

WGLT ISSUES AND PROGRAMS October, November, December 2016

Key: The following issues were addressed during WGLT'S Sound Ideas, M-F Noon and 6pm)

Date Length Summary

ARTS & CULTURE

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10/5 9:00 Georgia native E.G. Kight (KITE) makes a midwest return when she plays the County Line Orchard in Hobart Indiana this Saturday. When Jon Norton last caught up with the blues woman known as The Georgia Songbird was recovering from two different serious diseases.

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10/6 8:00 In 2012, "Once" was first staged as a Broadway musical, and won the Tony Award for Best Musical. It was an unusual film and musical in that there's very little plot and character development. The show's popularity stems from its staple of pop-style songs. "Once" is coming to Springfield's Sangamon Auditorium this Sunday.

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11/7 10:30 When the Chicago based band plays the House of Blues in the windy city on Wednesday and Shaw's Crabhouse in Chicago Thursday, they'll show off songs from their brand new album on Delmark Records -- "Cab Driving Man."

12/12 10:00 Blues-rocker "Hurricane" Ruth LeMaster plays The Alamo in Springfield tonight. She was born and raised along the Illinois river in the small town of Beardstown. As with many river towns, Beardstown had many "larger than life characters" over the years that lived in or were drawn to the town.

12/14 15:00 The Toys 4 Tots of McLean County Silver Ball fundraiser is Friday night at the Castle Theater. Three local bands will perform sets by three iconic 1990's bands. Chicago Farmer and Todd Hazelrigg perform Nirvana. Flaccid will tackle Red Hot Chilli Pepper material. And Jack Dupp & the Empty bottles will cover Pearl Jam.

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & LABOR

10/3 10:00 A Bloomington restaurant whose legal status has been in question is soon to reopen. Charlie Schlenker checks out the Bloomington Normal Restaurant Scene with Larry Carius, who talks about the Garden of Paradise on East Empire

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