

WDWS CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

QUARTERLY REPORT

SECOND QUARTER 2019

APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2019

WDWS PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

News-Gazette Media (DWS Inc.) has owned WDWS since its sign on in 1937.

Since 1990 WDWS has been a News-Talk-Sports programmed station. Locally produced talk programming 5A-11A, 4P-6PM, Monday thru Friday. Live local programs Saturday 6A-11A, Sunday 6A-9:30AM. We air 122 local newscasts a week from a local news staff of 25. Plus the station is fully staffed 24 hours a day, 7 Days a week which enables WDWS to respond instantly to situations and emergencies that affect our local communities.

Below are the programs from which we generate our response and/or coverage regarding local issues as identified on the proceeding page. The following pages are just a small sample of how WDWS serves our communities all day, all night, all weekend.

PNY: “A Penny For Your Thoughts” A daily (M-F) live local two hour talk show airing from 9a til 11a. This program allows for listener participation via the phone, email and text. Content ranges from newsmaker interviews, local civic leader interviews, celebrity interviews to open line segments. During open line listeners drive the topics. What makes the program unique is the phone screening process only asks the caller’s name. Caller content is not revealed until they reach the air. Everyone is welcome to participate. (Public Affairs)

MS: “Morning Show” Interview segments during the Morning Show between 5-9am. Newsmakers and local leaders are interviewed by the morning show crew. (Public Affairs)

NH” “News Hour” Discussion segments during the News Department produced hour between 4P-5P. (Public Affairs)

CIB: “Central Illinois Business” A one hour weekly discussion program focused on the local economy and business community. (Public Affairs)

NWS: “News Segment” Specific extended stories or special series packages prepared and delivered by the News-Gazette Media news department.

CI: “Citizen Involvement” A series of pre-recorded programs. (Public Affairs)

SA: “Station Announcement” A series of short messages in support and or in conjunction with WDWS public affairs programs.

Key Second Quarter 2019 Issues

Gun Violence Gun related violence continues on the rise in East Central Illinois

Addressed in newscasts airing on April 5, April 30, May 1, May 2, May 3, May 6, May 10, May 11, May 12, May 16, May 17, May 21, May 22, May 23, May 30, May 31, June 7

Local Economy Continued growth pattern continues to be one of the best in the state. Campus Development, MCORE, Downtown Champaign YARDS project, Local Home Sales, Flash Index, Willard Airport, Wind Farms, and among the subjects covered

Addressed in newscasts airing on April 8, April 11, April 15, April 16, April 23, April 29, May 1, May 2, May 17, May 21, May 22, June 3, June 4, June 5, June 14, June 18

Urbana School District 116 Stabilization on their administration structure

Addressed in newscasts on May 1, May 20, May 21

University of Illinois Sexual Harassment Policy The debate on revised campus policies.

Addressed in newscasts on April 5, April 19, May 9, May 23, June 5

Brendt Christensen Trial Immense local interest regarding the disappearance of a U of I Grad Student that has drawn worldwide interest. This case has reached the trial phase

Addressed in newscasts on April 9, April 17, May 1, May 12, May 29, May 31, June 3, June 4, June 5, June 6, June 7, June 10, June 11, June 12, June 13, June 14, June 17

Champaign Unit 4 Schools The major issues the conversion of the referendum funds into facility construction, initiatives to foster stronger student/family relationships and the P-card accountability process.

Addressed in newscasts on April 22, April 24, May 6, May 7, May 12, May 15, June 10, June 11,

Champaign County Nursing Home The much anticipated sale as it reached the finish line

Addressed in newscasts on April 2, April 9, April 18, May 2,

For over 60 years WDWS has provided a daily show when listeners talk about the issues of the day and well as hear from newsmakers. This daily interactive show "A Penny for Your Thoughts" airs two hours daily M-F from 9 til 11AM.

Here are some of the keys guests in the second quarter:

- 4/2 Trey Price, Gale Bickel on U of I Day of Service and Community**
- 4/4 Steve Brown, Emily Cross Vyar Champaign County CASA**
- 4/5 Justice Robert Steigmann**
- 4/8 Dr. Jeff Moore, Beckman Institute**
- 4/10 Nate Kohn, Heavenly Wilson Ebertfest**
- 4/10 Jordan Deluce Centennial High School**
- 4/11 Live Broadcast Champaign Public Library Donna Pittman, Mike Rogalla, Tricia Duzan, Susan Winkler, Paula Kaufman**
- 4/12 Mike Ross Krannert Center**
- 4/15 Jayne Deluce Visit Champaign County**
- 4/16 Tom Bruno Champaign City Council**
- 4/19 Attorney Steve Beckett**
- 4/19 Scott Freidlein Illinois Marathon**
- 4/25 Craig Virgin Illinois Marathon**
- 4/25 Brad Uken Champaign County Farm Bureau**
- 4/29 Janice Vidovic on Landlord and Renting Regulations**
- 4/30 Mark Ashby Urbana Fire Department**
- 5/1 Bruce Knight City of Champaign**
- 5/2 Tom Michael EIU Athletic Director**
- 5/6 Karee Vogues, Ryan Snyder, Champaign County Corrections Dept.**

5/7 Sue Grey, Becca Guyette, Carrie Eisenmenger United Way

5/8 Justice Robert Steigmann, Judge Mike McCuskey

5/9 John Lyday, Elizabeth Steigmaier Unit 4

5/10 Tom Costello, Steve Carter Champaign Rotary

5/13 Doug Fink, Rich Schoell Champaign Kiwanis

5/15 Dawn Coyne, Sgt. Geoff Coon Champaign County Crimestoppers

5/16 Dr. John Vozenelick OSK

5/20 Kris Koester Champaign City Public Works

5/24 Ashley Hipsher Willard Airport

6/3 Jim Nowlan Springfield Politics

6/4 Justice Robert Steigmann

6/6 State Senator Scott Bennett, State Rep Tom Bennett

6/7 Eric Porter, Champaign County Realtors

6/13 Doug Alterberger

6/18 Scott Eisenhower Village of Rantoul

6/19 Josh Whitman U of I Athletic Director

6/19 Val Koble, Linda Knox Champaign County Freedom Celebration

6/21 Champaign Mayor Deb Feinen, Urbana Mayor Diane Marlin, Savoy Village Pres. Joan Dykstra

6/25 Robin Kaler U of I

6/27 Linda Moorehouse, Nathan Gunn

Each weekday afternoon the DWS News Hour devotes time talking with various newsmakers and journalists mostly “Live” in studio.

A sampling of the guests from the second quarter

Bernard Scully, musician

Mayor Diane Marlin, Urbana

Mayor Deb Feinen, Champaign

Mike Ross, director of Krannert Center for Performing Arts

Brad Uken, Champaign County Farm Bureau

Sarah Wigley, director of Crazy for You

Amy Armstrong, Unit 4 School Board President

Chuck Moore, First Baptist Church of Savoy

Michael Condos, Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox

George Justice, Ameren Illinois on storm preparedness

Mayor Diane Marlin, Urbana

Mayor Deb Feinen, Champaign

Prof. Matt Browning on green space, social mobility

Brad Uken, Champaign County Farm Bureau

Harold Davis, Grace Fellowship

Mark DePue on D-Day, WWII exhibit at Lincoln Museum

Tim Bossenbroek, Hessel Park Christian Reformed Church

Mayor Deb Feinen, Champaign

Herb Coates, Mattis Avenue Free Methodist Church

Brad Uken, Champaign County Farm Bureau

Jeremiah Sander, Stratford Park Bible Chapel

Mark Schultz, Urbana Park District

Each weekday morning the DWS Morning Show devotes time talking with various newsmakers and journalists, all live, mostly in studio.

- 4/1 Sue Gray, United Way**
- 4/2 Mike Freichs, State Treasurer**
- 4/3 Champaign Mayor Deb Feinen**
- 4/4 Scoot Eisenhour, Village of Rantoul**
- 4/9 U.S. Senator Dick Durbin**
- 4/11 State Senator Chapin Rose**
- 4/17 Urbana Mayor Diane Marlin**
- 4/18 Tom Kacich**
- 4/23 State Senator Scott Bennett**
- 4/24 Max Armstrong**
- 4/25 U.S. Congressman Rodney Davis**
- 4/26 Steve Beckett**
- 4/30 State Rep Mike Morran**
- 5/1 Champaign Mayor Deb Feinen**
- 5/6 Sue Gray, United Way**
- 5/9 State Senator Chapin Rose**
- 5/14 U.S. Senator Dick Durbin**
- 5/16 Tom Kacich**
- 5/22 State Rep Mike Morran**
- 5/28 Scott Bennett, State Senator**
- 5/29 Diane Marlin Urbana Mayor**

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Tuesday April 2 was the date for Municipal Elections throughout our coverage area.

WDWS provided continuous election coverage from 6PM until 12Midnight. A combination of anchors in the studio and reporters in the field.

Wednesday April 3 WDWS through its newscasts provided a review of the election results along with key interviews.