

WRUL Issues 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018

Quarterly Issues Report for station WRUL				
for the 4th Quarter of 2018				
Description of Issue	Date	Time Aired	Duration	Description of program/Subject of program
(C) White County Board - finally approves budget	11/28/2018	24 hour news cycle	15 minutes total	After many tense, heated meetings, the board finally passed a budget on the final Tuesday before they had to have it done. Ron McNulty of the finance committee explained that revenues have been dropping over the past several years from about 90 percent in 2016 to about 79 percent for this year. He said with that in mind, he figured revenues at 85 percent or about \$3.9 million. But even at that, he said there could be a loss of \$445,000 as to year to date there has been a loss of \$440,000.
(C) Election - Candidate Forum	10/16/2018	6p - 8p	2 hours	Interviews with local candidates for County Board, County Sheriff, County Clerk and State Representative
(B) Dog Food Recall	11/29/2018	24 hour news cycle	12 minutes total	FDA announces recall on Elm Pet Foods as well as feed produced by ANF Pet and Sunshine Mills, under their Evolve, Sportsman's Pride and Triumph brands. All have been recalled for elevated levels of vitamin D, which according to the FDA can cause "vomiting, loss of appetite, increased thirst, increased urination, excessive drooling and weight loss."
(A) Farm Bureau urges quick consideration of farm bill	12/3/2018	24 hour news cycle	12 minutes total	The Illinois Farm Bureau recently released a statement concerning the Farm Bill Conference Committee Agreement. Local Farm Bureau Manager Doug Anderson provided a statement from Farm Bureau President

ISSUES - ECONOMY - (A)  
 HEALTH/SAFETY - (B)  
 GOVERNMENT/PARTICIPATION (C)  
 INFRA-STRUCTURE (D)

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				Richard Guebert Jr. regarding the agreement "in principle" reached by the U.S. House and Senate Agricultural Committee leadership.
Filing Petitions for city offices ahead of April 2 Municipal election opens	12/6/2018	24 hour news cycle	10 minutes total	Recap of who currently holds positions and who has picked up petitions to run for city council seats,
Pot Charges Could Be Dropped Under New Law	12/5/2018	24 hour news cycle	10 minutes total	A new bill in front of the Illinois State Senate aims to allow people convicted of marijuana possession before 2016 to petition to drop those charges after 3 years. The bill has already passed in the House. The Senate will decide what happens next when they start session again in January.
States Attorney Sickened by Ivy Sentencing	12/11/2018	24 hour news cycle	15 minutes total	On October 17, 2018, Harold Artice Ivy, 18, pled guilty to the offense of Involuntary Manslaughter, a class 3 felony, in relation to the death of Toby Sanders, 56, of Carmi, Illinois, acknowledging that the evidence was sufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that he committed the offense of Involuntary Manslaughter. Aud's statement included, "Though I am sickened that this offense has been classified as a class 3 felony with a standard sentencing range of 2-5 years in Illinois Department of Corrections, I am appreciative of Judge Webb agreeing with our argument and sentencing Ivy to the max allowed under the law. I again urge those of you who share my outrage with this law to contact your legislative

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				representatives to change this law."
(B) Healthcare Open Enrollment Ending	12/13/2018	24 hour news cycle	15 minutes total	Information for area residents looking to review and purchase health insurance coverage plans available on the Get Covered Illinois website, the official health marketplace or Affordable Care Act Exchange as Open Enrollment ends within the next few days (as of airing). The Illinois Department of Insurance advises consumers to look at all options on and off the exchange.
(B) Wabash Area Development withdrawing from Senior Programs	11/28/2018	24 hour news cycle	10 minutes total	Southeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging reported with regret that Wabash Area Development Inc (WADI) will be withdrawing participation in senior programs beginning Dec. 21. The announcement was apparently budget related, as state and federal monies, used by WADI continue to dwindle.
(C) Election Results	11/7/2018	24 hour news cycle	60 minutes total	Election total recaps including comments/interviews with winners and info on Public Safety Tax failing in White County and the ramifications.
(C) Letter to the Editor - Radio Edition	11/2/2018	24 hour news cycle	15 minutes total	Letter from County Board member Kenny Usery taking issue with positions taken and numbers issued by White County Sheriff Doug Maier with regards to the City/County Jail.
(C) Grayville Council Mtg Recap	10/8/2018	24 hour news cycle	10 minutes total	Recap of meeting included ongoing water filtration issue and insurance bids for the city
(C) White County Board Mtg	10/9/2018	24 hour news cycle	15 minutes total	subjects included 2019 budget which continued to be \$129,000 short, public defender salary increase, drainage district appointments, Ambulance Service discussion (including the board taking out a loan to prop the service up)

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C	McLeansboro City Council Mtg	10/9/2018	24 hour news cycle	8 minutes total	City awarded 2.4 million dollar USDA loan for water tower, considering an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to maintain a newly established pollinator prairie habitat at Rogers-DeWitt Park for ten years. Funds would be available for seeds and chemicals for meadow restoration, winning bids for city surplus property, road closures for Christmas parade approved
B	Saline County Fraternal Order of Police urging public to support Public Safety Tax	10/11/2018	24 hour news cycle	8 minutes total	A \$900,000 budget shortfall without additional revenue could cause a major cutback for the already understaffed Saline County Sheriff's Department. The referendum's passage would cause the county's public sales tax to increase from 0.75 to 1.50 percent.
B	Phoenix Rehab Files for Bankruptcy	10/17/2018	24 hour news cycle	10 minutes total	Nursing facility that took over and attempted to open new hospital facility in Carmi files for bankruptcy
C	Trump to visit Southern Illinois	10/19/2018	24 hour news cycle	10 minutes total	Details released on President Trump's visit to Southern Illinois ahead of November election campaigning for Mike Bost
C	Second Amendment Meeting at Carmi Lions	10/23/2018	24 hour news cycle	10 minutes total	Meeting held ahead of White County ballot referendum. The referendum states, the people of White County are opposed to all attempts by the Illinois General Assembly to infringe upon the right of people to keep and bear arms. Those attending the meeting were urged to vote yes on the referendum by Mike and Valinda Rowe, local Second Amendment advocates, who reside in Enfield.
C	Letter to the Editor - Radio Edition	11/9/2018	24 hour news cycle	15 minutes total	Response to earlier letter, taking umbrage at User's comments and encouraging the public to attend County Board meetings.

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Above is a list of the significant issues responded to by station _____ with the most significant programming				
treatment of those issues for the period of _____ to _____.				
The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.				

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**Weekly Public Affairs Program**

Call Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT, OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2018**

Show # 2018-40

Date aired: 10-7-18 Time Aired: 5:00AM

**Ryan Hampton**, recovering addict, author of *"American Fix: Inside the Opioid Addiction Crisis - and How to End It"*

Nearly every American knows someone who has been affected by the opioid crisis. Mr. Hampton shared his story of addiction and recovery. He said 9 out of 10 Americans who need addiction treatment are not able to access it. He believes the nation's approach to treatment needs to be reformed from the bottom to the top. He said billions of dollars of federal spending aimed at this problem are not making it to local communities.

**Issues covered:**  
Drug Addiction  
Government Policies

**Length: 9:08**

**Kevin Leman, PhD**, psychologist, author of *"When Your Kid Is Hurting: Helping Your Child through the Tough Days"*

The impulse for parents to protect their children is strong, but Dr. Leman said that very protection can end up handicapping them for life. He said that rather than seeking to save them from unhappiness or struggle, parents must teach their kids how to cope with and rise above their problems. He discussed the importance of listening and offered techniques to get kids to talk about their problems.

**Issues covered:**  
Parenting  
Youth at Risk

**Length: 8:12**

**Amanda Dixon**, Analyst and Senior Reporter at Bankrate.com

Ms. Dixon outlined the results of a recent Bankrate.com survey that found that American households with the lowest incomes spend the most on items they don't need, such as lottery tickets, restaurant food and prepared drinks, like coffee and smoothies. She said even minor changes in a person's spending can have a dramatic impact on their ability to build an emergency savings fund.

**Issues covered:**  
Poverty  
Consumer Matters  
Personal Finance

**Length: 5:09**

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Show # 2018-41

Date aired: 10-14-18 Time Aired: 5:00 Am

**Lisa Lockerd Maragakis, MD, MPH**, Senior Director of Infection Prevention at the Johns Hopkins Health System in Baltimore

Last year's flu season was one of the deadliest in the last 40 years, with an estimated 80,000 deaths in the U.S. Dr. Maragakis explained why it is important to get a flu shot in October. She discussed the different types of flu vaccine available and dispelled some of the most common myths about it.

**Issues covered:**  
Public Health

**Length: 8:49**

**Jean M. Twenge, PhD**, Professor of Psychology at San Diego State University, author of the book "iGen"

Fewer than 20 percent of U.S. teens report reading a book, magazine or newspaper daily for pleasure, while more than 80 percent say they use social media every day, according to Dr. Twenge's latest research. She noted that the decline in reading print media was especially steep. She explained why this is such cause for concern and what parents can do to counteract it.

**Issues covered:**  
Literacy  
Parenting  
Teenage Concerns

**Length: 8:32**

**Kelta Franklin, PhD**, Executive Director of Suicide Prevention for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Suicide is a national public health issue that affects all Americans, but it is a particularly serious problem among both active duty service members and military veterans. Dr. Franklin discussed the possible reasons behind this trend. She also talked about a new VA campaign intended to increase the availability of mental health and suicide prevention resources for at-risk veterans.

**Issues covered:**  
Suicide  
Military/Veterans Concerns

**Length: 5:08**

Show # 2018-42

Date aired: 10-21-18 Time Aired: 5:00 Am

**Ken Dychtwald, Ph.D.**, gerontologist, psychologist, CEO of Age Wave, a company that conducts research on issues relating to aging populations

Dr. Dychtwald discussed his recent survey that uncovered the staggering amount of financial support that parents are providing to their adult children. He found that 79% of parents are providing money to their children between age 18 and 34, and the average was \$7,000 a year. He said that figure is twice the amount that parents are putting into their own retirement accounts. He explained the possible reasons behind this trend.

**Issues covered:**  
Parenting  
Retirement Planning  
Student Debt

**Length: 9:47**

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**Jeff Asher**, crime analyst based in New Orleans

Mr. Asher discussed his research into the connection between weather and gun violence. He found that twice as many people are shot in northern cities on hot days compared to cold ones. He also talked about the potential long term effects of climate change on crime rates.

**Issues covered:**

Gun Violence  
Crime  
Climate Change

**Length: 7:26**

**Gail J. McGovern**, President and CEO of the American Red Cross

Ms. McGovern discussed the Red Cross' response to the catastrophic damage left by hurricane Michael. She outlined the greatest challenges faced by relief workers on the ground. She said the Red Cross' greatest needs are blood donations, volunteers and financial donations.

**Issues covered:**

Disaster Relief  
Volunteerism  
Blood Donation  
Charitable Contributions

**Length: 5:11**

Show # 2018-43

Date aired: 10-28-18 Time Aired: 5:00 Am

**Deborah Thorne, PhD**, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Idaho, Principle Investigator on the nationally-recognized Consumer Bankruptcy Project

Dr. Thorne's research paper entitled "Graying of U.S. Bankruptcy: Fallout from Life in a Risk Society" found that the rate at which Americans age 65 and older are filing for bankruptcy has more than tripled since 1991. She outlined a number of factors that may contribute to this problem, including rising healthcare expenses and a lack of financial knowledge or discipline to properly save for retirement, since pensions have been replaced by 401k plans.

**Issues covered:**

Bankruptcy  
Senior Citizens  
Retirement Planning

**Length: 9:27**

**Elizabeth Saewyc, PhD, RN, FSAHM, FCAHS, FAAN**, Professor of Nursing at the University of British Columbia

Dr. Saewyc conducted a recent survey that found that boys—not girls—are more likely to report being victims of dating violence committed by partners who hit, slap or push them. While there has been an overall decline in dating violence, she believes that it may still be socially acceptable for girls to hit or slap boys in dating relationships. She suggested that teenagers who date need more support and education programs to address this problem.

**Issues covered:**

Social Violence  
Teenager Concerns

**Length: 7:43**



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**Andrew Gewirtz, PhD, Professor in the Institute for Biomedical Sciences at Georgia State University**

Dr. Gewirtz was the co-author of a surprising study that found that adding highly refined fiber to processed foods could have negative effects on human health, including liver cancer. He explained what ingredients consumers need to watch for on processed food labels. He said the simplest solution is to eat fruits and vegetables naturally rich in soluble fiber, rather than processed foods.

**Issues covered:**

**Nutrition  
Cancer  
Personal Health**

**Length: 5:01**

Show # 2018-44

Date aired: 11-4-18 Time Aired: 5:00 Am

**Sarah Stanley Fallaw, PhD, industrial psychologist, researcher, and president of DataPoints, author of "The Next Millionaire Next Door: Enduring Strategies for Building Wealth"**

Dr. Stanley wrote a follow up to her father's classic book "The Millionaire Next Door." She talked about several myths relating to millionaires and how they accumulate wealth. She discussed the importance of living below your means, and how to identify and develop behaviors that are conducive to building wealth.

**Issues covered:**

**Personal Finance  
Consumer Matters  
Retirement Planning**

**Length: 9:44**

**Jason West, PhD, Professor of Environmental Sciences and Engineering at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health**

Air pollution in the U.S. has decreased since about 1990. Dr. West led a study that found that this improvement resulted in a 47% decrease in deaths related to air pollution exposure. He noted that, despite clear improvements, air pollution remains an important public health issue in the U.S., with an estimated 71,000 deaths in 2010. He discussed the effectiveness of tree planting programs and other steps ordinary people can take to help.

**Issues covered:**

**Air Pollution  
Government Regulations  
Energy**

**Length: 7:26**

**Alan Monheit, PhD, Professor of Health Economics and Chair, Department of Health Systems & Policy in the School of Public Health, Rutgers University**

Dr. Monheit led a study that examined the relationship between parental education and family healthcare spending. He found that parents educated beyond high school spend significantly more on healthcare, despite differences in family income and health insurance. He also discussed differences he found in healthcare decisions made by single-mother families compared to two-parent families.

**Issues covered:**

**Public Health Policy  
Education  
Parenting**

**Length: 5:04**

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Show # 2018-45

Date aired: 11-18 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

**Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics, Stanford University School of Medicine**

Dr. Halpern-Felsher led a study that found that teens and young adults who use Juul brand e-cigarettes are failing to recognize the product's addictive potential, despite using it more often than their peers who smoke conventional cigarettes. She said the nicotine levels in a single Juul pod are the equivalent of smoking 1 ½ to 2 packs of cigarettes. She also discussed the high vulnerabilities of teens to brain changes caused by e-cigarettes, as compared to people in their twenties.

**Issues covered:**  
Substance Addition  
Teenager Concerns  
Health

**Length: 9:00**

**Lan Nguyen Chaplin, PhD, Associate Professor of Marketing, University of Illinois at Chicago**

Materialism may be more common than ever. Dr. Chaplin led a study that tested ways to reduce materialism among young consumers. She found that a teenagers who completed a two-week gratitude journal were significantly more grateful, more generous and less materialistic.

**Issues covered:**  
Parenting  
Consumer Matters

**Length: 8:05**

**Thomas Newkirk, PhD, Professor Emeritus, University of New Hampshire**

In this age of smartphones, Twitter and information scrolling at the bottom of TV screens, Americans are reading faster than ever. Prof. Newkirk believes this is a negative trend, and that readers get greater enjoyment and comprehension when they read slowly. He talked about the reasons why people tend to skim text, and techniques they can use to slow down.

**Issues covered:**  
Literacy  
Education

**Length: 4:37**

Show # 2018-46

Date aired: 11-18-18 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

**Ryan Kalember, Senior Vice President of Cybersecurity Strategy for online security company Proofpoint**

Scammers have devised a new scheme to steal thousands of dollars from homebuyers who are about to close on a house. Mr. Kalember said buyers are often tricked into wiring their down payment on the day of closing to a fraudulent offshore account, by criminals who have hacked their real estate agent's or title company's email account. He explained how consumers can protect themselves.

**Issues covered:**  
Crime  
Online Security  
Personal Finance

**Length: 7:43**

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**Diane Redleaf**, family defense attorney, author of *"They Took the Kids Last Night: How the Child Protection System Puts Families at Risk"*

The number of children in the U.S. foster care system is at record levels, thanks in part to the opioid crisis. With nearly 450,000 children in the system, Ms. Redleaf discussed what happens when caseworkers make mistakes, taking children from parents who are neither abusive nor neglectful. She noted that minority families are disproportionately affected by this trend. She also said that once children are taken, parents and their attorneys sometimes can't learn where the children are being housed.

**Issues covered:**  
Foster Care  
Minority Concerns  
Parenting

**Length: 9:24**

**David Mizejewski**, Naturalist at the National Wildlife Federation

Mr. Mizejewski talked about the benefits of allowing leaves to decompose naturally, rather than raking them up and disposing of them. In addition to serving as a natural fertilizer, he said butterflies and songbirds depend on leaf litter for food sources. He also discussed the environmental impact of bagging up lawn debris for disposal.

**Issues covered:**  
Environment

**Length: 4:37**

Show # 2018-47

Date aired: 11-25-18 Time Aired: 5:00 AM

**Brandi Britton**, District President of Office Team, a staffing service providing temporary administrative and office support staff

Ms. Britton discussed the most common social media mistakes that take job seekers out of the running for a position. She noted that negative or inappropriate comments and questionable photos are the most common social media issues. She said a job hunter should always assume that a company has combed through their social media profile before even scheduling an interview.

**Issues covered:**  
Employment  
Career  
Social Media

**Length: 7:28**

**Jennifer Bradley**, co-author of *"Make it Zero: The Movement to Safeguard Every Child"*

Ms. Bradley discussed the issue of human trafficking in the U.S. She said five main factors contribute to the problem, including poverty, abuse and isolation. She explained the shocking role that the foster child system plays in the issue, and she offered suggestions for individuals to make a difference in preventing and stopping human trafficking.

**Issues covered:**  
Human Trafficking  
Child Abuse  
Poverty

**Length: 9:43**