

# **WGLT ISSUES AND PROGRAMS**

## **July, August, September 2014**

**Key: The following issues were addressed during WGLT Newscasts at 6:33 and 8:33 AM (during *MORNING EDITION*) AND 4:30 PM (during *ALL THINGS CONSIDERED*.)**

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### ARTS & CULTURE

7/7   6:00   Chicago born and raised jazz guitarist Peter Lerner's new record offers the next step in his career. IPR's Brian O'Keefe sat down with him recently to talk about it.

7/8   9:00   From hauntingly beautiful, to thoughtful, to irresistibly rambunctious there are as many faces to the intricate classical music discipline of chamber music as there are composers and performers.

7/16   6:00   Folksinger Carrie Newcomer's rich alto voice is familiar to fans of Bloomington's Blue Moon Cafe, as are her poetic, often deeply spiritual lyrics. Newcomer says her songs often flow from poems or prose pieces she's written. Now she's collected those poems and essays into a book. Newcomer sat down with WGLT's Judy Valente to talk about the writing life.

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7/28   6:00   The evolution of women's sports is often separated into pre-title nine and post title nine. That's the law that requires equal treatment in college athletics for men and women. But, a new book suggests that's too simple a breakdown. Charlie Schlenker has more via Skype with the author of "Qualifying Times."

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.

7/30   5:00   The Prairie Fire Theater production of My Fair Lady opens tomorrow evening (31st) at Illinois Wesleyan University's Westbrook Auditorium in Presser Hall. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker talked with the Director Rhys (reese) Lovell (LOVE-uhl), and Actors Joe Penrod and Jesse Sweich (swike) about the production that explores language as a barrier to class mobility in England....

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Laura Kennedy has more...

## BUSINESS, ECONOMY & LABOR

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7/7 1:00 In the last two years the City of Bloomington has seen seven department heads leave. The latest to announce they are leaving include the Economic Development Director, the Water Director, and the head of Parks and Recreation.

7/9 10:00 A recent State Supreme Court decision has called into question lawmaker efforts to reduce pensions and transfer healthcare costs to state government retirees. It also has implications for municipalities, but Bloomington Mayor Tari Renner tells GLT's Charlie Schlenker it's early to find out what those problems are...

7/14 10:00 There is little sign Congress will make progress on replenishing funding for road and bridge projects across the United States.

7/17 1:00 The state Department of Employment Security says Illinois unemployment dropped in June to 7.1 percent. It was the fourth straight monthly decrease in the state's jobless rate.

7/21 1:00 Bloomington Mayor Tari Renner is praising the job done by the interim head of the community development department. The city hired a new person for the post last week. But, Mayor Renner says interim director Frank Koehler (KAY-luhr) began a much needed cultural change...

7/23 2:00 Standard and Poor's is warning that Illinois' already-low credit rating could sink further still. Analysts have revised Illinois' outlook from "developing" to "negative."

7/28 3:00 Illinois' public employee unions are hinting that legislators passed up their chance to negotiate on pensions.

7/29 6:00 Creating fuel from garbage seems too good to be true. But British Airways is embarking on a plan to create jet fuel and synthetic gas to generate electricity using municipal solid waste from London.

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8/7 2:00 The parent company of Bloomington's Pantagraph Newspaper lost \$9.7 million in the most recent quarter. Lee Enterprises reports that compares to a \$1.8 million profit in the quarter ending in June of last year.

8/12 17:00 During the August Congressional recess, politicians of every stripe are back in their home districts making appearances, reconnecting with voters, and this year campaigning.

8/18 2:00 Destihl Brewery in Bloomington is growing again. CEO Matt Potts says in addition to the canning line that began operating earlier, a new container line is being imported.

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8/25 2:00 Rubber workers from Liberia say they are grateful to Steelworkers Union members in Normal and the union movement for helping improve their working conditions.

9/2 13:00 An Illinois State University researcher says understanding mineral conflicts in Central America can help shape the debate over hydraulic fracturing in southern Illinois. Very few people want a mine in their back yard, but some will decide to embrace it and some won't.

WGLT's Charlie Schlenker talks with a sociologist about how people make those decisions....

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9/23 3:00 The location of a potential downtown Bloomington hotel and conference center has shifted. Mayor Tari Renner tells GLT's Sound Ideas a prospective developer he has been talking with is interested in tearing down the old Front and Center building, once a Montgomery Ward. Until now, Renner says conversations have been about the vacant lot just north of the Coliseum.

9/25 2:00 The City of Bloomington will receive about \$800,000 from contractors to repair the flawed construction in the parking deck next to the downtown Coliseum. Mayor Tari Renner says that is about 81% of the city costs for repair, but he calls the mediated agreement the best achievable.

9/30 2:00 Federal and State governments have provided seed money for mental health service expansion in McLean County. The issue has been studied at the county and community level. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker has more with the head of the McLean County Board on the next steps in the policy process.

#### CHILDREN & FAMILY/EDUCATION

7/7 2:00 The food pantry at Home Sweet Home Ministries in Bloomington is starting to require work and perhaps a small fee to get food. Spokesman Matt Drat says the change to a co-op model is becoming increasingly common nationwide...

7/15 6:00 Agricultural engineers continue to work on new ways to prevent deaths in grain bins across the Midwest. This as authorities in southwestern Wisconsin say a 9-year-old boy died late last week after becoming trapped in a grain bin on his family's farm.

7/22 1:00 A new report says the number of Illinois children living in areas of high poverty has increased by about a third since 2000.

7/28 1:00 State officials say the closure of a southern Illinois center for people with developmental disabilities will be a "long process."

7/31 1:00 School kids with food allergies can have their medication administered by someone other than a school nurse.

7/31 1:00 As IPR's Hannah Meisel reports, the governor signed a law yesterday so students won't have to wait for help:

8/4 2:00 Summer is a time lawmakers can work on legislation that didn't move anywhere during the General Assembly's spring session. One of those proposals would require schoolchildren be read their Miranda Rights.

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## ENVIRONMENT

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7/3 1:00 As America marks its birthday, the chemical stew that brews in many of Illinois streams, rivers and lakes threatens a new generation.

7/7 1:00 John "Chief A.J." Huffer enjoys stalking big game. And he likes to do it with a modified slingshot he says can fire arrows fast enough to take down deer.

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8/7 1:00 An energy company has announced plans to close one Illinois coal-fired generating unit in Romeoville and convert a facility in Joliet to natural gas to reduce carbon

dioxide emissions.

8/12 2:00 The promise of jobs and economic development in areas being considered for Hydraulic Fracturing to remove oil and natural gas from rock is false.

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8/29 1:00 The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has released a long-awaited set of proposed rules for high-volume oil and gas drilling that supporters hope could bring an economic boost to southern Illinois. The lengthy report follows months of delays and complaints by both industry groups and environmentalists over the process to draft rules governing hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

9/3 2:00 The Dana Thomas House in Springfield is still drying out, after it was closed because of flooding last Thursday.

IPR's Amanda Vinicky reports, it's a short-term problem that raises a longer-term concern:

9/8 2:00 Illinois has seen an uptick in Lyme disease over the past ten years, and this summer was no exception.

As IPR's Hannah Meisel reports, the state's Department of Public Health says there are simple ways to protect yourself:

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9/23 2:00 "I think it's just a combination of working with - first of all I think we have a unique opportunity here in our district. We have three major state universities and research universities. So I think there are exciting things that can happen when we can draw out our innovators."

9/29 1:00 The Illinois State Police is warning drivers to be aware of deer this fall, especially in rural parts of the state. The department says more than 20,000 deer are involved in Illinois traffic accidents each year and autumn is one of the most dangerous times of year for drivers.

## HEALTH & MEDICINE

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7/22 3:00 An Illinois Wesleyan University expert on the healthcare system says he doubts the federal appeals court ruling gutting significant parts of the healthcare reform law will stand.

7/28 1:00 Experts say what has so far been a cool, wet summer is probably limiting West Nile virus in Illinois. Melaney Arnold is a spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Public Health.

7/30 2:00 A professor of labor relations says the NCAA's approval of a proposed settlement of a lawsuit over head injuries is good news...in that it would obligate schools to have safety protocols for athletes

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8/19 3:00 State regulators are beginning to discuss how Illinois will meet new federal requirements for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

8/25 1:00 The rights of same-sex couples during medical emergencies will loom large when a federal appeals court considers a case targeting gay-marriage bans in Indiana and Wisconsin.

8/25 1:00 The extreme heat and humidity forced some members of ISU's marching band to the hospital yesterday.

9/8 2:00 Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan says she will fight for new legislation that would let nursing home residents and their families have video or audio recording devices in their rooms to monitor patient treatment. The idea comes after Madigan's office fielded complaints from nursing home residents and families concerned about safety and security. Howard Mendelsohn is one of the people the measure is designed to protect...

9/15 1:00 New research out of Washington University has shed new light on the genetic basis of schizophrenia, potentially opening the door for earlier diagnosis and treatment. The study compared the genes of thousands of people with and without this debilitating mental disorder.

9/22 4:00 A singer from the group Sha Na Na has turned into an advocate for issues of concern to Seniors. Jon Bauman, known as "Bowzer" in the group that sang music of the 50s and early 60s stumped for the Democratic Candidate for Congress in the 13th District during a stop in Bloomington.

9/30 1:00 An Illinois nutrition program is tweaking the diet of the low income residents it helps feed. The Illinois Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children says that beginning tomorrow, many of those who receive food vouchers will be offered skim milk or one percent milk instead of whole milk in an effort to improve their health

## LAW ENFORCEMENT & COURTS

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7/7 2:00 Your 4th of July may have been punctuated by some fireworks set off in your

neighborhood by residents who brought them in from a neighboring state. It's illegal to sell most consumer fireworks in most parts of Illinois, but as IPR's Jim Meadows reports, a central Illinois lawmaker says it's time to change that.

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7/14 1:00 Illinois is getting 84-million dollars from Citigroup. It's part of a 7-billion-dollar settlement the bank made with the federal government over its role in the 2008 financial crisis.

7/16 1:00 Guns are more deadly than motor vehicles in Illinois and thirteen other states. That's according to a new study highlighted by the Illinois Coalition Against Handgun Violence.

7/21 1:00 The Town of Normal is considering a new type of liquor license that would allow craft breweries, wine bars, and specialty liquor retailers to open. Until now, to sell alcohol by the drink, establishments in Normal must have a full service kitchen.

7/24 3:00 Judicial Inquiry Board Complaints against Illinois Judges don't happen that often. The state web site lists about two per year since the courts commission was founded in 1972.

7/29 5:00 It's been just over half a year since Illinois made it illegal to talk on your phone while driving without the use of a hands-free device.

7/30 1:00 Authorities say they're investigating a pipe bomb that was found and destroyed Monday night in Springfield. The Illinois Secretary of State Bomb Squad neutralized the bomb after it was found on the sidewalk outside of Brewhaus pub, on Sixth and Washington Streets.

7/31 1:00 The manager of the Illinois State Fair insists she did not personally consume more than 500 dollars worth of beer tickets she accepted last year.

8/1 1:00 State environmental officials have halted disposal of manufactured gas plant waste at a central Illinois landfill where they're also banning PCBs.

8/5 1:00 The US Supreme Court is weighing whether to intervene in the scheduled Missouri execution of a Peoria Illinois man condemned to death in the 1995 killing of a suburban St. Louis college student.

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9/25 2:00 The Illinois Supreme Court has agreed to review a lower court's ruling that reinstated a decade-old \$10.1 billion verdict in a class-action lawsuit against Phillip Morris USA. The state's high court decided yesterday it would hear arguments involving the April opinion by the Mount Vernon-based 5th District Appellate Court.

9/29 1:00 Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and Republican state Sen. Jim Oberweis have staked out opposing positions on whether to require universal background checks for firearms purchases. Oberweis is trying to unseat Durbin in November.

## POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

7/1 2:00 Illinois' budget will remain the same when the new fiscal year begins today... even though the 2011 income tax hike is set to expire halfway through the year.

7/3 1:00 A deputy director of the Illinois Department of Transportation has resigned days after the agency's transportation secretary amid questions about hiring.

7/7 2:00 A question on the November ballot will ask Illinois voters if insurers should be required to cover birth control as part of their prescription coverage. As IPR's Amanda Vinicky reports, that's something Illinois already does.

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7/21 3:00 Illinois gun owners who've been denied a concealed carry permit can appeal. But instead of going through the courts, Illinois' Attorney General wants a state panel to decide those cases.

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8/18 1:00 Governor Quinn says he's thrilled the US Environmental Protection Agency decided against giving a chemical waste permit to a central Illinois landfill that would allow it to store PCBs.

8/20 1:00 A federal grand jury has indicted two brothers who formerly owned and operated a Fast Stop service station in Peoria. Shaher Mized of Naperville and Mohammad Mized of Peoria face allegations of conspiracy to commit tax and mail fraud.

8/21 3:00 Bloomington City Council candidates don't start picking up petitions till next month. But, they have already begun announcing their runs for office.

8/25 1:00 City of Bloomington officials hope action slated for tonight's regular council meeting will clear up any confusion about carriage walks.

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### RACE, EQUALITY & RIGHTS

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8/19 5:00 After being postponed last week school was supposed to start in the Ferguson-Florissant School District yesterday. That didn't happen.

8/21 1:00 Image is the message at this year's 100 Black Men of Central Illinois gala Friday night at the Uptown Normal Marriott. Group president Dale Avery says Friday's speaker, Dr. Alex Ellis, will address the image young blacks have of themselves, and the image they project.

8/25 1:00 The rights of same-sex couples during medical emergencies will loom large when a federal appeals court considers a case targeting gay-marriage bans in Indiana and Wisconsin.

9/8 17:00 The police shooting of an unarmed black man in Ferguson, Missouri led to violent protests and has prompted conversations in many communities about the continuing distrust of police and other authorities by African Americans. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker talks with Bloomington Police Chief Brendan Heffner about how the race relations discourse has gone in the twin cities since Ferguson...

9/15 2:00 As legislation allowing body cameras for cops comes under consideration in Springfield, the American Civil Liberties Union is making suggestions of rules to safeguard the privacy of the public and of police. ACLU spokesman Ed Yohnka says, for instance suggestions that officers record their entire shift are not fair to police.

### SOCIAL SERVICE & PROGRAMS

7/7 2:00 The food pantry at Home Sweet Home Ministries in Bloomington is starting to require work and perhaps a small fee to get food. Spokesman Matt Drat says the change to a co-op model is becoming increasingly common nationwide...

7/11 1:00 Illinois Sen. Mark Kirk is demanding criminal background checks on the unaccompanied children that have crossed the U.S. border with Mexico.

7/22 2:00 An Illinois Wesleyan University expert on the healthcare system says he doubts

the federal appeals court ruling gutting significant parts of the healthcare reform law will stand.

8/7 12:00 The Kora is a fiendishly complex west African musical instrument. A famed Kora artist makes an appearance on Sunday at the Castle Theater in Bloomington. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker has more about the reason for the concert and the music itself.

8/18 1:00 Officials say more states are recognizing Illinois' concealed carry permit. 22 states honor Illinois' permit. They include surrounding states, most of the Midwest and parts of the West and South.

8/21 6:00 10 Israeli teens are heading down the home stretch of a two week stay in Bloomington-Normal. They are here as part of the global peace initiative known as Friends Forever.

8/25 1:00 Home Sweet Home Mission and the Community Health Care Clinic are starting a mobile health service for the homeless.

9/9 6:00 We don't often hear economists frame questions in terms of loveliness and purity. We're far more used to hearing about dry measures of utility. WGLT's Charlie Schlenker has more with a speaker coming to Illinois Wesleyan University this week about how economics can help quantify those intangibles in considering environmental questions...

9/23 6:00 A year ago, community leaders announced the launch of "Next Step," a collaborative effort available in a "one-stop shop." Residents are encouraged to visit one of two Next Step Centers, in West Bloomington and North Normal, where they are promised reliable information, counseling and other financial services. WGLT's Willis Kern follows-up on how "Next Step" is doing one year later.

9/25 2:00 Thousands of Illinois college students are sexually assaulted during their time on campus. That's according to participants in a prevention symposium held at Illinois State University. ISU Police Chief Aaron Woodruff says most assaults are not people jumping out of the bushes, but a reflection of an unwholesome expectation of collegiate culture.

## TECHNOLOGY

7/9 8:00 A long hoped for restaurant remodel may not happen in Bloomington, and the reason behind it may have partly to do with competition from a different chain. Charlie Schlenker explores the methods the newer chain uses to get an advantage on the Bloomington Normal Restaurant Scene...

7/16 1:00 Agriculture Department representatives are praising the rural economic impact of Corn Belt Energy. Top Rural Development Program Administrators came to Bloomington to present a 4.1 million dollar check to Corn Belt for several bio-economy projects. Corn Belt President Don Taylor says one of them is an addition to an Annawan ethanol plant that will improve some parts of production by 28%...

7/22 8:00 A proposed facility to make synthetic jet fuel could be coming to the community. The Normal Town Council is moving forward on a study to see if the proposal by Paradigm BioAviation is feasible, and meets Illinois EPA rules. The \$140-Million dollar plan would use garbage to make the fuel.

7/31 1:00 A \$450,000 grant to Illinois State University will help teachers and their students learn more about cutting-edge electricity distribution.

8/1 1:00 Governor Pat Quinn is hailing the completion a regional broadband network anchored at Illinois State University as a major technological and economic step forward.

8/25 2:00 Rubber workers from Liberia say they are grateful to Steelworkers Union members in Normal and the union movement for helping improve their working conditions.

During a recent visit to central Illinois, the head of the Firestone Agricultural and Workers Union of Liberia said seeing how a union should function has allowed them to gain more dignity and better working conditions on the rubber plantation.

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9/29 2:00 If you wouldn't put it on a billboard sign along a busy thoroughfare, don't put it on social media. That's the message many are getting after more stories emerge about poorly thoughtout social media posts, but there's more to it than that. WGLT's Jim Browne talks with a couple of experts on social media about the do's and don't's of navigating the digital world.

### TRANSPORTATION

7/2 6:00 When you think of city buses, you might conjure up long held images of black-smoke belching vehicles roaring up and down city streets.

7/11 1:00 Bloomington is still rewriting its taxi and shuttle bus regulations after a judge ruled them unconstitutional last year.

7/14 10:00 There is little sign Congress will make progress on replenishing funding for road and bridge projects across the United States.

7/22 1:00 Governor Pat Quinn has approved an approximately \$1-Billion capital construction spending plan intended to repair roads and bridges throughout the state, including Bloomington-Normal, and Peoria area projects .

7/31 2:00 The state of Illinois is leveraging its Land of Lincoln image in ever wider ways. You can see a "Little Abe" doll in various skits on YouTube.

8/4 1:00 A Springfield pilot flying home from a Wisconsin air show made an emergency landing on a highway in Logan County. State Police say Roger Thompson landed his 1985 homebuilt airplane on Old Route 121 about 2 miles south of Hartsburg yesterday.

8/7 3:00 Amtrak ridership in Illinois has risen in recent years ... up almost 85 percent from 2006 through last year. That trend developed after the rail service added routes.

8/13 3:00 Police in Bloomington, Normal, and McLean County remain far more likely to ask to search the vehicles of minority drivers than they are whites during traffic stops.

8/19 2:00 Florida travelers from central Illinois have a couple more options now. Allegiant Airlines is announcing new flights from Bloomington to Saint Petersburg-Clearwater and from Peoria to Orlando Sanford.

8/20 1:00 The General Wayne Downing International Airport in Peoria is on its way to a banner year. Director Gene Olson says the spring and summer traffic took off.

8/21 3:00 Bloomington City Council candidates don't start picking up petitions till next month. But, they have already begun announcing their runs for office.

8/25 2:00 Rideshare services have scored a win against Chicago's taxi industry in a battle that began in the legislature ... and moved on to the race for Illinois governor.

9/5 2:00 A federal high speed rail improvement project will force the closure of West Market Street in Bloomington at the Union Pacific track overpass.

9/16 2:00 McLean County government has rolled out a draft budget that includes a 7% increase. County Administrator Bill Wasson says several things are driving the tentative \$89 million spending plan.

9/24 2:00 Governor Pat Quinn wants to proceed with getting rid of dozens of Illinois Department of Transportation employees. As IPR's Amanda Vinicky reports, the layoffs won't happen for at least another month:

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