

## **WGLT ISSUES AND PROGRAMS**

### **April, May, June 2014**

**Key: The following issues were addressed during WGLT Newscasts at 6:33 and 8:33 AM (during *MORNING EDITION*) AND 3:30 PM (during *ALL THINGS CONSIDERED*.)**

Date    Length                      Summary

#### ARTS & CULTURE

4/2     12:00    This year is the 100th anniversary of the extinction of the Passenger Pigeon. At one time it was the most abundant bird in North America. The author of a new book, the first major work on the passenger pigeon in a half century, speaks at Illinois Wesleyan University Thursday. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker has more.

4/7     16:00    This is Jazz Appreciation month. GLT's Jon Norton talks with young jazz musicians, educators and students from the Twin Cities to canvass their thoughts on this aging art form.

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4/14    5:00     Large banks of fluorescent lamps provide the spectrum of light that keeps the floating beds of plants alive year-round in The Plant Chicago - a vertical farming facility.

4/17    13:00    On Monday, McLean County residents of the Jewish faith began celebrating the eight-day feast of Passover, a religious holiday that recalls the exodus from Egypt of the ancient Israelites.

4/21    17:00    Andrew Evans is a seasoned traveler. Well seasoned. He's National Geographic's Digital Nomad. That's his title. It's on his business card.

4/24    10:00    When you think of the term Philanthropy, odds are you don't think of teenagers or even slightly older young adults. Sure, young people volunteer, but their donations tend to be time and effort, not cash.

4/28    7:00     The Hamlet of Danvers once hosted a sanatorium for those struggling with addiction to alcohol. As part of GLT's joint project with the McLean County Museum of History, McHistory examines this particular cure and the era that lead to it.

5/5     19:00    Here's a bit of culinary archeology. An Illinois Wesleyan University Professor has a project to prepare and sample recipes in a cookbook from the 1600s. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker has more.

5/12    20:00    The David Davis Mansion in Bloomington is a popular historic site drawing about 50,000 people a year. For the last 24 years it has been overseen by Marcia Young, now just retired. GLT's Charlie Schlenker talks with the site manager of the mansion and garden about her time at the place called Clover Lawn.

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5/28 6:00 West Township near LeRoy Illinois is named for the father of a man who traveled the country attending spiritualist seances. But, the topic of today's McHistory is more than a crank resident of the county's colorful past.

6/5 15:00 The farm workforce in Illinois averages close to 60 years old. Every year the average rises as old farmers get older and not that many new ones step in to work the land.

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6/10 10:00 Soccer is bigger than ever before in the U.S. This is true even in Bloomington Normal where football and baseball take up most of the summer sports oxygen. The World Cup Tournament in Brazil starts in two days. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker talks with twin cities fans about who they will be rooting for...

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6/18 17:00 An ISU Historian is taking a deep look at the experience of missionaries to Native American tribes in Minnesota before the civil war. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker has more on this account of cultural collision and manipulation...

6/25 6:00 A former Bloomington-Normal resident has written a book chronicling his shift from being a criminal and drug addict into one of the top Ironman Triathletes in the country.

6/30 8:00 This year is the 100th anniversary of the event that led to World War One, the centennial of the Serbian nationalist assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

#### BUSINESS, ECONOMY & LABOR

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4/17 13:00 Human Rights and foreign policy questions are not the only reasons for the United States to pay attention to Ukraine and what Russia is doing there. U.S. trade is also a big

interest. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker recorded this interview at the Illinois Farm Bureau with the head of the IFB who is also watching the situation in Ukraine.

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4/28 2:00 Illinois lawmakers return to Springfield tomorrow (TUESDAY) after two weeks away. The top issue this spring remains whether to let the temporary tax increase drop at the end of the year as scheduled, or vote to keep the income tax rate at five percent. IPR's Brian Mackey has more.

4/30 16:00 The effects of the Great Recession continue to ripple through the U.S. Incomes are stagnating for the many. Joblessness remains high.

5/1 1:00 Mitsubishi Motors North America is very pleased with April sales results. The company with an assembly plant in Normal reports a nearly 47% increase in sales last month.

5/5 2:00 The head of State Farm Insurance shows signs of chafing under a law that is supposed to prevent a Great Recession from happening again.

5/9 1:00 Illinois could soon expand its regulations on drones. The Illinois House has unanimously approved legislation that extends state regulations to private drone operators.

5/13 2:00 Illinois has long made it illegal to buy a car on Sundays. A state senator wants to change that. But as IPR's Brian Mackey reports, he's facing long odds:

5/15 1:00 A developer has broken ground on a huge office complex near Atlanta, Georgia that State Farm Insurance will use. The first building will be a 13 story tower on a seven level parking structure with ground floor retail space.

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5/28 2:00 There will be no movement on the criminal charge against former ISU President Tim Flanagan for perhaps another month. A McLean County Judge has set another pre-trial hearing for Flanagan's Disorderly Conduct case for June 30th. Flanagan's Attorney Steve Skelton says Flanagan may eventually issue a written statement.

6/2 2:00 The spring session of the General Assembly was fairly typical for an election year. Grand policy did not happen. A couple initiatives failed to gain legislative support, but will appear on the fall general election ballot as advisory referenda. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker talks with a veteran political observer about how the action and inaction relates to November contests between Governor Pat Quinn and GOP challenger Bruce Rauner...

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6/10 4:00 What is the 'Middle Class?' The latest survey by Bloomington-based Country Financial tries to answer that question. Joe Burhmann is the manager of financial Security at Country.

6/12 15:00 The surprise primary loss of House Majority Leader Eric Cantor clouds even what were already only faint hopes of reviving progress on immigration reform this year.

6/16 16:00 The Midwest was once dominated by mega-breweries like Miller and G. Heileman (HI-luh-muhn). In recent years it has become home to a dynamic craft brewing industry that is core to the nationwide renaissance. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker talks with a beer writer who has done an in-depth survey of the Midwestern craft beer scene....

6/23 1:00 The price of Illinois homes rose again in May, according to the Illinois Association of Realtors. Prices went up an average of 8.3% statewide compared to May of 2013, and home sales fell by 9.3% from a year ago.

6/27 6:00 Dissecting the employment picture in McLean County can be tricky. While the jobless rate is solid, there are other indicators that raise questions. WGLT's Willis Kern reports.

6/30 1:00 Union officials representing Illinois' home health care workers says they're concerned about some union members leaving after a U.S. Supreme Court decision, but don't expect widespread membership loss.

#### CHILDREN & FAMILY/EDUCATION

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4/10 6:00 In another of our occasional series, "The Soul of Mclean County," featuring people and places that add to the community's well-being, WGLT's Judy Valente visits a hair salon that is the dream of stylist Donna Baker, a place where women escaping domestic violence can go for a physical and emotional makeover.

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- 6/18 1:00 The staff at Danville National Cemetery has been cut in half and that's leading to delays in burying some veterans. Peter Young oversees the cemetery for the Department of Veterans Affairs.
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- 4/30 3:00 A new analysis of EPA air quality data shows mixed results for McLean and Peoria Counties. Mike Kolleng is the Manager of the Healthy Air Campaign for the American Lung Association in Illinois.
- 5/5 1:00 University of Illinois scientists are wading into the dispute over a plan to store toxic waste at a landfill located above an aquifer supplying drinking water to more than half a million people in central Illinois.
- 5/6 2:00 A long delaying action to fight a proposed Enbridge Energy company pipeline through McLean County continues. The group Illinois People's Action sent about 30 people to the McLean County Board Transportation Committee Meeting to oppose a blanket road use

permit for Enbridge Trucks as they lay down the pipeline.

5/12 1:00 Residents in southwestern Illinois are raising questions about the use of treated human waste as a fertilizer. Rural Mascoutah residents want stricter regulations on so-called "sewage sludge" after a farmer fertilized his fields with it last year.

5/14 2:00 Nearly 80% of the producers of soybean-based Biodiesel fuel say they have cut production because of uncertainty over the renewal of a government tax credit.

5/20 4:00 Republican Congressman Rodney Davis says he is thrilled with a bill that covers improvements on the nation's rivers. Davis is particularly happy with regulatory simplification he believes could save Billions in taxpayer dollars.

5/22 2:00 New carbon emission regulations will be announced next week for power plants, but Illinois environmental experts are already making predictions about the rules.

5/27 1:00 A House committee has approved a plan to speed up hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas in Illinois. The Executive Committee voted 7-to-4 Monday to advance the plan by Representative John Bradley despite protests from environmentalists.

5/28 2:00 Lawmakers are giving up on an attempt to override state regulators in order to jumpstart fracking in Illinois. But as IPR's Hannah Meisel reports, they still say Gov. Pat Quinn's administration is dragging its feet on a potential economic boom.

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6/24 1:00 Illinois' lieutenant governor has hit the road to encourage more businesses to offer charging stations for electric cars.

6/30 1:00 Researchers at Western Illinois are researching ways to get eliminate, or at least reduce the number of Asian carp in the upper Mississippi River basin.

## HEALTH & MEDICINE

4/1 5:00 Moving to a new state is never easy, especially when you're a school-aged kid. But for military families who move more frequently than most, laws in Illinois create a unique challenge, and, in some cases, a barrier to entry.

4/10 1:00 A health official in central Illinois wants a judge to order an uncooperative patient with infectious tuberculosis to stay in his home and wear an electronic monitoring ankle bracelet to prevent the spread of disease.

4/17 9:00 Online gambling is now legal in New Jersey, Delaware and Nevada. Other states may soon follow, including California, Texas and possibly, Illinois. John Cullerton, Illinois Senate President, has been pushing for legalizing internet gambling in Illinois citing the much-needed revenue it could bring the state.

4/18 5:00 The Affordable Care Act expanded eligibility for Medicaid. And the number of applicants in Illinois has overwhelmed state employees --- meaning the wait for Medicaid benefits to begin can take months. Illinois Public Radio's Jim Meadows looks at how that wait is affecting three people...

4/23 1:00 Illinois agriculture officials say there have been hundreds of cases of a deadly pig virus in Illinois. There were 360 cases of porcine epidemic diarrhea in Illinois through March.

4/30 6:00 Federal data shows that a smaller percentage of children in the state in need of mental health care get it compared to the national average. Health care professionals say part of the reason for that is a lack of resources, and parents not knowing where to turn for help. IPR's Sean Powers reports on what's being done to improve care.

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5/7 1:00 Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's administration is allowing an additional year extension for existing health insurance plans that fall short of coverage requirements in the nation's health care law.

5/19 1:00 State Farm is getting serious about dog bites. The insurance company is teaming up with internationally-known dog trainer Victoria Stilwell to raise awareness about dog bites and attacks.

5/21 1:00 Officials say dispensaries in Illinois could start providing medical marijuana early next year. Prospective patients say that's not soon enough. IPR's Lee Strubinger (Stroo-bin-ger) has this report.

5/27 1:00 Illinois lawmakers have halted a so-called ``cupcake" bill introduced after a young girl's home baking operation was shut down this year.

5/29 6:00 One of the top Democratic leaders in Congress is stopping just short of calling for the resignation of Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki.

6/3 1:00 Illinois will increase its contribution to those buying fruits and vegetables in a need-based food program for women, children and infants.

6/11 2:00 Small town hospitals are typically under significant economic pressure across the U.S. But, Advocate Eureka Hospital in Woodford County is announcing a large modernization and expansion.

6/16 1:00 Illinois Governor Pat Quinn has signed legislation to restore Medicaid cuts made two years ago to save money. In 2012, Illinois cut funding for adult dental and podiatry services as part of a broader Medicaid overhaul.

6/26 6:00 Across America, June is Gay Pride Month and tomorrow/today (June 27) is National HIV Testing Day. The number of deaths from AIDS has dropped dramatically since the 1990s, but there is a disturbing new trend.

6/30 1:00 Illinois' top Medicaid official has announced a timetable for moving hundreds of thousands of poor and disabled patients into managed care health plans.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT & COURTS

4/1 18:00 Two suggested paths to deal with the city of Bloomington's eight million dollar budget hole are very different. Yesterday GLT talked with Mayor Tari Renner who made the case for a public utility tax increase. Today, GLT's Charlie Schlenker speaks with Alderman Judy Stearns who advocates a different path....

4/3 1:00 Prison reform groups are asking the Illinois Supreme Court to stop a state practice forcing more than 1,000 sex offenders to serve parole behind bars because they have no appropriate place to live.

4/9 3:00 Peoria Congressman Aaron Schock says a high ranking IRS official should be prosecuted for misusing her position to target TEA Party-based not for profit groups who filed as social welfare organizations. Lois Lerner headed the division in charge of making decisions on tax exempt status.

4/17 1:00 Lawyers for Illinois Treasurer Dan Rutherford are expected to appear in court to ask a judge to throw out a lawsuit filed by a former employee.

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4/23 3:00 Former ISU President Tim Flanagan will be back in court to face disorderly conduct charges in late May. Flanagan's Attorney Stephanie Wong represented him Wednesday as Flanagan and his wife sat expressionless at the rear of a third floor McLean County Courtroom.

4/29 1:00 A federal judge says Gov. Pat Quinn has until June 6 to respond to a request for an investigation into hiring practices under the Democrat's administration.

4/30 1:00 A former Illinois state representative will make his first court appearance since a federal complaint charged him with possession of child pornography.

5/2 1:00 The former head of CORE Construction of Morton has pleaded guilty to wire fraud and will have to reimburse the state \$800,000.

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5/19 1:00 A proposed law meant to reduce gun violence in Chicago has stalled in Springfield. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy have emphasized longer prison sentences for gun crimes as their top way to reduce the city's gun violence.

5/26 1:00 A southwestern Illinois man is accused of stealing federal unemployment and disability benefits. A federal indictment returned in East St. Louis against Dennis French alleges the 51-year-old Caseyville man stole the benefits from the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board from May 2009 through June 2012.

5/28 1:00 Budget cuts and staff reductions have led to a jump in overtime costs for the Illinois State Police. The Agency paid \$1.7 million more in overtime during the last fiscal year than it did in 2010. Total overtime increased by 20,000 hours in 2013, compared with three years earlier.

5/30 1:00 The Illinois Legislature has advanced a plan that would erase some arrest records for children who weren't charged or convicted of the alleged crime.



6/3 1:00 One woman is dead following a motorcycle-pick-up truck collision on Bloomington's east side. The McLean County Coroner's office says the woman, who was wearing a helmet, was operating a motorbike that collided with a pick-up at the intersection of Ireland Grove and Towanda Barnes roads at around 9 0'clock this morning.

6/5 1:00 Illinois lawmakers are looking to keep schools available as polling places on election day. It comes as some election authorities move to what critics say are less accessible locations.

6/9 2:00 A federal judge says she expects attorneys to make their closing arguments in the bribery trial of an Illinois state representative today. IPR's Tony Arnold reports:

6/12 1:00 A former state employee is filing more allegations of political and sexual harassment against Illinois Treasurer Dan Rutherford. He's also expanding the list of defendants to include Mitt Romney's presidential campaign organization. IPR's Brian Mackey has more.

6/16 1:00 Social media parody accounts come and go, but the Peoria mayor's reaction to his fake Twitter account might stick in people's minds.

6/23 1:00 The annual registration fee for Illinois attorneys will increase 12 percent beginning in January. The state Supreme Court announced Monday the fee for active attorneys will increase to \$382 from \$342.

6/27 1:00 A Cook County judge has ruled that signature-driven ballot measures calling for legislative term limits and a new political redistricting process can't appear on the November ballot.

6/30 2:00 A McLean County Judge has found former ISU President Tim Flanagan guilty of disorderly conduct. The abbreviated bench trial allowed the state to present an account of what numerous witnesses would say if they state were required to go to the expense of a full trial.

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4/1 2:00 Today in the nation's capital, representatives of Peoria-based Caterpillar defended themselves in a Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations hearing. Caterpillar is accused of avoiding \$2.4 billion in US taxes through a profit transfer scheme. WGLT's Washington Correspondent Hanna Gutmann reports from Capitol Hill.

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5/22 6:00 The Illinois Appellate Court is the intermediate court that hears appeals of verdicts and decisions handed down by county trial courts.

5/26 1:00 Governor Pat Quinn's administration is reacting to a Marion Democrat's proposal to jump-start hydraulic fracturing in Illinois after complaints from industry groups. Grant Klinzman, a spokesman for the Governor, says the administration takes hydraulic fracturing very seriously and is "making sure it is done right."

5/27 2:00 As the Illinois General Assembly considers a so-called "middle of the road" budget for next year, some programs could be cut or reduced to make up for the expiration of the 20-11 income-tax hike.

5/30 1:00 The Illinois General Assembly is winding down its spring legislative session today, and could wrap up a day ahead of tomorrow's scheduled adjournment.

6/2 6:00 The spring session of the General Assembly was fairly typical for an election year. Grand policy did not happen. A couple initiatives failed to gain legislative support, but will appear on the fall general election ballot as advisory referenda.

6/4 6:00 Illinois lawmakers adjourned last weekend after passing a controversial budget that contains no tax increase extension and relies heavily on borrowing to pay state bills. WGLT's Willis Kern has more on the \$35.7 billion budget plan with Bloomington Republican State Representative Dan Brady.

6/9 1:00 Governor Pat Quinn has signed a law he says makes Illinois the first state nationwide to ban products containing so-called microbeads.

6/16 1:00 Smoking could be banned at all of Illinois' public colleges under legislation passed by the General Assembly. Though several campuses have already gone smoke-free, this measure would make it illegal to smoke anywhere at the state's 12 public universities, plus its community colleges.

6/17 2:00 The McLean County Board has voted to place a referendum on the fall ballot asking voters whether to do away with an elected County Auditor. The head of the Auditor's Association spoke to the board saying one of the key reasons to keep the post elected is to prevent pressure from county administrators and other elected officials.

6/20 1:00 A just-released investigation by Illinois' Inspector General's office found that the former head of the state board of higher education abused public resources and wasted state funds ... amongst other findings.

6/23 1:00 Illinois U-S Senator Mark Kirk is cracking down on the export of synthetic marijuana. IPR's Mariam Sobh (SOBE) reports.

6/27 2:00 It's going to be another five months -- at least -- until a judge decides whether Illinois' pension overhaul is legal. State employees and their unions are suing Governor Pat Quinn over the pension law.

6/30 1:00 An effort to change how legislative districts are drawn has suspended its efforts. It follows a judge's ruling that the proposal is unconstitutional.

#### RACE, EQUALITY & RIGHTS

4/1 1:00 House Speaker Michael Madigan's constitutional amendment to stop voter suppression is advancing in the Illinois Legislature.

4/11 2:00 An Illinois group pushing immigration reform is criticizing Obama administration

inaction on the issue. Despite GOP roadblocks in the House, Jenn Carillo of Illinois People's Action says the President could be doing more through executive orders because two million have been deported during Obama's time in office...

4/16 2:00 Immigration and Customs Enforcement has arrested 24 men in McLean and Champaign Counties and elsewhere in Illinois and Missouri for what ICE officials call "egregious" immigration violations, including illegal immigrants who committed crimes in the U.S. and repeat immigration offenders. The arrests, made in a five-day roundup last week, were announced this week.

4/18 1:00 Gubernatorial candidate Bruce Rauner and other top Illinois Republicans will join the Illinois Business Immigration Coalition at a gathering next week to urge Congress to adopt immigration reform.

4/18 5:00 The Affordable Care Act expanded eligibility for Medicaid. And the number of applicants in Illinois has overwhelmed state employees --- meaning the wait for Medicaid benefits to begin can take months. Illinois Public Radio's Jim Meadows looks at how that wait is affecting three people...

4/28 1:00 State Farm Insurance Co. is pulling its sponsorship of the Los Angeles Clippers following racist comments that have been attributed to the team's owner.

4/29 3:00 Activist Sonny Garcia of Bloomington says it's important to turn up the heat on the Obama administration over the immigration issue.

5/13 2:00 The city of Peoria and possibly Mayor Jim Ardis could be faced with a lawsuit following the investigation into a fake Twitter account making fun of the mayor.

5/14 2:00 A central Illinois dairy farmer says he may decide to quit farming if Congress doesn't enact comprehensive immigration reform soon.

5/22 13:00 37 McLean County women have been nominated for consideration as Women of Distinction by the YWCA in its annual awards program. And this year the head of the National YWCA will preside over the ceremony this evening. Charlie Schlenker talks with the Y's Executive Director...

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5/29 1:00 Legislation that could alter how some immigrants in Illinois are jailed has received backing from a state Senate panel, but the measure isn't expected to resurface for months.

6/2 1:00 Gay couples can now get their marriage licenses in McLean County and convert their civil unions to marriage. The county has been allowing same-sex couples to apply for licenses since March, following the lead of Cook and Champaign Counties. County Clerk Kathy Michael, says the office hasn't been flooded on its first day.

6/6 2:00 Members of the faith-based initiative Illinois People's Action were among those expressing concern at an open house in Bloomington designed to gain input on Enbridge Energy's proposed oil pipeline extension.

6/12 16:00 The surprise primary loss of House Majority Leader Eric Cantor clouds even what were only faint hopes of reviving progress on immigration reform this year.

6/18 18:00 An ISU Historian is taking a deep look at the experience of missionaries to Native American tribes in Minnesota before the civil war. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker has more on this account of cultural collision and manipulation...

6/24 18:00 A team of architects is doing a six month study on the needs for improvements at the McLean County Jail. Coupled with work by several mental health service task forces, it is likely this process will eventually result in a big request to taxpayers for the facility.

6/26 2:00 Same-sex couples in Indiana are rushing to exchange vows following yesterday's historic ruling overturning the state's ban.

### SOCIAL SERVICE & PROGRAMS

4/7 12:00 As part of our coverage of Money Smart Week, we turn today to how the financial needs of women are perhaps different than those of men. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker has more.

4/8 24:00 Cities across the nation are struggling to reinvent themselves as they see scarcer resources and higher costs associated with suburban sprawl.

4/10 6:00 In another of our occasional series, "The Soul of Mclean County," featuring people and places that add to the community's well-being, WGLT's Judy Valente visits a hair salon that is the dream of stylist Donna Baker, a place where women escaping domestic violence can go for a physical and emotional makeover.

4/15 11:00 According to federal labor statistics, there are more psychiatrists working in Illinois than there are in most states. The bulk of that service is concentrated in the Chicago area.

4/17 9:00 Online gambling is now legal in New Jersey, Delaware and Nevada. Other states may soon follow, including California, Texas and possibly, Illinois.

4/18 4:00 Last year, Illinois approved medical use of marijuana after years of debating the issue. But could Illinois be closer to following the lead of some other states that have given the o-k to recreational use?

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4/25 16:00 The effects of the Great Recession continue to ripple through the U.S. Incomes are stagnating for the many. Joblessness remains high. Several studies show all the economic recovery has gone to the already affluent. Growing inequality is moving to the center of public discourse according to a new book that looks at the long view of workers in various economic crises. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker has more with the editor of this work....

4/29 1:00 Illinois Governor Pat Quinn announced the new head of Illinois' child welfare agency today. IPR's Tony Arnold reports.

5/2 1:00 The new director of Illinois' child welfare agency wants a better system for tracking children who die from abuse or neglect.

5/5 1:00 Teen pregnancy rates are edging up as is adolescent marijuana use in central Illinois. Some experts believe the cause of those two trends is a drop off in drug prevention programs in the last few years.

5/13 1:00 The only woman to serve as Mayor of Normal has passed away. Carol Reitan (RYE-tan) was elected mayor of Normal in 1972 and lead the town for four years.

5/15 1:00 Fast-food strikers are back on the streets today in Peoria. Workers from seven stores are asking for a \$15 wage and the right to form a union without retaliation.

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6/4 1:00 A new grant program is helping fund Baby Fold employees ideas. Funds for the grants come from the Director Emeritus Group, which is made up of former Baby Fold board members.

6/10 2:00 Twenty-five thousand men and women get paroled from Illinois state prisons every year. About three hundred of them met in Springfield today for a state-sponsored job fair. IPR's Hannah Meisel reports.

6/19 1:00 Habitat For Humanity plans to dedicate the last of three homes it has built in an eastern Illinois town hit hard by a tornado last November.

6/25 6:00 A former Bloomington-Normal resident has written a book chronicling his shift from being a criminal and drug addict into one of the top Ironman Triathletes in the country.

6/27 1:00 Supporters of beefing up mental health services in McLean County continue to spread the message of the dire need for additional critical care.

## TECHNOLOGY

4/3 19:00 New Trends In Twin Cities Economic Development

Warehousing, Logistics, Ag, and I-T are key parts of the Bloomington Normal Economic Development scene according to the new Chief Executive Officer. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker talks with John Grabo about the prospects for the twin cities.

4/8 18:00 Cities across the nation are struggling to reinvent themselves as they see scarcer resources and higher costs associated with suburban sprawl. The McLean County Chamber of Commerce is bringing in an expert on that process tomorrow at the Marriot in Normal. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker has a conversation about what makes strong towns and how suburban decay will come before city renewal...

4/14 20:00 A look at the future of the auto and auto insurance industry during Today's Sound Ideas. Driverless cars are not far away. As a company that insures autos -- State Farm in Bloomington is keenly interested in the prospects. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker has more.

4/15 2:00 Automakers and some technology companies are researching driverless cars. Google has a prototype already. So do Ford and Volvo.

4/21 16:00 Andrew Evans is a seasoned traveler. Well seasoned. He's National Geographic's Digital Nomad. That's his title. It's on his business card.

4/23 1:00 A prosecutor says he will not bring charges against a man accused of creating a fake Twitter account in the name of Peoria's mayor.

4/30 3:00 A new analysis of EPA air quality data shows mixed results for McLean and Peoria Counties. Mike Kolleng is the Manager of the Healthy Air Campaign for the American Lung Association in Illinois.

5/6 1:00 Illinois State University is fighting to stay current in its wireless information technology. Trustees on Friday will decide whether to spend more than two million dollars on wireless infrastructure, only a few years after the last massive upgrade.

5/8 2:00 Researchers at the University of Illinois are currently working on flexible circuits that can adhere to the skin like a bandage. It would be a less intrusive, more comfortable way of

monitoring things like temperature and motion in real time.

5/13 2:00 The city of Peoria and possibly Mayor Jim Ardis could be faced with a lawsuit following the investigation into a fake Twitter account making fun of the mayor.

5/14 1:00 Nearly 80% of the producers of soybean based Biodiesel fuel say they have cut production because of uncertainty over the renewal of a government tax credit. U.S. Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois tells reporters during a conference call that those companies deserve predictable policy and waiting more than six months into the federal budget year to act on a proposal is not acceptable....

5/20 28:00 The end of Prohibition is coming. What? You say that news is 80 years late? Not exactly. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker reports on the long delayed and now fast growing resurgence of local whiskey making.

5/22 2:00 New carbon emission regulations will be announced next week for power plants, but Illinois environmental experts are already making predictions about the rules.

6/12 1:00 The American Civil Liberties Union is suing the City of Peoria for what it's calling first and fourth amendment rights violations.

6/16 2:00 With several makes of electric vehicles available in Bloomington Normal the onus of promoting the technology has shifted from the public sector to the private sector. So says the town of Normal which is de-activating its EV Town task force on electric vehicles. Mayor Chris Koos says many of the group's goals succeeded with 350 electric cars on area roads making the twin cities a per capita national leader...

6/18 2:00 Since the Illinois Supreme Court struck down the state's eavesdropping law in March, it's been legal to record audio of someone without asking permission. But, as IPR's Hannah Meisel reports, legislators are working on a replacement.

6/26 1:00 An Air Force base in southwestern Illinois soon will be home to two new cyber-security squadrons that will mean 320 new jobs and a \$16 million investment in the site.

## TRANSPORTATION

4/7 19:00 Voters turned away a request from McLean County schools for sales tax money. An idea for Soccer Fields and a Recreational Center funded through sales tax is not getting a lot of buy in from public officials right now. Next up for consideration by the public may be the bus system in Bloomington Normal. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker talks with the head of Connect Transit about that and about new data showing higher usage than previously thought....

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4/8 23:00 Chuck Marohn Junior speaks at the Marriot Hotel tomorrow morning for the McLean County Chamber of Commerce about neighborhood redevelopment planning and financing. The breakfast and speech begins at 7 a.m.

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4/23 15:00 After 34 years of public service on the town council and airport authority, former Mayor of Normal Paul Harmon is stepping away. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker talks with Harmon as he reflects on accomplishments of the past and challenges for the future...

4/28 1:00 Transportation advocates who want to increase taxes on motor fuel are pointing to a murky federal funding picture to bolster their case.

4/30 1:00 EPA data show McLean and Peoria Counties have better air quality than at any time since measurements started fifteen years ago.

5/1 1:00 Mitsubishi Motors North America is very pleased with April sales results. The company with an assembly plant in Normal reports a nearly 47% increase in sales last month.

5/6 2:00 A long delaying action to fight a proposed Enbridge Energy company pipeline through McLean County continues. The group Illinois People's Action sent about 30 people to the McLean County Board Transportation Committee Meeting to oppose a blanket road use permit for Enbridge Trucks as they lay down the pipeline.

5/9 2:00 The Central Illinois Regional Airport has confirmed a five million dollar deal to bring a Federal Express-Express cargo hub to Bloomington. Fed-Ex's current hub is in Peoria. Airport Director Carl Olson says there will be construction jobs and an ongoing economic development benefit...

5/12 1:00 Earlier this month...Illinois and Indiana finalized an agreement on the construction of the Illiana Expressway. The proposed tollway will link I-55 in Will County with I-65 in northern Indiana.

5/14 1:00 Uptown Normal is not only a focal point in the town, but it's also a source of inspiration for a new bill. Congressman Rodney Davis announced in Normal today that he is co-sponsoring a bill, the Innovation in Surface Transportation Act, that gives local communities in Illinois better access to federal transportation dollars to create innovative projects.

5/19 1:00 An Illinois Department of Transportation administrator has resigned amid an investigation into his time at the agency. Agency spokesman Guy Tridgell says Carmen Iacullo (i-uh-KOOL'-oh) retired April 30.

5/20 3:00 Republican Congressman Rodney Davis says he is thrilled with a bill that covers improvements on the nation's rivers. Davis is particularly happy with regulatory simplification he believes could save Billions in taxpayer dollars. The legislation will require that all studies on projects be done within three years and within three million dollars in costs. He says currently studies can take 15 years and billions of dollars to complete.

5/23 1:00 Local transportation infrastructure continues to serve as pressure on Congress to address transportation funding issues. Republican Representative Rodney Davis visited Bloomington's Connect Transit to see how federal dollars could help transportation hubs. Connect Transit General Manager Andrew Johnson says the local bus system is greatly affected by Congress's decision about the bankrupt trust fund.

6/6 1:00 U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin is accusing Canadian National Railway Co. of ignoring complaints about safety and congestion along a major rail corridor in northern Illinois.

6/12 1:00 The Unit 5 school board's fired all bus drivers and monitors hired prior to



the school's decision to out-source the work. That removes the last drivers who belonged to a union.

6/16 2:00 The Town of Normal E-V Town Task Force focusing on electric vehicles has run out of charge for the present. Mayor Chris Koos says much of the panel's work has been done and it is going inactive, though it could be revived for some purposes...

6/18 1:00 Members of Illinois' congressional delegation are urging Gov. Pat Quinn and industry to pursue public-private partnerships to fix the state's aging locks and dams.

6/24 2:00 Preliminary figures in an on-going national bike-riding challenge highlight Bloomington-Normal's national prominence in the ever-growing lifestyle. The advocacy group Bike BloNo says the twin cities are ranked 16th in the National Bike Challenge, designed to measure bike-riding over a five-month period.

6/30 1:00 The Chicago Democrat says getting those daily flights has been a priority for several years. One of the region's largest employers is the US Army's Rock Island Arsenal, which manufactures government-owned weapons.