

WMOI ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

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A list of some of the significant issues responded to by WMOI, Monmouth, Illinois along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues

<u>Description Of Issue</u>	<u>Program/Segment</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Narration of Type of Segment</u>
Health	Local News	1/3/2024	5 times	10 min	Among the New Year's resolutions worldwide, many people have pledged to find and stick with a healthy diet. But there's a lot more to it than just grabbing every "reduced fat" item off the grocery store shelf. Karen Whitehorn, MD, an OSF Health Care internal medicine physician, hears questions all the time about diets. Watch out for fad diets on social media, Dr. Whitehorn says. Remember the saying: if it's too good to be true, it probably is...
Politics	Local News	1/3/2024	5 times	10 min	They cover a wide variety of issues including gun registration rules, minimum wage, and new protections against fentanyl overdose, just to name a few. State Representative Randy Freese says despite ongoing legal challenges to the Illinois Democrats' new gun ban and registration law, the law's January 1st deadline remained in place for gun owners to register firearms and ammunition they currently own that are listed under the law.

Red Cross	Local News	1/5/2024	5 times	10 min	The Red Cross is running low on blood, and the blood donation shortage is nationwide. Fewer donors than needed gave over the holidays, drawing down the national blood supply and reducing distributions of some of the most needed blood types to hospitals. Sharon Watson, spokesperson for the American Red Cross, says this has resulted in an emergency blood shortage.
American Cancer Society	Local News	1/8/2024	5 times	10 min	As you start filling out your 2024 calendars, local Senior Development Manager with the American Cancer Society Stacey Dutton reminds that it is never too early to schedule those preventative cancer screenings.
Education	Local News	1/11/2024	5 times	10 min	With 370 students currently in the Multi-Lingual Learners Program in the Monmouth-Roseville School District, the staff to student ratio has drastically changed since 2008 when it was 1 to 44 and now being 1 teacher to 19 students, reports Superintendent Ed Fletcher:
Community	Local News	1/12/2024	5 times	10 min	The Warren County Sheriff's Office reminds motorists to be mindful of snow removal operators as they continue to dig out from the winter storms. Sheriff Martin Edwards reports that while state highways are relatively clear, secondary roads may still be difficult to traverse or still are not open. Roads that are open may have hard pack snow and ice, please drive carefully

City	Local News	1/16/2024	5 times	10 min	Chief Casey Rexroat presented a year end report for 2023, which the department responded to 1,783 calls of service with 1,238 of those related to rescue and emergency medical service calls. Monmouth Police Chief Joe Switzer also presented his departments year end report, where an increase in calls of service was seen, explains Communications Director Ken Helms:
Bridgeway	Local News	1/18/2024	5 times	10 min	Getting the winter blues is a real thing. Seasonal Affective Disorder is a type of depression related to changes in the seasons. While every person experiences life differently, Vice President of Behavioral Health Services at Bridgeway, Stacy Brown, reminds everyone to connect with friends and family and if you do seek counseling, contact local agencies:
Health	Local News	1/19/2024	5 times	10 min	Hospitals around Illinois are reporting an uptick in visits to their respective emergency departments, most due to slip-and-fall accidents on the ice. When ice makes getting around a challenge, you are advised to stay in if possible. If not, learn to walk like a penguin. That means you should take it slow; keep your arms at your sides and hands out of your pockets; shuffle your feet and take short steps; bend slightly and walk flat footed; and keep your center of gravity over your feet as much as possible. OSF Health Care family practice physician assistant Amy Henderson says fall prevention is key.

Buchanan Center Arts	Local News	1/23/2024	5 times	10 min	for the Arts is complete and a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony will be held Wednesday, February 21 st at 11 am. Executive Director Kristyne Gilbert is grateful for the support from the community:
Not For Profit	Local News	1/25/2024	5 times	10 min	VNA Community Services is a not for profit agency that provides a variety of services to senior citizens of Knox County and on February 1st, the organization, along with Thrive Community Services, will kick off the month long 'Put Your Heart Into It' fundraiser, which helps to provide meals to local seniors, explains Executive Director Michael Bennett
College	Local News	1/26/2024	5 times	10 min	Despite challenges in higher education, Monmouth College President Dr. Clarence Wyatt says 2023 was a great year and expects that trend to continue throughout 2024. Dr. Wyatt was named the 14 th President of Monmouth College and will be retiring June 30, 2024, which will complete his tenth year at
Uof I Extension	Local News	1/30/2024	5 times	10 min	The winter meeting season is in full swing for those in the world of Ag and the University of Illinois Extension is hoping you'll keep several programs coming up on the radar. Terri Miller-Casey--Extension Director in Logan, Menard, and Sangamon Counties is highlighting a February crop management conference in Champaign.

Health care	Local News	2/1/2024	5 times	10 min	a time to bring awareness to the importance of oral health among children and developing good dental habits, explains Registered Dental Hygienist with Eagle View Community Health System Shannon Miller:
Community/Police	Local News	2/5/2025	5 times	10 min	SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFE-T ACT IN ILLINOIS BACK IN September of 2023, Monmouth Police Department Chief Joe Switzer shares how the law has impacted locally and says the number of arrests have not been affected, but fewer are going to jail now:
Health care	Local News	2/6/2024	5 times	10 min	MCDONOUGH DISTRICT HOSPITAL'S MONMOUTH CLINIC HAS NOW served patients for over a year now, which Vice President of Business strategy Patrick Osterman has been a great way in showing their local support in the community:
Buchanan Center Arts	Local News	2/8/2024	5 times	10 min	Center for the Arts is complete and a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony will be held Wednesday, February 21 st at 11 am. Executive Director Kristyne Gilbert is grateful for the support from the community:
Special Olympics	Local News	2/12/2024	5 times	10 min	ON Sunday, February 25, several members of the local community will take the cold plunge to support Special Olympics Illinois Region F, shares Assistant Director Jennifer Davis:

Education	Local News	2/13/2024	5 times	10 min	At the recent Illinois Music Education Conference in Peoria, Monmouth-Roseville was the only school with students performing that were not from Chicago and Performing Arts Director Kevin Ferry shares the students did outstanding with two being named in the Top 300 All State Honors Choir:
Health	Local News	2/15/2024	5 times	10 min	Since the ramp up of the recent cases of cold, flu, RSV, or COVID, numbers seem to be tapering down says Dr. Julio Santiago with Solvera Health, who explains that getting a respiratory illness does build immunity to an extent:
Chamber of Commerce	Local News	2/16/2024	5 times	10 min	A new Executive Director for the Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce has been hired, which is also in partnership with the Warren County Board and the Maple City Area Partnership for Economic Development, shares City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher:
Public Safety Tax	Local News	2/19/2024	5 times	10 min	facilities tax for the new Warren County Law Enforcement Center went into effect. During visits to local businesses, retired Warren County State's Attorney Chip Algren found that not all were charging the new sales tax:
Education	Local News	2/20/2024	5 times	10 min	with the hiring of Brian Rydbee as the next High School Principal at United, the position for a Spanish teacher is now open, which Superintendent Jeff Whitsitt reports they are working with the Illinois State Board of Education to fill that vacancy:

Education	Local News	2/22/2024	5 times	10 min	In a new service through the Illinois State Board of Education, that is also connected with Medicaid, the West Central School District participated in a School Based Mental Health project, focusing on social, emotional mental health well-being for students and staff, explains Superintendent Stacey Day:
Politics	Local News	2/23/2024	5 times	10 min	Congressman Eric Sorensen is applauding the Federal Communications Commission's unanimous vote to ban the use of robocalls using cloned voices with artificial intelligence or AI. Speaking on the WRAM Morning Show Wednesday, Sorensen said the decision to ban AI robocalls is a win for seniors
Not For Profit	Local News	2/27/2024	5 times	10 min	Currently serving 20 percent of warren County residents, Jamieson Community Center continues to see record number of visits and utilization of services, shares Executive Director Nancy
Community/Police	Local News	02/29/24	5 times	10 min	Construction has begun around the square in downtown Monmouth as water lines are being replaced ahead of the streetscape beautification anticipated to begin in June. Monmouth Police Chief Joe Switzer reminds motorists to slow down and watch for equipment and workers
Health	Local News	03/01/24	5 times	10 min	March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and McDonough District Hospital is offering a non-invasive screening test for free, explains Vice President of Business Strategy Patrick Osterman:

City	Local News	03/04/24	5 times	10 min	The underground portion of the Downtown Beautification Project in the City of Monmouth continues as the main water lines are being connected around the four quadrants and into each building, reports Mayor Rod Davies:
Scammers	Local News	03/06/24	5 times	10 min	McDonough County Sheriff Nick Feltyout reports numerous fraud cases going on throughout the State of Illinois and McDonough County. The scammers are hacking into individuals' computers and identifying themselves as a "representative" with Microsoft
Health Department	Local News	03/07/24	5 times	10 min	The Warren County Health Department and Strom Center are joining forces to offer a Wellness Program, free of charge, twice a week beginning in April, shares Health Department Administrator Jenna Link:
Election	Local News	03/09/24	5 times	10 min	Ahead of the Illinois Primary Election, three voting precincts in the City of Monmouth have changed locations, reports Warren County Clerk and Recorder Randi Reynolds:
History Museum	Local News	03/14/24	5 times	10 min	The Warren County History Museum in Monmouth is back open for the season. Director Dr. Eugene Watkins highlights the new and permanent exhibits on view:

Warren Co YMCA	Local News	03/18/24	5 times	10 min	Limited spots are available for Summer Day Camp at the Warren County YMCA for kindergarten through 6 th grade students. Membership and Youth Development Director Emily Brooks shares camp will be housed in a new building:
City	Local News	03/20/24	5 times	10 min	At the recent Monmouth City Council meeting, three separate engineering agreements were discussed, with one being about the construction of an airport terminal at the Monmouth Municipal Airport, shares Mayor Rod Davies:
Police Investigator	Local News	03/21/24	5 times	10 min	Technology is ever growing and more and more individuals are relying on computers, but with that brings opportunities for the so called bad actors to hack into your system and steal any personal information they can gain access too. Monmouth Police Department Investigator Josh Kramer informs locally they have received calls of malware gaining control through email:
Education	Local News	03/25/24	5 times	10 min	The Western Illinois University Board of Trustees Friday, voted to approve the appointment of Vice President of Quad Cities Campus Operations Kristi Mindrup to interim president of WIU, effective April 1st. At the meeting, the Board also approved current President Guiyou Huang's separation agreement.

Education	Local News	03/27/24	5 times	10 min	A new president has been named for Monmouth College. Patricia Draves has been named the 15th president of Monmouth College. A veteran higher education leader and former chemistry professor at Monmouth, Draves was unanimously chosen president by the Monmouth College Board of Trustees after an extensive national search.
Rotary	Local News	03/29/24	5 times	10 min	During a Monmouth Rotary Club luncheon, retired Monmouth College business professor Ken McMillan spoke on the economy outlook for 2024, stating one indicator of a solid economy is seeing a car dealership with a full lot. McMillan also touched on real estate and how both assessed values and home insurance have been on the rise: