

WRAM ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

July 1, 2023 – September 30, 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	7/3/2023	8:10am	20 min	AS WE HEAD INTO PLANTING SEASON IN ILLINOIS, WARREN-HENDERSON FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT JAKE ARMSTRONG SAYS THE CROPS ARE LOOKING GOOD WITH ALL THINGS CONSIDERED; HOWEVER, THE FIELDS WILL STILL NEED SOME HELP FROM MOTHER NATURE IN THE LAST HALF:
Community	Live Interview	7/5/2023	8:30am	20 min	Four railroad crossings in the City of Monmouth are currently closed. BNSF is working on the railroad tracks crossings on South Sunny Lane, South D, South Main, and South 3 rd . Monmouth Police Chief Joe Switzer explains how the officers respond with the closures: Chief Switzer anticipates the railroad crossings to be
City	Live Interview	7/11/2023	8:10am	20 min	Monmouth City Council has drafted an ordinance for having urban hens within the city limits at single family residences. Council voted to refer the ordinance back to the agenda for a first reading at their August meeting. Mayor Rod Davies is encouraging residents to voice their views on urban hens to their alderperson:

Political	Live Interview	7/12/2023	8:10am	20 min	Illinois has ended an outdated practice that made it difficult, if not impossible, for many people to pick up their prescriptions. The governor has signed legislation sponsored in the House by State Representative Norine Hammond of Macomb who says ends a ridiculous rule that required pharmacists to be present when people pick up their prescription, even if it was already filled, packaged, and signed off on by the licensed staff.
Sheriff	Live Interview	7/13/2023	8:10am	15 min	With summer in full swing and families hitting the road for vacations, patrol cars are out and about to keep the roadways safe. Locally, Warren County Sheriff Martin Edwards reminds motorists to slow down:
Agriculture	Live Interview	7/17/2023	8:10am	15 min	Corporate Average Fuel Economy, or CAFE Standards are fleet-wide averages in place to reduce energy consumption by increasing the fuel economy of cars and light trucks. Big River Resources President and CEO David Zimmerman sets the stage on the current EPA's mandates for electric vehicles and tailpipe emissions:
Knox County Partnership	Live Interview	7/18/2023	8:10am	10 min	Knox County Area Partnership President Ken Springer recently attended the State Association Conference for the Economic Development industry and the top trends in Illinois were discussed:

Community	Live Interview	7/20/2023	8:20am	15 min	<p>In an article released from Ferris University, it was reported that food insecurity has reached 17 percent, matching the rate last reached in March of 2022. Jamieson Community Center Executive Director Nancy Mowen shares the increase has been felt locally, as the number of visits to the pantry and senior nutrition delivers continue to rise:</p>
Education	Live interview	7/24/2023	8:10am	15 min	<p>the members toured the West Elementary and Junior High buildings before having a continued discussion on the need for more classroom space due to the addition of new programs and sharing classrooms with Knox-Warren. Superintendent Jeff Whitsitt shares one possibility to freeing up classrooms at the elementary buildings, the Board discussed the possibility of moving the four 5th Grade sections to the Junior High:</p>
Health Department	Live Interview	7/26/2023	8:20am	15 min	<p>OSF HealthCare has begun constructing a vault to house a linear accelerator to offer radiation oncology services at OSF HealthCare St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg. Radiology Supervisory Jennifer Eldridge explains the advantages of the external beam radiation treatments:</p>
YMCA	Live Interview	8/1/2023	8:10am	15 min	<p>the Warren County YMCA will hold their second annual Doggie Splash on Sunday, August 13th. Healthy Living Director Staci Bass shares the details for getting your dog signed up to swim:</p>

Health	Live Interview	8/3/2023	8:10am	20 min	On Wednesday, August 9 th , Eagle View Community Health System will host their 2023 Health Fair. Over 20 vendors will be on hand offering information, food, games, free health screenings, prizes, and more. Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator Emily
Education	Live Interview	8/7/2023	8:30am	25 min	750 students will arrive on the Monmouth College campus this August for the start of another academic year. Welcome Week begins August 19 th with Fall Orientation, followed by First Inquiry and Identity Class for First-Year Students, and ScotStart Day before classes begin August 23 rd . Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing Duane Bonifer states which majors are the most popular among students:
Non Profit	Live Interview	8/9/2023	8:10am	20 min	In 2021, the Salisbury Community Foundation established The Hunger Collaborative, which is comprised of individuals and leaders from 27 local nonprofits working together to develop strategies to reduce hunger by addressing some root causes, explains President Josh Gibb:

Boy Scouts	Live Interview	8/11/2023	8:10am	15 min	<p>On Saturday, August 19th the Monmouth Masonic Lodge #37, Monmouth VFW Post 2301, Boy Scout Troop 705, and Warren County Girl Scout Service Unit 882 will hold their 3rd Annual Monmouth Area Vocational Scholarship Fundraiser at the Monmouth American Legion.</p> <p>Monmouth Masonic Member Tim Vice shares how the vocational scholarship program got started:</p>
City	Live interview	8/15/2023	8:10am	15 min	<p>At the recent Monmouth City Council meeting, the first reading on the Urban Hen Ordinance was heard. City Administrator Lew Steinbrecher breaks down the key points of the ordinance: The Urban Hen Ordinance passed by a 4-3 vote for the first reading. A second reading will be heard at the August 21st Council meeting.</p>
Education	Live Interview	8/17/2023	8:40am	15 min	<p>The Monmouth Regional Board of Education recently discussed the possibility of the addition of solar energy within the district at the latest monthly meeting. While still collecting data and information from surrounding districts that utilize solar, Superintendent Ed Fletcher informs there is no time frame as to when or if Monmouth-Roseville will move to solar energy:</p>

United Way	Live Interview	8/21/2023	8:20am	15 min	Fund has been completed since reaching the fundraising goal of \$70,000 and a match from partnerships of the Twomey Foundation, United Way of Great Warren County, and the Galesburg Community Foundation. \$10,000 was awarded this time around, with the expectation to continue to grow yearly, shares Advisory Board Member Joel Newman:
Warren Achievement	Live Interview	8/23/2023	8:10am	15 min	Warren Achievement Center has officially finalized the purchase of the VFW Post 2301 building in Monmouth, which will be used to house their Community Day Services program, shares Marketing Coordinator Sean Cavanaugh:
Education	Live Interview	8/25/2023	8:10am	15 min	discussion was held on the possible resolution of support to address student safety concerns at the intersection of 100 th Street and 200 th Avenue near United High School. Superintendent Jeff Whitsitt explains the action step taken:

Community	Live Interview	8/29/2023	8:10am	15 min	Beef Festival, which kicks off Saturday, September 2 nd with the Princess Pageant at The Crossing in Monmouth, livestock shows on Monday before ramping up the following Wednesday with the annual parade down Broadway and daily events at the Monmouth Park for the remainder of the week. Prime Beef Festival Committee Member Aubrey McVey shares this years theme and the history behind the long standing tradition:
Teen Center	Live Interview	8/31/2023	8:10am	15 min	Open since March of 2022, the Recharge Teen Center offers a safe space for local teens. While a variety of activities such as homework help, gardening, cooking, and arts and crafts are offered to the teens, Coordinator Amy Rogers shares one area they focus on is communication with others:
Fire Department/ Community	Live Interview	9/1/2023	8:10am	15 min	70 percent of the calls of service the Monmouth Fire Department responds to are medically related. In general with an increase of calls lately and many happening simultaneously, Fire Chief Casey Rexroat explains the importance of relying on surrounding volunteer firefighters to respond when needed:
Police/Community	Live Interview	9/5/2023	8:30am	20 min	As school is back in session, with it comes an increase in the number of school busses on the roadways and children crossing the street. Monmouth Police Chief Joe Switzer reminds motorists to use extreme caution and that it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus:

Senior Citizens	Live Interview	9/7/2023	8:10am	15 min	Medicare Part D enrollment is right around the corner. Yellow medication forms for Medicare D enrollment will be available at Strom Center in Monmouth beginning September 11 th , with appointments being able to be scheduled then as well. For those turning 65 and older, informational meetings will be held at Strom Center
City	Live Interview	9/12/2023	8:10am	15 min	The West Harlem Avenue water main project, which will be completed in two sections; Main Street to G Street and then G Street to Sunny Lane, and also phase one of the Downtown Monmouth project to replace utilities will be going out to bid very soon. The second phase of the Downtown Revitalization project is the beautification process, explains Mayor Rod Davies:
Health	Live Interview	9/13/2023	8:10am	15 min	with the fall season right around the corner, high pollen counts recently, and students back in school, sickness, allergies, and even COVID have seen an uptick. Dr. Julio Santiago with Solvera Health shares how to distinguish symptoms among the diagnoses:

Community / Law	Live Interview	9/15/2023	8:30am	15 min	Back in July, the Illinois Supreme Court upheld the Pretrial Fairness Act, or SAFE-T Act, ruling it did not violate the Illinois Constitution. Under the ruling, which takes effect on September 18 th , Illinois will become the first state to eliminate cash bail. Knox County State's Attorney Jeremy Karlin explains the process that will be implemented at the time of an arrest, determining
Community Center	Live Interview	9/19/2023	8:30am	20 min	Congregate meal sites served by Jamieson Community Center allow local senior citizens to come together and share a nutritious meal. While sites in Aledo, Stronghurst, and Oquawka have reopened, Executive Director Nancy Mowen informs individuals are in need to reopen sites in Monmouth, Alexis, and Roseville:
Education	Live Event	9/20/2023	3 days	12 Hours	The Monmouth-Roseville Board of Education has approved a balanced budget for the 2023-2024 school year, reports Superintendent Ed Fletcher. Furthermore, Superintendent Fletcher informs enrollment in the Monmouth-Roseville school district for pre-kindergarten through 12 th grade is 1,579 students, a 9.7% reduction since 2006-2007. Looking at that same year to now, there has been a 558% increase in bilingual and English-Spanish Language students in the district.

Arts	Live Interview	9/22/2023	8:30am	20 min	Buchanan Center for the Arts programming and arts partners in the local community will be held Saturday, November 4 th in the BCA Gallery. Executive Director Kristyne Gilbert shares what can be expected during the yearly event:
County Board	Live Interview	9/25/2023	8:10am	20 min	At the recent Warren County Board meeting, the Maple City Area Partnership, or MCAP, presented a proposed partnership to the county board in joining them and the City of Monmouth in creating an economic development position. Chairman Mike Pearson has more:
health	Live Interview	09/27/23	8:10am	20 min	The 180,000 square foot OSF Healthcare Cancer Institute in Peoria is expected to be operational in January of 2024, bringing next level medical and research capabilities in downstate Illinois. OSF St. Mary and Holy Family President and CEO Lisa DeKezel shares the advantages this will provide
Scams/Safety	Live Interview	09/28/23	8:10am	20 min	Security Savings Bank Vice President Dorothy Ricketts informs debit card scams are on the rise and they are calling customers daily to issue new cards. While the bad actors will randomly run card numbers through software at home to try and gain the information, Ricketts advises being on the lookout for robocalls asking for your card information and pin numbers: