

WRAM ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

April 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020

A list of some of the significant issues responded to by WRAM, Monmouth, Illinois along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues

<u>Description Of Issue</u>	<u>Program/Segment</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Narration of Type of Segment</u>
County Board	Live Interview	4/2/2020	8:20am	20 min	Warren County Board member Sean Cavanaugh says the board will be conducting their monthly meeting a little differently this month as the entire board is unable to come together due to social distancing.
Community Center	Live Interview	4/6/2020	8:20am	20 min	Director Nancy Mowen says the Jamieson Community Center Senior Nutrition program is operating normally and they are currently adding more to the home delivered meal routes a the program will be receiving additional funding
Monmouth College	Live Interview	4/8/2020	8:10am	15 min	President Dr. Clarence Wyatt says with switching to online learning at Monmouth College, students are not living on campus. A credit or rebate is in discussion for room and board, but is a complicated situation as the college is still awaiting guidance from the Department of Education on how to handle the situation. One of the greater unknowns is how will this affect student recruitment next fall,

Commodity Prices	Live Interview	4/3/2020	8:10am	20 min	University of Illinois Ag Economist Scott Irwin says farmers are faced with some tough marketing decisions as the price of commodity crops like corn and soybeans have tumbled.
Reality of COVID	Live Interview	4/9/2020	8:10am	15 min	State Representative Dan Swanson says the reality of COVID-19 has changed how we all go about our lives on a daily basis and that is no exception for state lawmakers. Through phone calls, messaging, and email he is addressing issues constituents may have, including unemployment, which is a big issue right now
Coronavirus Testing	Live Interview	4/30/2020	8:10am	15 min	Chief Medical Officer for the OSF Healthcare Western Region Dr. Cliff Martin states how an individual can get tested as more testing for coronavirus is being done and now anyone can get tested, not just those experiencing severe symptoms.
Local Field Conditions	Live Interview	5/6/2020	8:10am	10 min	Local Farmer Ron Moore reported 51 percent of corn and 23 percent of soybeans have been planted so far in the United States. In our local area field conditions have been in great condition this spring as compared to last year at this time

City of Monmouth	Live Interview	5/6/2020	8:20am	15 min	Community Engagement Director Ken Helms says the City of Monmouth receives about \$4.1 million annually in state shared revenues. With Governor Pritzker's Shelter in Place order, the city's tax revenues are severely impacted and it is unknown how long the recovery period will be for businesses. Due to the unknown, the city was forced to make major cuts to maintain financial stability
NRCS EQUIP Funds	Live interview	5/11/2020	7:30am	15 min	District Conservationist Cathy Froelich reports that with all the meat processing plants shutting down and some coming back part time, the NRCS EQUIP program is offering an Emergency Animal Mortality Program
Corn Production	Live Interview	5/21/2020	8:20am	15 min	Farm Policy Specialist Jonathan Coppess says farmers this year will produce far more corn than the nation will use. This is not a coronavirus related problem. The USDA in its first tally of how much corn it expects to be produced and consumed, raised the usage number by nearly a billion bushels, and that would still leave more than 3 billion bushels of U.S. raised corn unused.
Pre-Emergent Herbicides	Live Interview	5/27/2020	8:10am	15 min	Troy Coziahr, Manager at Bayer Crop Science says as more heat is starting to develop in the forecast, crops in the fields will greatly benefit, but that also brings the growth of weeds. Farmers were able to get into the fields early and plant and then spray a pre-emergent herbicide, which are most likely reaching the end of their useful life

Bars & Restaurants	Live Program	5/29/2020	8:20am	15 min	Community Engagement Director Ken Helms says special permits have been issued to allow businesses to temporarily use outdoor seating as Illinois moves into Phase 3 of the Governor's Restore Illinois plan
Courtrooms Open	Live Interview	6/3/2020	8:10am	20 min	Sheriff Martin Edwards says the Supreme Court ordered the courts back open again on June 1st, but access is still limited to the Warren County Courthouse
Unemployment Scams	Live Interview	6/8/2020	8:20am	15 min	Security Savings Bank Vice President Dorothy Ricketts informs a recent scam being brought to attention is related to the pandemic. As lots of people are applying for unemployment, scammers are sending in bogus unemployment requests
Dicamba Products	Live interview	6/11/2020	8:10am	15 min	Local Farmer and Past President of the Illinois Corn Growers Association Rob Elliott says a recent United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit is affecting farmers in an already tough year in agriculture.
Planting Season	Live Interview	6/12/2020	8:40am	15 min	Lindsay Mitchell, Marketing Director at Illinois Corn Growers Association, shared positive numbers on planting and emerging percentages on the 2020 planting season. 98 percent of Illinois corn is in the ground and 90 percent has emerged.

YMCA Pool	Live Interview	6/19/2020	8:20am	15 min	CEO Sam Brooks The new aquatics park across from the Warren County YMCA is 99.5% complete. COVID-19 did deliver some slowdowns to the process, but the pool itself is likely to be completed next week, weather permitting. Brooks reports they will then be waiting on the Illinois Department of Public Health's inspection
Warren County Estate Taxes	Live Interview	6/20/2020	8:20am	15 min	Finance Committee Chair Mike Pearson says both payments of the Real Estate Tax Bill in Warren County will be due in September. Due to several issues, the tax cycle had a late start
Ethanol Production	Live Interview	6/26/2020	8:10am	15 min	Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President Brian Duncan discusses two possible scenarios as to what the back side will look like in the immediate future as travel increases for the summer, gas prices have elevated causing a rebound to ethanol production after a collapse related to the pandemic and the oil price war.