

## Coming Up on WSIU Radio

**Inauguration 2009** - Join WSIU Radio for special live coverage of President-Elect Barack Obama's historic Inauguration on **Tue, Jan 20**. WSIU's on-air coverage begins with **Morning Edition** at 4am and will continue with NPR's Inauguration Special from 9am until around noon.

Coverage will include special reports from locations around the country and abroad, including Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York City, Birmingham, AL, London, Rome, Baghdad, Beijing, and Mexico City.

The swearing-in ceremony is expected to begin at 10am and

conclude around noon and will feature performances by Aretha Franklin, Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma, and the U.S. Marine Band. NPR is also producing web-only Inauguration specials that will be available online at [wsiu.org](http://wsiu.org).

**Heart Month '09** - WSIU Radio is gearing up for Heart Month 2009. Throughout February, WSIU's Jennifer Fuller will take an in-depth look at some of the medical procedures available to southern Illinois heart patients. You'll go inside a heart catheterization and learn more about other ways doctors are helping people with heart problems

President-Elect Barack Obama



Photo: Damon Winter/  
The New York Times.

live longer, healthier lives! More details will be provided in next month's issue of *Signal*.

## ARE YOU READY?

# WSIU MAKES THE DIGITAL TV SWITCH **JANUARY 27!**



At **midnight on Tue, Jan 27**, WSIU Public Television will cease broadcasting on our analog channels. The conversion from analog to digital-only broadcasting has been mandated by the federal government.

**If you are not a cable or satellite subscriber and watch WSIU on an analog television set with an antenna, you must take the**

**following actions now in order to continue watching WSIU!**

**1. Buy a digital television, or purchase a set-top converter box for your**

**analog television and rescan your channels.** Converter boxes are available at most retail outlets for between \$40-80. Call 1-888-DTV-2009 or go online at [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov) for details about the federal government's coupon program to offset the cost of the boxes. NOTE: As of Jan 5, 2009, the coupon supply allotted by Congress has been exhausted. You will be placed

on a waiting list to receive two \$40 coupons per household on a first-come, first-served basis as they become available.

**2. After the conversion, you will need a VHF antenna to view WSIU TV 8's digital channels - 8.1, 8.2, and 8.3. WUSI TV 16's digital channels - 16.1, 16.2, and 16.3 - will remain UHF.** Most antennas sold today are dual-purpose VHF/UHF antennas. Learn more at [www.antennaweb.org](http://www.antennaweb.org), or give us a call if you do not have Internet access.

**Need assistance?  
Call (618) 453-6156.**

## SIRIS Holiday Open House



SIRIS volunteers Jim DeYoung (l) and Pat Harward.  
Photo: Vickie Devenport.

The SIRIS Advisory Board hosted a **Holiday Open House and Luncheon** at the SIRIS house on Fri, Dec 5. A record number of volunteers and board members were in attendance. Board members also participated in the **2008 Lights Fantastic Parade** in Carbondale on Sat, Dec 6, along

with WSIU staff, the WSIU Literacy Van, and PBS KIDS character, SuperWhy.

For more information about SIRIS, or to volunteer, call **(618) 453-4354** or email **vickie.devenport@wsiu.org**.

## Sharing Native Stories

### Why do turtles have shells? How did the moon end up in the sky?

Robert Lewis ( pictured right, with microphone), lead interpreter for the **Cherokee Heritage Center** in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, demonstrated how Cherokee elders explain the natural world in a thrilling narrative performance at the **SIUC Student Center Auditorium on Nov 17**.

Over 400 people laughed, clapped, and cheered while an enthusiastic Lewis invited people of all ages to perform a series of traditional Cherokee stories.

After the performance, Lewis joined guests in the Hall of Fame area of the Student Center to view the traveling exhibit, "**Mapping the Trail of Tears Through Southern Illinois**," which documents the trail taken by the Cherokee during their forced migration west.

Lewis also performed for hundreds of kids at Egyptian School in Tamms prior to his SIUC appearance.

On Nov 18, Lewis discussed his life and career with **Jennifer Fuller** for WSIU Radio's *Morning Conversations*.



Robert Lewis and young audience members.  
Photo: Monica Tichenor.

Lewis' visit to Southern Illinois was made possible by a grant from WGBH Boston for the American Experience TV series ***We Shall Remain***, airing on WSIU in April.

For details about *We Shall Remain*, call **(618) 453-6148** or send an email to **vickie.devenport@wsiu.org**.

## 2009 Reading Rainbow Story Contest



Area children in kindergarten-3rd grade are invited to enter

WSIU's **15th Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writer's and Illustrator's Contest**. All children will receive a Certificate of Achievement. Eight local winners will receive great prizes at an awards ceremony on April 25 at **Cedarhurst Center for the Arts**, our regional sponsor, who will host an exhibit of top-scoring entries from April 25-May 3. **WSIU Radio will invite honorees to record their stories for broadcast in late spring**. Entries must be **postmarked no later than March 30**. For entry forms and rules, go online at **wsiu.org/kids**.

## Thank You, Underwriters!

Program underwriting is an important part of the community support equation. Together, our members and underwriters make public radio possible!

Please join us in thanking the following underwriters, who recently began or renewed their partnerships:

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For more information about the advantages of underwriting WSIU Radio programming through your business, group, or organization, please contact us at **(618) 453-4286**.

# WSIU TV Live Saluki Basketball Exclusive

**SIU vs. Indiana State**

**Wed, Jan 21, 2009**

**Live at 6pm on WSIU TV**

**Total replay follows  
live broadcast**

## Hey, Saluki Fans!

Don't miss our exclusive coverage of this key Missouri Valley Conference game, available only on WSIU Public Television.

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**WSIU is my source for sharing deeply personal stories that matter to people in the region.**

*- Norma Ewing, Carbondale, IL*

**Public broadcasting has something for everyone.** For Norma Ewing, WSIU is a source for dialogue that encourages personal growth and positive change in our communities. In a series of Radio and TV programs produced by WSIU for the Excellence is Colorblind project, Norma and several friends shared their experiences at Southern Illinois University during the Civil Rights era under former president Delyte Morris.

"Morris was absolutely a visionary for what was about to happen across the entire United States in terms of changing racial attitudes," she says. "He created possibilities and opportunities at SIU for those, who for a long time, did not have doors open to them."



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