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ON THE COVER:

Fireworks on the Illinois river are a favorite tradition in central Illinois. And what better place to view it than the Peoria Riverfront Museum as it hosts the compelling exhibition, *America 250: The Promise of Liberty*.

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



JENN GORDON
President and CEO

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

OUR ORIGIN STORY

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. "

— EXCERPT FROM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,

Last November, **WTVP**, along with PBS stations across the country, debuted the 12-hour, six-part Ken Burns' series, *The American Revolution*, bringing this masterfully researched and pristinely produced program to the American people, for free. No commercials, no noise, no advertisements. You didn't have to buy a ticket or subscribe to a streaming service. People across the country connected through their local station platforms, on broadcast and digital, and collectively paused to reflect on our origin story. It was a shared moment of learning, reflection and connection for the American people.

It was also a moment for PBS. *The American Revolution* was the first PBS title to break into the top 10 streaming titles on the Nielsen ratings, with tens of millions of people streaming the documentary during its debut week.

In celebration of our country's 250th anniversary, **WTVP** is rebroadcasting all six episodes of *The American Revolution* from July 3 through July 4, with the series available to stream on demand well after Independence Day.

Reflecting on the lessons he's learned, Ken Burns says, "There is no them in our America, it really is just us, we the people, living in this one nation endowed with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and trying our best to form a more perfect union."

Now for a fun local fact! Ken Burns, arguably the greatest documentary filmmaker of all time, also serves as the Guest Curator for the Peoria Riverfront Museum's exhibition, *America 250: The Promise of Liberty*. Museum CEO John Morris and his team have worked with Ken Burns to craft a profound exhibition featuring one-of-a-kind historical artifacts that document our shared "promise of liberty." You won't find another exhibition like this anywhere else in the country. (Read about it in our interview with John Morris on page 12.) Like *The American Revolution*, this exhibit will leave you changed, mindful of democracy's origins and deeply grateful for the liberties we share today.

Happy Independence Day!

FINAL EPISODE

CONSUELO MACK | WEALTHTRACK

After 22 seasons devoted to building wealth and financial security for a lifetime, *Consuelo Mack | Wealthtrack* will air its final episode on Monday, June 29. Moving forward, **WTVP** will air episodes of local programming in the Mondays at 5:30 p.m. timeslot.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

A FILM BY
KEN BURNS, SARAH BOTSTEIN & DAVID SCHMIDT

As we celebrate America's semiquincentennial, enjoy this marathon of Ken Burns' six-part documentary, *The American Revolution*.

You can also stream all 12 hours anytime with **PBS Passport**.



wtvp.tv/revolution

EPISODE ONE: IN ORDER TO BE FREE (MAY 1754 – MAY 1775)

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 8 PM

Political protest escalates into violence. War gives thirteen colonies a common cause.

EPISODE TWO: AN ASYLUM FOR MANKIND (MAY 1775 – JULY 1776)

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 8:30 AM

Washington takes command of the Continental Army. Congress declares American independence.

EPISODE THREE: THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS (JULY 1776 – JANUARY 1777)

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 10:30 AM

Washington abandons New York City and flees across New Jersey, before attacking Trenton.

EPISODE FOUR: CONQUER BY A DRAWN GAME (JANUARY 1777 – FEBRUARY 1778)

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 12:30 PM

Philadelphia falls, but the American victory at Saratoga allows France to enter the war.

EPISODE FIVE: THE SOUL OF ALL AMERICA (DECEMBER 1777 – MAY 1780)

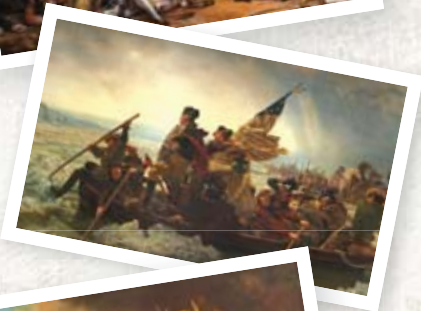
SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2:30 PM

The war drags on and moves to new theaters: at sea, in Indian Country and in the South.

EPISODE SIX: THE MOST SACRED THING (MAY 1780 – ONWARD)

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 4:30 PM

Victory at Yorktown secures independence. Americans aspire for a more perfect union.



AMERICA 250

It's Independence Month on **WTVP** and a great time to enjoy these patriotic specials.

NOVA REVOLUTIONARY WAR WEAPONS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 8 PM

How did a ragtag army defeat the most powerful army in the world to win American independence? Discover the key military technologies that helped propel the colonies to victory, from the Brown Bess musket to the world's first military submarine.

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA USAF BAND OF MID AMERICA

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 5:30 PM

Ring in the Fourth celebrating America's 250-year legacy through patriotic favorites and Independence Day spirit, performed by the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America.

AMERICA MADE IN VIRGINIA: 250 YEARS TOGETHER

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 7 PM (LIVE) AND 9 PM (REPLAY)

A star-filled tribute to America's semiquincentennial from revolutionary Colonial Williamsburg. Featuring live performance, historic interpretation, large-scale spectacle and fireworks. This is the place where the path to independence truly began.

FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED: DESIGNING AMERICA

MONDAY, JULY 6, 8 PM

FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED: DESIGNING AMERICA tells the story of the man who made public parks an essential part of American life. Known as the father of American landscape architecture, Frederick Law Olmsted was co-designer of Central Park, head of the first Yosemite commission, leader of the campaign to protect Niagara Falls, designer of the U.S. Capitol Grounds, site planner for the Great White City of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, planner of Boston's "Emerald Necklace" of green space, as well as designer of park systems in many other cities.



LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE: THE FOUNDING OF MARYLAND

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 9 PM

At the heart of colonial Maryland is George Calvert's notion of a Liberty of Conscience which represents the freedom of individuals to worship as they choose. This concept of religious tolerance separates the colonial experience in Maryland from all others and lays a cornerstone upon which the United States is founded.



AMERICAN EXPERIENCE JFK: LIKE NO OTHER

PART ONE: FRIDAY, JULY 10, 8 PM

PART TWO: FRIDAY, JULY 17, 8 PM

Forever enshrined in myth by an assassin's bullet, Kennedy's presidency long defied objective appraisal. Recent assessments have revealed an administration long on promise and vigor and somewhat lacking in tangible accomplishment. His proposals for a tax cut and civil rights legislation, however, promised significant gains in the months before his assassination. While maturation was apparent, the potential legacy of the New Frontier will forever be left to speculation.



AMERICA THE BOUNTIFUL AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

MONDAY, JULY 13, 8 PM

In AMERICA THE BOUNTIFUL: AMERICA'S 250th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL, host Capri Cafaro travels to storied locations of colonial America to trace the food roots of the national palate. In the period leading up to 1776 and continuing through the Revolutionary War, several events led to a drastic change in the foodways, agricultural practices and eating habits of American colonists. The hour-long special highlights the historic foods and drinks colonists were growing, harvesting and producing as they became food independent, a critical factor in their victory over the British.



A HOT DOG PROGRAM

MONDAY, JULY 20, 8 PM

This documentary is an all-American celebration of what may be the country's most popular food. From Fairfield, Connecticut, to Los Angeles, California, the program visits some of the nation's coolest hot dog places, taking viewers inside a giant hot dog-shaped building, stopping at some crazy late-night stands and looking at how hot dogs are made. The special also considers how and when hot dogs became so popular and surveys the toppings that go on them.






INFORMING THE PRESENT; INSPIRING THE FUTURE

An interview with John Morris





[Living in Peoria] is like living in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and saying "man, nothing really happened here, we're just a small town in Pennsylvania, right?"

Among a treasure trove of historic documents at the Peoria Riverfront Museum's *America 250: The Promise of Liberty* exhibition, one with local origins peers out from behind the glass. It's a letter from the citizens of Peoria inviting lawyer and then-retired politician, Abraham Lincoln, to come speak. Lincoln accepted the invitation and on October 16, 1854, spoke for three hours, laying out a comprehensive argument against slavery. The speech resurrected his political career and changed the trajectory of the country.

"Peoria is not simply a place where Lincoln visited a few times and gave a speech," says John Morris, Peoria Riverfront Museum's President and CEO. "It's the turning point of the nation."

That's one of the reasons Morris is passionate about history. It's not just a record of things that happened in the past. "History informs the present and inspires the future."

Even the story of how this compelling exhibition came into existence illustrates this truth. Peoria Riverfront Museum was one of only three museums in the nation to host an exhibition of Ken Burns' quilt collection. Although the documentarian had never produced a film about quilts, they were his personal passion. So when Morris' team created a gorgeous book about the collection and sent five cases to Burns, it was icing on top of a huge, delicious cake.

Fast-forward to 2024 as *The Promise of Liberty* was taking shape, Morris invited Ken Burns to guest curate, not knowing he was in the midst of an epic, eight-year project creating *The American Revolution*. (Watch a marathon of the six-part series on broadcast starting July 3 at 8 p.m. or stream anytime with PBS Passport.) Despite his busy schedule, Burns readily accepted, to the surprise of his staff. "It's been a really nice convergence of values," says Morris. "Ken Burns cares about telling the American stories because he cares about America."

To kick off the exhibition, Burns recorded several videos and offered valuable feedback, drawing from his vast knowledge gained through producing the 12-hour long documentary. "He's very intentional about indigenous

American stories and making sure they're included in the equation," says Morris, who was delighted to tell him that the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma were building the document display cases. The exhibition also includes several authentic documents of early Native American treaties with the colonists.

Seth Kaller also played a pivotal role in the exhibition as a special advisor and guest curator, "and it goes from a good telling of the story to the most comprehensive exhibition of its kind in the country," according to Morris. Kaller worked to secure many key historic documents, including a 1776 broadside of the Declaration of Independence, which Morris calls "the mission statement of our country." At a time when czars, pharaohs, kings and queens were given power to rule, the idea of endowed liberty was an ideological flip. Morris asserts, "We've come from this moment in which the world turned upside down, where we saw that our rights are born into us. Liberty is rooted in the idea of inherent rights. That's a story that has to be told to each new generation."

And it's a story that has to be told to Peorians. For many, there's a knowledge that Lincoln's 1854 speech was a turning point for the nation, but somehow Peoria has been disconnected from that picture. "We are rediscovering the history of this place in the context of the whole nation, and that is enormously important. It's like living in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and saying, 'man, nothing really happened here, we're just a small town in Pennsylvania, right?'"

That's a perception Morris is working to change. Because when Peorians reclaim that history, we can take our place in shaping our country's future.

Morris also adds **WTVP** to that equation. "**WTVP** is part of that partnership, part of that creating a culture of learning, a culture of unleashing talent. It is a constant, free, accessible source of this content that, for me, for a lot of people, is vital."

This all makes Peoria a great place to tell the story of our nation. As Morris says, Peoria "is as American as any other place. Why not have us tell the story, especially when we can unleash the full talent and genius?"

SOUNDBITES WITH PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

DEREK WANG
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 6 PM

Pianist Derek Wang has drawn international acclaim for his wide-ranging appearances as soloist, collaborator and communicator. On this episode of *Sound Bites*, we revel in his special performance at the **WTVP** studio, "Brahms and The Schumanns."

You can stream this and past episodes of *Sound Bites* at wtvp.tv/sb.



SERIES PREMIERE
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 8:30 PM

In this premiere of **WTVP's** newest show, Doug Cruitt sits down with Peirre Paul, founder of We Hear You, a company that literally opens doors for people of all abilities. You'll hear the story behind their pursuit to become a household name for accessibility solutions.

**IN THE
ARENA**
WITH DOUG CRUITT



BEYOND THE STARS

8 DAYS: TO THE MOON AND BACK

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 7 PM (WORLD 47.3)

Join Apollo 11 on its historic journey. The film seamlessly blends mission audio featuring conversations among Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins with new footage, NASA archive and stunning CGI to recreate the first moon landing.

NOVA: BLACK HOLE APOCALYPSE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 8 PM

Join astrophysicist and novelist Janna Levin on a mind-blowing voyage to the frontiers of black hole science, which is shining new light on the most powerful and mysterious objects in the universe.

ONCE UPON A TIME IN SPACE

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 8 PM

Drawing on intimate, unseen archive and powerful first-hand testimony, this landmark four-part series tells the human stories behind our quest to explore space, offering a unique perspective on our changing world and where we are headed.

NOVA: BLACK HOLE UNIVERSE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 8 PM

Take a seat on the ultimate thrill ride to explore nature's strangest and most powerful objects. Black holes can reshape entire galaxies, warp the fabric of space and time and may be the key to unlocking the ultimate nature of reality.

NOVA: CHASING PLUTO

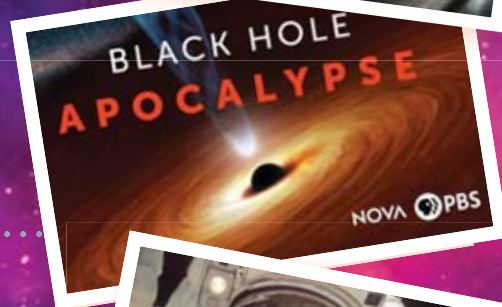
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 8 PM

The New Horizons spacecraft, one of the most advanced ever built, flew over nine years across three billion miles to take the very first detailed images of the dwarf planet Pluto. Thanks to its treacherous journey, we are finally able to get a close look at this strange, icy world.

CHASING THE MOON

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 8 PM

This exciting new series recasts the Space Age as a fascinating stew of scientific innovation, political calculation, media spectacle, visionary impulses and personal drama, utilizing a feast of previously overlooked and lost archival material.





INDEPENDENT LENS **TRUE NORTH: CANADIAN MYTHS AND BLACK POWER**

MONDAY, JULY 6, 9 PM

Through rare archival footage and firsthand accounts, TRUE NORTH revisits 1968 Montreal, where Black liberation movements converged at the Congress of Black Writers. As student protests ignited the Sir George Williams Affair, Black youth faced violent repression, unfolding a powerful chapter of the global Black Power era.



BREAKING THE DEADLOCK **HOW TO FIX AN ELECTION**

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 8 PM

Moderator Aaron Tang, Professor of Law at UC Davis, leads the panelists through a hypothetical situation drawing on American civics and constitutional values. Unknown to the panelists in advance, the scenario involves city, state and national leaders first tackling an infrastructure threat that expands to include an upcoming election, questions of voting rights and national security. Will America's core principles, like the power of the vote and freedom of speech and protest, withstand this theoretical stress test?



PAPA RAY'S VINTAGE VINYL ROADSHOW **NEW SEASON**

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 10 PM

"Papa" Ray (DJ, musician and owner of Vintage Vinyl) returns for season three to visit unbelievable indie record stores and music scenes in Jamaica, Chicago, New Orleans, DC, Florida and Rochester, New York.



INDEPENDENT LENS **FLOOD**

MONDAY, JULY 13, 9 PM

Returning home to California's Inland Empire, filmmaker Katy Scoggin seeks to reconnect with her estranged father, who works as an elementary science teacher. He is the only evangelical left in the family and as they face their differences on faith, family and belonging, their journey becomes a portrait of empathy and resilience. Together, they find new ways to listen and bridge divides.

CONFLUENCE

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 9 PM

CONFLUENCE explores the enduring and often surprising connections between three essential aspects of the human experience: art, science and creativity. Throughout the three-part series, an intriguing array of scientists, researchers and artists work at the cutting edge of creativity in painting, sculpture, robotics, video games, fashion and music.



THE MAESTRO AND THE EUROPEAN POP ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 6 PM

Experience the unique and harmonious blend of pop and classical music from this vibrant orchestra, led by violin soloist and composer Guido Dieteren. With his wife, singer Wendy Kokkelkoren, Guido and his orchestra guarantee a musical experience full of romance, emotion, passion and energy.



**ENERGY SWITCH
NEW SEASON**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 10 PM

The only show on television devoted to energy and environment discussion. With informed, lively, topical conversations, it digs deeper than news coverage with a panel of leading international experts.



ON STORY

MONDAY, JULY 27, 10:30 PM

The Austin Film Festival furthers the art and craft of storytelling by inspiring and championing the work of writers, filmmakers and all artists who use written and visual language to tell a story. The half-hour episodes feature interviews with today's top filmmakers such as Winnie Holzman and Dana Fox, co-writers of *Wicked* and *Wicked for Good*, and Tyler Thompson and Ryan Swanson, the two writers behind the historical drama *The Chosen*.



GLOBAL dramas

Watch the best dramas from around the world

CALL ME LEVI

BINGE STARTING FRIDAY, JULY 3

In the mid-19th century, Levi Strauss travels to New York with his beloved sister, Fanny. His ambition takes him all the way to San Francisco. There, he encounters a hostile mobster, whose reign of terror threatens Levi's hopes of a new life. In German with English subtitles.

SUNSET GROVE

BINGE STARTING FRIDAY, JULY 10

At Sunset Grove retirement home, sharp-witted 94-year-old Siiri refuses to accept the sudden death of a young chef as natural. With her friend Irma and unlikely ally Mika, she uncovers a hidden network of crime, drugs and corruption run from within the home. As danger grows and Irma is silenced, Siiri risks all to expose the truth. In Finnish with English subtitles.

THE NOBLE DETECTIVE

BINGE STARTING FRIDAY, JULY 17

In 1820s Estonia, Paul von Fock inherits an estate and reluctantly becomes a local judge. Forced to investigate incidents both minor and very major, Paul must navigate suspects, secrets and social tensions. Risking his reputation--and life--he grows into an unlikely but brilliant detective. In Estonian with English subtitles.

THE NEGOTIATOR

BINGE STARTING FRIDAY, JULY 24

In high-stakes hostage situations, RAID is there to ensure each scenario is run with the control, precision and calm under pressure it requires. With people pushed to their limits and lives on the line, every negotiation becomes a test of judgement, timing and trust. In French with English subtitles.

COASTAL UNIT

BINGE STARTING FRIDAY, JULY 31

Personalities clash in a colorful precinct in the South of France. Despite their quirks, led by the impressive Captain Janvert, they form a solid and talented group. In French with English subtitles.

Walter Presents is a curated collection of award-winning international drama. Presented in their original languages with English subtitles, these compelling programs are only available with **PBS Passport**, a benefit of membership with **WTVP**. Learn more and join at wtvp.tv/membership.



STRONGER TOGETHER THURSDAY, JULY 16, 8 PM

How is public media for central Illinois faring a year after the historic cuts to federal funding? What does the future hold? **WTVP** leadership sits down for a candid conversation about navigating historic change, building a strong future and gratefully celebrating the community that has kept us here.

Don't miss this important update from WTVP.



WTVP NOW



IN CASE *you* MISSED IT

JUNE WAS A GREAT MONTH FOR LOCAL CONTENT!

If you missed it or just want to watch again, point your phone camera at the QR code and follow the link.



VIBE 309 | GREG BATTON | MATT "BLIND" STEIN PEORIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Blake welcomes Peoria radio legend Greg Batton for a fun conversation filled with stories, laughs and local nostalgia. Plus, comedian Matt "Blind" Stein stops by and a Vibe Check takes viewers inside some of Peoria's most historic buildings with Hidden Peoria.



CONSIDER THIS | NIKKI GILLESPIE-STRAHAN

Growing up, Nikki Gillespie-Strahan of Galesburg enjoyed doodling and doing just about anything artistic. After marriage and children, she decided to put paint to canvas and suddenly found herself as a finalist for The People's Artist, an art competition presented by Johnny Depp. Her works are eclectic and reflect whatever she's feeling at the time.



A SHOT OF AG | BRAD FORKNER

Rob Sharkey visits with nutrient management specialist Brad Forkner for a conversation about life in agriculture and the changing decisions farmers face. Forkner shares insight on crop nutrition, soil chemistry, seed treatments, input costs and helping growers make smarter choices in the field.



VIBE 309 WITH BLAKE WIRTH



BLAKE'S TAKE

FROM VIBE 309, EPISODE 107
BY BLAKE WIRTH

The June episode marks the end of season one of *Vibe 309*. We have had remarkable guests: people who represent the very best of this city and who wake up every day and choose to be a positive force in the lives of others. To be honest, there may not be a better example of that than Greg Batton.

If you run into Greg out in the wild, he is going to shake your hand, look you in the eye and make you feel like you matter. And that sticks—people remember that sort of thing.

He does the same thing on the radio but on a larger scale. He brings in voices from all over central Illinois and all walks of life and gives them a chance to share their story.

Greg's motto is "Do Good. Be Kind. Go Home. Repeat." If you know me, you know I'm a sucker for a good motto and have one of my own: "widen the circle." I genuinely try to make people feel included, not excluded. I want people to feel like they belong, like they're part of something. If there's one idea behind this show, it's that; to widen the circle.

On *Vibe 309*, we've been able to do that through inviting live audiences to episode tapings. People from the community come in to **WTVP's** studio, participate in the production and see how, as the *Toddfather* says, "the sausage gets made."

We've been able to do it out in our Vibe Checks. During those out-of-studio segments, you hear from people all over the region—different backgrounds, different stories—all adding to the bigger picture.

This show is meant to lift others up, to make people feel proud of their hometown and to highlight all the good stuff happening here, just like Greg's been doing on his show for over two decades. If we've done that—even a little bit—then I'd say season one was a success!

But we're just getting started. Season two picks up right on schedule in July. We have great guests lined up and great vibes on deck. That's a promise.

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



wttp.tv/vibe107

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

**SATURDAY, JULY 11, 8 PM
(NEW DAY AND TIME!)**

Attorney and NIL expert Mitch Gilfillan joins Blake Wirth for a conversation about the rapidly changing landscape of college athletics, while Bradley basketball legend Marcellus Sommerville shares his journey from the hardwood to community leadership. Plus, Blake heads to downtown Peoria for a Vibe Check at the 52nd Annual Steamboat Classic, one of the region's most iconic summer traditions.

WORTH A (RE)WATCH

WTVP is your home for local documentaries. So whether you've seen them before or are discovering them for the first time, these shows are worth watching. You can catch them on broadcast or watch them anytime on video.wtvp.org.

GROWING IN WISDOM AND GRACE SPALDING & ACADEMY OF OUR LADY REMEMBERED THURSDAY, JULY 2, 8 PM

Spalding Institute and the Academy of Our Lady taught more than academics. These two schools helped form the morals, values and faith of generations of students who continue to shape our central Illinois community. From outsmarting dress codes to insights on Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, generations of alumni share memories and discuss the lasting influences from their school years.

LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH DEALING WITH ANXIETY THURSDAY, JULY 9, 8 PM

LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH openly dives into the many facets of mental health and wellness. It is not about a pill, a prescription or a "one size fits all" solution—rather it is about a conversation. Jenn Gordon moderates the discussion with professionals from OSF Healthcare, the Antioch Group, Trillium Place and Biblical Counseling Ministries. Stream at wtvp.tv/mental-health.

THE PEORIA PLAYERS THURSDAY, JULY 23, 8 PM

It is a place of fantasy, of drama, of spectacle. Craftsmanship and materials come together with the human spirit to allow us to suspend our disbelief and to be transported into another world outside ourselves. Three locations, the Great Depression, two major wars and over 1000 productions... Journey through 100 continuous years of Peoria Players Theatre. Stream at wtvp.tv/players.

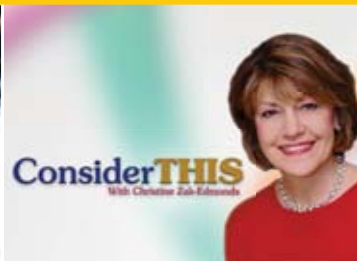
FROM DISTILLERIES TO STILLS PROHIBITION IN PEORIA THURSDAY, JULY 23, 8:30 PM

It wasn't just a saying. Peoria, Illinois WAS the whiskey capital of the world! Alcohol production was a business that meant a huge income for the distillery owners, who in turn made huge contributions to the community. The production of whiskey and beer was a source of important taxes for both the federal and local government. But times change and in January of 1920, it all came to an end. Stream at wtvp.tv/prohibition.

BOXCAR PEOPLE THURSDAY, JULY 30, 8 PM

Using historic film, photos and original testimonials, BOXCAR PEOPLE tells the story of Mexican workers recruited in the early 1900s to work the railroads in Galesburg, Illinois. It is a truly inspiring tale of immigrants rising up against all odds in a rarely heard story of how the Midwest's Mexican population helped build this country but still struggle for acceptance and civil rights. Stream at wtvp.tv/boxcar.





GROWING IN WISDOM AND GRACE
SPALDING & ACADEMY OF OUR LADY REMEMBERED
THURSDAY, JULY 2, 8 PM

LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH
DEALING WITH ANXIETY
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 8 PM

CONSIDER THIS
WITH CHRISTINE ZAK-EDMONDS
FRIDAY, JULY 10, 7:30 PM

VIBE 309
WITH BLAKE WIRTH
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 8 PM

1 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM NOVA
Athens: Birth of Democracy
- 8:00 PM NOVA
Revolutionary War Weapons
- 9:00 PM The Kimberley: Australia's Wild West
Into The Fire
- 10:00 PM Energy Switch
Fertilizers
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

2 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
Asheville | Out of the Mountains
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Planting Arborvitaes, Storage Rack
- 8:00 PM Growing In Wisdom & Grace
Spalding & Academy of Our Lady Remembered
- 9:00 PM Miss Scarlet and the Duke
On Masterpiece
A Pauper's Grave
- 10:00 PM Moonflower Murders
On Masterpiece
Episode 3
- 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
Aaron Comte - Springdale Cemetery General Manager
- 8:00 PM The American Revolution
In Order to Be Free
- 10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage
Vinyl Roadshow
Crate Diggers & Hip Hop
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

4 SATURDAY

- 7:00 PM America Made In Virginia:
250 Years Together
- 9:00 PM America Made In Virginia:
250 Years Together
- 11:00 PM The Spirit of America -
USAF Band of Mid-America
- 11:30 PM TradFest
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5 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails
Backpacking Rwanda
- 3:30 PM Wild Foods
Maine
- 4:00 PM Growing In Wisdom & Grace
Spalding & Academy of Our Lady Remembered
- 5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM All-Star Orchestra
Schubert's Immortal Unfinished Symphony
- 7:00 PM Patience
The Timetable
- 8:00 PM Grantchester
On Masterpiece
Season 11, Episode 4
- 9:00 PM Downton Abbey Season 2
On Masterpiece
Part Four
- 10:00 PM Astrid
30,000 Feet
- 11:00 PM Pennsylvania Road Show

6 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Springs Preserve Hour 3
- 8:00 PM Frederick Law Olmsted:
Designing America
- 9:00 PM Independent Lens
True North: Canadian Myths and Black Power
- 10:30 PM She Was First
Cat Cora
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

7 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Family: Lost and Found
- 8:00 PM Breaking The Deadlock
How to Fix An Election
- 9:00 PM Liberty of Conscience:
The Founding of Maryland
- 10:00 PM Recipe for Wellness
Stormy Weather
- 10:30 PM Ireland with Michael
Back Home to Derry
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

8 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature
Niagara Falls
- 8:00 PM NOVA
Black Hole Apocalypse
- 9:00 PM The American Southwest
- 10:00 PM Energy Switch
Investing In Alternative Energy
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

9 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
Asheville | Community Carpenters
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Sustainable Grass, Driveway Lights
- 8:00 PM Let's Talk Mental Health:
Dealing with Anxiety
- 9:00 PM Miss Scarlet and the Duke
On Masterpiece
Angel of Inferno
- 10:00 PM Moonflower Murders
On Masterpiece
Episode 4
- 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

- 8:00 PM JFK: American Experience
Part One
- 10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage
Vinyl Roadshow
Rochester, NY
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

11 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Southeast England
- 6:30 PM World According to Polka
Simply Slavic
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
The French Show
- 8:00 PM Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag (WTVP)
Pearl Carpenter - Owner of the Farmcy Farm Stand
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 14, Episode 3
- 10:00 PM State & Water
Ignite Peoria - Part 1
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Samara Joy
- 11:30 PM TradFest
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12 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails
Backpacking Helena, Montana
- 3:30 PM Wild Foods
Montana
- 4:00 PM Let's Talk Mental Health:
Dealing with Anxiety
- 5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM Sound Bites with Peoria
Symphony Orchestra
Derek Wang
- 7:00 PM Patience
The Runes
- 8:00 PM Grantchester
On Masterpiece
Season 11, Episode 5
- 9:00 PM Downton Abbey Season 2
On Masterpiece
Part Five



SOUND BITES
WITH THE PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
DEREK WANG
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 6 PM

BUGS THAT RULE THE WORLD
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 9 PM

WTVP NOW
STRONGER TOGETHER
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 8 PM

IN THE ARENA WITH DOUG CRUITT
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 8:30 PM

- 10:00 PM Astrid
Immortal
- 11:00 PM Pennsylvania Diners and
Other Roadside Restaurants

13 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Living History Farms
Hour 2
- 8:00 PM America The Bountiful:
America's 250th
Anniversary Special
- 9:00 PM Independent Lens
Flood
- 10:30 PM She Was First
Marin Alsop
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

14 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Out of the Past
- 8:00 PM Once Upon A Time In Space
America First
- 9:00 PM Confluence
The Dance
- 10:00 PM Recipe for Wellness
Mixed Martial Arts
- 10:30 PM Ireland with Michael
Sunny South East
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

15 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature
Soul of the Ocean
- 8:00 PM NOVA
Black Hole Universe
- 9:00 PM Bugs That Rule The World
Insect Apocalypse
- 10:00 PM Energy Switch
King Coal
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

16 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
Asheville | Boulder Dash
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Seabees, Paint Galvanized
Railing
- 8:00 PM WTVP Now
Stronger Together
- 8:30 PM In The Arena with
Doug Cruitt
- 9:00 PM Miss Scarlet and the Duke
On Masterpiece
Quarter to Midnight
- 10:00 PM Moonflower Murders
On Masterpiece
Episode 5
- 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
Maureen Naughtin -
Peoria Historical Society
- 8:00 PM JFK: American Experience
Part Two
- 10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage
Vinyl Roadshow
Chicago
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

18 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
England's Cornwall
- 6:30 PM World According to Polka
Paczki Party
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Songs of the 70s
- 8:00 PM You Gotta See This!
Dragon Boat | Wildlife
Security | Baseball
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag (WTVP)
Jessica Chipman - Ag
Teacher and FFA Advisor
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 14, Episode 4

- 10:00 PM State & Water
Upstate - Part 1
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits
ACL Celebrates Antone's
& The Blues
- 11:30 PM TradFest
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19 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails
Backpacking North Dakota
- 3:30 PM Wild Foods
Spring Awakenings
Vermont
- 4:00 PM In The Arena with
Doug Cruitt
- 4:30 PM WTVP Now
Stronger Together
- 5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM The Maestro & The
European Pops Orchestra
From Holland with Love,
Part 1
- 7:00 PM Patience
Paco's Revenge
- 8:00 PM Grantchester
On Masterpiece
Season 11, Episode 6
- 9:00 PM Downton Abbey Season 2
On Masterpiece
Part Six
- 11:00 PM Astrid
Madman's Sacrifice

20 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Denver Botanic Gardens
Chatfield Farms Hour 1
- 8:00 PM A Hot Dog Program
POV
The Dating Game
- 10:30 PM She Was First
Ruth E. Carter
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

21 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Caribbean Roots
- 8:00 PM Once Upon A Time In Space
The Russian Thing
- 9:00 PM Confluence
The Material World
- 10:00 PM Recipe for Wellness
Costa Rica
- 10:30 PM Ireland with Michael
Cork'd
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

22 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature
Big Little Journeys: Home
- 8:00 PM NOVA
Chasing Pluto
- 9:00 PM Bugs That Rule The World
Lifegivers
- 10:00 PM Energy Switch
Senators Talk Energy
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

23 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
Asheville | Bricks, Blinds
and Brews
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Regrade Lawn, Solid Core
Doors
- 8:00 PM Peoria Players
- 8:30 PM From Distilleries to Stills:
Prohibition In Peoria
- 9:00 PM Miss Scarlet and the Duke
On Masterpiece
The Proposal
- 10:00 PM Moonflower Murders
On Masterpiece
Episode 6
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

24 FRIDAY

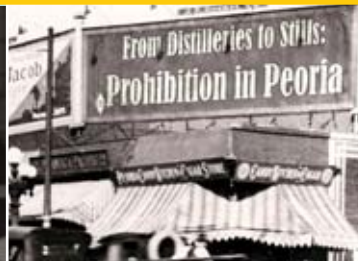
- 7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic



PAPA RAY'S VINTAGE VINYL ROADSHOW
CHICAGO
FRIDAY, JULY 17, 10 PM



PEORIA PLAYERS
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 8 PM



FROM DISTILLERIES TO STILLS
PROHIBITION IN PEORIA
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 8:30 PM



THE BOXCAR PEOPLE
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 8 PM

- 7:30 PM Consider This with Christine Zak-Edmonds
- 8:00 PM Chasing The Moon: American Experience Part One
- 10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage Vinyl Roadshow Blues for the 21st Century
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

25 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe Western Turkey
- 6:30 PM World According to Polka Surf's Up
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show County Fair
- 8:00 PM Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth Al Cuizon, Jr. | Bradley University
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag (WTVP) David Wessel - Farmer
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife Season 14, Episode 5
- 10:00 PM State & Water Tasji Bachman - Part 1
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits Charley Crockett/Waxahatchee
- 11:30 PM TradFest a se

26 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Outside: Beyond The Lens Jets in the Wild: Part 1
- 3:30 PM Wild Foods Arizona
- 4:00 PM From Distilleries to Stills: Prohibition In Peoria
- 4:30 PM Peoria Players
- 5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM The Maestro & The European Pops Orchestra From Holland with Love, Part 2
- 7:00 PM Patience A Monk's Tale

- 8:00 PM Grantchester On Masterpiece Season 11, Episode 7
- 9:00 PM Downton Abbey Season 2 On Masterpiece Part Seven
- 11:00 PM Astrid Time Traveler

27 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms Hour 3
- 8:00 PM A Ride Along The Lincoln Highway
- 9:00 PM POV For Venida, for Kalief
- 10:30 PM On Story On Wicked: A Conversation With Winnie Holzman & Dana Fox
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

28 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots The Road We Took
- 8:00 PM Once Upon A Time In Space Politics Always Wins
- 9:00 PM Confluence Everything New Is Old Again
- 10:00 PM Recipe for Wellness The Big Apple
- 10:30 PM Ireland with Michael To The Waters & The Wild
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

29 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature Big Little Journeys: Survival
- 8:00 PM NOVA Pluto and Beyond
- 9:00 PM Bugs That Rule The World Eat Or Be Eaten
- 10:00 PM Energy Switch Tribal Energy

- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

30 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House Asheville | Silt and Stone
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House Garage Storage, Anode Rod
- 8:00 PM The Boxcar People
- 9:00 PM The Chaperone On Masterpiece
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

31 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with Christine Zak-Edmonds Roz and Ron Helms - Quintuplets
- 8:00 PM Chasing The Moon: American Experience Part Two
- 10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage Vinyl Roadshow Memphis
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

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DAYTIME schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
JULY 1 -31	5:00	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics	Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics	Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr	Your Fountain of Youth with Lee Holden
	5:30	Odd Squad				
	6:00	Wild Kratts				
	6:30	Weather Hunters				
	7:00	Lyla In The Loop				
	7:30	Carl The Collector				
	8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood				
	8:30	Phoebe & Jay				
	9:00	Sesame Street				
	9:30	Work It Out Wombats!				
	10:00	Donkey Hodie				
	10:30	Rosie's Rules ¹				
	11:00	Elinor Wonders Why ¹				
	11:30	Indian As Apple Pie	Joy Of Painting with Nicholas Hankins	Garden SMART	My Greek Table	Fit 2 Stitch
	12:00	Facing Waves	Antiques Roadshow	Finding Your Roots	NOVA	Once Upon A Time In Space
	12:30	Cycle Around Japan Highlights				
	1:00	Museum Access	Books by the River	Lawrence Welk Show	Ambient Film/Farmer and The Fooder	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 ¹				
	3:30	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum ¹				
	4:00	Cyberchase/SciGirls/Curious Crew/Youth Music Of The World/Biz Kid\$				
	4:30	Arthur				
5:00	WTVP BUSINESS BLOCK – DW News					
5:30	Local Programs	A Shot of Ag	MotorWeek	Roadtrip Nation	Hometowns	
6:00	PBS NewsHour					

¹ Xavier Riddle Celebrates American Heroes: Leaders (60 min) on July 1, July 2, July 3

WEEKEND schedule

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

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

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July 4



Three Sisters Park
Yankee Doodle Doubles Disc Golf
July 4



Parks on Tap
Cassidy Park
July 9



Friday Night Heights
Peoria Heights
July 10



David Phelps
Five Points Washington
July 11



Peoria City Soccer Game
Shea Stadium
July 11



Wildfire Concert: Peoria Rhythm Kings
Wildlife Praire Park
July 17



Peoria Chiefs Game
Dozer Park
July 21



River & Rails Fest
Three Sisters Park
July 23-25



Pekin Main Street Super Cruise
Downtown Pekin
July 25



Fiesta en el Rio
Peoria Riverfront
July 25



Summer Concert Series
Brienzo's Pizza + Bar – Peoria
July 31

Across AMERICA

THE PENNSYLVANIA ROAD SHOW

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 11 PM

This somewhat zany travelogue is full of surprising places, friendly people and lots of unforgettable roadside attractions. Ride along the Lincoln Highway, have breakfast at Lee's Diner in York, go underground on the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour near Scranton and throw bread to the huge carp at the Linesville Spillway.

NATURE: NIAGARA FALLS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 7 PM

Embark to Niagara Falls and witness its stunning beauty and a wide variety of wildlife—mammals, birds and reptiles—that call it home. Through the eyes of passionate scientists, uncover a complex world forged by stone and powered by water.

THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 9 PM

From the Rockies to scorching deserts and iconic landscapes, the mighty Colorado River sustains wildlife and communities. Uncover the region's deep cultural history and the urgent fight to protect its future. Narrated by Quannah Chasinghorse.

HOMETOWNS: SEASON TWO

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 5:30 PM

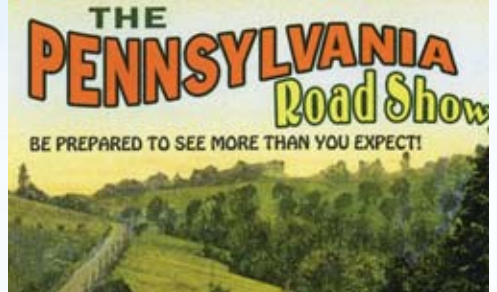
In this season of HOMETOWNS, we uncover the soulful narratives behind diverse communities from Virginia to Wyoming. Through captivating stories, we explore how these places came to life and why people choose to call them home. Each episode delves deep into the culture, history and personal connections that make these hometowns unique, offering an intimate look at what binds people to their roots.

A RIDE ALONG THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY

MONDAY, JULY 27, 8 PM

Rick Sebak travels across America's first transcontinental highway, checking out the changing landscape along the route from Times Square to San Francisco. This road show incorporates American culture, history, food, family, traditions and the changing way of the automobile.

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NEW WEEKLY EPISODES COMING IN SEPTEMBER

AIRS: SATURDAYS AT 8:30 PM

REBROADCAST: TUESDAYS AT 5:30 PM



AT ISSUE WITH MARK WELP

NEW WEEKLY EPISODES COMING IN AUGUST

AIRS: THURSDAYS AT 8 PM

REBROADCAST: SUNDAYS AT 4:30 PM



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NEW EPISODES EVERY OTHER WEEK

AIRS: FRIDAYS AT 7:30 PM

REBROADCAST: SUNDAYS AT 12:00 PM



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NEW TWICE-MONTHLY EPISODES COMING IN AUGUST

AIRS: SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH
AT 8:30 PM

REBROADCAST: SUNDAYS AT 4:00 PM



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NEW EPISODES EACH QUARTER

AIRS: FIRST SUNDAY OF FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST
AND NOVEMBER AT 5:30 PM



IN THE ARENA WITH DOUG CRUITT

NEW EPISODES EACH MONTH

AIRS: THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:30 PM

REBROADCAST: SUNDAYS AT 4:00 PM



STATE AND WATER

AIRS: SATURDAYS AT 10:00 PM



VIBE 309 WITH BLAKE WIRTH

NEW EPISODES EACH MONTH

AIRS: SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:00 PM

REBROADCAST: MONDAYS AT 5:30 PM



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NEW MONTHLY EPISODES COMING IN SEPTEMBER

AIRS: THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:00 PM

REBROADCAST: MONDAYS AT 5:30 PM





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ROAD TO LIBERTY THROUGH THEIR EYES

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 7 PM

A remarkable story of perseverance, survival and triumph that needs to be re-told for a 21st century audience. Never again would the battle for American Independence be so vulnerable and so close to defeat as it was in those months leading up to Christmas 1776 and the Battles of Trenton and Princeton.



AMERIGO: THE SEARCH FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 8 PM

As the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, AMERIGO: THE SEARCH FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM asks one urgent, unifying question—what happened to the American Dream—and explores if it is still attainable for many today. Filmed across all 50 states over two years, the program features unscripted interviews with everyday Americans, from blue-collar workers, veterans and immigrants to students, entrepreneurs and community leaders.



STILL HERE: NATIVE AMERICAN RESILIENCE IN NEW ENGLAND

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 9:30 PM

STILL HERE: NATIVE AMERICAN RESILIENCE IN NEW ENGLAND features Indigenous perspectives and takes a fresh look at the history of the region, including the hidden history of Indigenous slavery, "paper genocide" and efforts to keep traditions alive.



CAPTURING AMERICA: THE CAROL HIGHSMITH STORY

MONDAY, JULY 6, 8 PM

For more than 40 years, Carol Highsmith has greeted each day with one mission: to document every nook and cranny of the United States through her photography. A self-described nomad, Carol captures life in America in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, visiting all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.



Weekend MARATHONS



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FRIDAYS, 8 PM — 1 AM
SATURDAYS, 9 AM — 2 PM
SUNDAYS, 11 AM — 4 PM

Let **WTVP Create** spark your creativity with these engrossing marathons!

CREATE CELEBRATES AMERICA AT 250

FRIDAY, JULY 3 — SUNDAY, JULY 5

As America turns 250 this Independence Day, Samantha Brown brings us on a tour that showcases the history, beauty and bounty that can be found across the nation. These *Places to Love* will be joined by some hidden gems on *America the Bountiful*, including an exclusive Create premiere of a new special that explores one of our favorite American traditions: food!



COOK'S COUNTRY: COOKING WITH FIRE

FRIDAY, JULY 10 — SUNDAY, JULY 12

Want to pump up the flavor of your summertime meals? *Cook's Country* is bringing the heat! Whether it is smoky spatchcocked chicken, herby pork chops or tasty sides and desserts, their tips and tricks will have you cooking with fire in no time.



THIS OLD HOUSE REVISITS CAPE ANN

FRIDAY, JULY 17 — SUNDAY, JULY 19

Head to Cape Ann with the *This Old House* crew, where they put the history back into an 1891 Shingle-style home, stripping away the 1970s carpet, cracking balusters and doors to nowhere. See the full renovation and get behind-the-scenes look at the crew's newest project, coming later this year.



MILK STREET'S MY FAMILY RECIPE

FRIDAY, JULY 24 — SUNDAY, JULY 26

Join Christopher Kimball and acclaimed baker Cheryl Day for a weekend of family, community and memories as they use historical culinary context and modern kitchen know-how to help home cooks recreate lost or forgotten cherished family recipes.



CREATE-ING WITH FLOWERS WITH J SCHWANKE

FRIDAY, JULY 31 — SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Flowers aren't just beautiful to look at; they are the perfect material for an array of gorgeous crafts and gifts! Let J Schwanke's expert advice show you how to think of flowers in a whole new way in a craft-filled weekend of creating with flowers.



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WTVP will be at the **Peoria Riverfront Market** twice this summer on **Saturday, July 18** and **Saturday, August 15**. Look for our blue booth and stop by to say hello and grab some **WTVP** swag. There will even be kids' activities! We can't wait to see you and enjoy our wonderful riverfront together.



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