

WGLT ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

April, May, June 2015

Key: The following issues were addressed during WGLT Newscasts at 6:45 and 8:45 AM (during *MORNING EDITION*) AND 3:45 PM (during *ALL THINGS CONSIDERED*.)

Date Length Summary

ARTS & CULTURE

4/2 2:00 A project dedicated to providing a better understanding of Abraham Lincoln's life and the culture by publishing all of the documents the President wrote or received during his lifetime has received a six-figure grant ... that will allow the group to digitally archive its discoveries.

4/2 3:00 As Christian believers around the world prepare to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus this week on Good Friday, one Biblical scholar says not all early Christians subscribed to the interpretation of Jesus found in the New Testament gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

4/9 3:00 Bread is changing. The squishy white loaves suburban America grew up with are being left in aisles as consumers opt for heritage grains, and specialty wheat.

4/14 3:00 Bloomington's new Parks and Recreation director is a familiar face to many. Jay Tetzloff has been named as the permanent director, after serving as interim head of Parks and Rec since January.

4/16 16:00 A century ago World War One uncorked a bottle of plagues that continue to bedevil the world, everything from the idea of genocide to chemical warfare, to ongoing regional conflicts.

4/20 3:00 There are geographic, ethnic, and income discrepancies in Bloomington Public Library Bookmobile stops.

4/29 11:00 The new manager of the Normal Theater starts the job May 4th. Adam Fox Fox has been in ISU's College of Fine Arts since 2009.

4/30 3:00 A student at Normal Community West High School has organized an Armenian Genocide Awareness event tomorrow/today.

5/1 1:00 President Barack Obama has reportedly made a decision on the location of his presidential library, IPR's Patrick Smith reports from Chicago:

5/4 3:00 An Illinois State University Communications Professor says NBC News Anchor Brian Williams might be able to save his career, but not his job.

5/7 3:00 A group of twin cities residents with connections to earthquake ravaged Nepal are holding a vigil for the victims and survivors.

5/8 3:00 A planning and policy committee of the Bloomington Library Board has begun reviewing whether continuing bookmobile stops concentrated on the east side of town is a good idea.

5/8 3:00 Bloomington Library Board members are signaling they are aware of potential political repercussions of a Bookmobile policy that favors the east side over the west side.

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5/28 3:00 Miller Park Zoo's snow leopards recently became parents to two female cubs.

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6/2 3:00 Put Normal's newest town council member on record as supporting public involvement in a new soccer complex, Speaking on GLT's Sound Ideas, though, Kathleen Lorenz was not sure about a sales tax increase or other funding method to pay for it...

6/2 15:00 Recently a senior-to-be at Normal West High School started a reading section in the school library about the century old genocide of Armenian Christians in what is now Turkey.

6/3 3:00 Do you know someone who's an outstanding outdoorsman? Illinois is offering you a chance to immortalize that person.

6/5 13:00 The 50's era musical "Bye Bye Birdy," is the Penguin Theatre's production for this year.

6/10 3:00 Two recent water recreation deaths on the Mackinaw River have safety experts calling for caution by inexperienced boaters.

6/12 3:00 A 25% drop in attendance at U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington translated to an operating loss of nearly half a million dollars in the last budget year.

6/29 3:00 It has been forty years since the movie Jaws took over the summer.

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BUSINESS, ECONOMY & LABOR

4/1 3:00 Mitsubishi, which operates its lone US assembly plant in Normal, was one of the automakers that saw sales increases during March.

4/2 2:00 The Flash Index to the Illinois economy measured 107-point-oh in March, the highest in 15 months.

4/6 3:00 Union members and state employees can expect another pension battle ahead ... regardless of what the state Supreme Court says about Illinois' landmark 20-13 law.

4/9 2:00 Connect Transit in Bloomington Normal is lobbying during a national transportation advocacy day.

4/13 3:00 Laborers are trying to counter Governor Rauner's use of the bully pulpit as Rauner advances issues designed to weaken unions.

4/17 3:00 Governor Bruce Rauner has appointed two people to fill vacancies on the Illinois State University Board of Trustees.

4/21 3:00 Many communities question whether the mobile ride service Uber should be able to co-exist with conventional taxi services.

4/22 3:00 McLean County Government has identified more than a million dollars per year in costs created by unfunded state mandates. But, the list is subject to debate.

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5/20 1:00 Pending home sales in Bloomington Normal were up more than ten percent at the end of April.

5/21 3:00 One of the GOP Candidates for Congress in the 18th district in the summer primary says he thinks the nation needs a simplified tax code.

5/22 3:00 A new report on higher education executive compensation says public colleges and universities are living in a "fantasy world of lavish perks".

5/27 3:00 The death of a McLean County maintenance mechanic is the first workplace death for the county government in nearly 18 years.

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5/29 3:00 The "100 Deadliest Days" for teen driving accidents are here. Triple A says teen driver crash rates increase in the summer months.

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6/2 3:00 The head of the Illinois Farm Bureau is hailing a bill taking some authority away from Township Road Commissioners.

6/2 3:00 Mitsubishi Motors had its best May sales total in the last seven years. Total sales are up 31.7 percent from last year.

6/3 3:00 An Illinois appeals court has ruled that McLean County government's position in an insurance dispute ignores the ordinary meaning of the word injury.

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6/9 3:00 The Mayor of Bloomington says some city council members want to examine whether the Front and Center Building could be preserved in the downtown.

6/15 1:00 A Mitsubishi executive says the fate of the plant in Normal could be decided this year.

6/17 1:00 Caterpillar is laying off 120 workers from facilities in East Peoria.

6/18 3:00 The Director of the Downtown Bloomington Association says she's optimistic even though the city council rejected a and eight million dollar tear down proposal to make way for potential redevelopment of the Front and Center Block.

6/23 3:00 Bloomington's mayor says some council members didn't want another twin city "hole in the ground" so that's why aldermen rejected a downtown redevelopment plan last week.

6/29 3:00 Governor Bruce Rauner's political ads have had the airwaves to themselves for two weeks. But as IPR's Brian Mackey reports, they're starting to get some competition.

6/30 3:00 A top Vice President at Busey Bank says the significance of the nearly one percent drop in unemployment in Bloomington Normal over the last year should not be

understated.

CHILDREN & FAMILY/EDUCATION

- 4/1 5:00 According to the U.S. Justice Department, human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises worldwide.
- 4/2 1:00 A state audit has found that the Illinois child-welfare agency has slipped in giving timely determinations of whether there's truth in child-abuse and neglect reports.
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- 4/22 11:00 It seems in politics and in much of life, public speech is increasingly resembling that of an internet troll.
- 4/27 14:00 It's prom season, party season for young people who do not always act responsibly.
- 4/29 11:00 The new manager of the Normal Theater starts the job May 4th.
- 5/8 1:00 ISU Trustees have approved a nearly \$33 million start to a rehabilitation of the Bone Student Center.
- 5/13 1:00 Illinois State University has named Pat Vickerman as the new Vice President for Institutional Advancement.
- 5/19 3:00 Illinois school districts have been working to update policies after a new state law on cyber bullying took effect in January.
- 5/21 3:00 Unit 5 schools are expanding their one-to-one student laptop program to include sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
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- 6/1 3:00 Teens don't die in car crashes as often as they kill other people. That's according to a new report from the Triple A Foundation for Traffic Safety.
- 6/1 3:00 The bicycle version of traffic school could be coming to the Town of Normal.
- 6/3 3:00 The lack of a balanced state budget when the fiscal year begins next month is not good for school districts.
- 6/3 15:00 Recently a Junior at Normal West High School started a reading section in the school library about the century old genocide of Armenian Christians in what is now Turkey.
- 6/4 3:00 Illinois Democrats have scheduled a hearing on why Governor Bruce Rauner's

education secretary is being paid from the state's human services budget.

6/12 3:00 Many educators worry that Governor Rauner's proposed property tax freeze would irreparably harm school districts which are also seeing cuts to state support.

6/15 3:00 If you're a parent about to take a breath of relief because the school year's over for your children, hold that thought.

6/30 3:00 Virtual learning days, that's what snow days could turn into for three school districts if Governor Bruce Rauner signs a bill to begin a trial program.

ENVIRONMENT

4/10 2:00 One person was killed and at least seven more were injured as a massive tornado tore a 50-mile long path across northern Illinois last night.

4/16 3:00 State officials believe they have found a dead wolf just north of Dwight near I-55 and Route 47. It had been hit by a vehicle.

4/21 1:00 Illinois farmers are taking to their fields to plant corn and oats.

5/1 3:00 There's a new player in a state legislative battle over energy policy. Exelon wants support for its nuclear plants ... a renewable energy coalition wants to require more wind and solar ... and now a coal company and its supporters want in on the action.

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5/26 3:00 With the legislative session nearing a close, the plug looks like it has been pulled on efforts to prop up renewable, coal and nuclear power.

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6/2 3:00 Bloomington Police were sent to Elmwood Road today (Tuesday) to investigate a UFO.

6/4 1:00 The Illinois congressional delegation is asking President Barack Obama to make a disaster declaration allowing small businesses to get loans in recovery from severe storms and tornadoes in northern Illinois in April.

6/10 3:00 A canoeing safety expert is warning against going on area waterways during flood conditions.

6/30 3:00 Illinois Waters of the US Coalition, which includes the Illinois Farm Bureau, the state coal industry, and homebuilders say new water regulations would mean the government can take away a farmers land, leaving the landowner with no recourse.

HEALTH & MEDICINE

4/2 3:00 Advocate BroMenn Healthcare is partnering with several other groups to build a new \$35 million health and wellness center in Bloomington.

4/6 2:00 State Representative Monique Davis wants to give prisoners access to condoms.

4/10 1:00 The twin cities may soon be home to a birthing center. Bloomington-Normal Birthing Center LLC's application met with the criteria set by the Illinois Health Facilities and

Services Review Board.

- 4/20 3:00 Many Illinois parents who have autistic children bring them to one of nineteen centers around the state, but that may change.
- 4/22 2:00 Patients with certain illnesses are on their way to being able to use medical marijuana in Illinois, but time is running out.
- 4/24 3:00 Low-level marijuana users may soon catch a break in Illinois.
- 4/28 3:00 Illinois legislators want schools to take more control in dealing with students who have concussions.2/232:00 An F-B-I agent is on tap to brief legislators about mass shooting trends today.
- 5/7 12:00 Chestnut Health Systems recently opened a new mental health program that foreshadows what will eventually be available at the yet to be constructed Fairview Center.
- 5/18 3:00 Advocate BroMenn and Signet have broken ground on the new \$35 million health and wellness center in Bloomington.
- 5/22 1:00 Being able to drink water safely is one cause both Republicans and Democrats in Springfield agree upon.
- 5/27 3:00 The Bloomington City Council is supporting a proposal by Connect Transit and McLean County for a federal TIGER grant.
- 5/27 3:00 The Illinois House overwhelmingly approved a plan that seeks to curb the abuse of heroin and painkilling drugs.
- 6/8 3:00 The weather's been warming up...and that means it's chigger season again.
- 6/11 3:00 The Illinois Hospital Association wants the state to pass a temporary budget if a deal on a full year's spending can't be reached soon.
- 6/16 9:00 McLean County Government has created a behavioral health coordinating council to continue the work done on mental health services.
- 6/22 3:00 Illinois 13th district congressman Rodney Davis says he'll continue to vote with the GOP majority in the US House to repeal the Affordable Care Act.
- 6/25 3:00 An Illinois State University Supreme Court scholar says the high court ruling upholding federal subsidies for the Affordable Care Act is an indication that strict interpretation of the law won out over ideology.
- 6/29 1:00 A health care workers union is launching television ads criticizing Gov. Bruce Rauner for proposed budget cuts.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & COURTS

- 4/1 2:00 Investigators have found the SUV used by a convicted murderer to flee from a jail in northeastern Illinois.
- 4/2 2:00 Illinois State Police are investigating a death at a state run facility for people with developmental disabilities.
- 4/7 2:00 Aaron Leetch, one of the victims who perished in the plane crash, was ISU's deputy director of athletics for external operations.
- 4/8 3:00 The small plane that crashed into a bean field near the Central Illinois Regional Airport apparently went in hard and fairly vertical.
- 4/10 1:00 The commencement speaker at May's Illinois Wesleyan University graduation is retired McLean County Chief Circuit Judge Elizabeth Robb.
- 4/13 3:00 Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has taken her statewide tour focusing on sexual assault to Illinois State University.

4/21 1:00 Nearly a decade after Hurricane Katrina ravaged Mississippi's Gulf Coast, state government is suing State Farm Fire and Casualty Co., saying the insurer improperly denied homeowners' claims and allowed a state aid program to pay instead.

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4/27 2:00 Law enforcement and the McLean County Coroner's office are investigating the discovery of a fetus near Dawson Lake.

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6/1 3:00 Summer is arriving. With it comes an increase in car accidents involving teenagers.

6/2 1:00 One person's been arrested, and another taken to the hospital after a stabbing yesterday afternoon.

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6/3 3:00 McLean County Government has lost a court appeal dealing with a half million dollar legal cost in the Alan Beaman malicious prosecution case.

6/5 3:00 A Montana woman says the FBI interviewed her about her allegations that her brother had a sexual relationship with Dennis Hastert, the high school wrestling coach who became speaker of the House.

6/8 2:00 A special prosecutor has declined to file charges against former McLean County Public Defender Kim Campbell and former contract public defender Jane Foster.

6/11 1:00 Officials in the Chicago suburb where Drew Peterson was a police sergeant have voted to compel him to provide deposition testimony as they decide whether he keeps his pension.

6/12 1:00 Federal prosecutors want to keep some evidence in the case against former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert secret, even after the proceedings have ended.

6/17 1:00 State Senator Gary Forby says he was denied entrance to the Hardin County Work Camp in southern Illinois.

6/22 2:00 Bloomington police are investigating a second shots-fired incident in the city over

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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

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4/6 3:00 Illinois' comptroller says her relationship with the governor who appointed her to the post earlier this year is fine.

4/6 1:00 Bloomington businessman Ed Brady says he's not entering the Republican primary to replace former 18th district representative Aaron Schock.

4/8 3:00 The Mayor of Bloomington calls the election of three aldermen crucial.

4/10 3:00 Gas station owners are asking lawmakers to not increase the fuel tax.

4/13 2:00 Congressional Candidate Darin LaHood's hand keeps getting stronger.

4/14 3:00 The Bloomington City Council voted down a proposal that would have created a twenty-five dollar fee for each bucket of bulk waste picked up at the curb, changed pickups to every other week, and removed the fee for bulk waste drop offs.

4/17 3:00 Governor Bruce Rauner has appointed two people to fill vacancies on the Illinois State University Board of Trustees.

4/21 3:00 Bloomington Aldermen and staff heard from Illinois State legislators during a meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

4/22 1:00 An Illinois lawmaker has introduced legislation that would restore \$26 million in social services and public health grants recently suspended by Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

4/27 1:00 The Nuclear Reactor near Clinton, Illinois has shutdown for a refueling outage.

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6/1 3:00 Supporters of two of the Republican Candidates for Congress in the 18th district staged get out the early vote events at the same time in Bloomington.

6/2 3:00 One of the two new Normal Town Council members says the community should consider supporting a new and expanded soccer complex.

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6/4 3:00 Among Ed Rust's achievements during his leadership of State Farm is huge growth over the last several decades and technological restructuring of the business at least two times.

6/5 1:00 Happy hour drink specials have been banned in Illinois since the late 1980s, but they could make a comeback under a measure that's awaiting the governor's signature.

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6/25 3:00 A wide range of local social service organizations say they face scaling back or even eliminating the assistance they provide to thousands of McLean County residents because

of the state budget crisis.

6/29 3:00 Same sex couples in Illinois are just as thrilled with last week's Supreme Court ruling making same sex marriage the law of the land as those in states where it had been banned.

6/30 3:00 The City Manager for the Town of Normal says a new soccer complex will likely take more than two years to bring to fruition.

RACE, EQUALITY & RIGHTS

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SOCIAL SERVICE & PROBLEMS

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5/8 3:00 Mother's Day Sunday has the potential of being a very depressing day for victims of domestic violence.

5/18 3:00 The long awaited mental health action plan is out for McLean County. County Board Member John McIntire was instrumental in researching and writing the document.

5/20 3:00 A newly released report says healthcare in Illinois prisons is failing to meet minimal constitutional standards.

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- 4/7 2:00 A private plane with 5 aboard crashed early this morning just north of Bloomington. The plane was headed to Bloomington from Indianapolis Indiana.
- 4/7 2:00 Aaron Leetch, one of the victims who perished in the plane crash, was ISU's deputy director of athletics for external operations.
- 4/8 3:00 The small plane that crashed into a bean field near the Central Illinois Regional Airport apparently went in hard and fairly vertical.
- 4/10 3:00 Gas station owners are asking lawmakers to not increase the fuel tax.
- 4/17 3:00 Connect Transit will be installing close to 600 fixed stops around Bloomington and Normal late in the summer.
- 4/21 3:00 Many communities question whether the mobile ride service Uber should be able to co-exist with conventional taxi services.
- 4/29 2:00 Proposed cuts to Amtrak in next year's budget could mean less public transportation for Illinois.
- 5/5 3:00 The Mayor of Normal says electric vehicles are still a developing field and need the extra incentive a Town of Normal tax rebate can offer.
- 5/11 3:00 The City of Bloomington hopes to finish drafting an ordinance to allow the ride service Uber to operate as soon as next month.
- 5/19 3:00 Mayors and others impacted by Governor Bruce Rauner's proposal to cut Amtrak funding nearly in half spent the morning testifying before a Senate Higher Education Committee.
- 5/25 1:00 Illinois officials say a safety feature that slows trains traveling dangerously fast is one of the last components that must be installed before a Chicago-St. Louis high-speed line becomes operational.
- 5/27 3:00 The city of Bloomington has agreed to drop its own TIGER grant application for an extension of Hamilton Road on the south side of town.
- 5/28 3:00 The Mayor of Bloomington acknowledges that the app based ride service Uber has lower rates than traditional cab companies.
- 5/29 3:00 Teens don't die in car crashes as often as they kill other people. That's according to a new report from the Triple A Foundation for Traffic Safety.
- 6/2 3:00 Mitsubishi Motors had its best May sales total in the last seven years.
- 6/4 1:00 Among Ed Rust's achievements during his leadership of State Farm is huge growth over the last several decades and technological restructuring of the business at least two times.
- 6/18 3:00 The Mayor of Normal says he's concerned about the possibility Governor Rauner

will cut state funding for Amtrak routes in Illinois.

6/29 1:00 The public has seen them for decades, but Chicago's Union Station has large rooms with 33-foot-high ceilings that were once filled with restaurants, a dance hall and tailor shops.