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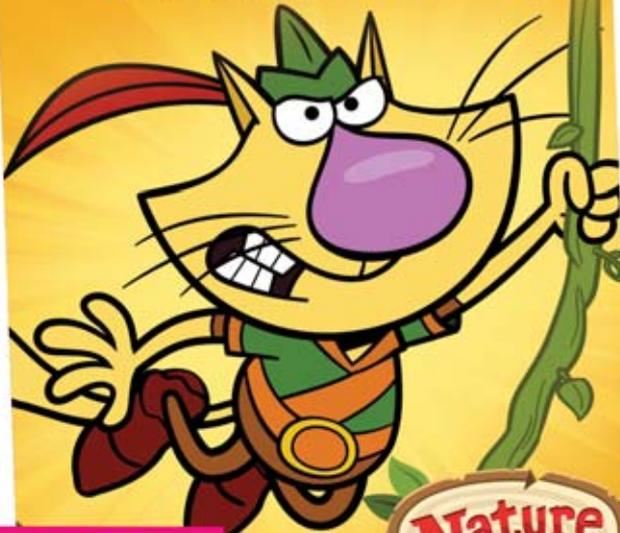
APRIL 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

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CELEBRATE
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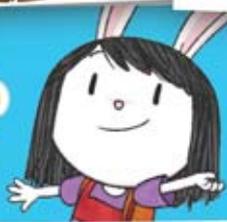
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After the long winter, the first signs of color ignite fresh energy and a desire to go outside. At Forest Park Nature Center in Peoria Heights, bluebells deliver some of the first pops of color. Throughout April and May, they blanket the ground, inviting hikers and nature lovers out to the trails.

PHOTO CREDIT:

Peoria Park District

March Program Guide Cover Note: The plant pictured on the cover of the March Program Guide is called a Teasel and is non-native to Illinois.

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Let us know what you think of these and other programs you see on any of our channels.
Send your comments to wtpmail@wtpv.org or call **309.677.4747**.



JENN GORDON
President and CEO

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

I want to take a moment to thank and welcome all our new members here at **WTVP**! Since July, over 1,800 individuals across the 17 counties we serve have committed to supporting the future of public broadcasting in central Illinois by becoming members. Here at the station, we are so encouraged by our community rallying behind us! You've told us time and time again that **WTVP** is a resource that you don't want to see go away. Whether you became a member in July when federal funding was initially cut or signed up during our recent March Membership Drive, we appreciate you and can't thank you enough for your support!

We have a long way to go to build year-over-year sustainability for our station. But we are convinced that with your support, the station's future will not merely be good; it will be great!

So welcome new **WTVP** members! You are going to love being a part of this family.

With gratitude,

WTVP 2026 AUDIENCE PROGRAMMING SURVEY

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- **SCAN:** Use the QR code in this guide.
- **ONLINE:** Visit wtvp.tv/survey.
- **MAIL:** Fill out the form and mail it back to **WTVP** by **April 30th**.

WTVP Audience Survey
101 State Street, Peoria, IL 61602



1. **WHAT IS YOUR 5-DIGIT ZIP CODE?** _____

2. **WHAT IS YOUR AGE BRACKET?**

- Under 20 50-65
- 20-35 66-80
- 36-49 81+

3. **WHAT IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD TYPE?**

- Single Family Shared Living (roommates, etc.)

4. **WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?**

- Male Female Prefer Not to Say

5. **HOW OFTEN DO YOU WATCH?**

- Regularly (3 or more times a week)
- Occasionally (1-3 times per month)
- Rarely (a few times a year)

6. **ARE YOU A MEMBER OF WTVP PBS?**

- Yes No

7. **WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS (LOCAL AND NATIONAL) DO YOU (AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD) ENJOY WATCHING ON WTVP? (PLEASE SELECT YOUR TOP 3)**

- Children's Programs (*Daniel Tiger, Sesame Street, Carl the Collector, Wild Kratts*)
- News, Public Affairs, Current Issues, Business (*PBS News Hour, Washington Week, Frontline, Amanpour & Company, At Issue with Mark Welp*)
- Mysteries and dramas (*Miss Scarlet, All Creatures Great and Small, Grantchester*)
- History and Documentaries (*American Experience, Finding Your Roots, Local Documentaries*)
- Ballet, Symphony, Opera and Broadway (*Great Performances*)

QUESTIONS CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE.

WTVP 2026 AUDIENCE PROGRAMMING SURVEY (continued)

- Live Music Concerts (*Austin City Limits, State & Water, Music Specials*)
- Science & Technology (*NOVA, Star Gazers*)
- Nature/Animals (*NATURE, Big Cats, EcoWatch*)
- Culture & Community (*Travel with Rick Steves, Consider This, You Gotta See This!, Shot of Ag*)
- How-To/Hobby (*Antiques Roadshow, This Old House, Modern Gardener, American Woodshop*)
- Arts & Crafts (*Bob Ross, Quilting Arts, Sewing*)
- Cooking Shows (*America's Test Kitchen, Great American Recipe, Milk Street, Scandinavian Cooking*)

8. SELECT ANY OF WTVP'S LOCALLY PRODUCED PROGRAMS YOU WATCH. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- A Shot of Ag with Rob Sharkey
- At Issue with Mark Welp
- Consider This with Christine Zak-Edmonds
- EcoWatch with Mark Welp
- Locally Produced Documentaries
- Local Specials: Showcase Concerts, Mayoral Debates, SoundBites
- Mark's Furry Friends
- State & Water
- Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth
- WTVP's Docs on Call
- You Gotta See This!

9. WTVP BROADCASTS OVER 4 CHANNELS. PLEASE INDICATE WHICH CHANNELS YOU UTILIZE ON A WEEKLY BASIS. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- WTVP PBS Main
- WTVP PBS Kids
- WTVP WORLD
- WTVP CREATE

10. IF WTVP HAD THE RESOURCES TO PRODUCE MORE LOCAL SHOWS, WHAT TYPE OF ADDITIONAL CONTENT WOULD YOU BE MOST INTERESTED IN VIEWING:

- Arts and Culture
- Business
- History
- Minority Issues
- News/Public Affairs
- Sports

11. THE BULK OF OUR PROGRAMS COME BY WAY OF WTVP'S PAID MEMBERSHIP STATUS WITH PBS, AMERICAN PUBLIC TELEVISION, AND THE NATIONAL EDUCATION TELEVISION ASSOCIATION. SOME PROGRAMMING IS AVAILABLE AT AN ADDITIONAL COST TO WTVP. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WANT WTVP TO PURCHASE, OR KEEP PURCHASING, THESE PROGRAMS IN THE FUTURE. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Shakespeare and Hathway
- Other Brit Coms/Dramas
- Lawrence Welk
- Market to Market

HOW YOU WATCH

12. HOW DO YOU WATCH WTVP?

- Broadcast (Appointment Television, Linear Live Streaming, DVR)
- On-Demand (PBS App, Amazon or other streaming service)

13. HOW DO YOU PRIMARILY WATCH WTVP BROADCAST CHANNELS (SELECT 1)

- Cable
- Over the Air Broadcast (Antenna)
- Satellite
- Free Internet Live Streaming (Amazon, Local Now, PBS Video App)
- Paid Internet Live Streaming (Hulu+ Live TV, YouTube TV)

14. IF YOU WATCH WTVP CONTENT ON-DEMAND (AS OPPOSED TO WHEN IT IS SCHEDULED FOR BROADCAST), WHICH PLATFORM(S) DO YOU USE? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- WTVP.org
- PBS App on my Smart Phone/Tablet
- PBS App on my Smart TV (Roku, Firestick, Xfinity, etc.)
- WTVP's YouTube Channel

15. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER – DO YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WATCHING EXCLUSIVE PASSPORT CONTENT?

- Yes
- No

HOW YOU DISCOVER

16. WHERE DO YOU GO PRIMARILY TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT WTVP PROGRAMMING?

- Monthly Program Guide
- Online (WTVP.org)
- Channel Guide on my TV
- Luck of the draw while channel surfing
- Weekly E-blast
- Follow WTVP on Social Media
- Other: _____

17. WTVP MEMBERS RECEIVE A PRINTED COPY OF OUR MONTHLY PROGRAM GUIDE. WE ALSO INCLUDE PROGRAM SCHEDULES ON OUR WEBSITE. LET US KNOW YOUR PREFERENCE BELOW:

- I value receiving the printed program guide each month.
- I do not value receiving the printed program guide and would not be offended if it were discontinued.

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HOW ARE WE DOING?

20. OUR MISSION AT WTVP IS TO CONNECT AND INSPIRE OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH QUALITY CONTENT THAT EDUCATES, INFORMS AND ENTERTAINS. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT OPINION OF THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY?

- I am very happy!
- I am overall pleased.
- I am somewhat pleased.
- I am disappointed.

Add Your Comment: _____

GET INVOLVED

21. VOLUNTEER: PLEASE CHECK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WHERE YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING:

- Hospitality and Events
- Education and School Outreach
- Landscaping and/or Building Maintenance
- Office Help

22. IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE CONTACTED ABOUT FUTURE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NAME, EMAIL AND PHONE:

Thank you!

THE PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

This month, **WTVP** brings you three opportunities to enjoy the Peoria Symphony Orchestra.

SOUND BITES WITH PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LIV WARFIELD

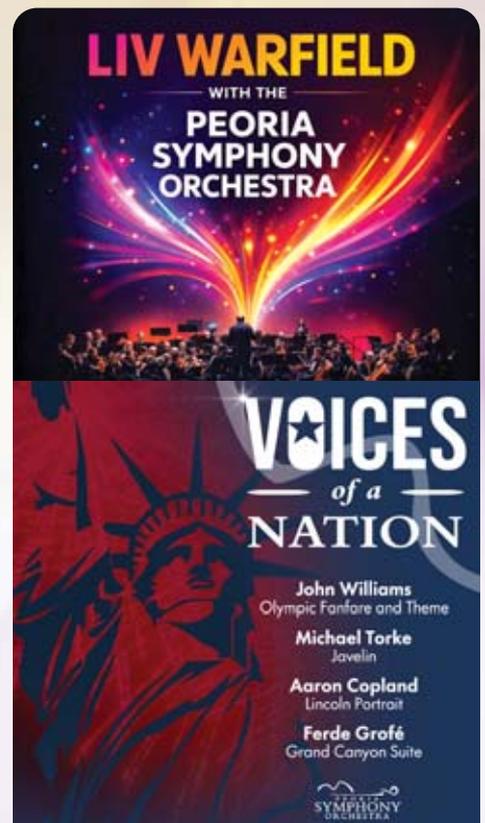
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 6 PM

Sound Bites is back with a brand new episode featuring Liv Warfield, a Peoria native and R&B sensation.

VOICES OF A NATION WITH PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PART 1 & PART 2

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 AND 19, 6 PM

Experience Peoria Symphony Orchestra's *Voices of a Nation* concert. Filmed in January, the performance featured themes that reflect the American spirit through pieces by iconic American composers John Williams, Michael Torke, Aaron Copland and Ferde Grofé. The concert will be broadcast in two episodes: part one on Sunday, April 12 and part two one week later.



CELEBRATE earth month

OUR NEW WORLD

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 9 PM

What world will we live in tomorrow as climate change reshapes the Earth? Our planet has many surprises in store. This two-part film reveals Nature's astonishing adaptation abilities and how we humans can become a supporting force.



VANISHING VOICES: SAVING OUR HAWAIIAN FOREST BIRDS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 10 PM

Native Hawaiian forest birds face imminent extinction from non-native mosquitoes carrying lethal avian disease. This story follows the urgent push to reduce mosquito populations and safeguard these iconic species, highlighting innovative tools, fieldwork and the people working to keep Hawaii's forests alive with song.



WILDING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 9 PM

Wilding tells the story of a young couple that bets on nature for the future of their 400-year-old estate. The young couple battles entrenched tradition and dares to place the fate of their farm in the hands of nature.



SHARED PLANET

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 9 PM

Our life on planet Earth is inextricably linked to the creatures around us. With stunning cinematography and jaw-dropping wildlife action, four-part series SHARED PLANET reveals incredible untold stories of people and wildlife flourishing together. In an age of many serious environmental challenges, this series offers a view to an alternative, more hopeful future.



ENERGY SWITCH NEW SEASON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 10 PM

The only show on television devoted to energy and environment discussion. It features informed, lively topical conversations, digging deeper than news coverage, with leading international experts.



BIOPICS

A DREAMER'S SEARCH

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 9:30 PM

In 1918, artist Rockwell Kent left New York for Alaska's remote Fox Island. Facing failure at home, he risked everything to find inspiration in the wilderness. Amid storms, solitude and a deepening bond with his young son, Kent created the art that launched his enduring career.

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INDEPENDENT LENS THE TALLEST DWARF

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 9 PM

THE TALLEST DWARF follows filmmaker Julie Forrest Wyman as she searches for her place in the little people community and unpacks rumors of dwarfism in her own family. Through intimate stories, creative collaborations and archival history, the film delves into identity and medicine, asking whether society should change people or the structures that limit them.

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A FULLER EDUCATION

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 9 PM

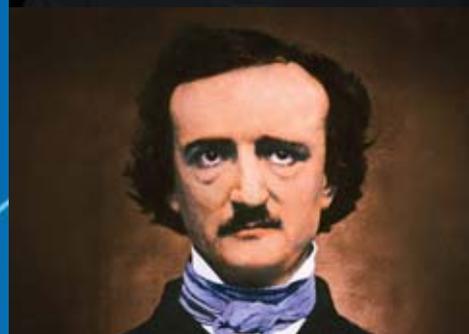
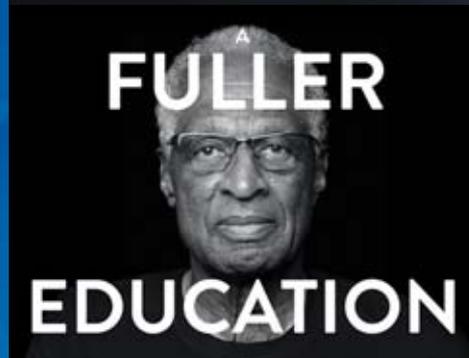
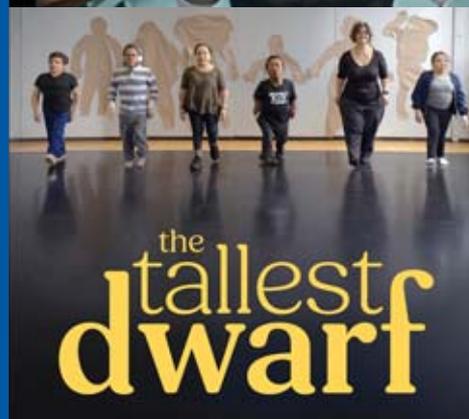
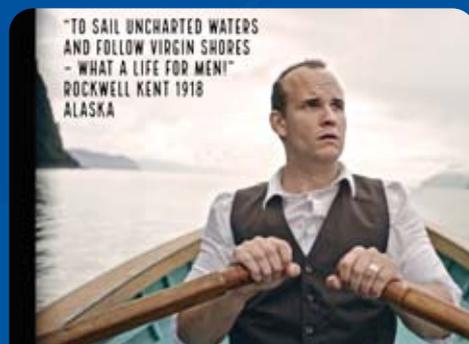
Education reform is a key issue in every state, as legislators and parents look for the best way forward for our young people. A FULLER EDUCATION is an hour-long program that follows the unique journey of Dr. Howard Fuller, an African American civil rights leader and educator who has personally won support from figures as politically diverse as George W. Bush and Barack Obama. As the leader of a big-city school district, Fuller initiated radical new ideas in education that catalyzed a major shift in perspective and are now being emulated nationwide.

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IN SEARCH OF EDGAR ALLEN POE

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 AND 28, 8:30 PM

This award-winning documentary explores the triumphant yet tragic story of the brilliant poet, master short story writer and influential critic, Edgar Allan Poe. It recounts how he invented the detective genre, pioneered science fiction and shaped the horror tale, but was plagued by alcohol, lost loves and a penchant for self-destruction. The series sheds new light on his mysterious death.





you gotta
see this!

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 8:30 PM

BRINGING YOU FRESH STORIES EVERY MONTH, THE APRIL EPISODE WILL FEATURE:

THE HOUSE ON GARLING | BLOOMINGTON: A man discovers his passion and builds a dream house like no other, using the most unconventional materials. With the help of his family, it grows into something even more remarkable.

PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY: We all know libraries as places full of books. But today, they're so much more; they've become the heart of our communities, offering programs, classes and a place where people's needs are truly met.

WALTHAM CURLING CLUB: Didn't get your Winter Olympics curling fix this year? No worries! You don't have to travel far—you can try curling right here in central Illinois!

**Don't miss these compelling, local stories on *You Gotta See This!*,
airing on Thursday, April 16, at 8:30 p.m.**

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS



ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

ALL NEW THIS MONTH

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 7 PM

See Michigan marvels unveiled during ROADSHOW's stop at Castle Farms in Charlevoix, including a WWII-painted A-2 flight jacket, a John Bailey dwarf clock, ca. 1800 and a 1973 Charles Schulz-signed drawing and book. Which find is worth \$75,000?



FINDING YOUR ROOTS SONG OF THE SOUTH

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 7 PM

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. explores the family secrets of actor Danielle Deadwyler and musician Rhiannon Giddens—two artists who are both deeply tied to their Southern heritage. Using genealogical detective work, Gates uncovers stories that his guests' ancestors went to great lengths to conceal—meeting heroes and villains—and celebrating the virtue of accepting one's relatives whoever they may be.

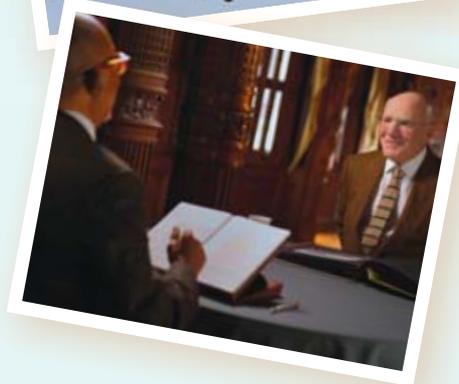


INDEPENDENT LENS

BACKSIDE: THE UNSEEN HANDS OF HORSE RACING

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 9 PM

Immigrant grooms work year-round on the hidden “backside” of Churchill Downs. Rising before dawn, they care for some of the world's most prized Kentucky Derby racehorses, revealing how race, labor and class shape an elite American industry. BACKSIDE: THE UNSEEN HANDS OF HORSE RACING honors the resilience that's behind the spectacle.



FINDING YOUR ROOTS RAGS TO RICHES

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 7 PM

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. maps the family trees of actor Kate Burton and media mogul Barry Diller—two people who grew up in comfort, thanks to ancestors who did not. Moving from shtetls to coal mines to orphanages, Gates and his guests learn stories of extraordinary sacrifice and explore a profound question: What do we inherit from people whose lives were unimaginably more challenging than our own?

**FRONTLINE
CAUGHT IN THE CRACKDOWN**

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 9 PM

ProPublica reports on the violence, protests and arrests stemming from the federal immigration sweeps across the country. The episode examines the tactics, legal cases and impact from Los Angeles to Chicago to Minneapolis.

**WHITNEY REYNOLDS SHOW
NEW SEASON**

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 10:30 PM

Season eleven of The WHITNEY REYNOLDS SHOW brings powerful, hope-filled stories from across the nation. From heartwarming transformations to moments of resilience and purpose, each episode reminds us that every story matters. Tune in for authentic conversations that uplift, inspire and celebrate the power of possibility.

**IRELAND WITH MICHAEL
SEASON 4**

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 10:30 PM

Michael Londra returns to the Emerald Isle in season four of IRELAND WITH MICHAEL, bringing his viewers to beautiful towns along Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way, Hidden Heartland and Causeway Coastal Route. He delves into the country's rich history, majestic castles and epic outdoor pursuits.

**THE FIRST CLASS**

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 9 PM

The high school system was built in the early 1900s but the world has changed and our schools must change, too. THE FIRST CLASS chronicles the founding class of students at Crosstown High, a school crafting a bold new approach to learning in the 21st century in Memphis, Tennessee. Watch and see how Crosstown is equipping young people for today's world — while redefining education in the process.



WEDNESDAY Wonders



WTVP HD 47.1

NATURE
BECOMING ELEPHANT: THE ORPHANS OF RETETI
BABY STEPS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 7 PM

At Reteti Sanctuary in Kenya, the team helps a disabled orphan elephant named Long'uro find his confidence, nurses a sick calf back from the brink and manages an unexpected encounter inside an enclosure.



NATURE
BECOMING ELEPHANT: THE ORPHANS OF RETETI
GRADUATION DAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 7 PM

As Reteti Sanctuary prepares to release its oldest orphans into the wild, a baby elephant is rescued from a waterhole, an orphaned zebra finds hope and Long'uro and friends learn how to survive the challenges of the dry season.



NATURE
LEGENDARY TIGERS OF INDIA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 7 PM

Tiger expert Valmik Thapar uncovers 50 years of archival footage, chronicling the legendary tiger clan of Ranthambore National Park and their remarkable revival in northwestern India.



NOVA

WTVP HD 47.1

ATHENS: BIRTH OF DEMOCRACY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 8 PM

The United States has experimented with democracy for 250 years, but our system of government was once a radical idea, born in ancient Greece. Ravaged by civil war and tyranny 2,500 years ago, the city of Athens forged a revolutionary new system that gave power to the citizens. Witness the archaeological quest to unearth the ingenious tools and pivotal moments that shaped this unprecedented experiment in self-government. From mysterious fragments of ancient voting machines to mass graves and dramatic assassinations, discover the dark secrets and innovative solutions that defined the world's first direct democracy. What enduring lessons can this surprising historical journey offer us today?



RAIN BOMBS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 8 PM

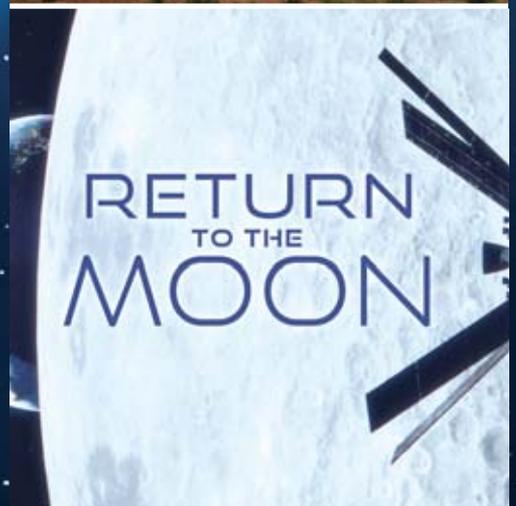
An invisible, unpredictable atmospheric force is wreaking havoc across the globe, sinking superyachts and bringing down planes. Follow scientists as they race to understand these catastrophic weather events, exploring how they form, what causes their devastating impacts and how we might someday learn to predict them. From high-tech simulations and drone expeditions into thunderclouds to possible links with climate change, join investigators on the cutting edge of research to discover what's truly behind these terrifying "rain bombs" and how we can protect ourselves from their growing power.

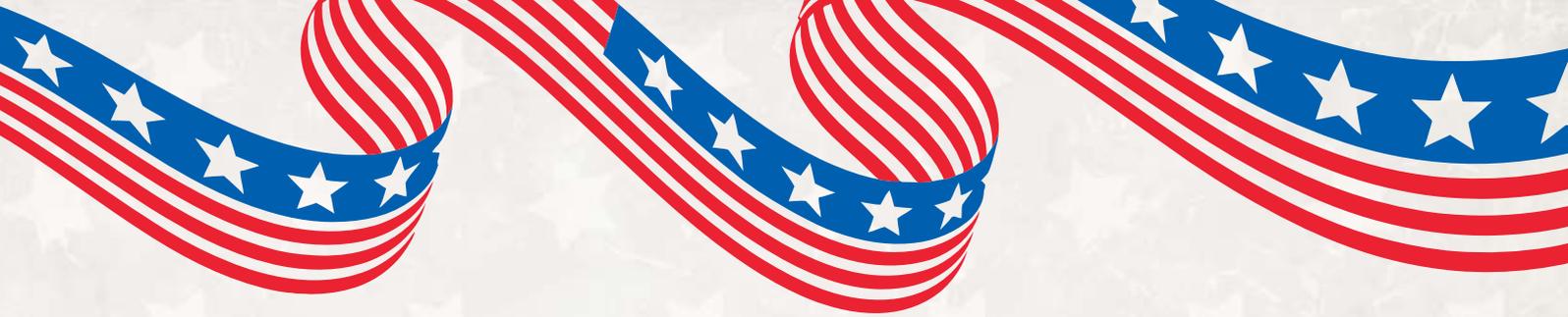


RETURN TO THE MOON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 8 PM

A half-century after American astronauts walked on the Moon, NASA and its international partners are taking the dream of Apollo a giant step further. In the coming years, the Artemis missions—named after Apollo's twin sister in Greek mythology—aim to bring astronauts back to the Moon and establish a lunar space station for scientific and commercial exploration. Follow the four members of the Artemis II crew as they embark on a perilous 10-day journey to orbit the Moon, venturing beyond Earth orbit for the first time since Apollo and farther into the Solar System than any humans have gone before. And get an inside look at the preparations needed to overcome the extreme engineering challenges of human-crewed spaceflight, all the way from launch to splashdown.





AMERICAN *history*

THE CREATION ROSE

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 8 PM

The hour-long documentary **THE CREATION ROSE** explores the design, construction and cultural impact of Washington National Cathedral's "third great eye"—the nearly 30-foot diameter stained-glass West Rose window. Viewers are transported back in time to discover not only how the window was created, but also what inspired both the daring choice of its radical theme of "creation," and the decision to entrust a 45-year-old modern artist to complete the sacred space. Drawing from letters from the architect and artist, along with archival interviews with LeCompte and his collaborators, the program weaves together an inspiring story of artistry.

LUCY WORSLEY INVESTIGATES THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 AND 14, 8 PM

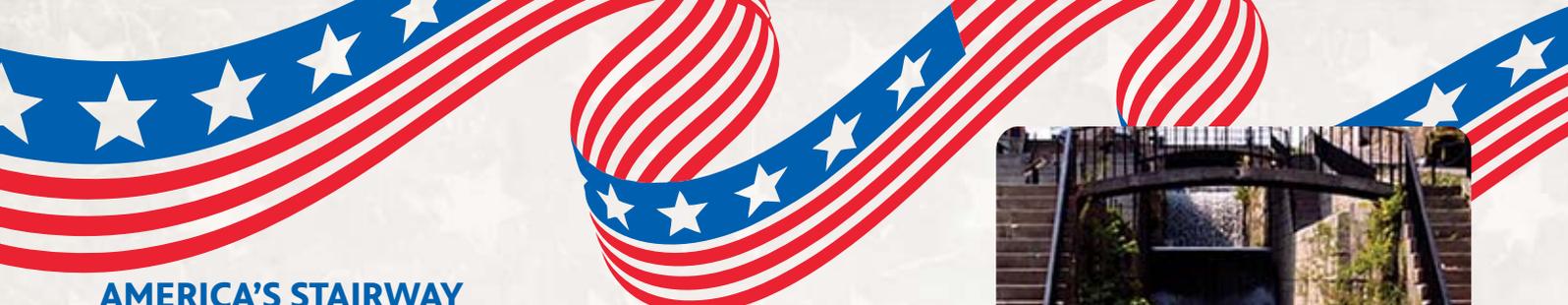
Lucy Worsley investigates one of history's most explosive break-ups: the 18th century split between Britain and its 13 North American colonies. With access to expert insights and original evidence, Lucy explores the motivations behind the Americans' will for independence; uncovers how the American Revolution affected Britain with sabotage, espionage and political unrest reshaping the empire and asks whether this explosive break-up could have been avoided?

CROSSROADS OF A NATION: MISSOURI'S RHYTHM, ROADS & ROOTS

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 8 PM

CROSSROADS OF A NATION: MISSOURI'S RHYTHM, ROADS & ROOTS explores how Missouri's cultural contributions helped shape the very identity of America. Positioned at the center of the country, the state became not only a crossroads of commerce and migration but also of creativity and tradition. Through vivid stories, archival imagery and expert voices, **CROSSROADS OF A NATION: MISSOURI'S RHYTHM, ROADS & ROOTS** reveals how the state's culture radiated far beyond its borders. This is a story of how traditions born in the heartland became woven into the fabric of American identity.





AMERICA'S STAIRWAY

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 8 PM

In the early 19th century, Lockport, New York was one of the most recognizable places in the nation. Located in western New York, it is home to the Erie Canal—celebrating its 200th anniversary this year—and the famous Flight of Five Locks, a lock system that lifts boats over the Niagara Escarpment. The Flight of Five Locks was the final and crowning achievement of the construction of the Erie Canal, which was completed in 1825. For Lockport, the Flight of Five Locks represents the city's origin story, and currently, through a community-based effort, the extant Flight of Five Locks is being rehabilitated and restored.



BUILT TO LAST: THE LEGACY OF THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS IN MINNESOTA

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 8 PM

At the height of the Great Depression, a program took shape to provide work for unemployed young men that would teach them job skills, restore logged over forest and take the concept of public parks from paper to reality. Just five days after taking office in 1933, President Roosevelt introduced a bill proposing the first of his New Deal programs and the most popular of them was the Civilian Conservation Corps. Although it lasted only ten years, the boys of the Civilian Conservation Corps left a legacy in Minnesota that can still be seen today.



HOMESTEADING

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 8 PM

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act and created a world of opportunity for the 372,000 families who were able to take advantage of the program. Many had the will to work and the Homestead Act of 1862 granted them the legal right to claim 160 acres for their own for an unprecedentedly low cost with the requirement that they live on the land and cultivate it for a minimum of five years to gain the full title. Filmed in scenic Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota locations through the four seasons, HOMESTEADING blends interviews with historians, stories told by descendants of homesteaders and dramatic readings from pioneer diaries and letters to paint a picture of the people who created a life for themselves on the prairie.



SOCIAL SECURITY: 90 YEARS STRONG

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 8 PM

The history of America's most successful social insurance program—born in the New Deal and enduring for nine decades! Signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935 as a benefit Americans pay for during their working lives so they can retire with dignity, this is a story that has earned the right to be told.





VIBE 309

WITH BLAKE WIRTH



BLAKE'S TAKE

FROM VIBE 309, EPISODE 104
BY BLAKE WIRTH

Last month, Vibe 309 featured public speaker, journalist and bestselling author, Marc Supreme. His book that prepares students for life after high school and college is dedicated to several people: his mother, his pops, his sons Carter and Sebastian, some friends and an old professor. But my favorite part of the dedication reads, "This is for my younger self. The person who pounded the streets of Los Angeles without a clue; scrubbed toilets at a gym in Atlanta trying to make a dollar to stay afloat; and went through every emotion, trial, error and letdown in pursuit to make something of myself."

How many people have dreams but never act on them? Or maybe they try a little, hit a couple of roadblocks, then quit.

DeMarcus refused to quit, determined to make something of himself. He moved to big cities, worked odd jobs and talked his way into rooms he wasn't invited into, just to create opportunities. That's admirable.

I also appreciate that he shows love to his younger self. It's easy to see our past as a list of failures instead of what it really is: a series of brave attempts. Attempts to find yourself, to find your thing. That whole stretch of life is basically an apprenticeship. That's where you learn how you work; what sticks and what doesn't. You build instincts. You figure yourself out in real time. I respect that DeMarcus doesn't shy away from that phase of his life. He names it. He's proud of it. He understands he wouldn't be where he is today without scrubbing those toilets in the ATL.

Most of us are powered by years we don't give ourselves credit for. We're too hard on ourselves for past decisions. That's not the embarrassing part of your story—that's the foundation of it. That's the part worth honoring.

DON'T MISS
THE NEXT EPISODE OF
VIBE 309 WITH BLAKE WIRTH!

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 8:30 PM

Vibes were high for the taping of episode five as Illinois State Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth joined Blake in front of a lively studio audience to talk about her passion for Peoria — and the momentum building across the region. Blake also heads to the newly renovated Golf Learning Center for a Vibe Check. Plus, Peoria Park District Executive Director Emily Cahill joins Jehan on the couch to talk about the incredible upgrades at the GLC.

(Scan the QR code to watch the full episode and catch all the good vibes!)



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LIFE UNEARTHED with Ariel Waldman is a science-driven docu-series revealing Earth's ecosystems through radical shifts in scale—from microscopic wildlife to the planet's most iconic animals—and even the possibilities of life beyond Earth. Hosted by explorer Ariel Waldman, the series invites viewers to look closely and think expansively, showing how every ecosystem is part of something bigger.

MADemoiselle HOLMES

SEASON 1 STREAMING NOW

SEASON 2 STREAMING APRIL 10

Charlie is a timid French police officer living with her grandfather—until an accident awakens in her the deductive brilliance and bold spirit of her famous ancestor, Sherlock Holmes. In French with English subtitles.

INSPECTOR RICCIARDI

SEASONS 1-2 STREAMING NOW

SEASON 3 STREAMING APRIL 17

In 1930s Naples, police commissioner Luigi Alfredo Ricciardi possesses a unique talent. He can see the ghosts of people who have died violent deaths and listen to their final thoughts. Shrouded in an air of mystery that drives most people away, he never laughs and his heart beats for two women. In Italian with English subtitles.

THE MOUNTAIN DETECTIVE

SEASONS 1-3 STREAMING NOW

SEASON 4 STREAMING APRIL 24

Former policeman Alex Hugo leaves Marseilles in search of a new life but ends up confronting violence in the mountains of the Hautes-Alpes. In French with English subtitles.



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**THIS OLD HOUSE
NEW SEASON!**
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 7 PM



**ASK THIS OLD HOUSE
NEW SEASON!**
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 7:30 PM



**VIBE 309
WITH BLAKE WIRTH**
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 8:30 PM



**CONSIDER THIS
WITH CHRISTINE ZAK-EDMONDS**
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 7:30 PM

1 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature
Raptors: A Fistful of Daggers: Extreme Lives
- 8:00 PM NOVA
Your Brain: Perception Deception
- 9:00 PM Our New World
The Pulse of Change
- 10:00 PM AI: Unpacking The Black Box
Medicine, Longevity and AI
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

2 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
Suburban Victorian
Going Through Customs
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Nola Shutters, Hardwired Alarms
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth
- 9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Realizations
- 10:00 PM Ridley
The Hollow Tree, Part 1
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

3 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
Meg Zakrzewski -
Children's Hospital
- 8:00 PM Martha Graham Dance
Company: We Are Our Time
Athletes of God
- 9:30 PM A Dreamer's Search
- 10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage
Vinyl Roadshow
Cincinnati's "King of
Records" & The Musical
Coleman
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

4 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Istanbul: Turkish Delights
- 6:30 PM Travels with Darley
Communities That
Shaped America
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Easter
- 8:00 PM The Caverns Sessions
The String Cheese Incident
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 13, Episode 1
- 10:00 PM State & Water
Butta - Part 2
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Noah Kahan/Flor De
Toloache
- 11:30 PM Colorado Soundstage
Elephant Revival at the
Telluride Bluegrass Festival

5 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails
- 3:30 PM Relish
Sourdough Bread and
Banana Tart
- 4:00 PM Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth
- 4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM Sound Bites with Peoria
Symphony Orchestra
Liv Warfield
- 7:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 15, Episode 3
- 8:00 PM The Forsytes
On Masterpiece
Episode 3
- 9:00 PM The Count of Monte Cristo
On Masterpiece
The Treasure
- 10:00 PM The Puzzle Lady
Episode: 3
- 11:00 PM Murder in the Mountains
Under Surveillance

6 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Castle Farms, Hour 2
- 8:00 PM Creation Rose
- 9:00 PM Independent Lens
The Tallest Dwarf
- 10:30 PM Interconnections
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

7 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Song of the South
- 8:00 PM Lucy Worsley Investigates:
The American Revolution
The Break Up
- 9:00 PM Frontline
- 10:00 PM Healthy Minds with
Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein
Mental Illness and the
Criminal Justice System
- 10:30 PM Burt Wolf:
Travels & Traditions
A Kinder World, Part 1
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

8 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature
Becoming Elephant:
The Orphans of Reteti,
Baby Steps
- 8:00 PM NOVA
Your Brain: Who's In
Control?
- 9:00 PM Our New World
A Wild Renaissance
- 10:00 PM AI: Unpacking The
Black Box
The Future of AI
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

9 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
Suburban Victorian
Everything Old Is New
Again

- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Arch Accent, Pea Stone
Patio
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
- 9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Experiments
- 10:00 PM Ridley
The Hollow Tree, Part 2
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

10 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
Peggy Hupp & Pam Orear
- 8:00 PM Great Performances
Now Hear This | Brahms:
Free But Alone
- 9:00 PM From The Cowboy's Boot
Heel: The Musical Journey
Of Rob McNurlin
- 10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage
Vinyl Roadshow
Nashville Is More Than
Country Music
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

11 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
London: A Royal Tour
- 6:30 PM Travels with Darley
Hudson & The
Meadowlands
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Fashions and Hits
Through The Years
- 8:00 PM The Caverns Sessions
Armchair Boogie
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 13, Episode 2
- 10:00 PM State & Water
Emily - Part 2
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Lil Yachty/Sudan Archives



**LAWRENCE WELK SHOW
EASTER**
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 7 PM



**A SHOT OF AG
WITH ROB SHARKEY**
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 8:30 PM



FRONTLINE
**THE DEAL: TRUMP, BUKELE & THE GANGS
OF EL SALVADOR**
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 9 PM



AT ISSUE
WITH MARK WELP
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 8 PM

11:30 PM Colorado Soundstage
Trampled By Turtles at the
Grand Lake Folk Festival

12 SUNDAY

3:00 PM Epic Trails
3:30 PM Relish
Hawaii's Beef Stew and
Moco Loco
4:00 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
6:00 PM Peoria Symphony
Orchestra: Voices of a
Nation, Part 1
7:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 15, Episode 4
8:00 PM The Forsytes
On Masterpiece
Episode 4
9:00 PM The Count of Monte Cristo
On Masterpiece
The Red Room
10:00 PM The Puzzle Lady
Episode: 4
11:00 PM Murder in the Mountains
Marburg Fever

13 MONDAY

7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Castle Farms, Hour 3
8:00 PM Crossroads of a Nation:
Missouri's Rhythm, Roads
& Roots
9:00 PM Independent Lens
Backside: The Unseen
Hands of Horse Racing
10:00 PM Short Films On
Short Films On Music
10:30 PM Flying Tails
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

14 TUESDAY

7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Rags to Riches
8:00 PM Lucy Worsley Investigates:
The American Revolution
A Messy Divorce

9:00 PM Frontline
10:00 PM Healthy Minds with
Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein
Autism, Part 1
10:30 PM Burt Wolf:
Travels & Traditions
A Kinder World, Part 2
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

15 WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Nature
Becoming Elephant:
The Orphans of Reteti,
Graduation
8:00 PM NOVA
Athens: Birth of
Democracy
9:00 PM Secrets of the Dead
The Civil War's Lost
Massacre
10:00 PM Vanishing Voices: Saving
Our Hawaiian Forest Birds
10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

16 THURSDAY

7:00 PM This Old House
Suburban Victorian
Let It Show
7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Hang Shades, Steep
Landscaping
8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
8:30 PM You Gotta See This!
9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Revelations
10:00 PM Ridley
Fool for Love, Part 1
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

17 FRIDAY

7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
8:00 PM Great Performances
Now Hear This
Everyone Loves Joplin

9:00 PM The Ozark Mountain
Daredevils - Backstage
10:30 PM Market to Market
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

18 SATURDAY

6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
London: Yesterday
and Today
6:30 PM Travels with Darley
North Dakota Hwy 2
7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Tribute to the Sweet &
Swing Bands
8:00 PM The Caverns Sessions
Oak Ridge Boys
8:30 PM A Shot of AG
9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 13, Episode 3
10:00 PM State & Water
Peoria Rhythm Kings
10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Tanya Tucker/Brittney
Spencer
11:30 PM Stage
Dessa Feat. 29:11

19 SUNDAY

3:00 PM Epic Trails
3:30 PM Wild Foods
Wild Foods Pilot - Vermont
4:00 PM You Gotta See This!
4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
6:00 PM Peoria Symphony
Orchestra: Voices of a
Nation, Part 2
7:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 15, Episode 5
8:00 PM The Forsytes
On Masterpiece
Episode 5
9:00 PM The Count of Monte Cristo
On Masterpiece
The Ball
10:00 PM The Puzzle Lady
Episode: 5
11:00 PM Murder in the Mountains
Dangerous Game

20 MONDAY

7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
250 Years of Americana
8:00 PM America's Stairway
9:00 PM Fuller Education
10:00 PM Short Films On
Short Films On Food
10:30 PM Whitney Reynolds Show
Choosing Joy Anyway
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

21 TUESDAY

7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Puritans and Pioneers
8:00 PM Built to Last: The Legacy
of the Civilian
Conservation Corps in
Minnesota
8:30 PM In Search of Edgar
Allan Poe, Part 1
10:00 PM Healthy Minds with
Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein
Autism, Part 2
10:30 PM Ireland with Michael
Westmeath - The
Heartland
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

22 WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Nature
Legendary Tigers of India
8:00 PM NOVA
Rain Bombs
9:00 PM Wilding
10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

23 THURSDAY

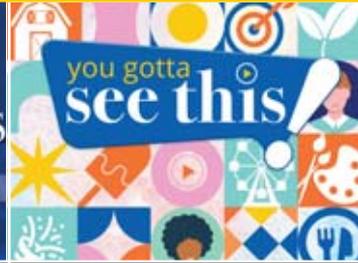
7:00 PM This Old House
7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Running Power to a Shed
8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
8:30 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Masquerades



WTVP'S DOCS ON CALL
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 8:30 PM



HEALTHY MINDS
WITH DR. JEFFREY BORENSTEIN
AUTISM, PART 1
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 10 PM



YOU GOTTA SEE THIS!
DREAM HOUSE | LIBRARIES | CURLING
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 8:30 PM



INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY
FROM ABU DHABI
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 9 PM

10:00 PM Ridley
Fool for Love, Part 2
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

24 FRIDAY

7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
Nancy Davis - Delightful
Chair Deezign
8:00 PM Great Performances
Now Hear This | The Call
of Istanbul
9:00 PM International Jazz Day
from Abu Dhabi
10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage
Vinyl Roadshow
Atlanta Is 'hotlanta'
10:30 PM Market to Market
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

25 SATURDAY

6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Germany's Hamburg and
the Luther Trail
6:30 PM Travels with Darley
Mississippi's Natchez
Trace Road Trip
7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Top Songs from Broadway
Musicals
8:00 PM The Caverns Sessions
Jesse Ropert
8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 13, Episode 4
10:00 PM State & Water
Ty - Part 2
10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Jason Isbell and the
400 Unit
11:30 PM Stage
Night Moves Feat.
Shady Cove

26 SUNDAY

3:00 PM Epic Trails
3:30 PM Wild Foods
Maine
4:00 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
6:00 PM Classical Tahoe
7:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 15, Episode 6
8:00 PM The Forsytes
On Masterpiece
Episode 6
9:00 PM The Count of Monte Cristo
On Masterpiece
Providence
10:00 PM The Puzzle Lady
Episode: 6
11:00 PM Murder in the Mountains
Blood Ties

27 MONDAY

7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Grants Farm, Hour 1
8:00 PM Homesteading
9:00 PM The First Class
10:00 PM Short Films On
Short Films On Everything
10:30 PM Whitney Reynolds Show
Reclaiming Identity
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

28 TUESDAY

7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Hidden in the Genes
8:00 PM Social Security:
90 Years Strong
8:30 PM In Search of Edgar
Allan Poe, Part 2
10:00 PM Healthy Minds with
Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein
Growing Brain Cells in
the Lab
10:30 PM Ireland with Michael
Shannonside
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

29 WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Nature
Woodpeckers:
The Hole Story
8:00 PM NOVA
Return to the Moon
9:00 PM Shared Planet
Cities
10:00 PM Energy Switch
Unconventional Wisdom
10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

30 THURSDAY

7:00 PM This Old House
7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Flower Vase, Smart
Garage Opener
8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
8:30 PM Cinema Nomad
Uganda
9:00 PM Miss Scarlet and the Duke
On Masterpiece
Inheritance
10:00 PM Ridley
The Memory Jar, Part 1
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

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DAYTIME schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
APRIL 1 -30	5:00	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics	Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics	Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr	Yoga In Practice
	5:30	Odd Squad				
	6:00	Wild Kratts				
	6:30	Weather Hunters				
	7:00	Lyla In The Loop ²				
	7:30	Carl The Collector ^{1,2}				
	8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood ¹				
	8:30	Phoebe & Jay				
	9:00	Sesame Street				
	9:30	Work It Out Wombats! ¹				
	10:00	Donkey Hodie ¹				
	10:30	Rosie's Rules ¹				
	11:00	Elinor Wonders Why ¹				
	11:30	Sara's Weeknight Meals	Pocket Sketching With Kath Macaulay	Garden SMART	My Greek Table	Fit 2 Stitch
	12:00	Texas Parks and Wildlife	Antiques Roadshow	Finding Your Roots	NOVA	Documentaries
	12:30	Cycle Around Japan Highlights				
	1:00	Museum Access	Books by the River	Lawrence Welk Show	Outdoor Eats	Lucky Chow
	1:30	MotorWeek	Medical Frontiers		Painting and Travel with Roger & Sarah Bansemer	The Best of The Joy of Painting
	2:00	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics				
	2:30	Odd Squad				
3:00	Molly Of Denali ²					
3:30	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum					
4:00	Menghayati!/Into The Outdoors/SciGirls/Curious Crew/Woodsongs Kids/Biz Kid\$					
4:30	Arthur					
5:00	WTVP BUSINESS BLOCK – DW News					
5:30	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack	A Shot of Ag	MotorWeek	Fork and Hammer	History with David Rubenstein	
6:00	PBS NewsHour					

¹ Wild Kratts: Cats and Dogs (60 min) on 4/9, 4/10, 4/24

² Wild Kratts: Our Blue and Green World (60 min) on 4/10, 4/17

WEEKEND schedule

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5:00	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
5:30	Arthur ¹	Arthur
6:00	Wild Kratts ¹	Wild Kratts
6:30	Weather Hunters	Weather Hunters ¹
7:00	Lyla In The Loop	Lyla In The Loop ^{1,2}
7:30	Carl The Collector	Carl The Collector ²
8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
8:30	Phoebe & Jay	Phoebe & Jay
9:00	Curious Traveler	Sesame Street
9:30	Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting	Albie's Elevator
10:00	Quilting Arts	Wimee's Words
10:30	Garden SMART	VegeSaus
11:00	America's Heartland	Curious Crew

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11:30	Family Plot: Gardening in the Mid-South	Woodsongs Kids
12:00	America's Test Kitchen	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack
12:30	This Old House	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe
1:00	Ask This Old House	Market to Market
1:30	American Woodshop/Garage	CapitolView
2:00	Woodsmith Shop	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
2:30	Volunteer Woodworker	People Of The North
3:00	Christopher Kimball's Milk Street TV	See WTVP-HD Daily Listings for Schedule
3:30	Dining with the Chef	
4:00	Louisiana Coastal Cooking	
4:30	Kitchen Curious	
5:00	Compass Points From PBS News	
5:30	MotorWeek/Weekend Discovery	

¹ Wild Kratts: Our Blue and Green World (60 min) on 4/04, 4/26
² Nature Cat: Nature Cat's Nature Movie Speical Extraordinaire (60 min) on 4/19

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FROM THE COWBOY'S BOOT HEEL: THE MUSICAL JOURNEY OF ROB MCNURLIN

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 9 PM

Follow the musical journey of Rob McNurlin, a Kentucky-born troubadour whose roots run deep into the soul of Appalachian tradition and Western country music. Blending archival footage, intimate interviews and live performances, the film captures McNurlin's unwavering commitment to authentic storytelling through song—from the hills of East Kentucky to stages across the world.



PAPA RAY'S VINTAGE VINYL ROADSHOW SEASON 2

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 10 PM

Tom "Papa" Ray—DJ, musician and owner of Vintage Vinyl (Voted One of the 10 Best Record Stores in the U.S. by USA Today) visits record stores around the U.S. and the world interviewing other indie store owners, musicians (and indie record store enthusiasts) of all genres and customers/music lovers around the world.



OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS - BACKSTAGE

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 9 PM

Described as "a ragtag collection of hippies, bohemians and musicians of no fixed ambition," The Ozark Mountain Daredevils are an extraordinary embodiment of talent rising from the hotbed of the Ozark's musical roots. This documentary tells the intimate story of a group of local artists coming together with their own whimsical and poetic lyrics and whose voices have produced unforgettable harmonies.



STAGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 11:30 PM

From rock and R&B to soul and grunge, STAGE gives viewers a front-row seat to captivating performances filmed at the legendary First Avenue music venue, 7th Street Entry. Each episode presents an all-access pass for both devoted fans and the musically curious and is packed with unforgettable performances and exclusive insights into the artists' lives and music. The series presents intimate collaborations between iconic artists (Soul Asylum, Dessa, The Suburbs) and the emerging musicians they want you to discover.



LOVING OUR *Local* LAND

Earth month is a great time to revisit **WTVP's** local shows and documentaries about caring for the land we love.

COPING WITH CLIMATE CHANGE: AN ILLINOIS PERSPECTIVE

Coping with Climate Change: An Illinois Perspective examines evidence that changing climate patterns are disrupting life in our region. One area of concern is farming, where producers face everything from decreasing yields, drought and periods of intense rain, to frequent flooding and new varieties of weeds.



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ECOWATCH

Veteran journalist Mark Welp brings us important and interesting environmental stories from central Illinois and around the state. We'll meet people finding unique ways to make the Land of Lincoln a better place for mankind and animals, by protecting plants, water, soil and crops. Plus, we'll show you how to make a positive difference in your community!



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THE ILLINOIS RIVER: A DOCUMENTARY SERIES

The Illinois River is one of central Illinois' greatest assets. This two-episode series addresses plans to reduce silt entering the Peoria lakes and efforts to establish a healthy environment for fish and waterfowl.



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MINE RECLAMATION: HEALING THE LANDSCAPE

For nearly a century, Illinois was one of the top coal producing states. While mining is greatly diminished today, the environmental impact of these old operations continues. This original WTVP documentary explores regulations passed in the 1970s and the state organizations working to reclaim, adapt or fix the environmental damage of the past.



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NATURE RETURNS TO EMIQUON

Mother Nature has converted what was once thousands of acres of row crops into a mosaic of natural habitats that is home to birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. Seeds that were dormant for 80 years have sprung to life by just adding water. Life as it was for millennia has returned to Emiquon Preserve in Fulton County.



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PRESERVING ILLINOIS PRAIRIES

Preserving Illinois Prairies takes viewers on a geological journey that begins more than 8,000 years ago when changing weather patterns and glacial forces shaped a magnificent, rolling landscape that thrived for thousands of years. When European settlers arrived, there were more than 22 million acres of prairie. All but a few thousand acres had been drained and cultivated or urbanized by 1900.



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STAMPING *the* PASSPORT

Welcome to **WTVP's** monthly article featuring a **WTVP** staff member reviewing a new-to-them show on **Passport**.

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MICAH SEWELL DISCOVERS LOCAL GEMS IN YOU GOTTA SEE THIS!

Sometimes a passport takes you deep instead of far. For Micah Sewell, it took him to a show produced just down the hall.

Micah is someone whose work you've likely seen without realizing it. As a Videographer and Editor for almost two years at **WTVP**, his behind-the-scenes work brings *Consider This*, *A Shot of Ag* and other local productions to your screens.

With a world of content at his fingertips through PBS Passport, Micah went local, choosing to watch a recent episode of *You Gotta See This!* "This is going to sound kind of biased but I love our local programming because we put a lot of work into what we do. I spend so much time working on my own shows that I don't really get to watch our other shows."

The "other show" Micah picked was produced by coworker Amy Arhart. She finds fascinating local stories, people, events and places and highlights three to four of them in each monthly episode.

Micah watched the February episode of *You Gotta See This!*, season five, episode nine, which featured the Illinois Amish Heritage Center, a love story of a local couple, the Brotherton Museum and Nitsch Theatre Arts.

Micah loves how Amy spotlights people and places he hasn't heard about before. "People are out there doing really cool things in the community and you just don't know about it." He was amazed to discover that the Brotherton Museum in Pekin has taken over 30 years to curate.

The show also takes viewers to many different locations throughout central Illinois. Episode 508 traveled south to Arthur, then to Pekin and Washington. While Micah thinks

it's a must-see for anyone who lives locally, he believes even people outside the area would find it valuable. "There's something inspiring about seeing people's passion and how they're creating a space for others to enjoy." It's extra special when it can lead you to a deeper appreciation of your own community.

While PBS has a lot of great, national shows, it's the local programs like *You Gotta See This!* that make **WTVP** so special. "PBS is so much more than *The Count of Monte Cristo*. We have amazing local shows that people put a ton of time into. They're entertaining and fun and it's your local community. It's you. So check out these programs and enjoy what we have to offer."



If you want to dive into what **WTVP** has to offer, point your phone camera at the **QR code** and follow the link. All five seasons of *You Gotta See This!* are available to stream on demand.



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Materials

- “Nature Scavenger Hunt” checklist
- notebook
- glue
- crayons or pencils

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Check off each item as you find it.

- Flower with 3 petals
- Flower with 5 petals
- Leaf with veins branching off from a long center vein
- Feather
- Plant with leaves alternating up the stem from one side to the other
- Plant with leaves growing on the stem opposite each other
- Rings in a puddle when you drop in a pebble
- Birds flying in a v-pattern
- _____
- _____

Nature Walk Notebook

Go on a scavenger hunt to find patterns in nature.

Directions

- 1** Cut out the “Nature Scavenger Hunt” checklist and glue it inside a blank notebook. This is your Nature Walk Notebook. Decorate the cover.
- 2** Go for a nature walk and look for the items on the checklist.
- 3** Check off items as you find them. Draw pictures to record what you see. As you draw, look for patterns—things that repeat in a regular way. For example, leaves on a stem can grow opposite each other, or alternate from one side to the other.
- 4** What else can you find? On your next nature walk, record what you see in your Nature Walk Notebook.

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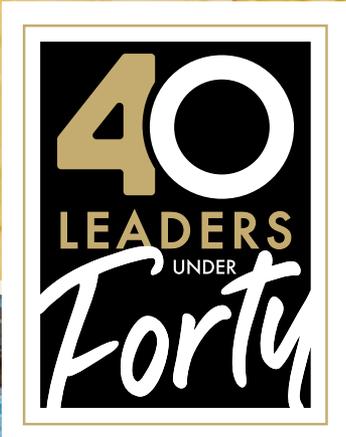


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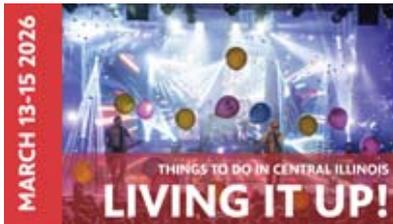


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PPD Job Fair
April 7



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All Time Low
April 11



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Beat The Meatles
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The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
April 16-17



Three Sisters Park
Spring Makers Market
April 18



Peoria Civic Center
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April 22



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April 28



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April 29



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MONDAY, APRIL 6, 7 PM

Students from the Washington Urban Debate League navigate the challenges of daily life while striving for excellence in competitive debate. Beginning at an annual summer debate camp during the final days of the COVID pandemic, the film follows a group of dedicated young debaters. They immerse themselves in research, critical thinking, teamwork and performance, hoping these skills will not only help them win tournaments but also overcome the obstacles standing between them and their full potential.



PRAIRIE PROPHECY

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 7 PM

PRAIRIE PROPHECY is an engaging exploration of natural systems agriculture and its potential to address today's environmental challenges. Anchored in the work of The Land Institute, the film introduces perennial farming systems modeled after native ecosystems, while weaving together research, history and personal perspective.



AN INVITATION TO WONDER

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 9 AM

Guided by the wisdom of his grandfather, wetland scientist Calvin DeWitt, a young filmmaker, spends a summer immersed in the mysterious world of the Waubesa Wetlands. Together, they uncover the life, secrets and importance of wetlands, and in doing so reveal our relationship to all living things.



SAVE THE FARM, SAVE THE FUTURE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 7 PM

Farming in America is harder than ever. Drought, extreme weather and rising costs are pushing farmers to their limits. Meanwhile, climate change is driving demand for clean energy, transforming farmland into solar fields. Can agrivoltaics—combining solar power and agriculture on the same land—help save farms while meeting society's energy needs?



MY SWEET LAND

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 7 PM

A coming-of-age story set against a multigenerational war in the post-Soviet Caucasus Mountains, MY SWEET LAND follows 11-year-old Vrej, growing up in Artsakh, who dreams of becoming a dentist. His sweet land, however, is strewn with mines from previous wars, shaping a country that remains unrecognized by the world. Vrej's life takes a sudden turn when war erupts, forcing him to flee with his family. Upon returning to his surviving village, he confronts the devastation, new power dynamics and an education that prepares children for near-future battles. Vrej must learn the rules of war. But can he carry a nation's hopes on his young shoulders?



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THINK GREEN

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 — SUNDAY, APRIL 19

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AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN: SPOTLIGHT ON VEGETABLES

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 — SUNDAY, APRIL 26

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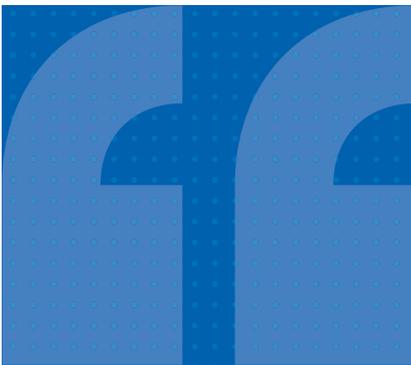
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