

# **WJBM RADIO**

## **QUARTERLY ISSUES**

### **STATEMENT OF PROBLEMS AND HOW THEY ARE ADDRESSED**

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**Period April 1, through June 30, 2021**

## 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. **COVID-19** Most important issue effecting everyones lives. Not only the effect, but confusion for our residents. Living so close to St Louis and the differences between Missouri and Illin causes mixups on how people need to respond.
2. **WEATHER** Severe winter weather weather has caused a number of incidents in the local area. Extreme and prolonged cold and snow have presented many travel problems and cancellations.
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 event.
5. **SCHOOL NEWS** The activities at schools seem to always be expressed as important. Especially now with remote learning and cancellations. 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, access 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. **ILLINOIS COST OF LIVING** New taxes and higher regulatory fees exceed the cost of living in neighboring states and is forcing long time residents to consider moving out of the area.
9. **LOCAL NEWS** There is no daily newspaper printed within the market area of WBBA, (Pike, Scott, Greene, Brown and Calhoun Counties). This gives WBBA coverage of local news, alerts, boil orders, emergency announcements added importance.
10. **Death Notices** Always important in our rural community, the death notices are important since we are the only daily media source, but with cancelled services because of covid-19, info on deathes is especially important.

## **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. The Coronavirus has impacted our nation, along with every other country in the world. This pandemic has affected our daily lives, and we make sure to obtain information from our local Health Departments on a daily basis, as these numbers reflect the status of the pandemic and restrictions in our local areas.
2. We have established our programming to be a first choice for emergency information in our region. During the pandemic this quarter we were in constant contact with the emergency coordinators and local Health Departments. We were the source for confirmed cases in our rural area. We have made direct connections with the officials at the Health Department and the Hospital to get urgent reports on the air immediately, if and when it is required.
3. To more thoroughly inform our audience we are streaming specialty feature programming. We do this for information and sports, but not music. This is also aided by a comprehensive web site to re-enforce our broadcast information.
4. We air a combination of news and public affairs programs that deal with the health care issues of the community, including all major health providers in our area, Daily newscasts feature the stories on health

services, times and dates for clinics, and general reports on health news.

5. A full line-up of church programming airs each week on Sunday. This is a combination of locally produced church programs, live services, and prepared programs. This is programming that is designed to serve the people who find it hard to get out to their church, and also helps to give public awareness to those listening about the churches that are on the air.
6. 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.
7. People in general come away confused when dealing with the various social service programs that are available, and many go unused. We air programs that help direct those needing services to those that either provide the service or provide information about them.
8. 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.
9. Growing interest in recreation sectors of our local economy has 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.

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, 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. The only local grain market report that ties together all area terminals is aired 3 times daily.
11. WJBM addressed cancellations amid the COVID-19 Pandemic all throughout our local communities. We included these announcements as part of our local news segments and community reports, which air multiple times daily.

On advice of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Illinois will pause distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine developed by Johnson & Johnson.

The federal agencies made that recommendation after reporting rare and severe blood clots in six people who had taken the vaccine. The CDC and FDA are reviewing the data regarding those cases.

Those who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should contact their health care provider.

The “vast majority” of vaccines being administered in Illinois were developed by Moderna and Pfizer. Of the allocation for this week, only 17,000 doses were Johnson & Johnson. For next week, the state said it expects to receive 483,720 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine, of which 5,800 doses are expected to be Johnson & Johnson.

Gov. JB Pritzker received the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine on March 24.

An indicator of economic activity in Illinois continues to climb.

The University of Illinois Flash Index for June increased to 106.0, up from 105.3 in May. Any reading above 100 is a sign of economic growth in the state. The number is based on factors including tax revenues and individual and corporate earnings. Economists at the U of I note the state isn't out of the woods yet, pointing to an unemployment rate that remains a full percentage point higher than the national average.

But jobless claims are slowly declining, with around 20,000 new claims in the past week, down 12-percent from the week before.

New cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Illinois. Nearly 38-hundred new cases are being reported in the latest daily count...the highest since the end of January. Hospitalizations are also up, with about 17-hundred COVID patients now in the hospital including 353 people in ICU beds. An additional 28 people with the virus have died, bringing the total number of lives lost in Illinois to more than 21 thousand. The state is averaging about 107 thousand vaccine doses administered each day.

COVID-19 infections in Illinois' nursing homes and veterans' homes have decreased, but facility employees still seem hesitant to get vaccinated. Gov. J.B. Pritzker said last week that about 70% of the state's 65 and older population had received at least their first of two vaccination injections. As of Mar. 15, 69,000 health care workers in Illinois had been fully vaccinated, according to data compiled by the Center for Public Integrity. That amounts to just over half of the state's total staff. Illinois' veterans' homes have similar rates of vaccination. Last month it was reported 96.9% of the residents and 53% of the staff at the homes have been vaccinated.

New legislation would let Illinois community colleges offer bachelor's degrees in early childhood education. A community college could apply to offer a bachelor of applied science degree in the field under the proposal. Supporters say this is also a way to make a bachelor's degree more accessible for non-traditional and lower income students.

A group of certified nurse anesthetists wants a change in state law it said will allow for better quality surgical care in rural Illinois. Senate Bill 2566 could come up in a Senate Committee this month. The Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthetists said the measure would drop a "physical presence requirement." If the measure is approved, it could help give rural hospitals more flexibility to offer more services.

The Illinois Department of Labor is urging drivers to be careful during the busy spring planting season. Motorists really need to reduce speed and just be patient when encountering a big piece of farm equipment on the road. Extra caution should be used when passing, since the farmer could be about to make a left hand turn Drivers should also remember that farmers have limited visibility in the rear. Those driving farm equipment need to do their part as well, having "slow moving vehicle" signage posted and the correct lights.

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Foundation  
AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION



# Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Friday, March 19th

11-1:30

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

11-1:30

**400 Maple Summit**

Enter JCH campus parking lot from south  
and head north toward serving tent

[ambulanceassociation@jch.org](mailto:ambulanceassociation@jch.org)

\$9.00 meal

Catfish Fritters

Home-Made Chips

Potato Salad

Cole Slaw

\$6.00 Fish/Chips





*lunch provided*

JCH East Annex Community Room  
220 East County Road  
Jerseyville, IL 62052

**Wednesday, May 26  
11:30am - 1:00pm**

**Stephanie Cloninger-Hultz, FNP-C will discuss strategies to identify stressors and manage stress in a safe and effective way so you can be your best diabetic self.**

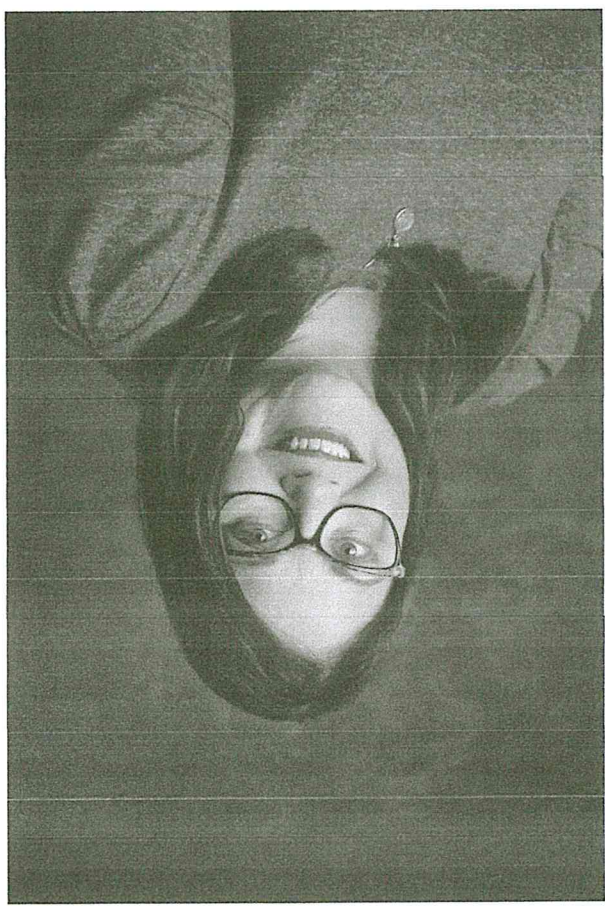
**Stress & Diabetes Management**

**FREE LUNCH & LEARN**

[jch.org](http://jch.org)

Call 618.498.8487 or email [marketing@jch.org](mailto:marketing@jch.org) to register.

**SPACE IS LIMITED**



Jill Boomer  
Re: Small Business  
April 5, 2021 at 5:05 PM  
Lisa Wittman

Community Calendar



Lisa:  
Thanks for getting back to me so soon! You've been busy!!  
Let me know about the 22nd.  
I am working the election tomorrow but should be available Wednesday.  
I will be in touch.  
Jill

On Apr 5, 2021, at 3:35 PM, Lisa Wittman <littman81@gmail.com> wrote:

Open Late

We have 24 businesses participating! On the 4th Tuesday of the month, businesses will stay open from 5-8 pm for your shopping convenience. We have more surprises planned this year and yes that includes giveaways! We will be giving away 2 \$25 gift certificates at each event.

Participating Businesses:

- 1880 Pizza & Pasta
- Be Unique Be Yourself Boutique-located in the lot between White Cutting Rice and Amoco
- Beyond the Backyard Gate
- Brossio Tavern
- Casa Tequila
- Deer Lane Boutique
- DJ's Pub and Grill
- Domino's Pizza
- Farmcharm Living-located inside the JCBA office (will not be participating in May or June)
- Fran & Marilyn's
- George's Local Brew
- Imo's Pizza
- Jerseyville Public Library
- Julie's Graphics
- Linn's Shoes
- Midwest Tropical Fish
- Nailed it with Laura-located inside Deer Lane Boutique
- Pig on a Wing
- Ruby Mae's Boutique located inside Sweet Peas
- Sweet Peas
- The 80 Loft-upstairs at 1880 Pizza & Pasta
- The Gift Box
- The Stadium Theater (will not be participating in April)
- Uncorked Spirits

There will also be a Makers Fare in the parking lot on the corner of Arch and Washington. We have 7 businesses that will be set up in that area. This is a free event to participate in but businesses will need to fill out a registration form in order to participate.

Participating Businesses:

- All About You Beauty Bar & Boutique
- Allen Greenhouse and Garden Supply
- Epoxy Farms
- Moxie Market
- Scarlett's Threads
- Witt's Warsh
- Witt's Wicks

On May 25th, we will have student artwork that will be displayed at Uncorked Spirits. This was a way to bring the school and the community together. We have had wonderful responses from the teachers in our community. With all of the large projects we have in the making, we should fill up their entire banquet room.

On October 26th, we will have Nightmare on State St. It will be the same concept as Open Late but with a few extra surprises. We have a medium that is going to set up at the JCBA office. Appointments can be made September 29th and when the spots are filled, they are filled. We will have a scavenger hunt for pumpkins throughout the participating businesses for a prize. We are going to ask bars and restaurants to have a Halloween drink special on this night. And we plan to set up some type of tours with the Cheney Mansion.

You will also see more business after hours happening during Open Late. Steve Medford with Edward Jones will be hosting one on May 25th.

Sip, Sample & Stroll

This event will be held in Grafton on May 15th from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The JCBA and The City of Grafton will be hosting this event. Tickets for this event will need to be purchased ahead of time and are limited to 150. Tickets went on sale April 1. For \$35 you will get a signature food and drink sample from Aeries Winery, Bloody Bucket, Grafton Harbor, Grafton Oyster Bar, Grafton Pub, Grafton Winery, Hawg Pit and Pere Marquette. Below you can find what each business will be serving.

Aeries Winery located at their office 14 W Main St, Grafton, IL 62037  
Spanikopita with your choice of Bricco Riella Moscato D'Asti or Aeries Confluence Conundrum  
Bloody Bucket located at 201 E Main, Grafton, IL 62037  
Bloody mary garnished with meat, cheese, etc.

Grafton Harbor located at 215 Water St, Grafton, IL 62037  
raspberrry/jalapeno cheese dip along with savory crackers, paired with a peach wine slushie  
Grafton Oyster Bar located at 215 Water St, Grafton, IL 62037  
Jambalaya served with a hurricane

Grafton Pub located at 226 W Main St, Grafton, IL 62037  
Deep fried taco paired with a margarita

Grafton Winery located at 300 W Main St, Grafton, IL 62037  
Brisket sliders with a bourbon glaze paired with summer peach wine

Hawg Pit BBQ located at 821 W Main St, Grafton, IL 62037  
Pulled pork sliders paired with hippie juice

Pere Marquette located at 13653 Lodge Blvd, Grafton, IL 62037  
Lodge sangria with dessert

to purchase your ticket, follow this link:  
www.eventbrite.com/e/144293869849

This event will be held regardless of weather. No refunds. You must be at least 21 years of age to participate in events including alcohol. Visit all of the participating businesses and enter a drawing from the JCBA and The Grafton Chamber of Commerce. Transportation to each of the locations is not included in the ticket price.

Here is the link for the JCBA-Shop Small Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/JCBA-Shop-Small-108259167181122>

Here is the link to the Open Late event:  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/195883448895304/?active\\_tab=discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/195883448895304/?active_tab=discussion)

Here is the link to the Sip, Sample & Stroll event:

Jersey Community Hospital is hosting a free  
Lunch & Learn on Heel Pain  
WED, APR 21 AT 11:30 AM CDT

Lauren McCarthy, DPM will explain the causes  
of heel pain, the non-surgical and surgical  
treatment options, and how to prevent heel  
injuries. Lunch will be provided.

Hurry, space is limited! Call 618.498.8487 or  
email [marketing@jch.org](mailto:marketing@jch.org) to register.

Meeting location, JCH East Annex Community  
Room, 220 East County Road, Jerseyville, IL  
62052



Dear Business Owner,

April 1, 2021

As part of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, I feel privileged to invite you and your staff to attend the prayer observance in our community on Thursday, May 6th, 2021. Our observance will be held at LifechurchX at 300 Bluebird Ln, Jerseyville from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The event will be filled with prayer for our nation, our governmental leaders, local government, first responders, media, churches, schools, and families. The evening will begin with a flag ceremony and there will be worship music throughout the event. Attached is a flyer of the schedule of events.

As you may know, the annual National Day of Prayer was established by federal law in 1952 when the United States Congress passed a joint resolution, which was signed by President Harry Truman. The law was amended in 1988 and signed by President Ronald Reagan, specifically designating the first Thursday in May as the official National Day of Prayer.

You may also have heard about the success of last year's observances, even though the event was exclusively online. Social media posts during May 2020 concerning National Day of Prayer, increased by 26% from 2019. On the National Day of Prayer, millions were engaged on social media platforms and called upon to intercede for America and encouraged to pray God's glory across the earth. It's so exciting to see the incredible work God is doing in the hearts and lives of people as a result of people coming together in prayer.

Our own Jersey County video was viewed by about 3,000 people! It can be seen at

<https://www.facebook.com/National-Day-of-Prayer-Jersey-County-Illinois-147703032806058/videos/666076097562602>.

I encourage you to share the posts and videos of our Facebook page so that others may join in for this very important event.

For the sake of your county, and our future, please join us for prayer on Thursday, May 6th. I would also ask that you hand out the attached flyers to the employees in your office and encourage them to participate. I look forward to seeing you there!

May God bless you and the ones you love.

*We would appreciate you hanging the attached flyers in your building.*

Sincerely,

Linda Minor, County Coordinator, NDPFF

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ljm4793@gmail.com

www.nationaldayofprayer.org

Ashleigh designs spaces that strive to achieve a balance between beauty and functionality. From a large scale project to an hourly design consultation, Ashleigh enjoys the challenge each new client brings and applies the same level of enthusiasm and energy, offering as many tips and sources, no matter the budget.

Founding Designer of Hazen + Hale Interiors  
Ashleigh Hamilton  
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Call Ashleigh to Register

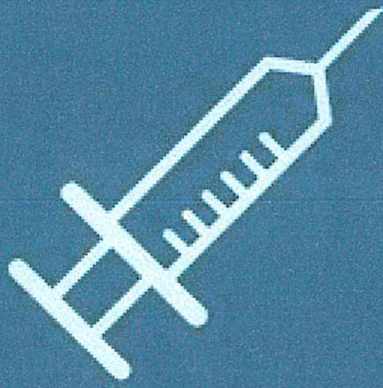
Jermoyville Public Library

6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 29

Guest Speaker  
Ashleigh Hamilton

Using Color to Update your Home

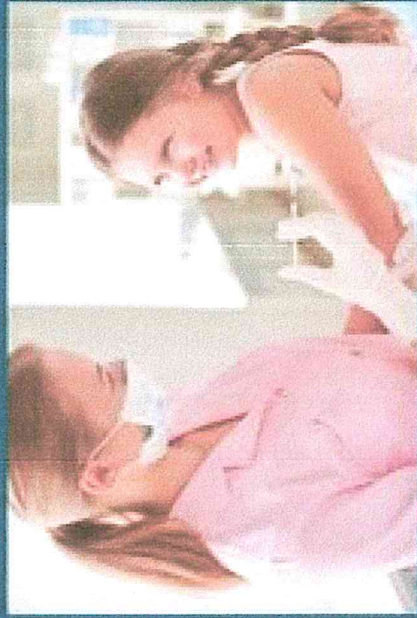


# SCHOOL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

AT  
GREENE COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WE ARE CURRENTLY VACCINATING  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY  
CALL TO SCHEDULE  
217-942-6961 EXT 122

CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD MUST BE WITH A PARENT  
OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AT THE TIME OF THE IMMUNIZATION  
OR SEND A SIGNED NOTARIZED PERMISSION NOTE WITH  
ANOTHER ADULT FOR THE MINOR CHILD



VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE TO  
CHILDREN WHO ARE 18 YEARS  
OF AGE OR YOUNGER WHO  
MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE  
FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- Are enrolled in a Medicaid eligible program
- Are uninsured
- Are underinsured: child has health insurance, but the coverage excludes vaccines; a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (MFC - eligible for non-covered vaccines only) Proof of non-coverage must be provided.
- Are an American Indian or Alaska Native



New legislation would modernize the state's FOID and concealed carry systems. The bill is an initiative of the Illinois State Police and makes some much-needed updates. For starters, they want to sync up the FOID and concealed carry permits into one card and allow them to be renewed at the same time. They want automatic FOID renewal for those who have submitted their fingerprints and to have an electronic version of the card. The measure also creates an online portal of people prohibited from owning a gun for use by law enforcement agencies.

State lawmakers are on the way to approving Illinoisans' access to a medical treatment called biomarker testing. The measure unanimously Wednesday to expand health coverage for the process that uses genetic information to prevent, diagnose or treat diseases like cancer. The measure now goes to the Illinois Senate.

House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch is creating a new task force to review statues on state properties. Welch said the goal is to re-evaluate public art in an effort to "ensure that statues and other ceremonial landmarks on state property reflects the values and morals of our state." Welch's office said hearings will be held to produce recommendations for statues to be taken down or possibly erected.

A new bill would tie spending in Springfield to growth in household income. Senate Bill 589 would create a spending cap that ties general revenue appropriations to growth in the median household income. Supporters say the bill would allow for predictable, sustainable growth in state spending without tax hikes. Research shows state spending grew 30% faster than Illinois' median household income over the past decade.

The Illinois House is voting to decriminalize HIV. Currently, it's a crime to knowingly transmit HIV or not disclose HIV status before engaging with a sexual partner. The bill passed on a 90 to nine vote and still needs Senate approval.

House lawmakers are voting for legislation that aims to bring an end to puppy mills. The measure prohibits pet stores from selling dogs and cats obtained from a breeder. They can only sell pets they get from animal control or a shelter. The legislation still lets the public buy dogs and cats from private breeders. It now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Students would learn more about Asian American history under legislation passed by the Illinois House Wednesday. It's called the Teach Act, requiring more lessons on the contributions of Asian Americans and the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War Two. The measure applies to elementary through high school and if signed into law, would take effect beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

An education bill was unanimously passed by the Illinois House of Representatives that would give more religious freedom to kids in schools around the state. The new legislation would allow students to be excused from physical education courses during a time of religious fasting. All the parent would need to do is notify the principal in writing and their child will not have to participate in PE for that length of time. The bill passed unanimously and will now head to the Senate.

The Grand American championships will be returning to the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta in 2021. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources officially approved the use of the shooting complex for both the Grand American and U.S. Open shooting competitions. Last year's competition was held in Missouri after IDNR cited COVID-19 concerns and wouldn't allow Sparta to host the competition. The Grand American World Trapshooting Championships is the largest shooting event of its kind, spanning several days with more than 20 events and thousands in attendance. The US Open will take place June 2-6, and the Grand American is August 4-14.

In celebration of its 16th anniversary, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield will offer free admission on Monday, April 19. One guest will have their "golden ticket" chosen in a drawing. This person will win a gift basket filled with Lincoln merch that is valued at \$210. The museum is also offering its History Detective game, a scavenger hunt for younger attendees. All players will earn a prize. Although admission is free for all on Monday, people must make a reservation online beforehand.