

WRAM ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

A list of some of the significant issues responded to by WRAM, 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>
Agriculture	Live Interview	10/2/2023	8:10am	20 min	Harvest season is in full swing in the local area and Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Manager Gina Sanberg reminds motorists and farmers to remain safe on the roadways and in the fields:
Health	Live Interview	10/4/2023	8:30am	20 min	The time to renew or change your current Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace is right around the corner as open enrollment begins November 1 st and will go through January 15 th . Eagle View Community Health System with Outreach and Enrollment Nancy Kucharz shares tips for enrolling or re-enrolling in the
Housing	Live Interview	10/5/2023	8:10am	20 min	The Warren County Housing Authority offers income based quality and efficient housing in Monmouth, Roseville, and Kirkwood with 274 available units. With a current 96 to 97% occupancy, Executive Director Hank Shimmin explains the Section 8 Voucher program that is also available for private rentals:

College	Live Interview	10/6/2023	8:10am	20 min	A full weekend of events are on tap for students, alumni, faculty, and the community on the Monmouth College campus in honor of Homecoming. Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing Duane Bonifer highlights events scheduled for today (Friday)
Public Transportation	Live Interview	10/10/2023	8:10am	15 min	After 40 years of being operated by Warren Achievement Center, Warren County Public Transportation is now being run by the Warren County Board. Director and Compliance Officer Morgan Lewis reports a contract with Monmouth College was recently agreed on, which is a step forward in further expanding hours and territory
American Legion	Live Interview	10/13/2023	8:10am	15 min	Soup suppers are back at the Monmouth American Legion on the first Mondays of the month through May. Finance Officer Cheri Stanton shares how the soup suppers got started:
Education	Live Interview	10/17/2023	8:10am	10 min	Major changes and improvements are coming to the 2024 – 2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, form, creating delays at the federal level. As a result, the new FAFSA form will not be available until mid to late December. Associate Vice President of Student Financial Planning at Monmouth College Jayne Schreck explains how this impacts students planning for college

City	Live Interview	10/19/2023	8:20am	15 min	In the fall of 2022, the City of Monmouth received a Research in Illinois to Spur Economic Recovery (RISE) grant through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to prepare economic strategies for the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Originally funneled through the Maple City Area Partnership, Monmouth City Council, and the Warren County Board will soon join together to execute the planning process. City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher explains the future goals in utilizing the RISE grant:
Food Pantry	Live interview	10/23/2023	8:10am	15 min	The Cambridge Community Center Food Pantry is currently averaging 450 visits a month, which is 82% above the year to date average from last year. Meanwhile, Executive Director Nancy Mowen informs the cost of food from the River Bend Food Bank has increased 50% from the previous year and shares the greatest needs in the pantry to serve the community:
Community	Live Interview	10/25/2023	8:20am	15 min	New apartments are on the horizon for the City of Monmouth. At the recent Warren County Board meeting, the board approved the sale of the Annex building, the former Monmouth City Hall, to the City of Monmouth, where it will then go to a private developer that has plans to construct thirteen apartments going forward, explains Buildings and Grounds Chair Sean Cavanaugh:

Breast Cancer Awareness	Live Interview	10/27/2023	8:10am	15 min	One in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. OSF HealthCare St. Mary and Holy Family Medical Centers Director of Diagnostic Imaging Mary Mowen shares some stats as October is Breast Cancer Awareness month
Education	Live Interview	10/30/2023	8:10am	20 min	At the Warren County Board of Education meeting in the community, the Board of Education held their monthly meeting and one major item on the agenda was continued discussion on a potential solution in addressing spacing concerns in the elementary buildings. Superintendent Jeff Whitsitt explains the current solution on the table is redistributing grade levels:
County	Live Interview	11/1/2023	8:30am	25 min	As the harvest season draws closer to completion, activity of large equipment on the roadways will continue up until the ground freezes as field work will be occurring, reminds Warren County Sheriff Martin Edwards:
Agriculture	Live Interview	11/3/2023	8:10am	20 min	On Tuesday, November 14 th , Steve Johnson, former Farm and Ag Business Management Specialist in Central Iowa for the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, will present a bi-annual marketing presentation, shares Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau

Holiday Safety	Live Interview	11/6/2023	8:10am	15 min	The holiday season is right around the corner, which also means scammers are ready to target holiday shoppers that try and take advantage of the rise in online shopping and home deliveries. Monmouth Police Department Investigator Josh Kramer offers tips to avoid those porch pirates stealing your packages:
Police/Community	Live interview	11/7/2023	8:10am	15 min	Crimes of burglary continue to occur. Monmouth Police Chief Joe Switzer reminds homeowners to lock your doors, including your vehicles, so you don't become an easy target
Agriculture	Live Interview	11/9/2023	8:40am	15 min	Local NRCS District Conservationist Cathy FROEHLICH reports EQUIP has funding available through the Inflation Reduction Act and Conservation Incentive Contract Act for the 80,000 acres located in the Flint Water Shed:
YMCA	Live Interview	11/10/2023	8:20am	15 min	Center are teaming up for a Family Fun Night and Food Drive at the Y on Saturday, November 11 th from 5 to 7 pm, shares Membership and Youth Development Director Emily Brooks:
Special Olympics	Live Interview	11/14/2023	8:10am	15 min	Tickets are still available for Friday Night Lights, the largest fundraiser for the Special Olympics Illinois Region F athletes. Assistant Director Jennifer Davis shares the night begins with appetizers, followed by dinner, raffles, silent auction, and a live auction:

Health	Live Interview	11/15/2023	8:10am	15 min	<p>removes lead-based paint and dust. Lead may also be brought into a home from certain jobs or hobbies, getting on surfaces that could potentially be harmful to children. Warren County Health Department Administrator Jenna Link advises parents and guardians to be aware of their surroundings</p>
Teen Center	Live Interview	11/17/2023	8:10am	15 min	<p>On Friday, December 8th, the Recharge Teen Center will host their Quarter Auction Winter Fundraiser at Meks on Main in Monmouth with doors opening at 6 pm and the auction beginning at 7. Eagle View Community Health System Community Health Worker Sabrina Wilson shares all proceeds will benefit the teens at Recharge:</p>
U of I Extension	Live Interview	11/20/2023	8:10am	15 min	<p>If you have been holding off on the fall garden clean-up, wait no longer. Last week's hard freeze brought to an end the growing season for most plants, so it is now time to tidy things up for the winter. If you have any diseased plant parts, now is the time to get rid of them. U of I Extension Educator Sarah Ruth says there are some good ways to get rid of it, and some not-so-good ways.</p>

City	Live Interview	11/21/2023	8:10am	15 min	Phase One of the Harlem Avenue water main project, building from North Main to G Street, has been awarded to Laverdiere Construction by the Monmouth City Council, explains Communications Director Ken Helms:
Education	Live Interview	11/22/2023	8:30am	20 min	The summative designations for school districts across the state of Illinois have been released by the State Board of Education and West Central Superintendent Stacey Day shares which categories their buildings ranked in:
Community	Live Interview	11/24/2023	8:10am	15 min	The 6 th Annual Christmas on the Square in Downtown Monmouth is set for this Friday, December 1 st . Member of the Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce's Executive Leadership Team Casey Grant highlights the activities taking place for this year's theme A StoryBook
County Board	Live Interview	11/27/2023	8:10am	15 min	The Warren County Board will hold a Truth and Taxation Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 29 th at 6 pm in the Warren County Board Room to present their budget before a final approval. Chairman Mike Pearson breaks down the county's tax levy of the budget

Arts	Live Interview	11/30/2023	8:10am	15 min	The Buchanan Center for the Arts has announced the conclusion of the Taste of the Arts fundraiser, \$1.2 million of the \$1.8 million goal has been raised. Executive Director Kristyne Gilbert shares those funds will be utilized to renovate the second floor as well as fund community arts programs
Winter Safety	Live Interview	12/4/2023	8:30am	15 min	With the winter weather right around the corner, now is the time to prepare your vehicles with an emergency kit, especially before traveling, shares Monmouth Fire Assistant Chief Brian Morefield:
Scams/Safety	Live Interview	12/6/2023	8:30am	20 min	While scams unfortunately seem to always be occurring, they tend to rise during the holidays, Medicare re-enrollment, and even tax season. Monmouth Police Department Investigator Josh Kramer says to remember the four "P's:" pretending, problem, pressure, and pay:
Safe-T-ACT	Live Interview	12/8/2023	8:30am	20 MIN	Since the SAFE-T Act in Illinois took effect back on September 18 th , one major component was the elimination of cash bail. Now nearing the 90 day mark, Warren County State's Attorney Tom Siegel says the changes of resources has been quite the demand, but the process has

City	Live Interview	12/12/2023	8:30am	20 min	As part of an EPA mandate, the City of Monmouth is conducting lead survey lines to identify homes in Monmouth that currently have lead service lines and Mayor Rod Davies explains the city has received funds to replace those lines:
Health	Live Interview	12/14/2023	8:10am	20 min	Annually the Knox County Family Auxiliary hosts their Lights of Love campaign, providing an opportunity for individuals to leave a gift in honor and memory of loved ones, and is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Auxiliary, shares Manager of Community Resources Stephanie Hilten
Independent Living	Live Interview	12/18/23	8:10am	20 min	independently, the Stone-Hayes Center for Independent Living in Galesburg offers a variety of programs, including youth and family services, home services, independent living skills, peer counseling, and transitioning older adults from the nursing home to being independent, explains Adult Transition Advocate Sarah Nelson
Humane Society	Live Interview	12/20/23	8:10am	20 min	Cold and snowy days are seem to be unavoidable during Illinois winters. If it is too cold for you, it is too cold for your pets, reminds Knox County Humane Society Executive Director Erin Buckmaster:

Education	Live Interview	12/22/23	8:10am	20 min	The United School District has begun the process of reorganizing their grade levels, which will be in place for the 2024-2025 school year, says Superintendent Jeff Whitsitt
Fire Department/Safety	Live Interview	12/26/23	8:10am	20 min	Preparation for a power outage often times begins before they even occur, especially during the winter months. Monmouth Fire Chief Casey Rexroat offers tips in preparing for those hours without power
City	Live Interview	12/27/23	8:10am	20 min	Underground infrastructure repairs in the Downtown Revitalization project for the City of Monmouth is expected to begin in February with the road resurfacing and beautification to follow. Mayor Rod Davies explains construction will occur in one quadrant at a time:
Healthcare	Live Interview	12/29/23	8:10am	20 min	In February of 2024, the OSF Cancer Institute in Peoria is expected to open and provide oncology services for patients in the local region and across the state, creating a rural cancer hub, explains OSF Holy Family and St. Mary Medical Center President and CEO Lisa DeKezel: