

WAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SECTION 1: Editorials

April, May, June 2012

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PUBLIC COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
April, May, June 2012

The following are programs focusing on community concerns and needs of Central Illinois. Also listed are WANDTV sponsored events designed to meet certain needs of communities throughout the area and Public Service Announcements

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SECTION 2: Community Calendar

April, May, June 2012

SATURDAY 4/7/2012

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April 14th
7:00 AM
Indoor Garage Sale
Macon County Fairgrounds
217-421-6961

April 14th
8:30 AM
2012 Walk, Run, or Roll: Benefit for Greater
Community AIDS Project
Burwash Park, Savoy
217-351-2437

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April 14th
7:00 PM
Environmental Film Series
Unitarian Universalist Church, Decatur
217-425-0815

April 21st
7:00 PM
St. Jude Kentucky Derby Benefit Party
Panther Creek Country Club, Springfield
800-713-8223

SUNDAY 4/8/2012

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April 14th
8:30 AM
2012 Walk, Run, or Roll: Benefit for Greater
Community AIDS Project
Burwash Park, Savoy
217-351-2437

April 14th
7:00 AM
Indoor Garage Sale
Macon County Fairgrounds
217-421-6961

SATURDAY 4/14/2012

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April 17th
10:00 AM
Active Aging Fair
Imboden Creek Gardens
217-233-1425

April 21st
7:00 PM
St. Jude Kentucky Derby Benefit Party
Panther Creek Country Club, Springfield
800-713-8223

10404

April 20th & 21st
8:00 AM
8th Annual Festival of Quilts
Cunningham Children's Home
217-367-2896

April 21st
7:00 PM
St. Jude Kentucky Derby Benefit Party
Panther Creek Country Club, Springfield
800-713-8223

SUNDAY 4/15/2012

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April 20th & 21st
8:00 AM
8th Annual Festival of Quilts
Cunningham Children's Home
217-367-2896

April 21st
7:00 PM
St. Jude Kentucky Derby Benefit Party
Panther Creek Country Club, Springfield
800-713-8223

SATURDAY 4/21/2012

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April 21st
7:00 PM
St. Jude Kentucky Derby Benefit Party
Panther Creek Country Club, Springfield
800-713-8223

April 26th
6:30 PM
Artists Against AIDS 20th Annual Art Show Opening
McKinley Fitness Center

10404

April 27th & 28th
5:00 PM & 10:00 AM
7th Annual Effingham Artisan Fair
Jefferson Avenue, Downtown Effingham
217-342-5305

April 27th & 28th
8:00 AM
Blue Mound Community-Wide Garage Sale
Blue Mound
217-692-2003

SUNDAY 4/22/2012

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April 26th
6:30 PM
Artists Against AIDS 20th Annual Art Show Opening
McKinley Fitness Center

April 27th & 28th
8:00 AM
Blue Mound Community-Wide Garage Sale
Blue Mound
217-692-2003

SATURDAY 4/28/2012

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May 3rd
6:00 PM
Rock Out Against Rape
Jupiter's Crossing, Champaign
217-344-6298

Saturday, May 5th
8:30 AM
Garden Club of Decatur Annual Plant Sale
Prairie Avenue Christian Church, Decatur

10404

May 4th
4:00 PM
Ladies Spring Gala
Sangamon Prairie Reception Center, Chatham
217-483-7999

May 12th
9:00 AM
2nd Annual 5K Grow & Go
Illinois Farm Bureau Headquarters, Bloomington
309-821-2592

SUNDAY 4/29/2012

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May 3rd
6:00 PM
Rock Out Against Rape
Jupiter's Crossing, Champaign
217-344-6298

May 12th
9:30 AM
Champions 4 Children Walk
Macon County Child Advocacy Center, Decatur
217-422-6294

SATURDAY 5/5/2012

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Saturday, May 5th
8:30 AM
Garden Club of Decatur Annual Plant Sale
Prairie Avenue Christian Church, Decatur

May 12th
9:30 AM
Champions 4 Children Walk
Macon County Child Advocacy Center, Decatur
217-422-6294

10404

May 11th
5:00 PM
Spay-Ghetti Dinner, Forever Home Feline Ranch
Douglas Ave. United Methodist Church, Springfield
217-679-1593

May 12th
9:00 AM
2nd Annual 5K Grow & Go
Illinois Farm Bureau Headquarters, Bloomington
309-821-2592

SUNDAY 5/6/2012

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May 12th
9:30 AM
Champions 4 Children Walk
Macon County Child Advocacy Center, Decatur
217-422-6294

May 13th
3:00 PM
Car Show
Bement Health Care Center, Bement
217-678-2191

SATURDAY 5/12/2012

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May 12th
9:00 AM
2nd Annual 5K Grow & Go
Illinois Farm Bureau Headquarters, Bloomington
309-821-2592

May 12th
9:30 AM
Champions 4 Children Walk
Macon County Child Advocacy Center, Decatur
217-422-6294

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May 13th
3:00 PM
Car Show
Bement Health Care Center, Bement
217-678-2191

May 19th
8:00 AM
Springfield Area Highland Games & Celtic Festival
Chatham Community Park, Chatham

SUNDAY 5/13/2012

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May 19th
8:00 AM
Springfield Area Highland Games & Celtic Festival
Chatham Community Park, Chatham

May 19th
11:00 AM
2nd Annual Big Sausage Poker (Vehicle) Run
The Orchard Inn, Effingham
217-678-2191

SATURDAY 5/19/2012

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May 19th
8:00 AM
Springfield Area Highland Games & Celtic Festival
Chatham Community Park, Chatham

May 25th & 26th
25th 7:00 AM, 26th 8:00 AM
Champaign County Humane Society GIANT Garage
Sale
Kessler Hall, Champaign County Fairgrounds
217-344-7297

10404

June 2nd
7:00 PM
Kick – n- Asphalt for Autism
Downtown Decatur
217-429-1052 x110

June 1st
6:00 PM
BABY Talk Grillin' in the Garden 2012
500 E. Lake Shore Dr., Decatur
217-475-2234

SUNDAY 5/20/2012

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June 1st
6:00 PM
BABY Talk Grillin' in the Garden 2012
500 E. Lake Shore Dr., Decatur
217-475-2234

June 2nd
12:00 PM
48th Annual Turtle Reunion & Races to benefit children
with developmental disabilities
310 Bryan Ave., Danville
217-260-1983

SATURDAY 5/26/2012

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June 1st
6:00 PM
BABY Talk Grillin' in the Garden 2012
500 E. Lake Shore Dr., Decatur
217-475-2234

June 2nd
7:00 PM
Kick - n- Asphalt for Autism
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500 E. Lake Shore Dr., Decatur
217-475-2234

SUNDAY 5/27/2012

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June 3rd
8:00 AM
Thomasboro Fire Fighters Pancake & Sausage
Breakfast
101 N. Church St., Thomasboro
217-202-0496

June 7th - 9th
7th & 8th 5:00 PM, 9th 8:00 AM
24th Annual Pawnee Prairie Days
Pawnee
217-625-3221



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June 7 – 9
Pawnee Prairie Days
Food, drinks, rides, entertainment
<http://pawneeil.net>

June 9
Coles County Barbershop Chorus
Presents
"Military Memories"
Doudna Fine Arts Center
Eastern Illinois University
4:00 pm
www.colescountychorus.com

Community Calendar
904 Southside Dr. - Decatur,
62521
424-2500
For More Events Go To
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Welcome WAND's Community
Calendar.

the Pawnee Prairie Days are June 7th
thru 9th with food, rides, drinks and
entertainment from Ray Lytle and the
Itchy Pickles to Kung Fu Dynamite.

Coles County Barbershop Chorus
presents "Military Memories" June 9th.
The performance begins at 4:00 pm
at Eastern Illinois University. The
guest quartet is After Hours and also
features the Sound of Illinois Chorus.

For more events go to

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June 9
Super Saturdays at the Museum
Illinois State Museum, Springfield
11 am to 3 pm
"Where's the Screen? Toys from the
Past"
782-6044

June 9
Fish Fry and Silent Auction
6pm - 7:30 pm
Trinity Church of the Nazarene
Highway 36 and 44th St., Decatur
428-1045
www.decatrhhm.com

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Welcome WAND's Community
Calendar.

Super Saturdays at the Museum is
June 9th from 11 am to 3pm at the
Illinois state Museum. Call 782-6044
for more information.

The Hopeful Heart Ministries is having
a Fish Fry and Silent Auction on June
9th from 6 to 7:30 pm. at Trinity
Church of the Nazarene. Proceeds
help those in need in Decatur

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June 12
Piatt Co. Animal Shelter
Ladies Night
Best Western Hotel, Monticello
5-9pm
Vendors and Music

June 11-15
Westville Public Library
Children's Summer Program
Registration required
267-3170

June 16
Woofstock
9am to 2 pm
Macon Resources
Homeward Bound Pet Shelter
875-1910

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WELCOME TO WAND'S COMMUNITY
CALENDAR.

ON JUNE 12TH THE PIATT COUNTY
ANIMAL SHELTER HAS THEIR LADIES
NIGHT FROM 5 TO 9. PROCEEDS WILL
BENEFIT THE PIATT COUNTY ANIMAL
SHELTER.

THE WESTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS
HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL
CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM
JUNE 11TH THRU THE 15TH.

THE HOMEWARD BOUND PET
SHELTER'S WOLFSTOCK IS JUNE 16TH
AT MACON RESOURCES FROM 9 TIL
2. PARADE, PHOTOS AND RAFFLE
DRAWING. CALL 875-1910 FOR
MORE INFORMATION.

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June 1- 10
Macon County Fair
www.maconcountyfair.com

June 1- Sept. 4
Gettysburg Address
On display
Abraham Lincoln Presidential
Library and Musuem
9am to 5pm

June 11
Let's Get Fit!
Fairview Park
5:30pm
233-3391

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WELCOME TO WAND'S COMMUNITY
CALENDAR.

NOW THROUGH JUNE 10TH IS THE
MACON COUNTY FAIR. LOTS OF FUN
ATTRACTIONS FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY TO GO OUT AND ENJOY. GO
TO THEIR WEBSITE FOR A COMPLETE
LIST OF EVENTS.

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS IS ON
DISPLAY AT THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
IN SPRINGFIELD THIS SUMMER.

LET'S GET FIT! PART OF COME
TOGETEHR LET'S WALK IS JUNE 11TH
IN FAIRVIEW PARK.

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June 19th
Men's Health Issues
6pm
Decatur Public Library
Phil Shils, PA-C

June 22nd and 23rd
Bethany Celebration
Crowder Park
Chicken dinner, bands, events.
Fireworks

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WELCOME TO WAND'S COMMUNITY
CALENDAR.

MEN'S HEALTH ISSUES WILL BE
DISCUSSED ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19TH
AT 6PM AT THE DECATUR PUBLIC
LIBRARY. PHIL SHILS WILL DISCUSS
COMMON HEALTH PROBLEMS OF MEN
IN OUR SOCIETY. REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE SERVED.

BETHANY'S SUMMER FESTIVAL IN
CROWDER PARK IS JUNE 22ND AND
23RD. THERE WILL BE FUN FOR THE
WHIL FAMILY. ON THE 23RD THE
DECATUR PARK SINGERS PERFORM
AT 7 AND FIREWORKS WILL BE AT
DUSK.

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June 16th
Pana Community Health Fair
Pana High School
9am to 1 pm
Free screenings
Bingo 10am to Noon
452-3996

June 22
Senior Expo Day
Balsam Terrace & Spruce
Manor Apartment
9am to 1 pm
245-1350

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The Pana Community Health Fair is
Saturday June 16th at the Pana High
School from 9 til 1. Get free screenings,
play bingo. Door prizes and giveaways.
Free admission. For more information call
452-3-9-9-6

The first annual Senior Expo Day at
Balsam Terrace and Spruce Manor
Apartments in Jacksonville is Friday, June
22nd from 9 am to 1pm.

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June 26
Ronald McDonald Golf Classic
Piper Glen Club, Springfield
Registration at 10:30
528-3314, ext 148

Let's Keep Decatur
Bee-utiful Contest
Applications due June 30
433-4529

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WELCOME TO WAND'S COMMUNITY
CALENDAR.

THE 18TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC FOR
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE IS BEING
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012 AT
PIPER GLEN GOLF CLUB IN
SPRINGFIELD, IL. SCRAMBLE, PRIZES
AND DINNER. REGISTRATION IS AT
10:30AM. CALL 528-3314 FOR MORE
INFORMATION.

A SMALL BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION
CONTEST. SMALL BUSINESSES
SPRUCE UP AND TIDY UP AND YOU
COULD WIN A DECATUR BEE-UTIFUL
BUSINESS AWARD. APPLICATIONS
ARE DUE BY JUNE 30TH. FOR MORE
INFORMATION CALL 433-4529.

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June 29
Fondue Fun
Culinary Institute at RCC
6 – 8:30 pm
Call 875-7211, ext. 265
To register

Farmers markets are open
Local produce, flower,
Baked goods
Check them out in your
Hometown.

Cruisin For a Cure
Benefit for Relay for Life
Sat. June 23
Gibson City
784-5672

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WELCOME TO WAND'S
COMMUNITY CALENDAR.

FONDUE FUN IS JUNE 29TH AT
RICHLAND COMMUNITY
COLLEGE FONDU MEAT,
VEGGIES AND MORE. CALL 875-
7211, EXTENSION 265 FOR
MORE INFORMATION.

FARMERS MARKETS HAVE
OPENED IN AND LOCAL
PRODUCTS ARE BEING
BROUGHT IN. CHECK OUT YOUR
LOCAL FARMER'S MARKET
TODAY AND ALSO RICHLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S
PRODUCE MARKET HELD ON
SATURDAYS.

CRUISIN FOR A CURE IS
SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD IN
GIBSON CITY, CALL 784-5672
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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Fourth of July
Festivities
www.wandtv.com

July 3
Bob Steffan Summer Film Fest
"Backyard Safari: Home Sweet Home"
10 am and 2 pm
Illinois State Museum, Springfield
782-5993

July 7
7pm
King Family Band
The Barn in Pana
562-4221 or 539-4221

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Welcome to WAND's Community
Calendar.

ENJOY ALL OF THE FOURTH OF JULY
EVENTS. SOME BEGIN JULY 1ST AND
OTHERS WILL BE ON THE FOURTH. GO
TO WANDTV.COM TO FIND OUT
WHERE AND WHEN YOUR TOWN WILL
BE CELEBRATING.

BACKYARD SAFARI: HOME SWEET
HOME" WILL BE AT THE ILLINOIS
STATE MUSEUM JULY 3RD AT 10 AND 2.

THE KING FAMILY BAND WILL BE AT
THE BARN IN PANA ON JULY 7TH.
EACH FAMILY MEMBER PLAYS AN
INSTRUMENT AND GUARANTEES A
GREAT PERFORMANCE. CALL FOR
MORE INFO.

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SECTION 3: News coverage

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April 2012 Public File

CRIME

- 04/01 Celebrity Nights Shooting VO 1:00
Shooting at Celebrity Nights Nightclub
- 04/01 Credit Card Scam PKG 1:25
Scammers may have the credit card numbers of thousands of people
- 04/02 Robbery String PKG 1:28
Police believe they know who is behind a string of robberies in Decatur
- 04/03 Champaign Synthetic Drugs MAP 0:23
Thousands of dollars worth of synthetic drugs are off the streets
- 04/04 Trayvon Tribute PKG 1:17
Local people demonstrate in honor of Trayvon Martin
- 04/05 Ceasefire Door to Door PKG 1:12
Ceasefire goes door to door to stop violence
- 04/06 Robbery Arrest MAP 0:17
Decatur Police make arrest in connection with a string of robberies
- 04/08 Clinton Street Murders LIVEVOSOT 1:00
Police investigate double murder
- 04/09 Springfield Death Investigation PKG 1:27
Suspicious death investigated by Springfield Police
- 04/10 Decatur Murders Follow up PKG 1:24
Search continues for suspects in Decatur double murder
- 04/10 Crimestoppers PKG 1:17
Crimestoppers unveils new website feature: "Wanted Faces"
- 04/11 Sextortion Man PKG 1:24
Dangers of video chatting profiled – what you need to know to stay safe
- 04/12 Georgetown Death PKG 1:00
Shooting death of a 14-year-old has a community up in arms
- 04/15 Kids Found PKG 1:15
Kids missing for one week are found safe and returned to Shelby County dad
- 04/16 Stolen Batteries RDR 0:20
Stolen batteries – Crime Tracker crime of the week
- 04/16 Champaign Mobil Robbery MAP 0:26
Mobil Gas Station was robbed in Champaign
- 04/17 Jacobe Jarrett GFX 0:29
Man wanted in connection with a shooting a night club is arrested
- 04/18 Champaign Synthetic Drug VO 0:18
Synthetic drugs on the rise in Champaign area
- 04/21 Child Abuse PKG 1:31
Child abuse cases are on the rise
- 04/22 Crime Victims Rally PKG 1:22
People in Decatur march to end violence
- 04/23 Jacobe Jarrett VO 0:23

Man accused in a shooting has his day in court
04/25 Manito Sexual Assault VO 0:20
Police officer in Manito has been accused of sexual assault
04/26 Charles Fitzpatrick VO 0:19
Fitzpatrick – nightclub shooting suspect – pleads innocent to first degree murder charge
04/28 Kitchell Park Crash 0:33
3 killed in horrific crash in Pana
04/28 Keyun Newble VO 0:32
Man accused of killing a nursing home resident has been found guilty
04/30 William Street Shooting PKG 1:28
One in the hospital, suspect on the run after shooting in Decatur

GOVERNMENT

04/02 DPH Director RDR 0:18
Governor appoints a new Director of Public Health
04/03 Teen EMT Bill VOSOT 0:35
16 and 17 year olds will be given opportunity to earn EMT licenses if this new bill passes
04/06 Tim Johnson Follow up VOSOT 0:32
Republicans scramble to find replacement for Rep. Tim Johnson
04/09 Jerry Clarke PKG 1:24
Veteran Jerry Clarke among those interested in Rep. Johnson's vacated seat
04/12 Postal Workers Rally LIVEVO 1:00
Postal workers lobby government to stop job cuts
04/12 Illinois Tax Breaks RDR 0:23
Tax breaks debated
04/13 Pension Protest VOSOT 0:36
Decatur residents protest pension reform plan
04/14 Champaign Circuit Clerk GFX 0:31
New Circuit Clerk chosen for Champaign County
04/16 Nelson Park Zoning PKG 1:15
For Lake Front Development Project – where they can build and where they can't
04/16 Decatur Council Advance GFX 0:38
Items to be discussed in upcoming city council meeting
04/16 13th Congressional District PKG 1:19
Who will get the seat vacated by Tim Johnson? WAND takes a look at candidates
04/17 AFSCME Chamber PKG 1:30
AFSCME protests visit by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker
04/18 Macon Republican Caucus PKG 1:30
Republican Caucus... picking a new leader
04/19 Quinn Medicaid Cut PKG 1:28
Quinn proposes raising cigarette taxes by \$1.00 to fund Medicaid
04/24 Decatur Enterprise VOSOT 0:58
Tax incentives for businesses to set up in Decatur may become a thing of the past
04/25 Decatur Streetscape PKG 1:25
Streetscape project ahead of schedule
04/26 Internet Tax VO 0:26
Cook County judge rules against internet tax

04/30 IDOT Roads PKG 1:30

Quinn plans to spend \$9,000,000 on transportation – what will happen locally?

JOBS & ECONOMY

04/02 DOW CHEM layoffs GFX 0:20

30 people in Charleston will lose their jobs

04/06 Local Gas Prices GFX 0:20

Gas prices are up again

04/06 Tuscany Closes VOSOT 0:47

Tuscany closed.... But will open again

04/12 Taylorville Industrial Park PKG 1:18

City of Taylorville building an industrial park

04/12 Gas Prices RDR 0:14

Gas prices continue to trend down

04/16 CHELP Need Change PKG 1:21

Major cuts may be in the works for CHELP – in home care assistance

04/17 Manpower Job Search PKG 1:21

Social Media is helping people find jobs

04/22 Gas Prices Drop VO 0:15

Gas prices drop in Decatur; may drop more

04/22 Mid State Classic Cup VOSOT 0:36

Soccer tournament gives area huge boost

04/23 Comptroller Report GFX 0:20

Financial situation is not improving in Illinois

04/24 Macon Resources PKG 1:20

Macon Resources puts special needs adults to work

4/24 Neil Street Business PKG 1:17

Restaurant closes – but city has plan for growth

04/24 Jobless Graduates VO 0:18

Job market isn't looking very good for recent college graduates

04/28 Gas Prices VO 0:18

Gas prices go up 20 cents overnight

04/30 IDOT Jobs Plan VO 0:27

Jobs plan was supposed to hire 10,000 but only hired 3,500 teens – under investigation

04/30 Springfield Cost of Living VO 0:23

Springfield in top 10 of cheapest cities in which to live

EDUCATION

04/02 Lottery Illinois/Schools VO 0:21

Illinois schools will benefit from the huge lottery jackpot

04/04 Student Loans PKG 1:41

Students are trying to figure out how to get low-interest loans

04/10 Peoria Teacher Layoffs VO 0:24

More layoffs – in Peoria area

04/10 Pre-K study PKG 1:26

Parents concerned that children are being left behind due to cutbacks

04/10 Springfield School Cuts PKG 1:16

Parents give administrators an earful during town hall meeting in Springfield

04/10 Dennis Millikin Lab VOSOT 0:30
Dennis Elementary and Millikin team up in joint venture – pilot program
04/16 Rantoul Schools PKG 1:25
Budget cuts may be coming if the state doesn't pay the money it owes Rantoul
04/17 Youth Advocacy Meeting PKG 1:17
Town Hall meeting tackles under-aged drinking
04/17 Decatur Renovation Follow-up PKG 1:26
Tech Academy is being prepared to house students from Stephen Decatur
04/19 Higher Education \$\$ PKG 1:19
Higher education feels the pinch as budget negotiations continue
04/19 IPADS in class VOSOT 0:47
IPADS now a tool in 5th grade classrooms in Decatur
04/19 Robertson Charter PKG 1:31
Voting will take place on another high school in Decatur
04/23 Champaign School Bonds VO 0:23
School bonds are on the agenda – if they don't pass, the schools could face massive cuts
04/23 School Bus Fees VO 0:23
Proposal by the state will force parents to be charged for school bus rides
04/29 Medicaid Rally PKG 1:13
People rally against proposed cuts to Medicaid program
04/30 Champaign School Bonds RDR 0:21
School bonds are on the school board agenda
04/30 Social Media PKG 1:29
How to keep your children safe – school is focusing on online safety

HEALTH & SAFETY

04/02 Warm WX/Stray Pets PKG 1:23
Spring results in more stray pets – some tips to keep your pet safe
04/02 Red Flag Awareness VO/SOT 0:45
Red flags are up to draw awareness to sexual assaults
04/03 Health Behavior Rank PKG 1:30
Macon County one of the worst in health behaviors
04/03 Relay Purple Toilets PKG 1:31
Relay for Life raising awareness by leaving purple toilets on lawns
04/04 Health Awareness 3 VOSOT 0:45
National Public Health Week is observed
04/06 Weather Radios GFX 0:42
EMA programs weather radios at Walgreens
04/07 Child Stress Test VOSOT 0:47
Stress tests for parents
04/09 Income and Cholesterol VO 0:24
Higher income, lower cholesterol
04/10 Workout at Work PKG 1:25
Ways to workout at work – instead of staying at a computer
04/11 Texting and Driving VOSOT 0:43
Enforcement is a challenge for authorities
04/13 Springfield Smoke Free PKG 1:20

Parents lobbying to rid parks of second-hand smoke

04/15 Salad Recall FSG 0:20

Salad recall...

04/17 Firefighters Autism PKG 1:20

Firefighters learn how to deal with autistic victims

04/25 MacArthur School VO 0:16

MacArthur lets out early due to water main break

04/27 Domestic Violence PKG 1:59

Paula Thornton profiles an organization trying to root out the problem of domestic violence

04/28 RX Drugs Disposal VOSOT 0:47

Decatur Police host a program designed to safely dispose of expired prescriptions

MILITARY

04/03 Civil War Photo PKG 1:23

Exciting new find – unveiled at the Lincoln Museum

04/05 Guard Homecoming PKG 1:30

Guard members come home from deployment

04/20 Troops Return GFX 0:30

Troops return from deployment in Afghanistan

04/26 Decatur WWII Memorial PKG 1:27

World War II veterans memorial will finally become reality in Decatur

04/26 WW II Aviator Returns FSG 0:20

Remains of a World War II aviator returned to central Illinois

04/27 WWII Groundbreaking PKG 1:08

Groundbreaking ceremony for WWII Memorial

04/30 Danville Flag Sale VO 0:23

Rotary Club selling American flags in honor of veterans

PERFORMING ARTS& CHARITABLE EVENTS

04/01 Easter Basket Run VOSOT 0:46

Easter baskets by ABATE for Hope Institute children

04/02 Lullaby Concert NATSVO 0:28

Lullaby concert for children put on by Millikin

04/04 Food Donation PKG 1:18

Semi truck filled with food rolls into Champaign

04/06 Heartland Easter Egg Hunt GFX 0:16

Area's largest Easter egg hunt for children

04/07 Easter outreach PKG 1:27

10 families are recipients of random acts of kindness

04/08 Cans 4 Lent PKG 1:19

Woman gives away cans of food for Lenten project

04/09 Mobile Food Pantry VO 0:15

Food given out to needy in Jacksonville

04/14 MC (Macon County) Heart Walk PKG 1:14

The annual heart walk attracts a near-record crowd despite the rain

04/19 Mattoon Food Drive PKG 1:33
Drive to benefit hungry families
04/20 Easter Seals LIVEVO 1:00
Easter Seals benefit pushed by WAND
04/20 Invest an Acre PKG 1:16
Farmers partner with area groups to feed the hungry
04/20 Heartland Heroes VO 0:19
Dinner to recognize area's unsung heroes – benefits the Red Cross
04/21 March of Dimes VOSOT 0:30
Baby Walk – walk to benefit baby walk program
04/26 Springfield Electronics FSG 0:19
Electronics drive held in Springfield
04/28 Illinois Marathon PKG 1:24
Marathon runners turnout in droves for annual event in Champaign
04/29 Autism Concert PKG 1:17
Concert for people with autism
04/30 Artists Against AIDS VOSOT 0:40
Local artist raise money for AIDS victims and research

May 2012 Public File

CRIME

05/01 William Street Shooting PKG 1:28
Shooting on William Street in Decatur – suspect on the run

05/02 Pepper Spray Investigation VOSOT 1:07
Excessive force investigation now complete

05/03 Champaign Bank Robbery FSG 0:29
Bank robber strikes in Champaign

05/04 Pana CrimeStoppers PKG 1:18
Crime Stoppers has evolved over the years – how they’ve changed in Pana

05/07 SNJ Armed Robbery VO 0:30
Robbery at Decatur’s SNJ

05/08 Drug Arrests Down VOSOT 0:46
Drug Arrests decline in Sangamon County

05/08 Grand/Union Shooting VO 0:19
Shooting at Grand & Union in Decatur – suspect(s) on the loose

05/09 Bergner’s Robbery PKG 1:02
Jewelry store was robbed – suspects on the loose

05/10 Neighborhood Walk VOSOT 1:00
Neighborhood walk against violence

05/11 Christian Coady VO 0:25
Christian Coady, former Decatur church volunteer, is denied bond reduction on sexual assault charges

05/12 Hotel Shooting Follow Up VOSOT 1:00
Follow up story on shooting at hotel in Springfield

05/13 Danville Fatal Shooting VO 0:30
26 year old man found dead

05/14 Danville Murder VOSOT 0:46
Victim’s family speaks out about the murder

05/14 Kwenten Smith VO 0:31
Champaign man arrested in a unique drug bust

05/16 Hotel Shooting Follow UP VO 0:25
Shooting at hotel in Springfield – man died from self-inflicted gunshot

05/16 Champaign Summer Crime PKG 1:20
Champaign residents are experiencing more crime – the reason behind the increase

05/19 3YO Death Vigil VO 0:39
Another teen is arrested for shooting death of a toddler

05/20 Attempted Abduction VO 0:40
Man is arrested for attempted abduction of a child

05/21 Champaign Apartment Shooting VO 0:17
Search continues for gunman in a shooting

05/23 Cunningham Inquest VOSOT 1:04
Inquest reveals graphic nature of murder

05/25 Demetrice Phillips GFX/VO 0:26
Man convicted a second time for same murder
05/29 Quinton Harden PKG 1:38
Quinton Harden died shielding people from bullets – saved several lives

GOVERNMENT

05/01 96th Recount PKG 1:31
Recount ordered in the 96th district election
05/02 Quinn/Retail Merchants PKG 1:27
Many merchants are rallying against raising minimum wage
05/02 Pensions/Healthcare VO 0:18
Pension reform among the topics discussed in legislature
05/03 Decatur Streetscape PKG 1:26
Streetscape project is ahead of schedule
05/03 Macon County Pitbulls PKG 1:35
A number of cities have banned pit bulls. Will Macon County follow suit?
05/03 Asian Carp Study VO 0:25
Keeping Asian carp out... City mulls over options presented by consulting group
05/04 Senior Cuts PKG 0:57
Government wants to cut back payments to Medicaid
05/04 FOID Cards Audit VO 0:20
Audit finds out ineligible people have been able to obtain firearms
05/07 Decatur Council VOSOT 0:36
Council votes in favor of replacing South Shores bridge
05/07 Forsyth Council VO 0:21
The council takes up how to spend \$350,000 in tax money
05/09 Retiree Healthcare VO 0:20
Part of pension reform – lawmakers vote to end free health care for state workers
05/14 Tenaska/Sierra Club PKG 1:26
As lawmakers take up Tenaska plant, opponents claim utility rates will skyrocket if the bill is passed
05/14 Quinn Gay Rights VO 0:20
Governor steps up plans to allow gays to marry in Illinois
05/16 Local Government \$\$ VOSOT 1:00
Pension reform is the hot topic of debate
05/17 Cigarette Tax FSG 0:17
Pat Quinn wants to double cigarette tax
05/20 Johnson Replacement VOSOT 0:41
Republicans pick Rodney Davis to run for Tim Johnson's seat
05/21 Medicaid Savings PKG 1:15
Cuts to Medicaid program could mean problems for seniors
05/21 Urbana Gas Tax VO 0:24
Council votes to raise gas tax by two cents
05/21 Quinn Farm Bureau PKG 1:44
Proposed Medicaid cuts are angering some key groups

05/22 Medicaid & Seniors PKG 1:15
Seniors hate new Medicaid proposal
05/23 Horse/Gambling Bill PKG 1:46
Gambling expansion bill approved
05/24 Cigarette Tax Hike PKG 1:17
Governor proposes raising taxes on cigarettes
05/25 Legislature Wrap PKG 1:22
Long way to go – but little time to get things done
05/28 Lawmakers in Action SATVO 0:43
Lawmakers are in a race against the clock
05/29 Pensions VOSOT 0:44
Pension Reform is one of the last items left during the session
05/29 Legislative PKG 1:35
How is legislature doing on accomplishing its goals? They're getting emotional

JOBS& ECONOMY

05/01 ADM Earnings VO 0:18
Earnings are down at Decatur-based ADM
05/02 Decatur State of the City VOSOT 0:33
State of the city, according to mayor, is sound
05/03 Daycare Cuts PKG 1:33
Subsidies to daycare providers may be cut
05/03 Illinois Businesses VO 0:21
Illinois rated third worst state for businesses
05/04 Jobs and Economy PKG 1:29
Jobs numbers are down for the second month in a row
05/04 Rt. 51 Tourism PKG 1:28
Businesses will be built along Rt. 51 to boost tourism and economy
05/09 Springfield Home Sales VO 0:19
Home sales are on the rise in Springfield, and so is the average price
05/09 CU Tourism PKG 1:26
Tourism in Champaign-Urbana is expected to be up, officials are banking on it
05/09 USPS Not Closing VO 0:19
USPS will be cutting back hours at rural offices, but not closing
05/17 Minimum Wage Rally PKG 1:27
People rally in support of minimum wage: pros and cons of passing legislation
05/17 Unemployment FSG 0:17
Unemployment rate is down but many are still unemployed
05/18 Facebook IPO PKG 1:43
Facebook about to launch IPO: How will it do?
05/23 Homer Water/Coal PKG 1:36
Indiana company wants to build new coal mine – 200 jobs
05/26 Gas Prices VO 0:20
Gas prices are dropping – could be good for the economy
05/28 Lake Decatur Development PKG 1:30
Phase 1 of the redevelopment project should be complete before summer ends

EDUCATION

05/02 Freedom Writers PKG 1:37

Writers that inspired a movie speak to children at local schools

05/03 Student Loans PKG 1:30

Senator Durbin wants to make loans more affordable

05/04 High School Renovation Pep Rally VOSOT 0:52

Local schools (Decatur) celebrate upcoming renovations

05/04 EIU Graduation Tomorrow RDR 0:11

Graduation for Eastern Illinois is coming up

05/04 Step Up Celebration VOSOT 0:32

Eisenhower students celebrate good grades

05/06 Arson Awareness Week PKG 1:14

Arson safety and education are focuses of this week

05/08 Decatur HS Renovation VOSOT 0:46

Clinton High School among those getting a face-lift

05/09 Domestic Violence PKG 1:57

Bringing attention to domestic violence – a victim speaks to Paula Thornton

05/09 ISU Tuition Hike VO 0:20

4.4% tuition hike for ISU

05/09 U of I Nuclear Grant RDR 0:19

UI receives \$2,800,000 grant to develop nuclear technology

05/10 Project Read RDR 0:21

Project read—Connie Jenkins wins award

05/10 3 Schools Merge RDR

Consulting group recommends merging three schools (Morrisonville, Nokomis, and Panhandle) into one

05/11 Champaign Central RDR 0:17

Champaign Central dismisses early – gun purportedly spotted at school – no one hurt

05/14 U of I graduation PKG 1:14

New graduates look toward uncertain future upon graduation

05/14 Lakeland Tuition RDR 0:17

Board recommends a tuition increase of 3 percent

05/19 Mortgage Fair VO 0:20

How to avoid foreclosure

05/20 Millikin Graduation VO 0:20

Millikin University graduates class of 2012

05/21 Education Cuts Impact PKG 1:29

The impact of proposed cuts could be devastating

05/22 BA Buttz Book PKG 1:34

Former school administrator lectures children on his struggles with homosexuality and bullying

05/29 Champaign Westview PKG 1:22

School is about to undergo a major facelift – mainly technology advances

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY

05/02 Springfield Sirens RDR 0:15
Unexpected problem caused delay in siren testing

05/06 Arson Awareness PKG 1:14
Arson awareness week...

05/06 Elder Abuse Awareness Workshop GFX 0:25
Bill Mitchell conducts workshops to bring awareness to silent killer

05/07 NOAA Radio VO 0:30
Macon County Emergency Management is programming weather radios

05/08 Tick Season PKG 1:21
Tick season is here

05/08 Decatur Construction Tickets PKG 1:15
More construction projects this summer – please slow down

05/08 Energy Sheets PKG 1:20
Energy sheets are dangerous... and the new trend

05/09 Ash Bohrer PKG 1:28
Ash Bohrer were spotted in Macon County – how to stay safe

05/09 CDL Sleep Apnea PKG 1:53
Truck drivers don't get enough sleep – causing accidents

05/10 Young Adult Sunburn PKG 1:34
Young adults are not heeding the message

05/11 Search and Rescue PKG 1:31
Emergency Management and Law Enforcement are teaming up to make emergency responses more efficient

05/12 Youth Summit PKG 1:05
Giving youth something to do to keep them off the streets is the focus of the summit

05/14 I-55 Crash VO 0:44
Dozens of children hurt after a school bus crashes into a semi

05/16 FTC Sketchers VO 0:20
Sketchers refunds customers – false claims of weight loss benefits

05/17 Gun Safety PKG 1:27
Gun safety rules in wake of accidental shooting involving child in Champaign

05/17 Mt. Zion FD Fund Raiser VOSOT 0:42
Raising money to rebuild firehouse destroyed by fire

05/17 Asian Carp PKG 1:22
Proposal is out to feed Asian carp to hungry people

05/20 Brain Tumor Awareness SOT 0:23
Preview of Brain Cancer Awareness Month story

05/21 Heart Garden PKG 1:21
Garden project aims to help teach kids how to fight obesity

05/21 New DPD BLDG PKG 0:53
Police make push for new building

05/22 Get Kids Active PKG 1:21
Programs to keep kids active in the fall

05/22 EMA NOAA Radios GFX 0:18
EMA programs weather radios for free

05/23 Mayors on Taxes PKG 1:16
Mayors of small towns say cuts may jeopardize public safety
05/23 Click it or Ticket VOSOT 0:40
Campaign to get people to buckle up announced as school dismisses for the summer
05/23 Mosquitoes/West Nile PKG 1:22
West Nile is confirmed in central Illinois – earlier than usual
05/24 CU Gun Violence VOSOT 0:46
Gun violence in Champaign-Urbana has people concerned
05/24 Dog Bites PKG 1:18
Dog bites on the rise – how to avoid
05/25 Travel Safety VOSOT 0:37
Travel safety tips for Memorial Day weekend
05/26 Olympian Runs in the CI PKG 1:19
Olympian runs to raise awareness for healthy living
05/27 Doc App VOSOT 0:50
Doctors now are using tablets and apps to provide care for their patients
05/29 Bigorexia PKG 2:28
Unusual disease forces people to pack on muscle... but they can't stop

MILITARY

05/01 Lost in the System VOSOT 0:38
Veterans say their claims for health benefits have been lost in the system
05/02 WW II Pilot Procession GFX 0:31
Pilot's body brought back to central Illinois; funeral procession route announced
05/04 ILPG Memorial Wall GFX 0:25
Traveling wall remembering fallen heroes stops in Jacksonville
05/05 Honoring the Fallen PKG 1:25
Family of those killed in action gather in Springfield
05/05 WW II Pilot VO 0:35
WW II Pilot finally laid to rest after his remains were brought back to Effingham County
05/10 VA Telehealth PKG 1:36
Danville VA Hospital voted number one for tele-health treatment
05/11 ALPM War Exhibit VO 0:17
Weapons and medicine of the civil war highlighted in an exhibit
05/20 Vet Bikes for PTSD PKG 1:25
Veteran raised awareness for PTSD
05/24 Greenwood Flags PKG 1:32
Cemeteries of veterans were desecrated
05/24 Korean War Memorial VO 0:18
Korean War Memorial in Decatur upgraded
05/26 Veterans Honored VOSOT 0:47
Vermillion County honors veterans
05/26 Memorial Day Weekend PKG 1:25
True meaning of Memorial Day....
05/27 Honoring Veterans PKG 2:35

Memorial Day celebrations

05/28 Korean Veterans Memorial VO 0:17

Memorial Day ceremony in Decatur is held at Korean Veterans Memorial

05/28 Fairview Memorial Day VOSOT 0:42

More Memorial Day festivities

05/28 Greenwood Unknown PKG 1:30

Digging deeper into the mysteries behind the tombs of unknown soldiers

PERFORMING ARTS& CHARITABLE EVENTS

05/03 Salvation Army Donations PKG 1:11

Salvation Army needs donations for renovating its facility

05/04 Bob Evans/Autism Fund VO 0:21

By eating at Bob Evans, some proceeds will benefit autism research

05/05 Duck Derby VOSOT 0:37

Raises money for a children's museum

05/07 Springfield PD Bike Donation RDR 0:16

Springfield PD donates 14 unclaimed bicycles

05/07 Stamp out the Hunger VO 0:22

Mail carriers conduct food drive – begins Saturday

05/10 Stamp Out Hunger PKG 1:11

Kick-off—Reminding people how to donate

05/11 Good Samaritan Numbers Up PKG 1:15

Numbers up at local soup kitchen

05/12 Champions for Children PKG 1:12

Walk to end child abuse

05/12 Heart Association Gala VO 0:25

Annual fundraiser to raise money for American Heart Association

05/16 Grocery Cart Walk FSG 0:20

It's a campaign to fight homelessness – how you can join

05/16 Henryville Concert PKG 1:42

Country music stars make certain tornado-torn area has a great PROM for high school students

05/19 3289 Miles for Cancer VOSOT 0:48

Man runs across the country to raise money for cancer

05/20 Hope Pavilion Dedication VOSOT 0:56

Raising money for children with special needs

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Crime

06/03 Urbana Car Jacking MAP 0:25

Third suspect sought in car jacking

06/04 MCSO Car Thefts VOSOT 0:48

Two teenagers under arrest for stealing cars & going on a joy ride

06/05 James Bowen GFX 0:25

Springfield man sentenced to 47 years in prison for child pornography

06/05 Craigslist Scam VOSOT 0:55

Craigslist is a hotbed for foreign scams

06/07 Urbana Drug Raid 1 PKG 1:27

Two arrested at Food Mart in Urbana

06/07 Dirken Body Found SATVO 1:00

Body found at apartment complex in Springfield

06/10 Myron Deckard Memorial LIVEVOSOT 1:04

Vermillion County remembers person killed by a criminal 11 years ago

06/10 Melody Lyons VO 0:25

Woman who allegedly shot and killed two Springfield men – autopsy is due on one of the victims

06/11 Arby's Armed Robbery VO 0:20

Police are looking for suspects in armed robbery in Rantoul

06/11 Prostitute Problem PKG 1:29

One man's crusade to raise awareness about prostitutes is gaining attention

06/12 E. Main Urbana Shooting LIVE VO 1:03

One man hospitalized after a shooting

06/13 Prostitution Sting VO 0:28

Two arrested for prostitution on Decatur street

06/13 Decatur Heroin PKG 1:59

Heroin use is increasing among youth

06/15 Winterbury Drive Murder PKG 1:28

Double Murder in a very good neighborhood

06/16 Mattoon Jewelry RDR 0:20

Mattoon jewelry store robbed

06/20 Enos Street Shooting VO 0:24

24 year old man was shot in Decatur

06/21 Tracey Skaggs PKG 1:30

25 years after her murder, family is still looking for answers

06/22 Niantic Vandals VO 0:30

Graffiti all over Niantic

06/24 Wallace Avenue Shooting MAP 0:32

Shooting on Wallace Avenue in Decatur – police want your help

6/25 Car Vandalism MAP 0:22

Dozens of cars have tires slashed in Assumption

06/28 Champaign Bank Robbery GFX 0:30
Bank robber on the loose – police want your help

Government

06/01 Quinn Newser PKG 1:11
Governor may force a special session on lawmakers

06/04 Decatur Council Tonight RDR 0:32
Preview of the evening's city council meeting

06/04 Quinn Gambling VO 0:19
Governor Quinn warns supporters of gambling not to hold their breath

06/06 Pension Reaction PKG 1:36
Pension reform is angering many

06/11 Quinn Gang Bill VOSOT 0:29
Quinn signs bill designed to tougher penalties on street gangs

06/12 Rx Discounts PKG 1:29
You could get a break in prescription prices in Sangamon County

06/13 Cigarette Prices PKG 1:04
Thanks to cigarette tax --- prices are rising

06/13 Sound Ordinance PKG 1:26
Springfield Mayor Mike Houston plans to enforce sound ordinance

06/14 Medicaid BBQ VOSOT 0:45
Money from cigarette tax will help save Medicaid

06/15 Immigration Changes PKG 1:35
Changes are taking place in illegal immigration enforcement policy

06/15 Dental/Medicaid PKG 1:23
Dental benefits are among the things that will change under new Medicaid policy

6/18 Decatur Video Gambling VO 0:25
Vote by City Council could open the door to video gambling

06/20 State Closures PKG 1:30
Governor Quinn is facing criticism because of his decision to close down a number of places

06/20 Decatur Police Facility PKG 1:20
City wants your opinion on raising taxes to upgrade police facility

06/23 Cigarette Taxes Up VOSOT 0:42
Taxes go up on cigarettes – local residents react

06/25 Illinois Cares RX PKG 1:09
Illinois residents will be losing a prescription program in less than one week

6/26 Home Invasion Sentencing MAP 0:28
Champaign man receives 35 year sentence

06/28 Health Care PKG 1:28
Reaction to Supreme Court's decision to uphold Health Care Reform plan

06/29 Rx Changes PKG 1:20
Illinois prescription drug program will undergo massive changes in two days

06/30 Quinn Budget VOSOT 0:35
State budget is signed – contains massive cuts

Economy

06/01 SOS Cuts RDR 0:18
90 jobs are being cut from Secretary of State's Office
06/01 G&D Layoffs VOSOT 1:01
Decatur company lays off workers
06/02 Jobs Report PKG 1:45
Jobs report not very good for President Obama
06/04 Urbana Biz Up PKG 1:27
Business is up in Urbana – new shops popping up
06/05 Paris Plant Jobs MAP 0:20
Paris plant adding five dozen jobs
06/06 Government Vehicle Combine PKG 1:34
Mergers may save thousands for local governments
06/11 Solar Airport PKG 1:12
New solar panels will help save money
06/11 Gas Prices PKG 1:25
Gas prices are going down – why are the prices different in different areas?
06/12 Champaign Home Sales PKG 1:37
Home sales finally beginning to happen again
06/14 Champaign PO Changes VO 0:20
Champaign Post Office changing hours due to cutbacks
6/18 Crowne Plaza foreclosure VO 0:22
Crowne Plaza among those facing foreclosure hearings
06/19 Transition Center Closes LIVE VO 0:45
Inmate transition center is forced to close
06/21 Unemployment Up GFX 0:13
Unemployment numbers trickle upward
06/22 Dental Medicaid VOSOT 0:41
Dentists offer one day of free dental care to Medicaid recipients
06/22 Mortgage Rates GFX 0:22
Rates hit another record low- good for home buyers
6/27 Rantoul Burglaries PKG 1:35
Rural homes are being targeted

Education

06/01 EIU Research Center RDR 0:18
Ground broken on new research center for clean energy
06/04 Henryville Graduation VOSOT 0:48
Henryville HS was destroyed by a tornado but they persevered and graduated anyway
06/05 St. T Renovate PKG 1:30
St. Teresa's school is now undergoing much needed renovations
06/06 Youth Town Hall RDR 0:12
Kids talk about cyber bullying, sexting, and domestic violence prevention.
06/06 Lovington High School PKG 1:33
Lovington High is shutting down due to merger
06/09 Preschool Language PKG 1:39
Preschool language immersion is becoming more popular

06/09 EHS Renovation PKG 1:28
Renovating Eisenhower is necessary and costly
06/13 Parochial Enrollment PKG 1:25
Enrollment at Parochial schools is way down
06/13 Lincoln's Challenge VO 0:19
Lincoln's Challenge Academy prepares to graduate cadets
06/14 Dr. Jeffcoat Honored VO :20
Dr. Jeffcoat, the President of Millikin, will receive a special honor
06/21 Richland Budget VO 0:23
Richland CC budget is approved
06/24 Durbin on Farms/Students PKG 1:16
Sen. Dick Durbin talks about his plan to make sure interest rates for college loans stay low
06/26 Quinn Education Bill Sign VO 0:26
Bill reduces number of regional superintendents
06/27 JDC Governor PKG 1:34
Governor talks about his decision to close JDC

Health and Public Safety

06/01 Kids and Fire Safety PKG 1:30
Kids are home now – what every parent needs to know about fire safety
06/06 Bath Salts Danger PKG 1:30
Kids are getting high on bath salts
06/06 Dry Mulch Fires PKG 1:17
Dry mulch fire warnings are issued – why this is a problem
06/09 Cancer Survivors PKG 1:29
Cancer survivors are recognized at banquet
06/12 Unhealthy Kids Meals PKG 1:56
Are the fast food restaurants' healthy choices really healthy?
06/13 Free Alzheimer's Training GFX 0:20
Free training for people dealing with Alzheimer's disease in their family
06/13 Fish Kill Follow PKG 1:30
Fish are dying in Lake Decatur – why and what can be done
06/14 Hantavirus Warning VO 0:20
Hantavirus – 3 cases reported in Iroquois County
06/14 EMA Training PKG 1:28
Logan County officials train people to take action in case of emergencies
06/19 Cooling Centers VO 0:25
State is opening cooling centers because of dangerous heat
6/19 C-U West Nile VO 0:22
West Nile Disease confirmed in Champaign-Urbana
06/19 Local Brownfields LIVE VO 0:25
What to do about area brownfields is brought up in a hearing
06/20 Lifeguard Rescue PKG 1:20
A boy is safe thanks to heroic act by lifeguard

06/21 Springfield Bad Houses PKG 1:36
Neglected homes are addressed by city leaders
06/22 Distracted Driving LIVEVOSOT 0:53
Police raise awareness about distracted driving
06/25 Obesity Education PKG 1:26
Health epidemic – how is it being addressed in Illinois?
06/25 Lake Decatur Stink PKG 1:14
Dead fish are causing a bad smell around Lake Decatur
6/26 Heat/Classes Canceled VO 0:15
Several classes canceled due to heat
06/28 Mt. Pulaski Power LIVE VO 0:40
Mt Pulaski area lost power during heat wave – what happened?
06/28 EMA Monitor Heat LIVEVOSOT 1:13
EMA is monitoring heat issues
06/29 Work in Heat PKG 1:15
Working in heat – how to deal with it
06/30 MCSO Squad Car Crash PKG 1:54
Macon County Sheriff's Officer in huge accident – exclusive video

Military

06/01 Guard Guys VOSOT 0:47
National Guard deploys troops to Arizona
06/02 Follow the Flag VOSOT 0:54
Flag from tragic event where soldier opened fire at Fort Hood is in Springfield
06/02 D Day Remembrance PKG 1:29
D Day remembered in Decatur
06/02 Female WW II VOSOT 1:01
Local woman honored as oldest surviving veteran of the Air Force
06/03 Habitat Groundbreaking PKG 1:30
Disabled veteran to receive new home courtesy of Habitat for Humanity
06/05 633rd Guard Deploy RDR 0:19
Springfield unit is being deployed to Kuwait
6/16 Wounded Warriors PKG 1:26
Wounded warriors honored by the community in a special ceremony
06/19 VA Foster Homes PKG 1:27
New program enables you to “adopt” a veteran
06/21 Wounded Warrior PKG 1:37
Local car dealer gives new car to veteran
06/22 Cells for Soldiers PKG 1:40
Cell phones for soldiers program is unveiled

Charity and Performing Arts

06/01 Cops Donut Fundraiser VOSOT 0:37
Police raise money for Special Olympics

06/02 Baby Talk Concert PKG 1:21
Concert benefits Baby Talk organization
06/05 Fan Drive VO 0:21
WAND Fan Drive for elderly is around the corner
06/06 Dale's Fan Drive VOSOT 0:44
Continuation of Fan Drive coverage
06/09 Meals Walk-A-Thon PKG 1:15
Walking for a good cause – benefits Meals on Wheels
06/09 Relay for Life PKG 1:20
Thousands walk to benefit cancer research
06/13 Torch Run VOSOT 0:42
Annual torch run to benefit Special Olympics
6/16 Juneteenth VOSOT 0:41
Celebration to mark African American Freedom Day
06/17 Special Olympics PKG 1:17
4,000 athletes competed in Special Olympics
6/18 Save the Drive-in LIVEVOSOT 1:01
Information on how you can donate money to keep drive-in theaters open
06/22 Wall Dogs VOSOT 0:45
Wall Dogs (artists) show off their skills in Decatur
06/23 Relay for Life PKG 1:01
Raising money to benefit local cancer research

WAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SECTION 5: Special Events and
Programming

April, May, June 2012

Special Events and programming 2nd quarter 2012

April 1 – June 30th: Season of Change

Providing weather tips to keep people safe during severe weather. These aired weekly through May. Having a weather radio was part of this promotion in cooperation with Midland Radio, Walgreens and Schnucks. Radios were available at a special price through June 30th. Live shots were done at various Walgreen stores in April and May.

April 14, 2012: American Heart Association Heart Walk/Run

Sponsored the AHA Walk/Run held in Nelson Park. This year a 5k run was added to the event. Attended by station personnel.

April 26, 2012: Corks and Forks

Sponsor of this fundraiser for the Decatur Area Arts Council. Held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel. Event raises money to support the DAAC. Attended by station personnel and on-air talent.

April 20, 2012: Easter Seals Celebration Day

Held cut-ins throughout the morning support the Easter Seals Celebration one Day event to raise money Easter Seals.

May 12, 2012: American Heart Association Gala

Sponsor of the fundraiser dinner for the American Heart Association held at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel. Attended by on-air talent.

May 23, 2012: Annual Decatur Chamber Dinner

Attended by station personnel and on-air talent at the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel.

June 1, 2012: Grillin in the Garden

On-air talent attended the event which is a fundraiser for Baby Talk.

June 7, 2012: Macon Co. Senior Center Fan Drive

Sponsored the event held at Walmart North in Decatur. Gather donated fans to help seniors who do not have air conditioning. Station personnel helped senior volunteers.

June 11-16: Tate & Lyle Players Championship

Sponsored event held at the Hickory Point Golf Club. Stair step for lady golfers to the LPGA. 26th year for the event.

June 14, 2012: Blues in Central Park

Sponsored the first for three blues events in Central Park, downtown Decatur.

June 30, 2012: Come Together Let's Walk

Run/walk fundraiser for breast, cervical, and ovarian cancer in Decatur. Sponsor of the event held in Fairview Park. Attended by station personnel.

WAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SECTION 6: Community Issues

April, May, June 2012

2nd Quarter

Community Issues

Crime

Crime and investigations continue to be focal points at WAND; the news department covered a variety of stories ranging from the rise in heroin use (investigation) to crime trends (copper thefts, bank robberies, burglaries). WAND strives to be proactive in its storytelling by giving viewers in depth information on what to look for, and how to avoid becoming a victim.

Government

The state continued to slash budgets; WAND was there to explain the effects of the cutbacks every step of the way.

Issues ranged from the effects of health care reform (national on local) to city governments and how they're raising money to ensure public services remain intact.

Education

Education is a major point of emphasis at WAND. Issues covered ranged from the impact of cutbacks to how local schools are renovating. Many local school districts are considering asking voters for tax increases.

Economy & Jobs

Unemployment continued to inch upward during the second quarter. WAND had stories on the companies cutting back and those that are hiring.

Health and Public Safety

From the emergence of annual ailments like West Nile Disease to information on how to work in the heat, WAND had all the information viewers needed to take action.

Military

Troop homecomings and the difficulty veterans have in finding civilian jobs were among the topics addressed. Also in this quarter, a number of organizations opened up their pocketbooks to veterans – WAND showed how viewers could get involved in helping their veterans.

Performing Arts & Charitable Events

Central Illinois is a hotbed for the arts and charitable events. During the late spring and early summer months, organizations like WAND helped out a number of worthy causes.