



WRSP
Local Issues/Programs List
3rd Quarter 2015

WRSP'S programs and public service announcements provided information about the following issues of importance to the community during the 3rd Quarter of 2015:

- **Children's Oral Health**
- **Crime/Court**
- **Diversity and Inclusion**
- **Economy**
- **Education**
- **Food Safety Education**
- **Government**
- **Hunger Prevention**

Programs that provided coverage of these community issues:

Good Day Illinois—airs Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

WRSP airs a local morning newscast five 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 2015 are listed in this report.

TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY

FOX Scene Springfield Aired various dates and times

The Dana Thomas House hosted a 'Jazz in Bloom' cocktail event fundraiser on July 25, 2015 from 6-9 p.m. The event had a silent auction, as well as a live auction. The proceeds went back to the Dana Thomas House to support their efforts to provide education on Frank Lloyd Wright, who was the architect of the Dana Thomas House, as well as the Dana Thomas House itself.

A walk to end Alzheimer's was held at Southwind Park on September 19, 2015. Proceeds will be used to help support research Alzheimer's research.

The 15th Annual Denim & Diamonds fundraiser will be held on October 3, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. The event is sponsored by Memorial Medical Center and Simmons Cancer Institute. All proceeds will go to Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU to benefit patient care and cancer research locally in our region. Some items at the silent auction include a Labrador puppy and a week-long trip to Hawaii.

Crime and Court

July 7, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that Cass County officials are searching for a teenager whom they are calling an "endangered missing person." Authorities are looking for 16-year-old Mary Budrick. She was last seen by her mother at 6 a.m. the morning of July 7th. When her mother returned home at 10 a.m., Budrick and a blue 1993 Mazda convertible were missing. The license plate number is V23 7142. Investigators said 45-year-old Russell Wade is a suspect, and believe the two may be heading to Idaho.

July 13, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 29 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that the Macon County Sheriff's Department is investigating a robbery at a restaurant in Forsyth. The robbery occurred on July 11th at the Cheddar's off of Route 51. The manager of the restaurant was closing the business

when two men wearing ski masks entered and forced the witness into his office. Police said they then took an undisclosed amount of cash. After the two men left, the manager called 911 to report the crime.

August 3, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that a teenager is behind bars after police said he fired a gun on the city's east side. 18-year-old Marquise Stennis fired the gun on the night of August 2, 2015. No injuries were reported, and no reason has been given for why the gun was fired. Police also arrested a 15-year-old boy who illegally had a gun, though he did not fire it.

August 6, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 1 minute and 15 seconds

Adam Rife reported that Mississippi police arrested 61-year-old Alfred Baria for allegedly firing at training soldiers from his car in multiple incidents. Baria was charged with disturbing the peace and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon. He was pulled over on August 5, 2015 following reports of gunfire at the camp. The Perry County Sheriff said no weapons were found in the man's truck; however, two were found in his home. Camp officials said they have closed off some of their gates to the base, limiting the way people can enter and leave. The Sheriff's Department said Baria has not admitted to opening fire at Camp Shelby, claiming the sounds were his car backfiring.

August 9, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 20 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that a Decatur man is in the hospital after being shot. The incident occurred in the 800 block of East Prairie Street in Decatur. Law Enforcement said the alleged shooting was not a random act. They believe the victim knew the suspect. The victim has life-threatening injuries. The incident is still being investigated.

August 14, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that a conference has been set to discuss a possible leak of sealed documents related to former congressman Aaron Schock. Prosecutors alerted a U.S. District judge about media reports published on August 10, 2015, that appeared to be based on documents that weren't public until August 11, 2015. Prosecutors claim they told the judge that they did not provide any documents to the media. A spokesperson for Schock's legal team said they did not leak any documents

either. Schock is under investigation for his use of taxpayer money to fund his campaign.

August 18, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 23 seconds

Adam Rife reported that a Suburban Chicago Police Department has settled lawsuits over its mishandling of rape investigations. Seven women filed lawsuits against Harvey's Police Department and their former police chief claiming their failure to submit rape kits for testing violated their constitutional rights to due process and equal protection. Not all of the settlement figures were released, but one victim received \$1.2 million dollars.

August 24, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that a registered sex offender is in custody on a felony charge after police said he was loitering near North school and the Taylorville Junior High on August 21, 2015. 34-year-old James Krouse of Pana was charged with being in a school zone and possession of drug paraphernalia.

August 25, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that Springfield Police are investigating a stabbing that happened on August 24 2015 on the city's north end. It happened in the 3500 block of North Dirksen Parkway. Police said a 37-year-old male suspect went to his girlfriend's husband's house. Once there, his roommate and the suspect got into an altercation. During the incident, the roommate was stabbed in his left shoulder with a knife. He was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries and underwent surgery. The suspect left the scene and has not been located.

September 8, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 45 seconds

Evan Peterson reported that according to reports, 25-year old Dahlia Yehia was killed last month by a teacher who was working in the area. The teacher, Narayan Paudel, according to local police, confessed to beating the woman to death and putting her body in a sack and dumping it in a nearby river. The two, according to reports, met through a website that pairs vacationers with renters. The attack happened on August 4th. After she appeared missing, friends and family contacted the U.S. Embassy in

Nepal and an investigation was launched. As of now, Paudel, who again confessed to the killing, is in police custody. Her body still has not been found.

September 11, 2015
NewsChannel at Nine
9 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Segment was 25 seconds

Brendan Fullerton reported about a shooting in Jacksonville. Police said one man is dead and the shooter is still on the loose. Witnesses said there may have been some sort of argument between the suspect and victim. Police said the victim was shot multiple times at point-blank range. The man shot was later pronounced dead. Police are still searching for the shooter, as their own parking lot has become an active crime scene.

September 14, 2015
NewsChannel at Nine
9 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Segment was 25 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that a 24-year old man is out on bond after he was accused of leaving a deadly accident in Christian County. Alexander Rickman made his first court appearance. Investigators said he was the one who hit and killed 22-year old Devun Rohdemann with his car on Route 48 in October of 2014.

September 15, 2015
NewsChannel at Nine
9 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Segment was 25 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that recent shooting deaths across the country have prompted Tacoma, Washington officials to push for a unique way to stop gun violence. Tacoma councilwoman Victoria Woodards came up with the plan that allows the city to create an anonymous gun drop off program. The drop box would work like a bank deposit where anyone could leave a gun at a police station or other approved location. Woodards' passion for safety grew after a shooting death two years ago.

September 16, 2015
NewsChannel at Nine
9 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Segment was 25 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that 51-year old Sherrie Dirks, the Athens woman accused of murdering her husband, made her first court appearance. Dirks is charged with first degree murder. She's being held in Menard County jail on a 1 million dollar bond. Investigators said Dirks shot and killed her husband, 53-year old Al Dirks. The motive for the shooting has not been released yet.

September 17, 2015
NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that a 19-year old Champaign man is recovering after being stabbed near his home. Trevor Ruggles jumped into action after finding three men hiding in his neighbor's yard. Ruggles said he was stabbed in the arms and chest.

September 25, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that former Illinois State Representative Derrick Smith was sentenced to five months in prison for pocketing a seven-thousand dollar bribe. Smith asked for a delay in his surrender to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. Defense Attorney Michelle Jacobs argued in a motion filed on September 24th that she expects Smith to win either a new trial or a reduced sentence on appeal, but that process might not end before Smith heads to prison. Smith's sentence was less than the five years prosecutors sought.

Economy

July 6, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 2 minutes and 25 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that now that diplomatic relations with Cuba is being reestablished; experts said there is enormous potential for the United States Agriculture sector. President Obama announced the Cuban and U.S. Embassies in Washington D.C. are Havana will reopen. Illinois Farmers and manufacturers are joining in on the celebration. The United States flag will once again fly over the U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba.

Experts said this step forward is restoring ties holds great potential for increasing agriculture exports to Cuba.

John Hill, Vice-President of Egrain said "With Cuba, if they could start importing more commodities a lot easier, that could make them one of the larger importers of U.S grains."

Recently, President Obama took Cuba off the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism. Mark Albertson, Director of Strategic Market Development for the Illinois Soybean Association, said "That was very significant for us because that allows U.S banks the freedom to be able to work with Cuba when it comes to handling transactions for our ag exports." But Albertson also said there is still more to be done. Trade restrictions imposed by the United States government in 1960 make exporting agriculture products to Cuba difficult. Once the embargo is eliminated, experts said Cuba would have the potential to buy around 1.2 billion dollars' worth of ag products from the U.S.

July 22, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 2 minutes and 16 seconds

Brett Baldeck reported that a truck driver shortage continues nationwide, including right here in Central Illinois. A proposed change to federal law could put thousands of new drivers on the road. Money, time and safety are some of the keys to truck driving. The faster you can get a product to its destination, the cheaper it costs. That has been a struggle with the recent driver shortage. Now, much younger drivers may get their turn behind the wheel. Truck driving has an all new generation hitting the road. 20 to 30 drivers under the age of 21 enroll in the truck driver training program at Lincoln Land Community College every year. When they finally get their opportunity on the open road, federal law prevents them from driving across state lines. Now, change may finally come to that regulation. Federal lawmakers have introduced a proposal that would allow states to drop the age limit. This means every truck driver could cross state lines. Currently, around 200,000 truck driving jobs are open nationwide. If the proposal is approved, trucking companies could have thousands of first time applicants.

August 4, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 51seconds

Brendan Cullerton reported that Convey Health Solutions said they will move a call center to Decatur and they want to hire at least 300 employees by the end of month and 500 by the end of the year. Decatur's head economic development group said there is a chance for Decatur to prove the city is a good place to go.

August 6 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment 50 seconds

Eric Feldman reported that Springfield is on the road to economic recovery, but the city needs to be cautious moving forward. Springfield budget director Bill McCarty presented his quarterly outlook for the city's corporate fund, which represents city services, not the fall budget of the city. McCarty said the city is growing, and stabilizing financially, with a safety net of about 16-million dollars, which could help in case of unexpected costs.

August 7, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment 45 seconds

Brendan Cullerton reported that the U.S. Labor Department announced that the nation's employers added more than 200,000 jobs last month, which is average for national job growth this year. The Springfield job market is not performing as well.

Springfield Chamber of Commerce leaders said for the most part, the capital city is neither adding nor losing many jobs. Josh Colins said that's because gains in healthcare jobs are being offset by losses in government jobs. Colins said "our two biggest industries are traditionally the most stable industry there is—government and healthcare. I think being in the state capital, right now you've got a little bit of uncertainty going on in Springfield."

August 10, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 29 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that resident in Sherman could be paying a little more for certain goods. Officials in the village of Sherman are proposing a 1% sales tax to spur development on a long-fallow plot near the Rail golf course. The village will have a public hearing on the matter on August 18, 2015. The tax increase would be added to the current base sales tax of 6.75%.

August 18, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 33 seconds

Adam Rife reported that the ongoing budget battle is bad news for a decades-old program designed to help business development. Enterprise zones provide sales tax breaks and other financial incentives for businesses in return for creating and maintaining a specific number of jobs. For now the renewal and establishment of these zones is on hold as the state budget battle continues. Sangamon County administrator Brian McFadden said the move should not have an immediate impact on many cities. The existing city enterprise zone in the city of Springfield and Sangamon County is set to expire July 1, 2016.

August 26, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 1 minute and 28 seconds

Eric Feldman reported that this year's Illinois State Fair took a hit in attendance. New numbers showed that visitors to this year's fair dropped by more than 50%. Approximately 411,000 people attended this year's fair versus approximately 845,000 last year. The biggest day came on the first Saturday with more than 70,000 attendees and those numbers dropped to as low as around 23,000 during the week; however, the fair did bring in more than a million dollars in revenue, which is only slightly below what the fair made last year. Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder said that he believes the price and the start date played a role in the drop in numbers. Langfelder said the \$7 admission fee could have been expensive, especially for families. State Fair Manager Patrick Buchen provided a statement saying "We are very proud of the Illinois State Fair and what we were able to present to fairgoers. We have put together a methodology

that is tried and true by event industry professionals nationwide because vendors, sponsors and Illinois taxpayers deserve an accurate depiction of who attended the fair."

August 30, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that the fear that gripped financial markets this month is a stark one. Dow Jones industrial average has lost nearly 1,000 points since China's surprise move to devalue its currency on August 11, 2015. Congressman Rodney Davis said the issues with United States and Chinese currency are being discussed in Washington. He said that he's glad congress passed a trade bill that he believes will encourage American manufacturers to trade in the open market. Davis said he plans to work with financial experts to help come up with a solution for stabilizing the stock market. He believes this issue will be on top of congress' agenda when they return to Washington after Labor Day.

September 11, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 29 seconds

Adam Rife reported that the University of Illinois's top financial officer said the state budget battle means the school won't be able to put together a budget for the upcoming school year anytime soon. U of I Comptroller Walter Knorr told trustees that the University of Illinois will operate under the continuing state appropriation it has been receiving since the new fiscal year started in July. Knorr said Illinois Comptroller Leslie Munger isn't processing bills from the University. That money is primarily payroll and currently stands at \$160 million dollars.

September 21, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 28 seconds

Adam Rife reported that prices at the pump are holding steady across the country at under \$3 per gallon. According to gasbuddy.com, the average price of gas is ringing in at \$2.29 per gallon. Prices are down 35 cents from this time last month and down \$1.10 from this time last year. The average price of gas in Illinois is currently above the national average.

September 29, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 29 seconds

Adam Rife reported that new chip-embedded credit cards are being sent out by banks. With the new security feature cards, small business owners are preparing by switching their credit card machines. You will still have the swipe option, but new

machines will allow you to insert your card so the chip can be used. Business owners who don't update their technology will be putting themselves at risk. If a fraudulent charge is made using an old machine, merchant's will be responsible for repayment.

Education

July 15, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 14 seconds

Adam Rife reported that the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is hosting a backpack drive. One backpack gets you one free admission. All of the backpacks will be given to low-income students in District 186. They will be distributed on August 10th.

August 3, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 1 minutes and 30 seconds

Brett Baldeck reported that the battle at the state house could affect public schools and those looking for secondary education. District 186 has a program at the Lawrence Education Center for high school drop-outs over the age of 16 would want to earn their high school degree. The program is funded through the Illinois Community College board at more than \$500,000 each year. Superintendent Jennifer Gill said that because of cuts to higher education and no state budget, funding for the program could be cut. Gill said they are waiting on numbers for how much state grant money they will receive, but she doesn't believe the program will have to be shut down. Enrollment in the program ranges from year to year, but there are nine employees. Gill said that no matter what happens, the district remains committed. There are other learning opportunities at Lawrence Education Center that will not be impacted by a loss of state funding.

August 7, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 1 minutes and 4 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that the state budget is at a crisis and the state map grants are no different. The budget impasse is causing an alarming trend for students, who are looking to receive grant money to offset the cost of higher education. More and more Illinois students are missing out on non-repayable funds, which are based on financial need. Media reports said the effects of last year's budget cuts had students seeing \$4,700 less in financial aid in the 2014-2015 academic year. Many students and families rely on map grants as a way to escape interest bearing loans.

August 12, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 28 seconds

Adam Rife reported that the University of Illinois board of trustees will vote on whether or not outgoing Chancellor Phyllis Wise will receive a \$400,000 bonus. Wise announced that she was resigning last week because of controversy surrounding her and other administrators' use of private email accounts to conduct university business. Governor Rauner said that the board of trustees should not give Wise her bonus. The Governor is responsible for appointing trustees to the board.

August 13, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 50 seconds

Michelle London reported that parents who do not want their children vaccinated will still need to pay the doctor for a visit. A new law approved means parents who don't immunize their child will need a health care provider's signature confirming they have been told of the risks. Supporters hope the new law will lower the number of religious exemptions, which experts say have doubled in recent years. That state Department of Public Health said it has recommended all parents to vaccinate their children since 2009.

August 18, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 1 minutes and 57 seconds

Brett Baldeck reported that outside of any school in district 186, you will find plenty of security measures, including cameras, locked doors, and beginning next week, a full time Springfield police officer at every high school. Previously, the district used off-duty officers, but they weren't in schools full-time. The new, full-time strategy will cost district 186 \$228,000. Board members unanimously agreed, but some want to see changes during the next contract with the city because district 186 is paying 80% of the bill, while the city pays 20%. Jennifer Gill, district 186 Superintendent, said "there was at one point talk about it being a 50/50 split, or a kind of donation back to the school with our previous mayor." Middle school students will still have additional security from off-duty police officers. Superintendent Jennifer Gill doesn't expect they will have an issue with shifts being missed because more officers will be available since the high school is handled by on-duty officers.

August 31, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 1 minute and 45 seconds

Evan Peterson reported a partnership between Dubois Elementary School and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. The fraternity partnered with the school to provide a mentoring program. Alpha Phi Alpha has a track record in the Springfield community of

giving back to those in need. During the program, mentors will help students improve their academic standings with the school and also help them work on developing professional skills—something school officials said isn't just taught in the classroom. The mentoring program will seek students from all grade levels. Each mentor will have one or two students they are responsible for. The fraternity will be participating in school events where all students are invited so everyone can see and learn from the mentors.

September 5, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 26 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that collections from libraries across Illinois will soon be added to the nation's online library. Secretary of State Jesse White, who's also the State Librarian, announced this week that the Illinois State Library will become a service hub for the digital public library of America. The digital library was launched in 2013 and includes almost 11 million books. White said putting items online will ensure future generations will have more convenient access to Illinois' rich history.

September 8, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 35 seconds

Brett Baldeck reported that 376 District 186 students will not be able to attend school unless they turn in their immunization forms. This is the second year that on the 10th day of school, physicals and immunizations is due. The district hosted 8 free clinics this year for students, and around 400 took advantage of the opportunity. Apparently, that wasn't enough, as 200 more students than last year are now being forced to miss class.

September 12, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 26 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that kids and parents received hand on learning and had fun doing it. The Children's Health and Safety fair held at Glenwood Intermediate School in Chatham gave kids a chance to touch a truck and enjoy other fun activities. Fire trucks, semi's, and police cars were all on site for families to explore, along with a helicopter, K-9 demonstrations and a balloon artist. Senator Sam McCann hosted the free event and said he enjoyed meeting all the families.

September 16, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 42 seconds

Adam Rife reported that the White House set up a new website you can use to see a University's annual cost, graduation rate and average starting salary for graduates. According to the site, students at University of Illinois at Springfield save almost six-thousand dollars per year compared to other schools. The graduation rate is just above the national average and the average starting salary of graduates is seven-thousand dollars higher compared to the national average.

September 22, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 30 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that an internal investigation into allegations of racism in the University of Illinois women's basketball team cost six-hundred-fifty thousand dollars. A spokesperson said the money to pay the firm will come from the athletic department's general operating expenses fund. The investigation took two months to put together and concluded a 226 page report. The firm determined the allegations were unfounded and cleared coach Matt Bollant and the school of any wrongdoing. Athletic Director Mike Thomas said the investigation was critically important and many students agreed.

Government

July 4, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 1 minute and 1 second

Eric Feldman reported that a new poll suggests Senator Mark Kirk could be in trouble early on in the race for his Senate seat in 2016. A poll conducted by Ogden and Fry, a Chicago based polling firm, has Kirk down about 16 points to challenger Tammy Duckworth. Duckworth had 43% support in the poll, while Kirk had just over 27%, with almost 30% of voters still undecided. A political science expert said the poll is good news for Duckworth.

July 21, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 14 seconds

Jordan Abudayyeh reported that it has been 21 days since we are without a state budget. When lawmakers met on July 20th, they tackled a different topic: compensation packages at community colleges. After a suburban community college gave their disgraced President a severance package worth over 700 thousand dollars, lawmakers are now looking into way to make sure taxpayer money is being spent responsibly. Right now, their main argument is that the elected board of trustees that run colleges should be required to receive better training. Senator Dan Kotowski, from Park Ridge, said "I'm kind of confused by the concept that some board members who are in elected positions may not be familiar or may not have gone through any kind of internal, at the

minimum internal, orientation that's provided by the University, or I'm sorry the Community College."

August 5, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 1 minute and 5 seconds

Jordan Abudayyeh reported that the budget impasse is becoming more apparent with layoff notices being issued. Governor Bruce Rauner said they are happening because the Democrats passed an out-of-balance budget and he has to manage in in the way he can. While the budget battle continues, the Governor also locked in another fight with AFSCME over a new contract. The two parties have agreed twice to extend negotiations. Rauner said "So far AFCSME has demanded a very big pay hike, pension benefits, health improvements, tough work rules and they have not made any concessions. They've kind of just said we've told you what we want; we're not going to talk further about it. We've made very little—really no progress—and we've compromised off our initial proposals." Lawmakers considered an override of the Governor's veto of a bill that would hand over negotiations to a private arbitrator. The Governor warned the bill would cost taxpayers more money by taking away negotiating powers.

August 5, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment 50 seconds

Eric Feldman reported that all of the Springfield Economic Development's commission members passed quickly, until the last one, Michael Pittman. Treasurer Misty Buscher said that Pittman owes the city of Springfield more than seven-thousand dollars in fines. The city council rejected a motion to table a decision on Pittman's appointment to the committee and then a debate ensued. City attorney Jim Zerkle said the city and Pittman came up with an agreement with \$200 per month payments and \$1,000 up front. A verbal agreement was ironed out by the city attorney and Pittman. City officials will continue to check to see how much Pittman owes the city.

August 13, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 1 minute and 7 seconds

Jenn Sullivan reported that the Springfield Economic Development's commission, who owes the city of Springfield thousands of dollars, has been voted in as their chair. Michael Pittman was voted in a 4 to 3 vote. Pittman owes the city more than \$7,000 in fines, many of which are for not properly maintaining his properties. Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder said "I think it's just a vote of confidence with his past experience, dealing not only with residential, but also develop property. He's done both from the ground up as well as rehabilitation, so he's done both sides of it."

August 13, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 55 seconds

Jordan Abudeyyeh reported that State Representative Raymond Poe announced that he will seek term in the house in 2016. The Springfield Republican has battled a blood disease, but said that he's feeling better and stronger every day. Poe said he's not worried about Governor Rauner's influence on the election. He said he's always taken votes with his district in mind. The Representative also said a big goal convinced him he needed to run again. He said "You always got a few of those things that you don't get done and one of them is the pensions. I'm quite concerned about state employee pensions to make sure we get that fixed. We're working on that and I want to make sure time will pass and we get something like that done."

August 19, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 22 seconds

Stacy Skrysak reported that state senators will be back at the capitol to consider overriding some of the Governor's vetoes. Senate President John Cullerton said they will discuss overriding a measure that would block public-employee strikes and management lockouts.

August 21, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Adam Rife reported that a federal court monitor said Governor Bruce Rauner's administration if not fully cooperating with her review of state hiring. The investigator said the Illinois Department of Transportation has failed to tell her about planned political hires and that led to at least one improper hiring in the department. Rauner's office responded by saying it's working to "clean up the mess we inherited." All of this comes from abuses in political hiring discovered under the Pat Quinn administration.

September 1, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 24 seconds

Jordan Abudeyyeh reported that a bill that changes the way companies apply for air permits in the state is now a law. Governor Rauner signed the legislation that the business community said will help them attract business to the state. At the same time, the environmental community also supports the new law. Companies who need permits from the EPA can now get them through the state instead of going through the lengthy federal process.

September 2, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 24 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that the budget impasse is affecting the LI-HEAP (low income home assistance program), which is a program that helps residents pay to heat their homes. Appointments are now being pushed back 30 days. The program was supposed to start granting assistance in September, but now they have to wait until October. Officials at the Sangamon County Department of Community Resources said that they have lost some funding.

September 5, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 27 seconds

Lindsey Hess reported that the Land of Lincoln is receiving a federal grant to fight the prescription drug overdose epidemic. The Center for Disease Control named Illinois as one of the 16 recipients of its four-year federal grant program. The money is meant to enhance prescription drug monitoring and improve prescribing practices, start prevention efforts and begin rapid response projects. The program also increases surveillance and evaluation to understand and respond to heroin overdose deaths.

September 9, 2015

NewsChannel at Nine

9 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Segment was 25 seconds

Maggie Poteau reported that nearly three-hundred thousand Illinois residents signed up and paid for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. The report is the first update since June. The enrollment figures cover the period through June 30th.

September 14, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 32 seconds

Adam Rife reported that newly-elected Congressman Darin LaHood will resign from his position in the state senate and assume office as the new U.S. Representative for the 18th Congressional District today. That seat was previously held by Aaron Schock, who resigned after questions about campaign spending. LaHood beat high school teacher Rob Mellon for the seat.

September 15, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 32 seconds

Adam Rife reported that the State of Illinois is on day 77 without a budget, and now the crisis is starting to affect state worker's dental insurance. Springfield dentist Dr.

Joshua Renken said he recently received notice that the State of Illinois' insurance plan was going to stop processing payments for dental offices. Dr. Renken said he's used to working with the state. He said their payments are usually late, but they've never stopped them completely. State workers who see out of network dentists will have to pay for their services, without knowing when they could see reimbursement checks.

September 24, 2015

Good Day Illinois

7 a.m.-9 a.m.

Segment was 31 seconds

Akilah Davis reported that the Pope's historic visit still has Washington D.C. buzzing with excitement, with some people standing outside and waiting for hours just to get a glimpse of the Pontiff. Pope Francis will make a small appearance in front of the Capitol after he speaks to congress. This will be the first time a sitting Pope has addressed a joint-session of Congress while visiting the United States. The Pontiff spoke to the nation yesterday, calling for action on climate change, the immigration system and gay marriage.

Children's Oral Health

- Various dates and times
- **PSA** aired 48 times
- **PSA** sponsored by Dental Trade Alliance Foundation, Partnership for Healthy Mouths, Healthy Lives

This campaign aims to improve children's oral health by educating parents about the importance of a healthy mouth. Parents can modify their children's behaviors through low-cost preventative strategies. The PSA's communicate the importance of brushing twice a day for two minutes each time to prevent future tooth pain and problems.

Diversity and Inclusion

- Various dates and times
- **PSA** aired 53 times
- **PSA** sponsored by the Ad Council

This campaign is designed to remind viewers to embrace diversity. Before anything else, we are all human. Love is love and has no labels.

Food Safety Education

- Various dates and times
- **PSA** aired 16 times
- **PSA** sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S Department of Agriculture and the Food and Safety Inspection Service

This campaign aims to raise awareness about E.coli and Salmonella microbes and highlighting actions that families can take to prevent these dangerous foodborne pathogens from making them sick. Food poisoning is a serious health threat in the United States. The Center for Disease Control estimates that 48 million Americans—or

approximately 1 in 6 people—could get sick from food poisoning this year alone, which could result in as many as 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths. Viewers can visit FoodSafety.gov for food safety resources.

Hunger Prevention

- Various dates and times
- **PSA** aired 56 times
- **PSA** sponsored by Feeding America

This campaign works to solve the hunger issue in America. Every year, more than 70 million pounds of surplus food go to waste—food that could nourish the 16 million children who face hunger in the United States. These PSA's encourage viewers to get involved and donate to their local food bank.