



**WRSP**  
**Local Issues/Programs List**  
**3rd Quarter 2016**

**WRSP'S** programs and public service announcements provided information about the following issues of importance to the community during the 3rd Quarter of 2016:

- **Be Tobacco Free**
- **Breakaway from Cancer**
- **Community**
- **Crime/Court**
- **Economy**
- **Education**
- **Government**
- **Health and Wellness**
- **Prevent Gun Violence**
- **Save the Children**

Programs that provided coverage of these community issues:

**Good Day Illinois—airs Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.**

WRSP airs a local morning newscast five days a week.

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.—airs Monday-Friday 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

WRSP airs a local newscast seven days a week.

**NewsChannel at Nine on FOX Illinois—airs Monday-Sunday at 9:00 p.m.**

WRSP airs a local newscast seven days a week.

**Fox Scene—airs Monday-Sunday at various dates and times**

The FOX Scene is a 60-second vignette that highlights local events in our market.

## **Public Service Announcements**

WRSP airs numerous Public Service Announcements (PSAs) at various times throughout the broadcast day that cover topics of importance to the community. Snapshots of some of the PSAs that aired during the 3rd quarter of 2016 are listed in this report.

### **TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY**

#### **FOX Scene Springfield Aired various dates and times**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual 'Run United' 5k was held on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Washington Park. The proceeds went to the local United Way and they will use it to support one of their 33 programs.

Hall's Harley Davidson hosted an event to remember the tragic events that took place on September 11, 2001. On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the 'Ride to Remember' charity event had a silent auction, food, beverages and a band from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on September 11<sup>th</sup>, a parade took place.

The Faith Coalition's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Banquet will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> at Union Baptist Church. A reception begins at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each. The funds will go towards building an inclusive community.

#### **Community**

July 1, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 51 seconds

Adam Rife reported that the Illinois State Museum will officially reopen to the public. The museum shut down in September amid the budget impasse. Interim Director Michael Wiant said "To begin to use things like social media networks, the website, other means to extend our voice beyond the borders of Illinois. And also, to develop means to make the museum more sustainable over the long run. So diversify the support for the museum which of course begins with just inviting people in to take interest in the museum itself." The museum will now have a \$5 entry fee for adults over 18. Children 18 and under, seniors and veterans will get in for free.

July 5, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 40 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that the Central Illinois Blood Center said there is a shortage of donated blood. According to the organization, the amount of donations usually drops during the summer months and because the center was closed over the holiday weekend, they are behind in donations. Officials said donating blood is not as difficult as you may think it is.

July 7, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 47 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that for the first time in years, The Dana Thomas House, Old State Capitol and Lincoln's New Salem sites will now be open seven days a week. Justin Blandford, Superintendent of the state historic sites said "Tourism is a daily industry. It's not a five-day-a week industry. This is an important economic change for our city and for our state."

July 8, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 45 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that a prayer vigil was held at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for the Dallas victims. Illinois NAACP President Teresa Haley said the intent of the vigil was for policy, city leaders and concerned residents, no matter their religion or race, to come together, reflect, and move forward together as a city. Jacenta Wilson of Springfield said "I have family in law enforcement and the idea that it could happen to me and my family is just disturbing. The whole concept that has a community, or a country, we are dividing ourselves between race and law enforcement is frightening." Haley said that she hopes there will be more vigils in the future, adding that they don't need to be spurred by events that have unfolded around the country.

July 11, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 45 seconds

John Reger reported that the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is now offering free admission. The only thing you have to do is drop off a new, sturdy backpack and you'll be given a coupon for free admission. On July 27<sup>th</sup>, the museum will have a drop off event for those who want to contribute but don't have the time to visit. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum officials said they are hoping to get more backpacks this year than last. Library Specialist Jennifer Brownell said "Last year we collected 720 we kind of upped our goal a little bit this year to 1,000. So we really think that's a doable goal to achieve this year." The donated backpacks will be given to District 186 students. The backpack drive continues through August 10<sup>th</sup>.

July 15, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 40 seconds

John Reger reported that there are over 30,000 unemployed veterans in Illinois and now the community is trying to cut that number down. The Prairie Capital Convention Center hosted the American Legion free hiring event. More than 90 employers were looking for skilled vets to work for them, including DCFS and Walmart. One vet said jobs should always be available for those serving our country. 4 year Navy veteran Marlon Joinner said “When you’re off away from your family and supporting the country as well as supporting your family, it’s important that after they get out of that some opportunities are available for us.” Some veterans attending the event are currently employed, but are always looking for better opportunities.

July 18, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

John Reger reported that the Treasurer’s office plans to auction unclaimed property at this year’s Illinois State Fair. The auction will include over 21,000 items and will take place on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the fair. This is the first time in a decade that the office is holding an auction. Some of the items are rare and interesting—such as a rookie card of late Chicago Cubs star Ernie Banks, an Elvis Presley concert stub and a pair of new 1997 Air Jordan shoes. Items are up for auction after 10 years of attempts to locate owners.

July 21, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 45 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that the Springfield Fire Department reminded residents to maintain their home smoke alarms. To help, “First Alert” donated 250 smoke alarms to the Illinois State Fire Marshall. They will be in the smoke alarm program and distributed throughout the state as needed. The new detectors last longer and are more user friendly. Home Safety expert Gigi Lubin said “There is a new line of 10 year smoke alarms from First Alert. They have non-removable batteries. The batteries are sealed within the unit and they last for 10 years. It gives you an end of life warning at the end of ten years which signals time to take it down and put up a new one. It doesn’t get much simpler than that.”

July 25, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 50 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder said he wants more community oversight of the police department. Langfelder plans to fill vacancies on the police community review commission. The commission will have 7 members. Community complaints about the police department will go through the commission for review. Mayor Langfelder said the national climate played into his decision to fill positions. He said "What you're seeing playing across the country is making sure the community is engaged, especially with the police department, so actually having a commission, it's one more step of checks and balances." Mayor Langfelder said people have already stepped up to fill the 5 vacant positions, but they would need to be voted in by the city council before they could start.

August 17, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 45 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that a local organization is working to help flood victims in Louisiana. Midwest Mission Distribution Center packed cleaning supplies in buckets. This included sponges, soap and trash bags. Warehouse supervisor Brad Walton said they're already receiving messages about the help they're providing. Walton said "That's pretty heartwarming to hear people have received and appreciated. It gives them what we like to call hope. It gives them hope that they can start to clean up and that somebody somewhere cares enough to do what we do." The organization has already sent more than 2,000 buckets.

August 25, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 40 seconds

John Reger reported that a semi-truck loaded with Macaroni and Cheese was donated to the Central Illinois Food Bank by Land-O-Lakes. The donation will help feed more than 30,000 kids during the school year. The mac and cheese will be distributed to food programs that target children.

September 13, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 1 minute

Maggie Poteau reported that the Enos Park Neighborhood Association is looking to buy vacant home that are in need of repair. The proposal took another step toward becoming reality at the Economic Development Commission meeting. The Association said buying the homes would cost about \$150,000 but they would then sell the homes to local artists who would remodel and decorate them. Enos Park is partnering with the Springfield Art Association to attract artists to stay in Springfield, to spruce up the neighborhood.

September 15, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 20 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that a new rural bus service is making a world of difference for those that have trouble getting around. The Sangamon-Menard Area Regional Transport has nearly doubled the number of vehicles since they opened three months ago. More than 250 rides were given out last month in Menard County. The service has changed the life of one local man who is wheelchair bound. Robert Sinclair said “They would come to the door and help me into the van and strap me in and take me to the door where I needed to be.” Sangamon County officials are hoping to roll out the bus service in Sangamon County by late October or early November. Right now, they’re working on adding more drivers to the service.

September 17, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 31 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that the Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois State Police are promoting a program called “Caution, Slow Down, Share the Road”. The program promotes rural road safety. IDOT urges drivers to be alert and give farm vehicles plenty of space.

September 22, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 39 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that the American Business Club of Springfield is thanking the community with a big donation. More than \$90,000 was awarded to over 50 charities at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. The funds were raised through the club’s work at this year’s state fair, managing admissions and parking.

September 27, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 43 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that a new exhibit called “Rare and Rarely Seen” is coming to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. A wide variety of items will show the different ways history can be remembered. A holocaust survivor will speak in November as part of the exhibit’s special events. Chris Wills, spokesman for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, said “It’s a reminder that the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is also the state’s historical library. We’re not just Abraham Lincoln, we are the repository for millions and millions of items that preserve Illinois history.” The exhibit will open September 29<sup>th</sup> and be available until January of 2017.

September 28, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 40 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that Springfield Clinic has a new partnership with the Villas Senior Care Community in Sherman. Construction is currently underway on a new addition to the villas. The construction will include a 1500 square foot space for rehabilitation services. The addition will increase patient access, especially for those who live in the Sherman area. Benjamin McClain said “20% of our current patients have to go to downtown Springfield or the south side of Springfield. That’s just convenient for a patient, so we feel that it was really important to add a location here.” Construction of the rehabilitation center is expected to be completed by February of 2017.

**Crime and Court**

July 5, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that a man who burned an American flag will not face criminal charges. Champaign County State’s Attorney said she will not file charges because flag burning is “protected free speech.” The man, Bryton Mellott, posted pictures to facebook and said “Not proud to be an American.” The message also mentioned the horrors committed against people of color, those in poverty and the LGBT community. Mellott refused to comment.

July 7 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that Clinton police are searching for the suspect in a bank robbery. Police said that the suspect is shown in the surveillance video. He took an undisclosed amount of money from the Dewitt Savings Bank on West Main Street on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The suspect is described as a tall black male in his 20’s or 30’s. He fled the scene in a white vehicle with a partial plate of “V-10”.

July 8, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that Springfield is hoping to get paid by the state in August for the approximate 10 million dollar utility bill. The state has only made a few partial utility payments since the budget impasse.

July 9, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that a Chicago woman is being charged with disorderly conduct after she allegedly threatened police officers. 24-year old Jenesis Reynolds is accused of posting “All I know is if the police stops and requests me to get out of my car, I’m shooting instantly.” Police arrested Reynolds at her home on July 8<sup>th</sup>, but she has since been released.

July 12, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

John Reger reported that a recent parolee is in custody after police say he fired 17 shots into a police officer’s home and patrol car. Authorities said the officer had just returned home when the shooting happened. Neither the officer nor his family were hurt during the incident. Police and witnesses said the suspect was shouting obscenities about police during the shooting.

July 13, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 35 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that three of the Dallas police officers that were killed in the ambush were laid to rest. Brent Thompson, Michael Smither and Lorne Ahrens were all remembered at different local churches. Thompson, a newlywed, married just two weeks ago. Smither, a husband and father of two daughters, and Ahrens, a Senior Corporal who was known for always having a smile on his face. The two other officers involved in the shooting will be laid to rest later this week.

July 17, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 1 minute

Lindsey Hess reported that 29-year old Gavin Long killed 3 officers and wounded 3 others in Baton Rouge. Long, from Kansas City, Missouri, was walking down the highway with a rifle. The shootout started after officers arrived on scene. Long was shot and killed. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux said “To me this is not so much about gun control as it is about what’s in men’s hearts. And until we come together as a nation, as a people to heal as a people, if we don’t do that and this madness continues, we will surely perish as people.” Louisiana law enforcement said they believe Long acted alone.

July 21, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 22 seconds

Adam Rife reported that the Lincoln Police Department is investigating a robbery at a Casey's General Store. According the police, a white male wearing a black t-shirt with shorts on his head came in and demanded money. He also implied he has a gun. The suspect got away with fewer than \$500.

July 27, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 20 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that a 23-year old man is now facing charges of criminal sexual abuse and aggravated battery for allegedly assaulting a 15-year old girl. Marvin Custer is accused of following a Lanphier student walking home from school and tried to talk to her, before grabbing her from behind. Custer is accused of fondling the girl then choking her until she lost consciousness.

July 29, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 33 seconds

Adam Rife reported that 21-year old Kelvin Hartfield was charged with attempted first degree murder and armed robbery for shooting at Champaign County Sheriff's deputies. Deputies said the incident happened when they went to a Casey's in Urbana on July 26<sup>th</sup> after a robbery at a Shell gas station. They found Hartfield at the station by a car with an open trunk. Hartfield allegedly opened fire on the deputies as they approached. The deputies returned fire, grazing Hartfield's arm. The deputies were not injured and the police are still looking for a second suspect.

August 4, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 52 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that a man fired his gun in the QIK-N-EZ gas station on Toronto Road on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The man allegedly walked into the gas station, fired his gun at the floor and then walked behind the counter and took money from the register. No one was hurt. The suspect ran away before police arrived. Springfield Police Lieutenant Chris Mueller said "anybody who was driving by, leaving a nearby establishment, Mowie's or something. If they saw anything out of the ordinary or peculiar, please call it in no matter how insignificant it may seem." Police said the suspect was wearing all black clothing, including gloves and a mask.

August 5, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that three people are facing meth conspiracy charges. The charges stem from a task force investigation in DeWitt County. Police arrested 35-year olds William and Amanda Mazander from Mora and 37-year old Lori Agee from Clinton. They are still looking for 35-year old Rebecca Justice from Decatur.

August 8, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

John Reger reported that 47-year old Sandra Coleman of Springfield is facing charges of trying to rob the Marine Bank on East Cook Street. Coleman gave a note to a teller indicating she was robbing the bank and wanted \$1,000. An off-duty Springfield officer was working security at the time and arrested Coleman without incident.

August 15, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 32 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that 23-year old Sandra M. Faught of Decatur is accused of driving drunk with her 9 month old daughter in the car. Faught crashed in a bean field Saturday near Forsyth and abandoned her car. Macon County Sheriff deputies traced the car to the woman's Decatur home. Police took the woman's two children into protective custody. They are now staying with family members. Faught is charged with endangering the life of a child, aggravated DUI and possession of drug paraphernalia. She's being held on a \$20,000 bond at the Macon County jail.

August 26, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 1 minute and 4 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that 29-year old Andrea Little of Springfield was sentenced to 20 years in prison for killing two people while driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Little pled guilty to aggravated DUI, possession of marijuana and other traffic violations. Little caused the accident that killed 16-year old Danielle Allen and 35-year old Steven Moore. Little's blood alcohol was more than 3 times over the legal limit and she also had marijuana in her system.

September 2, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that a meth lab investigation turned into a discovery of a possible homemade bomb. Illinois State Police searched the home on Lynn Street, in Weldon, where they found a suspected meth lab and what appeared to be a pipe bomb. The University of Illinois bomb squad was called in to detonate the device. Police are looking for two suspects that live in the home.

September 8, 2016  
**NewsChannel at Nine**  
9 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Segment was 20 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that the parents accused in the death of their 4-year old daughter were formally charged. The child's mother, Dal'Von Taylor Reynolds was charged with one count of endangering the life and health of a child. Her husband, Darrell Reynolds, Jr. is charged with two counts of murder.

September 12, 2016  
**Good Day Illinois**  
7 a.m.-8 a.m.  
Segment was 24 seconds

Adam Rife reported that 62-year old James Liang, a Volkswagen engineer, plead guilty in the Justice Department's emissions test cheating scandal. Liang agreed to cooperate with investigators in exchange for a lighter sentence.

September 16, 2016  
**Good Day Illinois**  
7 a.m.-8 a.m.  
Segment was 22 seconds

Adam Rife reported that a Moultrie County judge found 42-year old Michael Yost of Sullivan guilty on four counts of first degree murder. Yost was on trial for the 2015 murder of Sheri Randall and faces 20 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for October 21<sup>st</sup>.

September 19, 2016  
**NewsChannel at Nine**  
9 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Segment was 20 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that 37-year old Zachariah Wikoff was arrested in connection to a suspected meth lab and pipe bomb found in a Weldon home. Wikoff is currently being held in Dewitt County jail.

September 24, 2016  
**NewsChannel at Nine**  
9 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Segment was 31 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that 13-year old Katherine Derleth and her 3-week old son Christopher R. Derleth have been found safe. They were located in a makeshift campsite in West Virginia. The girl's step-father Christopher M. Derleth was arrested and will return to Illinois where he will face kidnapping charges in Madison County. Derleth's step-daughter and her son were transported to a hospital to be examined but both appear to be fine. Illinois authorities said Katherine has a congenital heart defect and pacemaker.

## **Economy**

July 14, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 31 seconds

Adam Rife reported that a new program using federal funds will help Illinois homeowners who are underwater on their mortgages. The Illinois Housing Development Authority said the program will help homeowners refinance and reduce the amount they owe. To qualify, a homeowner must meet certain income requirements and owe more on their home than its market value. Homeowners could receive up to 50 thousand dollars in federal funds to erase the negative equity and then refinance into a more affordable, 30-year fixed rate mortgage.

July 20 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 45 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that Illinois State Treasurer Mike Frerichs wants Governor Rauner to sign legislation that would keep insurance companies from avoiding paying death benefits. Frerichs said that some beneficiaries are waiting more than 40 years to collect insurance. In the bill, if a match is found and beneficiaries don't file a claim within 120 days, the insurer must make an effort to locate them. Treasurer Mike Frerichs said "No one pays for life insurance because they love life insurance companies. They buy life insurance because they love someone in their lives and they want them taken care of when they are no longer here." If no one claims the proceeds from the insurer within five years, the money must be turned over to the state. The Treasurer's office will then continue attempting to locate the beneficiaries.

July 22, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 55 seconds

John Reger reported that the State of Illinois is reopening the Mortgage Assistance Program to homeowners struggling to pay, due to hardships. Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, the program will help people who have had an income reduction or other hardships. They can apply to receive as much as \$35,000 in assistance. Senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk helped announce the reopening. Senator Durbin said Illinois has one of the worst foreclosure rates in the country and with the reopening of this program, homeowners will be given a second chance.

July 26, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that a Cook County judge will hear arguments over the impact of the year-long budget impasse. Nearly 100 social service groups sued Governor Rauner's administration, saying they worked without payment during the standoff. The "Pay Now Coalition" say it's owed about 160 million dollars and wants the courts to force payment. It claims the stopgap budget passed by lawmakers isn't enough and many groups face financial catastrophe.

August 5, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 42 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that according to the July Jobs Report, The U.S. economy added more than 255,000 jobs last month. That is the second straight month of strong gains. Job numbers for Springfield will be released at the end of the month. A problem locally and nationally is workforce shortage, meaning there are jobs available, but employees are not qualified to fill the positions.

August 10, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 51 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that city leaders are pushing an energy program in New York, as a possible key to saving the Clinton power plant. "Exelon" is planning to close the plant because they said it's not profitable enough. The Mayor of Clinton was just one of many people who signed a letter, sent to Governor Bruce Rauner, asking that the state recognize nuclear energy as green energy. That way the plant could qualify for the same tax incentives as wind and solar energy. Clinton City Administrator Tim Followell said "It's a bigger picture for the State of Illinois if we lose that electric power generation from those two stations that we're going to drive the supply and demand of electricity up so much that we're going to hurt a lot of other businesses as well as homeowners." If no legislation is passed, the power plant in Clinton will close next year, leaving more than 4,000 people without jobs and 1.2 billion dollars of economic activity on the line.

August 12, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 27 seconds

Evan Peterson reported that General Electric Lighting has announced they plan on closing a lamp plant in Mattoon unless workers can find ways to improve the facility. The company said operations have been declining over the years because of a drop in consumer demand and the phasing out of incandescent bulbs. There are currently 140 employees at the plant. The company has been in Mattoon for more than 70 years. If the plant does close, it will be phased out by August of 2017.

August 14, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 22 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that Illinois' stopgap budget is quickly draining the state's "rainy day fund." Experts agree it should have 1.5 billion dollars to 3 billion dollars to help weather and economic downturn. As of August 12<sup>th</sup>, the fund had around 180 million. Financial watchdogs said it's a bad move to empty the fund. They said if a recession was to happen, new taxes or spending cuts would be very severe.

August 15, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Adam Rife reported that Ruby Tuesday announced it will close around 100 locations. The restaurant chain announced that the underperforming stores will be shut down by the end of the year. The company said that employees displaced from the closed properties would be offered positions in nearby locations when possible. Ruby Tuesday has a total of 724 locations. Shares of the company fell more than 10% after the chain reported a fourth-quarter net loss of 27.6 million dollars.

August 23, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 19 seconds

Adam Rife reported that some Sprint customers in Illinois who missed out on their rebates can now get their money through the state Treasurer's office. It's part of an out-of-court settlement. Sprint will pay 2.3 million dollars and provide the names of more than 30,000 Illinoisans who were eligible for rebates between 2003 and 2011 but didn't cash the checks.

August 26, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 16 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that according to reports, Anheuser Busch will cut about 3% of the company's combined workforce after the merger deal with Miller is finalized. The company expects to make those cuts gradually over the course of a three-year period.

September 2, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 37 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported the employers added 151,000 jobs in August which is well below what was expected. The nation's jobless rate remains at 4.9% for the third straight month and hourly wages are also slowing down, gain just 2.4% in the past year.

Wal-Mart is looking to reposition a sizable chunk of its workforce. The nation's largest retailer said it's cutting 7,000 back office jobs, which are generally higher-paying than the retail positions. The company wants to transition those employees into more customer service oriented jobs.

September 6, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 48 seconds

John Reger reported that the state budgeted 26 million dollars for a research lab at the University of Illinois. The lab is called the Integrated Bioprocessing Research Lab and it will complement the production and transportation capacity of Decatur and surrounding area's corn and soybean production. The new lab could see nearly 20,000 new jobs in about a decade.

September 7, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 50 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that crop prices continue to drop. Corn is averaging about \$3 per bushel this year while it was nearly \$8 per bushel four years ago. Farmers said that low prices are making it difficult to keep up with the cost of seed and fungicides. Farmer Gavin Pope said "We're constantly reviewing our management practices, so anytime something new comes in or something in the past, we focus on management. How can we handle it to the best of our ability and make it better in the future." Farming impacts everything from our food to clothing, so if the farmers continue to finish the year with little to no profit that could mean higher costs in the future.

September 13, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 31 seconds

John Reger reported that a multi-million dollar kid-friendly science museum could start construction in downtown Springfield in just a few months. Leaders of the Kidzeum project said if the city council agrees to extend a tax increment finance agreement set to end in September then the near 7-million dollar project would break ground soon. The Economic Development Commission recommended that the city extend the agreement for 18 months starting October 1<sup>st</sup>.

September 21, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

John Reger reported that cooperation between 18 different law enforcement agencies led to the arrest of two suspects behind a string of burglaries across Central Illinois. Bradley and Jennifer Seyler of Collinsville were arrested. They're accused of

burglarizing businesses and ATM's in Jacksonville, Pittsfield, Quincy, Taylorville and Carlinville. The Adams County Sheriff said what they found during the arrest had strong ties to the other break-ins. Adams County Sheriff Brian Vonderhaar said "We recovered multiple items that should connect these individuals with multiple burglaries. Just very proud but just not with my officers that were involved but every agency." Bradley Seyler is currently in the Adams County jail. Jennifer Seyler is in custody in Collinsville and is expected to be transported to Adams County.

September 22, 2016  
**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Segment was 25 seconds

John Reger reported that Central Illinois is seeing a drop in unemployment rates over the past year. Since August of 2015, Springfield has seen a half-percent decrease in unemployment. Danville, Decatur and Champaign have also seen a decrease, but Bloomington saw a slight increase in unemployment of 0.2%. The statewide unemployment rate is still above the national average.

## **Education**

July 4, 2016  
**NewsChannel at Nine**  
9 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Segment was 50 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that for the first time in years, all schools will be fully funded at the foundation level. In recent years, the funding was prorated under the new plan. No school loses money compared to last year. According to the State Board of Education, Springfield Public Schools will see 2.9 million dollars more in funding, Taylorville will get about \$227,000 more, Ball-Chatham will get around \$670,000 more and Decatur Public Schools will see an increase of 2.7 million dollars.

July 6, 2016  
**Good Day Illinois**  
7 a.m.-8 a.m.  
Segment was 26 seconds

Adam Rife reported that despite getting full funding for the next school year, some K-12 schools said that severe damage has already been done and that steps need to be taken to improve education in Illinois. District 186 Superintendent Jennifer Gill said funding has been prorated for schools in Illinois for 7 years in a row and that has dropped their reserve funds and impacted their transportation budget. This year's budget funds schools at the full foundation level.

July 12, 2016  
**Good Day Illinois**  
7 a.m.-8 a.m.  
Segment was 25 seconds

Adam Rife reported that the Illinois State Board of Education will no longer require high school students to take the PARCC test. The test will instead be replaced by a redesigned SAT test. The change comes after input from parents, administrators, and unions. The Illinois State Board of Education claims the change cuts back on standardized testing while providing greater access to a college entrance exam like the SAT.

July 19, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 50 seconds

The University of Illinois is partnering with Amazon, making it the first online shipping retailer's first pick-up location in Illinois. Amazon will be located inside the Illini bookstore. Students will now be able to pick up their books at the store, instead of having them shipped to their homes. This gives customers the ability to receive most orders in 24 hours. The University of Illinois is the second Big 10 School to offer this service. Amazon's pick-up center is expected to officially open at the end of the fall semester.

July 20, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 50 seconds

John Reger reported that the University of Illinois officially introduced Robert Jones as the new Chancellor. Jones said he finally has his dream job after 37 years in higher education. Many commended his humble beginnings and his strong will to make the U of I a better place for students. Jones said he hopes to bring more opportunities to the university. Jones said "I firmly believe we need to find ways to make my story and I'm sure other stories that are comparable, possible for everyone no matter where they started in life." Robert Jones will start in October, after leaving the University of Albany in September. Jones will earn a salary of \$650,000 per year.

July 27, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 40 seconds

John Reger reported that local students are getting the chance to learn about state historical sites. The "Spirit Lincoln Leadership Academy" summer internship partners with organizations like the boys and girls club to get youths involved in history. Organizers said this internship gives the kids a unique way of learning about the history of the area. Tim Townsend, historian at Lincoln's Home, said "It brings a connection to how this Lincoln story connects to everyday life here in Springfield and everybody's heritage. What freedom means and what the fight of freedom involved 150 years ago." This is the second year for the internship.

August 6, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that Governor Rauner vetoed a bill backed by the University of Illinois that would have allowed a non-resident student to serve as a trustee. It keeps in place the rules outlined in the U of I Trustees Act, in which a student trustee must be a registered voter in Illinois, have proof of residency in the state for at least three months and have a valid Illinois driver's license. The Governor said because the U of I is a public institution, in state student representation should be a priority.

August 9, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 40 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that Illinois College and Lincoln Land Community College signed an agreement to make it easier for students to get a degree in education. The partnership allows Lincoln Land students who complete two years at the community college to easily transfer to Illinois College. Students can then go on to get a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Teaching License in Illinois.

August 16, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 1 minute and 3 seconds

Akilah Davis reported that District 186 now has a budget for this upcoming school year. The total budget for all schools in the district is 191 million dollars. A stopgap budget now means the district is able to put together a budget for the upcoming school year. The superintendent said the majority of the budget's funds are going towards salaries and benefits. She said the state's finances have delayed the process of solidifying a budget deal.

August 18, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 50 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that Illinois schools will tighten up regulations on student discipline. In an effort to keep children in class, a new law allows out of school suspensions of up to three days, but encourages other forms of punishment. There also must be a formal plan in place to bring students who have been suspended back to school. This will require a meeting with students, parents, administration and possibly teachers. Williamsville superintendent Dave Root said "You've got some of the urban schools that have massive suspensions going on while you also have truancy trying to get kids to school. It's counterintuitive, counterproductive to be kicking kids out of school, then trying to get them to come back while failing them."

August 29, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 37 seconds

John Reger reported that Glenwood High School teacher Tracy Altman was awarded a \$2500 educational grant as part of "Thank America's Teacher's Program." Altman won the grant after the community members voted her as their favorite teacher. Altman said "To be able to use this and have them there where we can access and aid in the writing process and aid in some of the student presentations will be very helpful." Altman said she'll use the grant money for a set of Google Chromebooks for her high school students.

September 4, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 31 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that the University of Illinois will spend 3 million dollars in salary increases for approximately 400 post-doctoral research associates to avoid overtime charges the school would otherwise pay under a new rule. The change is part of a new Department of Labor rule going into effect. A U of I spokesperson said the money will come from existing research grants in some cases.

September 7, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 27 seconds

Adam Rife reported that Southern Illinois University in Carbondale reported that fall enrollment is down 7.5% from the same time last year. Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell said nearly 16,000 students have enrolled this fall compared to 17,300 students last year. SIU said the loss of students translates to 6.5 million dollars in lost revenue.

September 9, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 50 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that the Williamsville School Board held an emergency meeting to vote on an interim superintendent. The board voted unanimously to call on Don Beard to fill the position. Beard spent 40 years in education as a teacher, coach and administrator, and was also good friends with David Root. Board members said one of Root's last requests was to have Beard step into his position. Beard said "That was one of his wishes. He had the best interest of the district in his mind all the way until the very end, and I think he just wanted some sort of peace that there was someone that he trusted and knew that was going to lead the district in this transition period. Again, I'm very humbled that he thought that I was the right person to do that."

September 12, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 20 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that the Taylorville school board approved its budget for the next fiscal year. Despite facing more than a 1.4 million dollar deficit, school officials said curriculum could be at risk if they have to make any more budget cuts. The board is also considering pushing for a referendum on the April ballot to push property taxes to make up for the budget shortfall.

September 14, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 41 seconds

John Reger reported that the Greenview school district is preparing students for success at every age. K-12 students got a glimpse at a variety of careers to choose from after they finish school. Students received a first-hand look at careers in EMS, Cosmetology, Utility work and more. A helicopter even flew in for a special demonstration. The Superintendent said this event presents more choices for students not pursuing a college degree. Greenview superintendent Ryan Heavner said “We have a lot of kids who are graduates who go into the military and they’re doing some great things out there. We work really hard to let them know it’s not just about college. They can be a productive adult and citizen and that’s what we’re really hitting on today.”

September 18, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 20 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that Illinois schools will now be required to limit how often they use long-term suspensions and expulsions. The new law also eliminates zero-tolerance policies that are used to punish students for certain offenses. The law is intended to encourage administrators to use suspensions as a last resort to reduce the number of days students are pulled from class.

September 20, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 1 minute and 2 seconds

Evan Peterson reported that after a unanimous vote, district 186 approved a 2017 fiscal year budget of 191 million dollars. Superintendent Jennifer Gill said the bulk of the budget goes to the education fund, which pays employee's salaries and benefits. 14 million dollars is dedicated to operations and maintenance and just over 10 million dollars goes to the transportation fund.

September 21, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Adam Rife reported that the State of Illinois will receive nearly 1.8 million dollars to help low-income high school students take advanced placement tests. The U.S. Department of Education announced the grants are a part of efforts to boost college and career-readiness for undeserved students. The tests let students get college credit for high school courses. The grants are expected to cover all but \$15 of the cost of each test.

## **Government**

July 1, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

John Reger reported that Governor Rauner signed legislation to extend the medical marijuana program to July 2020 and added post-traumatic stress disorder and some terminal illnesses as reasons for prescribing the drug.

July 8, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 35 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that Attorney General Loretta Lynch addressed the Dallas shooting crisis by saying “Now after the events of this week, Americans across our country are feeling a sense of helplessness, of uncertainty, and fear. Now these feelings are understandable, and they are justified. But the answers must not be violence. The answer is never violence.” President Obama ordered the American flags to be lowered around the White House in honor of the Dallas victims.

July 14, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that Indiana Governor, Mike Pence, agreed to be Donald Trump’s running mate. All week, various Republican Party officials said Donald Trump was “leaning toward” Pence. Pence said Trump is the right man for the White House.

July 18, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 51 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that the sale of bath salts is now prohibited in Illinois. Governor Rauner signed legislation banning the synthetic drug. The law makes selling bath salts a felony punishable with a fine up to \$150,000. Christian County Sheriff Bruce Kettlekamp said the bill gives law enforcement new tools in the war on drugs.

Kettlekamp said "But a drug addict is a drug addict, and whatever drug they can get, they are gonna use. And again, it's destroying families, it's destroying lives and it needs to stop, it needs to stop now." The bill takes effect January 1, 2017.

July 22, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 31 seconds

Adam Rife reported that former Republican Congressman Aaron Schock could still face charges, even though the federal grand jury examining evidence on possible spending violations has expired. The grand jury based in Springfield has been hearing arguments for more than a year. While the term has expired, the State's Attorney's office said another one has been impaneled and could still take up Schock's case. The former Congressman resigned in March of 2015 after coming under intense scrutiny for his spending, including redecorating his office in the style of "Downtown Abbey."

August 11, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 50 seconds

John Reger reported that the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration decided against loosening federal restrictions on marijuana. Some Democratic governors requested that the Drug Enforcement Agency remove marijuana as a schedule one drug, which is defined as substances with no accepted medical or recreational use, like heroin or ecstasy, which are highly dangerous. HCI Alternatives, a medical marijuana dispensary in Springfield, said a schedule one classification hurts the chance to get bank loans. Chris McCloud, HCI Alternatives spokesperson, said "The banking system is backed by the federal government so banks are hesitant to be involved with the process. I think there are some roadblocks there." The DEA said right now there isn't any accepted treatment for medical marijuana in the United States, but added if scientific research proves otherwise, the ruling could change.

August 24, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 58 seconds

Akilah Davis reported that Governor Rauner is taking action to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. Under the bill, a first conviction will carry a sentence of 4 to 20 years and any offense after that could go up to 30 years. Those who don't have FOID cards in Illinois and bring guns into the state and sell them will also face a felony charge.

August 31, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 51 seconds

Akilah Davis reported that city officials want to raise the marijuana threshold to 10 grams to match the state's new threshold. Right now, having less than 2.5 grams is a \$300 fine, but anything more than that is a misdemeanor. City Attorney Jim Zerkle said "This is just to match up so the officers aren't forced to decide which ticket to write when this circumstance might occur." Police Chief Kenny Winslow said this move could lead to fewer arrests. The city attorney agreed and said that this could be a money maker for the city, with more people paying fines instead of going to jail.

September 12, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that former British Prime Minister David Cameron made a surprise announcement that he is stepping down as a member of Britain's Parliament. He explained that it was tough, but necessary, decision.

September 15, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

John Reger reported that Senator Dick Durbin supports a new bill to stop pharmaceutical companies from raising the prices of life-saving drugs, like the Epipen. Durbin said if these companies raise the price more than 10% then it has to be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services with a justification for that increase. Durbin said "The pharmaceutical companies hate this bill. They don't want to have to go on the record and explain why they're increasing the cost of some of these life-saving medicines. But simply the reporting of these increases have been resistant of these pharmaceutical companies. They would be embarrassed and they should be."

September 19, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

John Reger reported that Governor Rauner announced that he has eliminated the Staff Assistant position within the Department of Transportation after the patronage hiring scandal. Rauner said "Job titles can come and go. The key is to look underneath. What is that person really doing? Is it necessary and are they really there for the right reasons? And it takes a lot of work to sort that out." The remaining employees were laid off last week. Governor Rauner said he wants to expand investigations into all state departments to root out more patronage hiring.

September 23, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that a Cook County judge ruled that post-operative chronic pain must be added to the list of conditions treatable with medical cannabis. This comes after the Illinois Department of Public Health denied the addition. The Illinois Department of Public Health said they are reviewing the decision and consulting with the Attorney General. The state can appeal the decision, which will delay the judge's implementation until the legal process plays out.

September 27, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 1 minute and 20 seconds

Eric Feldman reported that visitors to Springfield could end up paying more money in a hotel-motel tax to help keep Oak Ridge Cemetery operational. Mayor Langfelder said more research is needed to compare Springfield's hotel-motel tax to other cities. He said giving money to Oak Ridge from the tax boost could become a long-term solution to sustain the cemetery. It is supposed to self-fund its operations, but that's become challenging with the amount of burials plummeting and maintenance costs rising. The city is set to approve a \$230,000 appropriation from city reserves, on top of \$400,000 already provided. Oak Ridge Cemetery draws more than a half a million people a year from around the world, being the resting place for Abraham Lincoln. So Mayor Langfelder said tourists should contribute to it staying operational. Langfelder said "That's what we need to take a look at. Instead of taxing or increasing the fees on residents, we need to broaden that pool." The average hotel price is about \$87 in Springfield. Visitors are currently paying a 12% hotel-motel tax and of that 6% goes to the state, 1% goes to the city corporate fund for city services, 2% goes to the infrastructure and 3% goes to the Convention and Visitors Bureau to help promote Springfield tourism. The mayor said a slight increase shouldn't steer away tourists.

## **Health and Wellness**

July 2, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 20 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that the veteran's home in Quincy received a new water system to combat Legionnaires Disease. The 5 million dollar water system was installed to keep veterans at the home safe from the disease. A dozen people died and over 50 people were sickened by the disease last year.

July 6, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that researchers said compounds in marijuana may remove brain toxins associated with Alzheimer's disease. They found evidence that THC and other compounds found in marijuana can promote the cellular removal of amyloid beta, which is a toxic protein associated with Alzheimer's. Researchers said

the results may offer insight into the role of inflammation in Alzheimer's disease. It could also help develop treatments for it.

July 11, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 47 seconds

Adam Rife reported that Congress has been going back and forth over how to fund research into the Zika virus, with Senate Democrats most recently blocking a Republican-backed bill that included unrelated provisions to reduce funding for Planned Parenthood. Illinois Senator Dick Durbin said research is necessary because there's so much about Zika that we don't know yet. Durbin said "We don't know how long infection is in a person, and how dangerous it is for that period of time. We are measuring of course very carefully its impact on pregnant women, that's where we've seen the most horrendous outcomes." President Obama has asked for 1.9 billion dollars to fund Zika research and prevention efforts. So far about 600 million dollars has been reallocated from Ebola research to Zika research.

July 13, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 50 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that new breakthrough technology could improve your next visit to the doctor. Doctors can examine a patient and be hands free from the computer. Google Glass Technology allows a medical transcriptionist from a company called "Augmedix" to see and hear the examination in real time. During the appointment, they write the same notes that doctors usually would write. Doctors can then review and sign it by the computer. The information sent is put in writing, but the visit is not recorded by the transcriber.

July 18, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 32 seconds

Adam Rife reported that a consumer report investigation found that nearly 32 million Americans were hit with price increases on their prescriptions last year. Their research found consumers want government to pressure drug companies to lower costs. The report also said that Americans that have had increases are often spending less on household necessities to make up for the difference.

July 20, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Adam Rife reported that the Department of Public Health is advising residents who travel to areas with the Zika virus to take special health precautions. The virus is

spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. The Illinois Department of Public Health said to prevent bites, people should cover exposed skin by wearing long sleeved clothing in buggy areas, use preferred insect repellent, and stay in and sleep in screened-in and air conditioned rooms when possible.

July 24, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 32 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that Southern Illinois residents said they lack easy access to hospitals with trauma centers that offer specialized care for severe injuries. The Southern Illinoisan reports that there are not enough trauma centers south of Springfield. Many in the southern part of the state travel to Indiana or Missouri for trauma centers. The Department of Health spokeswoman said that it can cost more than 20 million dollars per year to operate a trauma center and many hospitals cannot afford that. Many hospitals do voluntarily become trauma centers even though they lack the equipment needed.

July 27, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

John Reger reported that Meijer Incorporated recalled selected salads and sandwiches due to a potential risk of salmonella. The company said the products with cooked eggs were sold at Meijer stores from July 20<sup>th</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>. There are no known illnesses reported, but customers should either dispose or return the food to a Meijer store for a refund. A few of the recalled products are: Meijer macaroni salad, potato salad, Mom salad seashell macaroni and Mom sandwich tuna salad. Please visit [www.foxillinois.com](http://www.foxillinois.com) for the full list of items.

August 4, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 20 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that the Zika Virus is breaking out in Illinois. The Illinois Department of Public Health said there are three confirmed cases and all of three are pregnant women. There are five more possible cases being pursued.

August 8, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 40 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that Walgreens is starting a new medical disposal kiosk program to make getting rid of old prescription drugs easier. 45 Illinois locations will accept unwanted and used drugs at no cost. This includes controlled substances. Local law enforcement said this will help prevent prescription drug abuse and protect

children. Lieutenant Chris Mueller said "Anything that gets pills out of little kids' hands or people who would abuse prescription medications, anything like that to get pills off the streets and out of people's way is a good thing." Installation of the kiosks is expected to be completed this month. There will be kiosks in Champaign, Decatur and Springfield.

August 26, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 20 seconds

Stacey Skrysak reported that the Food and Drug Administration wants blood banks to screen for the Zika virus. The FDA said this would protect the nation's blood supply from spreading the disease. The FDA told two blood banks in Florida to stop collecting donations until they begin screening for the virus. Over 2,000 people have become infected with the Zika virus and the number is growing.

September 5, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m. 1 minute

Evan Peterson reported that the first case of the Zika virus in Central Illinois was reported. A Champaign woman tested positive for the virus. The Champaign-Urbana Health Department said that this is not a local transmission, but an isolated case of someone traveling to a Zika infested area where they were infected and returned with the virus.

September 10, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 21 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that Medicaid patients in Illinois with Hepatitis C now have more access to drugs that could cure the potentially fatal disease. The state's policies previously limited drug coverage to the sickest patients, or those with stage 4 liver scarring. Now, Medicaid will cover drug costs for those with stage 3 scarring. Those drugs can cost more than \$90,000 for a 12-week regimen.

September 13, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 1 minute and 10 seconds

Evan Peterson reported that with football season starting back up, health officials and disability advocates are urging people to be mindful of the dangers if head trauma. According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, 40% of traumatic brain injuries are caused by falling.

September 15, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 49 seconds

Adam Rife reported that members of Congress and the media joined voices to fight the growing opioid addiction epidemic in the United States. Lawmakers and broadcasters announced a partnership for a media strategy to bring better awareness to the issue, which includes public service announcements and news coverage. One Senator likened the effort to Nancy Reagan's 1980's "Just say no to drugs" campaign. Senator John McCain said "This is the continuation of that legacy of telling the American people about the terrible consequences of drug addiction and this new opioid problem that we are facing." Senator Joe Manchin said "It's not a democrat killer, a republican killer. It's a bipartisan killer. It's a silent killer."

September 20, 2016

**Fox News at 5:30 p.m.**

5:30 p.m.-6 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

John Reger reported that Eggo recalled about 10,000 cases of waffles after fears that some may be contaminated with Listeria. The bacteria can grow in foods like uncooked meats and vegetables, soft cheeses and unpasteurized milk. Listeria isn't very common, but it can be very dangerous. Symptoms are flu-like and can include headaches and muscle aches, fever, nausea and vomiting. The Center for Disease Control said if a person has eaten food contaminated with Listeria and does not have any symptoms then no tests or treatments are needed.

September 25, 2016

**NewsChannel at Nine**

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 20 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that Land of Lincoln Health customers only have a few days to get new health insurance plans. Illinois insurance regulators warned customers that there will be a gap in coverage if they don't have a new insurance plan by the end of the month. Land of Lincoln began shutting down in July after financial losses. 49,000 customers are losing coverage.

September 26, 2016

**Good Day Illinois**

7 a.m.-8 a.m.

Segment was 39 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that after a non-toxic chemical spill residents in Macon County are being asked to call the Sheriff's office if they notice something off about their water. The Macon County Sheriff's office said they were notified about a spill in Niantic. Authorities determined that the substance that spilled into a creek there was a chemical dye that was being flushed from a nearby natural gas terminal. The dye is used to find potential leaks in pipes. The Environmental Protection Agency and Macon County officials have determined the spill is not harmful to humans or animals.

## **Public Service Announcements**

### **Be Tobacco Free**

- Various dates and times
- **PSA** aired 35 times
- **PSA** sponsored by the Foundation For A Smoke Free America

This campaign's mission is to empower smokers to quit and to motivate youth to stay tobacco free. Viewers can visit [www.tobaccofree.org](http://www.tobaccofree.org) for more helpful tips and information.

### **Breakaway from Cancer**

- Various dates and times
- **PSA** aired 120 times
- **PSA** sponsored by Amgen

This campaign strives to increase awareness of important resources available to people affected by cancer, from prevention through survivorship. Viewers can visit [www.breakawayfromcancer.org](http://www.breakawayfromcancer.org) for information from prevention to financial assistance to survivorship.

### **Prevent Gun Violence**

- Various dates and times
- **PSA** aired 43 times
- **PSA** sponsored by the Brady Campaign and Center to Prevent Gun Violence

This campaign aims to inspire an open, national dialogue about the firearms in our communities and home and to educate Americans on the risks that come with having a firearm in the home. Everyday nine children are shot unintentionally. How safe is your home? Viewers can visit [www.talkaboutguns.org](http://www.talkaboutguns.org) for more information.

### **Save the Children**

- Various dates and times
- **PSA** aired 162 times
- **PSA** sponsored by Save the Children Federation, Inc.

This campaign is designed to encourage viewers to sponsor a child in need. "I believe in you" are just four simple words, but they can make all the difference to a child in need. Viewers can visit [www.sponsor.savethechildren.org/believe](http://www.sponsor.savethechildren.org/believe) for more information.

