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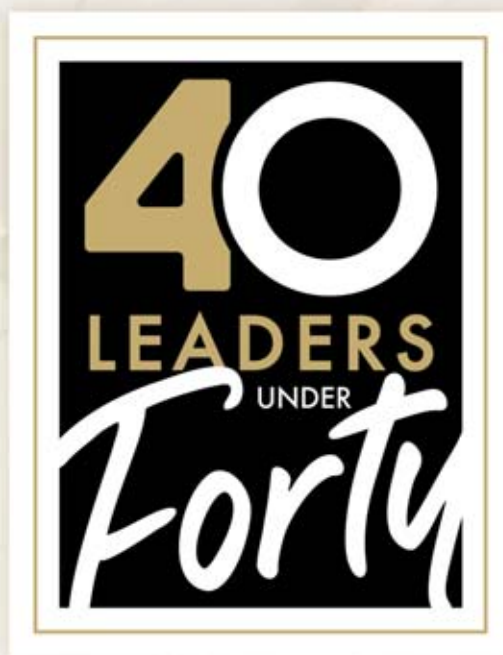
PBS

Feeding CURIOSITY

IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

SEPTEMBER 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

Your Stories. Your Community. Your WTVP.



KNOW ANY RISING LEADERS?

40 LEADERS UNDER FORTY
NOMINATIONS OPEN SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

WTVP will accept nominations for the 2026 class of 40 Leaders Under Forty from **September 1 to October 25, 2026**. Local businesses, nonprofits and community groups are encouraged to nominate individuals whose leadership and service have had a significant impact on the well-being, health and vibrancy of central Illinois. Nominees should be successful in their career and influential in their community.

WHO WILL YOU NOMINATE?

Visit **wtvp.tv/40leaders**, or scan the QR Code, for more details and to nominate a leader.



 **SCAN ME**

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After storms swept through Eureka in June, Miles Danner emerged from the basement with his kids to orange skies and clouds like he had never seen before. Keeping a safe distance from the geese gathered by the lake, he took a couple of pictures of the curious goslings. “After the storm settled down,” writes Danner, “there was so much peace and beauty at the lake.”

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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 wtvpmail@wtvp.org or call **309.677.4747**.



JENN GORDON
President and CEO



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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

CREATING LIFELONG LEARNERS

School is back in session! For me, this time of year is always filled with excitement for my children. I have a sixth grader, a second grader and (talk about a milestone) a kindergartener! As I watch my kids settle into their classrooms, I think about the people they will become by the end of this year—the new concepts they will master, the art projects they will create and stick to the fridge, the problems they will solve, the friendships they will forge and, my favorite, the books they will read.

It thrills me to watch my kids learn, connect and grow. I'm sure you feel the same way.

Instilling a love for lifelong learning is at the heart of what we do at **WTVP**. We provide on-ramps for every age—because learning at every age is crucial to health and wellness.

With fewer than half of all 3-4-year-olds enrolled in preschool, we are proud to provide a safe, dynamic and entertaining space that introduces children to the **joy of learning**, without commercial interruption, available 24/7 on broadcast and on demand, without cost.

Here is a number that will stick with you: last fiscal year, **WTVP** PBS KIDS content was streamed more than **5 million times** across the 17 counties we serve! Incredible, right? This is content that sticks with kids, resonates with their parents and, most importantly, helps prepare them for that first day of kindergarten.

The next time you have the joy of seeing a young child practice their reading out loud or work on their times tables, know that as a **WTVP** member, you are part of that. As my 5-year-old loves to tell people, *"I learned it on WTVP PBS KIDS."*

Thank you for your partnership!



Why They CAME

WTVP has launched a new, digital shorts series called **WHY THEY CAME**. Each roughly two-minute video highlights a different factor that drew early immigrants to central Illinois, from farming to mining to distilleries and more. The videos offer a bite-sized nugget of this area's history, revealing the forces that shaped our local communities.

You can watch **WHY THEY CAME** on **WTVP's** website, YouTube and social media.



REMEMBERING 9/11

COMMEMORATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11
WITH THESE MOVING PROGRAMS.

LEANING OUT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 9 PM

LEANING OUT offers an intimate look at the life and work of Leslie E. Robertson, the World Trade Center's Lead Structural Engineer, who was haunted by its collapse and the events of 9/11.

FRONTLINE: THE MAN WHO KNEW

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 9 PM

When the Twin Towers fell, the FBI's top expert on Al Qaeda went with them.

ARE WE SAFER TODAY?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 10 PM

Members of the 9/11 Commission discuss their historic work and ramifications for today.

GREAT PERFORMANCES

VERDI'S REQUIEM: THE MET REMEMBERS 9/11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 8 PM

The Met Opera presents a special performance of Verdi Requiem to commemorate 9/11.

SURVIVING 9/11: WHERE WE STAND

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 10 PM

Ten survivors of 9/11 reflect on the lasting effects of that day and share how, more than two decades later, they continue to find resilience and hope.

GENERATION 9/11

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2 PM | WTVP WORLD 47.3

This intimate film traces the stories of children born in the wake of 9/11 and an entire generation that has been shaped by the attacks.

MAN IN THE RED BANDANA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 9 PM

This one-hour documentary film tells the inspirational story of Welles Remy Crowther who worked on the 104th floor of the South Tower and saved at least ten people on September 11th.



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



STROKE ACROSS AMERICA **TRAUMA. ADAPTATION. PURPOSE.**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 10 PM

Debra Meyerson and her husband Steve Zuckerman navigate the challenging journey of stroke recovery and the struggle to rebuild identity after a life-altering event. Deb Meyerson, a Stanford Business School professor, suffered a life-changing stroke while hiking with her family at Lake Tahoe, leaving her partially paralyzed and unable to speak. Their journey is marked by inspiration and courage.



MADE IN THE WEST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 8 PM

In a world of fast fashion and fast furniture, functional art invites us to slow down and appreciate the details. This is art you can sit on, drink out of or wear on your feet. It reflects the natural surroundings and nowhere is this clearer than in the American West. Many of today's master artisans are aging out of the craft and the path to preserve this uniquely American art form is at stake.



STATE OF CHANGE **THE STATE OF THE ILLINOIS PRAIRIE**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 5:30 PM

This program, produced by WILL-TV, looks at efforts to retain existing prairie in Illinois, as well as strategies to restore some areas to a more natural state. According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, in the 19th century, Illinois was covered in 22-million acres of grassland. By 1978, less than 2,300 acres remained. Emmy-winning host and producer Tinisha Spain hosted this year's State of Change from the Loda Cemetery Prairie Nature Preserve in Iroquois County, Illinois.



POV **REMAKE**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 9 PM

For nearly 40 years, Ross McElwee has made documentaries about how his personal life intersects with the world at large. But the death of his son leaves him with hours of footage exposing both the bond and the barrier the camera forged between them.

WORLD OF DIFFERENCE EMBRACING NEURODIVERSITY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 10 PM

A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE: EMBRACING NEURODIVERSITY explores issues related to learning disabilities experienced from childhood through college. Through conversations with neurodiverse families, tips from experts and profiles of famous and successful individuals with learning differences, the series empowers and celebrates neurodiverse families around the world.



ROADTRIP NATION BEYOND BOOKS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 5:30 PM

Meet Maryan, Jenny and Isabelle—three aspiring librarians on a road trip to explore where this often-misunderstood career could take them. As their journey introduces them to the wide variety of communities served by libraries across America, they'll see that the public library is an essential space for everyone and a place where each of them can carve out an impact of their own.



INDEPENDENT LENS GHOST IN THE MACHINE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 9 PM

"Ghost in the Machine" reveals how the human values, biases and power structures behind artificial intelligence are shaping our world—and its societal and environmental consequences.



ANTIQUES ROADSHOW NEW EPISODES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AND 28, 7 PM

Travel back to season one to learn what the series' first finds are worth today, including an 1895 UNC football, an 1856 Chinese export Canton fire oil painting and a Jacob Hurd silver cann, circa 1745. Which has the most dramatic value change?



BUZZ

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 5:30 PM

In each episode of BUZZ, we meet a nonprofit and learn about the good it does in the community it serves. And we hear about the thing it needs to make the difference in the organization; something to reach more donors, volunteers, clients and fans.





Prairieland Adaptive invites individuals of all ages with physical disabilities and visual impairments to come and try a wide variety of adapted sports, recreation, and fitness activities, and explore our community resource fair featuring local businesses and organizations.



SATURDAY
September 26, 2026



TIME
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



BRADLEY UNIVERSITY
Markin Recreation Center
812 Clarissa Court
Peoria, IL 61606



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NEW **DRAMA**

THE MARLOW MURDER CLUB ON MASTERPIECE **NEW SEASON**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 7 PM

Back on board as official civilian advisors to DI Tanika Malik's investigative team, the trio—Judith, Becks and Suzie—continues to face a string of high-profile murders with their unconventional crime-solving methods.

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MARBLE HALL MURDERS ON MASTERPIECE **NEW SEASON**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 8 PM

Worlds collide when Susan, hired to edit the latest Atticus Pünd book, finds herself a suspect in a murder case. Within the novel, Pünd is visiting the Isle of Corfu when he becomes embroiled in the suspicious death of a wealthy elderly woman.

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VELVET **SEASON THREE**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 10 PM

In late 1950s Madrid, the golden age of haute couture, there is one place everyone would like to shop at least once in their lifetime: the Galerías Velvet. From Walter Presents, in Spanish with English subtitles.

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TRESPASSES **NEW SHOW**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 9 PM

Cushla is a young Catholic schoolteacher whose life in 1975 Northern Ireland is shadowed by the Troubles. She meets and falls for Michael—an older, married Protestant barrister. Their affair is intoxicating and dangerous. As the forbidden love between Cushla and Michael deepens, violence looms and tensions rise. Cushla is pulled between duty and desire, family and freedom.

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SISI: AUSTRIAN EMPRESS **NEW SEASON**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 10 PM

Power struggles in Europe, labor troubles in Vienna and the conflict over the upbringing of their son, crown prince Rudolf, put Sisi and Franz's love to the test. From Walter Presents, in German with English subtitles.

SEPTEMBER IS A BIG
MONTH FOR
**NEW SEASONS AND
NEW SHOWS!**



WTVP

Annual **IMPACT** Guide

CONNECTING and **INSPIRING** the communities we serve through **QUALITY CONTENT** that **EDUCATES, INFORMS** and **ENTERTAINS**.



BROADCAST WTVP's 4 broadcast channels were available to an estimated **910,000 people** in **17 counties**.

- **35,000+** hours of quality content were broadcast
- WTVP broadcast programs had over **5.89 million views***
- **230,000+** households tuned in on average each month

* Source: Nielsen. Does not include views of PBS KIDS, World or Create broadcast channels.



DIGITAL WTVP's content is available to stream **on-demand** on wtvp.org, the PBS App, the PBS KIDS Video and Games Apps, YouTube, PBS LearningMedia, Facebook and Instagram.

- **500,000+** general audience **streams** on the website and app
- **5.2 million+** PBS KIDS **videos** and **games played** on the website and app
- **250,000+** **videos viewed** on YouTube (up 10% from the previous year)
- **2 million+** social media (Facebook and Instagram) **content views** (interactions up 24%)
- Almost **26,000 teachers and students** used PBS LearningMedia



ENGAGEMENT WTVP **builds community** even beyond the screen, uniting people around great content.

- Held **44 events** at the studio and out in the community (up 83% from previous year)
- Connected with over **14,000 viewers** at events (up 56%)
- Featured almost **200 business, organizations and groups** on shows and at events (up 33%)
- Hosted over **1,500 guests** at the station (up 36%)
- Facilitated the adoption of **315 pets** through Mark's Furry Friends (up 7%)
- Connected with followers on social media:
 - **10,000+** on Facebook (up 30%)
 - **2,000+** on Instagram (up 31%)
 - **9,500+** on YouTube (up 5%)
- Harnessed the power of **64 volunteers** and Station Ambassadors



LOCAL PROGRAMMING

WTVP's local programming examines issues affecting our communities and spotlights local history, happenings and culture.

LAUNCHED 4 NEW SHOWS



432+
HOURS OF LOCAL
CONTENT
BROADCAST

259
NEW, LOCAL
PROGRAMS/EPISODES
WERE PRODUCED

WTVP
LOCAL Shows



AT **ISSUE**
WITH MARK WELP

Consider **THIS**
With Christine Zak-Edmonds



SOUND
BITES



FINANCES

Generous donors across central Illinois stepped in to fill the \$1 million gap left by the removal of federal funding for public media.

6,800 donors supported WTVP's mission

REVENUE:
\$4.5 MILLION*

EXPENSES:
\$3.7 MILLION*

* Pending audit



MEMBERSHIP

WTVP is 100% community supported.
Our members empower our mission!

- 2500 new members joined last year
- The number of Klystron Society members (donors who give over \$1,000 in a year) increased by 75%

To support quality content that connects and inspires,
become a member of WTVP.

WTVP PBS

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Mark Welp hosts this twice-monthly program featuring health care experts from Carle Health and OSF HealthCare. Each episode addresses a different topic, ranging from preventative care to diagnosis to treatment of health conditions.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 8:30 PM

With Dr. Kay Saving, Director of Medical Services with OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois and Dr. Brinda Mehta, Director of OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois Cancer and Blood Disorder Institute

BACK-TO-SCHOOL HEALTH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 8:30 PM

With Dr. Aaron Traeger, Pediatrician with Carle Health

NEW
EPISODES



heartland festival orchestra
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR / CONDUCTOR DAVID COMMANDAY

Season Opening Concert

Mozart & Bruch

Bruch's beloved Violin Concerto featuring HFO Concertmaster **Ji Myung Kim**, surrounded by Mozart's brilliant *Marriage of Figaro* Overture and majestic "Linz" Symphony.

Friday, September 11, 2026 | 7:30 PM

Crossroads Global Methodist Church
1420 N. Main St. #1387, Washington, IL

Tickets Available Now





ROUTE 66 IN ILLINOIS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 8 PM



The wait is over! YOU GOTTA SEE THIS returns with a brand-new special exploring the history, people and places of Route 66 in central Illinois.

As Route 66 approaches its 100th anniversary, we hit the road from Pontiac to Springfield to uncover the stories that have shaped one of America's most iconic highways. We'll visit historic landmarks and legendary roadside stops, meet the people working to preserve them and hear the memories of those whose lives have been connected to Route 66.

From the communities that grew alongside the highway to the people who traveled it in search of something new, discover the history and personal stories that have kept the Mother Road alive for nearly a century.

YOU GOTTA SEE THIS: ROUTE 66 IN ILLINOIS premieres
Saturday, September 19 at 8 p.m. on WTVP.

Music & MOVEMENT

JOHN NEUMEIER: A CREATIVE LIFE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 9 PM

JOHN NEUMEIER: A CREATIVE LIFE focuses on one of the most enduring and impactful ballet artists of the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS

NEW SEASON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 11 PM

Great music. No limits. Now the longest-running music series in American television history, ACL showcases popular music legends and innovators from every genre.

AMERICA IN SONG: A CONCORDIA CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 6 PM

From spirituals and hymns to Broadway and contemporary classics, AMERICA IN SONG: A CONCORDIA CELEBRATION explores the melodies that have shaped the nation's story.

PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SEASONS AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 5:30 PM

Filmed onsite at the historic Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, the Peoria Symphony Orchestra performs a stunning concert anchored by Antonio Vivaldi's iconic Le Quattro Stagioni, featuring guest violinist Rong-Yan Tang.

MOVING TOGETHER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 6 PM | WTVP WORLD 47.3

MOVING TOGETHER explores the process of dance and the intricate collaboration between dancers and musicians, moving seamlessly between Flamenco, Modern and New Orleans Second Line.



JOFFREY BALLET: THE NEXT MOVEMENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 8 PM

Five rising choreographers create world premieres for The Joffrey Ballet's Winning Works. Under intense time pressure, artists from across cultures and backgrounds transform personal stories into bold choreography shaping ballet's future.

WES MONTGOMERY A CELEBRATION CONCERT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 9:30 PM

Discover the genius of legendary Hoosier jazz guitarist Wes Montgomery through his music.

VOICES OF A NATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 (PART 1) AND
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (PART 2), 6 PM

Experience Peoria Symphony Orchestra's *Voices of a Nation* concert. Filmed in January 2026, the performance featured themes that reflect the American spirit through pieces by iconic American composers John Williams, Michael Torke, Aaron Copland and Ferde Grofé.

SING DEMOCRACY 250

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 8 PM

Celebrate America's 250th and reaffirm the promise of democracy at the Minneapolis Signature Concert. Powerful choral performances honor our nation's founding ideals, inspire hope and remind us that We, the People, are at the heart of it all.

STARSTRUCK

GENE KELLY'S LOVE LETTER TO BALLET

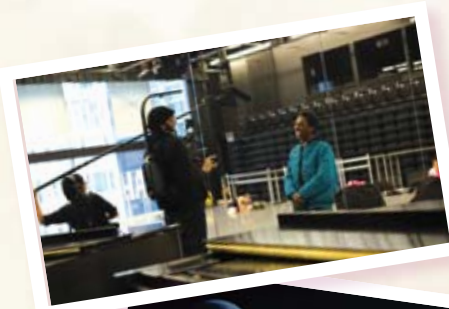
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 9:30 PM

Inspired by Gene Kelly's iconic work in Hollywood, STARSTRUCK is an immersive, theatrical experience for audiences to escape to the glamour and grace of Paris, 1960.

GREAT PERFORMANCES AT THE MET LA SONNAMBULA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 8 PM

Nadine Sierra stars as Amina in Bellini's tale of love lost and found. This new production by Rolando Villazón retains the opera's original setting in the Swiss Alps but uses its plot to explore the emotional and psychological valleys of the mind.



SCIENCE

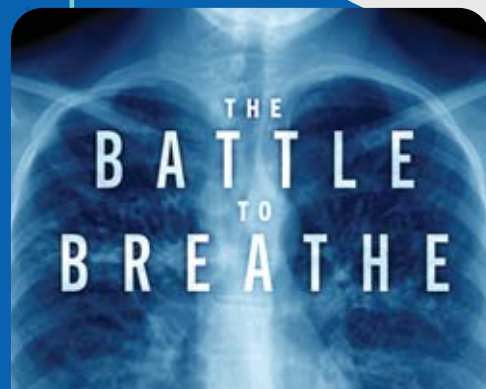
September delivers new NOVA episodes and a new climate solutions show.

NOVA

THE BATTLE TO BREATHE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 8 PM

Once a death sentence, cystic fibrosis now has an apparent miracle treatment. Follow the decades-long scientific quest, fueled by desperate parents, that led to this breakthrough and ponder the implications for the future of personalized medicine.



AGES OF ICE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 9 PM

Embark on a breathtaking journey to Earth's frozen frontiers in this three-part series. Meet the extraordinary scientists racing to decode the dramatic changes unfolding at our poles and reveal what it means for our future before time runs out. This is a story of scientific daring and discovery, grit and human endeavor, where unlocking the mysteries of our icy worlds is key to unlocking the forces that drive our planet.



NOVA

KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 8 PM

For millennia, Indigenous communities in North America have practiced a unique form of science. From navigating the featureless Arctic to building energy-efficient homes in the desert, see how cultural traditions have led to remarkable innovations.



NOVA

STONE AGE MASTERPIECE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 8 PM

Take an exclusive journey into a spectacular cave, hidden for millennia. Discover well-preserved Stone Age art of lions and mammoths and see how scientists are unlocking the secrets of these masterpieces of early human creativity.





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ORCHESTRA

FORCE *of* DESTINY

featuring tenor Rodrick Dixon

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Hear arias performed by a
powerful tenor and full orchestra!

OCTOBER 2, 2026 @ 7:30 PM
PRAIRIE HOME ALLIANCE THEATER



VIBE 309

WITH BLAKE WIRTH



BLAKE'S TAKE

From Vibe 309

**Andre and Jaleesha Allen:
Family, Service and Peoria Pride**

By Blake Wirth

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 8 PM

Entrepreneur Beau Landry joins Blake for a conversation about betting big on Greater Peoria, building places where people gather and the vision behind Brienzo's, NOW Group and his newest venture, VAULT. Then, 40 Leaders Under Forty alumna Lindsey Swischuk shares how her breast cancer journey inspired Pink Boots & Country Roots and a mission that's making a difference for local families. Plus, Blake heads to Soul Fest for a Vibe Check at one of the 309's biggest celebrations of music and community.

**NEW
EPISODE**

Have I ever mentioned the time I pooped my pants in Madagascar? It was at a funeral—a celebration of life. People were dancing and singing and drinking and firing old muskets into the air.

The gunshots weren't what made me poop my pants though; the goat liver I got tricked into eating was. They told me it was beef. It wasn't. It didn't take long to hit me and when it did, it was bad. I was in the middle of the desert and had no choice but to leave. I quietly left, walked three miles back to my hut, cleaned myself up and thought, "It probably can't get worse than this." I was wrong.

Fast forward many moons to about a year ago: my dad was diagnosed with cancer. It's funny how life has a way of putting things into perspective. Suddenly, pooping your pants in the middle of Africa wasn't that big of a deal.

For the record, that wasn't the last time it happened but that's a story for another day. Because today, I get to share some exciting news: recently, my dad—aka Slick Rick—was declared cancer free! I'm very grateful. I want to personally thank everyone at OSF HealthCare. This wasn't the first time they've taken care of Slick. In 2020, COVID nearly took his life and OSF was there. Then came a tumor on one kidney in 2023 and another on the other kidney in 2024.

You know, we spend a lot of time celebrating athletes, musicians and business leaders. And we should. But tonight, I want to celebrate the people who don't ask for applause. The doctors who deliver hard news with compassion. The nurses who work twelve-hour shifts. The technicians. The therapists. The people who answer the phones. The people who clean the rooms. The people who give families hope on what might be the hardest day of their lives. We're incredibly fortunate to have people like that right here in our city.

So to everyone at OSF, thank you. You gave my family something we'll never be able to repay: more time.

And to my dad, congratulations! I love you and I admire your strength.

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



OUTLAWS

BRAVE THE BACKSTORIES OF INFAMOUS OUTLAWS, GUNSLINGERS AND RUM RUNNERS.

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: BILLY THE KID

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 8 PM

Henry McCarty, a.k.a. Billy the Kid, electrified the nation with a miraculous prison escape just days before his execution. Finally gunned down by an ambitious sheriff a few weeks later, the Kid was soon mythologized by a stream of dime store novels and big-screen dramas. But in all the tellings, his real story has been obscured.

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AL CAPONE: ICON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 10 PM | WTVP WORLD 47.3

Was Al Capone a quintessential self-made American man, ruthless killer or both? Just his name sparks images of pin-stripe suits and bloody violence. To this day, Americans are fascinated by this celebrity gangster. The question is why?

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AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: BONNIE & CLYDE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 8 PM

Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow had been on a year-long deadly crime spree when their photos were discovered at an abandoned hideout, launching them into the national spotlight. Their newfound notoriety would force the outlaw lovers to take even greater risks to evade capture.

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AMERICAN EXPERIENCE BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 8 PM

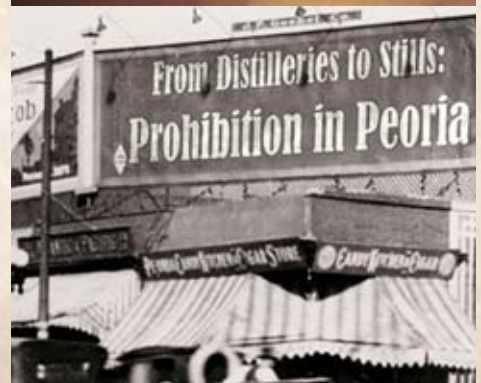
In the 1890s, the thrilling exploits of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid became front-page news and the basis of legend. But who were Robert Leroy Parker and Harry Alonzo Longabaugh? And how did they manage to pull off spectacular holdups while eluding the nation's largest private detective force?

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FROM DISTILLERIES TO STILLIS: PROHIBITION IN PEORIA

STREAM ANYTIME AT VIDEO.WTVP.ORG

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. But with Prohibition came a decision: either halt production or become outlaws!





BIG CATS 24/7
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 7 PM



AT ISSUE WITH MARK WELP
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 8 PM



CONSIDER THIS
WITH CHRISTINE ZAK-EDMONDS
PEORIA WOMEN'S CLUB
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 7:30 PM



A SHOT OF AG
LARRY TOMBAUGH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 8:30 PM

1 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Artistic Roots
- 8:00 PM Billy The Kid: American
Experience
- 9:00 PM Leaning Out
- 10:00 PM Stroke Across America:
Trauma. Adaptation.
Purpose.
- 10:30 PM Ireland with Michael
Iowish
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

2 WEDNESDAY

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Episode 1
- 8:00 PM NOVA
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with Miles O'Brien
Preserving Nature In
Argentina and Antarctica
- 10:00 PM Energy Switch
Efficiency and
Conservation
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

3 THURSDAY

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Walpole Adu | Retro
Vibes
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Paver Walkway, Mowing
A Lawn 101
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM In The Arena with
Doug Cruitt
Pierre Paul | We Hear You
- 9:00 PM Miss Scarlet and the Duke
On Masterpiece
Hotel St. Marc
- 10:00 PM PBS Program
To Be Announced
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

4 FRIDAY

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- 7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
Peoria Women's Club
- 8:00 PM Made in the West
- 9:00 PM John Neumeier:
A Creative Life
- 11:00 PM Market to Market
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

5 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Paris Side-Trips
- 6:30 PM Autumn In New England
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Great Entertainers
- 8:00 PM You Gotta See This!
Glass Blowing Mythili
Dance | Dragon Boat
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
Larry Tombaugh
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Holiday Special
- 11:00 PM Austin City Limits
Carlos Vives

6 SUNDAY

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- 5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM America In Song:
A Concordia Celebration
- 7:00 PM The Marlow Murder Club
On Masterpiece
The Queen of Poisons
Part One
- 8:00 PM Marble Hall Murders
On Masterpiece
Episode 1

- 9:00 PM Downton Abbey Season 3
On Masterpiece
Part Six
- 11:00 PM Astrid
Mandala

7 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Vintage Indianapolis
- 8:00 PM The War That Made
America
- 9:00 PM POV
Remake
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

8 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Song of the South
- 8:00 PM Bonnie & Clyde:
American Experience
- 9:00 PM Frontline
The Man Who Knew
- 10:00 PM World of Difference:
Embracing Neurodiversity
The Importance of Early
Intervention
- 10:30 PM Ireland with Michael
The Ancient East
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

9 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Big Cats 24/7
Episode 2
- 8:00 PM NOVA
Angkor: Hidden Jungle
Empire
- 9:00 PM Resolve to Solve with
Miles O'Brien
River Runs Dry,
Geothermal Goes Deep
- 10:00 PM Resolve to Solve with
Miles O'Brien
Mindshift: Rewiring The
Human Brain
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

10 THURSDAY

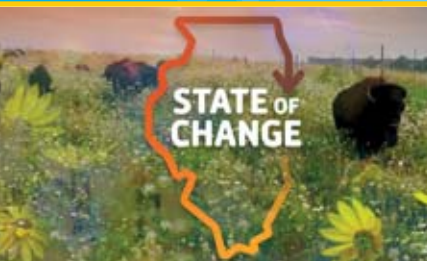
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- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Tile Soap Holders;
Swirl Ceiling
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
- 9:00 PM Miss Scarlet and the Duke
On Masterpiece
Bloodline
- 10:00 PM Are We Safer Today?
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

11 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
David Ferino - Film
Director & Writer
- 8:00 PM Great Performances
Verdi's Requiem: The Met
Remembers 9/11
- 10:00 PM Surviving 9/11: Where
We Stand
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

12 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
The Best of Israel
- 6:30 PM Travel Detective
Hidden Gems of
Santa Monica
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Songs of the Islands
- 8:00 PM Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 15, Episode 1
- 10:00 PM State & Water
Elizabeth Moen - Part 1
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits
ACL 12th Annual Hall of
Fame Honors Brandi Carlile
- 11:30 PM Stage
Cory Wong with Misty Boyce



STATE OF CHANGE
THE STATE OF THE ILLINOIS PRAIRIE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 5:30 PM



DOCS ON CALL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 8:30 PM



VIBE 309 WITH BLAKE WIRTH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 8 PM



IN THE ARENA WITH DOUG CRUITT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 8:30 PM

13 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Outside: Beyond The Lens
Desert Blooms
- 3:30 PM Savers of Flavor
A Cherry to Dye For
- 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 Seasons at the Cathedral,
with the Peoria
Symphony Orchestra
- 7:00 PM The Marlow Murder Club
On Masterpiece
The Queen of Poisons
Part Two
- 8:00 PM Marble Hall Murders
On Masterpiece
Episode 2
- 9:00 PM Downton Abbey Season 3
On Masterpiece
Part Seven
- 11:00 PM Astrid
The Last of the Aztecs

14 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Vintage Miami
- 8:00 PM The War That Made
America
- 9:00 PM Independent Lens
Ghost in the Machine
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

15 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Rags to Riches
- 8:00 PM Butch Cassidy & The
Sundance Kid: American
Experience
- 9:00 PM Man In Red Bandana
- 10:00 PM World of Difference:
Embracing Neurodiversity
Praise That Makes A
Difference for LD Kids
- 10:30 PM Ireland with Michael
Sports & Forts
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

16 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Big Cats 24/7
Episode 3
- 8:00 PM NOVA
The Battle to Breathe
- 9:00 PM Ages of Ice
The Frozen Heart
- 10:00 PM Energy Switch
Energy Phds
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

17 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
Walpole ADU | Board &
Batten Down The Hatches
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Picnic Table; Insurance
Policies
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM In The Arena with
Doug Cruitt
- 9:00 PM Miss Scarlet and the Duke
On Masterpiece
The Heir
- 10:00 PM Velvet
The Man of the Year
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

18 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
- 8:00 PM Joffrey Ballet: The Next
Movement
- 9:30 PM Wes Montgomery:
A Celebration Concert
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

19 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Palestine
- 6:30 PM Travel Detective
Project Orbis - Flying Eye
Hospital

- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Famous Themes
- 8:00 PM You Gotta See This!
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 15, Episode 2
- 10:00 PM State & Water
Harvest Sons - Part 1
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Billy Strings
- 11:30 PM Stage
Gully Boys with
Soufflower

20 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Outside: Beyond The Lens
Park City Beyond The
Slopes
- 3:30 PM Savers of Flavor
Okra from Another
Mother
- 4:00 PM In The Arena with
Doug Cruitt
- 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 Voices of a Nation with
Peoria Symphony
Orchestra
Part 1
- 7:00 PM The Marlow Murder Club
On Masterpiece
Murder in the Dark
Part One
- 8:00 PM Marble Hall Murders
On Masterpiece
Episode 3
- 9:00 PM Trespasses
Episode 1
- 10:00 PM Sisi: Austrian Empress
Episode 1
- 11:00 PM Astrid
Baptism of the Dead

21 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Vintage First Finds, Hour 1
- 8:00 PM PBS Program
To Be Announced

- 10:00 PM Ambient Film
Springtime at Dogwood
Ridge
- 10:30 PM On Story
On The Naked Gun
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

22 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
The Stories We Tell
- 8:00 PM PBS Program
To Be Announced
- 10:00 PM World of Difference:
Embracing Neurodiversity
Helping LD Kids Win The
Homework Wars
- 10:30 PM Ireland with Michael
North By Northwest
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

23 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Big Cats 24/7
Episode 4
- 8:00 PM NOVA
Knowledge Keepers
- 9:00 PM Ages of Ice
Polar Seas
- 10:00 PM Energy Switch
Arctic Climate
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

24 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
Walpole ADU | A Double
Homecoming
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Outdoor TV; Granite
Firepit
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
- 9:00 PM Miss Scarlet and the Duke
On Masterpiece
The Jewel of the North
- 10:00 PM Velvet
To Be Or Not to Be
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company



YOU GOTTA SEE THIS!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 8 PM



VOICES OF A NATION
PART 1
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6 PM



WEEKEND DISCOVERY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 5:30 PM



FRONTLINE
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 8 PM

25 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with Christine Zak-Edmonds Abbey Cook - Communication Junction
- 8:00 PM Sing Democracy 250
- 9:30 PM Starstruck: Gene Kelly's Love Letter to Ballet
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

26 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe Italy's Riviera: Cinque Terre
- 6:30 PM Travel Detective Hidden Gems of Charleston
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show Musical Tour of the U.S.
- 8:00 PM Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth Marc Supreme / Winter Riverfront Market
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife Season 15, Episode 3
- 10:00 PM State & Water The Wild Reeds - Part 1
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits Miguel
- 11:30 PM Stage The Suburbs with Matt Wilson

27 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Outside: Beyond The Lens Joshua Tree National Park
- 3:30 PM Savers of Flavor It's A Great Pumpkin
- 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 Voices of a Nation with Peoria Symphony Orchestra Part 2
- 6:32 PM Dr. Eddie Henderson: Uncommon Genius

- 7:00 PM The Marlow Murder Club On Masterpiece Murder in the Dark Part Two
- 8:00 PM Marble Hall Murders On Masterpiece Episode 4
- 9:00 PM Trespasses Episode 2
- 10:00 PM Sisi: Austrian Empress Episode 2
- 11:00 PM Astrid Wolf, Are You There?

28 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow Vintage First Finds, Hour 2
- 8:00 PM Great Performances at the Met La Sonnambula
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

29 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots In Search of Freedom
- 8:00 PM Frontline Scammed
- 9:30 PM This Moment In America: Artists in the Heartland
- 10:00 PM World of Difference: Embracing Neurodiversity Neurodiversity and Sports
- 10:30 PM Ireland with Michael Coastal Connemara
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

30 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Big Cats 24/7 Episode 5
- 8:00 PM NOVA Stone Age Masterpiece Ages of Ice The Incubator of Life
- 9:00 PM Energy Switch Shipping, Part 1
- 10:00 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

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DAYTIME schedule

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 1 -30	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 ¹				
	8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood ¹				
	8:30	Phoebe & Jay				
	9:00	Sesame Street				
	9:30	Work It Out Wombats!				
	10:00	Donkey Hodie				
	10:30	Rosie's Rules				
	11:00	Elinor Wonders Why				
	11:30	Taste Of History	J Schwanke's Life In Bloom	Garden SMART	My Greek Table	Fit 2 Stitch
	12:00	America's Forests with Chuck Leavell	Antiques Roadshow	Finding Your Roots	NOVA	Ages of Ice
	12:30	Japanology Plus				
	1:00	Eric En Plein Air	Books by the River	Lawrence Welk Show	Farmer and The Foodie	Food. Curated.
	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				
	3:30	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum				
	4:00	Cyberchase/Biz Kid\$/SciGirls/Curious Crew/Youth Music Of The World				
	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				

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	Phoebe & Jay
9:00	Curious Traveler	Sesame Street
9:30	Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting	Reading League's Reading Buddies
10:00	Quilting Arts	Wimee's Words
10:30	Garden SMART	Vegesaurus
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	Consider This
12:30	This Old House	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe
1:00	Ask This Old House	Market to Market
1:30	Garage with Steve Butler	CapitolView
2:00	Woodsmith Shop	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
2:30	Radical Restoration	New Scandinavian Cooking
3:00	Christopher Kimball's Milk Street TV	See WTVP-HD Daily Listings for Schedule
3:30	Dining with the Chef	
4:00	Dook Chase: A Chef's Journey	
4:30	Cook's Country	
5:00	Compass Points From PBS News	
5:30	MotorWeek/Weekend Discovery ¹	

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▶ **THE MARLOW MURDER CLUB ON MASTERPIECE SEASON 3 – PASSPORT BINGE!**

- SEASONS 1-2 STREAMING NOW WITH PASSPORT
- SEASON 3 AVAILABLE STARTING SEPTEMBER 6

Now an established part of newly promoted DI Tanika Malik's (Natalie Dew) crime-solving team, retired archaeologist Judith (Samantha Bond), dog-walker Suzie (Jo Martin) and vicar's wife Becks (Cara Horgan) are back and bringing their unconventional methods to a string of high-profile murders.

▶ **MARBLE HALL MURDERS ON MASTERPIECE PASSPORT BINGE!**

- MAGPIE MURDERS AND MOONFLOWER MURDERS
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- MARBLE HALL MURDERS AVAILABLE STARTING SEPTEMBER 6

Susan Ryeland (Lesley Manville) finds herself involved in another baffling murder. Returning to England, she is reluctantly drawn into a new Atticus Pünd mystery, this time written by a new, young writer. "Pünd's Last Case" is a story set in 1955, in an exotic villa in Corfu—but the identity of a real killer is hidden in the book once again. The literary detective Atticus Pünd (Tim McMullan) returns to help Susan unravel the real-life mystery.

▶ **PARADISE SEASON 12 – PASSPORT BINGE!**

- SEASONS 1-11 STREAMING NOW WITH PASSPORT
- SEASON 12 AVAILABLE STARTING SEPTEMBER 18

As Umberto uses Vittorio's debt to tighten his grip on Paradise, Marta and Vittorio risk everything to save the store. Amid Christmas hopes, family tensions and secret affairs, the Veneri rally together, while a precious painting may offer the last chance to stop the great department store from falling into ruin. In Italian with English subtitles.

▶ **TRESPASSES PASSPORT BINGE!**

- SEASON 1 AVAILABLE STARTING SEPTEMBER 20

Cushla is a young Catholic schoolteacher whose life in 1975 Northern Ireland is shadowed by the Troubles. She meets and falls for Michael—an older, married Protestant barrister. Their affair is intoxicating and dangerous. As the forbidden love between Cushla and Michael deepens, violence looms and tensions rise. Cushla is pulled between duty and desire, family and freedom.



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IN THE ARENA WITH DOUG CRUITT

NEW
EPISODE

ALEX CHEQUIM | DIGIFARMZ THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 8:30 PM

Entrepreneur and agronomist Alex Chequim traces a journey that began with a childhood lemonade stand in Brazil and grew into DigiFarmz, an ag technology company now based in the Midwest. He shares how setbacks became opportunities, why farmers need better decision-making tools and how a global vision brought him to Peoria to help agriculture become more profitable, efficient and sustainable.



ConsiderTHIS

With Christine Zak-Edmonds

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AND 18, 7:30 PM

NEW
EPISODE

This talk show produced by **WTVP** features the news and newsmakers of the day in a whole new way. Veteran journalist Christine Zak-Edmonds helps us connect with our leaders, entertainers and maybe even our neighbors in ways we may have never considered. Did they always want that job? How did they learn to be so self-sufficient? What is it about their lives that may inspire us to reconsider some aspect of our own?

Upcoming guests and topics include the Peoria Women's Club with its 140-year history and Dick Oakford, a man with deep central Illinois roots who published a family member's diary about their wagon train journey from Metamora to California.



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DOCS ON CALL | EPILEPSY AND SEIZURES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Local neurologists explain epilepsy, seizure warning signs, treatment and first aid.



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ECOWATCH | CAN DATA CENTERS AND CLEAN ENERGY GROW RESPONSIBLY?

Illinois weighs data center rules while solar grazing puts farmland to work in a new way.



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IN THE ARENA | CHAD UDELL | SPARKLEARN

Chad Udell recounts his journey from tinkering as a child to pioneering AI training tools.



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VIBE 309 | ANDRE AND JALEESHA ALLEN: FAMILY, SERVICE AND PEORIA PRIDE

Andre and Jaleesha Allen talk family and service, while Blake works a day at Peoria Zoo.

TRAVELS

Find your escape with these **NEW SHOWS** and **SEASONS**.

AUTUMN IN NEW ENGLAND **NEW SHOW**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30 PM

New England comes alive in autumn, with its stunningly vibrant foliage and unique traditions. Host Lindsay Paris travels through five states, from coastal Connecticut to the Green Mountains of Vermont, to experience the season's most unforgettable activities.



IRELAND WITH MICHAEL **NEW SEASON**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 10:30 PM

Join Emmy-nominated Irish tenor Michael Londra on an unforgettable journey across the Emerald Isle—where ancient history, vibrant music and cultural treasures come alive. From misty cliffs to lively pubs and legendary landmarks to tucked-away treasures, discover Ireland's stories, songs, stunning landscapes and unforgettable cultural experiences.



TRAVEL DETECTIVE **NEW SEASON**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6:30 PM

In the eleventh season of this television series, Travel Editor Peter Greenberg shares cutting-edge travel news, must-have information, insider secrets on navigating the travel process and global hidden gem destinations. Featured destinations in this season include Charleston, Catalina Island, Manchester, England, Eastern Europe cruise stops, historic resorts and luxury trains!



HOMETOWNS **NEW SEASON**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 5:30 PM

In this season of HOMETOWNS, we uncover the narratives behind diverse communities across the country and beyond. From our mountain roots in Central Appalachia to the Alaskan wilderness, we explore how these places came to life and why people choose to call them home. Travel far enough and you see it: every hometown has its own story to tell, yet somehow, we may not be as different as we think.





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

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THE SHOWS THAT MAKE JED SMILE

Jed Klabunde watches everything on PBS. Everything. As the Chief Programming and Operations Officer, he schedules the content on **WTVP's** four channels, working with PBS' structure and filling in the gaps with local programming. You can ask him about any show on PBS and he will know the answer.

So when it came to Jed's turn on Stamping the Passport, he had a wealth of content to choose from! Jed's pick: anything from Rick Sebak.

Rick has worked in public broadcasting for 50 years, producing content through WQED in Pittsburgh—the same station where Fred Rogers got his start. Jed calls Rick's shows "classic PBS Americana," and right now, PBS is celebrating his anniversary with "The Rick Sebak Collection" playlist. "I remember watching them as a young adult and just smiling," says Jed. "He shows people the way they are and doesn't elaborate on it. He captures a little slice of American history right there."

Sebak's shows spotlight different aspects of American life, like hot dogs, amusement parks, diners, road trips and flea markets. For Jed, it's hard to pin down a favorite. "They are all uniquely different. If I had to pick one, I'm a big fan of pie so I would pick that episode." Jed also appreciates Sebak's interviews with Fred Rogers. "They are really insightful and capture the idea behind public television and learning."

While Jed appreciates how Sebak's shows make him smile, it's the public media ethos he finds most valuable. "There are a lot of people in public broadcasting who have been around for a really long time. They're not in it for the money but to show the things that make PBS unique."

Jed himself has been around for a long time. He started at **WTVP** in the early 2000s as a member of the crew. Then, as positions opened in Master Control, IT and Traffic, Jed was

invited to fill them and he responded. Eventually, Jed moved into his current role as head of programming. Jed sums up his career at **WTVP** with, "There was an opportunity and I was suggested to move there and I did."

Jed is deeply invested in the mission of PBS. "We are more than just entertainment. We are telling stories about the community and spreading culture." And he loves finding colleagues across the system who are just as devoted. "You find people who are passionate about their local area and they work at PBS to tell those local stories, just like us."

For Jed, the real treasures on Passport are not the popular shows but the local ones produced by people at other stations like **WTVP**. "I would suggest going on Passport and finding things that local people are doing." To find them, visit video.wtvp.org or the PBS App and search for a city, state or region. You might be surprised at what pops up!



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September 4



Parks on Tap
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September 4



Friday Night Heights
Tower Park
September 4



Pekin Marigold Festival
Mineral Springs Park
September 9



Come From Away
Peoria Players Theatre
September 11-20



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Water Street in Peoria
September 13



Dan Hubbard
Wildlife Prairie Park
September 18



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September 19



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September 20



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MULTIPLE CHOICE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 8 PM

For decades, America's data-driven college-for-all agenda has created a no-win choice for most high school graduates: take on the risk and expense of college or work a low-wage job. But in an economically-challenged Virginia community, one superintendent is demonstrating the immense power of career-based learning—not as a last-chance resort for some but as foundational for all.



FRONTIER TO FREEDOM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 7 PM

FRONTIER TO FREEDOM unearths the rich and often overlooked history of Michigan, tracing its evolution from a vast, untamed wilderness inhabited by Indigenous peoples in 1600 to its emergence as the 26th state in 1837. Through a blend of expert interviews, archival imagery, animated maps and striking visuals, the documentary explores the region's formative years, its history of war and conflict on the American frontier, and the complex socio-political forces that shaped its path to statehood.



WHO'S THE WE?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 6 PM

WHO'S THE WE? follows pastor and activist Doug Pagitt on a 66-day bicycle journey tracing the length of the U.S.–Mexico border and beyond. Encountering migrants, aid workers and opposing political movements along the way, the film explores immigration, nationalism, faith and the question of who belongs in America.



1001 CUTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 7 PM

1001 CUTS reveals the hidden barriers facing women in surgery—from everyday sexism to systemic discrimination. Through powerful personal stories, the film shows how culture shapes patient care, while celebrating the grit, expertise and resilience of women working to transform medicine and build a more inclusive future.



Weekend MARATHONS

FRIDAYS, 8 PM — 1 AM

SATURDAYS, 9 AM — 2 PM

SUNDAYS, 11 AM — 4 PM



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You can find our full **Create** schedule by scanning the QR code. You can also request to be added to a schedule mailing list by emailing mail@wtvp.org.

Let WTVP Create spark your creativity with these engrossing marathons!

BACK TO (COOKING) SCHOOL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

It's back-to-school season, so we're going back to basics in the kitchen. These instruction-packed, veggie-forward recipes are full of fresh flavors for each meal of the day and a few treats in between! Turn your TV into your own personal cooking school for the weekend with Create.



A TRIBUTE TO NEW YORK CITY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

New York may be the City that Never Sleeps but it is full of dreams and creativity. Celebrate the vibrant splendor and the resilience of the Big Apple through food, dance, culture and connection.



NORTHERN MEXICO ADVENTURE WITH PATI JINICH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

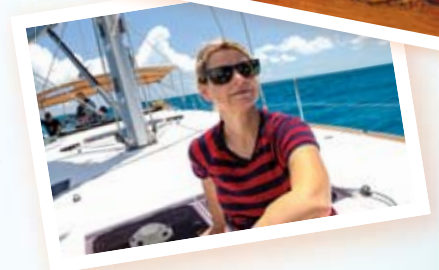
Explore northern Mexico with Pati Jinich to kick off this Hispanic Heritage Month. Discover the dramatic landscapes and cooking traditions of Coahuila in an extended sneak preview of the new season of PATI'S MEXICAN TABLE and enjoy favorites from neighboring Nuevo Leon and Chihuahua in an exploration of la frontera.



ALL ABOARD WITH SAMANTHA BROWN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Leave the planes, trains and automobiles and come aboard for an aquatic adventure with Samantha Brown as she finds PLACES TO LOVE on the bays, rivers, lakes and seas from the shores of Australia to the Alaskan archipelago.





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SATURDAYS AT 8:30 PM

A new season of A SHOT OF AG WITH ROB SHARKEY brings a fresh lineup of powerful stories this September, showcasing the people, passions and innovations shaping agriculture across Illinois.

**NEW
SEASON**

This month, we meet a flower farmer cultivating beauty, a fifth-generation veterinarian carrying on a remarkable family legacy, the owner of Big Horse Vineyards and the people behind a ranch helping individuals find hope and healing as they recover from addiction. Each guest shares a powerful story of agriculture, perseverance and purpose.



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WHEN: Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE: Uptown Circle, Normal, IL

Don't miss the chance to meet Daniel Tiger and Katerina Kittycat, participate in fun activities and take home a Daniel Tiger book! Celebrate kindness, connection and community with us!

We can't wait to see you at this grr-if-ic event!



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