

WDWS CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

QUARTERLY REPORT

FIRST QUARTER 2024

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2024

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 6A-11A, Sunday 6A-10AM. We air 122 local newscasts a week from a local news staff of 22. Plus 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)

NH: “News Hour” Discussion segments during this hour between 4P-5P (M-F). (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)

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

1st Quarter 2024 WDWS Morning Show guests:

January:

01/02 Mike Frerichs Illinois state Treasurer
01/03 Deb Feinen Mayor Champaign IL
01/05 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
01/09 Dick Durbin US Senator
01/10 Grant Thompson WDWS General Manager
01/11 Chapin Rose State Senator
01/12 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
01/16 David Bernthal Retired Judge
01/17 Diane Marlin Mayor Urbana IL
01/18 Paul Barrett Publisher News-Gazette
01/19 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
01/24 Mike Marron Vermilion Advantage
01/26 Steve Beckett Attorney

February:

02/02 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
02/05 Sue Gray United Way
02/06 Mike Frerichs Illinois State Treasurer
02/07 Deb Feinen Champaign Mayor
02/08 Chapin Rose Illinois State Senator
02/09 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
02/14 Grant Thompson WDWS General Manager
02/16 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
02/20 David Bernthal Retired Judge
02/21 Diane Marlin Urbana Mayor
02/22 Paul Barrett Publisher News-Gazette
02/23 Steve Beckett Attorney
02/27 Dick Durbin US Senator
02/28 Mike Marron Vermilion Advantage
02/29 Grant Thompson WDWS General Manager

March:

03/01 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
03/04 Sue Gray United Way
03/05 Mike Frerichs State Treasurer
03/06 Deb Feinen Champaign Mayor
03/07 Russell Buhr Farm Progress Show
03/08 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
03/12 Dick Durbin US Senator
03/13 Grant Thompson WDWS General Manager
03/14 Chapin Rose State Senator
03/15 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
03/19 David Bernthal Judge
03/20 Diane Marlin Mayor Urbana
03/21 Paul Barrett Publisher News-Gazette
03/22 Steve Beckett Attorney
03/28 Mike Marron Vermilion Advantage
03/29 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 January-March 2024

JANUARY 2024

Jan 3.....Melissa Courtwright —CU at Home about One Winter’s Night
Jan 4.....Jim Dey—News Gazette
Jan 8.....Loren Tate—News Gazette
Jan 9.....Claudia Lenhoff —Champaign County Healthcare Consumers
Jan 9.....Marty Smith —Carle Hospital
Jan 9.....Ashlynn Stillwell —University of Illinois Engineering
Jan 10.....Julia Reitz—Champaign County State’s Attorney
Jan 11.....Paul Barrett—News Gazette Publisher
Jan 15.....Loren Tate
Jan 16.....Jim Dey
Jan 17.....Von Young—retired Champaign Police officer
Jan 22.....Loren Tate
Jan 24.....Patrick Pfungsten —The Illinoisize newsletter about primaries
Jan 26.....Chapin Rose—State Senator
Jan 29.....Loren Tate, and Mike Cagley—Illini Guys website
Jan 30.....Taylor Cole—Paxton Buckley Loda FFA
Jan 30.....Jim Dey
Jan 31.....Appellate Justice Robert Steigmann

FEBRUARY 2024

Feb 1.....Lynne Barnes and Cathy Emmanuel —Nursing Homes
Feb 1.....Elliott Emadian —UI Dance Faculty
Feb 2.....Bruce Knight —City of Champaign Planning Dept
Feb 2.....Diane Kevin —Carol Clark, Charlie Rohn—Parkinson’s Support
Feb 5.....Loren Tate and Kevin Kugler (Fox Sports)
Feb 6.....Tom Bruno—local Urbana attorney
Feb 7.....Aaron Ammons —Champaign County Clerk on primary voting
Feb 8.....Eric Meyer—local business owner on tips legislation
Feb 8.....Hector Camacho and Maya Cornejo —UI Lyric Theater
Feb 9.....Brad Swanson on collectibles
Feb 12.....Loren Tate
Feb 13.....Paul Barrett—News Gazette publisher on delivery changes
Feb 14.....Mark Schultz—on closing of Meadow Brook Park playground
Feb 14.....Jim Dey
Feb 15.....Hal Marcovitz on Presidential history
Feb 16.....Jeannette Jurczyk on That’s What She Said project
Feb 16.....Mila Thomas Fuller (with Jeanette)
Feb 19.....Loren Tate

Feb 20.....Gavin Christopherson and Carson Bounds—charity Pickleball tourney
Feb 21.....Deon Thomas —Illini Sports Network
Feb 21.....Rob Brooks —Iowa Women’s Radio Network on Caitlin Clark
Feb 22.....Jayne Deluce —Visit Champaign County
Feb 22.....Shandra Summerville —on Black History in Champaign County
Feb 23.....Kathy Reiser —Radio Mailbag
Feb 26.....Loren Tate
Feb 28.....Steve Tock—Hickory Point Bank—Chad Hoffman —Habitat for Humanity
Feb 29.....Jeff Wilson —GOP County Board member

MARCH 2024

March 1.....Lilly Ott —OSF Midwife
March 4.....Loren Tate, Bruce Weber—Big Ten Network
March 5.....Mark Brown—Visit Champaign County on IHSA State Tourney
March 5.....Amy Kemp—author and motivational speaker
March 6.....Robert Steigmann—Appellate Court Justice
March 7.....Jilyan Landon —local real estate in Champaign County
March 8.....Dr. Greg Ward—OSF Surgeon
March 11.....Loren Tate
March 13.....Jim Dey
March 14.....Doug Altenberger —Illini Sports Network on Big Ten Tourney
March 15.....Mike Latulip —on Big Ten Tourney
March 18.....Loren Tate
March 19.....Ian Hobson —Maestro on Sinfonia Da Camera event at Krannert
March 20.....Jeremy Werner (24/7 Sports) on NCAA
March 20.....Bob Asmussen —News Gazette on Omaha, NEB
March 22....Mike Latulip and Jerry Hester on NCAA Tourney
March 25.....Loren Tate
March 26....Bruce Knight —City of Champaign—Iowa State graduate
March 27.....Doug Altenberger —Illini Sports Network on NCAA
March 27.....Mitch Wilson —Halia Daley —Hickory Point Bank
March 27.....Jenna Phillips —Crisis Nursery
March 28.....Trent Meacham—BTN on NCAA Sweet 16
March 28.....Sean Harrington —ESPN on NCAA Sweet 16
March 29.....Deon Thomas —Illini Sports Network on NCAA Elite 8

Key First Quarter 2024 Issues

Local Economy The positive growth patterns continue. Hot growth targets involve retail, restaurants, health care, new businesses, infrastructure, university athletic success and more. Addressed in newscasts on: January 2nd, January 3rd, January 8th, January 17th, January 18th, January 19th, January 24th, January 25th, January 26th, January 29th, January 30th, February 1st, February 7th, February 8th, February 9th, February 12th, February 13th, February 15th, February 16th, February 19th, February 20th, February 21st, February 22nd, February 23rd, February 26th, February 27th, February 28th, February 29th, March 1st, March 4th, March 5th, March 6th, March 7th, March 8th, March 11th, March 12th, March 13th, March 14th, March 15th, March 18th, March 21st, March 25th, March 26th, March 28th, March 29th,

Guns & Crime Incidents involving the discharge of a firearm. Despite a reduction in the number of occurrences vs. 2023, this continues to be a leading community issue. Addressed in newscasts on: January 2nd, January 4th, January 5th, January 10th, January 11th, January 12th, January 15th, January 17th, January 21st, January 24th, January 29th, January 30th, February 1st, February 6th, February 7th, February 9th, February 12th, February 13th, February 14th, February 15th, February 16th, February 19th, February 21st, February 22nd, February 23rd, February 26th, February 28th, March 12th, March 13th, March 15th, March 19th, March 20th, March 21st, March 25th, March 28th,

Local Elections The 2024 Election Cycle is officially here. Addressed in newscasts on: January 3rd, January 5th, January 8th, January 9th, January 10th, January 11th, January 12th, January 15th, January 17th, January 18th, January 19th, January 21st, January 24th, January 25th, January 26th, January 30th, February 7th, February 8th, February 12th, February 20th, February 21st, February 23rd, February 26th, February 27th, February 28th, February 29th, March 1st, March 5th, March 6th, March 7th, March 8th, March 13th, March 15th, March 18th, March 19th, March 20th, March 21st, March 22nd,

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*. But the concern regarding teacher and support staff recruitment and retention has increased. Addressed in newscasts on: January 11th, January 16th, January 18th, January 21st, January 24th, January 25th, January 29th, February 1st, February 6th, February 13th, February 20th, February 28th, February 29th, March 4th, March 6th, March 7th, March 8th, March 13th, March 14th, March 15th, March 20th, March 21st, March 26th, March 29th,

Local Police A number of topics involving local law enforcement. Including law enforcement administration, officer hiring and retention, Use of Force, PTI, Traffic Stops, Downtown Security and more. Addressed in newscasts on: January 4th, January 11th, January 19th, January 25th, January 30th, February 7th, February 16th, February 26th, March 13th, March 18th, March 21st, March 26th, March 29th,

Israel/Hamas/Gaza: This war has sparked intense discussion here in communities.

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