

QUARTERLY ISSUES

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PROGRAMS REPORT

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PROBLEMS AND NEEDS

OVERVIEW

Based on WNEM's ascertainment of community leaders and from data gathered from community organizations, then highest ranking problems and needs of the Bay City/Flint/Midland and Saginaw markets are:

1. Jobs/Economy
2. Crime
3. Weather
4. Flint Water Emergency
5. School/Campus
6. Veterans/European/Middle East Unrest

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

OVERVIEW

The following is the quarterly “Issues and Programs” Report placed in the public file of WNEM at the open of business day July 1, 2017. The report covers the period from April 1 through June 30, 2017. The report is based on ten significant problems and needs determined by WNEM’s community ascertainment. Below each problem/need is a brief description of some news segments broadcast during the quarter designed to call attention to, or address, the problem or need.

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ISSUE/TITLE/SOURCE	PROGRAM/TYPE	DATE/DURATION
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1. Jobs/Economy

5P	LOC/NEWS	4/4/17	1:30
Today is equal pay day across the country. The day is observed to highlight women who often times get paid significantly less than a man, even with the same qualifications. The day is recognized in April because this date and month symbolize how much longer it takes for a woman's salary to catch up to a man's. A study by the National Partnership shows women who hold full time jobs, year round, in the U.S. are paid \$.80 less for every dollar paid to men.			
11P	LOC/NEWS	4/25/17	1:33
Several police officers in the Alma Police Department were fired without warning. One of them says he was told he's being let go, after seven months on the force. The Alma Mayor said plans changed quickly due to budget problems, with more changes possible. The City Commission was unaware there were budget concerns.			
5P	LOC/NEWS	4/27/17	1:30
President Trump pushes back plans to terminate the North American Free Trade Agreement for now. The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce CEO says the trade agreement (NAFTA) could use some re-evaluation as Michigan lost 199,230 manufacturing jobs from 1994 to 2016.			
6P	LOC/NEWS	5/11/17	1:36
A Flint supermarket was approved for a \$725,000 loan from mBank. The loan will allow the store to provide customers with a deli and more fresh meat, plus create jobs. The grocery store currently employs about 40 people, and hopes to bring in an additional 8-12 new hires, to help with the expansion.			
11P	LOC/NEWS	5/11/17	2:00
The annual Midland Invitational Tournament is estimated to bring 10,000 visitors to the region over the weekend—an event great for local businesses, restaurants and hotels. Most of the hotels in Midland are completely booked, with nearby restaurants preparing to feed the hungry soccer players and their families.			
5P	LOC/NEWS	5/30/17	:27
Dow Chemical Company announces plans to move a silicone plant from North Carolina to Midland. They expect to hire about 140 new employees which includes 80 chemical process operators and 60 logistic technicians at its Midland operations site.			

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6P

LOC/NEWS

6/5/17

1:43

Work on the Midland Streetscape project broke ground this morning, starting 5 months of work that local leaders hope will lead to a more beautiful city, and easier access to it. Local businesses brace for decreased revenues as construction gears up. The end result will enhance downtown business and improve outdoor events.

6P

LOC/NEWS

6/7/17

1:50

An unnamed company offers summer work for \$17/hour, but is it too good to be true? Signs have been popping up all across mid-Michigan, including in front of Vassar High School. Vassar Police looked into the signs and say the company behind them appears to be legitimate, but they do violate city ordinances. They say similar signs are often used by thieves and sex traffickers and warn the public to proceed with caution.

530P

LOC/NEWS

6/8/17

1:35

Today, at the Bearinger Building, in downtown Saginaw, Governor Snyder signed legislation he believes will entice more investors to take a chance redeveloping old buildings. The new law would allow for developers to collect a portion of income and sales taxes generated by their development.

11P

LOC/NEWS

6/27/17

2:00

A local Saginaw County farmer says the huge amount of recent rain has destroyed his crops with flooding from the Tittabawassee River. Halfway to the fall harvest, the farmer says he'll have to re-do a lot of the work he's already done, and is hoping Governor Snyder will declare the area a disaster and send financial relief.

2. Crime

11P

LOC/NEWS

4/3/17

1:51

Dramatic video shows a high speed car chase down residential streets in Saginaw. Police try to stop a man who they say was armed and dangerous. The man fired multiple shotgun rounds at his ex-girlfriend, as she left work from a Saginaw Township business. He was stopped by the Michigan State Police using a ‘pit’ maneuver, and taken into custody.

6P

LOC/NEWS

4/10/17

1:30

Four months after a judge threw out the sexual assault charges against former MSU basketball star Mateen Cleaves, lawyers were back in court today, because it was appealed. The judge determined the previous judge, now retired, provided no analysis of the evidence, and determined Mateen Cleaves should stand trial. He is accused of sexually assaulting a woman in a Grand Blanc motel room in September, 2015.

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6P LOC/NEWS 4/19/17 1:30
A successful Bay County real estate agent is accused of embezzling up to \$100,000 from families and faces up to 25 years behind bars if found guilty. The business he ran was shut down, and re-emerged under a new name.

6P LOC/NEWS 5/12/17 1:40
The first of two women testified during today's preliminary hearing, to determine if former Dr. Larry Nassar will face sexual abuse charges. She said says she thought the treatments he was performing were legitimate until he reached a certain point. When she reported her concerns to her coach, she says she was warned about the repercussions should she speak up.

5P LOC/NEWS 5/26/17 1:30
Another powerful day of testimony from women against former Dr. Larry Nassar, many of them former gymnasts. Many were very graphic, as a judge tries to determine if there is enough evidence to send the case to trial. A recurring theme from victims is that Nassar allegedly performed these acts without any gloves on, and without giving them any warning about what he was doing.

5P LOC/NEWS 5/30/17 1:24
The Tuscola County Prosecutor says a 59-year-old man assaulted his wife with an ax as she lay in bed, and then tried to cover up the crime. His wife lay in bed bleeding for 14 hours, until her husband finally called for help, saying they were victims of a home invasion. The man had no prior criminal record.

6P LOC/NEWS 6/6/17 1:30
Warrants were issued against 3 Michigan State University football players, charged with criminal sexual conduct against a woman while at a campus party. The incident happened in January where police claim the woman was forced into a bathroom and assaulted by the three teens.

5P LOC/NEWS 6/21/17 1:30
A security officer at Flint Bishop Airport was assaulted repeatedly with a knife today on the second floor of the airport's main terminal. His attacker was overpowered and taken into custody. The guard was listed in critical condition, but has since been upgraded to stable condition. The FBI is investigating the stabbing. The airport was closed down for 7 hours after the incident occurred.

6P LOC/NEWS 6/27/16 1:18
For the second time in 2 years, a Bay City Little League team has fallen victim to thieves. Money for uniforms for the All State Tournament, was kept in a safe at a building owned by the Southwest Little League. Thieves took the 100-pound safe, filled with mostly cash, over the weekend. The League will no longer keep cash on site.

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5P LOC/NEWS 6/28/17 1:30
The man who stabbed an airport security guard last week appeared in District Court today. He is accused of carrying a 12-inch knife into Flint's Bishop Airport and stabbing an airport police commander. He was denied bail and required an interpreter for legal terms. He faces 20 years or more in prison.

3. Weather

5P LOC/NEWS 4/6/17 1:30
Strong winds from the north have pushed the Saginaw Bay water in toward the small town of Quanicassee. It's backing up the Quanicassee River, and water is flooding out roads and even some homes. Rain continues while area homeowners say it hasn't been this bad since the record flooding in 1986.

530P LOC/NEWS 4/19/17 1:52
Rain and warm weather will have pesky mosquitoes soon out in full force. The director of Midland County Mosquito Control, says after a few wet weeks, multiple foot crews are tending to areas with standing water, while planes drop BTI, a chemical used to kill mosquito eggs. Their biologist says there's no real concern for any disease-carrying insects; they are dealing with them as a nuisance.

530P LOC/NEWS 4/27/17 1:30
Part of Spring includes warmer weather and seasonal pollens from flowers bursting into bloom. An area allergist says it's been a confusing season, due to a mild winter which makes allergies worse than normal. He reminds viewers if you're not having fever and chills with your sneezing, coughing and watering eyes, then it's not a cold, but allergies.

6P LOC/NEWS 5/10/17 1:47
Temperatures have dropped to near freezing for several nights, and local fruit farmers worry and wait to learn if their crops are damaged by the recent May cold snap. An area apple farmer says he's lost sleep the last few nights, wondering if they are going to lose this year's crop. The MSU Extension representative says temperatures are within a degree or two of a major loss of fruit crops in Eastern Michigan.

11P LOC/NEWS 5/15/17 3:17
Area communities prepared for severe weather which brings high winds, downed power lines and trees, hail and rain. The Bay County Emergency manager feels sirens are necessary. He says they receive instruction directly from the National Weather Service on when to use a siren. A meteorologist with the National Weather Service says local emergency management, local counties, police and fire are key partners for their weather service to help amplify a warning message when severe weather is imminent.

11P LOC/NEWS 5/29/17 1:23
As Memorial weekend wraps up with the Monday holiday, Michiganders relax with family and enjoy the nice weather. Thousands make their way home after a weekend spent elsewhere, while others grill out, go fishing, or pay their respects at cemeteries to those who died serving their country.

5:30P LOC/NEWS 6/23/17 1:26
Dozens of families are forced from their homes in Midland County, as flood waters fill basements. The Midland Mall entrance is blocked, due to flooding, the parking lots of Wal-mart and Meijer's look like small lakes, and many residents woke up surrounded by water, evacuating with what they could salvage.

11P LOC/NEWS 6/25/17 1:15
Michigan's Attorney General and Midland County resident Bill Schuette gave an update today on damage assessment in the wake of severe flooding along the Tittabawassee River. It was bad enough to close the Midland County Courthouse on Monday and is already drawing comparisons to the flood of 1986, which caused more than \$58 million in damages. At a press conference today Schuette, along with other Midland leaders, says they are assessing the damage and asking Governor Snyder for help.

6P LOC/NEWS 6/26/17 1:21
In Isabella County, emergency workers try to help flood victims. Governor Snyder made a stop there and talked about trying to get some federal aid to the counties affected. FEMA officials are going door-to-door to find out how much damage has been done. Dozens of roads are compromised or completely destroyed, with 130 miles of roadway closed this past weekend.

4. Flint Water Emergency

5P LOC/NEWS 4/18/17 1:42
Today Flint's Mayor Karen Weaver announces the City of Flint stays with Great Lakes Water Authority, as its primary source of water. She says her recommendation comes after days of careful consideration about the health of residents and the city's bottom line.

5P LOC/NEWS 4/24/17 1:30
The water crisis put Flint in the international spotlight, when news broke the city's water system was poisoning its residents. Lead poisoning can have a long-lasting effect on a child's physical and mental development. A Genesee County Head Start program provides education, home visits and nutritional support for kids ages 5 and younger, to mitigate the effects of the corrosive water.

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6P LOC/NEWS 4/25/17 1:28
It's day 1,096 of Flint's Water Crisis and protestors gather in front of City Hall, holding a March and rally, to commemorate the man-made mistake. It is another effort by residents to bring an end to the water crisis. One woman talks about going through each day with bottle after bottle of water, and only showering twice a week.

6P LOC/NEWS 5/12/17 1:34
Crews with the Fast Start Pipe Replacement Program faced a setback when vandals damaged their equipment, torching a truck, and smashing windows out of a backhoe. The vandalism added a new expense to the project—now security is needed for the area, says Flint's Mayor Karen Weaver.

5P LOC/NEWS 5/15/17 1:45
Flint's children need extra fruit and vegetables to mitigate the effects of lead in their system. The State of Michigan agrees, and recently allocated \$7 million in federal funding for the 15,000 children living in the water crisis area. The funds will allow families to access nutritious foods. Only families already enrolled in the federal food assistance program are eligible.

11P LOC/NEWS 5/17/17 1:30
Flint's water is still not deemed safe, so many residents are not paying their water bills. An older city ordinance recently mandated foreclosure for unpaid water bills. Residents showed up at a Flint City Council meeting to protest the action. Earlier this month lien threats were announced on 8,000 properties in the city. Nearly \$6 million is owed in back payments to the City.

5P LOC/NEWS 6/1/17 1:30
Hundreds, if not thousands, of Flint residents continue to struggle paying off their huge water bills—water that many say is still not trustworthy. It's day 1,133 of the water crisis, with nearly 1,200 pipes replaced. While people wait for the problem to be fixed, there are still bills to be paid. A local church partners with the Genesee County Hispanic-Latino collaborative to gather resources to help people recover from a crisis they didn't create.

530P LOC/NEWS 6/20/17 1:47
Two months ago, Mayor Weaver recommended Flint City stay with the Great Lakes Water Authority, as its primary water source. Since then, council members have been slow to act. If an agreement is not approved by June 26, the State will decide for them.

5P LOC/NEWS 6/27/17 1:21
Flint's Chief Financial Officer says Flint's water and sewer bill is more than \$5 million in the red. Tuesday the state receivership board halted an attempt by city council to place a one year moratorium on thousands of water liens placed on homes. The CFO says a moratorium, plus the cost of extending a short-term contract for Detroit water, would significantly hurt the city's water fund, with an estimated cost of \$12 million.

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5. School/Campus

11P LOC/NEWS 4/20/16 2:25
Central Michigan University faces a \$20 million budget deficit. The University President has already said publicly that this means layoffs for about 2 dozen staff members, and not filling positions that are open. A Union representative fears class sizes could increase and some programs would be in jeopardy.

530P LOC/NEWS 4/21/17 1:30
A 12-year-old Flint student is one of two contestants from Michigan traveling to Stanford University in California to compete in the national finals for the NBA Math Hoops tournament. Math Hoops is a board game where kids use NBA player statistics, free throws, field goal percentage and 3-point percentage statistical data to play the game.

11P LOC/NEWS 4/26/17 1:45
A Corunna schools' student was eating Skittles while riding home on a school bus when he began choking. His cousin alerted the bus driver to the situation who immediately pulled over the bus. She performed the Heimlich maneuver on him, and successfully dislodged the candy from the boy's throat. She says she's not a hero, but the boy's father says she was at the right place at the right time, knew what to do and acted quickly. He knows she saved his son's life.

6P LOC/NEWS 5/11/17 1:49
Delta College just approved a tuition increase this week, passing the \$100 mark for the first time in the college's history. The Vice President of Business and Finance said raising tuition was the only choice to consider in order to continue to offer the programs and services they do offer. She cited declining enrollment, along with stagnant revenue from property taxes, and state appropriations as the culprits.

6P LOC/NEWS 5/16/17 1:32
The Dress and Grooming section of the Tawas Area High School Handbook states that yoga pants, tights and leggings may not be worn as pants; they may be worn under an appropriate skirt or shorts. The administration says the dress code is in place to promote education and is a document reviewed on a yearly basis. Students claim some of the teachers who say 'follow the rules' wear leggings themselves. The policy has been in effect for many years.

11P LOC/NEWS 5/25/17 1:25
Prom night for seniors is a night for students celebrating the end of their high school career and saying good-bye to friends. Saginaw Public Schools held a Pre-Prom event tonight, which included heavy police presence, to maintain the safety of the students. Four years ago, a 17-year-old girl was shot to death at an unsupervised pre-prom gathering in the City of Saginaw.

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11P LOC/NEWS 5/30/17 1:32
A longtime varsity basketball coach is let go by the Saginaw Public School Board. The District says there was a complaint that he was recruiting girls to be on his team, which the coach denies. Many parents and students attended tonight's board meeting, expressing frustration and confusion at the abrupt decision.

11P LOC/NEWS 6/12/17 1:34
About 20 Tawas High School students protested the school's dress code not allowing leggings to be used as pants, at tonight's board of education meeting. The superintendent said bringing up the issue tonight will give the board the summer months to decide whether changes to the district's dress code should be made.

6P LOC/NEWS 6/13/17 1:53
The John Glenn High School choir found themselves stuck on an airplane for several hours, when a mechanical issue delayed their flight in New York. The choir was returning home after a performance at Carnegie Hall. When passengers started getting tense from the delay, the airline staff asked the students to sing some of their songs. It changed the atmosphere inside the plane, giving the passengers some much needed distraction, and the students an opportunity to show off their talent.

11P LOC/NEWS 6/13/17 1:26
Lawmakers worked on a deal involving the Teacher Pension Plan. It won't affect those already in the classrooms, but does lay out a new retirement plan for new hires. The new hybrid pension plan not only would cost more for new hires, but teachers would have to pay more if the stock market drops. Also, if the plan goes below a certain amount of funding, the pension will close.

5P LOC/NEWS 6/27/17 1:48
Governor Snyder proposes new curriculum guidelines requiring students to take classes in the skilled trades in order to graduate from high school. He says it's the key to finding qualified people to fill these often unfilled jobs. The governor's proposal also includes expanding and strengthening career technical education statewide.

6. Veterans/European Middle East Unrest

11P LOC/NEWS 4/7/17 1:30
One Veteran remembers what it was like coming home from the unpopular Vietnam War. He's among 2.7 million Americans who served there, and the public's treatment of its Veterans at the time, has been called a national disgrace. It was a war that took the lives of tens of thousands of Americans. For many who lived through it, it was a nightmare on earth. The Veteran says he served two terms in Vietnam and it took him 15 years before he was able to talk to anyone about what he experienced there. Tonight, he and 48 other Vietnam veterans are acknowledged and recognized for their past service by college students, wanting to show their appreciation to these men.

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5P LOC/NEWS 4/14/17 1:52
North Korea may be conducting their sixth nuclear test this coming Saturday, possibly fueled by the recent air strikes in Syria, and this week's bombings in Afghanistan. A local pastor, born in South Korea, who lived there until he was 21, worries about the recent tension between the U.S. and North Korea. As a pastor, he reminds his congregation that the U.S. needs to co-exist with their neighbors, to eventually reach World Peace.

6P LOC/NEWS 4/21/17 2:30
A local Vassar man, in the Marine Corps, is rushed to the hospital after collapsing during training. He dies and the cause is yet to be determined. His family recalls the two tours of duty he served in Iraq, fighting on the front lines in the most dangerous regions. He leaves behind a wife and two daughters, who remember him as a loving husband and father.

11P LOC/NEWS 5/12/17 1:30
After many years, the U.S. Navy identified the remains of a soldier onboard the U.S.S. Oklahoma. It was one of the ships that capsized during the attack on Pearl Harbor. A grand-niece to the sailor, informed of the findings, says while she was not even born when Pearl Harbor occurred, she had heard a few stories of her uncle and is learning much more about him now. He earned many medals including the Purple Heart, and was 30 years old when he died. Now she prepares to give him a proper burial.

11P LOC/NEWS 5/20/17 1:22
A local Veteran needs a new ramp to help him get home. His wife tells TV5, this past winter her husband had several bad falls and then developed a serious lung condition. He's currently at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Saginaw, but she knows he cannot climb the stairs to their home in his current condition. They are on a fixed income with no extra money for a ramp.

6P LOC/NEWS 5/23/17 1:20
Thanks to some generous community members a local Veteran is getting a ramp allowing him more accessibility in and out of his home. Numerous people offered to donate money towards the project. But the UAW Local 668 teamed up with the United Way to make sure the ramp is built. The Veteran is on a fixed income with no extra money to build a ramp, and contacted TV5's Rescue Squad, asking for assistance.

6P LOC/NEWS 5/29/17 1:47
Groundbreaking for a new pavilion happened today in Mayville. The Mayville VFW is sponsoring the construction of the 'Veterans You Are Not Forgotten' pavilion. One coordinator of the project was a MASH doctor in Vietnam. He says the pavilion will be used to educate people about the sacrifices made by our Veterans so Americans can live in a free and democratic society.

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6P LOC/NEWS 6/3/17 1:28
The third annual ‘Slugging for Soldiers’ Co-ed Softball tournament began today. It is an event that raises money to support military veterans and their families. Proceeds from the event go towards family emergencies, groceries, or even utility bills for veterans. Adapting to civilian life, after military life is an adjustment and the group also offers support from those who have already made the transition.

11P LOC/NEWS 6/5/17 1:05
The American Legion held a Town Hall gathering for Saginaw and Flint-area veterans. The Legion serves as a watchdog to the Veterans Administration for more than 2 million Veterans, making sure their concerns are brought directly to those in charge. They will take the concerns expressed at this meeting directly to the V.A. Medical Center, seeking resolution.

6P LOC/NEWS 6/24/17 :30
Nearly 450 dentist offices around the country offered free dental care to Veterans today. Aspen Dental was one of the participants who said what a great experience it is. For the past three years, over 7,000 Aspen Dental team members volunteered their time and services to deliver \$7.6 million in free dental care to more than 12,000 patients in need.

6:30P LOC/NEWS 6/25/17 :40
The Walleyes for Warriors fishing tournament was held this weekend on the Saginaw Bay. At least 130 boats launched early Saturday morning carrying over 300 Veterans, giving them the opportunity to go fishing with their peers. It was followed by a cookout and recognition ceremony, and has been a community event for Veterans for 7 years.