

WJBM RADIO

QUARTERLY ISSUES

STATEMENT OF PROBLEMS AND HOW THEY ARE ADDRESSED

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Period January 1, through March 31, 2020

PUBLIC FILE QUARTERLY ISSUES

WJBM has found through personal contact in the community that the following issues need to be addressed on an ongoing basis.

1. **WEATHER** Severe winter weather has caused damage in a number of incidents over the past year or so in the local area. Snow and ice hit the area this quarter. Many are concerned about warning, and the overall impact extreme weather has for transportation, livestock farming and the overall economy.
2. **COVID-19** Information is needed on local cases now showing up and the current state rules and regulations effecting indoor gatherings.
3. **AGRICULTURE** Although fewer people live on the farm in this market area than ever before, agriculture is still the most important part of the local economy. Those not involved in farming express concern about farm subsidies and how they are applied.
4. **EMERGENCY COVERAGE** TV is available from the neighboring St. Louis area, but resources are limited for covering local emergencies. This effects people while the emergency is in progress and also in the aftermath.
5. **SCHOOL NEWS** The activities at schools seem to always be expressed as important. School funding in Illinois is also a statewide topic and that shows up in local concerns as well.
6. **RELIGION** People express their concerns of getting information out to the community about the church activities. There are concerns over numbers of members in the churches, and the effects of aging on participation in the churches and parishes in the community.
7. **SOCIAL SERVICES** With changes in the medicare program, assess to the program has become a widely discussed topic. Access to social programs and also the lack of knowledge about what is available is also expressed.
8. **ENERGY AND TRAVEL** Rural areas with long traveling distance for all types of reasons and the availability of dependable energy sources and adiquate internet access.
9. **HEALTH** Western Illinois residents have a continuing concern about health issues. As a rural community many are self employeed. This raises concerns about insurance. Many are not insured, many more are self insured. Access to rural health care is also a consistent concern.
10. **LOCAL NEWS** There is no daily newspaper printed within the market area of WJBM, (Greene, Jersey and Calhoun Counties). This gives WJBM coverage of local news, alerts, boil orders, emergency announcements added importance.
11. **STATE NEWS** It has been expressed that the tv in the market focuses more on Missouri, being so close to St. Louis, while our listening area is all in Illinois.

PUBLIC FILE – PROBLEMS ADDRESSED

This is a listing of what WJBM is doing to meet the needs of the local community address in the quarterly issues list.

1. WJBM works with local law enforcement to cover programs for traffic safety and accident reports and arrests to promote safety for the general public.
2. People in general come away confused when dealing with the various social service programs that are available, but many go unused. We air programs that help direct those needing services to those that either provide the service or provide information about them.
3. Covid-19 has been disruptive to everyone's activities and has been life threatening to many, With cases beginning to show up in our listening area WJBM is working with county health department and Illinois state agencies to cover developments.
4. We air a combination of news and public affairs programs that deal with the health care issues of the community. Daily newscasts feature the stories on health services, times and dates for clinics, and general reports on health news. Our local hospital also does a long form interview program every week that goes into detail about health issues.
5. We offer long form programs that also serve as interview time on the air to more fully explain the services. We carry local newscasts on the hour at 6am, 7am, 8am, noon and in the late afternoon to keep the community informed on the local news on a daily basis. For news information we also subscribe to a number of network services to gather our news from. They include Metro Source, IRN, RFD Radio Network, and Illinois Information Service.
6. We have established our programming to be a first choice for emergency information in our region. We have made direct connections with the officials at the Health Department and the Hospital to get Hazmat reports on the air immediately in the event of an emergency that could be associated with response to rail, barge, air, or truck disasters. We are prepared to give evacuation announcements if and when they are required.
7. We carry a program each morning (when families are preparing for the day), that shares the information on area school newsletters, their calendar of events, and also the school breakfast and lunch menus. We dedicate time in our local newscasts that publicizes the upcoming school board meetings.
8. Growing interest in the Hunting and recreation sectors of our local economy have lead to our coverage of regulator changes by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, (this body makes decisions that are crucial to the development of hunting attractions). RFD Radio network carries a regular series of programs on this subject matter, in addition to the local segments that are aired in our local news.
9. During the time after storm damage has hit areas within our coverage we have reported any variety of news stories, ranging from road closures, power outages and related information to help in the recovery. We also broadcast weather alerts extensively in advance of threatening weather.

10. We broadcast a comprehensive array of farm related programs, with over 100 each week. To offer various perspectives and to get the complete story to our listeners we are affiliated with these networks, Brownfield Farm Network, RFD Radio Network, Doane-Agritalk, and the tribune radio network. The combination of all of these networks is designed to give farmers a broad perspective on the changing marketplace, and also inform the non farming segment of the audience about this important segment of our local and national economy.



News Headlines

- [2020 Storm Spotter Training Class Schedule](#)

Additional Headlines

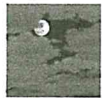
Hazardous Weather Conditions

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Current conditions at St. Charles, St. Charles County Smartt Airport (KSET)

Lat: 38.93°N Lon: 90.43°W Elev: 436ft.



Mostly Cloudy
27°F
-3°C

Humidity 75%
Wind Speed NW 7 mph
Barometer 29.73 in (1007.0 mb)
Dewpoint 20°F (-7°C)
Visibility 10.00 mi
Wind Chill 19°F (-7°C)
Last update 7 Feb 4:54 am CST

Extended Forecast for Jerseyville IL

Overnight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night
Scattered Flurries	Mostly Sunny then Chance Snow	Snow Likely then Chance Snow	Decreasing Clouds	Partly Cloudy	Chance Rain/Snow then Rain Likely	Chance Rain/Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
Low: 20 °F	High: 36 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 33 °F	Low: 25 °F	High: 44 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 27 °F

Detailed Forecast [View in Desktop Mode](#)

Overnight
Scattered flurries. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. West wind around 6 mph.

Friday
A 40 percent chance of snow after 4pm. Increasing clouds, with a high near 36. West wind 5 to 8 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

Friday Night
Snow likely, mainly before 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. South wind 6 to 9 mph becoming west after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Saturday
Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 33. West wind 5 to 9 mph becoming light southwest in the afternoon.

Saturday Night
Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Calm wind becoming southeast 5 to 9 mph after midnight.

Sunday
A chance of snow before 8am, then a chance of rain and snow between 8am and 9am, then rain likely after 9am. Cloudy, with a high near 44. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Sunday Night
A chance of rain before 11pm, then a chance of rain and snow between 11pm and 1am, then a chance of snow after 1am. Cloudy, with a low around 28. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Monday
Mostly cloudy, with a high near 35.

Monday Night
Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Tuesday
Partly sunny, with a high near 41.

Tuesday Night
Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Wednesday
A chance of rain and snow. Partly sunny, with a high near 44. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Point Forecast:
Jerseyville IL
39.11°N 90.32°W (Elev. 630 ft)
Last Update:
3:41 am CST Feb 7, 2020
Forecast Valid:
5am CST Feb 7, 2020-6pm CST Feb 13, 2020

Additional Resources

Radar & Satellite Image

ILLINOIS HOUSE REPUBLICANS ARE ROLLING OUT THEIR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA...CALLED REIMAGINE ILLINOIS.

HOUSE G-O-P LAWMAKERS HAVE INTRODUCED ABOUT 80 BILLS...ADDRESSING FOUR MAJOR GOALS SAYS MAJORITY LEADER JIM DURKIN.

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SPECIFIC BILLS INCLUDE A "BACK THE BADGE PROGRAM" TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN POLICE OFFICERS, REFORM THE STATE'S FOID CARD SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING AN APPRENTICESHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM.

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THE G-O-P'S PLATFORM HAS FOUR PILLARS... ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY, GROWING JOBS, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ENDING THE CULTURE OF CORRUPTION SAYS REPRESENTATIVE AVERY BOURNE OF MORRISONVILLE.

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OTHER SPECIFIC BILLS INCLUDE REFORMING OR REPEALING THE STATE'S FOID CARD SYSTEM AND GIVING LAWMAKERS MORE TIME TO LOOK OVER BUDGET PROPOSALS BEFORE THEY ARE PASSED.

With coronavirus cases on the rise, President Trump is threatening to pull federal funding for schools if they don't open in the fall. Congressman Rodney Davis says it should be up to the schools to decide whether or not to open.

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Davis added that the coronavirus pandemic has turned more into a political issue rather than a health issue.

GOVERNOR J-B PRITZKER SAYS THE STATE IS EXPANDING IT'S MOBILE COVID-19 TESTING OPERATION.

THERE ARE ALREADY 11 FREE, STATE RUN DRIVE THRU AND WALK UP TESTING SITES IN ILLINOIS AND MANY MORE PRIVATE SITES SAYS GOVERNOR PRITZKER. ADDITIONALLY,

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TO FIND A TESTING SITE NEAR YOU, VISIT: CORONAVIRUS DOT ILLINOIS DOT GOV AND CLICK ON "RESOURCES."

GOVERNOR J-B PRITZKER SAYS THE STATE IS EXPANDING IT'S MOBILE COVID-19 TESTING OPERATION.

12 MOBILE TEAMS CAN BE MOVED ANYWHERE TO LAUNCH TESTING IN AREAS WITH OUTBREAKS SUCH AS NURSING HOMES AND MEAT PACKING PLANTS. THAT'S IN ADDITION TO THE 11 FREE STATE-RUN SITES AND DOZENS OF PRIVATE ONES. THE GOVERNOR SAYS ILLINOIS HAS ONE OF THE LARGEST TESTING PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY.

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The Illinois House is looking to make vote-by-mail boxes and curbside voting more common and permanent across the state. Election authorities across the state would be able to use federal funds to buy drop-off ballot boxes and their security features. House Bill 1871 would also allow any mail-in ballots received without postage to still be accepted and counted. The bill passed through a House committee and is headed to the floor for a vote.

A plan to add agricultural sciences as a type of course that may be counted towards the requirement for three years of sciences in order to gain admission to an Illinois public university passed the Senate Higher Education Committee. Currently, some colleges may accept agricultural science under the auspice of a "science course" but not all are doing so. This legislation will add some conformity to the available options. The measure passed out of the Senate Higher Education Committee and moves to the Senate for further consideration.

U.S. Representative Rodney Davis is introducing the *Keep College Students Learning Act* to provide college students who are seeking in-person courses financial flexibility while also encouraging colleges to hold in-person courses for the upcoming fall semester. Many colleges and universities across the country have utilized an online or virtual-only learning format since the Fall 2020 semester. Under his legislation, a student would have the ability to hold off on attending for up to an academic year if that college is not offering in-person instruction at the same levels as the Fall 2019 semester. Additionally, the student may choose to attend another college that is offering in-person instruction and then come back to their original college when they do go back to in-person learning. The student would also have a guarantee that their scholarship or financial aid from that college would still be available to them.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker continues to push for federal funds to fill a multi-billion-dollar hole in the state's spending plan.

During a virtual hearing of a U.S. House committee on Wednesday, Pritzker urged Congress to give state and local governments funds to cover lost tax revenues from the past three months.

Taxpayers United of America's Jim Tobin said Illinois needs bankruptcy, not a bailout.

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Illinois' credit is on a negative outlook, just above junk status. The state's \$42 billion spending plan relies on \$5 billion of federal aid.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has worked with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to create an educational unit on food waste.

"Where Does my Food Go?" is for fifth- and sixth-graders and helps them understand the implications of thrown-out food. It then leads them through the environmental and social issues associated with food waste and explores solutions. The curriculum is free and available online to teachers and parents.

This is the second unit developed among the EPA and the U of I. The first was "Why is the Pond Green?" which focuses on surface water and algae.

PATIENTS NEEDING PAIN MEDICATIONS MAY HAVE ANOTHER OPTION BESIDES ADDICTIVE OPIOIDS.

STATE LAWMAKERS PASSED A BILL LETTING SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED OPIOIDS FOR THEIR PAIN... GET MEDICAL MARIJUANA INSTEAD. REPRESENTATIVE KELLY CASSIDY SAYS THEY HOPE TO CURB THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN ILLINOIS.

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THOSE HOPING TO WEAN OFF THEIR PAINKILLERS WOULD ALSO BE ELIGIBLE. THE BILL MUST STILL BE SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE GOVERNOR.

PATIENTS NEEDING PAIN MEDICATIONS MAY HAVE ANOTHER OPTION BESIDES ADDICTIVE OPIOIDS.

IF YOU'RE PRESCRIBED OPIOIDS FOR PAIN... YOU CAN GET MEDICAL MARIJUANA INSTEAD UNDER A BILL PASSED BY ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS. REPRESENTATIVE TIM BUTLER SAYS THEY HOPE THIS WILL HELP CURB THE STATE'S OPIOID EPIDEMIC.

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THE GOVERNOR WILL NEED TO SIGN THE BILL FOR IT TO BECOME LAW.

Special license plate decals orders are now being accepted for license plate stickers benefitting the Kids Shouldn't Have Cancer Foundation in memory of Jonny Wade of Jerseyville. In August, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a bill authorizing the sale of the license plate decals for \$25 to raise awareness and funds for pediatric cancer. To confirm the sale of decals, the foundation needs at least 2,000 people to sign up for the license plate decal before its release. To do so, people must download a form from the website cyberdriveillinois.com and return it, along with a \$10 check, to the Illinois Secretary of State's Office. The decals will have an issue fee of \$25; \$10 will go to the awareness fund. The yearly renewal fee will also be \$25, with \$23 going to the fund.

The state is launching 50 million dollars in grants to help improve access to high speed internet across Illinois. Internet providers, non-profits, local governments and more can now apply for the grants. This is just the first round of grants. Up to five million dollars per project will be available during the first round...with more grant money being released over the next several years. the "Rebuild Illinois" capital program includes a total of 420 million dollars for broadband expansion.

Secretary of State Jesse White says Illinois' Automatic Voter Registration system is still a good program, despite a few recent glitches. Secretary White says he's angry a computer problem led to more than 500 non-citizens being registered to vote. White says he takes responsibility for the error and says his staff has been put on notice. Some lawmakers are calling for automatic voter registration to be suspended and check for any additional problems.

Illinois lawmakers have voted to override a veto by Gov. J.B. Pritzker that protects a tax exemption on aircraft parts. A 54-1 Senate vote Wednesday followed a unanimous House vote a day earlier. The override forgives \$50 million in past-due taxes from private jet manufacturers and extends them to 2024. Lawmakers approved the tax break in 2010. It expired in 2014 but regulators took no notice and repair outfits did not collect the tax from jet owners.

A bill filed earlier this month would give local governments the ability to tack on a municipal gas tax on top of state and federal gas taxes. Senate Bill 2978 would open up the ability for all municipal governments to tack on an extra 3 percent gas tax to the state and federal gas tax. The bill could come up before the end of the legislative session.

A bill that would ban highly-unpopular red light cameras in some parts of Illinois is moving forward in the General Assembly. A House committee has approved a measure that would prohibit communities without home rule from enacting or enforcing red light camera ordinances. Home rule municipalities are allowed to pass their own laws, as long as they don't conflict with state or federal constitutions.

Both chambers of the Illinois Legislature canceled session today. They're scheduled back Feb. 18. However, the Commission on Ethics and Lobbying Reforms plans to meet in Springfield this morning to review reforms to the Legislative Inspector General and Legislative Ethics Commission.

Serious animal abusers who kill a pet could soon face more serious charges and punishment, due to legislation filed by State Senator Steve McClure. Under current law, aggravated abuse of a companion animal or pet is a Class 4 felony. Senator McClure's legislation, SB2995, would make the offense a more serious Class 2 felony if the abuse leads to the death of the pet. A second or subsequent offense would be an even more serious Class 1 felony. The legislation would not include cases of self-defense or instances where a pet is euthanized.

An Illinois lawmaker is proposing to change the Illinois Constitution to protect Firearm Owners Identification card fee revenue from being swept into the state's general fund. The proposal would require that proceeds from the issuance and renewal of the Firearm Owners Identification card and concealed carry permits go solely toward facilitating the program or other firearm-related activities. The proposal comes after revelations that more than \$30 million in funds meant to facilitate FOID card renewals, applications, and appeals had been swept in recent years and diverted to general spending and not returned. A lawmaker-executed constitutional amendment must pass both chambers with a supermajority and then be placed on the next general election ballot. If a majority of voters approve, the amendment would be successful.

Illinoisans are second to only Wisconsin for having the best teeth. Consumer finance website WalletHub ranks Illinois No. 2 overall for best dental health. Illinois got first place for the low percentage of adults who complained about oral pain in the past year and second for low percentage of adults with poor oral health.

A multi-vehicle accident on the west edge of Jerseyville Monday evening sent several people to the hospital. According to the Illinois State Police, the accident occurred at 5:38 pm at the intersection of Route 16 and Centennial Road, when a vehicle driven by 74-year old David Price of Jerseyville, traveling westbound on Rt. 16, attempted a left turn onto Centennial Road when he struck an eastbound vehicle driven by 27-year-old Dane Grant of Bethalto, head-on. A motorcycle operated by 67-year-old William Hardwick of Fieldon was stopped at the stop sign on Centennial Road when it was struck by the Grant vehicle.

Price was transported to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Dane Grant and a passenger, 24-year-old Chelsea Grant were transported to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries. A two-year-old passenger in the Grant vehicle was not injured. Another passenger, 66-year-old Gary Billhartz of Albers was taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

Hardwick was not injured.

Price was charged with: Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Failure to Yield Turning Left, and Operating Uninsured Vehicle.

Illinois House Democrats are looking to create safe and monitored spaces for drug use.

If passed, HB 110 would allow entities to apply for drug use programs through the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The spaces would be staffed by medical professionals and provide free needles and syringes, plus their safe disposal.

Drug and sexual health education would be offered, along with referrals to treatment centers.

Use of illegal substances inside the injection spaces would not be subject to criminal charges.

No state has legalized safe drug injection sites. The proposed legislation is currently awaiting a vote on the House floor.

The state of Illinois is seeing one of the biggest declines in rental prices in the country. According to an analysis by QuoteWizard, the average cost of an apartment in the state has decreased 6.2% over the last two years, which ranks fifth in the country for rental cost decrease. The average monthly cost of a one-bedroom apartment in Illinois is \$863. The four other states where rent prices fell more than in Illinois were Massachusetts, North Dakota, New York and Washington.

According to a new study, Illinois is not a great place to be for doctors. WalletHub says Illinois ranks 40th in the country for the best states to practice medicine. The state ranks last in medical environment, which includes quality of public hospital system, hospital safety, and malpractice award payout amount.

Illinois health officials are reminding residents to be cautious of bats and other animals after a rabid bat was found. The year's first reported case of a bat testing positive for rabies occurred in DuPage County. Health officials recommend contacting your doctor and the local health department if you have been bitten by a bat or exposed to a bat.

Governor J.B. Pritzker is touting the newly enacted Educational Workforce and Equity Act. Advocates of the legislation say it will support public schools and make a college education more affordable.

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Pritzker has been criticized by lawmakers on both sides of the aisle for keeping school funding flat in his \$41 billion dollar proposed budget. Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton says the new law will help address the teacher shortage in Illinois.

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The law also requires the Illinois State Board of Education to assess all public school children entering kindergarten each year to measure their readiness.

A \$15 million investment through the Rebuild Illinois capital plan will create two advanced training academies, including one in the Metro East. At Southwestern Illinois College, a \$7.5 million grant will create a new manufacturing education hub in Belleville - expanding upon the school's successful manufacturing training facilities. The Advanced Manufacturing Center will break ground this year and will welcome students into its new facilities by fall 2022. The project will be completed in two phases: with the first creating a new precision machining pathway; and the second aiming to expand career training for roles in industrial electricity and welding manufacturing.

A plan has advanced through the Senate to update state practices aimed at protecting older residents. Senate Bill 701 includes provisions to enhance protections for older residents by expanding the Adult Protective Services Act to include reports of abandonment. It would also extend the statute of limitations from three years to seven years in cases of theft by deception where the victim is 60 years of age or older or disabled. The bill also strengthens cases of financial exploitation to include potential charges for trusted friends and acquaintances. Under the measure, the Illinois Department on Aging must offer an annual trauma-informed training program for Adult Protective Services employees. Senate Bill 701 moves to the House for further consideration.

The Illinois Attorney General's office says it was a ransomware attack that compromised its computer network... and says it's still trying to determine the extent of the data breach.

The office acknowledged that its network had been hacked earlier this month, but hadn't revealed until now that it was a ransomware attack.

The office says it is trying to notify all potential affected parties, since the computer network contains a variety of sensitive information, including social security numbers, banking and tax information, and health insurance and medical information.