

WGLT ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

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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

10/8 10:00 The Springfield Race Riots happened 106 years ago and left a legacy that includes both prejudice and an organization that fights such hate even today. Even at the time there were voices speaking out against that violence. We hear one of them from McLean County as this episode of McHistory looks at ethnic cleansing in central Illinois....

10/8 2:00 Friends and community members are remembering a Bloomington Normal labor leader who has died at the age of 64. Dave Penn passed away after a lengthy illness. Penn held many posts with the Laborers Local and International unions over the years. Fellow union member Mike Matejka says Penn lived out his values in the community by pitching in himself in a variety of ways when someone came to the laborers union with a request for help...

10/15 18:00 Bloomington-Normal's LGBT film fest turns 5 this year. The five-night, five-film "Your Normal LGBT Film Festival" begins tonight. The proceeds fund the Prairie Pride's programs and speakers. Some will also be used to finance a needs assessment of the local LGBTQ community conducted by the Multicultural Leadership Program. Marcus Smith is chair of the Prairie Pride Coalition film fest committee and David Bentlin is the president of the PPC. Smith tells WGLT's Mike McCurdy the first film "The New Black" is about a civil rights struggle among members of a group already striving for civil rights.

10/29 30:00 These Are Not The Unsophisticated Cavemen You Were Thinking Of

11/7 2:00 Senior Professionals: Mentoring For A Quarter Century 7/30 9:00 Let's hear about an eccentric entrepreneur, a colorful character of the partly mythical old west who was born in McLean County. This episode of McHistory also looks at an early conservation effort.

11/20 12:00 :A Symphony, A Circus, A Magical Story

11/21 14:00 Best Selling Young Adult Author Entertains And Educates At Unit 5

11/24 7:00 Urbana Man Finds Harmony With Harmoniums

11/25 8:00 The Bloomington and Normal Human Relations Commissions are seeking nominations for the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Awards. The Commissions recognize two high school students and two adults for their efforts to promote tolerance and understanding among people of diverse backgrounds. Past winner John Elliot tells GLT's Charlie Schlenker the award remains important to have top of mind in the twin cities community...

12/1 3:00 ISU Demonstrators Object To Ferguson Incident

12/9 3:00 'Not In Our Town' Launches Season4Reason Campaign

12/15 10:00 In this holiday season let's revisit the society pages of decades past in Bloomington Normal. McHistory recalls how a faculty wife and mother became Dame Fashion Smiles, a columnist who mixed fashion and philosophy...

12/18 8:00 From sushi to crepes to pizza...from Uptown to Downtown we look, every now and then, at the food scene in Bloomington Normal. Charlie Schlenker has more...

12/22 2:00 Toby Keith To Headline Rauner's Inaugural Concert
12/25 1:00 "Interview" To Run In Bloomington
12/29 8:00 On Dec. 27, 1904, the curtain rose for the first time on the J.M. Barrie play, "Peter Pan." It was a sensational hit, and 110 years later, the story of Neverland and The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up still continues to captivate us.
12/31 5:00 Origin Of "Banned Words" Goes Back Four Decades

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & LABOR

10/1 0:30 An Illinois appellate court has ruled that back wages owed thousands of state government workers from 2011 to 2013 must be paid.
10/2 2:00 Illinois officials say ten marijuana cultivation applications have come in for Mclean, Livingston, and Dewitt County locations and four sites want to have dispensaries.
10/3 5:00 For the first time ever, a staunchly pro-business group is declining to make an endorsement in the race for Illinois Governor.
10/8 2:00 The State of Illinois is underwriting 3.3 million dollars in loans for a house rental property company to help mortgage crisis recovery in the twin cities.
10/9 3:00 The McLean County Coroner and the Bloomington Fire Chief are retiring from their jobs.
10/13 0:30 Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Rauner says his idea to create so-called "right to work zones" also means designating areas where businesses face fewer "tax and regulatory burdens."
10/13 5:00 The Mayor of Normal says the new Illinois State University Galleries is a world class facility. The new space in Uptown Station will open to the public on Friday.
10/14 7:00 Hydraulic fracturing, commonly called "fracking" - is an extraction method of natural gas that has many environmentalists concerned.
10/17 0:30 The Illinois Department of Employment Security says unemployment in the state continued to drop in September, falling to 6.6 percent.
10/22 3:00 Illinois' declining manufacturing sector led to one candidate for congress calling for repeal of a controversial free trade deal.
10/24 2:00 Illinois State University trustees have okayed naming several rooms after alumni and donors.
10/28 10:00 Illinois Wesleyan University has concluded its five year fundraising effort with...success.
10/30 1:00 The Illinois Supreme Court has ruled against former Peoria Liquor store owners who claimed the city and the courts mistreated them.
11/3 6:00 With less than a day left before voters go to the polls in Illinois, it's now all about the turnout. Candidates are making their last whirlwind dash before the voting booths start to fill up.
11/6 0:30 Illinois lawmakers are expected to approve final rules regulating high-volume oil and gas drilling in Illinois at a legislative hearing.
11/12 1:00 A group of Illinois landowners has sued the Department of Natural Resources to stop the state's new rules for high-volume oil and gas drilling from taking effect.
11/18 8:00 Many farmers in central Illinois are worried they'll face additional regulations under a proposed new rule from the EPA.
11/21 00:30 The state will refund money to about 75,000 state retirees who've been paying a

portion of their pensions for health insurance over the last year and a half after a court hearing in Sangamon County.

11/24 20:00 Healthcare in America is a system in transition, and not just because of the Affordable Care Act. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker reports Bloomington Normal healthcare leaders say the frame of reference is changing in the industry.

12/1 3:00 The incentive analysis group "Good Jobs First" recently gave the town of Normal an attaboy for the Uptown Station project, saying that's a justified use of public dollars to revitalize an area.

12/3 3:00 The Mayor of Normal disagrees with a think tank that criticizes the effectiveness of Enterprise Zones as development tools.

12/11 3:00 The parent company of the Pantagraph newspaper is reporting operating revenue of just over \$161-Million for the quarter ending September 28th, a drop of .2% from one year ago.

12/16 3:00 Acceptance of a small education grant turned into partisan comments at the McLean County Board meeting.

12/31 1:00 U.S. Representative Rodney Davis says look to last year's farm bill and the Water Resources Development Act for an example of how to finally tackle a long term transportation funding bill.

CHILDREN & FAMILY/EDUCATION

10/3 00:30 Illinois State University Police say they have caught two men yanking copper pipe and wiring out of a decommissioned residence hall.

10/7 3:00 Mayor Chris Koos of Normal is defending using town tax dollars to support a scholarship at Heartland Community College.

10/16 1:00 The Illinois State Board of Education has released statistics showing that more than half of public school students in the state are considered low-income, and for the first time less than half of public school students are white.

10/29 16:00 It may not be Milan or Paris, but, apparently fashion matters to evolution. Tailored clothing may have helped early humans compete with Neanderthals as well assisted in meeting and mingling with them.

10/30 0:30 A former youth pastor already charged with sexually assaulting a child has been indicted on child pornography charges in Peoria County.

11/03 3:00 The State School Superintendent says he is concerned about declining family incomes that have caused more than half of all Illinois School children to fall into the low income category.

11/6 3:00 Illinois State University's Senior Professionals group is celebrating 25 years of mentoring local university students.

11/11 3:00 A small group of doctors is asking the state for permission to start the first Birthing Center in Bloomington Normal.

11/19 1:00 The State of Illinois has awarded Bloomington a \$160,000 grant to build a bicycle and pedestrian path to an elementary school.

11/24 3:00 Illinois gets a grade of C for early childhood education, according to an advocacy group.

12/10 3:00 A legend of the Illinois State University Theater Department has passed away. Cal Pritner was 79.

12/29 2:00 The use of medication to control behavior has gone up in Illinois youth prisons over the past five years.

12/29 9:00 On Dec. 27, 1904, the curtain rose for the first time on the J.M. Barrie play, "Peter Pan." It was a sensational hit, and 110 years later, the story of Neverland and The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up still continues to captivate us.

ENVIRONMENT

10/1 10:00 In a new study spanning seven years, the National Audubon Society warns that the migratory routes and habitats of more than half of the birds in North America are now or soon will be threatened by climate change.

10/7 3:00 Illinois People's Action is objecting to an oil drilling permit request near Downs.

10/15 0:30 Illinois farmers know they have a banner corn crop on their hands, but getting it out of the fields is proving to be an ordeal.

10/21 2:00 Even if the Bloomington Normal area does not accept a proposal for a bio aviation fuel plant to take solid waste, the cities will have to find some new place for garbage in the next three years.

10/22 3:00 McLean County Zoning Board Testimony continues (continued) for a third session this (last) evening about proposed exploratory oil drilling near Downs.

11/3 00:30 Illinois environmental authorities are preparing a strategic action plan to reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorous in the state's rivers and lakes.

11/6 1:00 Don't rake your leaves into the street this fall. Speaking on GTL's Sound Ideas, Ecology Action Center Director Michael Brown said residents should make sure leaves stay on the grass and don't get into the storm sewers.

11/10 2:00 One year after an EF-4 tornado flattened parts of his community, the city administrator in Washington Illinois says the recovery has exceeded expectations.

11/13 3:00 Illinois farmers will be trained how to properly apply fertilizer and other chemicals as a way to help prevent agricultural runoff.

11/17 3:00 Many people are remembering the one year anniversary of the tornadoes that swept through the Midwest last November 17th.

11/18 0:30 A southern Illinois judge is mulling over whether to grant a preliminary injunction to stop new rules for high-volume oil and gas drilling from taking effect.

12/3 3:00 Rumbblings continue about possible closures of several nuclear power stations in Illinois.

12/5 2:00 A nationally-known environmentalist from the Quad Cities will be back on national television Friday night.

12/12 2:00 The Golden Beet Awards have been presented. While the award is not quite as high profile as the Golden Globes, it may have a greater impact on your life.

12/22 2:00 A twin city man is helping Syrians forced to flee that nation's civil war deal with their situation.

12/29 0:30 South Dakota regulators have scheduled public meetings next month on a proposed pipeline that would carry oil from western North Dakota to eastern refineries.

12/31 0:30 Agriculture specialists at the Port of Chicago have intercepted an invasive beetle while inspecting a shipment of rhubarb stems from the Netherlands.

HEALTH & MEDICINE

10/1 3:00 It's been a year since the Affordable Care Act launched in Illinois. The state says 685-thousand people have taken advantage of the law --- more than expected.

10/2 2:00 Giving teenagers access to free, long-term contraception can dramatically reduce rates of unintended pregnancy and abortion.

10/10 0:30 The Illinois attorney general is warning residents of possible email scams related to the Ebola outbreak.

10/15 1:00 The Illinois Department of Public Health says it is setting up a hotline to answer questions from the public about the Ebola virus.

10/16 3:00 Unfounded rumor mongering is happening in Bloomington Normal according to the McLean County Health Department.

10/27 3:00 The head of the McLean County Board says mental health services are getting better already, and even the study of the system and how to change it is not done, let alone the implementation.

10/30 3:00 The State of Illinois is still feeling its way toward the start of its medical marijuana pilot program.

11/3 2:00 The O-S-F Healthcare System has grown again. The Peoria-based medical network has finished its acquisition of two southern Illinois hospitals, now named OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center and OSF Saint Clare's Hospital, both in Alton.

11/4 2:00 There are three statewide referenda on the ballot today in Illinois. One asks if the Illinois minimum wage should be raised to 10 dollars an hour for adults.

11/24 20:00 Healthcare in America is a system in transition, and not just because of the Affordable Care Act.

12/3 5:00 People enrolling in Obamacare are becoming more sophisticated healthcare consumers.

12/16 3:00 Acceptance of a small education grant turned into partisan comments at the McLean County Board meeting.

12/22 3:00 Parents of those with disabilities will be able to save more in the New Year to care for their adult children.

12/22 1:00 A twin city man has been busy helping hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing Syria. Joel Bergner has spent four months at camps in Jordan along the border with Syria.

12/30 0:30 A report says more than 121,000 Illinoisans selected health plans during the first month of the current sign-up period under President Barack Obama's health care law.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & COURTS

10/1 0:30 A Chicago man charged with mailing threats of rapes, killings, bombings and beheadings to Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus will get a chance to make his case for being eligible for bond.

10/2 3:00 Assistant Public Defender Carla Barnes is the first African American to head the McLean County Public Defender's office.

10/7 1:00 U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk has launched a task force he says will tackle surging incidents of heroin abuse in suburban Chicago.

10/14 2:00 Ann Callis stepped down from her seat as Chief Judge in Madison County in order to run for Congress.

10/20 2:00 A 25-year-old Peoria woman has been charged with murder in the stabbing death of a man in her apartment.

10/24 1:00 Officials say Illinois has received \$100 million in sales taxes owed by gas station owners who didn't pay all they owed.

10/27 3:00 Members of the Illinois chapter of the NAACP say the kind of racial unrest that engulfed Ferguson, Missouri following the shooting of an unarmed African American youth will spread to other communities unless police receive better training in the use of force.

11/4 3:00 Police are calling the discovery of the body of a woman in an office suite on East Washington Street a suspicious death.

11/10 1:00 Bloomington Police have arrested two people for a shooting on Fox Hill Circle.

11/12 1:00 A group of Illinois landowners has sued the Department of Natural Resources to stop the state's new rules for high-volume oil and gas drilling from taking effect.

11/17 1:30 The President of Illinois State University says he is saddened by the death of a freshman marketing students from the Peoria area.

11/25 2:00 The St. Louis county grand jury decision last night over the shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown reverberated around the country... About a hundred gathered together at a church in North County, to watch and wait.

12/1 2:00 Officer Darren Wilson is no longer a member of the Ferguson Police Department. Wilson's resignation Saturday comes less than a week after a grand jury declined to indict him in the fatal shooting of Michael Brown.

12/1 3:00 Demonstrators from the ISU NAACP Chapter protested at the Bone Student Center by laying down as if dead as they read a long list of the names of unarmed African Americans killed by police in the last three years.

12/7 3:00 African Americans say pretext traffic stops for things as minor as a burned out license plate light often turn into canine sniffs and pat downs.

12/9 4:00 Illinois spends one-hundred-eleven thousand dollars to house a juvenile offender in a state-run center for a year.

12/12 3:00 The Mayor of Bloomington says he believes the recently passed program offering an administrative alternative to court for ordinance violations is one of top three or four initiatives since he took office.

12/17 20:00 There are disproportionate rates of traffic stops by race all over Illinois, including Bloomington-Normal. This fact and the perceptions that arise from hit have affected the relationships between police and minorities as we recently laid out in our series Police and Race in the twin cities.

12/19 3:00 As outgoing governor Pat Quinn prepares for his final few weeks in office, he has a pile of legislation on his desk awaiting his action.

12/23 2:00 Most drivers in Illinois will get to keep their driver's licenses after being cited for certain traffic offenses. The "Sign and Drive" law goes into effect January 1st.

12/29 2:00 The use of medication to control behavior has gone up in Illinois youth prisons over the past five years.

12/31 3:00 Bloomington Police say they have collected more video evidence in the Pamela Zimmerman homicide case than in any previous investigation.

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

10/1 1:00 President Barack Obama is expected to arrive in Chicago this evening. IPR's Tony Arnold explains why he's in town.

10/1 3:00 Supporters got a chance to meet Republican Gubernatorial candidate Bruce

Rauner at Schooner's restaurant in Bloomington.

10/6 3:00 Some McLean County leaders say they believe it will be possible to expand or renovate the jail or add mental health services without significantly raising taxes.

10/3 3:00 The City of Bloomington is exploring a project that could rejuvenate Bloomington. The Council heard from Mayor Renner about an idea to bring a hotel to the downtown area.

10/9 4:00 The McLean County Clerk says about half the roughly thousand new voter registrations turned in from the Illinois State University campus are incomplete. Kathy Michael says the forms come from organizers of both Republicans and Democrats, but it appears more from Democrats.

10/20 7:00 President Barack Obama visited Chicago yesterday, to encourage Illinois residents to vote ... and to do it early. Early voting begins today, and runs until just before Election Day.

10/22 3:00 Normal and Bloomington rejected a proposal for a new biofuel plant in a special joint work session.

10/24 3:00 Public discussion of the mental health services offered in Mclean County continues with a new documentary film done by Pantagraph newspaper courts reporter Edith Brady Lunny and Photojournalist David Proeber.

10/28 15:00 Illinois Wesleyan University has concluded its five year fundraising effort with...success.

10/31 3:00 The annual school report cards coming out from the Illinois State Board of Education show a significant gap between the percentage of high school graduates that go to college and those who are READY for college.

11/3 3:00 The McLean County Clerk says there have been more absentee and early voting ballots cast than ever before in a non-presidential year. Kathy Michael says turnout four years ago was 54% in McLean County...

11/5 1:30 A political scientist says victorious candidate for Governor Bruce Rauner needs to insulate himself from possible allegations of conflict of interest.

11/10 3:00 A new poll may offer insight into how Republican Bruce Rauner won the governor's race.

11/12 3:00 The City of Bloomington purchase of land to be used by Central Catholic High School's football team might not happen after all. The Council passed the proposed purchase and lease.

11/17 1:00 The American League of Bicyclists has named the Town of Normal a Bicycle Friendly Community.

11/21 4:00 On Governor-elect Bruce Rauner's agenda for his visit to Springfield yesterday was a visit to the official governor's residence. IPR's Brian Mackey has more:

11/25 3:00 The Mayor of Bloomington says the April municipal election has the future of the city at stake....

11/28 3:00 The nation's passenger rail service is reporting record revenue, and the lowest federally funded operating loss in 41 years. Amtrak Spokesman Steve Kaulm (calm) says passenger counts are the largest reason for the success

12/2 3:00 The Normal Town Council approved a proposal to apply for a new enterprise zone in the area.

12/4 2:00 Illinois legislators are done with their work, until Republican Bruce Rauner becomes governor next month.

12/8 3:00 African American perception that police target them for enforcement has deep historic roots. It's not just what has happened recently in Missouri and New York.

12/16 3:00 The new head of the Bloomington Normal Economic Development Council says he is pleased a proposed new enterprise zone application is advancing.

12/22 28:00 The United States and Cuba now begin a long feeling out period of just how thawing relations will develop and what the new arrangement will look like. Congressman Rodney Davis represents part of Bloomington Normal and has praised the administration's action on Cuba.

RACE, EQUALITY & RIGHTS

10/15 10:00 The five-night, five-film "Your Normal LGBT Film Festival" begins this evening (Wed) at the Normal Theatre with a screening of "The New Black."

10/24 4:00 There are about 4,500 U.S. Citizens of Latino background in McLean County. According to national trends only about 30% of them vote, far less than the 42% overall average turnout last election cycle.

10/27 3:00 Members of the Illinois chapter of the NAACP say the kind of racial unrest that engulfed Ferguson, Missouri following the shooting of an unarmed African American youth will spread to other communities unless police receive better training in the use of force.

10/28 3:00 Sixth graders at Bloomington Junior High School have received a personalized lesson on the holocaust after speaking with a Nazi concentration camp survivor.

11/12 6:00 What had been a relatively low profile transition to use state grant money to buy four acres of land next to McGraw Park for the City of Bloomington has spiraled up into concerns about the separation of church and state and potential conflicts of interest.

11/20 10:00 A grand jury has refused to indict Ferguson, Missouri police officer Darren Wilson could come at any time.

11/21 1:00 A central Illinois judge has ruled the state's public pension overhaul is unconstitutional.

11/26 1:00 In the wake of the police shooting and protests in Ferguson, Missouri, both sides have mentioned one possible solution: body cameras on police officers.

12/1 3:00 More than a hundred demonstrators marched on the ISU quad and occupied the Bone Student Center where they held a die-in to protest the police killing of a young black man in Ferguson, Missouri.

12/5 3:00 It's still not clear what lead to yesterday's altercation between a driver and students holding a demonstration outside of Champaign's Centennial High School.

12/8 10:00 President Obama is calling for a sustained national conversation about what he calls "simmering distrust" between police and minority communities.

12/9 3:00 The anti-discrimination movement known as Not In Our Town is launching a re-invigorated effort to raise the profile of celebrating diversity and preventing bullying and hate speech in Bloomington Normal.

12/3 2:00 A twin cities state representative says he is not a big fan of the law that requires police to report traffic stops, searches, and arrests by race.

SOCIAL SERVICE & PROGRAMS

10/2 3:00 A plan to improve mental health services in McLean County won't be ready till the end of the year. But, the head of the McLean County Board says he is pleased with progress

made already in addressing a lack of coordination and crisis services.

10/21 11:00 There's a tug-o-war going on across mid-Illinois over how the state cares for its neediest citizens.

10/27 3:00 The head of the McLean County Board says mental health services are getting better already, and even the study of the system and how to change it is not done, let alone the implementation.

11/4 10:00 It's nearing the one year anniversary of the November 17th tornadoes that tore through the Midwest.

11/10 3:00 Home Sweet Home Ministries is asking the Bloomington-Normal community for urgent help to offer Thanksgiving Dinner to the needy.

11/21 22:00 Healthcare in America is a system in transition, and not just because of the Affordable Care Act. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker reports Bloomington Normal healthcare leaders say the frame of reference is changing in the industry.

12/9 3:00 A transitional housing effort for women is doing double duty as an art gallery tomorrow (Wed).

12/11 11:00 Over the past four decades, courts and legislatures have given increasingly broad powers to the police.

12/18 1:00 A University of Illinois task force on sexual assault has started meeting and plans to survey the school's three campuses to assess the situation at each.

12/26 7:00 The holidays can bring out the compassionate side of people. Some might be inspired to donate to charities or take on volunteer work. For one local man, helping the less fortunate is something he does on a daily basis.

TECHNOLOGY

10/17 37:00 Questions have arisen about the business reputation of the man behind the proposal to take Bloomington-Normal garbage and turn it into aviation fuel.

10/20 3:00 The Mayor of Normal says the bankruptcy of a man seeking an agreement to turn Bloomington Normal garbage into aviation fuel is not a deal breaker.

10/22 3:00 McLean County Zoning Board Testimony continues (continued) for a third session this (last) evening about proposed exploratory oil drilling near Downs.

10/29 16:00 It may not be Milan or Paris, but, apparently fashion matters to evolution. Tailored clothing may have helped early humans compete with Neanderthals as well assisted in meeting and mingling with them.

11/12 1:00 A potential change in a benchmark of smog producing chemicals shows Peoria air quality is much worse than used to be believed.

11/13 1:00 Secretary of State Spokesman Dave Druker says Illinois' motor vehicle facilities will reopen today after a computer outage affected operations at all 138 of the offices.

11/18 3:00 A vote to reject oil drilling in McLean County was not close.

11/20 1:00 A Democratic state lawmaker says background checks for drivers and wheelchair accessibility for passengers are among the provisions he wants included in new legislation calling for regulations of the ridesharing industry.

TRANSPORTATION

10/3 1:00 Delays continue at Chicago's two airports, a week after a fire at a regional communications center shut down the airports for hours, causing more than 2,000 flights in and out of O'Hare and Midway to be canceled and disrupting travel nationwide.

10/20 3:00 Questions have arisen about the business reputation of the man behind the proposal to take Bloomington-Normal garbage and turn it into aviation fuel.

10/21 3:00 Members of the Normal Town Council approved a plan to build a pedestrian walkway which would allow the utilization of two sets of tracks at Uptown Station.

10/27 4:00 An e-mail to Bloomington Normal leaders from the head of a rejected bioaviation firm expresses anger at city and town staff.

10/29 3:00 A group that is often critical of economic development incentives used by governments is praising the Uptown Station Project.

11/5 5:00 Bloomington and Normal officials are already talking about using a potential sales tax increase to ease budget pressures.

11/13 3:00 Ridership on Bloomington Normal's bus system is up 11% from the same quarter last year.

11/17 1:00 The American League of Bicyclists has named the Town of Normal a Bicycle Friendly Community.

11/24 1:00 Frontier Airlines is pulling out of the Central Illinois Regional Airport.

11/27 2:00 Bloomington's Mayor says it is important to try to gain new airline service to replace the loss of Frontier Airlines.

11/28 2:00 The gas tax is used to help pay for road and bridge repairs. But the revenue it brings in fails to keep up with demand.

12/5 2:00 Gasoline prices will continue to fall in Illinois, thanks to the decision last week by OPEC nations to keep pumping oil.

12/23 2:00 Most drivers in Illinois will get to keep their driver's licenses after being cited for certain traffic offenses.

12/24 2:00 Nearly half the capital projects on a long list the Town of Normal keeps involve city utilities.

12/31 3:00 As the new year begins, a central Illinois lawmaker says he's optimistic that Congress will address transportation infrastructure spending for the first time in a decade.