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Coverage of Community Issues			
category	type	description	broadcastDate
Agriculture	Feature	Restaurants across the country have jumped on the local food bandwagon. They're trying to source more of their produce from nearby farms, but it's not easy. Enter: Food hubs.	7/17/2013
Arts and Culture	Interview	Pygmalion Music Festival kicked off in Champaign and Urbana. Founder Seth Fein explained why he expanded the event to include a literature fest and a craft fair.	9/26/2013
Arts and Culture	Spot News	A fundraising effort has been launched to build a bronze sculpture of Urbana native and late film critic Roger Ebert, with hopes of unveiling it in time for the 2014 Ebertfest film festival.	9/10/2013
Business/Economy	Spot News	The Urbana City Council voted to forward a plan on a quarter cent sales tax to the next full meeting - but without recommendation. Mayor Laurel Prussing says it's needed to make up for a \$1 million tax shortfall brought on by Carle Hospital's tax-exempt status.	8/27/2013
Business/Economy	Spot News	The U of I Flash Index for July showed continued economic growth in Illinois, but unemployment remains high.	8/1/2013
Business/Economy	Spot News	Meijer says it will add 9200 new employees in the coming months, including 164 at its downstate Illinois stores.	8/8/2013
Business/Economy	Spot News	The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved Ameren's high-voltage line extending through Coles, Douglas, and Piatt Counties. A group of rural residents worried about farmland value is seeking a re-hearing before the ICC.	8/20/2013
Business/Economy	Spot News	The Downtown Danville merchants group says it could have a plan for renovating the vacant Bresee Tower building ready within a couple of months.	7/23/2013
Business/Economy	Spot News	Champaign County homes sales showed a dip in year-over-year growth for August, but local Realtors Association president Todd Salen thinks the dip is only temporary.	9/10/2013
Business/Economy	Spot News	Vermilion Advantage CEO Vicki Haugen disputes national unemployment figures, that rank Danville's growing jobless rate just below that of Yuma, Arizona. She says retail is growing in the city.	7/8/2013
Business/Economy	Spot News	Sales of existing homes in Illinois were up 14-point-9 percent in June from previous year levels, and median home prices increased 9-point-7 percent ---- according to the Illinois Association of	7/22/2013

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		Realtors.	
Community	Spot News	A civil rights icon from Champaign was honored on Friday during a street naming ceremony.  Erma Bridgewater died last spring at the age of 99.	8/9/2013
Community	Spot News	The Iroquois County Board expects to move forward in a month with a plan to alter some requirements for starting a wind farm, despite the board casting a tie vote on some of the changes.	8/28/2013
Community	Spot News	The United Way of Champaign County set a new fundraising record in fiscal 2012, raising nearly \$3.5 million. President Sue Grey says projects like Frances Nelson Health Center are relying them as state and federal funds are more in question.	7/5/2013
Community	Spot News	The Champaign County Freedom Celebration makes its return to the University of Illinois campus, after several years at Parkland College	7/3/2013
Community	Spot News	Reaction to George Zimmerman's not guilty verdict in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin has sparked outrage and disappointment, with demonstrations across the country.	7/15/2013
Education	Spot News	University of Illinois leaders have signed on to an open letter to the president and Congress, warning of an "innovation deficit", unless the federal government provides more funding for education and research.	8/9/2013
Education	Spot News	The Champaign School District and teacher's union says future contract talks will involve a federal mediator.	8/13/2013
Education	Spot News	The president of the University of Illinois will stay in his position longer than expected.	7/25/2013
Education	Spot News	The Urbana Free Library's board met Tuesday night to discuss for the first time an early separation agreement with the library's executive director. It met in closed session with the library's attorney, and is still working on the agreement.	8/27/2013
Education	Spot News	A legislative task force is looking at better ways to fund public schools in Illinois. Senators Jason Barickman & Andy Manar say they're looking for a system that's more fair way of balancing Chicago and downstate school funding.	7/1/2013
Education	Spot News	Two weeks after the Urbana Free Library's Board of Trustees appointed an acting executive director, it is still unclear who is in charge.	8/26/2013

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events	Feature	The city of Urbana expects to hand out nearly 30,000 ears of corn this weekend at the annual Urbana Sweetcorn Festival. One addition is the new steam engine that will boil all that corn.	8/23/2013
Government	Feature	The U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision to strike down a key provision of the Defense of Marriage Act is a big win for same-sex married couples. The ruling also opens up a pathway to citizenship for hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants.	7/30/2013
Government	Spot News	Urbana Mayor Laurel Prussing says the city is determining the best way to deliver its lion's share of a \$1.2 million property tax refund owed to Presence Covenant Medical Center, although she thinks the tax break is an unfair burden on the city.	8/15/2013
Government	Spot News	Area legislators from each party believe Governor Pat Quinn was pandering to voters when he announced that legislator paychecks were being suspended until a solution was reached on pensions.	7/10/2013
Government	Spot News	On Monday night, the Urbana City Council approved a plan to raise the city's sales tax by a quarter of a percent, bringing it to 9 percent, just below Chicago and in line with Champaign.	9/16/2013
Government	Spot News	The Champaign County Clerk is recruiting election judges for the March '14 Illinois Primary Election.	9/3/2013
Government	Spot News	Reaction from Governor Pat Quinn's amendatory veto of concealed carry legislation - legislators and those with the Guns Save Life rights group all predicted a quick override.	7/2/2013
Health and Health Care	Feature	Tuesday marks the launch of state health insurance exchanges, a major part of the Affordable Care Act. Among the many changes likely after the new health coverage takes effect: Fewer people behind bars.	9/30/2013
Housing	Spot News	The Housing Authority of Champaign County is seeking next steps after it was revealed that Margaret Neil was never appointed to the board, months before signing off on several documents as chair.	8/23/2013
Housing	Spot News	Champaign County Home Prices for July up about 16% from year ago, according to Champaign County Assoc of Realtors.	8/8/2013
Immigration	Spot News	Officials from the Mexican Consulate in Chicago were at the Urbana Civic Center this week connecting many undocumented immigrants with a passport and photo ID - documents they will need in order to apply for a driver's license in Illinois.	9/13/2013
Military	Feature	The first female member of the Illinois National Guard to die in combat operations overseas was	9/8/2013

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		honored this weekend on the University of Illinois' Urbana campus. Shawna Morrison of Paris, Ill. was killed nine years ago this month in Iraq.	
Politics/Elections	Interview	After two months of on-and-off negotiations, a panel of lawmakers continues to search for a fix to the state's \$100 billion pension mess – the worst in the country.	8/22/2013
Politics/Elections	Spot News	University of Illinois policy specialist David Green launched what he called his 'insurgent' campaign for the state's 13th Congressional District. He's running as a Democrat, but opposes President Obama's policies.	9/2/2013
Politics/Elections	Spot News	U.S. Senator Dick Durbin says he hasn't made up his mind whether the U.S should take military action in Syria.	9/4/2013
Politics/Elections	Spot News	Ahead of President Obama's speech Tuesday night on Syria, about 80 people joined a candle light vigil Monday in downtown Urbana in opposition to a possible military strike.	9/9/2013
Politics/Elections	Feature	The Republican Primary for Illinois governor does not happen until early next year, but over the weekend voters in Champaign County heard from all four candidates and chose their favorite in a straw poll.	9/16/2013
Politics/Elections	Spot News	U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis (R-Taylorville) says he is running for re-election. Davis kicked off a campaign tour on Monday across the 13th Congressional District, with his first stop in Urbana.	9/23/2013
Politics/Elections	Spot News	The head of the Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals wants to challenge Republican Congressman John Shimkus of Collinsville in next year's general election.	9/27/2013
Science and Technology	Feature	Travelling through Amish country, you're likely to see a horse-drawn carriage or two. One Sullivan entrepreneur has transformed the traditional buggy by giving it a touch of solar power.	9/9/2013
Transportation	Spot News	A researcher who studied the impact of a higher speed limit in Iowa said that traffic accidents went up after Iowa raised its limit to 70 mph, but that there were several other factors involved. Governor Quinn signed a similar speed limit increase into law for Illinois today.	8/19/2013
Transportation	Spot News	Patrick DeHaan of Gas Buddy.com weighs in on the concerns of a possible US attack on Syria, and a pending address by the president has on gas prices.	9/9/2013
Transportation	Interview	Interview with National Safety Council Vice President John Ulczyk on Illinois' new 70mph speed limit.	8/20/2013