

WAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SECTION 5: Special Events and Programming

October, November, December 2012

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Special Events

WAND participated in the following

October 6, 2012 – WSOY Community Food Drive. WAND participated in this event 6a-6pm with volunteers and news cut-ins. WAND also ran spots promoting this event.

November 16, 2012 – Millikin Symphony Holiday Cabaret. WAND was a sponsor of this event and provided talent, Samantha Singer, as the emcee. The event was held at the Decatur Club 6pm – 9pm.

December 14, 2012 – WAND Spirit of Giving. This was the fourth year for this event in partnering with Toys for Tots and the Decatur Salvation Army. The event was at the station from 7am to 6pm. On air talent did live cut-ins with sponsors and also just reported the progress. 2,921 toys were collected and given to the Salvation Army who distributed them through their process.

Programming

October 5, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2012. Inside the Illini Big Ten College Football show aired 10-11:00am. Anchored by Matt Loveless (WAND), Bob Asmussen (News Gazette), Brian Barnhart (Illini) and Steve Kelly (WDWS Radio). This show looked at the previous Illini football game and forward to that day's game.

November 27, 2012 – Dateline Central Illinois aired 9-10pm. Hosted by Paula Thornton and Doug Wolfe, this hour program looked at unsolved crimes, crimes solved throughout Central Illinois.

December 24, 2012 – Holiday on Ice, Las Vegas Style 10:30-11:30pm. One hour program featuring figure skating.

December 25, 2012 – Christmas Liturgical, 5-6am. One hour Christmas program.

December 25, 2012 – Holiday Festival on Ice, 10:30-11:30am. One hour program featuring figure skating.

December 25, 2012 – A Hollywood Christmas Celebration 11:30am-12:30pm.

December 25, 2012 – Homeless for the Holidays 2-4pm. Holiday movie.

October 2012 Public File

Crime

- 10/01 Armed Robbery Search VO 0:28**
Police in Champaign search for armed robbery suspect
- 10/02 Springfield Shooting VO 0:24**
Shooting on Eastman Avenue in Springfield
- 10/03 Domestic Violence Roundup VO 0:32**
24 arrested during sweep
- 10/04 Lincoln Burglaries VO 0:21**
Nine separate businesses were hit
- 10/06 County Market Armed Robbery VO 0:25**
Decatur County Market hit by armed robber
- 10/07 Douglas County Burglaries PKG 1:30**
20 homes broken into in Douglas County
- 10/10 Cisco Theft PKG 1:42**
Woman with COPD burglarized
- 10/11 Check N Go Update VO 0:23**
Teenager arrested in connection with a robbery in Urbana
- 10/14 Cunningham Memorial PKG 1:18**
Friends hold vigil to remember man murdered in Decatur
- 10/15 Decatur Tire Slashing PKG 1:44**
Series of tire slashing incidents have police concerned
- 10/16 Mattoon Armed Robbery VO 0:24**
Champaign man arrested in connection with a robbery in Mattoon
- 10/17 Michael Glover VO 0:15**
Glover arrested in connection with jewelry store robbery in Mattoon
- 10/18 Jacksonville Drug Bust VOSOT 1:09**
Drug bust – big one – in Jacksonville (18 arrested)
- 10/18 Capitol Area Home Invasion VO 0;29**
Police are looking for three men in connection with a home invasion in Springfield
- 10/19 Local Boy Scouts PKG 2:01**
Boy Scout scandal hits home
- 10/20 Jimmy Johns Robbery VO 0:42**
Urbana man arrested under suspicion of robbing Jimmy Johns delivery man
- 10/21 Waggoner Armed Robbery VO 0:27**
Armed robbery on Waggoner Street in Decatur
- 10/21 Prostitution Ring VO 0:23**

Prostitution ring in Springfield shut down

10/22 Gary Schmitt GFX 0:31

Man who killed father found not guilty by reason of insanity

10/23 Massage Bust Follow VOSOT 0:51

More information about the massage parlor that was busted in Springfield

10/24 Wallace Sanders VO 0:22

Man admits to stealing metal

10/25 Clinton Drug Bust VOSOT 0:48

Couple arrested on class x felonies

10/27 Ronald Wilkerson GFX 0:24

Man accused of two bank robberies now accused of rape

10/28 Gilman Reaction PKG 1:28

Small community reacts to very rare murder case

10/29 Body Found LIVE 1:00

Body found in Sangamon County under suspicious circumstances

10/30 Halloween Mischief VOSOT 0:50

Police warn people about vandalism on Halloween

10/31 Sangamon Body Autopsy VO 0:28

Identity is still not known – calling it a murder

Government

10/01 Springfield Video Gambling VO 0:23

70 businesses have applied for video gaming permits

10/04 13th District Profiles VOSOT 1:09

Profiles of contenders in one of the most hotly contested races

10/04 City Council Walks PKG 1:31

City Council members walk and talk to constituents

10/08 Voter Registration PKG 1:15

Voter registration drive

10/08 Ball Chatham Bonds VO 0:20

Bonds will be on the ballot – benefit area schools

10/09 Pension Amendment PKG 1:23

Doug Wolfe breaks down the pension amendment on the ballot

10/09 Meet the Candidates VOSOT 0:49

A chance to meet the candidates

10/10 Unemployment Prison PKG 1:57

\$2,000,000 in benefits paid to prisoners

10/11 Election Advancer PKG 1:21

Voter's guide put together by WAND

10/15 Decatur Council Aquifer VOSOT 0:46

Decatur City Council moves ahead with plans to tap into an aquifer

10/16 Election Registration PKG 1:22

More information for those who haven't registered to vote

10/18 Boehner Rally LIVEVO 1:00

John Boehner speaks in Champaign

10/19 BM Cig/Booze Tax LIVEVOSOT 0:46

Blue Mound to vote on raising cigarette and alcohol tax

10/22 Compare Property Tax PKG 1:26

Pension crisis could force areas to raise property taxes

10/25 House and Senate Forum VO 0:21

Meet the candidates forum is in Vermillion County

10/26 Don Girard RDR 0:21

Champaign Mayor is in legal trouble

10/28 Sunday Voting VO 0:39

Early voting starts for Macon County

10/30 Double Voting PKG 1:23

Election officials have measures to prevent fraud

Health & Safety

10/04 Meningitis Outbreak VO 0:26

Outbreak of meningitis in Decatur area

10/04 West Nile Disease VO 0:22

Number of human cases in central Illinois continues to grow

10/07 Black Bart Fire Safety VOSOT 0:52

Black Bart Pumpkin Patch holds fire safety demonstration

10/07 Siren Tests VO 0:23

Decatur warns people it will be testing fire sirens

10/08 Meningitis Update PKG 1:30

Meningitis outbreak linked to contaminated steroid injections

10/09 Mammogram Care PKG 1:12

Healthcare provider gives people an incentive to get checked

10/11 Medicaid Drugs PKG 1:24

Medicaid recipients affected by government cutbacks

10/13 Meningitis Outbreak VO 0:26

Chicagoan is the first in state to be diagnosed

10/15 Flu Shots PKG 1:19

Certain groups of people *need to get* flu shots this year

10/16 Prescription Help VOSOT 1:02

Those needing help controlling Rx costs can be helped

10/19 UI Smoke Free Campus VOSOT 0:40

UI will become smoke free starting 2013

10/19 Spider Bites PKG 1:59

Spider bites are becoming more common – need to be checked out right away

10/20 Operations Kid Safe VOSOT 0:47

Way to protect kids

10/20 Gun Safety Clinic VOSOT 0:36

Sangamon County Sheriff reaches out to send message to parents

10/21 Humane Town Hall PKG 1:34

Humane Society holds meeting to help control stray population

10/22 Monster Drink death VO 0:28

Someone dies after drinking Monster energy drink

10/23 Energy Drinks danger PKG 1:36

The danger of energy drinks profiled in this story

10/23 Cheerleading Sport PKG 1:24

Reasons why cheerleading should be classified as a sport – it does pose certain athletic risks

10/24 CO Detectors PKG 1:18

Importance of checking CO detectors and replacing them on a schedule

10/25 Probiotics PKG 1:22

“Good” bacteria everyone needs to stay healthy

10/26 Booster Seat Rating PKG 1:39

How do your booster seats rate?

10/27 Halloween Safety PKG 1:37

Some tips to stay safe this Halloween

10/28 Halloween Sex Offender VOSOT 0:46

Police tell people how to stay safe this Halloween

10/29 ISP Holiday Enforce 2 VO 0:21

ISP sends message to public about holiday safety

10/30 Cancer Checks VOSOT 0:55

Another reminder about the importance of mammograms

10/31 Concussion App PKG 1:22

Taking the guessing game out of concussions

Jobs and Economy

10/01 CAT Plant Shut Down VO 0:23

Caterpillar will shut down for one week in November

10/02 Poverty Levels PKG 1:30

1 in 4 is living in poverty

10/02 Holiday Sales PKG 1:29

Holiday sales projected to increase

10/03 186 Pay Freeze VO 0:22

Administrators in District 186 – Springfield won't get raises

10/04 1.84 Gas VOSOT 0:49

Local group makes a political statement by subsidizing gimmick to have gas for 1.84 per gallon at a Decatur gas station.

10/08 Hunting Economy PKG 1:30

Hunting season will help area economy

10/11 Illinois Foreclosures VO 0:20

Foreclosures up in Illinois – significantly over last year

10/12 DCFS Cancels Layoffs VO 0:18

DCFS cancels plans to layoff 375 people

10/17 300 Below PKG 1:38

Local business focuses on cryogenics

10/17 Hotel Groundbreak VO 0:24

Groundbreaking ceremony for hotel = new jobs

10/21 CAT stays Illinois VO 0:31

Caterpillar will not leave Illinois

10/22 CAT Earnings VO 0:20

Caterpillar is downgrading its earnings projections due to economy

10/29 Foreclosure Help PKG 1:29

Help from foreclosure is a phone call away

Education

10/02 IPADS for Special Ed VOSOT 1:14

IPADS are helping special ed students in Decatur

10/04 Champaign Teachers PKG 1:24

Champaign teachers vote to authorize a strike

10/04 Bright Star Award VO 0:31

20 students receive Bright Star award

10/06 DPS Parent Rally PKG 1:17

DPS 61 holds rally to honor parents

10/09 School Food Pantry VOSOT 0:43

Schools team up with organizations to combat childhood hunger

10/11 U of I GEO Strike Talk VO 0:33

Graduate Education Organization could strike

10/17 ISBE Chair @ EHS PKG 1:41

Millions being poured into underperforming schools

10/19 Decatur Power Drillers VO 0:13

Decatur Drum Corps and Dance team to compete in Kansas City

10/19 Average School Debt VOSOT 0:40

Average college debt is \$27,000

10/23 Red Ribbon Week PKG 1:30

School children taught about the dangers of drugs

10/24 College Affordability PKG 1:40

Affordability of higher education is becoming a much bigger issue

10/24 School Discipline VO 0:19

Discipline issues are declining in Decatur

10/25 B& GC After School VOSOT 0:49

After school program didn't receive federal funds because application was late

10/31 Schools AYP PKG 1:37

No Sangamon County schools made AYP

10/31 NCLB Score PKG 1:25

One school that met AYP is profiled

Military

10/01 Warrior Homecoming VO 0:24

Three Illiopolis soldiers come home from Afghanistan

10/04 Clinton Homecoming VOSOT 1:05

Teen asks veteran (brother) to homecoming, was refused by school

10/12 WWI Re-enactment VO 0:28

Re-enactment recreates moments in World War I

10/16 Honor Flight Returns VO 0:26

Honor Flight returns tonight

10/24 Homeless Veterans PKG 1:34

Homeless veterans are a growing problem – one organization is helping them

Performing Arts& Charitable Events

10/02 RC Blood Drive VO 0:24

Richland is one of many locations holding blood drives

10/02 Community Food Drive VO 0:25

Plug for WSOY community blood drive

10/02 Operation Uplift VOSOT 0:55

Program helps disabled people get around town

10/05 WSOY Food Drive LIVE 2:15

Community food drive – WAND is live all day

10/05 Springfield Day of Action VOSOT 0:43

Springfield has "day of action" for volunteers

10/06 Charity Car Show VO 0:28

Decatur holds car show for charity

10/07 Helping Hands VOSOT 0:57

Baseball, game to benefit special needs children

10/12 Neighborhood Makeover VOSOT 0:39

Residents chip in to beautify Decatur

Kids receive toys courtesy KIDS Wish Network

10/13 Kids Free Toys VOSOT 0:40

10/13 Homeless Handout RDR 0:18

Help for the homeless

10/15 Winter Gear Donation VOSOT 0:35

State reaches out to keep homeless warm

10/16 Salvation Army PKG 1:16

Salvation Army in Springfield needs donations for a new facility

10/22 ADM Cleans up Rivers VO 0:20

\$375,000 donation to clean up rivers

10/23 United Way Money PKG 1:34

Good response, so far, to UW's annual campaign

10/26 Socks for Seniors VO 0:20

Charity to benefit seniors

10/27 Coats for Kids VO 0:23

Coats for kids program plug

10/31 Halloween Charity PKG 1:28

A unique way to "scare" while "caring"

NOVEMBER 2012

Public File

Crime

11/01 Lyons Park Murder Folo PKG 1:30
Abdullah murder case sparks fear in Decatur neighborhood

11/02 Gilman Shooting VO 0:23
Rare murder in the small town of Gilman

11/04 Decatur AC Robbery VO 0:26
Two teens caught stealing an air conditioner

11/07 Decatur Burglaries VOSOT 1:14
A rash of burglaries in Decatur

11/10 Murder Vigil VO 0:18
Decatur residents remember Robbie Johnson, murder victim

11/12 Andrew Condon VO 0:25
Man arrested in connection with murder in Gilman

11/12 Comcast Scam VOSOT 0:53
Comcast warns people about email scam

11/13 Cellini Prison VO 0:29
Bill Cellini, convicted powerbroker, will start serving his sentence in January

11/15 Clinton Biz Burglary VOSOT 1:13
Rash of burglaries concern business owners

11/21 Douglas Robberies PKG 1:21
Douglas County experiences a rash of robberies

11/21 Jennifer Tyree VO 0:27
Teacher jailed for inappropriate relationship with student

11/24 Body Found VO 0:33
Body found near Springfield Tattoo parlor - suicide

11/26 Maroa Murder LIVE 1:00
Body found inside home in Maroa

11/26 DeMarta Cunningham VO 0:28
Trial date set for man accused in murder of Decatur couple

11/29 Cantrell Arson Follow up VOSOT 0:56
Exclusive surveillance video of theft that took place after arson

11/30 Katie McKenna FSG 0:37
Girl accused of causing the death of others during a wreck changes her plea

Government

11/02 Campaign 2012 PKG 1:37
2012 election is in its final days

11/03 MC early voting VO 0:22
2000 people have taken advantage of early voting in Macon County

11/05 Last Minute Campaign PKG 1:13

Flurry of activity as candidates make last-ditch effort to get votes
11/05 Early Voting Turnout VOSOT 0:40
Record numbers take part in early voting
11/05 Election 101 0:43
Who the candidates are and where they stand
11/06 Election Coverage Various 5, 6, and 10pm news
Wall-to-wall coverage of elections
11/07 Davis/Gill Follow up PKG 1:30
Davis wins, Gill refuses to concede
11/21 Jackson JR resigns VO 0:21
Jesse Jackson Jr resigns amid health problems
11/21 DCI Mid America PKG 0:50
Tax dollars could be spent on new airport
11/22 Gambling Revenue PKG 1:31
Video gambling bringing in money
11/26 Champaign City Council VO 0:21
Search for new City Manager tops agenda
11/27 Drivers License Rally PKG 1:33
Rally for allowing illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses – public safety is the argument
11/28 Medical Marijuana Bill PKG 1:08
The fight to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes hits the legislature
11/28 Minimum Wage Rally VOSOT 0:33
Supporters say it's time to raise minimum wage to 10.25/hr
11/29 Legislative Wrap VOSOT 0:45
A wrap-up of items discussed in the veto session
11/30 Downtown Parking PKG 1:44
Major changes to how you can park your car in Downtown Decatur – many upset
Jobs& Economy

11/02 Springfield Redevelopment VOSOT 0:48
Mayor announces major redevelopment plan to revive the economy
11/05 Juvenile Center Cuts PKG 1:16
Cutbacks threaten to shut down juvenile detention center
11/09 Gill Concedes RDR 0:14
Dr. David Gill concedes race to Rodney Davis
11/13 Springfield Retail Expansion PKG 1:22
A sign of growing economy – retail opportunities boom in Springfield
11/13 Crowne Foreclosure VO 0:20
Foreclosure sale of Crowne Plaza has been rescheduled
11/15 Foreclosures Up FSG 0:19
Foreclosures up 19 percent
11/18 Gas Down VO 0:27
Gas prices down significantly
11/19 Hunting Economy PKG 1:00
The economy should improve due to hunting season

11/20 Small Business Black Friday PKG 1:25
Small business hope to capitalize on the shopping season
11/22 Sales preparedness PKG 1:31
Preparing for Black Friday
11/26 Cyber Monday PKG 1:49
Online sales expected to hit records on Cyber Monday

Education

11/01 Families First: Junior High PKG 1:25
How to handle your teens during junior high school days
11/02 Springfield School Cuts PKG 1:14
Draconian cuts proposed in Springfield due to budget shortfall
11/07 Physicians Pipeline PKG 1:48
This course is for teens to recruit teens to pursue medical careers
11/11 Legacy of Learning VOSOT 0:27
DPS 61 honors outstanding graduates
11/12 Bully March PKG 1:32
Remembering a teen who committed suicide after being bullied – public awareness campaign
11/13 Families First – High School Kids PKG 2:20
Dealing with high school kids is the focus of Families First story
11/16 Urban League Ceremony PKG 1:16
Graduation for people enrolled in program for dads
11/19 Inmate Grads PKG 1:21
Inmates get a second chance at life

Health and Public Safety

11/01 Logan Disaster Prevention PKG 1:16
EMA works with county to create a disaster preparedness plan
11/03 Smoke Alarm Change VO 0:29
It's time to change your smoke detectors
11/03 No Shave November PKG 1:37
Men refuse to shave to raise awareness for prostate cancer
11/05 Bus investigation PKG 1:30
City buses are dangerous places because school children are getting into fights at bus stops
11/08 RC Mock Shelter PKG 1:05
Red Cross deployed to help victims of Hurricane Sandy
11/12 Pregnancy Autism VOSOT 1:05
Pregnant women with flu are at heightened risk for having autistic children
11/13 Decatur EMS Changes PKG 1:25
Decatur EMS has implemented changes
11/15 Great American Smokeout PKG 1:54
Great American smokeout encourages people to stop smoking
11/19 Holiday Weight Gain PKG 1:56

How to avoid gaining weight this Thanksgiving

11/19 Prairie Heart Institute VOSOT 0:31

Heart Institute Opens – Open House

11/24 Kids Steroids VOSOT 1:03

Steroids rising in popularity with kids

11/27 Diabetes Spike PKG 1:55

Diabetes cases are going up

Military

11/04 National Guard PKG 1:33

Two local heroes honored during change of command ceremony

11/08 Veterans Green Jobs PKG 1:41

Green jobs being marketed to veterans looking for work

11/08 Veterans Cash Lottery VO 0:13

New game will benefit veterans

11/08 Movie Vet Donation PKG 1:22

Veterans will benefit from Family Video Store promotion

11/09 Disabled Vet Speaks VOSOT 0:46

Disabled veteran talks about his experience with Mt. Zion school kids

11/09 Veterans Job Fair PKG 1:25

Job Fair held in Champaign for veterans

11/10 New Jersey Troops VOSOT 0:32

Troops in New Jersey helping out victims of Sandy – local people are also helping

11/10 Veteran Story PKG 1:38

Honor Flight for two Illinois residents

11/10 Soldier Ceremony VOSOT 0:37

Veterans Day ceremony in Urbana

11/11 Honor Flight Returns VOSOT 0:45

Those taking part in the Honor Flight return home

11/12 Purple Heart PKG 1:20

Purple Heart recipients honored in Springfield

11/25 Disabled Vet PKG 1:08

Disabled veteran is needing help to get back on his feet – growing problem

Performing Arts and Charitable Events

11/02 Telethon Sandy VO 0:27

NBC hosts telethon for victims of Hurricane Sandy

11/03 Police Shred Day PKG 1:18

Police hold shred-a-thon to help you dispose of documents

11/04 Steps for Bella VOSOT 0P42

Fundraiser to raise cash for Bella, who was born prematurely and faces a number of medical issues

11/04 BBBS Race PKG 1:36

Fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters

11/07 Real Men Wear Pink VOSOT 0:33

Annual campaign to raise awareness of breast cancer
11/08 Red Kettle Drive Start VO 0:16
Annual Salvation Army drive begins
11/08 Dove Coats for Kids VO 0:19
DOVE starts its annual coat drive
11/10 Holiday Workshop VOSOT 0:48
Multiple charities benefit from unique shopping event
11/19 Can Drive VOSOT 0:39
Can drive for the poor
11/20 Easter Seals Ornament VO 0:28
Proceeds will go toward Easter Seals from sales of this limited edition ornament
11/21 Decatur Thanksgiving VO 0:24
Thanksgiving for people without a place to go
11/25 Fire Donations VO 0:26
Family displaced after fire asks for help
11/26 Salvation Army Christmas PKG 1:39
Salvation Army needs donations
11/30 Coats for Kids VO 0:18
Last day to donate coats for kids
11/30 Day of Giving VO 0:19
Spirit of Giving plug

December 2012 Public File

Crime

12/03 Cyber Shopping PKG 1:31
Warning to all consumers – identity theft story

12/04 John and Janet Cunningham GFX 0:22
Fugitives from southern Illinois seen in Coles County

12/04 Pana Tire Slashings PKG 1:34
Rash of tire slashings in Pana have police concerned

12/04 Police Chase GFX 0:44
Champaign police arrest a man after shots were fired near West Green Street

12/06 Catalytic Converter Thefts PKG 1:30
Catalytic converter thefts – new trend near Sangamon County

12/06 Springfield Prostitution GFX 0:24
A number of people arrested during prostitution sweep

12/06 Garfield/24th Street VOSOT 0:44
Hit and run suspect arrested

12/07 Rash of DUI VOSOT 1:14
Several DUI crashes have taken place in the past week

12/08 Sangamon Shooting VO 0:38
Drive by shooting kills woman in Springfield

12/09 Decatur Shooting VO 0:23
Multiple shots fired on East Waggoner Street

12/10 DEA Scam PKG 1:30
People trying to pose as DEA are trying to scam people

12/11 Decatur Standoff PKG 1:11
Standoff in Decatur – police surround suspect in murder

12/14 Behnke's Mom PKG 1:29
Suspect in armed robbery's mom pleads her son to turn himself in

12/14 Holiday Scams PKG 1:39
Consumer advocates are warning you to lookout for common scams

12/16 Hollgarth Vigil VOSOT 0:27
Victim in a shooting remembered in Decatur

12/17 Springfield Vigil LIVE 1:30
Springfield remembers the people killed in Newtown, CT shooting

12/17 Champaign Shooting LIVE VOSOT 0:42
Two men shot inside their home

12/18 Urbana Drug Bust LIVE VOSOT 0:38
More than one dozen arrested in major drug sweep

12/19 Montez Williams VO 0:37

Man accused in drunk driving crash says he is innocent
12/20 Operation Blue Monday PKG 1:25
Officials crack down on child pornography
12/20 Charleston Wanted VO 0:17
Two wanted in connection with a robbery
12/21 Sandy Hook Scam VOSOT 0:44
Scam artists are trying to get you to donate money to them under the guise of helping victims of CT shooting
12/23 Sangamon Shooting MAP 0:25
Woman shot by stray bullet on North Street
12/24 Car Slashing PKG 1:25
Vandals in Rantoul slash dozens of tires

Government

12/03 City Council VOSOT 1:00
Decatur expected to lift some watering restrictions
12/04 Immigrant Licenses PKG 1:23
Licenses for illegal immigrants measure passes house
12/05 UI GPS Tracking PKG 1:30
New device helps track down man wanted in connection with a murder
12/05 Pension Reform VOSOT 1:12
Pension reform is one of the hot topics in the veto session
12/06 UT Concealed Carry VOSOT 1:01
Illinois residents can obtain concealed carry permits in other states
12/09 New State Rep VO 0:20
New State Rep Davidsmeyer named to represent 97th-100th districts (Jacksonville)
12/10 Fiscal Cliff Vigil VOSOT 1:00
Live report on people praying for an end to the fiscal cliff standoff
12/11 Quinn Prisons VO 0:21
Supreme Court says governor can move forward with the closures of some state prisons and the Adult Transition Center
12/12 Concealed Carry PKG 1:20
With recent violence, there is a renewed push for concealed carry legislation in Illinois
12/19 Unions and Pensions PKG 1:35
Recommendation to solve pension crisis includes closing corporate loopholes
12/19 Retail Redevelopment VOSOT 1:13

Decatur is trying to attract businesses by offering tax incentives
12/22 Video Gaming VOSOT 0:55
Because of new video gambling machines, American Legion hits record

Health & Public Safety

12/03 Flu Season PKG 1:21
Flu season is here with a vengeance
12/04 Stroke Training PKG 1:29
People undergoing training to recognize a stroke – seconds can save lives
12/05 Holiday Stress VOSOT 0:42
Holiday stress – how to deal with
12/06 New Drug – Kratom PKG 1:34
Warning about new drug that is highly addictive but legal
12/09 Flu Health VOSOT 0:45
Flu bug is hitting hard – warning to get flu shots
12/11 Drunk Driving Drops VO 0:18
Number of drunk driving arrests is dropping
12/13 MADD DUI Court PKG 1:36
New grading system could improve the way DUI cases are handled in Illinois
12/13 Toppling TV Dangers PKG 1:19
One of the hidden and most common dangers of owning a flat-screen television - toppling
12/17 Local School Safety PKG 1:35
How local schools are reacting in wake of Newtown CT disaster
12/18 Stolen Phone App PKF 1:33
GPS App can help you locate a phone
12/19 Macon County Mental Health VOSOT 0:19
Mental health facility is closing its doors because of funding
12/22 Home Burglary PKG 1:22
Staying safe – protecting yourself this holiday season against crimes of opportunity
12/22 Holiday Crackdown VO 0:26
Statewide crackdown on drunk driving
12/24 Seat Belt Enforcement VO 0:25
Seat belt enforcement campaign kicks off

Education

12/03 Springfield School Budget VO 0:23
Public input sought to craft school budget

12/03 ISU President Retires RDR 0:19
Search begins for a new ISU president
12/04 Cyber Shopping PKG 1:44
Be careful while shopping online – do's and don'ts.
12/07 Early Learning Grants VO 0:30
Illinois will get its share of a \$35,000,000 grant
12/10 UI Pension Proposal VO 0:26
Professors propose trading part of pension for lump sum payment
12/11 Georgetown School PKG 1:21
Georgetown school is closing due to district's major deficit
12/11 Champaign School Board RDR 0:12
Tom Lockman steps down
12/12 Lanphier Tour VOSOT 0:43
Lanphier shows off how it has used a \$5.5 million dollar grant to improve the school
12/19 Urbana School Board RDR 0:15
Deadline has been extended for teachers thinking about taking early retirement
12/19 Springfield School Board VO 0:22
Parents asking district to ignore cutback recommendations
12/20 Travel Latest PKG 1:35
Travel conditions horrible because of weather
12/25 Academic Integrity VO 0:20
University of Illinois focuses on academic integrity

Jobs and Economy

12/03 Gas Prices PKG 1:31
Gas prices going down
12/07 Oscar Mayer Layoffs VO 0:21
Up to 100 will be laid off before holidays
12/07 Foreclosures Suspended VO 0:17
Major lenders suspending foreclosures and evictions through January
12/08 UI Raise Wages VO 0:25
Board approves raising graduate assistant pay by 2.5%
12/09 Mattoon Strike RDR 0:17
Mattoon telecommunications company has 150 on strike
12/10 Gas Prices Drop VOSOT 0:36
Gas prices dropping – supply and demand
12/11 Champaign Home Sales PKG 1:11
Champaign home sales are on the rise!

12/12 Unemployment VOSOT 0:30
Federal funding for unemployment (beyond state benefits) set to end
12/13 Foreclosure Reports VO 0:18
Number of foreclosures hit a 9 month high in November
12/15 Gas Prices VO 0:15
Gas prices are down again
12/19 Homeward Bound Help VOSOT 0:41
No kill shelter in danger of closing
12/23 Last minute shopping VOSOT 0:56
Deals exist for last-minute shoppers
12/23 Gas Prices VOSOT 0:34
Gas prices fall again
12/24 Work Source Center PKG 1:46
Companies offering you jobs on the spot – too good to be true?
12/25 Last minute shoppers VO 0:21
Last minute shopping a tradition with some people

Military

12/10 Soldier Santa Surprise VOSOT 0:46
Soldier surprises his daughter by coming home before Christmas - It's just what she wanted from Santa!
12/12 Veteran Computer Donate VO 0:15
State donates computers to help veterans find jobs
12/23 Flyer Miles RDR 0:16
Governor urges you to donate unused miles to veterans through Operation Hero Miles
12/26 Santa Brings Soldier PKG 2:15
Santa brings soldier home to fulfill boy's wish to bring Daddy home

Performing Arts& Charitable Events

12/01 Church Toys VOSOT 0:49
Donations for underprivileged children
12/06 Kids to Camp Auction VO 0:17
Special auction held to send kids to YMCA camp
12/06 CI Food Bank PKG 1:28
Food bank moves to a new facility
12/07 United Way Tour VOSOT 0:52
Howard Buffett donates \$500,000 to United Way
12/08 Salvation Army VO 0:22

Salvation Army is behind more than \$20,000 in fund raising efforts
12/12 Shop with a Hero PKG 1:14
Shop with a cop to donate to the needy this holiday season
12/12 EIFB donate VOSOT 0:28
Eastern Illinois Food Bank needs donations
12/13 Guns and Hoses PKG 0:41
Fundraising event for the Salvation Army
12/14 SOG Wrap-up LIVE 1:10
Spirit of Giving collects 2800+ toys
12/15 Home Mission VOSOT 0:45
A woman receives a surprise donation to help her family have a nice
Christmas
12/18 Project Linus PKG 1:14
Project Linus donates blankets to kids in Newtown CT
12/18 Salvation Army VOSOT 0:43
Salvation Army way under fundraising goals
12/19 Salvation Army PKG 1:20
Story shows just how necessary donations are to Salvation Army's mission
12/21 CAT Stem Donation VOSOT 0:31
Caterpillar donates \$25,000 to a Decatur school to use for science and
technology programs
12/23 Habitat for Humanity VOSOT 0:38
Disabled veteran receives gift of a new home
12/23 Charitable Giving PKG 1:48
How to tell if you're donating safely and not getting ripped off
12/24 Salvation Army PKG 1:39
Salvation Army needs more toys for kids
12/25 Christian Church PKG 1:39
Doors are open to people without a place to go on Christmas