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IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

JANUARY 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE

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IN CASE *you* MISSED IT

DECEMBER WAS A GREAT MONTH FOR LOCAL CONTENT! Here are some highlights for you to check out again or for the first time. Just use your smartphone camera, point it at the QR code and a link will take you directly to each story!



wtvp.tv/ai318



AT ISSUE | ORGAN DONATION

Learn why thousands of Illinoisans are waiting for organ donations and how you can help.



wtvp.tv/ct619



CONSIDER THIS | ERIN KOLLER

The Stocking Stuffer Store helps kids under 12 shop for the special people in their life.



wtvp.tv/doc107



DOCS ON CALL | HOLIDAY NUTRITION

Keep your weight loss goals on track with these tips from OSF dietitians.



wtvp.tv/hscs



HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL SHOWCASE | DUNLAP METAMORA | WASHINGTON

The madrigal singers from Dunlap, Washington and Metamora perform festive music.



wtvp.tv/sag620



A SHOT OF AG | EMILY SHARKEY

Emily Sharkey, farm wife and Head Producer of *A Shot of Ag*, steps into the spotlight.



wtvp.tv/ygst506



YOU GOTTA SEE THIS | BREAD | BELLS SNOWMOBILES

Join us for a joyful celebration of the sights, sounds and smells of the season.



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Fresh fallen snow charms the senses, muffling sound and sparkling in the sun. Don Stedman, WTVP Studio Supervisor, captured this sparkling moment on a farm in Edwards, IL.

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JENN GORDON
President and CEO

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'It will be happier.'"

— ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON

Hope is a powerful thing. It stirs us to let go of the past, to look beyond our present and to work towards a brighter tomorrow. Though the season of gift-giving is past, I believe that 2026 holds a host of wonderful "gifts" for us to unwrap and enjoy. Each day we can welcome opportunities to learn new things, to connect with one another and to help our communities grow to be more vibrant, more compassionate and more creative in how we solve problems and work together.

The New Year is also cause for celebration! And how do we celebrate at **WTVP**? By bringing you brand new seasons of your PBS favorites of course! *Miss Scarlet* and *All Creatures Great and Small* are back with delightfully entertaining episodes to warm up even the bleakest of mid-winter days. We'll also keep you connected with the best locally-produced content with all new episodes of *Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth*, *You Gotta See This!*, *Docs on Call*, *A Shot of Ag*, *At Issue with Mark Welp*, *Consider This* and more!

The celebration will continue throughout 2026 as we look forward to honoring our recently announced 40 Leaders Under Forty honorees in March and by bringing you even more local stories through new shows produced by **WTVP**.

A happier year filled with the very best in good-for-you content is our promise to you!

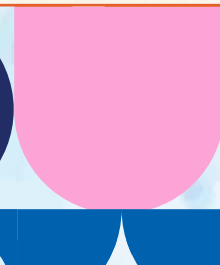
With hope,



SCAN to DONATE



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you gotta
see this!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 8:30 PM

THIS MONTH, WE'RE REVISITING SOME OF OUR BEST SEGMENTS FROM 2025!

J. DRAPER GLASS BLOWING: Meet a local glassblower turning her passion into art.

MYTHILI DANCE: A local studio passes on the elegance and tradition of Bharatanatyam dance.

DRAGON BOAT: Thanks to the Peoria Chinese Association, a traditional dragon boat prowls the Illinois River, welcoming everyone to join the fun!

WHAT WILL THE FOURTH SEGMENT BE? YOU'LL HAVE TO WATCH TO FIND OUT!



MASTERPIECE ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL

SEASON 6

PREMIERES SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 8 PM

We return to Darrowby in May 1945 to find Skeldale House at sixes and sevens. As victory in Europe is declared, there is the promise of peace at last, but James is wishing for a greater sense of peace at the surgery as he juggles vet work with a busy family life and an exceptionally challenging Siegfried. Helen's enjoying time with young Jimmy and Rosie but has big changes afoot at Heston Grange to contend with. Tristan returns from several years at war and will have to re-adjust to life back home in Darrowby. Meanwhile, Mrs. Hall works hard to bring everybody back together and restore harmony at the surgery! We watch as our characters reconnect with each other and find their renewed purpose, as the world around them starts to breathe again and look to a brighter future.

MEMBERS OF WTVP CAN BINGE ALL SEVEN EPISODES WITH PASSPORT STARTING ON JANUARY 11.

DON'T MISS THIS NEW SEASON OF THE BELOVED SHOW.

Watch some of your favorites on **WTVP Passport**.

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HELP FOR YOUR NEW YEAR'S Resolutions

**WTVP's EMPOWERING PROGRAMMING CAN HELP YOU
ACHIEVE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!**

LOOKING TO DECLUTTER?

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW RED BUTTE GARDEN & ARBORET MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 7 PM

Roadshow celebrates an all-new Season 30, starting with a stop in Salt Lake City! Discoveries include German candy containers, ca. 1910, a Donegal Arts & Crafts carpet and a 1937 "The Hobbit" first UK edition. Which find is valued at \$100K?

WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOUR ROOTS?

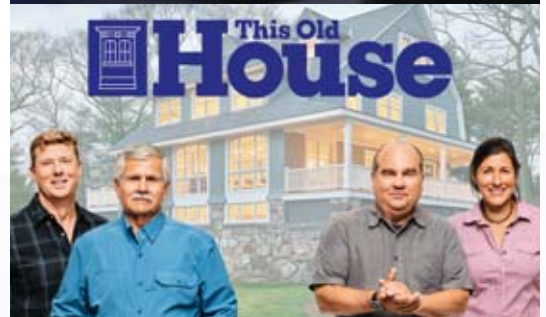
FINDING YOUR ROOTS AMERICAN DREAMS TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 7 PM

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. helps actors America Ferrera and Darren Criss uncover their immigrant roots—telling stories of revolutionaries in Honduras, a Dutchman who helped build New York City and a young woman from the Philippines who brought her family to California against great odds. Along the way, family histories are brought to light—and America and Darren come to see themselves in a new way.

TACKLING HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS?

THIS OLD HOUSE THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 7 PM

Discover America's leading home improvement series, the Emmy Award-winning *This Old House*. Follow home renovations from start to finish with America's favorite team of experts: Tom Silva, Richard Trethewey, Jenn Nawada and Kevin O'Connor.



TACKLING HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS?

ASK THIS OLD HOUSE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 7:30 PM

Travel alongside the experts of Emmy nominated series *Ask This Old House* and learn how to tackle everyday home improvement projects. Tom Silva, Richard Trethewey, Jenn Nawada, Mauro Henrique, Nathan Gilbert and host Kevin O'Connor answer homeowner questions with house calls.



IMPROVING YOUR HEALTH?

WTVP'S DOCS ON CALL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 8:30 PM

Mark Welp hosts this twice-monthly program featuring health care experts from Carle Health, OSF HealthCare and Graham Health System. Each episode will address a different topic, ranging from preventive care to diagnosis to treatment of health conditions. New episodes air the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.



HEALTHY MINDS WITH DR. JEFFREY BORENSTEIN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 10 PM

Healthy Minds With Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein aims to remove the stigma of mental illness and demonstrate that with help, there is hope. The series features experts sharing cutting-edge information, including new approaches and next-generation therapies in diagnostics, treatment and research.





THOMAS PAINE'S TO BEGIN THE WORLD OVER AGAIN

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 8 PM

Triumphs and tragedies of Thomas Paine's life unfold in *To Begin the World Over Again*, a one-man play filmed live in Hollywood. Paine, provocative writer and flawed politician, ignited revolutions yet died ignored. His radical ideas on democracy, equality, and morality still challenge us: "We have it in our power to begin the world over again."



FORTUNATE SONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 9 PM

The story of the 1974 graduating class of the Harvard School, a private military academy for the sons of the Los Angeles elite. During COVID they reconnected online, sharing with rare emotional honesty about life, love, loss and redemption. Culminating with the class's 50th reunion, it models the importance of mental wellness for boys and men and the power of connection and vulnerability.



BREAKING THE DEADLOCK A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 8 PM

What does "freedom" mean—and what is the role of government—when people face life and death choices? As with many other complex issues, Americans are divided in their views regarding the limits of personal autonomy. In this hour-long special, moderator Aaron Tang and a panel of experts with very different views take on a hypothetical scenario that raises questions about reproductive rights, as well as our right to die at a time of our choosing. *Breaking the Deadlock: A Matter of Life and Death* encourages dialogue and the possibility of common ground.



CLOSER TO TRUTH'S EASTERN TRADITIONS AND THE BIG QUESTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 10:30 PM

How do Buddhism, Chinese traditions, Hinduism and Shintoism address causality, consciousness, energies, God and ultimate reality? What is non-dualism? How is the world interconnected? How are metaphysics and morality related?

King's

CELEBRATION CONCERT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 5:30 PM

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) in partnership with Ebenezer Baptist Church present the return of the much-loved Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration concert. *King's Celebration Concert* highlights both the musicians of the ASO and the church. Members of the ASO's lauded chorus and the Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir are joined by jazz singer, Gregory Porter, and other special guest artists.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 8:30 PM

Vibe 309 returns with a brand new episode! This month, Blake talks with Bradley Student Body President, Al Cuizon, Jr., followed by a Vibe Check at Carver Arena. Start your year off with good vibes!





NEW

DOCUMENTARIES

Dive deeper into the stories behind the stories with these compelling documentaries.

WALKABLE USA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 9 PM

Noted planner and walkable city advocate Jeff Speck partners with Hammond, Indiana in an attempt to breathe new life into the city's once-thriving downtown core.

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NO PLACE TO GROW OLD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 9:30 PM

No Place to Grow Old is the first documentary to explore the growing crisis of older adult homelessness in America. Set in Portland, Oregon, this film intimately follows three seniors — offering a rare and deeply human look at an overlooked and underserved demographic.

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WEATHERED: AFTER THE LA FIRESTORM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 9 PM

After the devastating 2025 LA wildfires, residents and fire leaders unite to make LA a model for recovery and a blueprint for communities facing future disasters.





VOCES: AMERICAN SONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 9 PM

Follow a group of Marines a decade after their deployment to Afghanistan as they navigate the lingering trauma of war and the devastating loss of their comrade, Corporal JV Villarreal.

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BETTER NEXT BIG THING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 10 PM

This thought-provoking film looks at the world's largest and cleanest lithium supply in California's Salton Sea region. As the global economy transitions to renewable energy, the documentary asks: can this rural, underserved community rewrite the rules of economic opportunity and ensure the green energy revolution works for everyone?

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INDEPENDENT LENS

VIVIEN'S WILD RIDE

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 9 PM

When legendary film editor Vivien Hillgrove begins losing her sight, she confronts memories of loss and resilience while reinventing herself as an artist with a disability. From her groundbreaking career in cinema to her life on a small farm with her partner, Karen, Vivien's story reveals how creativity, care and connection can reshape what it means to see and belong.

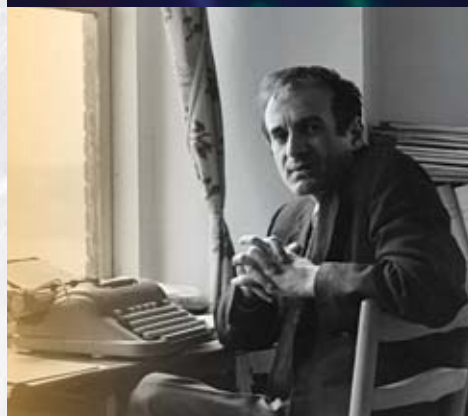
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AMERICAN MASTERS

ELIE WIESEL: SOUL ON FIRE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 8 PM

Told largely through his own words and eloquent voice, *Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire* seeks to penetrate to the heart of the known and unknown Elie Wiesel (1928-2016) — his passions, his conflicts and his legacy as one of the most public survivors of the trauma of the Holocaust. With unique access to personal archives, original interviews and hand painted animation, the film illuminates Wiesel's biography as a survivor, writer, teacher and public figure.



NEW Music

FRESHEN UP YOUR PLAYLIST WITH THESE MOVING MUSIC SHOWS.

GREAT PERFORMANCES FROM VIENNA: THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 7 PM

The famed Vienna Philharmonic rings in the New Year with its annual concert from Vienna's Musikverein conducted for the first time by Yannick Nézet-Séguin with performances by the Vienna State Ballet and location segments hosted by Hugh Bonneville.

GREAT PERFORMANCES AT THE MET FIDELIO

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 8 PM

In her second role of this season of *Great Performances at the Met*, Lise Davidzen stars as Leonore, who risks everything to save her husband from the clutches of tyranny. David Butt Philip is the political prisoner Florestan, sharing the stage with Tomasz Konieczny as the villainous Don Pizarro, René Pape as the jailer Rocco and Ying Fang as Marzelline.

CLASSICAL TAHOE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 6 PM

Classical Tahoe season four features six new episodes of orchestral music from a world-class group of musicians. The artists come to Lake Tahoe from various locations across the globe to perform at the highest level while also enjoying the sublime beauty of this region. In season four, the beautiful setting and dynamic staging are back, but some of the faces are new. Conductors Daniela Candillari and Ruth Reinhardt make their debuts at the festival, and soloists Emmanuel Ceysson (harp), Gilles Vonsattel (piano) and Tessa Lark (violin) light up the stage.

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS RENEÉ RAPP/THEE SACRED SOUL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 10:30 PM

Season 51 introduces multiple fan-favorite acts in revelatory ACL debuts. Pop phenom Reneé Rapp delivers chart-toppers and kiss-off anthems from her LP *BITE ME* in a double-bill with acclaimed modern soul trio Thee Sacred Souls, who shine with sweet-soul highlights from their critically lauded sophomore album *Got a Story To Tell*.



NEW TO PASSPORT

WTVP Passport is your ticket to thousands of great shows on-demand, including full seasons of these binge-worthy titles:



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▶ **MISS SCARLET**

SEASONS 1-6 STREAMING NOW

Miss Scarlet continues solving crimes in Victorian London as the city's first female private investigator. All six seasons are available with Passport.

▶ **ASTRID**

SEASONS 1-4 STREAMING NOW
SEASON 5 STREAMING JANUARY 2

Astrid, an autistic woman with a brilliant mind who works in the judicial police's library, helps Commander Raphaëlle solve the most complex cases. In French with English subtitles.

▶ **ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL**

SEASONS 1-5 STREAMING NOW
SEASON 6 STREAMING JANUARY 11

Return to the Yorkshire Dales for more charming stories of James Herriot's life as a country vet. Binge all seven episodes of the new season starting January 11.

▶ **BOOKISH**

SEASON 1 STREAMING JANUARY 11

Post-WWII London is a dangerous place. Especially for men like Gabriel Book. But every good bookseller needs a hobby — and Book's is solving murders. Binge all six episodes of this new show starting January 11.

▶ **CALL THE MIDWIFE**

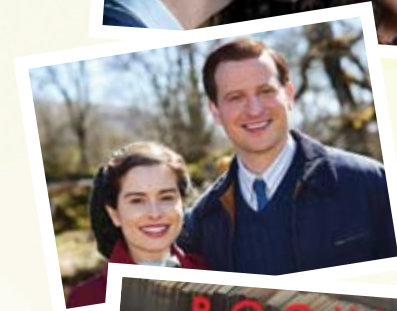
SEASON 14 STREAMING JANUARY 22

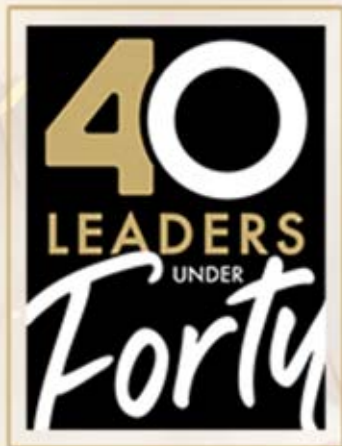
The midwives enter the 1970s, which brings with it new challenges for Nonnatus House — and to British society. Rewatch and binge all eight episodes of Season 14 with Passport starting on January 22.

▶ **SISI: AUSTRIAN EMPRESS**

SEASONS 1-3 STREAMING NOW
SEASON 4 STREAMING JANUARY 30

Meet Sisi, Europe's first superstar. With her beauty, love of freedom and promise to give the Habsburg monarchy a gentler face, this legendary empress inspired the whole of the continent. In German with English subtitles.





CELEBRATE LEADERSHIP

WTVP PBS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE SELECTION OF
THE 40 LEADERS UNDER FORTY CLASS OF 2025!

Rilla Adcock
Caleb Aeschliman
Temi Akinlua
Jaleesha Allen
Laura Burke
Amanda Campbell
Alex Carmona
Kate Carter
Molly Copher
Rozana Dwyer

Lauren Emanuelson
Melissa Entzminger
Katie Fitch
Ryan Funk
Jason Garber
Dave Gleissner
Josh Graham
William Grant
Justin Green
Shilpa Hari

Frannie Heine
Molly Hogeboom
Laurel Huston
Megan Hutton
Nick Knuffman-Brewer
Gabrielle Kolditz
James Kosner
Adam Larck
Dave Maroon
Diamond Matthews

Derek Oddo
Sarah Polnitz
Zach Ponder
Luke Rosenbohm
Gina Seghetti
Kelsey Staley
Patricia Starkey
Bill Sullivan
Lindsey Swischuk
Mike Whittle

Tickets for the 40 Leaders Recognition Event will be available for purchase starting January 12 at wtvp.tv/fortytix. Each ticket includes a drink and a dinner entree. Tickets are available for \$75.

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2026

Location: Par-A-Dice Hotel

Don't miss out on this exciting evening--secure your tickets soon!

DISCOVER PEORIA

YOUR JANUARY EVENTS CALENDAR FROM DISCOVER PEORIA. FIND A FULL LIST AT [PEORIA.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.peoria.org/events)



FOLEPI's Winter Wonderland
123 Par 3 Lane, East Peoria
Jan 1-4



Peoria Rivermen Hockey
Peoria Civic Center
Jan 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 23, and 25



The Princess Ball
Avanti's Event Center
Jan 3



Broadway in Peoria: Hadestown
Peoria Civic Center
Jan 6 and 7



Bradley Men's Basketball Game
Peoria Civic Center
Jan 7, 10, 21, and 24



Free Admission Day
Peoria Riverfront Museum
Jan 11



Harlem Globetrotters 100 Year Tour
Peoria Civic Center
Jan 11



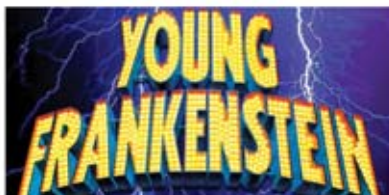
Crafty Hour
Crafted DIY Studio & Bar
Every Wednesday in January



Jason Aldean
Peoria Civic Center
Jan 22



Retro 70's Social Dance
Wildlife Prairie Park
Jan 24



Mel Brooks' Young Frankenstein
Peoria Players Theatre
Jan 30 and 31



8-Bit Brawl: Tecmo Super Bowl Tournament
Avanti's Event Center
Jan 31



Catch Living It Up, **WTVP'S WEEKLY GUIDE TO WEEKEND FUN.**

The two-minute video posts each week on YouTube and **WTVP's** social media.





Big Brothers
Big Sisters.
HEART OF ILLINOIS



IT TAKES LITTLE TO BE BIG

For anyone thinking about becoming a Big Sister or Big Brother, just remember — "it's worth a shot."

- Little Brother Jakobi

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AMERICA
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Ken Burns
Guest Curator

THE PROMISE OF LIBERTY

KEN BURNS, GUEST CURATOR

Experience 250 years of America in an original exhibition of more than 100 of the most important documents, artworks, and objects in our nation's history, guest curated by Ken Burns.

EXHIBITION OPENING
SATURDAY | JANUARY 31, 2026

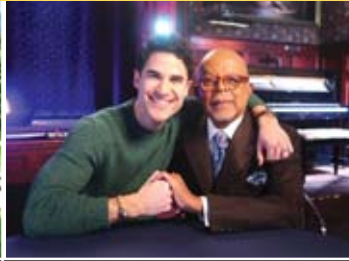
 PEORIA RIVERFRONT MUSEUM



VIBE 309
WITH BLAKE WIRTH
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 8:30 PM



ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
NEW SEASON
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 7 PM



FINDING YOUR ROOTS
NEW SEASON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 7 PM



THIS OLD HOUSE
NEW SEASON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 7 PM

1 THURSDAY

7:00 PM Great Performances
From Vienna: The New
Year's Celebration 2026
8:30 PM Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth
9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Uncoverings
10:00 PM Velvet
Goodbyes
11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

2 FRIDAY

7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
Jen & Steve Manzke
Lavender Farms
8:00 PM Great Performances
at the Met
Fidelio
10:30 PM Market to Market
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

3 SATURDAY

6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Scotland's Islands
6:30 PM Travels with Darley
New Jersey: Revolutionary
Road Trip, Part II
7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Salute to Disney
8:00 PM The Caverns Sessions
Ruby Waters
8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Holiday Special
10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Jenny Lewis/Muna
11:30 PM Music California

4 SUNDAY

3:00 PM Epic Trails
Backpacking South Dakota
3:30 PM Relish
Passport to Noodles:
Pho and Ramen

4:00 PM Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth
4:30 PM A Fix for Combined Sewers
The Cost of Cleanliness
5:00 PM PBS News Weekend
5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
6:00 PM Classical Tahoe
7:00 PM Lucy Worsley Investigates
Bloody Mary
8:00 PM All Creatures Great and
Small On Masterpiece
All God's Creatures
9:04 PM Walkable USA
10:02 PM Seaside Hotel
No Business Like Show
Business
11:00 PM RFDS: Royal Flying
Doctor Service
Non Negative

5 MONDAY

7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Red Butte Garden &
Arboretum, Hour 1
8:00 PM Surviving New England's
Great Dying
8:30 PM Price of Silence:
The Forgotten Story of
New Jersey's Enslaved
People
9:00 PM American Masters
Blake Edwards: A Love
Story In 24 Frames
10:30 PM Whitney Reynolds Show
Collective Impact - When
One Voice Echoes Many
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

6 TUESDAY

7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
American Dreams
8:00 PM American Experience
Bombshell
9:30 PM No Place to Grow Old
10:30 PM Travel Detective
Hidden Gems of
Santa Ana
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

7 WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Nature
Hummingbirds
of Hollywood
8:00 PM NOVA
Arctic Sinkholes
9:00 PM Weathered: After The
LA Firestorm
10:00 PM Behind The Wings
50 Years of the F-16
10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

8 THURSDAY

7:00 PM This Old House
Asheville I Putting Down
Roots
7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Idaho Backyard Makeover
8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
8:30 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Discoveries
10:00 PM Velvet
A Wedding and a Funeral
11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

9 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 The American Revolution
In Order to Be Free
10:00 PM City of Songs
Austin: The Next Verse
10:30 PM Market to Market
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

10 SATURDAY

6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Glasgow and Scottish
Passions
6:30 PM Travels with Darley
New Jersey: Revolutionary
Road Trip, Part III

7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
Big Bands
8:00 PM The Caverns Sessions
Violent Femmes
8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 12, Episode 1
10:00 PM State & Water
Amy Benton - Part 2
10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Bonnie Raitt
11:30 PM Music California

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5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
6:00 PM Classical Tahoe
7:00 PM Miss Scarlet
On Masterpiece
Secrets and Lies
8:00 PM All Creatures Great and
Small On Masterpiece
Gathering The Flock
9:00 PM Bookish
Slightly Foxed: Part 1
10:00 PM Seaside Hotel
Secrets
11:00 PM RFDS: Royal Flying
Doctor Service
Blood

12 MONDAY

7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Red Butte Garden &
Arboretum, Hour 2
8:00 PM From Wall Street to
Bay Street
9:00 PM Voces: American Sons
10:00 PM Short Films On
Food



**ASK THIS OLD HOUSE
NEW SEASON**
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 7:30 PM



CONSIDER THIS
COMMUNICATION JUNCTION
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 7:30 PM



CALL THE MIDWIFE
SEASON 12
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 9 PM



AT ISSUE
WITH MARK WELP
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 8 PM

10:30 PM Whitney Reynolds Show
Level Setting - Returning
to What Grounds Us
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

13 TUESDAY

7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Great Migrations
8:00 PM Paul Laurence Dunbar:
Beyond The Mask
10:00 PM Healthy Minds with
Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein
New Psychiatric
Medications, Part 1
10:30 PM Travel Detective
Cruise Industry Charts
Sustainable Future
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

14 WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Nature
Tusker: Brotherhood
of Elephants
8:00 PM NOVA
What Are UFOs?
9:00 PM Secrets of the Dead
Plunderer: The Life and
Times of a Nazi Art Thief
10:00 PM Behind The Wings
Unlocking Asteroid
Secrets
10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

15 THURSDAY

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Shelby Vincent
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An Asylum for Mankind
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Vinyl Roadshow
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9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 12, Episode 2
10:00 PM State & Water
Butta - Part 1
10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Renee Rapp/Thee
Sacred Souls
11:30 PM Music California

18 SUNDAY

3:00 PM Epic Trails
Backpacking Victoria,
Australia
3:30 PM Relish
Vegan Eats Fit for a
Carnivore: Collards,
Cornbread
4:00 PM You Gotta See This!
4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
Horizons from PBS News
5:30 PM King Celebration Concert
7:00 PM Miss Scarlet
On Masterpiece
Trafalgar Spring

8:00 PM All Creatures Great and
Small On Masterpiece
Old Dog, New Tricks
9:00 PM Bookish
Slightly Foxed: Part 2
10:00 PM Seaside Hotel
Rain, Rain, Rain
11:00 PM RFDs: Royal Flying
Doctor Service
Step Potential

19 MONDAY

7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Red Butte Garden &
Arboretum, Hour 3
8:00 PM Thomas Paine's To Begin
the World Over Again
9:00 PM Fortunate Sons
10:00 PM Short Films On
Environment
10:30 PM Whitney Reynolds Show
Leading with Intention -
Voices That Inspire Forward
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

20 TUESDAY

7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
Caribbean Roots
8:00 PM Breaking The Deadlock
9:00 PM Frontline
10:00 PM Healthy Minds with
Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein
New Psychiatric
Medications, Part 2
10:30 PM Travel Detective
Hidden Gems of
Napa Valley
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

21 WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Nature
San Diego: America's
Wildest City
8:00 PM NOVA
Asteroids: Spark of Life?
9:00 PM Secrets of the Dead
Plunderer: The Life and
Times of a Nazi Art Thief

10:00 PM Better Next Big Thing
10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

22 THURSDAY

7:00 PM This Old House
7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Paint Ceiling, Squeaky
Floor
8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
8:30 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Returns
10:00 PM Ridley
The Peaceful Garden, Part 2
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

23 FRIDAY

7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
8:00 PM The American Revolution
The Times That Try Men's
Souls
10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage
Vinyl Roadshow
In The Beginning, Part 2
10:30 PM Market to Market
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

24 SATURDAY

6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Iceland's Ring Road
6:30 PM Travels with Darley
Korea for Foodies
7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
America's Wonderland
8:00 PM The Caverns Sessions
The String Cheese
Incident
8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 12, Episode 3
10:00 PM State & Water
Emily - Part 1



YOU GOTTA SEE THIS!
BEST OF 2025
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 8:30 PM

FRONTLINE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 9 PM

DOCS ON CALL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 9 PM

A SHOT OF AG
WITH ROB SHARKEY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 8:30 PM

10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Marcus King Band/Wyatt Flores
11:30 PM Music California

25 SUNDAY

3:00 PM Epic Trails
Backpacking West Virginia
3:30 PM Relish
Forage to Fork: Fried Wild Rice
4:00 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
5:00 PM Horizons from PBS News
5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
6:00 PM Classical Tahoe
7:00 PM Miss Scarlet
On Masterpiece
The Delivery
8:00 PM All Creatures Great and Small On Masterpiece
Captain Farnon?
9:00 PM Bookish
Deadly Nitrate: Part 1
10:00 PM Seaside Hotel
Resistance and Hope
11:00 PM RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service
Duty of Care

26 MONDAY

7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow
Georgia State Railroad Museum, Hour 1
8:00 PM Lafayette: The Lost Hero
9:00 PM Independent Lens
Vivien's Wild Ride
10:30 PM Closer to Truth's Eastern Traditions and the Big Questions
Eastern Traditions: What is World?
What is Reality
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

27 TUESDAY

7:00 PM Finding Your Roots
The Road We Took

8:00 PM American Masters
Elie Wiesel: Soul On Fire
9:30 PM Simon Schama:
The Holocaust, 80 Years
10:30 PM Travel Detective
Galapagos Cruise Expedition
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

28 WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Nature
Expedition Killer Whale
8:00 PM NOVA
Angkor: Hidden Jungle Empire
9:00 PM Secrets of the Dead
Queens of Combat
10:00 PM Gathered In Darkness
10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

29 THURSDAY

7:00 PM This Old House
7:30 PM Ask This Old House
Split Water Heater, Attic Ladder
8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
8:30 PM Cinema Nomad
Bolivia
9:00 PM Hotel Portofino
Alliances
10:00 PM Ridley
Hospitality, Part 1
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

30 FRIDAY

7:00 PM Washington Week
with the Atlantic
7:30 PM Consider This with
Christine Zak-Edmonds
8:00 PM The American Revolution
Conquer by a Drawn Game
10:00 PM Papa Ray's Vintage
Vinyl Roadshow
Papa Ray Goes to the U.K.
10:30 PM Market to Market
11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

31 SATURDAY

6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe
Krakow: Poland's Historic Capital
6:30 PM Travels with Darley
North Alabama Road Trip
7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show
25th Anniversary Show
8:00 PM The Caverns Sessions
Armchair Boogie
8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
9:00 PM Call The Midwife
Season 12, Episode 4
10:00 PM State & Water
Esquires of Hellfire
10:30 PM Austin City Limits
Queens of the Stone Age
11:30 PM Music California

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DAYTIME schedule

JANUARY 1 -31

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5:00	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics	Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr	Classical Stretch: By Essentrics	Happy Yoga with Sarah Starr	Yoga In Practice
5:30	Odd Squad				
6:00	Wild Kratts				
6:30	Weather Hunters				
7:00	Lyla In The Loop				
7:30	Carl The Collector				
8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood				
8:30	Rosie's Rules				
9:00	Sesame Street				
9:30	Work It Out Wombats!				
10:00	Donkey Hodie				
10:30	Pinkalicious & Peterrific				
11:00	Elinor Wonders Why				
11:30	Sara's Weeknight Meals	Joy Of Painting With Nicholas Hankins	Garden SMART	My Greek Table	Fit 2 Stitch
12:00	Texas Parks and Wildlife	Antiques Roadshow	Holiday Programs	NOVA	Ancient Roads From Christ To Constantine
12:30	Cycle Around Japan Highlights				
1:00	Behind The Wings	Between The Covers	Lawrence Welk Show	Epic Trails	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				
3:30	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum				
4:00	Menghayati!/Into The Outdoors/SciGirls/Curious Crew/Woodsongs Kids/Biz Kid\$				
4:30	Arthur				
5:00	WTVP BUSINESS BLOCK – DW News				
5:30	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack	A Shot of Ag	MotorWeek	Start Up	How Are We Today?
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	Rosie's Rules	Rosie's Rules
9:00	Curious Traveler	Sesame Street
9:30	Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting	Albie's Elevator
10:00	Quilting Arts	Wimee's Words
10:30	Garden SMART	Wordsville
11:00	America's Heartland	Curious Crew

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

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NEW DRAMA

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Dive into a new season of a favorite show and add a new favorite to the list.



MISS SCARLET ON MASTERPIECE NEW SEASON

STARTS SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 7 PM

Miss Eliza Scarlet is doing her best to have it all. Her business is thriving, but her personal life enters new territory as she attempts to follow her heart and develop a relationship with Inspector Alexander Blake. Eliza may be an expert solving crimes, but she's very much a novice when it comes to love. Can Eliza juggle the twin demands of her personal and professional life?



BOOKISH NEW SHOW

STARTS SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 9 PM

In post-war London, Gabriel Book, a literary enthusiast and bookseller, combines his day job with his favorite hobby—helping solve knotty murder cases. Although happily married to his best friend, Trottie, Book is a gay man at a time when homosexuality was illegal. When a new assistant, Jack, arrives at the bookshop, it soon becomes clear his appointment isn't as random as it at first seems.

NEW

History

Uncover new discoveries of the past with these fascinating programs.

SURVIVING NEW ENGLAND'S GREAT DYING

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 8 PM

It's been more than 400 years since the first Thanksgiving and there is a lot we are learning about that time. Just prior to the Pilgrims' arrival, a plague decimated New England's coastal Native American population, altering the course of colonialism. This is the story of the Great Dying and how tribal leaders are learning from the past as they deal with the effects of today's pandemic.



THE PRICE OF SILENCE: THE FORGOTTEN STORY OF NEW JERSEY'S ENSLAVED PEOPLE

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 8:30 PM

New Jersey slavery began in agriculture but spread to the state's port trade and early industry. Despite laws passed as early as 1804 to phase out slavery, some men and women were held as slaves through the Civil War.



AMERICAN EXPERIENCE BOMBSHELL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 8 PM

Learn how the U.S. government tried to minimize the horrific human toll of the 1945 atomic bombings using propaganda, censorship and the co-opting of the press. Despite overwhelming odds, a group of intrepid reporters sought to reveal the truth.



SECRETS OF THE DEAD QUEENS OF COMBAT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 9 PM

What if there were women hidden among the ranks of Ancient Rome's fearsome gladiators? A group of experts combine history, archaeology and forensic investigation in a quest to prove women also fought in the arena.



NEW

SCIENCE

EXPLORE OUR AMAZING WORLD!

NATURE

TUSKER: BROTHERHOOD OF ELEPHANTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 7 PM

Follow the lives of elephant bulls in Mount Kilimanjaro and Amboseli. Get a rare glimpse into the complexity of these giants, from their drive for dominance to the subtle social bonds that form between males.



NOVA

ASTEROIDS: SPARK OF LIFE?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 8 PM

Imagine a time when Earth was a molten, volcanic wasteland, heavily bombarded by colossal asteroids. We've long feared these cosmic impacts as destroyers of life, but what if they were the key to our very existence? Explore a revolutionary theory suggesting that these violent collisions provided the essential ingredients — water, minerals, and energy — needed for life to ignite on our planet.



NOVA

ANGKOR: HIDDEN JUNGLE EMPIRE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 8 PM

Deep in the Cambodian jungle lie the ruins of Angkor, a marvel of urban engineering and seat of the once-mighty Khmer Empire. New discoveries are revealing how this ancient metropolis was built - and what likely led to its devastating collapse.



GATHERED IN DARKNESS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 10 PM

For thousands of years, total solar eclipses have captivated humanity and they continue to bring communities together to experience these celestial events. They are also great for science. The CATE 2024 project brought community and professional scientists into partnership to gather solar data during the 2024 total solar eclipse in an eclipse relay race to deepen our understanding of our Sun.



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WTVP 2026 BINGO

It's a new year full of new possibilities! To help you embrace it, WTVP has created this BINGO card full of predictions, resolutions, local adventures and great content. Completing the card is a prize in itself!

Try a new local restaurant	Drink 1 extra glass of water	It snows more than 4 inches	Volunteer at a local nonprofit	Watch the season premiere of <i>All Creatures Great and Small</i>
A neighbor leaves Christmas lights up until February	You're still writing the date as "2025"	Attend a live performance	Find a new favorite PBS show	Exercise
Try a new recipe learned on Create	Complete one whole day of healthy eating		The temperature dips below zero	Call a friend you haven't talked to in awhile
Create a Donor Portal account (see page 34)	Wildlife Prairie Park's groundhog, Gertie, does NOT see her shadow	Try a new hobby	Finish a home improvement project	Visit a museum
Make a new friend	Cheer on a local team at a live sporting event	Binge a show on WTVP Passport	Write and send a thank you note	An old trend is cool again

TRAVEL



Explore fascinating places with these new seasons of favorite travel shows.

RICK STEVES' EUROPE

NEW SEASON STARTS SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 6 PM

Rick Steves, America's leading authority on European travel, returns to transport viewers to the continent's bustling cities, quaint villages and picturesque countryside. Season 13 launches with *Iceland's Reykjavik and the Golden Circle*.



TRAVELS WITH DARLEY

NEW SEASON STARTS SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 6:30 PM

Join seven-time Emmy Award-nominated host Darley Newman on *Travels with Darley*, the PBS travel show that takes you on authentic journeys with locals as your guides. Season 13 begins with a *North Alabama Road Trip*.



PBS
NEWS
WEEKEND



In mid-January, **PBS News Weekend** will be discontinued and replaced by two new public affairs programs.

Compass Points from *PBS News* will take an all-encompassing look at a prominent international topic each week and will provide timely analysis with a panel of experts including former government officials and journalists on issues such as America's power and influence abroad, the shifting world order under the Trump Administration and what global conflicts and rising tensions could mean for America's interests. *Compass Points* will be hosted by Peabody and duPont-Columbia award-winning journalist and *PBS News Hour* foreign affairs and defense correspondent Nick Schiffrin and will be executive produced by Stephanie Kotuby. The program will air on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. starting on January 17.

Horizons from *PBS News* will feature experts and professionals in the world of science, health, technology and the environment and will dive into a single issue each week such as the Artificial Intelligence race, advances in medicine, and the latest developments in climate science. *Horizons* will be hosted by Peabody and Emmy award-winning journalist and *PBS News Hour* correspondent William Brangham and will be executive produced by Talesha Reynolds, who also serves as senior producer of content and special projects for *PBS News Hour*. It will air on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. starting on January 18.



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

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THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CAPTIVATES TODD PILON

Todd Pilon is the man behind the camera. And at the editing desk. And in the studio and the community and even behind the station fixing the back gate. Todd says that at a small TV station, his job title of Senior Producer “just means that I’ve been here the longest!”

Since 1997, Todd has worked in a variety of roles at **WTVP**, starting as the Studio Supervisor. Now he’s best known for his production work on local shows like *At Issue*, *EcoWatch* and Peoria Symphony Orchestra concerts. His documentaries on the Washington tornado, McLean County history and the Morton Pumpkin Festival (just to name a few) highlight the value and mission of local public media, as they dive deep into important topics that otherwise would not be covered.

As a documentarian, Todd was excited to watch Ken Burns’ latest work, *The American Revolution*. Todd greatly respects Burns, whom he’s met a couple of times, and the depth and beauty with which he approaches every subject. “You can tell this is a labor of love by people who enjoy being educators and sharing the knowledge they have learned.” Todd loved the beautiful imagery throughout the film. “The cinematography of [Burns’] long-time collaborator, Buddy Squires, is phenomenal. It’s very thoughtful, very exquisitely presented.”

In a time when civil conversation can be hard to find, Todd believes everyone should watch *The American*

Revolution. “Being a documentary about where we as a nation have come from—the good, the bad and the ugly—is important for everyone to know. I think it’s important to understand your past so you can better scope out your future. Even people who are very knowledgeable about this topic would benefit from watching it. It can initiate conversations which we need more of.”

One word of caution, though: a Ken Burns documentary can be information overload! So be prepared and take your time. Thankfully, there’s a long winter ahead.



If you’re ready to dive into this thought-provoking film, point your phone camera at the **QR code** and follow the link. All six episodes are available on the **WTVP** website and the **FREE PBS** video app.



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AT ISSUE

WITH MARK WELP

THURSDAYS AT 8 PM

Every week, **WTVP's** flagship public affairs series, *At Issue*, provides a timely, in-depth exploration of issues that matter to the people of central Illinois. Hosted by media veteran Mark Welp, *At Issue* delivers vital information to viewers while introducing them to public officials, community leaders and experts on a wide range of topics.

TUNE IN TO FOLLOW THE CONVERSATION
EVERY THURSDAY AT 8 PM

Consider THIS

With Christine Zak-Edmonds

FRIDAYS AT 7:30 PM

This talk show produced by **WTVP** features the news and newsmakers of the day in a whole new way. Host Christine Zak-Edmonds helps viewers connect with our leaders, entertainers and maybe even our neighbors in ways they 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 Abbey Cook from Communication Junction and a mom who wrote a kids' book encouraging children who face medically complex diagnoses.





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

Mark Welp hosts this twice monthly program featuring health care experts from Carle Health, OSF HealthCare and Graham Health System. Each episode will address a different topic, ranging from preventative care to diagnosis to treating health conditions. New episodes air the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.



SATURDAYS AT 8:30 PM

A Shot of Ag with Rob Sharkey brings a fresh lineup of powerful stories showcasing the people, passions and innovations shaping agriculture across Illinois.

This month, we'll talk with Leonard Sheaffer about his diversified farm in Dixon, IL. We'll meet fifth generation farm sisters carrying on the family legacy. Urbana brothers will introduce us to Riggs Beer Company. And we'll learn about an alpaca farm with a big heart.

DON'T MISS THESE COMPELLING STORIES FROM THE HEARTLAND.





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There's a world of great content to see on **WTVP World 47.3**! World shares the best of public media in news, documentaries and programming. This month, we're highlighting MLK Jr. Day programming.

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

IDA B. WELLS: AMERICAN STORIES

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 8 PM

There are few historical figures whose life and work speak to the current moment more than Ida B. Wells, the 19th-century crusading investigative journalist, civil rights leader, and passionate suffragist.



LOCAL, USA: SEGREGATION SCHOLARSHIPS

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 9 PM

The untold story of Black Americans in pursuit of higher education in the North when Southern graduate schools were white-only. The academics, who left during the Great Migration, returned to the Jim Crow South to strengthen their communities and to help end segregation.



THE LINCOLN SCHOOL STORY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2:30 PM

The Lincoln School Story examines the little-known fight for school desegregation led by a handful of Ohio mothers and their children in 1954. When an Ohio school board refused to allow African American children to enroll, five families took the school board to court and marched in sun, rain and snow for nearly two years until the case was won. Their judicial victory in the Midwest inspired Black parents in communities across the country.



FINDING FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 3 PM

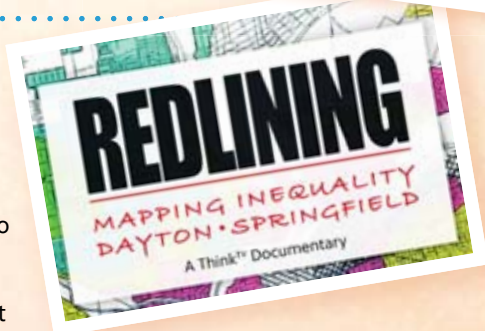
Finding Fellowship captures how the seeds for potential reconciliation were planted in the same fields where slave masters once terrorized. This film shares how one community came together in the wake of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination and offers an example of how communities can lean on their shared heritage to progress.



REDLINING: MAPPING INEQUALITY IN DAYTON AND SPRINGFIELD

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 4 PM

Redlining: Mapping Inequality in Dayton & Springfield tells the national and local story of redlining, a practice that embedded racial segregation and inequality into the development of American cities and suburbs. This hour-long documentary shares the stories of families impacted by redlining and examines the lasting effects of lending policies and practices that legally encouraged injustices against non-white Americans.



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!

NEW YEAR REFRESH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 — SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Bring good vibes into 2026 with a weekend dedicated to restorative routines that will boost your energy and help you find balance to welcome the year ahead.

PATI JINICH – PAN AMERICANA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 — SUNDAY JANUARY 11

We're off on an adventure with Pati Jinich to discover more about the many cultures across the Americas and how they enrich each other. Get a taste of the Pan-American highway and vibrant food scenes in cities across the U.S. and Mexico that you can bring home to your kitchen.

AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN: MEDITERRANEAN COOKING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 — SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Have you resolved to spend more time in the kitchen this year? The team at *America's Test Kitchen* is here with bright, fresh, and tasty Mediterranean meals to keep the inspiration flowing. Grow your cooking confidence with their surefire tips, tricks, and recipes.

TRAVELS IN THE USA WITH SAMANTHA BROWN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 — SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

It's a party in the USA, and Samantha Brown is bringing the fun! Scope out scenic destinations across the country, and ride along Route 66 from Illinois to California, including a sneak peek at three new episodes from the upcoming season of *Places to Love*.

SCANDI STYLE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Embrace that wintry feeling in an adventure through the fjords, farms and rugged scenery of Scandinavia. Get a taste of the local delicacies and uncover fascinating history and culture with a special sneak peek of Season three of *People of the North*, plus some classic recipes from *New Scandinavian Cooking*.



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