

QUARTERLY ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY WSMI – AM ALONG WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMING TREATMENT OF THOSE ISSUES FOR THE JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2024 PERIOD. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OF SIGNIFICANCE.

CONCERNS: EDUCATION

AMC

DATES: 1/6-1/7

SAT. 12:24 PM

DURATION: 9:38

GUEST: BUKER HILL HEAD COACH JOE PARMENTIER

TOPIC: BUNKER HILL COACH/EDUCATOR JIM HLAFKA REMEMBERED AFTER HIS RECENT PASSING

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: 4-H

FORUM

DATES: 1/6-1/7

SAT. 4:13 PM & SUN. 9:05 AM

DURATION: 11:22

GUEST: JESSICA JAFFRY – 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR

TOPIC: IL HOUSE BILL 3814 AND THE EFFECTS IT WILL HAVE OF 4-H AND FFA.

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: SCHOLARSHIPS

AMC

DATES: 1/13-1/14

SAT. 12:36 PM AND SUN. 12:05 PM

DURATION: 7:35

GUEST: MARK DUGGAR -MANAGER OF MACOUPIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

TOPIC: MACOUPIN COUNTY AGRICULTURE EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: PROGRESS

FORUM

DATES: 1/13-1/14

SAT. 4:14 PM & SUN. 9:05 AM

DURATION: 15:20

GUEST: NOKOMIS MAYOR DYLAN GOLDSMITH

TOPIC: GOLDSMITH PREVIEWS WHAT'S IN STORE FOR NOKOMIS IN 2024

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: EDUCATION

AMC

DATES: 1/20-1/21

SAT. 12:32 & SUN. 12:02 PM

DURATION: 15:25

GUEST: LITCHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND INCOMING SCI DIRECTOR JULETTA ELLIS

TOPIC: UPDATES ON THE INCOMING SCI CAREER AND TRAINING CENTER

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: READING

FORUM

DATES: 1/20-1/21

SAT. 4:11 PM & SUN. 9:05 AM

DURATION: 10:42

GUEST: GOVERNOR JB PRITZKER AND NORA BRIGGS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION

TOPIC: GOVERNOR PRITZKER AND STATE OF ILLINOIS PARTNERING WITH DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY TO PROVIDE FREE BOOKS TO ALL CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OLD IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: HEALTH

FORUM

DATES: 1/27-1/28

SAT. 4:13 PM AND SUN. 9:05 AM

DURATION: 14:55

GUEST: HILLSBORO HEALTH PRESIDENT/CEO MICHAEL ALEXANDER

TOPIC: HILLSBORO AREA HOSPITAL BECOMES HILLSBORO HEALTH-MORE THAN JUST A NAME CHANGE

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: INFRASTRUCTURE & VETERANS AFFAIRS

AMC

DATES: 1/27-1/28

SAT. 12:34 PM & SUN. 12:08 PM

DURATION: 15:20

GUEST: CONGRESSWOMAN – NIKKI BUDZINSKI

TOPIC: IL 13TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ISSUES SUCH AS VETERAN'S AFFAIRS, THE FARM BILL AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: PRIMARY ELECTION
FORUM

DATES: 2/3-2/4

SAT. 4:13 PM AND SUN. 9:05 AM

DURATION: 12:16

GUEST: PETE DUNCAN – MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK

TOPIC: THE MACOUPIN COUNTY JUDGE’S RACE FOR THE PRIMARY AND OTHER ELECTION
INFORMATION.

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MAPPING
AMC

DATES: 2/3-2/4

SAT. 12:31 PM & SUN. 12:06 PM

DURATION: 12:35

GUEST: ECONOMIC DEVELOPER TONYA FLANNERY AND ALDERMAN JOSH HUGHES

TOPIC: FLANNERY AND HUGHES DISCUSS THE LITCHFIELD MAPPING PROGRAM

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: EMPLOYMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT
FORUM

DATES: 2/10-2/11

SAT. 4:10 PM AND SUN. 9:05 AM

DURATION: 16:23

GUEST: LITCHFIELD FIRE CHIEF ADAM PENNOCK

TOPIC: PENNOCK EXPLAINS LITCHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT HIRING PROCESS

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: EDUCATION
AMC

DATES: 2/10-2/11

SAT. 12:35 PM AND SUN. 12:04 PM

DURATION: 14:10

GUEST: TODD DUGAN – SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BUNKER HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOPIC: ILLNOIS ARTS COUNCIL GRANT OF \$49,500 FOR A ONE YEAR STUDY TO DETERMINE IF THE GYM
AT THE OLD MEISSINICA SCHOOL CAN BE REFURBISHED FOR A PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: OPIOID RECOVERY
FORUM

DATES: 2/17-2/18

SAT. 4:10 PM AND SUN. 9:05 AM

DURATION: 4:35

GUEST: LINDSAY MINOR – RECOVERY CARE COORDINATOR FOR MACOUPIN COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

TOPIC: PUBLIC EVENT “HARM REDUCTION 101 AND NARCAN TRAINING” FEB 23RD 2024 IN LITCHFIELD
REDUCING DEATHS FROM OPIOID OVERDOSE

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: ADDICTION CARE & RECOVERY
AMC

DATES: 2/17-2/18

SAT. 12:35 PM AND SUN. 12:01 PM

DURATION: 9:29

GUEST: ST. FRANCIS WAY CLINIC ROSC COORDINATOR SAVANNAH WELCH

TOPIC: WELCH DISCUSSED THE LITCHFIELD BASED RECOVERY ORIENTED SYSTEM
OF CARE ADDICTION PROGRAM

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: REFERENDUM
FORUM

DATES: 2/24-2/25

SUN. 9:05 AM

DURATION: 15:24

GUEST: LITCHFIELD ALDERMEN JACOB FLEMING AND JOSH HUGHES

TOPIC: FLEMING AND HUGHES DISCUSSED THE GOLF CART REFERENDUM

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: AGRICULTURE
AMC

DATES: 2/24-2/25

SAT. 12:33 PM AND SUN. 12:08 PM

DURATION: 6:54

GUEST: MARK DUGGER – MANAGER, MACOUPIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

TOPIC: DUGGER DISCUSSED AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS AND HOW TO APPLY

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: PUBLIC HEALTH

FORUM:

DATES: 3/2-3/3

SAT. 4:14 PM AND SUN. 9:05 AM

DURATION: 6:17

GUEST: KRISTOFER FOSTER – RN AND WIC NURSE COORDINATOR FOR THE
MACOUPIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

TOPIC: WIC PROGRAM AND THE MOBILE WELLNESS UNIT BRINGING WIC SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: LOCAL HISTORY

AMC

DATES: 3/2-3/3

SAT. 12:33 PM AND SUN. 12:02 PM

DURATION: 15:17

GUEST: HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S MIKE RAPPE'

TOPIC: RAPPE' DISCUSSED THE UPCOMING AG EXHIBIT AT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUSEUM

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: ECONOMY

FORUM

DATES: 3/9-3/10

SAT. 4:14 PM AND SUN. 9:05 AM

DURATION: 16:04

GUEST: CHAMBER PRESIDENT CASSIDY PAYNE AND CHAMBER DIRECTOR LAUREN PALMER

TOPIC: DISCUSSED LITCHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS AS WELL AS THE STATUS
OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: LOCAL HISTORY

AMC

DATES: 3/9-3/10

SAT. 12:37 PM AND SUN. 12:09 PM

DURATION: 10:49

GUEST: TOM EMERY – HISTORICAL RESEARCHER AND AUTHOR

TOPIC: ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY ACT OF MARCH 1872 AND IT'S CONNECTION TO
CARLINVILLE THROUGH GOVERNOR JOHN PALMER.

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: FOOD DESERT
FORUM

DATES: 3/16-3/17

SAT. 4:15 PM AND SUN. 9:05 AM

DURATION: 11:44

GUEST: PETE OSWALD – BOARD MEMBER OF OUR MARKET AT THE PLAZA

TOPIC: COOPERATIVE GROCERY STORES HELPING TO REDUCE FOOD DESERTS AND

FOOD ACCESSABILITY FOR AREAS IN ILLINOIS WHO HAVE LOST GROCERY STORES

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AMC

DATES: 3/16-3/17

SAT. 12:39 PM AND SUN. 12:02 AM

DURATION: 16:52

GUEST: AWARD WINNER KEVIN SCHOTT, DIRECTOR OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMA

TOPIC: LITCHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: OUTDOORS
AMC

DATES: 3/23-3/24

SAT. 12:26 PM AND SUN. 12:03 PM

DURATION: 12:59

GUEST: SCOTT ISRINGHAUSEN URBAN FISHING COORDINATOR FOR IL DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES

TOPIC: SPRING FISHING AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. ALSO, AVAILABLE

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR AREA SCHOOLS CONCERNING FISHING AND WILDLIFE.

HOST: RICK DAVIS

CONCERNS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FORUM

DATES: 3/23-3/24

SAT. 4:13 PM AND SUN. 9:05 PM

DURATION: 11:59

GUEST: TONYA FLANNERY- ECONOMIC DIRECTOR, DON DOWNS-HILLSORO MAYOR,

EARL FLACK – PRESIDENT, MCKAY NAPA AUTO PARTS, ED WERNING-WERNING APPLIANCE

OWNER, MIKE STRUBHART- FORMER PRESIDENT OF LITCHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND

TIM BURENGO -VP AT WORKSAVER

TOPIC: FUTURE OF LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: CANCER FUNDRAISER

AMC

DATES: 3/30-3/31

SAT. 12:34PM AND SUN. 12:02 PM

DURATION: 15:04

GUEST: STAMP OUT CANCER'S ZACK WYGAL

TOPIC: STAMP OUT CANCER CONTINUES TO RAISE MONEY LOCALLY IN THE
FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

HOST: SHAWN BALINT

CONCERNS: SOLAR ECLIPSE

FORUM

DATES: 3/30-3/31

SAT. 4:16 PM AND SUN. 9:05 PM

DURATION: 12:15

GUEST: ROB GRAEF – BUREAU CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, I.D.O.T., MIKE MCPEEK - OPERATIONS
DIVISION CHIEF FOR I.E.M.A AND BOOBY ELZIE – DIVISION CHIEF OF DISASTER PLANNING AND
READINESS I.D.P.H.

TOPIC: TRAVELING AND PROPER VIEWING PRECAUTIONS FOR TOTAL ECLIPSE OF SUN APRIL 8TH
IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

HOST: RICK DAVIS