

**QUARTERLY ISSUES
AND
PROGRAMS REPORT**

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JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020

PROBLEMS AND NEEDS

OVERVIEW

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

1. Jobs/Economy
2. Crime
3. Weather
4. School/Campus
5. Politics

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 April 10th, 2020. The report covers the period from January 1st through March 31, 2020. The report is based on significant problems and needs determined by WNEM’s community ascertainments. Below each problem/need is a brief description of some news segments broadcast during the quarter designated to call attention to, or address the problem or need.

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Jan. 1 through Mar. 31

ISSUE/SOURCE/TITLE PROGRAM/TYPE DATE/DURATION

1. Jobs/Economy

Noon, Job growth hits snag NAT/NEWS 1/10/20 00:23

U-s job growth... Hit a snag at the end of 20-19. The labor department reports 145-thousand jobs were added in December... Falling short of an expected 160-thousand but the unemployment rate held steady at three-point-five percent, a half-century low. Experts say as long as the economy adds 100-thousand jobs each month, that's enough to keep up with population growth.

9am, Bay county flea market LOC/NEWS 1/14/20 00:20

The future of a local flea market - up in the air. The bay county commission considering plans to put the bay city property up for sale. The property consisting of not just a flea market but a restaurant, too both still in business. We hear from the restaurant's owner - and the commissioners considering the flea market's fate.

9am, Moneywatch NAT/NEWS 2/11/20 1:29

Stocks jumped to new highs yesterday led by gains in tech shares. The Dow rallied 174 points. The Nasdaq hit a new record jumping 107 points and the s & p 500 was up 24 points also a record. China is struggling to get back to business as the coronavirus outbreak hurts a wide array of sectors. Movie theaters had been gearing up for one of the busiest times of the year, but most had to close during the extended lunar new year shutdown. Valentine's day is just a few days away, and a little over two thirds of couples plan to celebrate. According to retail me not, people plan to spend around \$85 dollars on gifts. What do people want...More than half say they want a nice dinner, 35 percent prefer chocolate and the rest want either flowers, an experience, a vacation or jewelry.

9am, Moolenaar visits manufacturers LOC/NEWS 2/19/20 :24

Mid-Michigan congressman john Moolenaar will be touring manufacturers throughout the day. He will make two stops. His first stop is at 10 this morning at advanced battery concepts. That's in Clare. He'll learn about efforts to store energy. His second stop is at the ah-quest machining and assembly at 1:40. That's in Greenville that's where an expansion is underway expecting to create new jobs.

10P, Jobs Report February

NAT/NEWS

3/6/20

0:28

The federal government reports the U.S. economy added 273-thousand jobs in February. Far more than economists' predictions. Leading the gains were new jobs in health care and social assistance, food services and government. The unemployment rate also fell back to the historic low 3.5 percent. The jobs survey was taken in the middle of February -- before Coronavirus concerns shook corporate America. Many expect the march report will reflect the damage the virus has done on business activity.

10P, Stock market drops

NAT/NEWS

3/9/20 1:45

U.S. Stocks nose-dived Monday the Dow fell more than 7 percent. The biggest one-day selloff since the 2008 financial crisis.

A weekend dispute over oil prices between Russia and Saudi Arabia sparked the steep drops. Russia is refusing to roll back production even as demand falls amid the coronavirus outbreak. In response, Saudi Arabia is ramping up its own output, causing a supply glut that's bringing down the price of oil. Adding to that perfect storm building Coronavirus fears. Within the first minute of trading the Dow plummeted more than 18-hundred points and the S&P dropped more than 7 percent. That triggered a 15-minute pause in trading so investors could step back and understand what was going on.

There's concern too about Coronavirus spreading here in the stock exchange. Now guests for the opening and closing bell aren't allowed down here on the floor next to traders. They have to stay up there in the gallery. Financial experts expect the volatility will continue but add Americans should keep their focus on their long-term investment goals.

2. Crime

9am, Latunski in court

LOC/NEWS

1/8/2020 :27

It's a disturbing case playing out here in Mid-Michigan. Now the case of the man charged with murder and the mutilation of Kevin Bacon continues in court. Last month, police say they found bacon's body in a hidden room in mark Latunski's basement. The 50-year-old could face up to life in prison for his charges. A probable cause hearing was set for 8-15 this morning in Shiawassee county. This is where both sides will talk plea bargains and evidence.

noon, Human Trafficking Arrests

LOC/NEWS

1/23/2020 0:25

They were drugged and abused, now we could learn more about two alleged victims of human trafficking in Genesee county. Deputies arrested two people yesterday morning in connection to the case. They say the suspects were attempting to pick-up a 19 and a 20-year-old after dumping them at Hurley medical center in Flint. The Genesee county sheriff says the victims were from the upper peninsula and originally came down to visit someone but were drugged and forced into prostitution by someone they trusted.

6am, Jussie Smollett new charges

NAT/NEWS

2/10/2020 0:28

Actor Jussie Smollett will face charges over the hate crime attack Chicago police say he made up. A special prosecutor announced Tuesday that a grand jury indicted Smollett on 6-counts. They accuse him of making false police reports. A little over a year ago Smollett claimed he was attacked by two men because he is black and openly gay, but police say he staged the incident to gain publicity, which Smollett continues to deny.

6pm, Five Dead in shooting at Coors

NAT/NEWS

2/26/2020 0:25

Investigators say five people were shot to death at Molson Coors brewing in Milwaukee. Many details remain unclear, but we're told the 51-year-old shooter and his victims were employees. The gunman apparently died by suicide.

11pm, Night Club Shooter

LOC/NEWS

3/4/2020 :42

New details about a deadly shooting at a popular nightclub in downtown Flint. Allyne Hall a security guard at the club is accused of pulling the trigger. The shooting happened early Saturday morning at the loft. Genesee county prosecutor David Leyton says a man was celebrating his birthday when two women got into a fist fight. Hall tried to break it up and got knocked to the floor. Leyton says Hall tried to shoot the ceiling to scare people off - but the bullet hit the man celebrating his birthday, killing him. Hall now faces several charges including manslaughter and tampering with evidence accused of disposing the weapon.

11pm, Bay City shooting

LOC/NEWS

3/21/2020 0:35

Local police looking for a suspect after a man was shot in Bay County. The Bay City department of public safety says, they received reports of shots fired reported today just before one-a-m in the area of Garfield Avenue and 16-th Street. Officers were then called to a business on Euclid Avenue where a man was found suffering from a gunshot wound. The 33-year-old Saginaw resident was transported to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to call the Bay City department of public safety.

3. Weather

6pm, Weekend weather preps

NAT/NEWS

1/9/2020 1:29

The community of Bangor township is on high alert for potential flooding in their area. Due to a lakeshore flood watch being issued for the Saginaw bay this weekend. He's warning residents to prepare for the storm ahead because our first warn 5 weather team is predicting at least a few inches of rain along with ice and possible it could be up to three inches, so that's an awful lot. If we get just one inch, a lot of our systems get backed up. That's why the township is once again offering this pile of sand and sandbags, to residents trying to protect their homes from shoreline flooding. A program that was started over the summer last year, when they acquired over 46,000 pounds of sandbags. And before all of this precipitation hits, supervisor Rowley says residents can still come on down and get their own sandbag here at the township office

5pm, Ice Storm Impact

LOC/NEWS

1/10/2020 :24

Much of Mid-Michigan could see up to half-an-inch of ice or more with this weekend storm which could bring down both branches and power lines. That much ice can increase the weight on branches by 30 times and add 500-pounds to power lines between utility poles. To prepare for potential outages. Consumers energy recommends keeping phones charged for emergencies stock your pantry with non-perishables and bottled water have flashlights ready and skip the candles because they can be an unnecessary fire hazard.

6pm, Kylee snow day comparison

LOC/NEWS

2/10/2020 1:39

So far this school year, the major snow storms have happened early on the weekend. Well that wasn't the case this time. Yesterday's snow resulted in dozens of school closings. It was a breath of fresh air for students - who haven't had nearly as many snow days this year as they did last year. Last year was a record-breaking year for us, we went well over our allotted 6 snow days. For bay city schools today was the first snow day. Last year, they had a total of 14. Well get this, the 14th snow day happened last year on February 13th. It's a similar story in other districts. Saginaw public schools have yet to receive a snow day. Last year they had 11. Midland public schools so far this year have had 1, last year 12, And grand blanc community schools so far have had 1 snow day, compared to 10 last year. So instead of packing the classroom students packed into veteran's memorial park! For some Mid-Michigan schools this is the first snow day of the season and the kids out here are having a lot of fun. It may seem like snow days are scarce this year, especially comparing the numbers to last year, but we still have plenty of winter left.

9am, *Freeland Man Found Frozen*

LOC/NEWS

02/18/2020 :34

Loved ones of a man found dead in a freezing home are trying to piece together why he wouldn't ask for help. Tittabawassee township police have confirmed Arnoul Jaros died of accidental hypothermia. His family tell us he was found dead in his Freeland home on Saturday. They later learned consumers energy shut off his gas and electricity in the summer for unpaid bills. Those bills were later paid in July, but consumers energy officials say they never received a request to restore service. Now Jaros's sister-in-law believes something should be done to prevent this from happening to others

5:30pm, *TN Tornadoes Latest*

NAT/NEWS

3/5/2020 2:37

He just turned two last week. Now, it's gone. Clint Pitts shared with us these photos and videos of his sister Erin, a former school teacher, her husband Josh, a mechanical engineer, and their only child: Sawyer. The Kimberlin's were devoutly Christian, and Sawyer, the grandson of a preacher loved to direct songs with one of his favorite books, the church hymnal. There's something about a family unit going together that is just I don't know. I just can't get it out of my mind. Just around four houses down from the Kimberlin's is what's left of the Collins home. Matt is a youth minister at a local church. He and his wife were hurt, but they will survive. Their four-year-old daughter Hattie was killed and their youngest child, Laney, was critically injured. She turns one today. Both families lived in this neighborhood where homes are little more than trash piles now. 18 people died in Putnam county, Tennessee. The national weather service confirms the tornado here had winds of 175 mile-per-hour. When you speak to survivors along this street, like Eric Grooms who has nothing but the foundation of his home left, and the carpet that he and family sat on while the closet walls flew away this is what they say. Four people walked out of the groom's home which is just right across the street from where the Kimberlin's lived. I'm standing on the Kimberlin's slab. You know I asked one of the relatives - where could they have possibly gone. That's the thought that keeps running through everyone's head - where could they have gone to survive. And the only thought is they could have gone under the house through the crawl space here, but the truth is that nobody will ever know what their final moments were like and whether they ever had a chance to even get under here.

10pm, *Egypt Bombarded by Heavy Rains*

NAT/NEWS

3/12/2020 :26

Egypt is facing a -quote- "unprecedented crisis" as the country deals with an onslaught of heavy rains. Citizens are being asked not to leave their homes unless absolutely necessary. The streets of Cairo are already flooded, and the rain isn't expected to stop until Saturday. The storm system moving across Egypt is expected to bring another 1-point-5 to 3 inches of rainfall. The head of Egypt's meteorological authority says Egypt has not seen weather like this since 1994.

Midland Public Schools is taking serious action to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Meaning operations at all schools within their district, are about to change. Superintendent Michael Sharrow, who says all school events where public participation is involved are suspended. That includes assemblies, student awards, field trips, and other scheduled gatherings. However, before and after school care programs will continue, along with sports events but without spectators. And superintendent Sharrow, says if it comes to the point where they have to suspend classes, they will provide a way for students to learn outside of the classroom. By using online platforms and electronic devices. And he says this is something their staff has already been preparing for.

5. Politics

5:30pm, John James fundraising

LOC/NEWS

1/8/2020 :28

The battle for a U.S. Senate seat is heating up as republican John James raised 3 and a half million dollars in the last three months of 2019 beating out democratic incumbent Gary Peters. t's the second straight quarterly fundraising victory for James. Peters, a first-term senator, says he raised 2 and a half million dollars in the fourth quarter and currently has more than 8 million dollars in the bank. A record for a Michigan senate candidate at this stage.

6pm, Impeachment

NAT/NEWS

1/9/2020 1:32

A possible end in sight to the political stalemate over the senate impeachment trial of President Donald Trump. The house speaker Nancy Pelosi says the impeachment articles will be transmitted soon. House speaker Nancy Pelosi says she will not hold on to the articles of impeachment against president trump indefinitely.

Earlier, the speaker's caucus appeared fractured when democratic congressman Adam Smith of Washington told C-N-N "it's time to send impeachment to the senate."

Congressman Smith later walked those comments back in a statement and on twitter, saying he misspoke. In the meantime, Senate republicans say they plan to move ahead with other matters beginning next week.

5:30pm, Whitmer Budget

LOC/NEWS

2/6/2020 1:45

Mid-Michigan communities could get millions of dollars to deal with rising water if Governor Gretchen Whitmer's proposed budget makes it through the legislature. Whitmer unveiling a 61.9-billion-dollar proposal with a strong focus on education health care and the environment. Her proposal coming on the same day the U-S Army Corps of Engineers announced record January highs for Lake Huron with the expectation that it will remain higher than normal for some time.

5:30pm, Vaping Bill in State Senate

LOC/NEWS

2/26/2020 :26

An effort to snuff out teenage smoking by state lawmakers, they're working on new tobacco laws to keep up with federal guidelines. The state senate is setting the framework to raise taxes on any and all tobacco or e-cigarette products sold in Michigan.

11pm, Sanders Campaigns in Detroit

NAT/NEWS

3/6/2020 1:21

Bernie sanders rallying his supporters in Detroit tonight ahead of the Michigan primary on Tuesday. Senator sanders just wrapped up speaking to the public as he makes his way throughout Michigan before Tuesday's big primary. Now a couple of issues he talked about today were the NAFTA deal as well as fair trade as well as equal pay for everyone. Now here are some of the things he said up on stage today. And senator sanders again will be making other stops in Michigan throughout the week. He is planning on going to flint Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids. Once all that will be done before Tuesday's vote on the primary.

9am, Non-essential Personal Services Closed

LOC/NEWS

3/23/2020 :30

Bad hair days are ahead that's after the governor shut down hair salons, tattoo shops, and other like businesses, to slow the spread of the virus. But it's not just bad hair days stylists are worried about it's that fact that their main source of income is being impacted. That's Dan Buccilli the owner of Refinery Hair Company in Flint and the fiancé of our very own David Custer. A way he's helping his stylists is by not charging booth rental. Salons are expected to remain closed through April 13th.