

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>
Community	Live Interview	7/1/2022	8:10am	20 min	Law enforcement in Illinois is stepping up patrols around the state over July 4th weekend. The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is designed to crack down on impaired driving. Monmouth Police Chief Joe Switzer says there were 22 deadly accidents over the July Fourth holiday period last year, the highest total in five years. Chief also reminds residents to leave the fireworks to the professionals....
Senior Citizens	Live Interview	7/5/2022	8:40am	20 min	Strom Center has launched an automated all call system, available to anyone free of charge says Executive Director Carol McCrery: Strom Center still offers telephone assurance calls for seniors that may be home alone or would just like to receive a check in call, whether it be daily, weekly, or monthly

Law Enforcement	Live Interview	7/6/2022	8:10am	20 min	The Illinois State Police and local police and sheriff's departments are warning the public to not engage in aggressive driving behaviors. With increased reports of road rage incidents, McDonough County Sheriff Nick Petitigout offers these reminders to avoid confrontations while on the roadways: Furthermore, Sheriff Petitigout says if you have a tailgater, simply make a turn and go around the block or pull into a gas station or business to allow the vehicle to go around.
Scouting	Live Interview	7/8/2022	8:10am	20 min	On Saturday, August 20 th , the Monmouth VFW Post 2301, Monmouth Masonic Lodge 37, Boy Scout Troop 705, and the Warren County Girl Scout Service Unit 882 will host their second annual Monmouth Area Vocational Scholarship Fundraiser.. Local Mason Tim Vice shares how the scholarships funded from this event are provided in the area:
County Fair	Live Interview	7/11/2022	8:10am	15 min	The 2022 Warren County Agricultural Fair kicks off Saturday, July 16 th at 5:30 with the Miss, Junior Miss, and Little Miss Warren County Queen Pageant, followed by a community church service, 5K, and mud volleyball on Sunday before the ramp up of events Tuesday through Saturday. Lynn Shimmin with the Warren County Fair highlights Wednesday and

City	Live Interview	7/12/2022	8:10am	15 min	New high service pump motors are being put on at the Monmouth Water Treatment plants, which will help alleviate some water main breaks says Communications Director Ken Helms: This project is 50% funded by Ameren because it will create a large energy reduction; however Helms says the project has been slightly delayed due to the microchip shortage...
Health	Live Interview	7/14/2022	8:10am	10 min	OSF Holy Family Medical Center in Monmouth will be opening a local Wound Care Clinic to service the individuals in the tri-county area who suffer from chronic non-healing wounds shares Wound Care Clinic Provider Audra Baker:
Education	Live Interview	7/15/2022	8:20am	15 min	Monmouth College faculty and staff have created a new core curriculum that will be implemented this upcoming fall semester. Students will find the curriculum more transfer-friendly, allowing them to take more elective courses, and continues to help better prepare for future careers. Associate Dean of Academic Initiatives Stephanie Baugh says the core curriculum has been broken down into three separate areas that have grown from the general education program:

Education	Live interview	7/20/2022	7:30am	15 min	The summer season has been a very busy time of year for the Monmouth-Roseville School District in completing construction projects and implementing upgrades at several facilities. Fans and athletes will benefit from some of those upgrades inside the high school gymnasium and also on the baseball field, says Superintendent Ed Fletcher:
Agriculture	Live Interview	7/21/2022	8:20am	15 min	The Next Generation Fuels Act was introduced in August of 2021 by Representative Cheri Bustos to promote low-carbon, high-octane fuels, protect public health, to improve vehicle efficiency and performance, and for other purposes. In the midst of an election year, an act that started with the Illinois Corn Growers Association, local farmer and Illinois Corn Growers Association Industrial Committee Chair, Rob Elliott, says the bill needs to be acted on now:
Community	Live Interview	7/25/2022	8:10am	15 min	A community celebration was held on Saturday for a new barn at Rainbow Riders in Monmouth. Rainbow Riders is available for ages 4 to adult. Krista Bushmaker, Executive Director of Rainbow Riders and Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center said the riding program returned this summer....

Education	Live Interview	7/27/2022	8:20am	15 min	<p>As the 2022-2023 school year inches closer, United Superintendent Jeff Whitsitt informs they are looking to add a few more employees before the beginning of school, August 15th for teachers and Wednesday, August 17th for student attendance. Whitsitt adds onsite registration will be held Thursday, August 4th from noon to 6 pm and Friday, August 5th 8 am to noon for parents to register students at the building they will attend....</p>
City	Live Interview	7/28/2022	8:10am	15 min	<p>Following an influx in commercial brush disposal at the City of Monmouth's landfill, City Council has amended an ordinance to strengthen the verbiage and enforcement of items allowed to be dropped off free of charge, informs Communications Director Ken Helms:</p>
Agriculture	Live Interview	8/2/2022	8:10am	20 min	<p>Deadline to enroll in the Continuous Reserve Program (CRP) or to re-enroll is fast approaching. Farmers enrolled in the program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality. Local NRCS District Conservationist Cathy Froelich offers these tips in</p>

Community	Live Interview	8/3/2022	8:20am	20 min	Bids are out for renovations at the KC Hall in Monmouth. The Jamieson Community Center has plans to utilize the building for assisting the local community with child care needs. Executive Director Nancy Mowen explains the vision for the space:
Agriculture	Live Interview	8/5/2022	8:20am	15 min	The Western Illinois Grazing Group meets three to four times a summer where they visit various grazing operations and educate other producers and famers on ways to improve their own operations. Trevor Toland, Vice Chairman of the Illinois Grazing Lands Coalition, says the organization is working to expand statewide:
Health	Live interview	8/8/2022	8:10am	15 min	OSF HealthCare Holy Family and St. Mary's President Lisa DeKezel informs their virtual healthcare is a very substantial program and will continue to be offered to patients: DeKezel says their virtual health care program offers an extension of their providers to help meet the needs of the community.

Sheriff's Department	Live Interview	8/9/2010	8:40am	15 min	<p>According to the CDC, one in five individuals will experience a mental illness in a given year. Modeled after 911, the new three digits 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline has been created to offer people experiencing a mental health crisis to have a new way to reach out and speak with trained counselors. Warren County Sheriff Martin Edwards says this new 988 hotline could assist in decreasing the number of repeat offenders:</p>
Agriculture	Live Interview	8/11/2022	8:20am	15 min	<p>The Monmouth Fire Department is hosting a 40 hour Grain Bin Rescue Operations Course in September and the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau is offering assistance to local volunteers firefighters in Warren or Henderson County who register and complete the course, says President Jake Armstrong:</p>
Education	Live Interview	8/15/2022	8:20am	15 min	<p>As new incoming students and returning students look to the 2022 Fall Semester at Western Illinois University, President Guiyou Huang lays out the goals for students a faculty this upcoming semester at WIU: Western Illinois University's Fall Semester begins August 22nd. President Huang highlights upcoming initiatives the campus is looking forward to:</p>

City	Live Interview	8/16/2022	8:10am	15 min	<p>City of Monmouth Public Works Director Andy Jackson presented a proposal to City Council for the purchase of a trailer mounted sewer vacuum machine, which will greatly assist the employees with cleaning and conducting water main repairs, explains City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher:</p>
Agriculture	Live Interview	8/17/2022	8:10am	15 min	<p>Local farmer Ron Moore has announced he will be retiring from the American Soybean Association Board in December after serving nine years. Before joining ASA, Moore served on the Illinois Soybean Association Board beginning in 1999, working his way up in leadership roles, and has enjoyed every part of serving over the past 25 plus years:</p>
Education	Live Interview	8/18/2022	8:10am	15 min	<p>Summer projects are wrapping up as a new school year starts tomorrow. Monmouth-Roseville's Lincoln Early Childhood building saw outdoor improvements with all new concrete parking areas and front door landing, plus a new math curriculum, i-Ready, will be incorporated for the pre-school through First Grade students. Principal Joe Pilger recently attended the annual Principal Meeting with the Regional Office of Education and says there are lots of new programs out there being</p>

Education	Live Interview	8/19/2022	8:20am	15 min	<p>At the recent United Board of Education meeting a hearing was held to set up an e-learning plan for the Regional Office of Education to have on file. Superintendent Jeff Whitsitt says e-learning days will be used when proven to be advantageous throughout the year:</p>
City	Live Interview	8/23/2022	8:40am	15 min	<p>The City of Monmouth has been selected to receive a \$3 million grant as part of the Rebuild Illinois Downtowns and Main Streets Capital program, which will be combined with ARPA and USDA funds to be utilized for the Downtown Revitalization project says Mayor Rod Davies:</p>
Healthcare	Live Interview	8/25/2022	8:10am	15 min	<p>The Western Illinois Cancer Treatment Center is anticipated to be operating under the OSF HealthCare brand in early 2023. OSF HealthCare has recently signed a letter of intent with the Western Illinois Cancer Treatment Center to expand services in the Western Region says Business Development Specialist Teal Witherell:</p>

Community Fund	Live Interview	8/29/2022	8:10am	15 min	A group of local Monmouth residents have come together to establish the Monmouth Community Fund, which is in partnership with the Galesburg Community Foundation to assess needs in the community and surrounding areas for years to come. Chairman Trevor Davies shares along with his board members; a goal to raise \$70,000 is underway to receive a grant match of
Health	Live Interview	8/30/2022	8:10am	15 min	Metrics continue to be monitored for COVID-19 as individuals are tested. Although transmission of COVID is high, hospitalizations in Warren County are low and those experiencing symptoms have been mild. Warren County Health Department Administrator Jenn Link informs a new booster vaccine will be made available
Safety event	Live Interview	9/2/2022	8:10am	15 min	During the week of September 19 th through the 23 rd from 8 am to 5 pm each day, the Monmouth Fire Department will host a Grain Bin Rescue Operations Course at Station 1 and Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Manager Gina Sanberg shares any area volunteer firefighters are able to attend:

Agriculture	Live Interview	9/6/2022	8:30am	15 min	A workshop series entitled Learning, Thinking, Caring, hosted by the University of Illinois Extension, will begin Thursday, September 8 th for caregivers and service providers, says Family Life Educator Tessa Hobbs-Curley:
Police Department	Live Interview	9/7/2022	8:10am	15 min	Golf carts and permitted non-highway vehicles are now legal on the streets within the City of Monmouth. Since the passing of the ordinance by the Monmouth City Council, residents are now able to have golf carts and permitted non-highway vehicles inspected for a one-time \$50 fee and then registered and given a sticker for \$50 yearly. A number of roads in the city are not to be driven on, but can be crossed, says Monmouth Police Chief Joe Switzer:
Senior citizens	Live Interview	9/9/2022	8:40am	15 min	Yellow medication forms are now available at Strom Center for individuals to fill out and return for open enrollment, October 15 th through December 7 th . Executive Director Carol McCrery says there is a new form this year:

City	Live Interview	9/13/2022	8:40am	15 min	Construction of the new Monmouth Park District facility on North 11 th has been completed. Communications Director Ken Helms says they anticipate an October opening date: Meanwhile, heavy construction continues on the Monmouth Town Homes work site at East Jackson Avenue. Applications are currently being accepted and can be completed online at townhomesofmonmouth.com .
Service Clubs	Live Interview	9/15/2022	8:10am	15 min	The monthly Soup Suppers at the Monmouth American Legion are back beginning in October, shares Finance Officer Cheri Stanton: The first Soup Supper will be held Monday, October 3 rd from 5 to 6:30 pm, serving chili, ham and beans, spinach bisque, sloppy joe sandwiches, and desserts.
Agriculture	Live Interview	9/19/2022	8:40am	15 min	With the anticipated rise of interest rates another 75 basis points and as input costs continue to increase and stay that trend until recession is slowed down and back to a normal GDP growth of one or two percent, American Soybean Association Director Ron Moore says it is not ideal as historically farmers see a two and a half to three percent return on investment:

Community	Live Interview	9/20/2022	8:10am	15 min	On Wednesday, September 21 st , the Warren County Home and Community Education is inviting the entire public to attend their ‘Be Money Smart and How to Spot Frauds and Scams’ informational meeting, explains HCE Member Diane Fedorow:
County Board	Live Interview	9/22/2022	8:10am	15 min	Every ten years the Warren County Board has to address the gains and losses of population within the Townships of the county. Due to decreased population from the latest census, Chairman Mike Pearson says the loss will result in changes being made and the possibility of losing an assessor for Warren County:
Senior Citizens	Live Interview	9/26/2022	8:10am	15 min	Services continue to grow at the Jamieson Community Center. Over 200 are enrolled in Senior Nutrition throughout Henderson, Mercer, and Warren Counties, and Executive Director Nancy Mowen says an increased number of families are utilizing the food pantry. As food donations are once again being accepted, Director Mowen shares the current needs:

Healthcare	Live Interview	9/28/2022	8:40am	15 min	With the opening of the redesigned emergency department on the OSF Holy Family Medical Center campus in Monmouth and the addition of a wound care clinic, relocations and upgrades have also occurred within the St. Mary campuses, shares President and CEO Lisa DeKezel:
Fire Department	Live Interview	9/29/2022	8:10am	15 min	During the month of August, the Monmouth Fire Department responded to 94 calls of service. In the beginning of September, the department had a structure fire, as well as an oven fire. Fire Captain Craig Cozadd reminds listeners of the safety of storing items in what is to be a warming drawer under an oven:
Education	Live Interview	9/30/2022	8:10am	15 min	Every school year on the sixth day of attendance, schools report to the Illinois State Board of Education their current year enrollment numbers. Enrollment for the 2022 – 2023 school year in the Monmouth-Roseville school district, Superintendent Ed Fletcher reports it is lower from the previous year and 159 students less than the 2006 – 2007 year. As the overall student enrollment varies year to year, Superintendent Fletcher pointed out in his report the bilingual representation within in the district has significantly increased: