

WDWS CHAMPAIGN-URBANA

QUARTERLY REPORT

FIRST QUARTER 2023

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 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 First Quarter 2023 Issues

Homeless in C-U A milder winter has helped the transition of revised resources to assist our homeless population. Addressed in newscasts on:

Local Economy A variety of positive growth patterns of tourism, retail, health care, new businesses, infrastructure and more. How will 2023 unfold in the face of inflation and banking concerns. Addressed in newscasts on: January 2nd, January 3rd, January 11th, January 16th, January 17th, January 18th, January 20th, January 23rd, January 24th, January 25th, January 31st, February 1st, February 7th, February 9th, February 20th, February 21st, February 23rd, February 28th, March 1st, March 2nd, March 7th, March 8th, March 9th, March 10th, March 14th, March 15th, March 16th, March 17th, March 20th, March 22nd, March 23rd,

State Senator Scott Bennett Seat After the unexpected passing of Scott Bennett, the appointment of his replacement spawned an unexpected amount of controversial discussion. Addressed in newscasts on: January 3rd, January 4th, January 5th, January 6th, January 12th, January 17th, January 18th, January 19th

Crime Incidents involving the discharge of a firearm continues to be a strong community concern. Addressed in newscasts on: January 2nd, January 3rd, January 4th, January 6th, January 9th, January 10th, January 12th, January 13th, January 16th, January 17th, January 19th, January 20th, January 23rd, January 25th, January 26th, January 27th, January 31st, February 1st, February 2nd, February 3rd, February 6th, February 8th, February 9th, February 10th, February 15th, February 16th, February 17th, February 21st, February 24th, February 27th, March 2nd, March 3rd, March 6th, March 9th, March 10th, March 14th, March 15th, March 16th, March 20th, March 21st, March 23rd,

March Local Elections Several mayoral elections along with city/village councils and school boards. In addition a handful of referendums. Addressed in newscasts on: January 20th, January 24th, February 3rd, February 6th, February 7th, February 10th, February 20th, February 21st, February 23rd, February 27th, March 7th, March 8th, March 14th, March 21st, March 24th

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: January 3rd, January 4th, January 5th, January 9th, January 10th, January 20th, January 24th, January 26th, January 31st, February 1st, February 6th, February 7th, February 10th, February 20th, February 21st, February 22nd, February 23rd, March 8th, March 21st, March 22nd

Safe-T Act The State of Illinois law that makes a number of reforms to the criminal justice system, affecting policing, pretrial detention and bail, sentencing, and corrections. The legal challenge process continues. Addressed in newscasts on: January 10th, January 11th, January

12th, January 13th, January 16th, January 18th, January 20th, February 6th, February 24th, March 6th, March 16th, March 20th,

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 January-March 2022

JANUARY 2023

Jan 5——Jim Dey, News Gazette
Jan 6——Jeff Brown, Dean, Gies College of Business at UI
Jan 9——Loren Tate
Jan 11——Tom Bruno, Champaign City Council
Jan 12——Tim Bartlett with MLK Walk
Jan 13——Angie Marker -Southside Elementary School
Jan 13——Dave Leake —Eye on the Sky for 2023
Jan 16——Loren Tate
Jan 17——Doug Wilson, Anna Snowden—dry skin and dry homes
Jan 18—— Cynthia Bruno, Unit 4 families for a Smarter Solution
Jan 19——Michael Dockery, Susan Warsaw—experts on classified documents
Jan 20——Justice Robert Steigmann—Appellate Judge
Jan 23——Loren Tate, Trent Meacham —BTN
Jan 25——Jim Dey, News Gazette
Jan 26——Jon Rector, Mike Kobel —former Willard Airport workers on Air Force One
Jan 27—— Brad Uken——departing manager Champaign County Farm Bureau
Jan 30—— Loren Tate, Kevin Kugler—Fox Sports
Jan 31——Jeff McCausland CBS News—on Ukraine
Jan 31——Grant Thompson —WDWS General Manager

FEBRUARY 2023

Feb 1——Nikki Budzinski — U.S. Congresswoman 13th District
Feb 2——Bridget Broihahn——making of Groundhog Day movie
Feb 2——Diane Ducey ——All out A Capella -Unity High School
Feb 3 ——Patrick Pfingsten —The Illinoize ——on Safe-T-Act and Gun Bill
Feb 3——Mandy Alt —VITA Tax help —Gies College of Business
Feb 6——Loren Tate
Feb 7——Dr. Colleen Murphy —UI professor on civil discourse
Feb 8——Jim Dey —News Gazette
Feb 9——Brant Hansen—Author—former WDWS host on forgiveness
Feb 10——Mike Haile / Mark Schultz on Super Bowl
Feb 13——Loren Tate—Bruce Weber—former Illini Coach/ BTN analyst
Feb 15——Von Young—retired Champaign Police officer on racism
Feb 16——Jayne Deluce—CEO Visit Champaign County
Feb 17——Diane Marlin—Mayor of Urbana
Feb 20——Loren Tate
Feb 21——Julia Reitz—Champaign County State's Attorney

Feb 22—Justice Robert Steigmann
Feb 23—Cast from Champaign Urbana Theater Company
Feb 23—Steve Tock, Hickory Point Bank / Habitat for Humanity
Feb 24—Mike McCuskey—Legislative Inspector General
Feb 27—Loren Tate
Feb 28—Aaron Ammons—Champaign County Clerk

MARCH 2023

March 1—Tom Bruno, Champaign City Council
March 2— Jim Dey—News Gazette
March 3—Barry Houser, Marching Illini / David Allen —School of Music
March 6—Loren Tate
March 7—Jayne Deluce—on State Tournament
March 7—Ann Prisland—League of Women Voters on April 4 elections
March 8—Parkland College Second State Theater —Good Doctor
March 9—Colin Likas—News Gazette on State Tourney
March 9—Mike LaTulip on Big Ten Tourney
March 10—Trent Meacham —Former Illini / BTN Analyst
March 10—Deon Thomas—former Illini / Radio Analyst-Illini Sports Network
March 13—Loren Tate
March 15—Larry Smith—Illini Guys —on NCAA
March 15—Joe Vozelli,—News Gazette on Illini Women in NCAA
March 15—Terri Ciofalo —Krannert Center / Virginia Theater
March 16—Jeremy Werner—24/7 Sports on NCAA
March 16—Paul Barrett- Publisher-News Gazette/ Kelly Rund on Arkansas
March 16—Scott Richey—News Gazette Sports
March 17—Doug Altenberger—Illini Sports Network
March 20—Loren Tate
March 21—Ann Prisland —League of Women Voters
March 22— Mark Thies —Unit 4 School Board candidate
March 22—Amber Oberheim—Battle of Badges Charity event
March 23—Jim Dey— News Gazette
March 24—Betsy Holder—Unit 4 School Board Candidate
March 24—Nichole Millage —City of Champaign Recycle event
March 27—Loren Tate
March 27—Jeff Brownfield—Unit 4 School Board Candidate
March 27—Cassie Arner—Crisis Nursery Event
March 28—Bev Baker—United Way/ Brenda Eastham on Child Well Checks
March 29—Deb Feinen, Don Gerard, Azark Cobbs —Champaign Mayor candidates
March 30—Julie Gunn, Mike Ross—Krannert, Steven Bentz-Virginia—Kemal Nance
March 30—Mark Holm—Unit 4 School Board candidate
March 31—Amy Armstrong—Unit 4 School Board President/ candidate

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

1st Quarter 2023 WDWS Morning Show guests:

JANUARY:

01/03 Mike Frerichs Illinois State Treasurer
01/04 Deb Feinen Champaign Mayor
01/06 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
01/11 Grant Thompson WDWS General Manager
01/12 Chapin Rose State Senator
01/13 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
01/17 David Bernthal Judge
01/19 Paul Barrett Publisher News-Gazette
01/20 Jim Rossow News-Gazette
01/24 Dick Durbin US Senator
01/25 Mike Marron Illinois State Representative
01/27 Steve Beckett Attorney

FEBRUARY:

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