

WRAM ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

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A list of some of the significant issues responded to by WRAM, Monmouth, Illinois along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues

<u>Description Of Issue</u>	<u>Program/Segment</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Narration of Type of Segment</u>
Health	Live Interview	1/2/2024	8:10am	20 min	n the second of typically three waves of the flu, Warren County Health Department Administrator Jenna Link says a high fever is a key symptom to really watch for, especially in small children, as it is an indication there is a serious infection your body is working hard to fight off. As for distinguishing between cold, flu, RSV, or COVID, Administrator Link breaks down the common symptoms:
City	Live Interview	1/3/2024	8:30am	20 min	The Monmouth City Council met earlier this week and Mayor Rod Davies says there will be two projects getting underway soon including the downtown square project and 6 th street reconstruction....
American Cancer Society	Live Interview	1/5/2024	8:10am	20 min	January is Cervical Cancer Awareness month. Local Senior Development Manager with the American Cancer Society Stacey Dutton shares guidelines for cervical cancer and recommendations. Dutton says to always talk with your primary care physician to develop a plan and screening procedure that works best with you....

Education	Live Interview	1/10/2024	8:10am	20 min	Through the 2023-2024 school year, the Monticello-Roseville school district will receive grant funds from the Future Forward program with the U.S. Department of Education that allows students to receive tutoring for reading at Lincoln and Harding, explains Superintendent Ed Fletcher:
Community	Live Interview	1/11/2024	8:10am	15 min	persons with developmental disabilities in providing opportunities to learn and be active members of the community spanning many areas, including life skills, cooking, recreation, and even classroom learning. Through a recent project, the consumers wrote letters to the governors of all 50 states and in return received packages in the mail, shares Marketing Coordinator Sean Cavanaugh:
Education	Live Interview	1/12/2024	8:10am	15 min	United School District, the Board approved the 2024-2025 academic calendar, the decision to opt out of the Regional Office of Education's grant program and fund their own pre-kindergarten classrooms, the third reading of policy updates, before going to closed session and the announcement of two resignations, reports Superintendent Jeff Whitsitt:
Politics	Live Interview	1/17/2024	8:10am	10 min	As a new year begins, it also brings new laws to Illinoisans. One concern still on the mind of lawmakers is seeing reform to the estate tax as it is currently placing excessive burdens on family farms and small businesses, explains State Representative of the 71 st District, Dan

City	Live Interview	1/19/2024	8:20am	15 min	Snow removal from the city streets of Monmouth is underway following two significant snow falls. Mayor Rod Davies says the recent snow events will cost the City of Monmouth between \$70,000 and \$80,000 in public funds after accounting for overtime, snow removal, and use of salt.
Politics	Live interview	1/22/2024	8:10am	15 min	Since announcing his run for Congress of Illinois' 17 th Congressional District, Retired Circuit Judge Joe McGraw has released his Law Enforcement Coalition, addressing concerns with the SAFE-T Act and his understanding on the importance of maintaining law and order, as border security is a top priority for Judge
Health	Live Interview	1/24/2024	8:20am	15 min	In the heart of the Midwest winter season, COVID-19, flu, RSV, the common cold, and allergies seem to ramp up this time of the year. With similar symptoms among all the ailments, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse at OSF HealthCare, Katie Ringberg, offers tips in preventing illnesses and keeping yourself healthy:
U of I Extension	Live Interview	1/25/2024	8:10am	15 min	January is 'National Soup Month' and a University of Illinois Extension is promoting some ideas to help make those classic soup recipes a little healthier. Caitlin Mellendorf is a Nutrition Educator and says a healthy alternative can be to seek out lower sodium options.

Buchanan Center for Arts	Live Interview	1/29/2024	8:10am	20 min	The Buchanan Center for the Arts has set a goal of \$1.0 million for their ongoing capital campaign to renovate the second floor of the BCA, as well as set up and endowment to fund future programs, explains Executive Director Kristyne Gilbert:
Healthcare	Live Interview	1/31/2024	8:30am	25 min	Western Illinois Home Health Care is launching a Home Provider Care service that will deliver primary care to any place you call home. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Mandy Kubis explains the services are available for a monthly subscription based on age:
Farm Bureau	Live Interview	2/1/2024	8:10am	20 min	The Illinois Farm Bureau and Country Financial are teaming up to host four 'Emergency Planning on Your Farm' seminars throughout February. Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Manager Gina Sandberg shares details on the event in Rock Island on February 8 th :
Health care	Live Interview	2/2/2024	8:10am	15 min	February is American Heart Health Month. A time to take action and protect yourself against heart disease. Medical Assistant with Eagle View Community Health System Ashley Brownlee says additional ways to improve heart health include managing stress, limiting alcohol consumption, and getting adequate sleep...

Police/Community	Live interview	2/5/2024	8:10am	15 min	AS ANOTHER TAX SEASON HAS ARRIVED, MONMOUTH POLICE Department Investigator Josh Kramer reminds taxpayers to remain vigilant in watching for potential scams, whether it is in the form of phone calls, emails, or letterheads in the mail:
Health	Live Interview	2/6/2024	8:40am	15 min	Macomb campus, McDonough District Hospital Interim CEO Bill Murdock is excited for 2024 in growing their presence in Monmouth, connecting and reestablishing with the local communities, and continue recruiting physicians, as labor shortages are a challenge in the healthcare industry, which Murdock explains MDH is exploring with utilizing artificial intelligence behind the scenes:
College	Live Interview	2/7/2024	8:20am	15 min	Monmouth College has received a gift valued at nearly \$12 million, the second-largest donation in the College's 171-year history. Marilyn Johnston, a 1948 Monmouth alumna donated a 780-acre farm in Mercer County, Illinois, to support Monmouth College's endowment. It is valued at \$11,929,000. Monmouth President Clarence Wyatt said the Monmouth College community is deeply grateful for Marilyn's extraordinary generosity and dedication to the College...

Not for profit	Live Interview	2/9/2024	8:10am	15 min	The Warren Community Center is planning for 2024. Director Nancy Mowen reports the pantry saw a 91 percent increase in visits last year compared to 2022, with 15 percent of the visits just in December being first time visits. To assist in providing staples for local individuals, Director Mowen informs they will be hosting a fundraiser on March 16th:
Warren Co Transportation	Live Interview	2/12/2024	8:10am	15 min	Beginning March 1 st , Warren County Public Transportation will 100 percent be operated by the Warren County Board. With current hours of operation on weekdays from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Director of Transportation Morgan Lewis is hoping to expand not
City	Live Interview	2/13/2024	8:10am	15 min	Monmouth City Council has awarded the Downtown Underground Utility project to Lavidiere Construction, which is expected to begin soon with one quadrant at a time. Mayor Rod Davies says additionally, year to date residential construction totals for 2024 are at \$137,000 and \$334,000 commercially in the City of Monmouth.
Judicial	Live Interview	2/14/2024	8:10am	15 min	McDonough, Knox, Henderson, Hancock, and Fulton Counties, has seen some changes in judge appointments in 2024, shares retired Warren County State's Attorney Chip Algren:

College	Live Interview	2/16/2024	8:10am	15 min	<p>Carroll Sandburg College Dean of Transfer Michael Paulina oversees 65 faculty members teaching dual credit courses at local high schools, which allows access to students that may face challenges when it comes to obtaining an Associates Degree:</p>
Warren Achievement	Live Interview	2/19/2024	8:30am	20 min	<p>Renovations to the former VW Plant East 2001 in Monmouth continue as the site will be the new location of the Warren Achievement Center's Community Day Services facility. Marketing Coordinator Sean Cavanaugh shares there have been three components to upgrading the facility:</p>
Education	Live Interview	2/20/2024	8:10am	15 min	<p>At the recent United Board of Education meeting, fees were addressed for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, including lunches, ballgame entry fees, substitute teacher pay, and even officials, shares Superintendent Jeff Whitsitt:</p>
Economic Partnership	Live Interview	2/21/2024	8:10am	15 min	<p>In the latest labor force reading from December of 2023, there are just a little over nineteen thousand workers in Knox and Warren Counties, which Knox County Area Partnership President Ken Springer shares in the most recent data trend:</p>

Warren County Board	Live Interview	2/22/2024	8:10am	15 min	The initiative to give employees 40 hours of paid time off a year, or one hour of leave for every 40 hours worked, has now been halted amid concerns. Warren County Board Chairman Mike Pearson reports counties and municipalities were to be exempt from the act, but that has not been the case:
Fire Department	Live Interview	2/23/2024	8:30am	15 min	The Monmouth Fire Department, Police Department, Warren County Sheriff's Department, Health Department, Highway Department, Transportation, ESDA, and the Roseville Fire Protection District held a tabletop exercise on the county's response to a winter storm, which happened to take place following the storm that hit in early January, allowing the first-responders to address any concerns and identify ways to improve services, reports Monmouth Fire Chief Casey Rexroat:
City	Live Interview	2/26/2024	8:30am	20 min	The City of Monmouth has signed the construction contract with Laverdiere Construction to begin Phase 1 of the Downtown Monmouth beautification project, beginning with the water main replacements in each of the quadrants, explains City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher:
Warren Co Transportation	Live Interview	2/27/2024	8:30am	20 MIN	Warren County Public Transportation continues to have record breaking days of ridership and to help expedite the process, Director of Transportation Morgan Lewis explains a few changes that will begin March 1 st :

Health	Live Interview	2/29/2024	8:30am	20 min	The OSF Healthcare Cancer Institute in Peoria is set to be one of 10 locations in the country to begin using a new kind of biopsy. The so-called Liquid Biopsy is a first of its kind way of diagnosing Pancreatic Cancer. It's also the start of a database of Pancreatic Cancer Patients that could lead to further breakthroughs in diagnosis and treatment as OSF Healthcare Physician Chandler Wilford explains
Not for profit	Live Interview	3/1/2024	8:10am	20 min	On Saturday, March 16 th , Jamieson Community Center is hosting "A Night at the Races" fundraising event at the Warren County History Museum in Monmouth. Executive Director Nancy Mowen shares the details:
Scams	Live Interview	03/04/24	8:10am	20 min	While scams can target a person of any age, those 65 and older tend to be sought out the most and a top ongoing scam to be on the lookout for are those tied to healthcare, shares Monmouth Police Department Investigator Josh Kramer:
Community / Police	Live Interview	03/05/24	8:10am	20 min	With spring right around the corner and temperatures rising, more people will be out and about. Monmouth Police Chief Joe Switzer reminds of the dangers on distracted driving:

Community	Live Interview	03/06/24	8:10am	20 min	With recent talks of the possibility of experiencing brown outs, Ameren Illinois is continuing their investment of improved infrastructure to boost the power grid, explains Supervisor, Distribution Design Brian Cuffle:
Buchanan Center for Arts	Live Interview	03/07/24	8:10am	20 min	The 55 th Annual Town and Country Art Show is on display at the Buchanan Center for the Arts, featuring the local artwork of students in sixth through twelfth grade in Henry, Henderson, Mercer, and Warren Counties. Executive Director Kristyne Gilbert shares the juror for
Agriculture	Live Interview	03/08/24	8:10am	20 min	BIG RIVER RESOURCES Ethanol Plants in our local area are looking to create more demand for Illinois corn through sustainable aviation fuel. President and CEO David Zimmerman reports:
Health Department	Live Interview	03/11/24	8:10am	20 min	NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK is recognized the first full week of April each year. To coincide, the Warren County Health Department offers their discounted labs program, reports Administrator Jenna Link:
History Museum	Live Interview	03/13/24	8:10am	20 min	The Warren County History Museum in Monmouth is back open for the season. Director Dr. Eugene Watkins highlights the new and permanent exhibits on view:

Education	Live Interview	03/14/24	8:10am	20 min	nearing the end of the third quarter, students in the Monmouth-Roseville School District have had their hands in many corners of the community, reports Superintendent Ed Fletcher:
Education	Live Interview	03/15/24	8:40am	20 min	The installation of solar arrays that connect schools has become a popular topic. The West Central Board of Education has had preliminary discussions and asked Superintendent Stacey Day to provide some insight on project options. Through her research, Superintendent Day discovered Ameren Illinois can conduct a Public School Carbon Free Assessment:
City	Live Interview	03/19/24	8:40am	20 min	A \$59 million budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 was presented to the Monmouth City Council, which continues to allocate capitol improvement funds for a number of projects, reports City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher:
Agriculture	Live Interview	03/21/24	8:10am	20 min	Being a rural community, being prepared and practicing grain bin safety is a major component and Monmouth Firefighter Tyler Osborn reminds farmers and everyone in the agricultural sector of being safe when working with and around grain bins:

Education	Live Interview	03/25/24	8:10am	20 min	A new president has been named for Monmouth College. Patricia Draves has been named the 15th president of Monmouth College. Draves will begin her presidency in July. She succeeds Clarence R. Wyatt, who has been the College's 14th president since July 2014 and will retire at the end of this school year.
Police/Community	Live Interview	03/27/24	8:40am	20 min	The Monmouth Police Department will be receiving two new cruisers for their fleet and they will be a different color, informs Police Chief Joe Switzer: Meanwhile, Chief Switzer reports the new stickers for approved golf carts and side by sides in the City of Monmouth are available, which takes effect May 1 st .
Fire Department	Live Interview	03/28/24	8:10am	20 min	April is National Safe Digging Month and Monmouth Fire Chief Casey Rexroat reminds homeowners to call before you dig for that outdoor project: