

May 2013 Public File

Crime

05/02 Witty Investigation VOSOT 0:59

A first major break in Witty murder investigation

05/03 Child Porn Arrest GFX 0:26

Suspect arrested after turning himself in to police

05/03 West Calhoun Stabbing VO 0:33

Police in Springfield investigate stabbing of 14-year-old girl

05/06 West Harper Death VO 0:34

Police in Decatur investigate shooting death

05/07 Harper Murder Follow up Live Vo 0:34

Cameron Slater, 22, arrested and charged in connection with the crime

05/08 Harris Opening Statements VO 1:00

Opening statements in the murder trial of Christopher Harris

05/09 Mother's Day Scam PKG 1:01

Police are issuing a warning about a scam targeting mothers

05/10 Harris Trial Day 3 VO 1:00

Christopher Harris murder trial enters third day of testimony

05/12 Peoria Kidnapping VO 0:18

Homeless man is accused of luring a child and restraining him

05/13 Common Grounds Vandals PKG 1:15

Vandals strike at a small business in Mattoon

05/14 Payroll Check Theft VO 0:20

\$24,000 in payroll checks were stolen from a home in Coles County

05/15 Country Brook Shooting VO 0:28

Shooting at an apartment complex in Champaign

05/16 Harris Trial Day 7 VO 1:00

More testimony from brother of man accused of murdering 5

05/17 W. Cunningham/M. Brown VO 0:24

Two arrested for burglary in Springfield

05/17 Renfro Street VO 0:20

Two arrested for shooting in Springfield

05/21 Danville Murder PKG 1:26

Two shootings – one dead, three hurt

05/22 Piatt Burglaries VO 0:33

Man arrested in connection with burglaries that spanned two years

05/24 Casey's armed robbery VO 0:20

Casey's on northwest side of Decatur hit by armed robbery

05/24 Harris Takes Stand PKG 1:30

Murder defendant takes stand in his own trial

05/28 Attempted Arson GFX 0:18

Man in Urbana is accused of setting a home on fire while two were inside

05/28 Suspicious Fires VOSOT 0:56

Authorities warn public about suspicious fires in Springfield

05/29 Harris Defense PKG 1:09
Attorneys rest their case in Harris murder trial
05/30 US Bank Robbery VO 0:19
Police release pictures of a man who robbed US Bank in Springfield
05/31 Harris Verdict PKG 1:10
Chris Harris found guilty of murdering 5 in Beason

Government

05/01 Gambling VO 0:43
Gaming expansion bill has passed through a Senate committee
05/02 Pension Reform VOSOT 1:09
Pension reform plan passes through committee
05/06 Nursing Home Cuts Rally VOSOT 1:00
Government proposes to cut funding to nursing homes; people rally against it
05/07 Urbana Noise Ordinance VO 0:15
Illegal noise – will cost you more
05/08 Senate Hearings VOSOT 1:12
Senate hearings on pension reform legislation
05/09 Teacher Pensions PKG 1:27
A new plan will make districts pay for their own teachers pensions, resulting in tax hikes
05/11 Quinn on Pensions VOSOT 0:42
Governor Quinn talks about the House proposal on pension reform
05/12 Online Sales Tax PKG 1:24
The possibility of a statewide online sales tax has people talking
05/13 Lt. Governor Medical Marijuana RDR 0:24
Sheila Simon says she will support medical marijuana legislation
05/15 Road Fund Money PKG 1:21
Money earmarked for road repair has been disappearing
05/16 Pension Cost Shifts VOSOT 1:11
Pension reform plan calls for shifting costs of education from state to universities
05/17 Medical Marijuana PKG 1:34
Medical marijuana moves one step closer to being passed
05/19 Fracking VO 0:13
Lawmakers to consider a bill designed to regulate high volume oil and gas drilling, or “fracking.”
05/20 Tanning Ban VO 0:20
The fate of the so-called “tanning ban” for minors now sits on the governor’s desk
05/21 Investigation/Avon PKG 2:45
Owner of Avon Twin Towers didn’t pay loan he took from Decatur, declaring bankruptcy
05/21 Capitol Action VOSOT 0:58
Action taken at the capitol as deadline fast approaches
05/23 Concealed Carry PKG 1:22
Concealed carry bill reaches a compromise
05/28 Capitol Action VOSOT 1:14
A flurry of action in the capitol as lawmakers tried to get items passed before deadline
05/29 Capitol Coverage VOSOT 0:44

Only two days left in the session and several big items are still not decided

05/30 Gay Marriage Reaction VOSOT 1:00

Legalization of gay marriage is one of the issues left hanging in the balance

05/31 Concealed Carry VOSOT 1:00

Concealed carry legislation passes Senate

05/31 Capitol Action: Education VOSOT 1:05

House sends education refinancing bill to governor

Jobs/Economy

05/01 Gas Prices PKG 1:13

Gas prices have gone sky-high in recent days

05/02 Pizza Maker Shortage 1:38

Pizza makers are in demand

05/03 CAT layoffs 0:18

Caterpillar announces yet another round of layoffs

05/08 Bridgestone layoffs RDR 0:15

23 positions were cut in Bloomington/Normal

05/10 Oasis may close PKG 1:14

Oasis homeless center may be forced to close because they lost a grant

05/14 Memorial Medical Center Groundbreaking VOSOT 0:48

Ground is broken on an expansion to Memorial Medical – will mean a lot of jobs

05/15 Gas Prices PKG 1:51

Gas prices are expected to rise as Memorial Day approaches

05/16 April Unemployment GFX 0:22

Unemployment numbers are down, despite the fact fewer jobs are available

05/19 Tennis/NCAA Business PKG 1:15

Business is booming because Champaign is hosting NCAA tennis tournament

05/25 Findlay Burn VOSOT 0:31

Findlay Fire Department and EMS need your help

05/26 Gas Prices VO 0:18

Gas prices will go up soon

05/30 Library Budget PKG 1:18

Library is \$300,000 in the red

Health/Public Safety

05/02 Workouts that Work – Yoga PKG 1:55

Workouts that work segment features benefits of yoga

05/02 Suicide up everywhere VOSOT 0:31

Suicide cases up nationwide

05/02 Maises Dolls PKG 1:31

Family uses experiences to help others afflicted with cancer

05/04 Puberty Talk VOSOT 0:33

DMH hosts a class for girls – to educate on puberty issues

05/08 Bike to School Day VO 0:16

People bike to school – to promote helmet safety and healthy lifestyles

05/09 Headline: Fish Kill VO 0:14
Dead fish are becoming a nuisance for people in Decatur
05/09 Weather Radio Programming PKG 1:14
WAND event to program weather radios
05/11 Kid Mental Health VOSOT 0:36
Children mental health week in Champaign
05/14 BAC changes PKG 1:15
Government is considering changing BAC limit to .05
05/16 Molly Problems PKG 1:30
“Pure” form of ecstasy landing teens and adults in hospital
05/17 Mosquitoes VO 0:16
Mosquitoes are out earlier
05/18 Flushing Fire Hydrant VO 0:18
Decatur residents warned about low pressure – asked to boil water
05/20 ISU smoking ban VO 0:22
Student-led initiative to ban smoking on campus is succeeding
05/21 Red Cross/CI Ties VOSOT 1:00
Red Cross is extending a hand to help those left devastated by tornadoes in Oklahoma
05/21 I-Team: Dragon Buffet PKG 1:47
I-Team investigation talks to owner of one of health department’s worst violators
05/21 Fish Kill PKG 1:03
A lot of fish are dying and floating on Lake Decatur
05/23 Clinton Weather Program PKG 1:15
NOAA weather radios being programmed for free by WAND’s JC Fultz
05/23 Texting and Driving PKG 1:23
Texting and Driving safety campaign
05/24 Health Clinic PKG 1:17
Free Health Clinic changing lives in Decatur
05/28 Swimming Pool Bacteria PKG 1:18
Hidden bacteria found in pools
05/31 NOAA Weather Radios VO 0:13
WAND will be programming weather radios for free

Education

05/02 Holocaust Museum PKG 1:22
Champaign Middle School turns its hallways into Holocaust museum
05/02 Decatur School Board/Swear-in PKG 0:43
New board members sworn in, signaling new era
05/04 Taylorville School Closing PKG 1:10
South Elementary closes for good – budget matters
05/06 Dennis Elementary VOSOT 0:42
1 year mark for lab school – joint effort of Millikin University and Decatur Public Schools
05/06 Parkland College VOSOT 0:35
Parkland College students receive two cars, courtesy of O’Brien to work on during auto shop courses

05/13 U of I graduation VOSOT 0:33
U of I among the universities holding commencement ceremonies this weekend
05/17 Top 50 U.S. Schools VO 0:13
Chatham's Glenwood High School named one of 50 best in the state
05/19 Brush College Closing VOSOT 0:59
School closes after more than 150 years
05/19 Millikin Graduation VOSOT 0:26
Millikin students talk about future plans after graduation
05/20 College Grad Economy VOSOT 0:56
Advice for recent graduates to find jobs
05/21 District 186 Broke Law VO 0:21
Failing to notify public about meeting broke the law, says Attorney General
05/23 Sex Education Bill VO 0:25
Legislature passes a sex education bill
05/26 Tolono Graduation PKG 1:31
Some graduates believe they were denied graduating with classmates because they finished school early
05/28 Decatur School Board Meeting VO 0:14
Traditional calendar for Hope Academy is on the agenda
05/29 Hope Academy PKG 1:23
Changing from year-round to traditional calendar

Military

05/02 Soldier Medal PKG 1:27
Soldier receives medal for heroism 68 years after saving a life
05/05 Oak Ridge Cemetery VOSOT 0:40
People give thanks to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice
05/07 Danville Veterans RDR 0:20
Veterans who left to serve before receiving a diploma can now get one
05/14 Vietnam Memorial Wall VOSOT 0:37
Library receives the "wall that heals"
05/17 Wounded Warrior PKG 1:30
Local veteran to walk 125 miles to help other veterans
05/18 Wreath Laying VOSOT 0:37
Vietnam War remembrance ceremony
05/24 Avenue of Flags PKG 1:07
New tribute to veterans put up at Graceland Cemetery
05/25 Ron Stephens VOSOT 0:52
Veteran begins fund raising walk to help other veterans
05/26 Military Medals VO 0:25
Treasurer wants your help to find the owners of 100 lost or forgotten military medals
05/26 Macon County Honor Guard VOSOT 0:17
Special Memorial Day celebration
05/27 Korean Veterans NATSVO 0:39
Korean War veterans honored during ceremony

05/29 Honor Flights PKG 2:40

Organization is making a difference to honor aging veterans

Charitable Events/Performing Arts

05/04 Bill Horvey Fund VOSOT 0:31

Proceeds benefit Richland Community College's Firefighters Fund

05/05 Champaign Bike Sale VOSOT 0:41

Champaign holds used bike sale to benefit Habitat for Humanity

05/05 Red Cross Day VO 0:17

People donate blood in honor of World Red Cross Day

05/08 Madigan Food Donate GFX 0:21

Atty General Lisa Madigan will help distribute \$500,000 raised from "Lawyers Feeding Illinois" Drive

05/10 Stamp Out Hunger VO 0:24

Preview of USPS food drive

05/11 Mail Food Drive VOSOT 0:48

Letter carriers' food drive

05/17 Decatur Mural Project VOSOT 0:41

Decatur Arts Council announces choice for first mural

05/22 Red Cross Fundraiser PKG 1:21

WAND joins hands with Red Cross to raise money to help victims of Oklahoma tornadoes

05/23 UW \$1.7M grant VO 0:26

UW announces which programs will receive money and grants

05/24 Blood Drives VOSOT 1:07

People encouraged to give blood to help victims of Oklahoma tornadoes

05/29 Tornado Benefit Concert PKG 1:51

Various artists are putting together a concert to raise money for tornado victims