

Community Issues – 3rd Quarter

Crime

Crime remains a top concern with people living in the Decatur – Champaign – Springfield areas. Topics covered included everything from public safety (shootings, sexual assaults, murders) to scam warnings.

Government

Government issues played a huge role in our coverage during the second quarter. The governor stripped away lawmakers' salaries (including his own) because of their failure to come up with a solution on pension reform. The court ruled pay should be re-instituted; however, the governor appealed.

Education

The realities of spending cuts settled in as children went back to school. Also, very few districts met No Child Left Behind standards.

Economy & Jobs

Major industries continued to lay off workers in Decatur. City and state lawmakers got together in an effort to find common sense solutions. WAND put together a series of interviews to tell people where the jobs are, how to get trained, and what they need to do to apply.

Health and Public Safety

Issues ranged from the safety of HPV vaccine to childhood obesity.

Military

Military depression (and growing number of suicides), veterans benefits, and various benefits put together to benefit veterans highlighted WAND's coverage.

Performing Arts & Charitable Events

Various benefits, concerts, and charitable events were featured on WAND.