

“This Week in the Stateline” is our weekly Public Affairs Program that airs every Sunday from 6:00 am to 6:30 am, featuring a local host interviewing local guests about local topics of community interest.

### **2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

4/2/23 1<sup>st</sup> guest, Tammy Christensen of ProMedica Hospice talks about their annual “Guns & Hoses” charity ice hockey game between Rockford Police and Firefighters, happening today April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon, with proceeds to benefit the Jamie Cox Foundation, Greg Lindmark Foundation & ProMedica/Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Tyechia Price, Public Relations Manager of “Visit Beloit” makes the first announcement about their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lager Than Life Beer Festival scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> in Preservation Park in Beloit – she outlines the layout, participating vendors, and activities planned for the day. Last year’s inaugural event brought in over 800 spectators and the Beloit Convention & Visitors Bureau is hoping this community event will grow and bring an even larger turnout this year. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Kara Freeman of Kelley-Williamson Mobil discusses their “Round Up for Rosecrance” campaign that runs April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> at their chain of Kelley’s Market convenience stores – shoppers can round up the total amount of their purchase to make a donation to benefit Rosecrance, which provides treatment for substance abuse and mental health disorders.

4/9/23 1<sup>st</sup> guest, Katy Chadwick of the Rock River Raft Race Committee outlines all aspects of this year’s Rock River “Anything That Floats” Race scheduled for 8/20/23, with registration open through 8/14/23 – always a fun community event and free for spectators, with ways to get involved and updates on social media. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Corinne Sosso of Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful talks about the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Awards Banquet happening this Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, with guest speaker, former Rockford Mayor Doug Scott, including information about Earth Day and recycling facts. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara discusses storm damage cleanup after last weekend’s severe weather, the opening of a new local restaurant Sonny’s Place in Edgebrook Center, and a recap of local School Board and 11<sup>th</sup> Ward elections.

4/16/23 1<sup>st</sup> guest, Ann Marie Walker of Discovery Center Museum talks about a new area at the museum called “Maker’s Center,” in which kids can transform old recyclable materials into toys, gadgets and gizmos for fun while learning. And for this Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> people can get half-price admission if they bring in recyclable materials – she directs listeners to their website to find the list of acceptable items. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Samantha Hochmann of Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum & Gardens outlines their annual Breakfast Fundraiser on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the local Hoffman House restaurant, with breakfast prepared by local students in Culinary School, with proceeds used to maintain operations and keep the museum open. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara discusses construction progress on Hard Rock Casino’s future permanent location, upcoming city water upgrades, and where the city will use a recent influx of \$1.4 million dollars.

4/23/23 1<sup>st</sup> guest, Karen Carlson of GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Centers outlines upcoming fundraising events including their Acceptance Challenge Run on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, annual No Bull Golf Outing on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, and annual I Have A Voice Gala on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Julia Jones of Northern Illinois Food Bank talks about NIFB celebrating 40 years of helping communities, how this food pantry started, who they serve & how people can donate. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Boyd Small of Rockford Hawg Hunters discusses their 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Rock River Open team bass fishing tournament happening next Sunday, 4/30 at Wootton Park in Beloit, WI. This not-for-profit club uses any extra proceeds for teaching children how to fish at club shows in the Stateline area.

4/30/23 1<sup>st</sup> guest, Laura Gibbs-Green of the Rockford Park District covers a variety of events coming up this spring and summer including activities with the parks and golf courses, music coming again to the Sinnissippi Music Shell, and the butterfly exhibit, "Secret Life of Butterflies" going on now through June 4<sup>th</sup> at Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Rockford Firefighter Mike Schnaper discusses the 9-1-1 Run happening June 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:11 a.m. at the firehouse on Trainer Road – this 2-mile run/walk is a fundraiser to supply smoke detectors to the community and to send kids from local burn units to local camps. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara talks about his recent trip to Springfield to fight for revenue for the city, the new planned grocery store and apartments in downtown Rockford, and free bus transportation with the Rockford Mass Transit District for veterans and students in grades K-12.

5/7/23 1<sup>st</sup> guests, Ernie Redfern and Helen Karakoudas of the Beautify Veterans Memorial Circle project discuss the planting of flowers around Veterans Memorial Circle to spruce up the roundabout at North Main and Auburn Streets – they plan to plant over 9000 flowers in the display on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 a.m. and they outline how people can come out and volunteer to help. 2<sup>nd</sup> guests, Cathy McDermott and Becca Bartels, co-directors of Rockford City Market, talk about this popular community event in downtown Rockford, what's new for this year, food, music, vendors, and the advances made from 14 years of Rockford City Market. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara discusses the success of Rockford Promise with 150 students gaining free tuition to NIU, the approval of new murals around the area, a recap of the recent End Racism 815 community meetings this week, the newest police officers being sworn in, and the return on May 19<sup>th</sup> of Rockford City Market and Edgebrook City Market.

5/14/23 1<sup>st</sup> guests, Cathy McDermott and Becca Bartels, co-directors of Rockford City Market, talk about North End City Market opening day on Saturday, 5/20 – they outline the differences between Rockford City Market and North End City Market, participating vendors, and how to find more information. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Officer Lisa Hodges discusses the upcoming Police Week activities 5/17 – 5/21, including remembrance ceremonies, a bowling fundraiser, and displays at Cherryvale Mall with K-9 units, officers and police vehicles, Robot Bomb Squad members, face painting for the kids, and more. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Karen Carlson of GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Centers outlines upcoming fundraising events including their Acceptance Challenge Run on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, annual No Bull Golf Outing on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, and annual I Have A Voice Gala on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. She also talks about various services they provide for local families, free of charge.

5/21/23 1<sup>st</sup> guest, Officer Lisa Hodges talks about Police Week activities wrapping up today, 5/21, encouraging people to visit Cherryvale Mall to check out special displays, K-9 units, officers and police vehicles, Robot Bomb Squad members, face painting for the kids, and more. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Ted O'Donnell of the Rockford 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee discusses the need for community support for this year's annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Spectacular in Davis Park – he outlines the expenses, behind-the-scenes work, and how volunteers can help with their time and donations to this non-profit event planning committee. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara discusses the return of Rockford City Market, the local art on display inside City Hall for the next few weeks, funding for the new Rockford Public Library, the Neighborhood Initiatives meeting coming up on 5/25, and his State of the City address on 5/30 and how the public can attend and view.

5/28/23 1<sup>st</sup> guest, former Marine Ryan Curry talks about the inaugural “Back The Beard” fundraiser party happening on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at local Buster's Bar & Grill, to benefit the organization “Beneath The Beard,” which supports veterans who are struggling in their journey to return to civilian life. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Mary McNamara of the Rockford Area Arts Council discusses ArtScene, a bi-annual gallery walk featuring new and established artists of the Rockford Region – she recaps the success of the recently completed Spring ArtScene and outlines plans for Fall ArtScene. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Katy Chadwick of the Rock River Raft Race Committee provides updates on plans and progress for this year's Rock River “Anything That Floats” Race scheduled for 8/20/23, with registration open through 8/14/23 – always a popular community event and free for spectators.

6/4/23 1<sup>st</sup> guest, Ben from the Center for Sight and Hearing talks about their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Play Day Fundraiser on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hills Country Club, to benefit programs for individuals dealing with sight and hearing loss. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Renee Pixler of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County discusses their annual Kids Fishing Event happening this Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, plus other fun activities going on this summer at the Forest Preserves. 3<sup>rd</sup> guests, Carol Wright and Jonathan Sutherland of the Rockton Lions Club talk about the annual “Old Settlers Days” June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup> – they give an overview of attractions and activities and how proceeds benefit the community.

6/11/23 1<sup>st</sup> guests, ESPN's Nicole Briscoe from Rockton, IL. and U.S. Navy Top Gun instructor Michael Andrews from Rockford, IL. discuss the “DIAMONDS: TOP GUN” Gala, happening this Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at Emery Air's North Hangar, honoring exemplary brands and people. “DIAMONDS” embodies the pressure and process necessary to reach the highest level of achievement; “DIAMONDS: TOP GUN” marks the 2023 theme built to amplify Rockford's prowess in aerospace and military endeavors. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Allison Pierson of Regional Office of Education outlines the S.E.L (Social Emotional Learning) Symposium happening this Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at Rockford University, with the main topic being mental health and social support for schools area-wide. Educators, Mental Health Professionals, and the community are invited to attend. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara recaps his recent State of the City Address, the new murals coming to downtown and surrounding Rockford area, the new floating docks which are open at Davis Park, the remodeling project at the BMO Center, and the progress of road construction on Alpine Road and Charles Street.

6/18/23 1<sup>st</sup> guest, Gina DelRose from The City of Belvidere discusses their annual “Belvidere Heritage Days” June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, including carnival rides, parade, car show, live music and other fun activities for the whole family, and admission is free. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Laura Wallace of River Bluff Health & Rehabilitation outlines their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Senior Expo, this Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. with free admission, free lunch, and 45 vendors providing a variety of helpful information for local senior citizens. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Jennifer from the Ryleigh Grace Foundation talks about partnering with Kegel Harley-Davidson for their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Ryleigh Grace Ride, a beautiful ride along the Rock River on June 25<sup>th</sup> – participants donate \$20 per rider, \$10 per passenger, or \$40 for a carload, and all proceeds help support local families who have lost a child to illness. 4<sup>th</sup> guest, Ben from the Center for Sight and Hearing talks about their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Play Day Fundraiser on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hills Country Club, to benefit programs for individuals dealing with sight and hearing loss.

6/25/23 1<sup>st</sup> guest, Ben from the Center for Sight and Hearing with a reminder that there is still time for people to sign up and join in their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Play Day Fundraiser happening tomorrow, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hills Country Club, to benefit programs for individuals dealing with sight and hearing loss. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest, Todd Sneed from The Phantom Regiment Drum & Bugle Corp, which was founded here in Rockford in 1956, talks about upcoming shows this summer and how the community can show their support. 3<sup>rd</sup> guest, Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara discusses plans for the redevelopment of the 26 acre Barber Colman Complex in southwest Rockford which has sat vacant for 22 years, as well as successes of the Rockford Airport and future plans, and the latest happenings with Hard Rock Casino construction.