



## Love is on the Air at WSIU Radio

Public radio fans...now is the time to offer someone special in your life a sweet treat for Valentine's Day by supporting WSIU Radio in our 12th Annual "Love is on the Air" membership campaign. Regional sponsors are **The Chocolate Factory** in Golconda and **Mail Boxes Etc.** in the Murdale Shopping Center in Carbondale.

Launched in 1997, this special campaign has become a popular Valentine's Day tradition, for the love of public radio. You're invited to surprise your sweetheart, parents, children, friends, coworkers, or other loved ones with regular or sugar-free, hand-made, gourmet chocolates from The Chocolate Factory.

Our staff and volunteers have fun every year providing these Valentine's Day treats to our supporters and public radio fans. Both varieties are available in half-pound boxes for a donation of \$45, one-pound boxes for a donation of \$60, and two-pound boxes for a donation of \$100.

Each beautifully wrapped box includes a gift card with your personal message. You provide the delivery address and personal message for each gift card and Mail Boxes Etc. will ship orders anywhere in the U.S. on or before February 14.



Gourmet chocolates from The Chocolate Factory. Photo: Ernie Ashby.

To order, call **Susan Patrick** at **(618) 453-6184**, call our 24-hour pledge line at **(800) 745-9748**, or order online at **www.wsiu.org**. Supplies go quickly, so we encouraged you to order right away!

A special thanks to **Linda Meherg** of The Chocolate Factory for donating her delicious chocolates, and **David Klapproth** of Mail Boxes Etc. for providing delivery services!



WSIU Radio is committed to providing you with programming that feeds your mind, inspires your imagination, and improves your quality of life. This February, our health-related programming will have you thinking about your heart in a whole new way!

In cooperation with American Heart Month, WSIU Radio will present new segments of our **Morning**

## Coming Up on *Morning Conversations*

**Conversations** radio series **Keep the Beat**, airing **Thursday mornings** at **5:29am, 6:33am, and 8:33am** beginning **February 5**.

Hosted by reporter and morning news anchor **Jennifer Fuller**, *Keep the Beat* will reveal how local hospitals are collaborating to provide immediate treatment for emergency heart conditions. We'll investigate how new health care procedures and technologies are making treatment better for residents in our region, learn more about common children's

heart conditions, and discover how doctors are developing new techniques to care for their youngest patients. You'll also learn how podiatrists are helping with some cardiovascular conditions. You can also tune in on WSIU Radio's podcast page at **www.wsiu.org**.

Later this spring, *Morning Conversations* will feature interviews with SIU President **Glenn Poshard**, SIUC Chancellor **Sam Goldman**, Southern Illinois Symphony Maestro **Ed Benyas**, and other community members in the news. Stay tuned!

## SIRIS Welcomes New Staff and Volunteers



Dylan Cook. Photo: Erin Koelkebeck.

Volunteers and student support are critical to the success of the **Southern Illinois Radio Information Service (SIRIS)**. That's why we'd like to acknowledge our student workers and volunteers for their contributions to this worthwhile service.

SIRIS is pleased to announce that **Dylan Cook** is the new daily

operations assistant. Cook previously worked as a broadcast programmer for SIRIS and says that the skills he developed while working at SIRIS enabled him to take on the task of programming the daily broadcast.

SIRIS also would like to welcome our new volunteer readers **Sarah Ritcheson, Nathan Beck, and Kenneth Lindquist!**

As we greet our newest students and volunteers, we also bid a sad farewell to **Shatesha Boyce**, our former operations assistant who is currently serving as the Americorps volunteer coordinator at the Jackson County Health department. We also say goodbye to **Teja Adusumalli**, who graduated in December 2008. Both students were a great asset to SIRIS and will be missed by all!

**Would you like to gain new skills and make friends while helping others?** We're looking for volunteer readers to assist **Monday-Friday from 1-5pm**.

Learn more and sign up today by calling **(618) 453-4354** or email **vickie.devenport@wsiu.org**.



Shatesha Boyce. Photo: James Milner.

## Celebrating Black History Month and the Lincoln Bicentennial

**William "Pete" Peterson** will host a special episode of *Reading Baseball* in February in honor of **Black History Month**. Pete will examine the life of "**Doc**" **Ellis, Jr.**, an African American pitcher who played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and had his best season in 1971. The episode will air on a **Friday at 6:33 and 8:33am and 5:29pm** (day TBA).

In celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, WSIU Radio will air a series of special programs produced by **Illinois Public Radio**.

**Thu, Feb 12, 7-8pm**  
**Lincoln As a Lawmaker**

**Sun, Feb 15, 2-2:30pm**  
**Lincoln through Poetry**

**Mon, Feb 16, 7-8pm**  
**Lincoln & Campaign Politics**

**Thu, Feb 19, 7-8pm**  
**Lincoln's Music**

**Sun, Feb 22, 2-2:30pm**  
**Lincoln & Humor**

**\*Tune in & celebrate with WSIU\***



Mother Grove. Photo: www.mothergrove.com.

Mark your calendars! The **13th Annual Southern Illinois Irish Festival** is coming **April 24-26!**

## Celtic Connections Gets Ready for Irish Fest

On **Fri, April 24**, Indianapolis "Kilt Rock" band **Mother Grove** will perform at Carbondale's Copper Dragon. On **Sat, April 25**, SIUC's McLeod Theater will host Nashville family band **The Willis Clan** and **Give Way**, a band of four sisters from Scotland. You'll also enjoy an outdoor Celtic Fair, live music, Irish dancers, Highland games, and more. Find out more at **silirishfest.org**.

NOTE: WSIU will tape Saturday's concert for future broadcast (TBA).

To help get you in the mood for the 2009 Festival, catch highlights from last year's event on a special episode of **Celtic Connections** airing **Sat, Feb 28 at 3pm** (repeats on 2/30 at 6pm). Visit **celticconnectionsradio.org** for more details about the broadcast.

## WSIU to Air Governor's Budget Message

WSIU Radio will offer live coverage of **Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's** first budget message to the Illinois General Assembly on **Wed, March 18 at noon**.

WSIU TV also will carry the speech live at noon, with a repeat at 10pm. The speech will air as part of the statewide public TV series **Illinois Lawmakers**. Look for more details in the March issue of *Signal*!

## 2009 Reading Rainbow Story Contest



Area kids in kindergarten through the third grade are invited to create their own stories and enter them in WSIU's **15th Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators Contest**. Entries must be postmarked **no later than March 30**. For entry forms and rules, visit [wsiu.org/kids](http://wsiu.org/kids).

All children will receive a Certificate of Achievement and eight local winners will receive great prizes at an awards ceremony on April 25 at **Cedarhurst Center for the Arts** in Mt. Vernon, the contest sponsor. **WSIU Radio will record honorees reading their stories for broadcast later this year.**

## Thank You, Underwriters!

Together, our members and underwriters make public radio possible! Please join us in thanking the following underwriters, who recently began or renewed their partnerships:

**The Chocolate Factory  
Mail Boxes Etc.  
The Rosebud Theatre  
Von Jakob Vineyard**

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 is my source for inspiration and connecting with my family.**

*- Susan Drone Prickett, Carbondale IL*

### **Public broadcasting has something for everyone.**

For Susan Drone Prickett, WSIU Radio is a source for family connections. While cleaning her house one weekend, she heard a story on WSIU featuring a woman who had written a book about raising a horse in her house. Susan soon found herself laughing to the point of tears and decided to call her parents to share this unusual story, explaining how the horse drank out of the bathtub and watched television with the family.

"My father finally exclaimed, 'Well, Susan, what's so unusual about that?'," she says. "At that point, we all enjoyed a hearty, healthy laugh because the story wasn't so different from what it was like growing up on our family farm. It's amazing how listening to public radio can take me right back to my childhood."



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