

TOPIC	DURATION	DATE	SUMMARY
EDUCATION			
Education Funding	1:30	March 23, 2015	<p>The Board of Education is proposing a ten point six billion dollar budget for 2016 - an increase of about eleven percent from this year.</p> <p>About seven point five billion of that would come from the state's general fund.</p>
New Math Curriculum	1:30	Jan 15, 2015	<p>A lot of us struggle with math... Especially when it comes to helping kids with their homework</p> <p>With new common core standards in place...some educators have begun taking a new approach...</p> <p>As News 3's Matthew Nordin found out...at Murphysboro High School, it's all about hands-on learning</p>
CLASS ACT	1;30	MARCH 17. 2015	<p>Every week day-- kids from Junior High to High School -- gather at TMAD Inc in Herrin for games and learning.</p> <p>The non profit Christian organization offers something for kids to do when school lets out.</p> <p>From dance-- to tutoring-- to arts and crafts--there is always something going on.</p>
POLITICAL			
TALKING POLITICS	3:00	1/04/2015	<p>We're talking politics once again this week and with us is Charlie Leonard of SIU's Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.</p> <p>And this time we're talking about, the year-end political losers.</p>

**SUBJECT INTERVIEWED**

State Rep. John Bradley

Students and school officials

Charlie Leonard - Paul Simon Public Polity Institute

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TALKING POLITICS	3:00	1/22/2015	<p>his April many communities will elect new mayors, school board members, city councilmen and other local office holders.                      Now is time to get familiar with who's running.                      Joining me -- to talk more about these municipal elections -- is Charlie Leonard of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute                      Charlie -- as you know -- voter turn-out is low at these elections -- compared to the general elections.</p>
TALKING POLITICWS	3:00	1/17/2015	<p>We're talking politics and with us is David Yepsen of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University.                      Big changes in state government this week, new governor, but in the first fifteen days of the year, we've seen ten executive orders from the two different governors.</p>
TALKING POLITICS	3:00	2/21/2015	<p>Governor Bruce Rauner unveiled -- what he's calling -- his Turnaround Budget -- earlier this week.                      He's hoping to "turn-around" the state's financial crisis.                      That is a huge undertaking that -- he says -- is going to take new policies and a new way of thinking.</p>
TALKING POLITICS	3:00	01/31/2015	

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Linda Baker of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

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TALKING POLITICS	3:00	1/31/2015	<p>We're talking politics once again and with us is John Jackson with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University.</p> <p>You just finished this absolutely facinating paper about the Illinois Gubernatorial race, and I learned a lot about both candidates from reading this but particularly about Quinn.</p> <p>This man was, the consumate outsider, the man who was always the reformer, who couldn't manage to reform once he got in.</p>
TALKING POLITICS	3:00	3/28/2015	<p>We're talking politics once again, and joining us is David Yepsen from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU.</p> <p>The budget of Illinois, the senate passes the budget, and this is a deal that requires, what, cuts to transportation and conservation, major cuts there, and a 2.25 percent across the board cut everywhere else and a little money left to help the schools and things like that. Both houses supported it, and it passed pretty quickly what's that say?</p>
TRANPORTATION			

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PUBLIC HEARING Road Expansion	2:00	JAN 21, 2015	<p>Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization Preparing Long Range Transportation Plan</p> <p>The Southern Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization (SIMPO) is seeking public input on the development of its Long Range Transportation Plan. The plan will help guide transportation investments for the region over the next twenty-five years.</p>
GAS TAX	2:00	MAR 6, 2015Q	<p>The state's budget troubles continue putting a strain on transportation... Now – with a new governor -- one group wants changes...on how Illinois funds its road projects.</p> <p>The Transportation for Illinois Coalition -- says roads could drop from 85-percent acceptable to 61-percent -- over the next five years.</p> <p>They suggest leaders consider raising the gas tax – use state sales tax money – or possibly charge a fee based on mileage.</p> <p>The Illinois fuel tax sends about 1.8 million dollars to Williamson County..</p>

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		March 24, 2014	<p>he Illinois house today took a big step toward plugging a 1.6 billion dollar hole in the state budget. Representatives passed a bill to take 1.3 billion dollars from special purposes like road construction, and cut 2 and a quarter percent from most areas of state government, including schools.</p> <p>The deal comes after weeks of talks between Governor Rauner and legislative leaders.</p> <p>It includes 97 million for the Governor to help school districts harmed by the cuts, and will let the state continue paying child care subsidies, and it's employees.</p>