

Business**Issue: Business****How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: Threshermen's Event****Date: 7.5.12****Time: 6a****Duration: Story runs 12 hours****Description:**

"Celebrating 175 years" is the theme for the upcoming Threshermen's Parade in Pontiac. Parade organizers are searching for a grand marshal for the Labor Day weekend tradition in downtown Pontiac. Cheri Lambert, with the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce, says anyone with ideas should contact the chamber office. The Threshermen's Parade takes place during the five-day Threshermen's Reunion, held near Pontiac.

Issue: Business**How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: Outlander Sport****Date: 7.13.12****Time: 3:30p****Duration: Story runs 12 hours****Description:**

The 2013 Outlander Sport is coming to Normal on Tuesday. Mitsubishi Motors says they'll start production of the crossover SUV next week. Spokesman Dan Irvin says accomplishing the 17-month transition to the Outlander Sport is impressive, considering it took 4 years to transition to selling the Eclipse, Spyder, Endeavor and Galant. Sales of the Outlander Sport were up last month 13 percent compared to a year ago.

Issue: Business**How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: State Farm Storm Damage****Date: 8.13.12****Time: 2:30p****Duration: Story runs 12 hours****Description:**

State Farm reports nearly 200 claims have been filed by homeowners on Bloomington's west side because of damage from last Thursday's storm. Claims representative Nicole Euchaski says it's mostly hail and wind damage. Euchaski asks any residents needing to file a claim to keep receipts of any repairs for the adjustor.

Issue: Business**How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: Shoe Drive Final****Date: 8.22.12****Time: 3p**

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

This year's OSF Shoe Drive is being called a major success. Over 3-thousand pairs of shoes were collected for Home Sweet Home Ministries in the annual event. Home Sweet Home spokeswoman Sabrina Burkiewicz says the community always helps out. Clients living at the Home Sweet Home shelter will get to choose three pairs of shoes each. The rest will be distributed to other local social service agencies.

Issue: Business

How Issue Was Treated: News story

Title: Chamber Move

Date: 9.16.12

Time: 5a

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

A group that's been a part of the downtown Bloomington business district since 1974 is taking its business elsewhere. The McLean County Chamber of Commerce plans to move from across Bloomington city hall into a new location on East Empire in December. Chamber CEO Charlie Moore says the facility is smaller than the chamber's current home, but its all on one floor, which will make for better conference space. Its current home has become cramped given the chamber's growing membership and staff.

Issue: Business

How Issue Was Treated: News story

Title: Green Top Owners

Date: 9.13.12

Time: 1p

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

The owner base for Bloomington-Normal's cooperative grocery store continues to grow. Green Top Grocery recently held an ownership drive that netted its first fifty owners. Organizer Melanie Shellito says the group is looking for 500 owners by the end of the month. Membership information is available on WJBC.com.

Crime**Issue: Crime****How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: Pizza Robberies****Date: 7.11.12****Time: 12:30p****Duration: Story runs 12 hours****Description:**

Police are trying to determine if there's a connection between the robberies and attacks on two pizza delivery drivers this week. Bloomington Police spokesman Dave White said the suspect descriptions are similar, but it was a different driver in each case. Both were drivers for Flingers Pizza. In the first incident on James Place just after midnight on Monday, police say the driver was approached by a teenage girl who the driver thought had placed the order. She was described as black, 5-foot-5 with medium build. The driver was then jumped by four black teens who took the pizza. Police didn't have any further description of the attackers. In the second incident at about 1 o'clock this morning, a driver making a delivery on East Walnut was met outside by a black female teen described as having a thin build. Police say the driver was then attacked by two black teens who were described only as skinny. They reportedly punched him and took the pizza, along with an undetermined amount of cash. Police say the victim in the second incident was taken to Advocate BroMenn Medical Center.

Issue: Crime**How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: Fosdick Update****Date: 7.26.12****Time: 3p****Duration: Story runs 12 hours****Description:**

Prosecutors say an attempted first degree murder charge is still possible for a Pontiac man accused of breaking into multiple residences and trying to shoot someone. So far, 25-year-old Andrew Fosdick has been charged with home invasion, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, possessing a firearm without a FOID card and reckless discharge of a firearm. Livingston County Judge Robert Travers set Fosdick's bail at \$1 million, which means he must post \$100,000 to be released from jail.

Authorities say Fosdick pointed a gun at a woman, telling her he would shoot if she called police. His gun reportedly clicked but would not fire.

An August 20th preliminary hearing is scheduled in Livingston County Court.

Issue: Crime**How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: Counterfeit Purses****Date: 8.14.12****Time: 5a**

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

Two Central Illinois women have been sentenced to prison for selling counterfeit purses and other items purporting to be from designer brands like Chanel, Coach and Prada. Federal prosecutors say 51-year-old Jannette Grant of Bloomington and 50-year-old Kimberly Nein of Argenta pleaded guilty to conspiracy to traffic in counterfeit goods. Grant was sentenced to three years in prison and Nein was give two years. Both must pay nearly \$4,000 in restitution. Prosecutors say the women did business as ``The Purse Lady'' and sold the items throughout central Illinois. Law enforcement used search warrants to recover more than 15,000 items, including 2,000 purses and 900 wallets, from Grant's home and a warehouse Nein owned. The women said they regularly traveled to Chicago and New York to purchase inventory.

Issue: Crime

How Issue Was Treated: News story

Title: Bucket List Bandit

Date: 8.23.12

Time: 10a

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

Bloomington Police believe the bank robbery suspect from last Friday's west side PNC Bank heist is the same person dubbed the Bucket List Bandit. Bloomington Police Spokesman Dave White says after seeing the PNC video stills, the FBI and local police feel it's the same man that's robbed about seven other banks in the U-S. White says police think he's not coming back to Bloomington. The suspect made off with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Issue: Crime

How Issue Was Treated: News story

Title: NCHS Shooting

Date: 9.7.12

Time: 2:30p

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

Busses are due to arrive at Eastview Christian Church this hour to take Normal Communtiy students home - after a shooting at the school that forced a lockdown and evacuation of the school at about 8 o'clock this morning. Normal Polive Chief Rick Blichner said a student - a 14-year-old boy - had a hundgun that he brought into the school and while in a classroom fired shots in their air, not directed at anyone in particular. No one was injured. Bleicher said a teacher was able to tackle the student and hold him until police arrived. The 14-year-old boy is in custody. Police don't know a motive.

Issue: Crime

How Issue Was Treated: News story

Title: Bucket List Caught

Date: 9.14.12

Time: 1p

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

The serial bank robber known as the Bucket List Bandit has been caught in Oklahoma. FBI agent Jason Crouse says 54-year-old Michael Eugene Brewster was arrested last night in Roland, Oklahoma. Brewster is suspected of robbing the PNC Bank on West Market last month. He's also believed to be responsible for bank robberies in eight other states. He was dubbed the bucket list bandit after he told a bank employee he only had four months to live.

Government**Issue: Government****How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: Transportation Bill****Date: 7.6.12****Time: 4p****Duration: Story runs 12 hours****Description:**

Labor leaders joined Illinois transportation secretary Ann Schneider and U. S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) today (Friday) to celebrate the new federal transportation bill, which President Obama signed today. Durbin and U. S. Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Belleville) were part of the conference committee to work out the final bill. "This is a great day today," said Schneider. "I'm very pleased that Congress and the president have established a solid transportation reauthorization bill that puts Illinois on strong footing going forward." "This highway bill is an economic engine," said Brad Schaive of the Laborers International Union of North America, pointing to not only the paychecks that will be spent in Illinois communities, but also the business producers of raw materials will get before the projects begin. IDOT plans to bid out 60 projects next month, totaling \$106 million.

Issue: Government**How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: Uptown Opening****Date: 7.14.12****Time: 10:30a****Duration: Story runs 12 hours****Description:**

Uptown Station in Normal is now open for business. Local, state and federal officials dedicated the 45 million dollar facility this (Saturday) morning. Mayor Chris Koos says seeing the center finally open is surreal for him. U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, who got a standing ovation from a majority of the crowd, says someone who deserves a lot of credit for the project is President Obama. The center will house service for Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System, Amtrak, regional bus services along with City Hall. About 70 percent of the funding came from the federal government.

Issue: Government**How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: Dwight****Date: 8.7.12****Time: 10a****Duration: Story runs 12 hours****Description:**

Even though the August 31st scheduled closing date for the Dwight Correctional Center is rapidly approaching, the fight continues to save the women's prison. President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1133, Dan Dunlap,

says he and others in the community are confident Dwight will stay open. Dunlap encourages members of the public to call the governor's office and Speaker Madigan's office, telling them you are a taxpayer, an Illinois citizen and a voter who wants the Dwight Correctional Center and other places to stay open. A hearing is expected tomorrow in Alexander County on a lawsuit which was recently filed to stop the state's Department of Corrections from transferring prison inmates without an AFSCME agreement.

Issue: Government

How Issue Was Treated: News story

Title: Dozier Concealed Carry

Date: 8.21.12

Time: 2:30p

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

McLean County interim State's Attorney Ron Dozier is taking steps to get concealed carry in the state, by no longer charging offenders with unlawful use of a weapon if that person has a valid FOID card. In an e-mail obtained by WJBC, Dozier says he has been quietly changing policies of the office since he took over in December to bring them in accordance with the U-S Supreme Court. Dozier says there have been recent cases where his office has decided not to charge a person with a weapons crime. Jason Chambers, who will take over the office when Dozier leaves, says he's not bound to Dozier's policy. Dozier says certain questions will be asked to determine if anyone who has a valid firearms owners identification card won't be charged with unlawful use of a weapon or aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

Issue: Government

How Issue Was Treated: News story

Title: Coliseum First Quarter Report

Date: 9.8.12

Time: 8a

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

Coliseum managers say two sell out events in the first quarter pushed the venue close to the break even point. A loss of 53-hundred dollars is being reported. Managers say they thought the loss was going to be closer to 150-thousand dollars, but the sell outs Shinedown and Fight Me Mixed Martial Arts brought in extra revenue. Total revenues for the first quarter are 756-thousand dollars. Managers say they are taking advantage of the down time in the first two quarters by upgrading the facility with new carpeting in the suites, adding heating and air diffusers and upgrading the locker rooms.

Issue: Government

How Issue Was Treated: News story

Title: Normal Bonds

Date: 9.17.12

Time: 12a

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

Normal is refinancing one of the bond issues it has for work in the Uptown. The ten million dollar, 2004 bond series will be refinanced at a lower interest rate and the savings on the interest will be invested in Illinois General Obligation bonds. Managing Director with Mesirow Financial Todd Krzyskowski admits there is concern with Illinois' financial status, but says in the state budget every year, the G.O. bonds get paid first.

Schools**Issue: Schools****How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: Unit 5 Redistricting****Date: 7.12.12****Time: 12a****Duration: Story runs 12 hours****Description:**

Four years after Unit 5 redrew its school attendance boundaries, enrollment growth is forcing another look at redistricting. Unit 5 will put together another redistricting study committee, looking at how to better balance enrollment in elementary schools now hit with crowded classrooms or low headcounts. Superintendent Gary Niehaus says the district has grown by as much as 550 students in recent years. It only grew by 200 this year, but that's about the equivalent of an entire school. No changes will be made for existing Unit 5 students this coming fall.

Issue: Schools**How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: ISU Decommissioning****Date: 7.18.12****Time: 6a****Duration: Story runs 12 hours****Description:**

Four residence halls and a dining center at Illinois State are coming off line, and next weekend, the public will get one last chance to walk through the halls. Atkin, Colby, Hamilton and Whitten Halls along with Feeny Dining Center are being decommissioned. Assistant Director of Marketing for the Housing Department Jamie Wood says there are no plans right now to tear down the buildings. The buildings will be open for tours on Saturday, July 28 from nine to 10-30 a.m. and lunch will be served at Feeny Dining Hall at 11. Hamilton and Whitten Halls opened in 1960 while Atkin and Colby Halls opened in 1962.

Issue: Schools**How Issue Was Treated: News story****Title: District 87 2013 Budget****Date: 8.9.12****Time: 12a****Duration: Story runs 12 hours****Description:**

Preliminary budget figures for fiscal year 2013 in District 87 show a deficit of two-point-two eight million dollars. Administrator David Wood says it's from a combination of factors, including losing federal stimulus dollars, a loss of state grants, property taxes being down, and a map mishap which cut poverty funds from the state. He says the deficit is worrisome. Wood says the numbers are all conservative and they're hoping to draw down

the project as much as possible with spending cuts.

Issue: Schools

How Issue Was Treated: News story

Title: ISU Move In Starts

Date: 8.15.12

Time: 9:30a

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

Illinois State move in starts today. Nearly 61-hundred students are moving into the residence halls and new Cardinal Court dorms. There are temporary traffic patterns around Watterson Towers and Hewett and Manchester halls on the east side of campus. Fell Avenue will be one way southbound from Mulberry to Beaufort and will be closed to traffic from College to North Street. School Street will be one way southbound between College and North Street and North Street will be one way from School to Fell. On the west side of campus, traffic will be routed to the residence halls from College. Watterson Towers traffic will go from School to College to North and Fell. Move in continues tomorrow until four.

Issue: Schools

How Issue Was Treated: News story

Title: Dist. 87 Digital

Date: 9.13.12

Time: 12a

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

The District 87 school board is trying to go green. Administrators have researched different software to administer the board packet instead of printing out all the materials for members. Superintendent Barry Reilly says board docs would archive all materials but will cost 27-hundred dollars a year. The other option is dropbox, which is free, but has space limitations. Reilly says the board is cost conscious in a deficit year and the decision is up to them.

Issue: Schools

How Issue Was Treated: News story

Title: Threshermen's Event

Date: 9.18.12

Time: 12:30p

Duration: Story runs 12 hours

Description:

The Pontiac District 90 school board has approved the next fiscal year budget. Superintendent Jon Kilgore presented a budget proposal that has all of the school districts' major funds finishing the school district's year in the black. He says some things from fiscal year 2012 create the impression of an overall budget deficit, but he says finishing fiscal year 2013 with a positive balance is reasonable. Kilgore says pension reform legislation could affect budget projections.