

Withers Broadcasting
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Quarterly Issues/Programs List
2nd Quarter (April/May/June), 2017

Withers Broadcasting provides its listeners with programming and public service elements that address issues of concern to our local community. Among the issues determined to be of most concern during the preceding quarter were:

A) State:

-- With the fiscal year ending in June, Illinois faces a third year without a state budget. There has been little progress in Springfield, which has prompted extreme measures such as: SIU-Carbondale (the region's largest single employer) to make unprecedented staffing cuts), many school districts to consider whether they can even afford to open this fall, and the continued reduction if not elimination of many social services.

B) Local

--Continued anticipation for the total solar eclipse event in August. Carbondale is said to be the optimal viewing location for the event. The city and region is expecting 50-thousand people or more to visit, and preparations are being made to accommodate them. The eclipse should prove to be a much needed economic boost for the region.

--Crime: Continued local drug enforcement, primarily in Franklin and Jackson Counties. Carbondale has experienced an increase in shots-fired reports, possibly drug related. There has also been a sharp increase in phone scams targeting tax filers and the elderly.

--Traffic and accident reports: This is traditionally road construction season in the region, and with that comes an increased occurrence of accidents, primarily on and along Interstate 57, where a number of high-profile accidents have cost lives and injured dozens, prompting closures and creating long traffic delays and detours.

These topics were primarily addressed in newscasts, live appearances and/or promotional announcements. Additional topics of local importance were covered in studio interviews and announcements detailed herein:

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7/10/17

Date	Time	Topic	Length
4/17/17	7:20 AM	SIU associate AD Jason Fairfield to discuss SIU Appreciation Week	5:00
4/20/17	8:00AM	Carterville Fire Department to promote their balloon glow fundraising event	5:00
4/26/17	8:00AM	Illinois State Police Trooper Joey Watson discussing Distracted Driving Awareness Week in Illinois	5:00
4/27/17	8:00AM	Lindsey Barger to promote the annual Lusk Creek BBQ Cook Off and Festival, sponsored by the Pope County Historical Society	5:00
5/2/17	8:00 AM	Jack Garner to promote HerrinFesta Italiana, an annual regional music festival and weeklong celebration of Italian-American heritage.	5:00
5/9/17	8:00AM	Jack Garner to promote HerrinFesta Italiana, an annual regional music festival and weeklong celebration of Italian-American heritage. During this visit, he helped promote the fact that RIDES Mass Transit would be providing free shuttle service to and from the concert venue	5:00
5/11/17	7:50AM	Jamie Hodge, Director of Williamson County Early Childhood Cooperative, and Sheila James, Program Coordinator, issuing a call to listeners to lobby their state legislators to prevent the closure of Williamson County's Pre-K program by solving the budget crisis.	3:00
5/12/17	7:50AM	Jim Gentile talked about the addition of 100 names of war veterans on a memorial at the Colp Plaza on May 27th, including three Congressional Medal of Honor	3:00

recipients.

5/16/17	8:00AM	Jack Garner to promote HerrinFesta Italiana, an annual regional music festival and weeklong celebration of Italian-American heritage. With one week before the festival, he discussed some of the changes festival goers could expect at this year's event, as well as policies for handling severe weather	5:00
5/23/17	8:00AM	The newly-crowned Miss HerrinFesta Italiana, Jeanie Harmon paid a visit, talking about how she won the pageant, the scholarship money she won, her duties at the festival, and her future plans.	5:00
5/25/17	8:00AM	Illinois State Trooper Joey Watson stopped in to discuss the safety patrols ISP would be implementing for the Memorial Day holiday weekend, as well as some statistics regarding the sharp increase in accidents, impaired driving, and traffic fatalities during and after the holiday.	5:00
6/16/17	7:50AM	Cindy Gammill to discuss a poker run benefit a local woman, Pam Jackson, suffering from terminal lung cancer	3:00
6/17/17	7:50AM	Judy Davis from the Night's Shield Children's Shelter for neglected and abandoned youth to discuss a benefit golf scramble they were holding.	3:00

In addition, we posted additional listings of community activities and non-profit events on our websites and shared on social media, and regularly announced many of these events at our discretion during the broadcast day.