

Public Information for Programs/Issues

The following program "Focus" playbacks at the following times. Program length is 25 minutes.

"Focus" deals with issues facing our community and our State.

WDBR 5-5:30a Every Sunday

WTAX 5-5:30a Every Sunday

WYMG 6-6:30a Every Sunday

WLFZ 6-6:30a Every Sunday

WQQL 6-6:30a Every Sunday

Issues report for 3rd quarter of 2015

Focus

Issue:

- Springfield Police Chief Kenny Winslow on being re-named police chief by new Mayor Jim Langfelder, after a long selection process.
- Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder on 'Ask the Mayor' on the selection of a new police chief, community policing, body cameras' for police, fire chief appointment, flooding on the North side, the city council voting down a student housing project for downtown, the elimination of the city's 'pension perk'.

How it was treated: Interview with WTAX Morning News Watch host Joey McLaughlin

Program Description: Focus public affairs program

Time/Date: 7-5-15

Length: 25 minutes

Type of program: Local interview program

Issue:

- Republican candidate and State Senator Darin LaHood on his campaign for the United States 18th Congressional District vacated by Aaron Schock.
- Democrat candidate Rob Mellon on his campaign for the United States 18th Congressional District vacated by Aaron Schock.
- Illinois State Senator Andy Manar on the latest budget negotiations and how he thinks Governor Bruce Rauner isn't negotiating in good faith.
- State Representative Avery Bourne on the latest on the Illinois budget situation.
- Jim Grimes with the Illinois Broadcasters on Sangamon County and the other five counties that make up the 7th Judicial Circuit soon be added to the list of those that allow electronic recording devices, including cameras, in courtrooms.

How it was treated: Interview with WTAX Morning News Watch host Joey McLaughlin

Program Description: Focus public affairs program

Time/Date: 7-12-15

Length: 25 minutes

Type of program: Local interview program

Issue:

- Illinois State Senator Donne Trotter, Co-Chair of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability on Illinois State Museum hearing scheduled for closing.
- University of Illinois Springfield political science professor on how long the state of Illinois can continue without a budget.
- State Representative Tim Butler on why he voted present on the one month budget, which also had a provision about paying state employees, on frustration at a lack of a budget, and the meeting on the proposed closure of the Illinois State Museum.
- Springfield Ward 8 Alderman Kris Thielin on getting rid of the pension perk where city employees can cash in their vacation early for a lump sum payment and the council's discussion on Hunter Lake.
- Springfield Ward 7 Alderman, Joe McMenamin on the latest discussions at the city council on Hunter Lake.

How it was treated: Interview with WTAX Morning News Watch host Joey McLaughlin

Program Description: Focus public affairs program

Time/Date: 7-19-15

Length: 25 minutes

Time/Date: 8-9-15

Length: 25 minutes

Type of program: Local interview program

Issue:

- Victoria Ringer with Downtown Springfield Inc. on the organizations panhandling plan for downtown Springfield.
- Illinois State fair Director Patrick Buchin on the Illinois State Fair.
- Kathy Levin is the diabetes program coordinator for the Memorial Weight Loss and Wellness Center on Healthy Eating at the State Fair.
- Sherman Village President Trevor Clatfelter on proposed sales tax implementation in the Rail Pointe Business Development District.
- Springfield Ward 10 Alderman Ralph Hanauer on City Council talking about leased land on Lake Springfield and renting out homes or rooms.

How it was treated: Interview with WTAX Morning News Watch host Joey McLaughlin

Program Description: Focus public affairs program

Time/Date: 8-16-15

Length: 25 minutes

Type of program: Local interview program

Issue:

How it was treated: Interview with WTAX Morning News Watch host Joey McLaughlin

Program Description: Focus public affairs program

Time/Date:

Length: 25 minutes

Type of program: Local interview program

Issue:

- State Senator Andy Manar on Democrat Day at the Illinois State Fair on democrats rallying around their dislike of Rauner.
- University of Illinois Springfield professor of political science, Dr. Kent Redfield on the latest on the budget stalemate at the Illinois State Capitol.
- Sherman Village President Trevor Clatfelter on public hearing on business development tax zone.
- The Autism Program - Jason Swan of Southern Illinois is running from the SIU TAP clinic in Carbondale to the TAP center here in Springfield at Noll Medical Pavilion. Jason is running the 175 mile journey to raise awareness about Autism and the importance of funding The Autism Program especially in light of the state's budget stalemate.
- CNET's Editor at Large Brian Cooley on the best high tech tools for students.

How it was treated: Interview with WTAX Morning News Watch host Joey McLaughlin

Program Description: Focus public affairs program

Time/Date: 8-23-15

Length: 25 minutes

Type of program: Local interview program

Issue:

- University of Illinois Springfield Associate Professor in the department of Criminal Justice, Ryan Williams on the call for reinstating the death penalty in Illinois.
- Springfield police Sgt. Ryan Machin on the National police K-9 competition is coming to Springfield.
- Crime Stoppers board Member Ernie Slottag on Picasso on the Prairie's paint and social night for Crime Stoppers.

How it was treated: Interview with WTAX Morning News Watch host Joey McLaughlin

Program Description: Focus public affairs program

Time/Date: 9-20-15

Length: 25 minutes

Type of program: Local interview program

Issue:

- U.S. congressman Darin LaHood on getting settled in n Washington D.C.
- Rachael Thomson, President of the Board of Directors of the Kidzeum of Health and Science on the city council giving additional TIF funds to the museum.
- Springfield Ward 7 Alderman Joe McMenamin on TIF funds for the Kidzeum of health and Science.
- Karen Davis Economic Development Director on the newly announced small business loan fund about a week ago.
- Chris Hembrough, President and CEO of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce on a recent survey on business retention and expansion in Sangamon County.

How it was treated: Interview with WTAX Morning News Watch host Joey McLaughlin

Program Description: Focus public affairs program

Time/Date: 9-27-15

Length: 25 minutes

Type of program: Local interview program