

WDWS CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

QUARTERLY REPORT

SECOND QUARTER 2023

APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2023

WDWS PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Champaign Multimedia, LLC acquired WDWS, WHMS, WKIO from News-Gazette, Inc. in November 2019

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 8A-11A, Sunday 6A-10AM. The station has the market advantage of being a 24 News Operation 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 following pages. The topics addressed 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. Everyone is welcome to participate. (Public Affairs)

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

NWS: “News Segment” Specific extended stories or special series packages prepared and delivered by our joint broadcast and print 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 community engagement projects.

Key Second Quarter 2023 Issues

Local Economy A variety of positive growth patterns of tourism, retail, health care, new businesses, infrastructure and more. How will 2023 continue to progress. Addressed in newscasts on: April 3rd, April 4th, April 10th, April 12th, April 13th, April 18th, April 19th, April 20th, May 1st, May 2nd, May 4th, May 5th, May 8th, May 10th, May 11th, May 15th, May 16th, May 17th, May 23rd, May 24th, May 26th, May 30th, June 1st, June 6th, June 9th, June 26th, June 27th, June 28th, June 29th, June 30th

Guns & Crime Incidents involving the discharge of a firearm continues to be a strong community concern. Addressed in newscasts on: April 4th, April 6th, April 7th, April 13th, April 14th, April 17th, April 20th, April 21st, April 24th, April 25th, April 27th, May 1st, May 3rd, May 8th, May 9th, May 10th, May 11th, May 15th, May 16th, May 17th, May 18th, May 19th, May 22nd, May 25th, May 26th, May 30th, June 2nd, June 5th, June 6th, June 7th, June 9th, June 12th, June 13th, June 15th, June 23rd, June 26th, June 27th, June 28th, June 30th,

Local Elections Addressed in newscasts on: April 3rd, April 5th, April 6th, April 11th, April 13th, April 14th, April 17th, April 18th, April 19th

Education Plenty of discussion within community school districts, private schools, Parkland Community College, Danville Area Community College and the University of Illinois. Primary focus on how the various items affect local *families*. Addressed in newscasts on: April 6th, April 10th, April 11th, April 19th, April 26th, April 28th, May 1st, May 8th, May 11th, May 15th, May 23rd, May 24th, June 5th, June 7th, June 14th, June 27th, June 30th

Legality of Assault Weapons Sales in Illinois (i.e. AR-15) Addressed in newscasts on: April 5th, April 11th, April 18th, May 9th, May 11th, May 12th, May 17th

Opening of Vermillion County Abortion Clinic Addressed in newscasts on: May 2nd, May 4th, May 23rd, May 24th, June 16th

Local Government A number of local issues involving government entities including Champaign County Nursing Home, Sales Taxes, State Health Insurance, Retail Plastic Bag Usage, Urbana Capital Project Spending, Storm Water, Rantoul Village Administration, Savoy Fire Department, Garden Hills Investment and more. Addressed in newscasts on: April 7th, April 12th, April 13th, April 19th, April 21st, April 25th, May 1st, May 9th, May 25th, May 26th, June 12th, June 14th, June 15th, June 16th, June 19th, June 21st, June 22nd

Local Police A number of topics involving local law enforcement. Including Urbana Police Chief Search, Use of Drones, Use of Force, PTI, Traffic Stops, Downtown Security and more. Addressed in newscasts on: April 4th, April 14th, May 2nd, May 4th, May 5th, May 12th, May 16th, May 18th, May 19th, June 2nd, June 5th, June 6th, June 8th, June 9th, June 21st

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

2nd Quarter 2023 WDWS Morning Show guests:

APRIL:

04/03 Sue Gray United Way
04/04 Mike Frerichs State Treasurer
04/07 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
04/12 Grant Thompson WDWS General Manager
04/13 Chapin Rose State Senator
04/14 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
04/18 David Bernthal Judge
04/20 Grant Thompson WDWS General Manager
04/21 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
04/26 Mike Marron Illinois State Representative
04/28 Steve Beckett Attorney

MAY:

05/01 Sue Gray United Way
05/03 Deb Feinen Champaign Mayor
05/05 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
05/10 Grant Thompson WDWS General Manager
05/11 Chapin Rose Illinois State Senator
05/12 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
05/16 David Bernthal Judge
05/17 Diane Marlin Urbana Mayor
05/18 Paul Barrett Publisher News-Gazette
05/19 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
05/24 Mike Marron Illinois State Representative
05/26 Steve Beckett Attorney

JUNE:

06/02 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
06/05 Sue Gray United Way
06/06 Mike Frerichs State Treasurer
06/07 Deb Feinen Champaign Mayor
06/09 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
06/13 Dick Durbin US Senator
06/14 Grant Thompson WDWS General Manager
06/15 Paul Barrett Publisher News-Gazette
06/16 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
06/19 Max Armstrong Farm Broadcaster
06/20 David Bernthal Judge

06/21 Diane Marlin Urbana Mayor
06/22 Chapin Rose State Senator
06/23 Steve Beckett Attorney
06/28 Mike Marron Illinois State Representative
06/30 Jim Rossow News-Gazette

For over 60 years WDWS has provided a daily show where 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.

Penny Guests for April-June 2023

April 2023

April 3— Loren Tate, News Gazette

April 4—Rich Schoell—Kiwanis —on Challenger League

April 5—Ian Hobson -Sinfonia da Camera

April 6—Jim Dey—News Gazette

April 7—Champaign Central Theater Group —the Little Mermaid

April 7—Joe Thomas—Urbana Theological Seminary —on Easter

April 10—-Brian Holding, CEO Emeritus Human Kinetics, Sarah Sandquist, Park District

April 10—Matt Schmit —-Director Illinois Office of Broadband

April 11—State Senator Paul Faraci

April 13—US Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski

April 14—JT Barnhart—President of OSF Heart of Mary

April 17—John Currey —-Champaign Central Jazz Festival

April 18—Paul Barrett, Publisher of News Gazette

April 18—Dan Marker, Hickory Point Bank—-Rush Record and Kristyn McReaken with CASA of Champaign County

April 19—Mike Namoff on upcoming fundraiser

April 19—-Nate Kohn, Jason Michael Berman, Edison Oda—Ebertfest Guests

April 20—Derek Peterson—Allerton Park

April 21—Tom Bruno—-retiring Champaign City Council

April 21 —-Rabbi Dovid Teichtel —- Director Illini Chabad

April 24—Brittany Millington, Susan Winkler, Mike Rogalla, Dante Scott, Catherine Purcell, Laurel Halfar, Tricia Duzan—-Champaign Public Library remote

April 25 —-Kay Greene—-CU Ballet Executive Director

April 26—Appellate Justice Robert Steigmann

April 27—-Christy Stott, Quinton Porter—-story of kidney donation OSF Heart of Mary

April 28—Justin Blandford —Superintendent Illinois DNR —from Dana Thomas House in Springfield

MAY 2023

May 1—Ginger Mills, Shannon Morber on Kappa Flower Sale

May 2—Aaron Ammons—-Champaign County Clerk

May 3—Alice Cooper—-upcoming show at State Farm Center

May 4—Lou Liay and David Brambrey—on passing of UI Alumni President Jennifer Dillavou

May 5—Cele Otnes on coronation of King Charles

May 8—Jilyan Landon—Ryan Dallas Real Estate on local housing market

May 8—Mike Haile of WHMS on 45 years of local broadcasting for him
May 9—Laura Wilhelm-Barr on upcoming University of Illinois Commencement
May 10—Jim Dey, News Gazette
May 11—Doug Swinford —local author on his life story of overcoming personal issues
May 12—Brad Swanson —Bleacher Bum Cards in Urbana on collectibles
May 15—Sarah Edwards—WILL TV on new TV series Prairie Fire
May 16—Doug Fink—CU Kiwanis Club on pancake breakfast
May 16—Kris Koester—City of Champaign Public works on road construction
May 17—retired Champaign Police Officer Jeff Creel on 2 years since death of Officer Chris Oberheim
May 18—Amber Oberheim— wife of officer Chris Oberheim on 2 years since his death
May 19—Phil Morrison—retiring principal at Unity High School in Tolono
May 22—Paige Duncan, Lynne Franco and Sarah Sandquist—Champaign Park District on avoiding the Summer Slide in reading for children
May 23—Diane Ducey and Skeeter the Clown on circus coming to Tolono
May 24—Dr. William Gingold on Holocaust Display in Savoy
May 24—Brian Ames on Indy 500
May 24—Mitch Wilson, Hickory Point Bank and Joan Walls of Family Services
May 25—Marilyn Whalen —Flightless Honor Flight program
May 25—Ann Rhoton on Poppy Day promotion
May 30—Ginger Mills, Cunningham Children’s Home on Festival of Quilts
May 31—Leslie Ingold —OSF Hospital Stroke Coordinator
May 31—Jim Dey—News Gazette

JUNE 2023

June 1—Grant Thompson—WDWS/WHMS/WKIO General Manager
June 5—Guests from RC Fest in Monticello
June 6 — Champaign County States Attorney Julia Reitz
June 6—Mahomet Soda Fest
June 7—Justice Robert Steigmann
June 8—Bret Behrens —WCIA Sports Director
June 12—Thane Rosenbaum CBS Legal Analyst on Trump indictment
June 14—Former US House Speaker Newt Gingrich
June 14—Jim Dey —News Gazette
June 15—Dante Scott, Robert White on upcoming Juneteenth celebration and history
June 16—Lyn Jones on Athena Award nominations
June 16—Tom Barnhart—on Fathers Day
June 20—Willie and Zabrina Comer —Pastor —and Teacher in Unit 4
June 22—Barry Houser on Illini Summer Concerts on the Quad
June 22—Hickory Point Bank/ Mahomet Area Youth Club