

WAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SECTION 5: Special Events and
Programming

July, August, September 2012

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Special Events

WAND participated in the following

July: Rodney T. Miller Triathlon, July 8 on Lake Decatur. Station provided on-air spots and coverage of the event.

July 19 and Aug. 16 – Blues in Central Park. WAND was a sponsor, ran on-air spots and covered the event.

Aug. 3-5 – Decatur Celebration. WAND participated in the 2012 Decatur Celebration. We had a tent all three days in Central Park and broadcast stories from the event. We televised the Razzle Dazzle Good Times Parade on 17.2 (due to the Olympics). An on-air talent participated in the Heinkel Hot Dog eating contest.

Aug. 9 – The WAND StormRunner appeared in the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade. Lee Davis, JC Fultz and Radar.

Aug. 13-17 – News was live in the 4, 5 and 6 from the State Fair the entire week bringing reports on what was going on, food, entertainment and more. Live weather was done in the 607am and noon.

Sept. 8 – Radar appeared at the Fido Scurry event for the local animal shelter in Fairview Park.

Sept. 16 – the Shoreline Classic run was held in Nelson Park. WAND provided on air spots and coverage of the event. Several WAND employees participated in the 5 and 15k runs.

Sept. 20-23 – The Elite Series Bassmaster Tournament was held in Nelson Park. Two days in Shelbyville and the final two days in Decatur. Complete coverage was provided the event. The Lakefest was in conjunction with the Bassmasters.

Programming

July 25 – Dateline Central Illinois aired at 9pm. This was a locally produced Hour program about unsolved crimes throughout Central Illinois. This was hosted by Paula Thornton.

Sept. 1-29 – WAND began airing "Inside the Illini Big Ten College Football". This is an hour show on Saturday morning at 10 covering the Illini football. Steve Kelly (WDWS), Brian Barnhart (Voice of the Illini), Bob Asmusson (News Gazette) and WAND's Matt Loveless host the event.

JULY 2012 Public File

Crime

07/02 Jeffery Massey FSG 0:23

20 years in prison for a man convicted on child pornography charges

07/04 Geno Wilson FSG 0:13

Geno Wilson arrested on attempted murder charges

07/05 Champaign Austin Murder PKG 1:30

Desirae Austin found dead – what happened?

07/06 Champaign Bank Robbery VO 0:21

Police want your help to track down a bank robber

07/09 Douglas Meth VOSOT 0:51

Douglas County Meth problem is on rise

07/09 AC Copper Theft PKG 1:33

Copper theft is on the rise

07/10 Fayette County Shooting FS 0:25

07/11 Geno Wilson GFX/VO 0:22

Geno Wilson is arraigned on attempted murder charge

07/12 Champaign Mahomet Exposure GFX 0:35

Police want to track down a man they accuse of indecent exposure

07/13 Pana Break-ins PKG 1:39

Pana experiencing a rash of break-ins

07/16 Cunningham Murder GFX 0:32

An arrest was made in connection with the murder of Central and Freedom Cunningham

07/17 Champaign Bank Robbery VO 0:21

Bank Robbery at Marine Bank

07/18 Deputy Arrest/Lennox PKG 1:44

Macon County Deputy arrested for role in fatal car crash

07/18 Social Media Crime PKG 1:29

Law enforcement turns to social media to help arrest criminals

07/19 Decatur Sexual Assault VOSOT 0:53

Neighborhood on alert after a teenager was sexually assaulted

07/20 Christian County Meth PKG 1:26

Christian County is battling a growing meth problem

07/21 Aggravated Battery Arrest GFX 0:40

Man arrested after fighting with police

07/24 Decatur Armed Robberies PKG 1:43

Armed robberies are on the rise – are they related?

07/25 Stun Gun Prostitute GFX 0:21

Rantoul teen jailed after using a stun gun on a prostitute

07/26 DEA Synthetic Drugs PKG 1:13

DEA is dealing with a growing problem: synthetic drugs

07/28 Springfield Shooting GFX 0:25

Man shot twice in Springfield – police search for clues

Government

07/01 Rx Changes VOSOT 0:46
Prescriptions are about to become more expensive due to changes in law
07/04 Quinn Bills RDR 0:27
Quinn signs bills designed to help local veterans
07/06 Transportation Bill PKG 1:27
Lawmakers give thumbs up to new transportation bill
07/09 Quinn Gambling Expansion VO 0:20
Quinn will not sign a gambling expansion bill
07/10 Cahnman Teen Tan PKG 1:28
Teenagers may be banned from tanning in Springfield
07/15 Government Drought Plan VO 0:20
Governor unveils plan to deal with drought
07/16 Tanning Ban VOSOT 0:49
Springfield will soon take up proposed teen tanning bed ban
07/17 Dateline CI: Trolley VOSOT 0:58
Preview of story on trolley – why does it keep running with no riders?
07/19 Governor Pensions VO 0:22
Governor calls on lawmakers to decide how to solve the pension crisis
07/20 Quinn Response VOSOT 0:25
Governor Quinn expresses condolences for the state of Colorado after shooting
07/23 Quinn Handicapped VO 0:13
Quinn stiffens fines for people who fraudulently use handicapped placards
07/26 Illinois FOID laws VO 0:24
Laws exist to keep guns from getting in the wrong hands
07/30 ADM/Spencer Park PKG 1:44
Possible re-zoning has people fired up at city council meeting

Jobs and Economy

07/02 Gas Prices PKG 1:19
Gas prices are going down this summer
07/06 Politics and Jobs VOSOT 0:40
Jobs report is bad...
07/08 Politics/Jobs PKG 1:12
Politicians are saying what they'll do to increase employment
07/11 Unemployment VO 0:29
Many receiving benefits are actually ineligible
07/12 Drought/Consumer Prices PKG 2:00
Drought is driving up prices
07/15 Vineyards Drought PKG 1:28
Vineyards are profiting from the drought
07/16 Drought/Business Impact PKG 1:29
Drought is taking a toll on local businesses
07/23 Home Sales PKG 1:23
Home sales trends are changing – some owners are not choosing the highest bid
07/24 Frito Lay Farmer PKG 1:23
Snack prices are going up due to drought
07/24 Bassmasters H2O VOSOT 1:16

Fishing tournament will go on despite drought
07/25 Drought Food Prices VO 0:14
Drought may drive up food prices 2 to 3 percent next year
07/26 Buy Illinois VO 0:16
New campaign is designed to increase sales of locally-grown products
07/27 Piatt County Golf Carts PKG 1:40
Piatt County couple has a creative way to make money when business is down
07/30 Champaign Summer Jobs Ends VO 0:22
Champaign Summer Jobs for teens program ends
07/31 Drought Feed Prices VOSOT INTV 1:33
Feed prices going up due to drought
07/31 Decatur Celebration Cost PKG 1:23
Cost of going to the celebration has gone up

Education

07/09 Teen Tech Monitoring PKG 1:35
How to monitor what your children are doing online
07/10 Trash for Teaching PKG 1:48
Using trash... to teach teens about environment
07/11 U of I Salary RDR 0:18
Merit raises are issued to keep key instructors
07/11 School Groundbreaking VO 0:25
MacArthur breaks ground on renovation project
07/12 Choose a Contractor PKG 1:26
What everyone needs to know before finding a contractor
07/12 Teen Job Cops PKG 1:24
Teenagers shadow police officers
07/14 Decatur Literacy VO 0:30
Event to increase literacy
07/16 College Costs VO 0:30
Average spending for college fell 5 percent – more debt on student
07/23 EIU Contract VO 0:23
Faculty and staff reach contract agreement at university
07/26 School Vaccines VO 0:21
Schools are reminding parents to update immunizations for kids
07/28 Pana Water Project PKG 1:35
Kids from Pana have come up with a way to ensure people get clean water

Health and Public Safety

07/01 Firefighters and Heat PKG 1:36
Firefighters risk their lives in the heat – how they do it.
07/02 Water Safety PKG 1:08
Annual warning to stay safe on the water
07/03 West Nile Decatur VO 0:23
West Nile Virus is in Decatur
07/03 Fans Given Out VOSOT 1:07
Fans to the elderly made available
07/05 Heat Extravaganza VOSOT 1:08

Heat issues

- 07/06 Taste of Springfield/Heat PKG 1:08
Taste of Springfield continues despite the heat
- 07/07 Cancer Survivor Skydive PKG 1:19
Cancer survivor raises awareness for cancer research
- 07/08 Heat Deaths RDR 0:15
Ten deaths tied to heat
- 07/09 Blood Donor Honor 1 PKG 1:33
Blood donor is honored
- 07/10 Ready in Heartland VOSOT 0:41
Red Cross has a tool to help businesses recover after a disaster
- 07/12 House Mosquitoes VOSOT 0:40
Mosquitoes carrying West Nile thrive in dry weather
- 07/16 Drought/Water Survey PKG 1:18
Experts weigh in on how much rain will be needed to end the drought
- 07/17 Decatur Conserve 1 PKG 1:29
Decatur is forced to conserve water due to drought
- 07/21 Talking to Kids VOSOT 1:09
How to talk to kids after a tragedy like to mass shooting in Colorado
- 07/23 Water Restrictions VOSOT 0:46
Water restrictions became stricter in Decatur
- 07/25 S&R Volunteers PKG 1:21
Search and Rescue team in Urbana is made up of mostly volunteers
- 07/26 Homeless in the Heat PKG 1:29
Emergency plans are set up to help homeless people due to heat
- 07/30 Suicide Calls Up PKG 1:40
Number of suicide calls are on the rise

Military

- 07/09 Quinn/Vet Jobs VOSOT 0:41
Quinn signs a bill designed to reward companies for hiring veterans
- 07/11 Wounded Warrior PKG 1:38
Walk raises 1600 for wounded veterans
- 07/12 Tailhook Donation PKG 1:35
WWII veteran donates tailhook
- 07/12 WW2 Memorial Update VO 0:18
WW2 Memorial is on schedule – may open by September
- 07/14 Rantoul Memorial VO 0:20
Rantoul veterans committee wants to build a standing memorial

Charity and Performing Arts

- 07/01 Rock the Dock VOSOT 0:32
4th of July celebration in Springfield – tickets are free!
- 07/07 Triathlon Advancer VO 0:15
Preview of upcoming triathlon
- 07/08 RT Miller Triathlon PKG 1:23
Triathlon raises thousands of dollars

07/09 Taste of Springfield VOSOT 0:42
Taste of Springfield event goes on – benefiting local eateries

07/12 Red Cross Volunteerism VOSOT 0:45
Red Cross makes a pitch for more volunteers

07/14 Mt. Zion Fundraiser PKG 1:32
Mt. Zion holds a fundraiser to raise money for a new firehouse

07/14 Tolono Kid Blood Drive VOSOT 0:58
Child from Tolono holds a blood drive

07/14 EI Foodbank VO 0:23
Eastern Illinois Foodbank needs volunteers

07/15 Decatur Habitat for Humanity PKG 1:36
Home number 58... changes life for the recipient

07/18 Allgaier Food Donation PKG 1:30
Wealthy man makes huge donation to help the hungry

07/21 Make-a-Wish VOSOT 0:47
Wish comes true for terminally ill seven year old

07/27 Riddle Scholarship Fund VOSOT 1:05
Fundraiser for scholarship set up in honor of a man murdered almost 5 years ago

07/27 Illinois Special Olympics PKG 1:27
There is more interest in Special Olympics due to popularity of Olympics games

August 2012 Public File

Crime

08/01 Jonathan Maclin VO 0:30

Maclin will spend 30 years in jail for robbery and murder

08/03 Eaton Murders Folo VO 0:35

Police say they've arrested two in the Harristown murder case

08/06 Barb Hilton PKG 3:29

Update on cold case involving death of Barbara Ann Hilton

08/07 Jermine Hubbert VO 0:27

Murder warrant issued for Hubbert – He is still on the run

08/08 Urbana Vawter Shoot VO 0:18

Two people shot in Urbana – suspect(s) on the run

08/09 Geno Wilson VO 0:20

Man pleads not guilty to shooting woman in face

08/09 Pi Beta Phi Vandal VO 0:21

Incendiary words spray painted on sorority house

08/10 Jimmie Poole VO 0:22

Poole convicted for selling synthetic marijuana at mall

08/14 Danville Shooting VO 0:28

Danville police ask for help to find someone who shot a man

08/15 Alvin Beasley VO 0:19

Alvin Beasley sentenced to 24 years in prison for murder

08/16 Money Order Investigation PKG 1:49

Money order scam has bilked many people from central Illinois

08/18 Armed Robbery VO 0:35

Armed robbery at Diamond's Restaurant

08/21 Georgetown Rape PKG 1:25

Attempted rapes have town on edge

08/22 Georgetown Watch VOSOT 0:43

Neighborhood Watch group focuses on attempted rapes

08/23 Decatur Burglary VO 0:24

Decatur Burglary – near Enterprise Elementary

08/26 Decatur Street Fight VO 0:35

Four arrested after fight on Leafland Avenue

08/27 Child ID Thefts PKG 2:11

Number of children with stolen IDs is rising – what can you do about it?

Government

08/05 Quinn Assault Weapons VO 0:25

Governor steps up security at Chicago Sikh temple following Wisconsin shooting

08/07 Pension Vote VO 0:22

Pension reform is up for a vote

08/07 State Raises VO 0:29

Some unionized workers will get a pay raise that was cancelled last year

08/08 Quinn Enterprise Zones VO 0:19

Tax incentives are now better for businesses in “enterprise zones”

08/09 Bilingual Education RDR 0:22

Governor pushes to expand bilingual education in Illinois

08/12 Quinn Vets Laws PKG 1:20

New laws aim to help veterans

08/14 Bulk Water PKG 1:15

Decatur is looking at alternative methods for getting water during drought

08/15 Quinn Ag Laws VO 0:26

New agriculture laws enacted

08/16 AFSCME PKG 1:17

Unions protest Governor Quinn at State Fair

08/17 Special Session VOSOT 1:00

Governor’s special session on pension reform was not fruitful

08/18 Strip Club tax VO 0:30

Governor signs bill to tax strip clubs – money will benefit victims of violent crimes

08/20 Water @ Council VO 0:42

Decatur City Council takes up how to handle drought

08/21 Decatur Water Folo PKG 1:29

Decatur is considering building a pipeline to bring in more water

Jobs and Economy

08/01 Gas Prices Rise VOSOT 0:30

Gas prices rise – may continue for awhile

08/06 Car Wash Business PKG 1:15

Drought is crippling car wash industry

08/07 Drought/Golf Course VOSOT 0:42

Drought is crippling golf courses

08/07 Drought/Xmas trees PKG 1:34

Drought will affect sales of Christmas trees

08/08 Tree Farm WX PKG 1:24

Pumpkin crop will suffer due to drought

08/10 Drought Crops PKG 1:33

Drought is going to affect crops – and economy

08/14 Champaign Street Fronts PKG 1:27

Champaign may receive a face-lift to attract more businesses

08/15 Decatur Video Poker PKG 1:19

Gaming could boost economy

08/16 Carle Foundation VO 0:22

Carle Foundation wants to expand

08/21 Springfield Free Rent VOSOT 0:44

If you have a good idea to start a business, rent could be free for several months

08/22 Springfield Air Service PKG 1:30

New airline will take direct flights to Florida after Direct Air goes out of business

08/23 Decatur Unemployment VOSOT 1:09
Unemployment rate is up – where are the jobs?

Education

08/01 Back to School PKG 1:31
Local organization tries to make supplies more affordable

08/02 Credit Card Security PKG 1:55
Some tips you may not have thought about to keep your credit safe

08/06 Millikin Best Colleges VO 0:18
Millikin lands on Forbes Magazine's top colleges list

08/07 Back to School PKG 1;17
More than 200 receive free school supplies in Urbana

08/07 Springfield Kindergarten Grant VO 0:20
Program receives special funding so it can expand

08/10 Back to School Tech PKG 1:31
Hi-tech devices will likely add to your back to school shopping bill

08/17 Schools Closed RDR 0:11
Windsor closed due to storms

08/19 Back to School Safety VOSOT 1:03
Reminders for kids and parents as school starts

08/20 Decatur First Day VO 0:27
Kids head back to school for the first day

08/21 Valedictorian Controversy PKG 2:12
Student's diploma withheld for using "hell" in her speech

08/21 Millikin Rating VOSOT 0:41
Millikin rated one of the best colleges in the Midwest

08/24 School Lunch Changes PKG 1:32
Changes in school lunches will address health concerns

08/26 U of I enrollment VO 0:26
Enrollment is breaking records at Illinois colleges

08/26 Millikin First Day VO 0:25
Millikin's first day

08/26 Scholarship Squeeze VO 0:26
Money given out for scholarships is dropping dramatically

Health and Public Safety

08/01 Illiopolis Water PKG 1:38
Water main break prompts boil water alert

08/02 Whooping Cough PKG 1:06
Whooping cough cases are on the rise in central Illinois

08/06 West Nile Dangers PKG 1:56
This dry season is prime for West Nile virus to thrive

08/06 Decatur H2O Restrictions VOSOT 0:59
Water restrictions growing tighter

08/07 Water Restrictions Next PKG 1:01

Water restrictions will get worse before it gets better

08/09 Swine Flu PKG 1:19

Swine flu case confirmed in Illinois

08/20 Salmonella Outbreak VO 0:24

Salmonella outbreak is reported in Illinois

08/20 Super Gonorrhea VO 0:25

A bacteria resistant strain of Gonorrhea found

08/22 Lake Debris PKG 1:12

Because of drought, Decatur is able to clean up lake

08/24 Decatur H2O Update PKG 1:23

How much rain will it take to break the drought?

08/25 Deer Mystery PKG 1:26

Dead deer all over central Illinois – Blue tongue disease?

08/26 Red Cross Deployment VO 0:25

Red Cross being deployed in advance of Isaac

08/26 Decatur Water Restrictions VO 0:30

Rain in Decatur not enough to lift restrictions

Military

08/01 USS Indianapolis Survivors VOSOT 0:56

There are only two survivors left – reunion is this weekend

08/02 USS Indianapolis Survivors PKG 1:37

Two local survivors reunite to mark the anniversary of a deadly US Navy disaster

08/02 Guard Unit Deploy VO 0:22

On Monday, a local guard unit will be deployed to Afghanistan

08/03 Scout Helps Veterans PKG 1:24

Boy scout helps make monument for veterans more accessible

08/12 Taylorville Vet Memorial VOSOT 0:49

Civil War veteran honored

08/13 Quinn Vet Laws PKG 1:28

4 new laws signed to pay homage to veterans

08/18 Run/Walk for the Fallen PKG 1:33

Run-Walk event held to honor Illinois soldiers

08/25 Wounded Vets Game PKG 1:24

Softball game benefits wounded warriors

Charity and Performing Arts

08/11 Learning Center Fundraiser PKG 1:17

Fundraiser benefits 4th and 5th grade students at Learning Center

08/11 Y Kids Fest VOSOT 0:47

Free backpacks for less fortunate children handed out at mall

08/12 Back to School Physical VO 0:20

Antioch Baptist Church offers free physicals for kids going back to school

08/16 Champaign Mural Art PKG 1:16

Glass Mural in Urbana's Lincoln Square is part of an arts initiative

08/17 Lincoln Balloon Festival VO 0:21
Volunteers are encouraged to sign up!

08/17 Blues in Central Park VOSOT 0:36
Free Blues concert held in Decatur

08/18 Run/Walk for the Fallen PKG 1:33
Run-Walk event held to honor Illinois soldiers

08/18 Champaign Arts Festival VO 0:20
Arts festival draws huge crowds

08/23 Blues, Brews, BBQ LIVE VO 1:45
Blues Festival in Springfield

08/24 Jacksonville Pantry Empty VOSOT 0:40
Food pantry is having trouble keepings its shelves stocked

08/25 Lennox Benefit VO 0:25
Decatur man hurt in an accident receives an outpouring of support

08/26 Rock the Block PKG 1:27
Champaign Church holds services outside – free food, activities for kids

September 2012 Public File

Crime

09/02 Urbana Bank Robbery VO 0:20

Urbana Police are looking for a bank robber

09/03 Taylorville Double Arson PKG 1:23

Double arson in Taylorville – police look for clues

09/04 Champaign Senior Fraud - PKG 1:25

A scam targeting seniors

09/05 Counterfeiter Sentenced – FSG 0:26

James Kirst sentenced after pleading guilty for counterfeiting

09/05 Champaign Bike Thefts PKG 1:27

Bicycle thefts are on the rise in Champaign

09/06 Rantoul Body in Fire PKG 1:25

Body found in a home destroyed by fire

09/07 Liedgre Cunningham PKG 1:36

Family members remember the victim of a brutal stabbing – suspect's trial still has not begun four years later

09/08 Newingham Vigil VOSOT 1:00

March to remember beating victim Jerry Newingham

09/08 Champaign Police Shooting PKG 1:20

Officer involved shooting

09/10 Senior Scams PKG 1:27

Resources are available to keep seniors from being bilked

09/11 Springfield Park Vandalism VOSOT 0:46

Park was vandalized and equipment was stolen

09/12 Decatur Drug Bust PKG 1:31

Two people arrested in separate drug busts

09/12 Christian County K2 PKG 1:30

Synthetic marijuana use on the rise in Christian County

09/15 Lincoln Death Investigation VOSOT 1:00

Standoff ends with person involved in crash killing himself

09/17 Chestnut Bank Robbery VO 0:27

Logan County town has a bank robbery

09/18 Charleston Robbery VO 0:32

Charleston police are looking for an armed robbery suspect

09/20 Gacy Non-Victim VOSOT 1:30

Gacy investigation leads police to the body of a missing man – not attributed to Gacy killings

09/24 Meth Seizures Up VOSOT 1:09

Number of methamphetamine-related seizures are on the rise

09/24 Joshua Mefford VO 0:23

Man charged with killing someone during a robbery

09/25 Cocaine Charges VOSOT 1:00

Major drug pipeline shut down

09/26 Hendrix Street Shooting PKG 1:26
Homicide investigation - man shot to death
09/27 Hendrix Area Crime PKG 1:18
Break-ins are increasing in the Hendrix Street area of Decatur
09/28 Meth Workshop PKG 1:31
ADM employees educated on how to spot meth abuse
09/29 Armed Robbery Search GFX 0:30
Champaign gas station held up – suspect on the run

Government

09/02 City Council VO 0:30
TIF district talks are among the issues City Council in Decatur will debate
09/04 Teen Tan Ban VOSOT 0:45
A proposal to ban teens from tanning beds is gaining support
09/05 Tanning Ban Passed VO 0:18
Controversial tanning ban legislation passes – now illegal in Springfield
09/06 Central Park PKG 1:13
Central Park will undergo major facelift as part of “Streetscape” project
09/09 Quinn Prisons VO 0:19
Governor Quinn closes media access to prisons
09/11 Statewide Tan Ban? VO 0:26
Springfield’s tanning ban make prompt legislation to make the ban state-wide
09/12 Concealed Carry PKG 1:20
Concealed Carry legislation brought up once again by Illinois legislator
09/18 Decatur City Council VO 0:34
Council approves new facility for Alzheimer’s patients, among other items
09/25 Barnes Parking Structure PKG 1:13
Long an eyesore... structure is finally coming down. City leaders explain why it took so long
09/26 Voter Registration GFX 0:42
Where and how to register to vote
09/27 Decatur Debate VO 0:19
McElroy and Manar square off in debate
09/28 Absentee Voting VOSOT 0:41
Absentee voting has begun

Jobs and Economy

09/06 Springfield City Vehicles PKG 1:23
City of Springfield looking at using propane for fleet vehicles = major savings
09/07 Politics/Jobs VOSOT 0:33
Unemployment still up and jobs report is dismal
09/10 Heartland National Guard MAP 0:23
New National Guard facility will bring new jobs to Illinois College campus
09/12 Olga’s House PKG1:30
Unique way to find deals – local business profiled

09/14 Goodwill Coming VO 0:25
Goodwill store will be built in Decatur
09/14 Waverly Grocery VOSOT 0:43
Waverly – a mom and pop grocery store – is shutting down
09/14 LL Limousine Bankrupt VO 0:13
Limousine service goes out of business
09/14 Lakefest Economy PKG 1:01
Lakefest promises to be good for Decatur's economy
09/19 Ameren Veterans VO 0:17
Ameren plans to concentrate on hiring veterans
09/19 Lakefront Development VOSOT 0:46
Plans for Lakefront Development project unveiled at special ceremony
09/20 Lake Fest PKG 1:00
Day 1 of Bassmasters' tournament – huge economic impact
09/20 Strasburg Gaming PKG 1:25
Video gaming machines are beginning to pop up
09/20 Decatur Economic Development VOSOT 0:35
People gather to give input on improving Decatur's economy
09/24 Wal-Mart Hiring VO 0:21
Wal-Mart is hiring people for the holidays
09/27 DPTS 1,000,000 Riders VO 0:33
Decatur Public Transportation System celebrates 1,000,000 riders
09/29 Harvest Moon Follow PKG 1:20
Fundraising to keep drive-in open falls short of goal

Education

09/06 EIU Enrollment VO 0:19
EIU enrollment is down 7 percent
09/11 Champaign Teachers Picket PKG 1:15
Teachers picket outside board meeting – they're working without a contract
09/12 Mattoon Photos PKG 1:20
New photos of Mattoon shows how much the area has grown and the keys to its success
09/12 Chicago Strike VO 0:20
Chicago teachers on strike
09/13 Tech Academy Adult Education SET 2:00
Adult Education classes offered in Decatur
09/14 UI Board of Trustees VO 0:25
Board of Trustees approves budget – operating costs are up, enrollment is down
09/18 Springfield School Budget VO 0:22
32 Teaching jobs may be on the line with the approval of this new budget
09/24 Carpe Diem School PKG 2:19
Unique approach to teaching
09/24 Champaign Anti-bullying PKG 1:24
Champaign Dance Troupe performs to teach students about the harms of bullying
09/24 Springfield Expulsion Rate VO 0:26

Expulsion rates are higher among certain minority demographics
09/25 AED for Schools VOSOT 0:50
New program teaches students how to use defibrillators
09/25 Parkland Ribbon Cutting VOSOT 0:36
Two new building unveiled today at Parkland College
09/25 Champaign Schools Surplus GFX 0:35
Newly passed budget contains \$1.7 million dollar surplus in operating budget
09/28 Student Loans PKG 1:21
Student loan issues are skyrocketing – students and parents owe record amounts

Health and Public Safety

09/01 Storm Safety PKG 1:22
How to stay safe in the event of a tornado
09/02 Seat Belt Usage VO 0:25
More Illinoisans are buckling up
09/03 No Boating/Labor Day PKG 1:30
Drought forces “no boating” rules on Lake Decatur
09/06 Concussions VOSOT 1:00
Study finds concussions are a huge problem – local impact studied
09/07 Sangamon County Flu Shots VOSOT 0:40
Annual flu vaccination program has begun
09/10 Corn Mold PKG 1:30
Corn mold is becoming a huge problem
09/12 DMH DAT Scan VO 0:22
DMH unveils device designed to help detect Parkinson’s disease
09/13 Memorial Medical upgrade PKG 1:13
Memorial Medical Center announces \$145 million dollar upgrade
09/13 McDonalds Calories PKG 1:27
McDonalds now has a calorie counter
09/14 Champaign Stranger Danger VO 0:35
Champaign area offering classes on stranger danger
09/16 Stop Texting Preview PKG 0:46
Lt. Governor wants teens to sign stop texting pledge
09/19 Flu Shots PKG 1:27
Flu shot season – who should get them?
09/19 Allergy Season PKG 1:25
Allergy season is worse this season
09/20 DMH Prostate Screen VO 0:22
Prostate Screenings taking place at DMH – for free
09/21 Cancer Care Certification VOSOT 0:35
National certification recognition for Cancer Care Center of Decatur
09/26 Blue Tongue Meeting VO 0:31
BTD informational meeting – killing lots of deer
09/27 Norovirus School VOSOT 0:38
Norovirus forces a school in Charleston to close for a day

09/28 Acne Virus PKG 1:28

Virus causes acne

Military

09/04 Veterans Monument LIVEVOSOT 1:00

It's drawing visitors before it opens

09/04 Camp Lincoln Package VOSOT 0:45

Military campus receives white powder – forces lockdown

09/07 WWII Memorial PKG 1:26

It is finally dedicated after years of planning

09/10 National Guard Return VOSOT 0:45

Troops return from a mission along the Mexican border

09/11 Portraits of Soldiers VOSOT 0:51

Governor Quinn unveils exhibit of those who served in war on terror

09/19 Military Substance Abuse PKG 1:31

Substance abuse is up among veterans – DOD makes recommendations

09/27 Veterans Fundraiser VO/Interview 1:30

Play raises money for veterans

09/30 Warriors Homecoming VOSOT 1:00

Three men come home from year-long deployment

Charity and Performing Arts

09/07 Graffiti Street Art VOSOT 0:54

Graffiti “art” on display in Decatur

09/08 Walk for Recovery VO 0:25

Walk to raise money for recovering addicts

09/08 Arcola Broomcorn Festival VOSOT 0:31

Annual event draws thousands to Arcola

09/09 Prairie Celebration PKG 1:45

Life on the prairie celebrated

09/11 Boys & Girls Club/United Way Funding PKG 1:13

Fund raising campaign heats up

09/12 Ronald McDonald Playground VOSOT 0:40

Ribbon cutting for new playground dedicated at Ronald McDonald House

09/12 Habitat for Humanity VOSOT 0:36

Danville Habitat for Humanity builds its 50th home

09/14 Arts in Central Park VO 0:14

Local artists will have their works on display

09/15 Kiwanis Park Dedication VOSOT 0:47

Soccer field dedicated as official home for Kiwanis Park Soccer

09/21 Shelbyville Pow Wow GFX 0:18

Kaskaskia River dancers pow wow is taking place in Shelbyville

09/22 Fall Zumba VO 0:27

Heart health event... free to public

09/28 Goodwill Boutique VO 0:20

A new kind of Goodwill store to open in Springfield

09/29 Great Trash Stash VOSOT 0:32

Area park spruced up as part of a day of giving

09/29 Together For Lincoln VOSOT 1:00

Community shows its spirit by volunteering