

# **Quarterly Issues & Programs Report**

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Decatur, Illinois

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The following programs were aired on the Neuhoff Media Decatur LLC radio stations. These programs were directed toward specific interests and areas of concern in Macon County, Illinois

The weekly news magazine “ISSUES & ANSWERS” airs:

Sunday mornings at 5:30am on WSOY-FM, WDZ-AM, WDZQ-FM & WCZQ-FM. On WSOY-AM, the program airs at 7:30am on Sunday mornings.

# OCTOBER

10/1/23

Paul Lidy, Director of Development & Fundraising, & Amanda Hahn, area director for Catholic Charities, joined co-hosts John West & Michael Breheny on Soy City Buzz on First Mid Monday to talk about Catholic Charities, Good Samaritan Inn, Northeast Community Fund, and Salvation Army, partnering to launch food drive "Together, We Can End Hunger: A Drive to Feed Our Community".

Dale Colee joined Byers & Co to talk about some confusion in coverage for some of their Clear Spring Health Patients, vaccination availability, and previewed Pharmacy Facts with Friends. DJ Cooper of Marquis and Kyle Karsten of the Salvation Army joined Byers & Co to talk about how Marquis' support of the Salvation Army and Good Samaritan Inn on National Coffee Day.

10/8/23

Drew Early and Dr. Ted Clark of DMH joined Byers & Co to talk about industry challenges, changes since COVID-19, and their investment and focus on serving the community.

Rikki Parker of the Children's Museum of Illinois joined co-hosts Kevin Breheny & John West to talk about the Museum's upcoming events, including the Open House and the Monster Workshop.

Dr. Sarah Kottich and Lori Kerans of Millikin University and student Aaliyah Houston joined Byers & Co to announce the Millikin Tuition Promise and Big Blue Pledge: Illinois Free Tuition Program.

10/15/23

Dr. Juanita Morris joined Byers & Co to talk about the Howard G. Buffett Foundation's positive impact on the community, and the work being done at the Civic Leadership Institute.

Nicole Bateman of the Economic Development Corporation talks about the high concentration of manufacturing jobs, companies in or moving to Decatur, and how working together is helping attract new employers.

Decatur Park District Board Commissioner Chris Harrison joined Byers and Co to talks about park projects, park maintenance, green space, and the new senior center collaboration.

10/22/23

Rachel Moran and Dr. Dana Ray of the Community Foundation joined Byers & Co to announce the recipients of the Impact100 grants totaling \$150,000.

Karen Oesch of Memorial Medical joined Byers & Co to talk about how Memorial Health System is bringing free breast exams during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Allison Shuppara-Ooton and Jody Hall of Richland Community College along with students, Monica Hawkins and Malisha Brady joined Byers & Co to talk about spring registration.

10/29/23

Johnette Mitchell, Tony Cook, and Charlotte Cook, joined co-hosts John West & Dan Martini on Soy City Buzz on First Mid Monday to talk about Apollo Cafe, as part of the Wine Down Wednesdays.

Nicole Bateman of the Economic Development Corporation talks about the area's designation as a Tech Hub and the impact it should have for business development in the region.

Jim Getz of the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center joined Byers & Co to talk about the trick-or-treating event at MCLETC and their most recent training academy class.

# NOVEMBER

11/5/23

Brett Zefowski, from the Central Cremation Center, joined co-hosts Kevin Breheny & John West on Soy City Buzz on First Mid Monday to talk about the company's upcoming Veterans Breakfast on November 8th at 9 a.m.

Debbie Bogle of the United Way joined Byers & Co to talk about holiday events, United Way campaigns, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and more.

Mary Garrison of Heritage Behavioral Health Center joined Byers & Co to talk about expansion, the stigma surrounding mental wellness, and services they offer

11/12/23

Jerry Johnson and Hannah Lyons of the Decatur Area Arts Council talk about the schedule of events and attractions scheduled for Downtown Decatur this holiday season.

Natalie Beck of the Community Foundation, along with Kris Lutt, CFMC Board Chair, joined Byers & Co to preview Community Foundation Week Nov. 12-18.

Shelby Baum of Millikin University joined Byers & Co to talk about Fall Campus Visit Day, making higher education accessible, and campus life.

11/19/23

Elizabeth Merrill of the Symphony Orchestra Guild joined Byers & Co to talk about their upcoming Hollywood Holiday Gala event on December 1st.

Rachel Moran of the Community Foundation and Darsonya Switzer of Dove Inc. joined Byers & Co to talk about how the foundation's Community Wish List helps organizations like Dove, their annual coat drive, distributing resources to people without housing, and the seasonal rise of domestic violence.

Julie Bilbrey of the DMH Foundation joined Byers & Co to talk about the hospital foundation's holiday campaign.

11/26/23

Matthew Flaten of Millikin University and student-athletes Aly Barnes and Kendall Rossignol joined Byers & Co to talk about their triathlon team and how the Backpack Attack program continues to help local students in the community.

Natalie Beck of the Community Foundation and Tony Nestler of Hickory Point Bank joined Byers & Co to talk about Tony's service on the foundation's board and how the bank is invested in the community in a variety of ways including service.

Johnette Mitchell, Corey Walker, Tammy Fuller, and young entrepreneurs Brylan Hodge, Jemiah Jones, & Nilah Gauss joined co-hosts Kevin Breheny & John West on Soy City Buzz on First Mid Monday to talk about "The Young Boss Program" at the Black Chamber of Commerce.

# DECEMBER

12/3/23

Neuhoff CEO Mike Hulvey joined Byers & Co to talk about accepting a dream position at the RAB, his time with Neuhoff, and the importance of engaging young people interested in the industry.

Jennifer Detmers of Eisenhower High School, EHS student Jake Leveck, and Kathy Horath of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District talk about how DPS61 and area schools are accommodating visually impaired students like Jake, and Jake discusses his ambitions towards a career in broadcasting or marketing.

Julie Melton and Tara Mata of Richland Community College joined Byers & Co to discuss their foundation's purpose, the impact of scholarships, and the Howard Brown Society.

12/10/23

Amber Kaylor of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois joined Byers & Co this morning to talk about how they make holidays special at the house, providing services in multiple languages, and engaging ways that people can support their organization.

DPS61 Safety & Security Administrator Valdimir Talley talks about efforts they have been making to make schools more secure, their advancements in technology, their wish list, and two of their own recognized as "Security Officers Who Made a Difference" by the Illinois Security Professionals Association for an incident they handled earlier in the year.

Volunteer and Bereavement Coordinator Abbey Britton of Memorial Home Hospice joined Byers & Co to talk about grief around the holidays and their support group.

12/17/23

David Lane, from the Boy Scouts of America, joined co-hosts John West & Jack Vance on Soy City Buzz on First Mid Monday to talk about an upcoming event that will be held at the Children's Museum.

Major Randall Summit from the Salvation Army joined co-hosts John West & Jack Vance on Soy City Buzz on First Mid Monday to give an update on bell ringing, Cold Cots, and the food pantry during this holiday season.

Karla Miller of Hickory Point Bank joined Byers & Co to launch this year's Jingle Bucks with Hickory Point Bank!

12/24/23

Tanya Andricks of Crossing Healthcare joined Byers & Co to talk about seasonal illnesses, and what they are seeing at Crossing Healthcare.

Krystle Tempel, Tracy Preston-Kent, and Clifton Ulbricht of Richland Community College joined Byers & Co to talk about adult education programs including GED and English as a second language classes.

Debbie Bogle of the United Way joined Byers & Co to talk about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, the United Way of Illinois, entertainment, and the holidays.

12/31/23

City manager Scot Wrighton joined guest host Kevin Breheny on Byers & Co to talk about economic development, industrial transformations, services, quality of life, and Lake Decatur. Chief Shane Brandel of the Decatur Police Department joined guest host Kevin Breheny on Byers & Co to talk about their four pillars of success, being a father, and the importance of communication in his role.

Clay Gerhard of the Decatur Park District joined guest host Kevin Breheny on Byers & Co to talk about the success of Trees on the Tees, utilizing the DISC in new ways, golf, and events in 2024 celebrating their 100th anniversary.