

WRAM ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

April 1, 2023 – June 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>
Election	Live Interview	4/3/2023	8:10am	20 min	On the upcoming April 4 th Consolidated Election there is a referendum on the ballot for a potential new Law Enforcement Center where Warren County voters are being asked to approve a three quarter percent increase in the sales tax, equating to a seventy-five cents additional tax on a one hundred dollar purchase. Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Chip Algren informs the Warren County Board has designated \$2 million in COVID relief funds to go toward the down payment of the project, which would be added to collected funds from a passed
County Safety	Live Interview	4/6/2023	8:30am	20 min	With the spring season here, farmers will be in the fields, which means large, slow-moving equipment will be on the roadways. Warren County Sheriff Martin Edwards reminds motorists to slow down and share the road:
Agriculture	Live Interview	4/7/2023	8:10am	20 min	seeking a career as a nurse practitioner through the Illinois Farm Bureau Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program, shares Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Manager Gina Sanberg:

City	Live Interview	4/11/2023	8:10am	20 min	system regulations for residential and non-residential properties in the City of Monmouth was heard at the latest City Council meeting, states Administrator Lew Steinbrecher:
U of I extension	Live Interview	4/13/2023	8:10am	15 min	As long as the weather stays fairly mild, one gardening expert thinks you might be able to start planting some cool-season vegetables. Things like lettuce, kale, spinach, and radishes thrive in the cooler weather, but if you plant too early and a hard freeze hits the area, you may have to start over. University of Illinois Extension Service Sarah
Knox County CEO Program	Live Interview	4/17/2023	8:10am	15 min	THE KNOX COUNTY CEO program offers high school juniors and seniors throughout Knox County with an opportunity to become immersed in real life experiences and take risks, manage the results, and learn from outcomes. Knox County Area Partnership President Ken Springer shares the student entrepreneurs will showcase a variety of businesses at an upcoming trade show:
Education	Live Interview	4/19/2023	8:10am	10 min	The Monmouth-Roseville Board of Education approved the purchase of new kindergarten through 8 th grade instructional material, reports Superintendent Ed Fletcher: The Board has also approved a \$305,500 project to install a concrete parking lot at Sunny Lane Field.

Healthcare	Live Interview	4/20/2023	8:20am	15 min	April is Parkinson's Awareness Month, a time to bring added attention to the disorder which impacts balance and coordination, while also causing shaking and stiffness. Dr. Marc Katchen is a neurologist with OSF HealthCare. He breaks down the signs to look out for when it comes
Warren County Board	Live interview	4/21/2023	8:10am	15 min	constructed in Warren County. Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairman Sean Cavanaugh explains the County Board passed a resolution to increase the decommissioning bond for the project:
Education	Live Interview	4/24/2023	8:20am	15 min	The West Central Board of Education will seat three new members at a special meeting on April 27 th , prior to the regular monthly meeting in May where they will hit the ground running says Superintendent Stacey Day:
City	Live Interview	4/25/2023	8:10am	15 min	Over the past seven years, Lieutenant Joe Bratcher with the Monmouth Police Department has conducted ALICE training sessions to the local school districts and has now expanded those sessions with several businesses, with the latest being Midwest Bank. City of Monmouth Communications Director Ken Helms shares how the training provides members of the community with skills to make decisions in a dangerous situation:

Health Department	Live Interview	4/26/2023	8:10am	20 min	<p>So far this spring we have seen warm weather reach into the 70's and cooler temperatures back in the 30's, but before long the warm weather will be here to stay. Whether you're looking to get out and work in the yard or hit the trails to go mushroom hunting, the warm weather also brings back those yearly pests. Jenna Link Warren County Health Department Health Department reminds folks that when you are out and about this spring and summer, be</p>
Healthcare	Live Interview	4/28/2023	8:30am	25 min	<p>Healthcare is continuously changing, especially on the technological side. McDonough District Hospital Obstetrics and Gynecology, Doctor Tamara Smith, shares how those advances have benefited patients: Along with advancements in less invasive surgery techniques, Smith says telehealth has really taken off in the medical world, allowing doctors to check on patients routinely.</p>
Education	Live Interview	5/1/2023	8:10am	20 min	<p>Monmouth College President Clarence Wyatt has announced that he plans on retiring at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Wyatt has been the 14th president of Monmouth College since July 1, 2014 and says he will retire upon completion of his tenth year as Monmouth's</p>
Non Profit	Live Interview	5/3/2023	8:10am	15 min	<p>agency that assists persons with disabilities with locating resources and support they may need to live independently within the community, shares Adult Transition Coordinator Sarah Nelson:</p>

Grandparent Scams	Live interview	5/4/2023	8:10am	15 min	scammers, targeting older adults by impersonating a grandchild, claiming they are in a crisis situation and need immediate financial assistance. Sometimes these calls would come across as spoof calls, where the caller ID appears to be from a known person, but now with artificial intelligence, those scammers are changing their voice to sound like the grandchild on the other side of the phone call, shares Strom Center Executive Director Carol
Monmouth Community	Live Interview	5/8/2023	8:40am	15 min	raising \$70,000 is just the beginning for the Monmouth Community Fund, which has now unlocked a matching grant from the Twomey Foundation, Galesburg Community Foundation, and the United Way of Greater Warren County. Applications for the first grant cycle are now open for any charitable organization including non-profits, churches, schools, and units of government, explains Advisory Board Member Joel Newman:
CASA	Live Interview	5/10/2023	8:20am	15 min	CASA of West Central Illinois is the Court Appointed Special Advocate program where volunteers serve to change a child's story by supporting and speaking up for abused or neglected children in the court system in Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren Counties. Executive Director Kelly Corbin shares training classes to

Stamp Out Hunger	Live Interview	5/12/2023	8:10am	15 min	The 31 st Anniversary of the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is this Saturday, May 13 th . Homeowners are encouraged to place non-perishable food items by their mailboxes to be collected during the largest single day food drive in the country, says local Letter Carrier Amanda Schneider:
KCAP	Live Interview	5/15/2023	8:10am	15 min	for Tuesday, June 13 th at the Orpheum Theatre from 2 to 3: 30 pm and will include a panel discussion on workforce innovation, shares KCAP President Ken Springer:
Education	Live Interview	5/17/2023	8:10am	15 min	Prior to the regular Board of Education meeting for the West Central School District on May 17th, a reorganization meeting was held to seat the three newly elected members. Additionally, looking into the summer and next school year, Superintendent Stacey Day reports
Safety Act	Live Interview	5/19/2023	8:10am	15 min	Prior to the Safety Act in Illinois stating officers and law enforcement agencies shall implement body cameras by 2025, the Henderson County Sheriff's Department had received a grant to put body cameras in place and Sheriff Matt Link says they have been extremely helpful when

Cyber Crime Prevention	Live Interview	5/23/2023	8:10am	15 min	AS technology is ever evolving, unfortunately so are the so called bad actors as they become more skilled and even more crafty, targeting individuals to get any type of information they can. While we like to think these cyber crimes happen more globally or in more populated areas, Knox County State's Attorney Jeremy Karlin informs the theft of personal information is seen locally:
Education	Live Interview	5/25/2023	8:30am	20 min	The United Board of Education has agreed on a two year contract with Chis Conley to serve as the Junior High Principal. School Superintendent Jeff Whitsitt also says the United School District is also looking to fill open positions at the elementary level and also driver's education and industrial tech instructors at the high
City	Live Interview	5/26/2023	8:10am	15 min	Monmouth City Council has approved an ordinance that added solar energy system regulations, covering both residential and commercial projects. Mayor Rod Davies informs regulations were based off those already in place with various building and plumbing codes, as well as codes set by Ameren when connecting to the grid.

community Center	Live Interview	5/30/2023	8:10am	15 min	Last month the Jameson Community Center Food Pantry saw a record 393 visits. As the community stepped up during the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, Executive Director Nancy Mowen shares the donations collected will last a couple of weeks as an average of 20 families per week are visiting the pantry, plus 70 students are served monthly at the Recharge Teen Center:
Mental Health	Live Interview	6/1/2023	8:10am	15 min	indicators that it can also pose a risk of harm to the mental health and well-being of children and adolescents as 95% of those aged 13 to 17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use some form almost constantly, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Vice President of Behavioral Health Services at Bridgeway, Stacy Brown encourages parents to keep watch as teens are engaging in
Library	Live Interview	6/2/2023	8:30am	15 min	The Summer Reading program with the Galesburg Public Library kicks off Monday, June 5 th and lasts for eight weeks. Adults, teens, and children are all invited to participate both in person or virtually to earn activity badges, leading up to grand prize drawings, shares
Community Safety	Live Interview	6/6/2023	8:30am	20 min	With school out and the official start of summer around the corner, more people will be out and about on the roadways. Monmouth Police Chief Joe Switzer reminds motorists to be on the lookout and drive defensively:

½ Way Food Drive	Live Event	6/7 – 6/9	3 days	12 Hours	On Wednesday, June 7 th and Thursday, June 8 th and Friday, June 9 th , members of the Monmouth community along with WMOI and WRAM teamed up for the annual ½ Way To Freezing for Food event at Save-A-Lot Food Store from 10 am to 2 pm, with proceeds and food donations benefiting the Roseville Helping Hands Food Pantry and the Jamieson Community Center . The food drive event
Stoneware Museum	Live Interview	6/12/2023	8:30am	20 min	The Second Annual Stoneware Fest and Swap Meet will be held Saturday, June 24 th at the Stoneware Museum of Monmouth, 507 South Sunny Lane, from 8 am to 1 pm. Over 30 vendors from five states will be in attendance, along with free appraisals and demonstrations shares
City	Live Interview	6/13/2023	8:10am	20 min	As the warmer months of the year have arrived, City of Monmouth Communications Director Ken Helms reminds city residents of the ordinances in place for junk and debris and mowing. Through the contract with Lake Shore Recycling, every third trash pickup each month, Monmouth residents are able to set out one bulk item to

Country Music Star	Live Interview	06/15/23	8:10am	20 min	Country music hitmaker and Grand Ole Opry member John Conlee will return to The Orpheum Theatre on Friday, June 16 th at 7:30 pm. Before charting 32 singles, recording 11 studio albums, and 7 number one singles from 1978 to 2004, Conlee began his working career on the farm before his breakthrough in 1978 with “Rose
Education	Live Interview	06/16/23	8:10am	20 min	The United Board of Education has approved an amended budget. Additionally, school Superintendent Jeff Whitsitt shares the United Board has updated their policy manual ahead of this upcoming school year with a few details in need of completion, including the new policy of Erin’s Law, which addresses the traits and characteristics of sexual abuse and how to approach the situation.
health	Live Interview	06/19/23	8:10am	20 min	In the midst of tick season and heading into mosquito season, Warren County Health Department Administrator Jenna Link offers tips in staying safe from Lyme Disease and West Nile Virus. Link reports the best way to remove a tick is with a pair of tweezers, grab it by the mouth where it is attached to the skin, and dispose of it.

United Way	Live Interview	06/21/23	8:30am	20 min	The United Way of Greater Warren County will host their second annual Hispanic Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 16 th from 6 pm to midnight shares Executive Director Jeannie Weber. For anyone who is living in this area who did not come last year to the Hispanic Heritage Festival, it is really meant for the whole entire community to experience the culture of the Hispanic
ROSC	Live Interview	06/23/23	8:10am	20 min	West Central Illinois Recovery Oriented System of Care, or ROSC, provides individuals with the needed resources toward recovery that address mental health and substance use through a coordinated network of community-based services. System of Care Coordinator Leann Courson, says no one is in the fight alone and to have those
Head Start	Live Interview	06/26/23	8:10am	20 min	Staying connected has never been easier with smart phones, computers, and tablets and as children are getting those devices at younger ages, their screen time has increased than previous generations. Family Services Manager at West Central Head Start Lisa Medina Foshay, states the impacts have been seen and the children enrolled in their programs undergo a vision and hearing

Diaper Bank	Live Interview	06/28/23	8:30am	20 min	<p>In a study done by the National Diaper Bank Network, one in two families in the United States with young children face a diaper need, which has significantly grown since 2014 as one in three families struggled to obtain an adequate supply of diapers. Since experiencing diaper need herself, Lee Ann Porter founded Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank in 2015 to address the diaper need among families in Central Illinois:</p>
Senior Citizens	Live Interview	06/30/23	8:10am	20 min	<p>Since the closing of the Thrift Store at the Strom Center in Monmouth, staff has been transforming the second floor into a Community Room to hold even more events for the local senior citizens. Executive Director Carol McCrery hopes getting more involved will bring more</p>