



# FALL LOVE WITH CENTRAL ILLINOIS

**OCTOBER 2025 PROGRAM GUIDE**

Your WTVP Program Guide. *Thank you!*



# HALLOWEEN BOÖNANZA!



## All month long!

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There's nothing quite like the beauty of central Illinois in fall. Photographer Gabriel Meinert captures some of Metamora's brilliance in this close up of red flowers with a vibrant background of yellow fall trees. You can see more of Gabriel's photography on [Unsplash.com](https://unsplash.com).

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Gabriel Meinert

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



**JENN GORDON**  
President and CEO

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

### REDISCOVERING THE JOY OF APPOINTMENT TELEVISION

Remember the phrase, "Everything old becomes new again"? I usually associate it with fashion trends. Recently, I purchased a dress that was a carbon copy of one I vividly remember my mom wearing in the late 80s. I was giddy to tell my mom and applaud her for her keen fashion sense back in the day.

Well, I have some good news....appointment TV is making a comeback! Now you can enjoy the live stream of our broadcast channel on Amazon Prime's Live Channels, as well as through the PBS Apps available on Roku and Xfinity.

There is something so easy and wonderful about not needing to choose what you want to watch but rather knowing that every time you turn on **WTVP**, something good will be on. It is simple and comfortable. Kind of like rediscovering that fall jacket you wore every day in college. And because **WTVP** only brings you the best in commercial-free programming, you can trust that every time you tune in, you are going to learn something new, connect with your community and walk away feeling inspired!

And speaking of being inspired...I cannot tell you how much your contributions, letters of encouragement and donations to the station have meant to us. We have welcomed over 500 new members to the **WTVP** family since July! As always, you can see the most up-to-date numbers on our *We Believe in WTVP* campaign at our website. Suffice to say, station memberships are fueling our future, and we are so grateful for your support and continued belief in **WTVP**.

#### DON'T FORGET...

- **WTVP's Spooktacular Open House** is coming up on October 23 from 5-7pm. Costumed kiddos and their parents are invited to join us for this trunk-or-treat style event that includes story time, screenings of your favorite PBS kids Halloween episodes and of course...candy!
- If you know a young leader who is really making a difference in our community, please consider nominating them for **WTVP's 40 Leaders Under Forty** award. Nominations will remain open through October 31.

With gratitude,

### SCAN to DONATE



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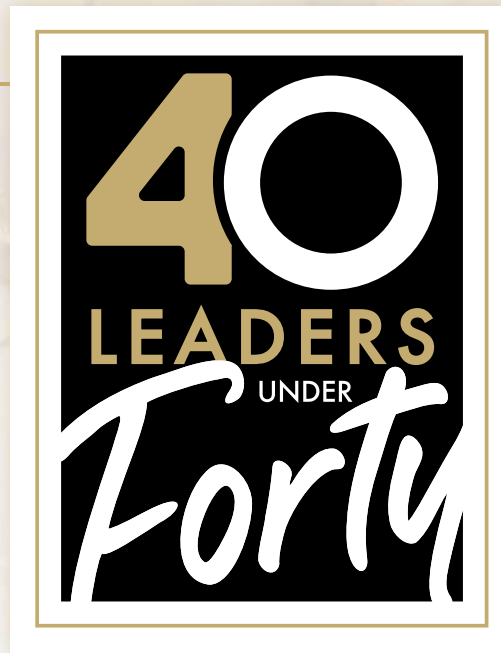
# THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN WTVP!

Thank you to everyone who has given above and beyond as part of the **We Believe in WTVP** campaign! We are overwhelmed by your generosity and support. Since July, we have added over 500 new members and are 1/3 of the way toward closing the \$1 million gap. And it's all thanks to you!

You can visit [wtvp.tv/webelieve](http://wtvp.tv/webelieve) to see the latest update on funds raised. And you can watch testimonials from fellow members of why they believe in **WTVP** by pointing your phone camera at the QR code and following the link.







# NOMINATE A LEADER

## 40 LEADERS UNDER FORTY NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

**40 Leaders Under Forty** is an annual celebration of emerging leaders in central Illinois. Through nominations submitted by the community, the region's rising young stars are honored each year at a prestigious community reception.

**NOMINATE A LEADER NOW!**

Submit your nominations today at  
**wtvp.tv/40leaders** or scan the QR Code.



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Nominations must be received in the **WTVP** office  
by midnight on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025**.

**WTVP** will announce the **Class of 2025 – 40 Leaders Under Forty** in early 2026.

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## DAYTIME schedule

|                 |       | MONDAY                                                                             | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY                           | THURSDAY                                              | FRIDAY                             |
|-----------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| SEPTEMBER 1 -30 | 5:00  | Classical Stretch:<br>By Essentrics                                                | Happy Yoga with<br>Sarah Starr           | Classical Stretch:<br>By Essentrics | Happy Yoga with<br>Sarah Starr                        | Yoga In Practice                   |
|                 | 5:30  | Odd Squad <sup>1, 2</sup>                                                          |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 6:00  | Wild Kratts <sup>1, 2</sup>                                                        |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 6:30  | Weather Hunters <sup>3</sup>                                                       |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 7:00  | Lyla In The Loop <sup>3</sup>                                                      |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 7:30  | Carl The Collector                                                                 |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 8:00  | Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood <sup>3</sup>                                           |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 8:30  | Rosie's Rules <sup>3</sup>                                                         |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 9:00  | Sesame Street                                                                      |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 9:30  | Work It Out Wombats! <sup>1, 2</sup>                                               |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 10:00 | Donkey Hodie <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>                                                    |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 10:30 | Pinkalicious & Peterrific <sup>2, 3</sup>                                          |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 11:00 | Elinor Wonders Why <sup>2</sup>                                                    |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 11:30 | Sara's Weeknight<br>Meals                                                          | Joy Of Painting With<br>Nicholas Hankins | Garden SMART                        | Lidia's Kitchen                                       | Fit 2 Stitch                       |
|                 | 12:00 | This American Land                                                                 | Antiques Roadshow                        | Finding Your<br>Roots               | NOVA                                                  | Charlie Bee<br>Company             |
|                 | 12:30 | Cycle Around Japan<br>Highlights                                                   |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 1:00  | Documentaries                                                                      | Between The Covers                       | Lawrence Welk<br>Show               | Epic Trails                                           | Lucky Chow                         |
|                 | 1:30  | MotorWeek                                                                          | Medical Frontiers                        |                                     | Painting and Travel<br>with Roger & Sarah<br>Bansemer | The Best of The<br>Joy of Painting |
|                 | 2:00  | Classical Stretch: By Essentrics                                                   |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 2:30  | Odd Squad <sup>1, 3</sup>                                                          |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 3:00  | Molly Of Denali <sup>1, 3</sup>                                                    |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 3:30  | Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum <sup>1, 3</sup>                                |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 4:00  | Mia & Codie/Into The Outdoors/SciGirls/Curious Crew/Woodsongs Kids <sup>1, 2</sup> |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 4:30  | Arthur <sup>1, 2</sup>                                                             |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 5:00  | WTVP BUSINESS BLOCK – DW News                                                      |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |
|                 | 5:30  | Consuelo Mack<br>WealthTrack                                                       | A Shot of Ag                             | MotorWeek                           | Start Up                                              | Reconnecting<br>Roots              |
|                 | 6:00  | PBS NewsHour                                                                       |                                          |                                     |                                                       |                                    |

<sup>1</sup> Cat In The Hat Know A Lot About Halloween (60 minutes) on October 8, 20, 21, 30, 31

<sup>2</sup> Arthur and the Haunted Tree House (60 minutes) on October 17, 21, 28, 31

<sup>3</sup> Wild Kratts: Creepy Creatures (60 minutes) on October 16, 22, 29, 30, 31



**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  | Canvassing The World             | 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                     | 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  | Papa Ray's Vintage Vinyl Roadshow       | Samantha Brown's Places To Love         |
| 3:00  | Christopher Kimball's Milk Street TV    | See WTVP-HD Daily Listings for Schedule |
| 3:30  | Dining with the Chef                    |                                         |
| 4:00  | Steven Raichlen's Planet Barbecue       |                                         |
| 4:30  | Pati's Mexican Table                    |                                         |
| 5:00  | PBS NewsHour Weekend                    |                                         |
| 5:30  | MotorWeek/Weekend Discovery             |                                         |

**WTVP REMOTE!**

# REMOTE CHANNEL RETIRING

**WTVP's REMOTE** channel is retiring at midnight on Friday, October 31. Channel 47.5 has fulfilled its purpose of filling the education gap during COVID restrictions for those with little or no internet access.

**WTVP** came to this decision following an audience survey, a campaign requesting feedback and months of committee research and discussions. Discontinuing **REMOTE** may improve the picture quality of our other broadcast channels and will free up resources to more meaningfully engage viewers with our other four channels.

Educational content remains one of our top priorities. We are pleased to recommend **PBS LearningMedia** for robust, free, digital, educational resources for teachers, homeschool families and school age students. We are confident that the thousands of videos, interactives and lesson plans available there will more than make up for any educational resources lost with the shuttering of **REMOTE**.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://illinois.pbslearningmedia.org> to explore all that **PBS LearningMedia** has to offer.





**CINEMA NOMAD  
ICELAND**  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 8:30 PM



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



**KIMONO TRUTH**  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 10 PM



**WTVP'S DOCS ON CALL**  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 8:30 PM

## 1 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Big Cats 24/7  
New Beginnings
- 8:00 PM NOVA  
Human: Neanderthal Encounters
- 9:00 PM Sacred Planet  
with Gulnaz Khan  
Reclaiming Peru's  
Glaciers
- 10:00 PM Energy Switch  
Energy Subsidies
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

## 2 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House  
Asheville | Rising Out of  
the Muck
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House  
Seashell Driveway, Radon  
System
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM Cinema Nomad  
Iceland
- 9:00 PM World On Fire  
On Masterpiece  
Season 2 - Episode 2
- 10:00 PM Velvet  
The Night of the Pins
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

## 3 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week  
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with  
Christine Zak-Edmonds
- 8:00 PM Great Performances  
The Magic of Grace  
Bumbry
- 9:00 PM American Masters  
Julia Alvarez: A Life  
Reimagined
- 11:00 PM Market to Market
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

## 4 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe  
Lisbon
- 6:30 PM Travels with Darley  
Alabama for Foodies, Part 1
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show  
Sights and Sounds of L.A
- 8:00 PM Songs at the Center  
Master Series with  
Livingston Taylor
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife  
Episode 7
- 10:00 PM State & Water  
Amy Benton - Part 1
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits  
Finneas
- 11:30 PM Music California

## 5 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails  
Australia's Northern  
Territory
- 3:30 PM America The Bountiful  
Honey In North Dakota
- 4:00 PM McLean County History:  
The Early Days
- 4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 5:00 PM PBS News Weekend
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM Kyoto's Gion Matsuri:  
Core Kyoto Special
- 7:00 PM Brian and Maggie
- 8:00 PM Maigret On Masterpiece  
Maigret and the Lazy  
Burglar, Pt 1
- 9:00 PM The Gold On Masterpiece  
To Be King
- 10:00 PM Sisi: Austrian Empress  
Episode 5
- 11:00 PM Astrid  
Global Plan

## 6 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow  
Vintage Raleigh 2025  
Hour 2
- 8:00 PM Charlie Bee Company  
Maxant

- 9:00 PM Independent Lens  
Cracking the Code:  
Phil Sharp and the  
Biotech Revolution
- 10:30 PM Closer to Truth's  
Ultimate Matters  
Can The Cosmos Have  
A Reason?
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

## 7 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots  
Family Recipes
- 8:00 PM Finding Your Roots  
Anchormen
- 9:00 PM Frontline
- 10:00 PM Your Fantastic Mind  
Body, Brain and Behavior
- 10:30 PM Travel Detective  
Hidden Gems of Seattle  
North Country
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

## 8 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Big Cats 24/7  
Succession
- 8:00 PM NOVA  
Human: Into The  
Americas
- 9:00 PM Secrets of the Dead  
The Rise & Fall of the  
Colosseum
- 10:00 PM Kimono Truth
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

## 9 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House  
Houseplant Soil, Spot  
Point Brick
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
- 9:00 PM World On Fire  
On Masterpiece  
Season 2 - Episode 3
- 10:00 PM Velvet  
Taking Flight
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

## 10 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week  
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with  
Christine Zak-Edmonds
- 8:00 PM King of Them All: The Story  
of King Records
- 9:00 PM Art Happens Here  
with John Lithgow
- 10:00 PM City of Songs  
Barcelona
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

## 11 SATURDAY

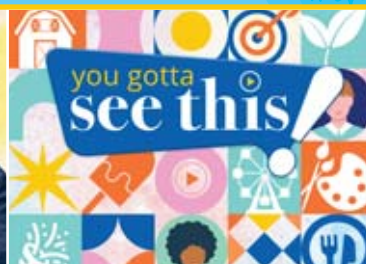
- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe  
Portugal's Heartland
- 6:30 PM Travels with Darley  
Alabama for Foodies,  
Part II
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show  
Wunnerful Hit Songs
- 8:00 PM Songs at the Center  
Liz Longley, Abigail Lapell  
Amanda Pascali
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife  
Special Delivery
- 10:00 PM State & Water  
Bogart Jones - Part 2
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits  
The Marias
- 11:30 PM Music California

## 12 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails  
Peru
- 3:30 PM America The Bountiful  
Lobster In Maine
- 4:00 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
- 4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 5:00 PM PBS News Weekend
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM Hidden Uganda
- 7:00 PM Brian and Maggie
- 8:00 PM Maigret On Masterpiece  
Maigret and the Lazy  
Burglar, Pt 2



**ART HAPPENS HERE**  
WITH JOHN LITHGOW  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 9 PM



**YOU GOTTA SEE THIS!**  
TECHNOLOGY | BASEBALL | WILD LIFE | DRAGONS  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 8:30 PM



**MR. BATES VS THE POST OFFICE**  
EPISODE 1  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 10 PM



**AT ISSUE**  
WITH MARK WELP  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 8 PM

- 9:00 PM The Gold On Masterpiece  
There's Something Going  
On In Kent
- 10:00 PM Sisi: Austrian Empress  
Episode 6
- 11:00 PM Astrid  
Memento Mori

### 13 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow  
Vintage Phoenix 2025  
Hour 1
- 8:00 PM Charlie Bee Company  
Bee Boy Toys
- 9:00 PM POV  
A Mother Apart
- 10:30 PM Closer to Truth's  
Ultimate Matters  
Why God, Not Nothing?
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

### 14 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots  
The Butterfly Effect
- 8:00 PM American Masters  
Marlee Matlin: Not Alone  
Anymore
- 10:00 PM Your Fantastic Mind  
Living with Parkinson's
- 10:30 PM Travel Detective  
Cover Story: Building A  
Luxury Cruise Ship
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

### 15 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature  
Dracula's Hidden  
Kingdom
- 8:00 PM NOVA  
Human: Building Empires
- 9:00 PM Secrets of the Dead  
Cleopatra's Last Temple
- 10:00 PM History Uncovered -  
Kimono Dress: Japan's  
Clothing Revolution
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

### 16 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House  
Washer Dryer Relocation
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM You Gotta See This!
- 9:00 PM World On Fire  
On Masterpiece  
Season 2 - Episode 4
- 10:00 PM Velvet  
Glory Days
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

### 17 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week  
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with  
Christine Zak-Edmonds
- 8:00 PM Art21:  
Art in the Twenty-First  
Century  
Between Worlds
- 9:00 PM Art & Science Collide
- 10:00 PM City of Songs  
Stockholm
- 10:30 PM Market to Market
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

### 18 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe  
Travel Skills: Cruising
- 6:30 PM Travels with Darley  
Lafayette, Louisiana
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show  
Big City, U.S.A.
- 8:00 PM Songs at the Center  
Arkadiy Gips, Alex Gordez,  
Michael Logen,  
Emily Shackelton
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife  
Episode 1
- 10:00 PM State & Water  
Woodland Remedy  
Part 2
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits  
ACL 11th Annual Hall of  
Fame Honors
- 11:30 PM Music California

### 19 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails  
Winter In Banff &  
Lake Louise
- 3:30 PM America The Bountiful  
Cherries In Michigan
- 4:00 PM You Gotta See This!
- 4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 5:00 PM PBS News Weekend
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM Dracula: Theater  
of the Mind
- 7:00 PM Miss Austen  
On Masterpiece  
Episode 1
- 8:00 PM Maigret On Masterpiece  
Maigret's Failure, Pt 1
- 9:00 PM The Gold On Masterpiece  
The Consequences  
Are Mine
- 10:00 PM Mr. Bates vs The Post Office  
On Masterpiece  
Episode 1
- 11:00 PM Astrid  
Natives

### 20 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow  
Vintage Phoenix 2025  
Hour 2
- 8:00 PM Charlie Bee Company  
Yankee Bees
- 9:00 PM Independent Lens  
Ratified
- 10:30 PM Whitney Reynolds Show  
Dreams Unleashed
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

### 21 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots  
Moving On Up
- 8:00 PM Breaking The Deadlock
- 9:00 PM Frontline
- 10:00 PM Your Fantastic Mind  
Unlocking The Mind
- 10:30 PM Travel Detective  
Cover Story: Cia Museum
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

### 22 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature  
Walrus: Life On Thin Ice
- 8:00 PM NOVA  
Ancient Desert Death Trap
- 9:00 PM Secrets of the Dead  
Cracking The Queen's  
Code
- 10:00 PM EcoSense for Living  
Beaver Believers
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

### 23 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House  
Planting Arborvitae,  
Storage Rack
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM WTVF's Docs on Call
- 9:00 PM World On Fire  
On Masterpiece  
Season 2 - Episode 5
- 10:00 PM Velvet  
Sewing and Singing
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

### 24 FRIDAY

- 7:00 PM Washington Week  
with the Atlantic
- 7:30 PM Consider This with  
Christine Zak-Edmonds
- 8:00 PM Being Texan: A Texas  
Monthly Special
- 9:00 PM Great Performances  
Ann
- 11:00 PM Market to Market
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

### 25 SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM Rick Steves' Europe  
Greek Islands: Santorini,  
Mykonos, and Rhodes
- 6:30 PM Travels with Darley  
North Dakota Chasing  
Sunflowers
- 7:00 PM The Lawrence Welk Show  
Halloween





**BEING TEXAN**  
A TEXAS MONTHLY SPECIAL  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 8 PM



**GREAT PERFORMANCES**  
ANN  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 9 PM



**A SHOT OF AG**  
WITH ROB SHARKEY  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 8:30 PM



**THE STATE OF BBQ**  
A TEXAS MONTHLY SPECIAL  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 8 PM

- 8:00 PM Songs at the Center  
Kelly Willis, Brennen  
Leigh, Melissa Carper
- 8:30 PM A Shot of Ag
- 9:00 PM Call The Midwife  
Episode 2
- 10:00 PM State & Water  
Ed Kaizer Quartet - Part 2
- 10:30 PM Austin City Limits  
Charley Crockett/  
Waxahatchee
- 11:30 PM Music California

## 26 SUNDAY

- 3:00 PM Epic Trails  
The Jordan Trail
- 3:30 PM America The Bountiful  
Grapes In New York
- 4:00 PM WTVP's Docs on Call
- 4:30 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 5:00 PM PBS News Weekend
- 5:30 PM DW Focus On Europe
- 6:00 PM Werewolf of the Bayou:  
Theater of the Mind
- 7:00 PM Miss Austen  
On Masterpiece  
Episode 2
- 8:00 PM Maigret On Masterpiece  
Maigret's Failure, Pt 2
- 9:00 PM The Gold On Masterpiece  
Vengeance Is Easy,  
Justice Is Hard
- 10:00 PM Mr. Bates vs The Post Office  
On Masterpiece  
Episode 2
- 11:00 PM Astrid  
The Open Room

## 27 MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Antiques Roadshow  
Kooky & Spooky
- 8:00 PM American Experience  
Kissinger: Part One
- 9:30 PM EXHUMED: A History of  
Zombies
- 10:30 PM Whitney Reynolds Show  
The Switch Up
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

## 28 TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM Finding Your Roots  
Finding My Roots
- 8:00 PM American Experience  
Kissinger: Part Two
- 9:30 PM Tales of Madness
- 10:00 PM Your Fantastic Mind  
Silent Threats
- 10:30 PM Travel Detective  
Cover Story: Rwanda's  
Responsible Tourism
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

## 29 WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Nature  
Willow: Diary of a  
Mountain Lion
- 8:00 PM NOVA  
Superfloods
- 9:00 PM Secrets of the Dead  
Chasing The Plague
- 10:00 PM EcoSense for Living  
Snow & Flow
- 10:30 PM Medical Frontiers
- 11:00 PM Amanpour and Company

## 30 THURSDAY

- 7:00 PM This Old House
- 7:30 PM Ask This Old House  
Sustainable Grass,  
Driveway Lights
- 8:00 PM At Issue with Mark Welp
- 8:30 PM Cinema Nomad  
Azerbaijan
- 9:00 PM World On Fire  
On Masterpiece  
Season 2 - Episode 6
- 10:00 PM Velvet  
Who Gives The Most?
- 11:30 PM Amanpour and Company

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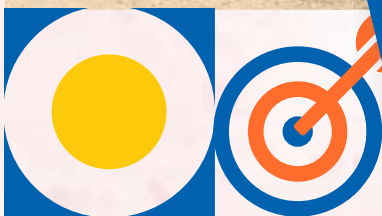
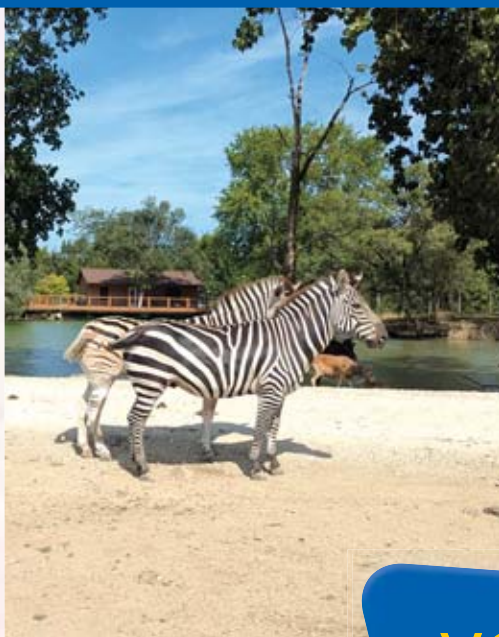
- 7:00 PM Washington Week  
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**MASTERPIECE**  
**THE GOLD**  
NEW SERIES

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you gotta  
see this!



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

*You Gotta See This!* is a fresh, informative, totally original, locally produced show that explores noteworthy, and sometimes offbeat, people, places and experiences in central Illinois. In each episode, you'll find multiple, fascinating stories that uncover local gems. There's always something new to discover on *You Gotta See This!*

The October episode will feature a wild assortment of guests and adventures! Here are some of the people, animals, companies and organizations you'll meet:

**SHOT HAWK:** A local company dedicated to creating innovative safety solutions that help protect schools, businesses and the communities they serve.

**MIRACLE LEAGUE:** A place where every child gets to play no matter their physical or mental challenges. It's more than just a baseball field—it's a safe, welcoming space designed for kids of all abilities to experience the joy of the game.

**AIKMAN WILDLIFE ADVENTURE:** This animal park offers up-close, hands-on adventures that the whole family will never forget! With drive-through experiences that bring visitors face-to-face with amazing animals, guests can feed, interact and connect with wildlife like never before, all from the comfort and safety of their vehicle.

**DRAGON BOAT:** Thanks to the Chinese Association, a traditional dragon boat has made its way to Peoria and everyone is invited to join in the fun! Whether you're brand new to rowing or just looking for a unique way to get active and connect with others, this is your chance to be part of an exciting cultural and team experience.

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



# OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



## **ANTIQUES ROADSHOW VINTAGE RALEIGH 2025 HOUR 2**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 7 PM

Learn if the values of 2015 ROADSHOW treasures from Raleigh go up, down or stay the same in today's market. Spoiler - one find triples in value!



## **KING OF THEM ALL: THE STORY OF KING RECORDS**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 8 PM

Founded in 1943 by Syd Nathan, King Records played a central role in shaping American popular music – from rock 'n' roll to soul and funk – while operating as one of the few fully integrated businesses in a segregated America. Through interviews, restored archival materials and animation, the film showcases King's boundary-breaking artists such as James Brown, Hank Ballard, Little Willie John and Grandpa Jones.



## **ART21: ART IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY BETWEEN WORLDS**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 8 PM

The first episode of Season 12 follows artists Sophie Calle, Lubaina Himid, Tuan Andrew Nguyen and Dyani White Hawk as they navigate the spaces in between, creating works that exist between cultures, storylines, migrations and cosmologies. The film travels between Vietnam, Louisiana, Santa Fe and Paris.



## **ART & SCIENCE COLLIDE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 9 PM

Weaving together stories of artists featured in the Getty's 2024-25 Southern California art event PST ART, the documentary highlights collaborations between artists and scientists to address some of humanity's most urgent challenges.



## **INDEPENDENT LENS RATIFIED**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9 PM

*Ratified* brings the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to life through Virginia's pivotal ratification battle. Led by Black women and with the support of a multi-racial, multi-generational coalition, this documentary traces the legal, political, and deeply personal fight to enshrine gender equality in the U.S. Constitution nearly a century after the ERA was first proposed.



## **WHITNEY REYNOLDS SHOW DREAMS UNLEASHED**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 10:30 PM

Whitney highlights the power of hard work, perseverance, and staying focused on achieving your dreams. PGA Tour golfer Jordan Spieth and disability advocate Jessica Jordan Ping share how they overcame their own challenges and Dr. Sonat reflects on her journey to success while breaking barriers.



## **BREAKING THE DEADLOCK**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 8 PM

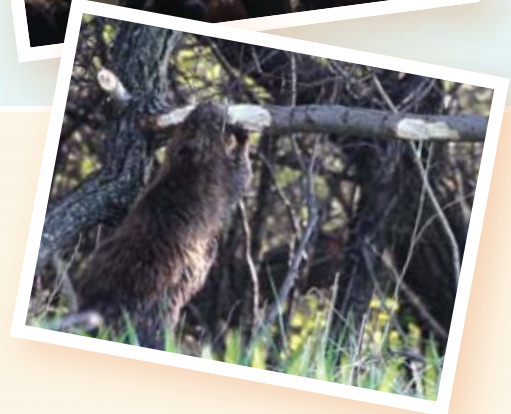
Americans seem to have forgotten how to have a public dialog about challenging topics without it defaulting into a simple "yes" versus "no," right versus wrong framework. But research shows that audiences want discussions that work toward common ground in finding real world solutions. Deadlock offers an alternative to that. This is a panel show featuring a talented moderator and 10 to 12 smart, thoughtful panelists with a wide variety of backgrounds and points of view where the focus is on constructive conversation.



## **ECOSENSE FOR LIVING BEAVER BELIEVERS**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 10 PM

"Beavers are having a moment!" As the world struggles with fire and droughts, we're beginning to appreciate the wetland-producing work of beavers. Author Ben Goldfarb, tells how beavers influenced American history. In Montana, "Beaver Believers" install technology so beavers and humans can co-exist. Finally, we visit the Flint River in Georgia to see the value of letting a river run its course.



# DRAMA

NEW

## VELVET SEASON 2

PREMIERES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 10 PM

The 13-episode, second season of Velvet launches this October! When Alberto returns from his honeymoon with Cristina, he is shocked to find that his brother-in-law, Enrique, is now in control of Velvet. From WALTER PRESENTS, in Spanish with English subtitles.



## MAIGRET ON MASTERPIECE NEW SHOW

PREMIERES SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 8 PM

Masterpiece presents a new six-episode drama: Maigret. Meet Chief Inspector Maigret as he solves Paris's most complex crimes using unorthodox methods and a fierce sense of justice. To prevail, he must outwit the city's most ruthless criminals while confronting his own troubled past.



## THE GOLD ON MASTERPIECE NEW SHOW

PREMIERES SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 9 PM

What began as a routine armed robbery turned into one of the biggest heists in British history. Inspired by true events, this gripping drama uncovers the 1983 Brink's-Mat robbery in London and the decades-long ripple effects that followed.



## ASTRID SEASON 3

PREMIERES SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 11 PM

Astrid Nielsen works in the library of the judicial police. She has Asperger's syndrome. With an incredible memory she excels at analyzing files of ongoing investigations. The district commander decides to use it to the fullest, entrusting her with very complex investigations which have remained unsolved to date. From WALTER PRESENTS, in French with English subtitles.



## PASSPORT BINGE!



WTVP Passport

Excited for the new MASTERPIECE shows, *Maigret* and *The Gold*? You can binge all six episodes of both seasons starting October 5 with **WTVP Passport!** No waiting for next week to find out what happens. No spoilers from other viewers. Just great, new episodes available on-demand.

**WTVP Passport** is a benefit available to members of **WTVP**. When you support the station at \$60 a year or more, you get early access to shows and thousands of hours of your favorite programs. You can learn more and donate to become a member at <https://www.wtvp.org/passport>.

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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 P.M.**



# Halloween



## NATURE

### DRACULA'S HIDDEN KINGDOM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7 PM

Discover Transylvania, a mystical region in central Romania where its mountain ranges, vast ancient forests and medieval villages are a sanctuary for wolves, lynxes, brown bears, bats and more.



## THEATER OF THE MIND

### DRACULA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 6 PM

It's radio you can see, complete with actors, music and a crew of sound effects technicians, creating it all right before your eyes. Emmy Award Winning, "Dracula: Theater of the Mind" is a 1940's-style radio drama, produced for television. "Dracula: Theater of the Mind" follows the story of a small band of mortals who faced the most powerful vampire of them all. It is 1888 and, in Whitby, England, Lucy Westenra has fallen ill. Her fiancée, Jack Seward, has brought her to his sanitarium and called in a battery of physicians, but her condition worsens. Desperate, Jack sends for Van Helsing, a specialist in obscure diseases. Van Helsing's visit coincides with that of Jonathan Harker and his wife, Mina, who had been Seward's nurse, but resigned to care for Jon during his recent illness. Jon's law firm has purchased, for one of its clients, the old Abbey next door to the sanitarium. The client's name is Count Dracula.



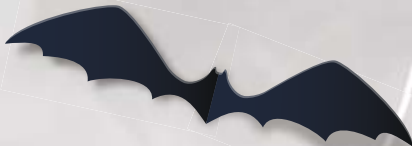
## THEATER OF THE MIND

### WEREWOLF OF THE BAYOU

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 6 PM

It is 1940 and ace newspaper reporter Margo Mason heads to the Louisiana swamps to investigate a series of strange murders and an ancient curse centered around an archaeological dig and a strange skeleton unearthed: the body of a human, the head of a wolf. The local swamp witch says it's the rougarou werewolf, returned for vengeance. But who is the werewolf? And who will be its next victim?





## ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

### KOOKY & SPOOKY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 7 PM

Celebrate Halloween with thrilling and chilling finds, like a rag doll nicknamed "Chucky," a nightmarish Leonora Carrington painting, and an eye-catching "Bride of Frankenstein" pressbook. Which macabre and magnificent treasure is \$250,000-\$350,000?



## EXHUMED: A HISTORY OF ZOMBIES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 9:30 PM

In this one-hour Halloween PBS special, Dr. Emily Zarka will deconstruct some of the most significant moments in zombie popular culture over the last two centuries to reveal what these creatures say about us.



## TALES OF MADNESS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 9:30 PM

TALES OF MADNESS brings together dramatized retellings of two well-known works by Edgar Allan Poe. In Poe's "The Raven," a young man struggles with the loss of his love and the significance of her death. He must now confront a new adversary as a talking Raven causes him to question reality. In "The Tell-Tale Heart," a young woman under suspicion of murder must face the police and choose between proving her innocence or her sanity. The half-hour program draws similarities between the two classic works of literature while focusing on some of the themes that are most characteristic of Poe's writing style.



## WORLD ACCORDING TO POLKA

### HALLOWEEN SPOOK-TACULAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 9 PM

If Vincent Price had teamed up with Lawrence Welk, they might have come up with something a tad like this. Hosted by Emmy-winning bandleader Jake Kouwe, this program is a delightful jaunt into your favorite spooky season!



## THEATER OF THE MIND

### FRANKENSTEIN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 9:30 PM

It's radio you can see, complete with actors, music and a crew of sound effects technicians, creating it all right before your eyes. Upon graduating from the university, and with the help of a friend, Victor Frankenstein set out to create life--using corpses stolen from graveyards. During a raging storm, he is successful but, too late, realizes he has created a misshapen, inarticulate horror. And so begins a tale of creature vs. creator in KTWU's fifth televised 1940's style radio drama from ARTS, Inc., and playwright, Phil Grecian.





# IN CASE *you* MISSED IT

September saw not only great episodes of WTVP's amazing, ongoing shows, but also the introduction of two, new programs! 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/sag608



## A SHOT OF AG

Jessica Chipman is an award-winning High School ag teacher with the FFA.



wtvp.tv/ai308



## AT ISSUE WITH MARK WELP

A central Illinois mother is educating and advocating for people with food allergies.



wtvp.tv/ct610



## CONSIDER THIS

Prairieland Adaptive helps keep people with disabilities moving and active!



wtvp.tv/doc101



## DOCS ON CALL

Experts from OSF Healthcare focus on your child's back-to-school health needs.



wtvp.tv/ltrmh101



## LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH

A panel of mental health professionals discusses resources and strategies for dealing with anxiety.



wtvp.tv/ygst503



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# WEDNESDAY Wonders

## **NATURE: WALRUS: LIFE ON THIN ICE**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7 PM

The walrus is one of the Arctic's most enigmatic and social animals, relying on sea ice to live. Follow a paleontologist who embarks on an Arctic adventure to see how these mammals are coping in a warming world.

## **NATURE: WILLOW: DIARY OF A MOUNTAIN LION**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7 PM

Never-before-seen behaviors are shown in a decade-long mountain lion study throughout Montana's Sapphire Mountains. Witness the epic story of a female mountain lion named Willow and her kittens as they interact with the forest ecosystem.

WTVP HD 47.1



# NOVA

## **ANCIENT DESERT DEATH TRAP**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 8 PM

Deep in the Arabian Desert lie thousands of enigmatic stone megastructures whose true form is visible only from the sky. Follow archaeologists as they decipher the mysterious remnants of a Stone Age culture and discover their true purpose.

## **SUPERFLOODS**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 8 PM

Recent deadly flash floods have wreaked havoc in the US and beyond. Explore why dangerous floods are on the rise and what can be done to protect more lives when they strike.

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# PORTTRAITS OF

# *fascinating* PEOPLE

## **GREAT PERFORMANCES THE MAGIC OF GRACE BUMBRY**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 8 PM

Discover Grace Bumbry's inspiring rise to global opera fame. Spotlighting her historic performances, the film explores the racial barriers she overcame to triumph in her 1966 performance as "Carmen."



## **AMERICAN MASTERS JULIA ALVAREZ: A LIFE REIMAGINED**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 9 PM

Explore the story of Dominican-American poet and novelist Julia Alvarez, who burst onto the literary scene and blazed a trail for a generation of Latino authors.



## **BRIAN AND MAGGIE**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 7 PM

1989. When two old friends—the “much feared inquisitor” Brian Walden and “Iron Lady” Margaret Thatcher—come together for their last-ever TV interview, little do they realize they're about to embark on one of the most famous political exchanges of all time. Helmed by Steve Coogan as politician-turned-journalist Brian Walden and Harriet Walter as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, this drama recounts the end of a political era and a long-term friendship, tensely reconstructing the seismic London Weekend Television interview that reshaped national opinion and signposted the end of Thatcher's premiership. Brian and Margaret never spoke again after their final encounter.



## INDEPENDENT LENS CRACKING THE CODE: PHIL SHARP AND THE BIOTECH REVOLUTION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9 PM

A groundbreaking look at Phil Sharp's rise from being a rural Kentucky farm boy who battled dyslexia to Nobel Prize-winning scientist. Narrated by Mark Ruffalo with insights from Walter Isaacson, *Cracking the Code: Phil Sharp and the Biotech Revolution* reveals how Sharp's RNA discovery transformed biology and launched the biotechnology revolution leading to life-saving treatments for millions.



## POV A MOTHER APART

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 9 PM

In a powerful story of healing and forgiveness, Jamaican-American poet and LGBTQ+ activist Staceyann Chin re-imagines mothering after being abandoned by her own. In a journey to seek out her elusive mother, Staceyann travels across Brooklyn, Montreal, Cologne, and Jamaica while building a new sense of home with her own daughter. Co-presented with Black Public Media (BPM)



## AMERICAN MASTERS MARLEE MATLIN: NOT ALONE ANYMORE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 8 PM

Learn about the life and career of four-time Emmy nominee Marlee Matlin as she shares her story in her native American Sign Language. Known for roles in *The West Wing* and *CODA*, at 21 years old, Matlin became the first deaf actor to win an Oscar.



## AMERICAN EXPERIENCE KISSINGER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 8 PM

**PART ONE:** Explore Kissinger's life, from his childhood in Germany to architect of American foreign policy.

**PART TWO:** Discover how Kissinger's anti-Communism would shape U.S. foreign policy, from Vietnam to the USSR.





# AUSTIN CITY LIMITS®

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## FINNEAS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 10:30 PM

Groundbreaking singer, songwriter and producer **FINNEAS** takes center stage with new songs from his sophomore solo album *For Cryin' Out Loud!* in a captivating season premiere. The hitmaker dazzles with highlights and new gems reflecting his compelling sonic journey in a must-see hour.

## THE MARIAS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 10:30 PM

Genre-blending LA indie pop band **The Marías**, a favorite of the festival circuit with buzzed about appearances at Coachella, Lollapalooza and ACL Fest, make their series debut in a spellbinding hour featuring songs from their acclaimed album *Submarine*. The bilingual group blends English and Spanish lyrics anchored by smoky velvet vocals, hypnotic guitar and lush jazz percussion.

## ACL 11TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME HONORS MY MORNING JACKET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 10:30 PM

In an epic installment, rock legends **My Morning Jacket** return for the first time in nearly a decade on the occasion of their induction into the 11th Annual ACL Hall of Fame, joining the esteemed acts inducted since 2014. Special guest Oscar-winning filmmaker and best-selling author **Cameron Crowe** honors the fan-favorite Kentucky band, and MMJ take the stage with classics and new highlights from their latest album in a thrilling hour with one of music's great live acts.

## CHARLEY CROCKETT/WAXAHATCHEE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 10:30 PM

Another trailblazing pair of Grammy-nominated and road-tested roots acts get the ACL treatment in a magnetic hour: Texas troubadour **Charley Crockett**, who made a sensational ACL debut in 2021's Season 47, carves his name in ACL history once again performing songs from *Lonesome Drifter*, the first installment of his Sagebrush Trilogy (followed by recently released *Dollar A Day*). He shares the episode with breakout singer-songwriter **Waxahatchee** in a sparkling ACL debut showcasing the best of her acclaimed *Tiger's Blood*.





**SATURDAYS AT 8:30 PM**

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

This month, Rob sits down with a young farmer and sheep shearer who has not only carried forward his family's farming heritage but also built a thriving business with his own mobile shearing barn, bringing his craft straight to fellow producers.

Rob also visits with an FFA advisor and ag teacher whose dedication to

investing in students proves that ag education is about so much more than farming; it's about leadership, confidence, connection, and preparing the next generation for success.

The conversations continue with an entrepreneur working at the crossroads of agriculture and medical technology, where innovation drives progress and mentoring sparks new opportunities. Community development takes center stage as well, showing how building strong rural economies goes

hand in hand with strengthening agriculture.

Finally, Rob takes viewers to the fields to explore how drones and precision science are helping farmers maximize yields, conserve resources, and reach their full potential.

From heritage skills to cutting-edge technology, this month's episodes highlight the heart and innovation behind modern agriculture, proving once again that every story in ag is worth telling.



# 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. The intent is to 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 a Bloomington mom who wrote a book educating people about medical differences and teaching kids that they were created for a purpose.

We'll also learn about a special project for Veterans at the historic Springdale Cemetery.





July 2024-June 2025



# WTVP Annual IMPACT Guide

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## VIEWS

WTVP PBS programs were viewed over **3,000,000** times on average each month.\*

\* Does not include PBS Kids, World, Create or Remote broadcast channels



## VIEWERS

Over **330,000** viewers watched **WTVP** on average each month.\*\*

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## ENGAGEMENT

WTVP connected with an estimated **9,000 PEOPLE** through **24 EVENTS**

- **147** businesses, organizations and groups featured in programs and events
- **1,100+** guests visited the station
- **294** animals adopted through **Mark's Furry Friends**

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MATT M., Germantown Hills, IL



## PROGRAMMING

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**43,800**

HOURS OF QUALITY  
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BROADCAST

**640+**

HOURS OF LOCAL  
CONTENT  
BROADCAST ACROSS  
5 CHANNELS

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NEW, LOCAL  
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WERE PRODUCED



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# VIBE 309

WITH BLAKE WIRTH

## NEW LOCAL SHOW SPECIAL PREVIEW SCREENING!



**WTVP** is excited to host a preview screening of a new local show, *Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth* on **Thursday, October 16, from 4:30 – 6pm.**

Join us in the **WTVP** studio for a meet and greet with the show's creator and host Blake Wirth, followed by a special preview screening of the pilot! Seating is limited—scan the QR code to RSVP.

*Vibe 309 with Blake Wirth* is a feel-good, fast-paced TV show that aligns with real events and highlights amazing places in the 309 and beyond. Think laughs, local pride and a host who says what we're all thinking: "It's a vibe here." From food to sports to riverfront views, this show captures what makes us special—our people. Blake Wirth has lived around the world, but proudly says, "Nowhere beats Peoria, IL."

**BE AMONG THE FIRST TO EXPERIENCE THIS EXCITING NEW PROGRAM!**



**DOCS**on**CALL**

## 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 treatment of health conditions. New episodes air the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. You can submit your questions and suggestions for topics through **WTVP's** social media.

The October 9 episode of *Docs on Call* will focus on breast cancer awareness with Dr. Rozana Dwyer, General Surgeon at Graham Health System.

On October 23, the show will explore ADHD with Dr. Kyle Boerke from OSF HealthCare.



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# FAMILY-FRIENDLY SPOOKTACULAR

Join the Halloween fun at the home of PBS KIDS  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 5 -7 PM**

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

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## MARK LASSWELL WATCHES AMERICAN MASTERS: RITA MORENO: JUST A GIRL WHO DECIDED TO GO FOR IT

Mark Lasswell has worked for WTVP for 29 years—his job offer from 1996 still hangs on the wall of his office. He's worn many hats over the years but currently serves as **WTVP's** Director of IT and Compliance Officer. In this vital role, he manages the station's computer systems, websites and technology and keeps the board in compliance with FCC rules.

While Mark can usually be found improving his vocabulary skills watching *Word Girl* on **PBS KIDS**, this month he took a break to watch *American Masters: Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go For It* with **WTVP Passport**.

Mark's first introduction to Rita was in the original *Electric Company* on PBS in the 1970s. He can still hear her voice opening the show with a "Hey you guys!" and he credits Rita and Morgan Freeman with teaching him how to read.

So when Mark saw that *American Masters* had done an episode on Rita, he just had to watch. "I love history and biographies," says Lasswell, "and PBS provides the best when it comes to that. Always has."

Mark was not disappointed. Watching the show, he was fascinated to learn that Rita and her mother moved to the U.S. from Puerto Rico during the Great Depression. Rita candidly spoke about the trials she

faced while trying to break into the film industry as a Latina. Her story of survival and perseverance inspired Mark.

He learned that even after Rita won an Oscar for her role in *West Side Story*, she still struggled to break through racial and gender barriers. That's when she switched to working in TV and recounted that the time period when she was in *Electric Company* was one of the happiest of her life.

Rita remains a force of nature. She was the first Latina to win an EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards) and, in spite of filming the *American Masters* episode at the age of 87, she is still going strong.

Mark would recommend this show to anybody who likes learning about artists and their biographies. "American Masters is really in-depth. It's not a gloss over and the quality of the footage and photography they dig up is incredible."

If you, too, would like to catch this fascinating biography, point your phone camera at the QR code and follow the link. But you have to hurry—the episode is only available until October 16! And it's only available with **WTVP Passport**.





# TRAVELS

## NEAR & FAR

### TRAVELS WITH DARLEY ALABAMA FOR FOODIES, PART 1

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6:30 PM

The food, culture and history of Birmingham, Tuscaloosa and Marion, Alabama; the restaurant that inspired "Fried Green Tomatoes;" civil rights history, biscuit making and organic farming.

### KYOTO'S GION MATSURI: CORE KYOTO SPECIAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6 PM

In *Kyoto's Gion Matsuri: Core Kyoto Special*, narrator Gary Tegler gets a close-up look at one of Japan's largest and most popular festivals. The Gion Matsuri is a three-night-long event filled with traditional Japanese cuisine, music, folklore, and spiritual rituals, in addition to fantastic parades that showcase Matsuri floats, known as "dashi" or "sansha," designed to welcome the divine spirits of traditional Japanese folklore. The cultural festival began over 1,000 years ago and is still flourishing today. Alongside local guides, Gary shares the experience with viewers around the world as he unravels the mystery of the decorations and meets the foreign volunteers.

### KIMONO TRUTH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 10 PM

The kimono, a traditional Japanese garment, is admired worldwide yet remains a mystery to many. Despite being the national dress of Japan, its influence spans to the west and beyond. The half-hour program *Kimono Truth* unravels truths about this traditional garment, its styles, and the rich cultural history of kimono.

### HIDDEN UGANDA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 6 PM

In the very first Hidden special from the continent of Africa, Peter Greenberg chows down on street food in Entebbe, rafts down the Nile River, goes gorilla trekking, visits banana and coffee farms, and trains with a local baseball team.

### HISTORY UNCOVERED KIMONO DRESS: JAPAN'S CLOTHING REVOLUTION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 10 PM

In the 19th century, Japan opened its doors to the world. The "Kimono Dress," emblematic of a broader clothing revolution, was introduced and became popularized as social norms and constructs began to evolve as well. *History Uncovered – Kimono Dress: Japan's Clothing Revolution* sheds light on Japan's forward-looking strategy as it joined the global community.







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## STORIES FROM THE STAGE SEASON 9

### SAVING THE DAY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 8:30 PM

Lorenzo Beronilla survives heart failure and finds new purpose with a stranger's heart; Michelle Linn turns her own assault into a mission to stop a serial predator; and Mark Chaupetta watches his disabled son come back from the brink, pulled by the unbreakable bond of a twin.



### WE REMAIN

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 8:30 PM

In a testament to resilience, the unwavering presence of Native communities endures across generations. After years of pain, addiction, and erasure, Larry Spotted Crow Mann finds healing in the drum his grandfather entrusted to him; Rebekka Schlichting honors her late aunt – the keeper of her family's connection to culture – with a final, heartfelt walk in her moccasins; defying invisibility, Kevin Abourezk joins fellow activists in protest of a development threatening sacred land, plantings seeds of advocacy for those who come next.



### FUNNY BUSINESS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 8:30 PM

Carly Ciarrocchi strives for the perfect first impression, but a wardrobe mishap forces her to rethink what it truly means to fit in; Adam Selbst's job behind the wheel takes a wild turn, leading to a chaotic, high-speed misadventure; and Rory Scholl jumps at a rare shot at stardom, only to realize that fame isn't as glamorous as it seems.



### LAUGHING MATTERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 8:30 PM

Ajay G's innocent mistake at airport security spirals into a full-blown interrogation; Anoush Froudjian navigates the strict traditions of Armenian school until a surprising and amusing occasion changes everything; and Sean Brown relentlessly pursues his NBA dreams - until one unforgettable slip-up leads him to an entirely different calling.



# Weekend MARATHONS

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SATURDAYS, 9 AM — 2 PM

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## SOUTHERN STYLE WITH VIVIAN HOWARD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

We're headed down south with Chef Vivian Howard to uncover the secrets and shortcuts of everyday cooking — with an exclusive sneak preview of her new series, *Kitchen Curious*, before its national debut.

## FESTA DI PASTA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Step into Lidia's home kitchen for a masterclass in Italian home cooking. From traditional recipes from her childhood and lessons with her grandchildren to tips and tricks to make meals a breeze, you're in for a treat in ten back-to-back recipe-packed episodes.

## WEEKNIGHT MEDITERRANEAN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

It's time for some weeknight wins and Sara Moulton has you covered. Take a spin about the Mediterranean to discover the secrets to delicious dishes that will become your new dinner favorites without the fuss.

## PAINTING WITH JOY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

In need of a break from the hustle and bustle? Take some time to savor *The Joy of Painting with Nicholas Hankins*. Whether its completing Bob Ross' unfinished paintings, taking us Great Smoky Mountain scenes of his childhood, or recreating a scenic stroll in the woods, let Nic take you on a relaxing artistic journey.

## HOME COOKING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 — SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Explore the stories and beloved recipes that bring family and friends together as the *Great American Recipe* and *Family Ingredients* showcase the magic of home cooking.





# Secrets of the Dead

## THE RISE & FALL OF THE COLOSSEUM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 9 PM

The Colosseum was the jewel of Ancient Rome, wowing vast crowds with its extraordinary spectacles and exhibiting Rome's immense wealth. But just as the structure embodied Rome's power, so too did it contribute to the Empire's downfall.



## CLEOPATRA'S LAST TEMPLE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9 PM

A French explorer makes an unprecedented discovery in Alexandria's harbor that could reveal vital new information about Cleopatra's reign and her connection with the goddess Isis.



## CRACKING THE QUEEN'S CODE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 9 PM

Computer scientists use particle physics and AI to read 2,000-year-old carbonized scrolls found in Herculaneum, which have remained a mystery until now.



## CHASING THE PLAGUE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 9 PM

Scientists track down the earliest known bubonic plague victims and study the virus in hopes of preventing future outbreaks, while the societal impact of the plague is also considered.



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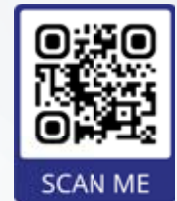
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