's "Reading Corners."
- WNIT works with the Early Childhood Alliance and the Early Childhood Coalition providing educational resources to children of all ages in learning centers throughout Michiana.
- The WNIT Kids Club and its 200+ members and parents keep learning and fun alive all year long with local events, birthday celebrations and more!
- WNIT staff members attended the Elkhart County "Success by Six" Early Childhood Summit in Goshen to learn the latest in early childhood development training and share PBS Learning with those in attendance. We later broadcast one-minute Parenting Tips that were taped at the Summit.

WNIT is a Leader in Arts and Cultural Programming





Victoria

Experience Michiana

Arts and culture create a vibrant, flourishing community. PBS regularly brings its viewers such programs as Masterpiece Victoria, American Masters, PBS Fall Arts Festival, Great Performances and countless others that feed our souls and revitalize our spirits.

WNIT Public Television produces 6 programs with a local feel on a regular basis; Dinner & A Book, Education Counts Michiana,
Outdoor Elements, Economic Outlook, Politically Speaking and Experience Michiana!







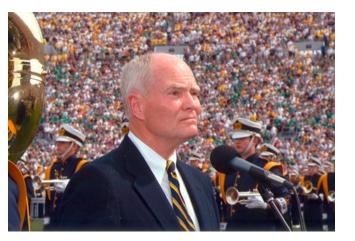


WNIT Local Documentaries



Our Town Series:

- Goshen (2010)
- Warsaw Winona Lake (2011)
 - Mishawaka (2012)
 - Elkhart (2013)
 - Dowagiac (2014)
 - South Bend (2015)
 - North Webster (2015)
 - Niles (2016)
 - Plymouth (2016)
 - Syracuse (2016)
 - Buchanan (2017)
 - Benton Harbor (2017)
 - St. Joseph (2017)
 - Nappanee (2018)
 - Culver (2018)
 - Berrien Springs (2019)



Legends of Michiana Series:

- Kurt Simon (2012)
- Ernestine Raclin (2013)
 - Art Decio (2015)
- Congregation of Holy Cross (2015)
 - Dane Miller (2016)
 - Merlin Hanson (2016)
 - Tsung Yeh (2016)
 - Judd Leighton (2017)
 - Bob Bartels (2017)
 - Satish Shah (2018)
- Rebecca & Michael Kubacki (2018)
 - Jerry Hammes (2018)
 - Mike Leep (2018)
 - Joe Kernan (2019)
 - Pat Moody (2019)

WNIT Weekly Local Productions

WNIT remains dedicated to inspire, educate, entertain, and unify the communities we serve. Our vision is to foster enlightenment in our community anytime, every time and everywhere!



Economic Outlook discusses economic growth, the impact of education on economic development, key industry sectors, the impact of trade on employment, and a host of related issues.



For over 20 years, Politically Speaking has been connecting viewers to the local, state and federal legislators they elected. Politically Speaking provides northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan viewers a chance to dial or click in and chat with their elected officials one on one.



Experience Michiana features all things Michiana, including arts, performers, musicians, cooking, civic engagements and business leaders as co-hosts Rick Hummer and Kelly Morgan interview newsmakers from around the region.



EducationCounts_Michiana explores learning across our region, and will look at innovative instructional and developmental techniques in the 21st Century.



From the bookshelf to the kitchen, host Gail Martin and guest hosts discuss an eclectic collection of literature while whipping up the right recipes to go along with a great read.



Outdoor Elements takes you through some of the most beautiful and interesting parks and natural spaces across our region.

FY 2019 WNIT Local Productions & Documentaries



Legends of Michiana: Joe Kernan

Aired: Thursday, March 21

WNIT took viewers inside the life of Joe Kernan, former Governor of Indiana and Mayor of South Bend who, through his generosity, leadership and love for the people he served, gave so much and left a lasting legacy that still can be felt to this day.



Elkhart Health & Aquatics Center

Aired: Thursday, July 18

Seen as the replacement for the old YMCA, the new center in the heart of Elkhart's River District is not only a place to swim, but a fitness, rehabilitation, community center, as well as, northern Indiana's newest destination for competitions and community venues.



Studebaker Fountain: A Gift of Water & Light

Aired: Sunday, August 25

Studebaker Fountain: A Gift of Water & Light tells the story of a stunning colored, light, electric water fountain that John M. Studebaker gifted the city of South Bend in 1906 and follows the fountain's curious journey and the remaking of the gift that symbolizes benevolence, innovation and potential.

FY 2019 WNIT Local Productions & Documentaries



Our Town: Berrien Springs

Aired: Monday, August 26

In *Our Town: Berrien Springs*, viewers took an exciting look at the fresh farm markets, beautiful public parks, and smiling faces that make this southwestern Michigan town such a treat.



Legends of Michiana: Pat Moody

Aired: Thursday, September 26

WNIT took viewers were given an inside look at the life of popular radio host and community leader, Pat Moody who was a man of the people of southwestern Michigan while controlling the airwaves for over 46 years.



WNIT Provides Proactive Community Engagement



WNIT uses students, volunteers and interns from Ivy Tech, Notre Dame, Bethel College, IU-South Bend and other Michiana educational institutions teaching them real-life broadcast skills.

WNIT launched the "PBS Kids 24/7 Channel on WNIT on June 24th giving children in the Michiana area free, 24/7 educational programming to help combat the high percentage of children that do not have access to high-quality preschool education.

Each June WNIT hosts over 500 kids and their families at the annual "WNIT Kids Club Day in the Park" for a day of games, food, fun and activities!



In the past year, WNIT has provided use of its "Community Room" to over 2,500 individuals for various seminars, luncheons and events.

WNIT Prides Itself on Civic Engagement





Connecting Michiana's citizens to their government is a primary mission of WNIT. From the local level to the federal, WNIT has provided a forum where elected officials can go beyond sound bites in discussing policy and citizens can express their concerns directly to their representatives.

Michiana Access TV

WNIT is contracted by St. Joseph County and the cities of South Bend and Mishawaka to produce Michiana Access Television on Comcast Cable. In this venture, WNIT provides the facilities and personnel needed for private individuals to broadcast, at no charge, their own public access television shows.

This channel also broadcasts council meetings and other events for South Bend, Mishawaka and St. Joseph County.



2019 PBS: TRUSTED. VALUED. ESSENTIAL. PBS



FOR 16 YEARS

PBS IS #1 IN PUBLIC TRUST



PBS IS THE NEWS AND **PUBLIC** AFFAIRS



31% Congress

36% Social Media

39% Federal Government

What is your level of trust with each of the following organizations?

60% Newspaper Publishing Companies

65% Commercial Broadcast TV

71% Digital Platforms

71% Commercial Cable TV

71% Courts of Law

80% PBS

PBS PROVIDES

HIGH VALUE FOR TAX DOLLARS

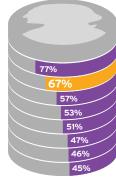
Rate the value of these taxpayer-funded services provided by the Federal Government.

Graph indicates "excellent" and "good"

89% **BELIEVE** FEDERAL FUNDING TO PBS IS **OR ABOUT RIGHT**

WATCHED BY OF TV HOUSEHOLDS

(THAT'S 230+ **MILLION PEOPLE)**



Country's Military Defense

Overseeing Safety of Food & Drugs

Social Security

Agricultural Subsidies

Highways/Roads/Bridges

Federal Aid to College Students

Environmental Protection





71%

AGREE PES STATIONS PROVIDE

EXCELLENT VALUE

Marketing & Research Resources, Inc. (M&RR) fielded 14 questions via an online survey during the window of January 3-8, 2019. The survey was conducted among a sample of 1,015 adults ages 18+, 490 men and 525 women. The results are weighted to be nationally representative of the US adult population. Results presented throughout are for all respondents, unless otherwise noted.



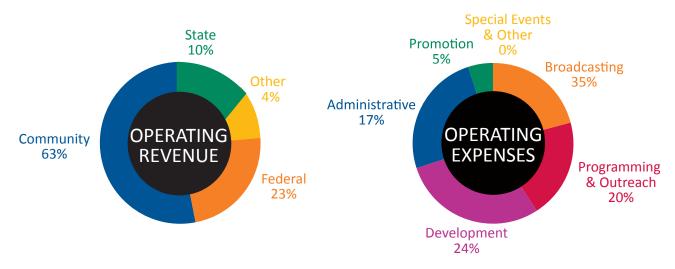
PBS Kids 24/7 Channel on WNIT



WNIT Public Television launched the all-new, "PBS Kids 24/7 Channel on WNIT" on Monday, June 24th. This multi-platform, 24-hour, 7 days a week channel which includes live streaming, gives children the ability to access PBS Kids' trusted educational content anywhere, anytime and through any device.



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FY2019



Federal	\$ 1,068,533	Broadcasting	\$ 1,492,592
State	438,602	Programming & Education	859,107
Community	2,864,349	Promotion	195,158
Other	184,788	Development	1,024,297
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 4,556,272	Administrative	716,953
		Special Events & Other	0
		Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,288,107

Non-Operating Revenue (Expense)	Ş	33,885
Depreciation & Amortization	\$	625,615
Change in Net Assets	\$	302,050

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2019	2018
Current Assets	\$ 964,145	877,606
Fixed Assets	5,716,637	5,544,694
Other Non-Current Assets	0	0
Total Assets	\$ 6,680,782	6,422,300
Current Liabilities	\$1,091,188	997,488
Deferred Revenue	111,354	170,461
Non-Current Liabilities	1,752,068	1,830,229
Net Assets	3,726,172	3,424,122
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$6,680,782	6,422,300

Underwriters

\$25,000+

1st Source Bank

Arthur J. Decio

DeBartolo Performing Arts Center

Dr. Dane & Mary Louise Miller Foundation

IDEA Week

Saint Joseph Health Center
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Rex & Alice A. Martin Foundation

South Bend Civic Theatre Teachers Credit Union

\$15,000 - \$24,999

Community Foundation of Elkhart County Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra

Tire Rack

\$10,000 - \$14,999

Alick's Home Medical

D&W, Inc.

Girls on the Run Michiana

Goodwill Industries

Holladay Properties/Barb & John Phair

Indiana University South Bend

Lake City Bank

Chris & Carmi Murphy

Pfeifer, Morgan & Stesiak Attorney's at Law

South Bend Cubs

South Bend Symphony Orchestra

St. Joseph County Health Department

The Center at Donaldson
Tri-State Maintenance

University of Notre Dame

\$1,000 - \$9,999

32 Pearls Dentistry

AJ's Uptown Bar & Grill

Aladdin's Eatery

Jeannine & Nafe Alick

Allred Funeral Home

Anderson, Agostino & Keller

Andrews University

John & Katie Anthony

Art Barn

Barnes & Thornburg, LLP

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Berrien Springs Public Schools

Bethel College Department of Music

Big Idea Company

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Brian King, DDS

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Career Analysis Organization of America

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Early Childhood Alliance

Early Childhood Development Center, Inc.

Edgewater Automation

Elkhart & St. Joe Counties Head Start Consortium

Elkhart Civic Theatre

Elkhart County Symphony Orchestra

Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts IUSB

Dr. Michael Feltman

Fischoff National Chamber Music Association

Daniel Fitzpatrick

Joyce & Roger Foley

Foot Solutions

Friends Early Learning Center

Gibson Insurance Agency

Goshen Birth Center

Gurley Leep Automotive Family

Gymnastics Michiana

Growing Kids Learning Center

Gregory Hahn

Halbritter Wickens Funeral Services

Mel Hall

Hannah's House

Hanson Group

Hayes Towers

Hearth & Home Design Center, Inc.

Hildebrand Fruit Farms

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Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame

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Laborers Local 645 Lake Michigan College – The Mendel Center



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Notre Dame Glee Club

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Pain Management Group

Papa John's Pizza

Patrick Industries, Inc.

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Penn High School Theatre

PNC Bank

Potawatomi Zoological Society

River Bend Film Festival

River Bend Hose Specialty

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Santa Run

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Skillman Corporation

Snite Museum of Art

South Bend Children's Dentistry

South Bend Education Foundation

South Bend Elkhart Audubon Society

South Bend International Airport

Southwestern Michigan Tourism Council

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The History Museum

The Judd Leighton Foundation

The Milton Home

United Way of Elkhart County

United Way of St. Joseph County

United Way of Southwest Michigan

Veldman's Automotive Service Center

Village of Berrien Springs

Vilwock's Farm Market

Visit South Bend/Mishawaka

Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts

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Waterfurnance Michiana

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Whirlpool Corporation

WSMK/WNIL Radio

Your Story Hour, Inc.

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ZimmerBiomet



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