

Quarterly Issues and Program List
January 1st, 2024 through March 31st, 2024

In accordance with the Commission rules, the following in the opinion of WKRV 107.1 FM are problems and needs of the community for the period noted above. They are not necessarily listed in the order of importance. Each is addressed by station newscasts, significant public affairs, and/or public service programming in response to their needs. The list below was determined by personal consultation by Erica Foltz, WKRV Assistant News Director, with community leaders. Please be advised that the responsive programs that are news related items air on WKRV at 6:30am, 7:35am, and 5:04pm, Monday thru Friday and Saturdays at 7:35 am.

Issues:

1. City of Vandalia/Economic Development Issues
2. State Issues/Political Issues
3. Education Issues
4. Community Issues

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City of Vandalia/Economic Development Issues

Date/Time/Duration

Responsive Programming

News – In what has been a discussion at the past few meetings, the Vandalia City Council further discussed work being performed in town by CTI. Mayor Rick Gottman says he is in touch with the foreman on the job to address complaints he has received from citizens.

Jan 3/News/:30

News – The City of Vandalia will be looking to fill the position of Water Plant Superintendent. Current Superintendent Andy Gelsinger has resigned and his last day will be on February 18.

Jan 4/News/:30

News – Vandalia Mayor Rick Gottman discussed some potential economic development projects. He informed the Vandalia City Council about a restaurant that could potentially locate here.

Jan 9/News/:30

News – One alderman brought up the issue of signs potentially cluttering up the city's right of way at last week's Vandalia City Council meeting. And, it led to a fairly lengthy discussion on the matter.

Jan 10/News/:30

News – Vandalia Mayor Rick Gottman says he is offering support to the Village of St. Peter following a major fire in their downtown area early Sunday morning.

Jan 16/News/:30

News – The City of Vandalia is working to make sure they will have a Class A Operator for their Water Department after their current Water Department Superintendent leaves his post.

Jan 18/News/:30

News – The Vandalia City Council rejects to send a plan for a storage facility in a downtown building area to the Planning Commission.

Jan 19/News/:30

News – The Vandalia City Council agreed with the Water Committee to allow no adjustment on a water leak at the home of a hearing impaired individual that resulted in a bill of \$898.

Jan 31/News/:30

News – For the second straight meeting, the Vandalia City Council discussed a plan for an investor to turn the former Kroger building into storage facilities.

Feb 6/News/:30

News – The City of Vandalia approved a land purchase of 32 acres that is east of the City’s 120 acres of land at the west interchange at a cost of \$15,500 per acre.	Feb 6/News/:30
News – The City of Vandalia will be part of a project to try and stretch a bike path across the State of Illinois. Mayor Gottman says they would look to have the path go along the National Road or US Route 40.	Feb 7/News/:30
News – Wal-Mart and two convenience stores have applied for a Class D liquor license. And, they had their first readings for those application at Tuesday’s Vandalia City Council meeting.	Feb 9/News/:30
News – A resignation from the Police Pension Board led to a discussion about the Conflict of Interest Form by the Vandalia City Council.	Feb 13/News/:30
News – The City of Vandals has received a \$600,000 grant that will go towards improvements at the Vandalia Lake Campground. The OSLAD grant will go toward several projects with the biggest going towards the bathhouse.	Feb 16/News/:30
News – The Memorial Wall for the new Veteran’s Memorial Park in downtown Vandalia has been purchased.	Feb 22/News/:30
News – The downtown location of Discount Tobacco says their plan is to transition the location to more of a convenience store – like their Hilltop Convenience Stores in Rochester and Salem.	Feb 23/News/:30
News – The Vandalia City Council approved a total of five liquor licenses at Monday’s meeting and included in those is a liquor license for Wal-Mart.	Mar 4/News/:30
News – The City of Vandalia is on pace for a best ever year for general sales tax revenue. Through 10 months of numbers being reported for Fiscal Year 2024, the City of Vandalia has collected \$1,856,786.42 in general sales tax revenue.	Mar 13/News/:30
News – The Vandalia City Council approved to make the intersection at 6 th and Johnson Streets in downtown Vandalia a 4-way stop.	Mar 29/News/:30

State Issues/Political Issues**Date/Time/Duration**

Responsive Programming

News – With the state denying requests to delay the January 1 deadline for Illinois gun owners to register now banned firearms with the state, lawsuits against the gun ban continue.

Jan 1/News/:30

News – State Representative Blaine Wilhour will host his next town hall event in Vandalia. The Town Hall will be Wednesday, January 24 at the Kaskaskia College – Vandalia Campus.

Jan 11/News/:30

News – State Representative Blaine held a Town Hall meeting in Vandalia on Wednesday night and covered several topics during the event before taking questions from the audience. One of the issues he addressed was the illegal immigration issue in Chicago.

Jan 25/News/:30

News – The Illinois Primary is coming up on March 19. Early voting begins on Thursday, February 8 and will run through the day before the Election.

Feb 2/News/:30

News – A federal judge is denying the state of Illinois' attempt to push a trial in the challenge against the state's gun and magazine ban well into the fall.

Feb 3/News/:30

News – Early voting for the March 19 Primary gets underway today and the Fayette County Courthouse is the polling place for early voting.

Feb 8/News/:30

News – Governor J.B. Pritzker is calling for the elimination of the state's one percent grocery tax, calling it a regressive tax that Illinois families don't need.

Feb 9/News/:30

News – Republican voters in the 110th State Representative District have a contested race for the March 19th Primary. State Representative Blaine Wilhour is running for re-election and is challenged by fellow Republican Matt Hall.

Feb 14/News/:30

News – Matt Hall, who is challenging State Representative Blaine Wilhour in the Republican Primary, says his campaign is going well and that he is working to reach out to all the areas in the vast 110th District.

Feb 19/News/:30

News – High school students from around the 55th Senate District of State Senator Jason Plummer were in Springfield on Tuesday as part of the Youth Advisory Council program.

Mar 14/News/:30

News -Voters across Illinois head to the polls today in the state's primary election. Locally, the one big contested race is in the 110th District State Representative Race where incumbent Blaine Wilhour is being challenged by Matt Hall in the Republican Primary. Mar 19/News/:30

News – Blaine Wilhour will run for another term as the area's State Representative after defeating challenger Matt Hall in Tuesday's Illinois Primary. Mar 20/News/:30

News – Voter turnout was low for the Illinois Primary Election in Fayette County. The county saw a voter turnout of just 26%. Mar 20/News/:30

News – State Representative Blaine Wilhour is partnering with the Illinois Optometric Association to offer FREE safety sunglasses to residents of the 110th District in order to observe the total eclipse of the sun on April 8. Mar 25/News/:30

3.

Education Issues

Date/Time/Duration

Responsive Programming

News – Brownstown's Lexi Seabaugh was selected as the District FFA Proficiency Winner in Agriscience Research – Plant Systems. Lexi is a member of the Brownstown FFA Chapter. Mar 18/News/:30

News – The Brownstown School Board hired the next Superintendent for the district, replacing the departing Superintendent Mike Shackelford. The board unanimously approved the hiring of David Lund by a vote of 6-0. Mar 19/News/:30

News – Fayette County voters say that schools can use the 1% sales tax money for more than facilities. The money will now be able to be used for school resource officers and mental health professionals. Mar 20/News/:30

News – The Vandalia School Board made several personnel moves at their most recent meeting. The board approve eight employments as well as a transfer and a resignation. Mar 25/News/:30

News – The Vandalia Christian Academy is building a new location all their own. And, there will be a new building fundraiser held on April 6.

Mar 27/News/:30

4.

Community Issues

Date/Time/Duration

Responsive Programming

News – Ramsey Schools gave Ramsey Senior and Miss Illinois' Teen Bella Waggoner a big sendoff on Thursday as she heads to the National Pageant.

Jan 4/News/:30

News – An American Red Cross Blood Drive in honor of Colin Ledbetter and First Responders injured in the line of duty will be held today.

Jan 9/News/:30

News – Miss Fayette County Fair Queen 2023 Josie Strauch will compete at the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant at the IAAF Convention on the weekend of January 11-14 in Springfield. Strauch will compete along with 72 contestants from throughout the state.

Jan 9/News/:30

News – “Wreaths Across America” made a big impact with laying remembrance wreaths at area cemeteries this past post. A group of 10 area volunteers were able to assist with the laying of 273 wreaths.

Jan 12/News/:30

News – A major fire in the early Sunday morning hours did damage to multiple buildings in the 100 block of 3rd Street in downtown St. Peter.

Jan 15/News/:30

News – The Festival of Trees is making a large donation to the City of Vandalia's Fireworks at Summerfest. City Administrator LaTisha Pasley says the Festival of Trees had a very strong year and they were able to make a \$8,000 donation to the Fireworks Display.

Jan 16/News/:30

News – The Blood Drive held this past week honoring Colin Ledbetter and law enforcement injured in the line of duty brought out big donor numbers. There were a total of 132 units donated at the drive.

Jan 17/News/:30

News – The Vandalia Statehouse will have a special program on Sunday afternoon at 2pm to celebrate Abraham Lincoln’s birthday. It is a free event and refreshments will be provided following the presentation.

Feb 9/News/:30

News – The National Road Interpretive Center has reached a major milestone. State Representative Blaine Wilhour presented a proclamation showing the 103rd General Assembly recognized the National Road Interpretive Center for their 15th anniversary.

Feb 14/News/:30

News – The Soroptimist Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, March 15 at 6pm at the Vandalia Moose Lodge.

Mar 4/News/:30

News – Vandalia Jr. High hosted a book signing on Friday afternoon, celebrating the publishing of the book “A Siren’s Destiny; Dark Tide” by VJHS student Amalia Weihrauch.

Mar 18/News/:30

News – There will be a Career Fair on Monday in Vandalia. The event is sponsored by the City of Vandalia, CEFS, Kaskaskia College, the Greater Fayette County Chamber of Commerce and Cromwell Media – Vandalia.

Mar 20/News/:30

News – The Fayette County Farm Bureau is hosting their annual Farmer’s Share Breakfast Friday morning. The breakfast is to help spread awareness for the agriculture industry and all proceeds will be donated to the Fayette County Farm Bureau Foundation.

Mar 21/News/:30

News – A drive-thru food giveaway will be held on Saturday in Vandalia at the Vandalia Junior High School parking lot. The giveaway is open to all residents of Fayette County, no registration is required and there are no financial or income requirements.

Mar 22/News/:30