

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

Q1 2024

The following issues have been determined to be of significant interest to the community:

- General Community News and Information
- Immediate Updates on Dangerous Weather Situations
- Traffic Information and Road Reports
- Local Economy
- Local Tax Increases and Municipal Budget Deficits
- Economic Development/Attracting Business
- Small Business Issues
- Employment Levels
- Workforce Development
- Political and Legislative News
- Law Enforcement Issues and Local Crime
- Youth Issues and Youth Quality of Life
- Healthcare
- Race Issues
- Diversity Issues
- Veterans Issues
- Local Arts
- Poverty and Homelessness

This station airs the following programming to address issues in the public interest:

1. News of the Day and/or Community Information on a variety of issues in the public interest.
2. Severe Weather Coverage with local weather reports and severe weather coverage, such as winter weather warnings, tornado warnings, and other significant weather events. The station often broadcasts “wall-to-wall” continuous coverage during more significant weather events.
3. “Week In Review,” a 30 minute local magazine style show covering a variety of local issues.
4. Community Service Projects which provide exposure to issues, events, and other activities in the community through a combination of efforts, including public service messages by on-air personalities, produced announcements, remote broadcasts, on-air interviews, and personality appearances at community events.
5. Public Service Announcements which provide exposure to issues, events, and other activities in the community through the airing of pre-recorded :30 or 60 second announcements at no charge to the sponsoring organization.

During this quarter, this station gave particular attention to the issues listed below. These are not listed in order of importance, and do not necessarily constitute a complete list of all issues covered by the station.

DATE	TIME	ISSUE(S) ADDRESSED	DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMMING
1-7-24	6:30a	Healthcare, Local Economy, Traffic Information and Road Reports	<p>1) Dr. Robert Lizer, Medical Director at Addiction Recovery Center, Carle Health Trillium Place: In the wake of the death of actor Matthew Perry, Lizer talks about ketamine treatments and how they can help or harm one's mental health.</p> <p>2) Gary Manier, Mayor of Washington, Illinois: Manier talks about the forgiving of a loan the city made in order to build the local "Five Points Washington" facility.</p> <p>3) Stacy Peterson, public information officer, City of Peoria: Peterson discusses a way through a city-operated app that residents can report potholes that have developed on local roads.</p>
1-14-24	6:30a	Political and Legislative news, Race Issues, Youth Issues and Youth Quality Of Life, Law Enforcement Issues and Local Crime, Small Business Issues, Local Economy	<p>1) Peoria Mayor Rita Ali and Peoria City Council members John Kelly and Andre Allen: After some changes were proposed to Peoria's Racial Justice and Equity Commission, one Peoria City Council member asked, "Is there racism on the Peoria City Council?" Council members discussed.</p> <p>2) Doug Quivey, Project Safe Neighborhoods: Quivey talks about a meeting held involving Secret Service, local law enforcement, the City of Peoria, and Peoria Public Schools about school violence and school shootings.</p> <p>3) Kimberly Richardson, Peoria Assistant City Manager, Peoria Mayor Rita Ali, and members of the Peoria City Council: Members of the Peoria City Council approved a pilot program that would install temporary fencing on city-owned sidewalks and right-of-ways to create outdoor sidewalk cafés in the city's downtown area.</p>
1-21-24	6:30a	Local Arts, Small Business Issues, Youth Issues and Youth Quality of Life, Future of Local Education, Political and Legislative News	<p>1) John Wieland, Board Chairman, Illinois Valley Public Telecommunications Corporation: Wieland talks about joining and taking over the board of public television station WTVP, after the resignation and death of the station's CEO amid allegations of financial mismanagement.</p> <p>2) Becky Doubleday, organizer, "Friends of 47": Doubleday helped start a group that expressed concern over the WTVP governing board and the afore-mentioned financial mismanagement allegations.</p> <p>3) Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker: Pritzker was at a Peoria Heights grade school to talk about the success of the "Smart Start Initiative" – funding various</p>

			programs for youth in the state.
1-28-24	6:30a	Law Enforcement Issues and Local Crime, Healthcare, Poverty and Homelessness	<p>1) Carol Merna, CEO, Center for Prevention of Abuse: The center unveils a new advertising campaign to bring awareness to human trafficking and how residents can spot it.</p> <p>2) Dr. Ahmed Agameya, pulmonologist, Carle Health Methodist Hospital: Dr. Agameya discusses a relatively new piece of technology at Methodist that can help more precisely identify lung cancer: Ion Robotic Assisted Bronchoscopy.</p> <p>3) Jon Rocke, Executive Director, Pathway Ministries: Rocke talks about a change in name and focus for the agency formerly known as “Peoria Rescue Ministries” and how it will better help local homeless.</p>
2-4-24	6:30a	Political and Legislative News, Small Business Issues, Traffic Information, Local Arts	<p>1) Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-IL: Duckworth talks about a recent attack in the country of Jordan that killed three U.S. soldiers, and injured dozens more.</p> <p>2) Mayor John Kahl, East Peoria: Kahl, in his annual “State of the Village” speech, discusses several issues, including a community “re-branding” campaign.</p> <p>3) Nick McMillion, spokesperson, City of Peoria Public Works: McMillion discusses a survey he wants anyone who ever has parked in the city of Peoria to take in local arts</p>
2-11-24	6:30a	Small Business Issues, Local Economy, Healthcare	<p>1) Shawn Sollberger, Peoria Fire Chief: Sollberger discusses the closure of a downtown building that was home to a number of business tenants, after the fire alarm system was found to be not working, and the discovery of a major water line being heavily damaged.</p> <p>2) Bob Anderson, CEO, OSF HealthCare Central Illinois Region: Anderson talks about the opening of the new multi-million-dollar OSF HealthCare Cancer Institute on the grounds of St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.</p> <p>3) Dr. Patrick Fernandes, Radiation Oncologist, Carle Health Cancer Institute: Dr. Fernandes discusses stomach cancer in the wake of the death of country singer Toby Keith, and how it’s not often diagnosed in the United States.</p>

2-18-24	6:30a	Small Business Issues, Employment Levels, Local Economy, Future of Local Education, Political and Legislative News, Workforce Development	<p>1) Dr. Sheila Quirk-Bailey, president, Illinois Central College; Susan Grzanich, Peoria Public Schools: The college has formed “Employ Central Illinois” which brings the college together with area schools, manufacturers, and trade organizations to provide students tools they need to take on jobs in the industry in the future.</p> <p>2) Joshua Collins, Peoria Public Schools Transportation Director; Miche James, “Veregy,” Martha Ross, Peoria Public Schools Board Member: Officials discussed, and the Peoria Public Schools Board voted on, the purchase of electric school buses, and some upgrading of district infrastructure to charge them.</p> <p>3) Local residents and members of the Peoria City Council: Residents urged the Peoria City Council to pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire in the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas – something Mayor Rita Ali said wouldn’t even come before the council.</p>
2-25-24	6:30a	Political and Legislative News, Race Issues, Local Economy, Traffic Information and Reports on Significant IDOT Road Re-construction, Economic Development	<p>1) Illinois Governor JB Pritzker: Pritzker gives his annual State of the State and Budget Address.</p> <p>2) Joyce Harant, member, Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance: Harant talks about a proposal to form a Tax Increment Financing District in Peoria’s “Warehouse District,” and how she claims TIF Districts have disproportionately affected minorities through the environment and racial injustice.</p> <p>3) Omer Osman, Secretary, Illinois Department of Transportation: Osman was part of a meeting in Peoria on infrastructure and how to fill future engineering jobs in the field.</p>
3-3-24	6:30a	Political and Legislative News, Education, Youth Issues and Youth Quality of Life, Local Arts, Local Economy, Workforce Development	<p>1) Various representatives of business, the military, and law enforcement: The “Council for a Strong America” talks in Peoria about the early childhood programs in the state, and discussed data relating to “soft skills” in local youth.</p> <p>2) Scott Altman, Pekin resident and former astronaut: Altman talks about the “Artemis” series of space missions that are aimed at getting another man on the moon.</p> <p>3) Governor JB Pritzker; State Senators Dave Koehler and Sharon Chung: The three went to Heartland Community College in Normal for the opening of their new Advanced Manufacturing and Training</p>

			Center that will, among other things, help students learn how to build electric vehicles.
3-10-24	6:30a	Political and Legislative News, Poverty and Homelessness	<p>1) State Rep. Ryan Spain (R-Peoria), Former Gov. Pat Quinn (D-Chicago): Spain has introduced legislation that would let the public decide whether or not ethics regulations for lawmakers should be reformed. Quinn supports the effort.</p> <p>2) U.S. Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-East Moline): Sorensen talked about the State of the Union address and who his guest was to the speech.</p> <p>3) Eric Hodel, CEO, Midwest Food Bank: Hodel discusses a state grant that will allow his agency to help address food insecurity, especially among those so-called “food deserts.”</p>
3-17-24	6:30a	Political and Legislative News, Youth Issues and Youth Quality of Life,	<p>1) Peoria Police Chief Eric Echevarria, various members of the community, and members of the Peoria Park District Board of Trustees: Extended coverage of what ended up being a decision by the park board to cancel an annual July 3 rd fireworks show due to violence in years past during and after the show.</p> <p>2) Elizabeth Gannon, Executive Director, Peoria County Election Commission: Gannon talks about “Vote Anywhere” – the initiative that allows any Peoria County resident to vote at any Peoria County polling place, ahead of the March 19 primary election.</p>
3-24-24	6:30a	Law Enforcement Issues and Local Crime, Political and Legislative News, Local Arts, Local Tax Increases	<p>1) Eric Echevarria, Peoria Police Chief: Echevarria speaks out after a suspect who allegedly pointed a gun at a Peoria Police Officer was released from custody with electronic GPS monitoring – a decision made under the state’s relatively new Pretrial Fairness Act.</p> <p>2) Jenn Gordon, new CEO, WTVP: Garner was hired for the permanent post at the local public television, still dealing with fallout from alleged mismanagement by the late former CEO.</p> <p>3) Ben Lee, Superintendent, Metamora Grade School District: Lee reacted after voters in the March 19 primary approved a tax levy increase that was said to be a “lifeline” to the district after years of cuts.</p>

3-31-24	6:30a	Future of Local Education, Economic Development, Local Economy, Traffic Information and Road Reports	<p>1) Beth Crider, Peoria County Regional Office of Education Superintendent: Crider reports that more than 90 percent of school districts in the state faced some level of teacher shortages.</p> <p>2) Nick McMillion, Peoria Public Works: McMillion explains the ongoing construction around the Peoria area and the spots that may make travel difficult throughout the summer.</p> <p>3) Becky Spencer, Peoria County Animal Protection Services Director: Spencer reacts to PCAPS' new piece of equipment that is helping pets get adopted faster.</p>
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