

WJEZ COMMUNITY FORUM

4th Quarter 2020

COMMUNITY FORUM GUESTS—OCTOBER 2020

DATE	GUEST	SUBJECT
10/2/20	State's Attorney Randy Yedinak	Randy Yedinak shares anecdotes about strange things that happen in courtrooms.
10/5/20	OSF St. James-John W. Albrecht Medical Center	Matt Janus from OSF St. James talks about stressors and how to deal with them
10/6/20	Deb Howard, United Way of Livingston County	Howard talks about the damage done by the COVID-19 pandemic
10/7/20	The Livingston County Humane Society	Lydia Ward from the Humane Society talks about the pet of the week and about the kind of support the shelter needs.
10/8/20	Operation Snow Flurry	Operation Snow Flurry coordinator Christine McMillion talks about how her event is taking place with minimal contact.
10/9/20	Pontiac Parks and Recreation	Director Taylor Baxter talks about wintertime planning for parks and rec.
10/12/20	Livingston County Health Department	Erin Fogarty reminds communities that health department programs are still operating in spite of COVID-19.

10/13/20	Heartland Community College	Director of Public Information Steve Fast talks about a cyber attack that temporarily halted operations at HCC
10/14/20	Pontiac Public Library	Kristin Holzhauser, Director of the Pontiac Public Library, talks about keeping Halloween safe in the age of COVID-19.
10/15/20	The Chenoa Fall Festival	Gary Fever, Organizer of the Chenoa Fall Festival, talks about the inaugural event.
10/16/20	Pontiac Township High School	Jon Kilgore, Superintendent of Pontiac's District 90, talks about how the semester is going and what the plans are for the future.
10/19/20	The Regional Superintendent	Mark Jontry talks with Todd Wineburner about school administrators and what they're doing about the future of their schools.
10/20/20	The St. Louis District Dairy Council	Monica Nyman from the St. Louis District Dairy Council talks about the Farm to School Program

10/21/20	City of Pontiac	Pontiac Mayor Bill Alvey talks about initiatives that will bring some additions to public life in Pontiac.
10/22/20	Pontiac District 429	Superintendent Brian Dukes talks about constant adjustment needed to cope with COVID-19 compliance
10/23/20	State Senator Jason Barickman	Barickman talks about Governor J.B. Pritzker's proposed tax amendment and about a Supreme Court retention question.
10/26/20	Social Security	Jack Myers from the Social Security Administration talks about full retirement age and what that really means.
10/27/20	The Boys and Girls Club	Jodi Martin, CEO of the club, talks about how the role of the club has expanded in the age of COVID-19
10/28/20	Free Veteran's Brunch	The organizers of a free brunch for veterans at the Pontiac Elks talk to Todd Wineburner about what the plan is and why they're doing it.

10/29/20	The Trans-Siberian Orchestra	Al Pitrelli, Lead guitarist and musical director for Trans-Siberian Orchestra talks about 2020's streaming event for the holiday season.
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COMMUNITY FORUM—NOVEMBER 2020

11/02/20	OSF St. James-John W. Albrecht Medical Center	Matt Janus talks about the importance of respiratory health
11/03/20	The United Way of Livingston County	Deb Howard talks about the needs in the county and about the new campaign.
11/04/20	The Livingston County Humane Society	Lydia Ward talks with Todd Wineburner about the Pet of the Week and about new procedures for safety.
11/05/20	The Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce	Director Cathi Coppinger talks about new businesses in the community and about the holidays
11/06/20	The Livingston County State's Attorney	Avid Hunter Randy Yedinak talks about hunting laws and necessary permits for the season.
11/09/20	The Livingston County Health Department	Erin Fogarty, Health Education and Marketing Director, talks about keeping holiday gatherings safe.

11/10/20	Heartland Community College	Steve Fast, Director of Public Information, talks about the upcoming break and the upcoming semester at Heartland
11/11/20	Pontiac Public Library	Director Kristin Holzauer talks about making the library more accessible while keeping it safe for patrons.
11/12/20	IHR	Joe Vaughan, Executive Director of Pontiac's IHR, says there are special stressors at work in 2020.
11/13/20	Pontiac Parks and Recreation	Taylor Baxter, Director of Pontiac Parks and Recreation, talks about holiday events for the area, including a drive-thru Light-Up Parade.
11/16/20	The Regional Superintendent	Mark Jontry talks about the constant uncertainty imposed by the pandemic
11/17/20	Oscar Gorbett and Dustin Smith	MDA fundraiser Oscar Gorbett talks with Todd Wineburner about another record-breaking year raising funds. Dustin Smith joins him to talk about how the money will be spent.

11/18/20	The Livingston County Humane Society	Lydia Ward talks about Ruger—a hound dog who needs a good home.
11/19/20	The City of Pontiac	Mayor Bill Alvey talks with Todd Wineburner about holiday plans for the city.
11/20/20	Pontiac District 90	Jon Kilgore, PTHS Superintendent, talks about how COVID-19 might be changing how education happens in the years to come.
11/23/20	The Boys and Girls Club	CEO Jodi Martin talks about the way the club has added services to compensate for services that aren't available during the pandemic.
11/24/20	The St. Louis District Dairy Council	Monica Nyman talks about comfort food and why it's important during the holiday season
11/25/20	Pontiac District 429	Brian Dukes talks about maintaining safety and trying to get successfully to the end of the 2020 school year.
11/30/20	State Senator Jason Barickman	Barickman talks about Mike Madian's woes.

COMMUNITY FORUM—DECEMBER 2020

12/1/20	The United Way of Livingston County	Executive Director Deb Howard talks about the ongoing campaign.
12/2/20	The Livingston County Humane Society	Lydia Ward talks about Reny, the Pet of the Week. She also talks about what to do to apply for pet adoption.
12/3/20	The Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce	Director Cathi Coppinger talks about Chamber Gift Certificates.
12/4/20	The Livingston County State’s Attorney	Randy Yedinak talks about porch pirates— who they are and what can be done.
12/7/20	OSF St. James-John W. Albrecht Medical Center	Wellness Director Matt Janus talks about avoiding common wintertime accidents and mishaps
12/8/20	Heartland Community College	Public Information Director Steve Fast says the college has systems in place that are working and they’re looking forward to the new year.
12/9/20	The Pontiac Public Library	Director Kristin Holzhauer talks about the services that are still available at the library

12/10/20	IHR	Executive Director Joe Vaughan talks about 2021 and the importance of keeping hopes and expectations under control
12/11/20	Pontiac Parks and Recreation	Director Taylor Baxter talks about the imminent opening of the ice rink in downtown Pontiac and about the Grinch making personal appearances
12/14/20	The Livingston County Health Department	Health Education and Marketing Director Erin Fogarty talks about remaining on-guard against infection
12/15/20	The Salvation Army in Fairbury	Teri Wenger from the Fairbury Salvation Army talks about the red kettle campaign
12/16/20	The Livingston County Humane Society	Lydia Ward talks about a kitten named Nesryn.
12/17/20	The City of Pontiac	Mayor Bill Alvey talks about leaving 2020 behind and about things to look forward to in 2021.
12/18/20	Pontiac District 90	Jon Kilgore, Superintendent of Pontiac's District 90, talks about what the school district is seeing as it looks to the future.

12/21/20	The Regional Superintendent	Mark Jontry talks about the plans educational leaders are making as 2020 ends.
12/22/20	Social Security	Jack Myers talks about when benefit payments will arrive during the holidays
12/23/20	State Senator Jason Barickman	Jason Barickman says J.B. Pritzker has gone too far with executive orders
12/24/20	Pontiac District 429	Brian Dukes, Superintendent of Pontiac's District 429, talks about plans for a testing site on school property
12/28/20	The Boys and Girls Club	CEO Jodi Martin talks about how the Boys and Girls Club is ready for 2021
12/29/20	The St. Louis District Dairy Council	Monica Nyman from the Dairy Council talks with Todd Wineburner about cooking at home and how it can be a very good thing.
12/30/20	State Senator Jason Barickman	Part 2 of the senator's thoughts on the governor's reliance on executive orders