

# **Issues/Programs Quarterly Report**

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**The following newscasts, programs, specials, and announcements airing on WSIL-TV provide the most significant treatment of community issues:**

**WSIL-TV Newscasts**

News 3 This Morning	Monday-Friday 5:00-7:00 a.m.
News 3 This Morning	Saturday-Sunday 6:00-7:00 a.m.
News 3 at 5	Monday-Friday 5:00-5:30 p.m.
News 3 at 5	Saturday-Sunday 5:00-5:30 p.m.
News 3 at 6	Monday-Friday 6:00-6:30 p.m.
News 3 at 6:30	Monday-Friday 6:30-7:00 p.m.
News 3 at 10	Monday-Friday 10:00-10:35 p.m.
News 3 at 10	Saturday-Sunday 10:00-10:30 p.m.

**Public Service Announcements**

Varying length announcements from :15-:60 airing throughout the day about issues of community interest and importance.

**The following ABC network programs are also represented in this report:**

Good Morning America  
ABC World News  
Nightline  
20-20  
This Week with George Stephanopoulos

**Problems & Needs List  
2021 4th Quarter Report  
WSIL-KPOB**

**In direct response to timely news topics, viewer letters and emails, WSIL-KPOB covered the following issues through news stories, public affairs programming and/or special reports:**

1. **EDUCATION:** Budget deficits; state funding; taxpayer opposition; need to upgrade school infrastructure; school district adaptation to new technology; need for upgrading of system and high educational standards; school funding and support of system; education for nontraditional.
2. **CRIME/COURT:** Following local crime stories, sentencing and police standoffs.
3. **COVID-19:** Following the nationwide pandemic, effects in our region, confirmed cases, what to do and best practices.
4. **HEALTH:** Rising medical costs; childcare affordability; availability of childcare; need for resources for elderly; strengthening of family unit; transportation and housing for poor and elderly; more programs for elderly; needs for the disadvantaged; nurses, doctors, and dentists; problems of alcohol and drug abuse; racial problems; child abuse; spouse abuse; sexual abuse; support for single parent families and local blood drives
5. **Government:** Local, regional, state, and national leaders talk about important social, educational, and racial matters, new laws, elections, and the impact they have on society

**4th QUARTER  
QUARTERLY REPORTS  
"EDUCATION"  
10-01-21 THROUGH 12-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
10/1/21	:29	5PM

**PADUCAH MINORITY BUSINESS**

Local community and education leaders discussed how to build and improve minority businesses in Paducah, Kentucky.

First Aired	Length	Show
10/05/21	:24	6:30PM

**LIFE SKILLS GRADUATION**

Former inmates at the Murphysboro Life Skills Re-Entry Center reunite with their families after graduating from the Du Quoin Structured Impact Program.

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10/06/21	1:30	10PM

**STUDENT LOAN CHANGES**

The student loan program will now accept active-duty military members -- and will review denied applications.

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10/27/21	:21	5AM

**COLLEGE ENROLLMENT FALLING**

College enrollment is on a dramatic decline. U.S. undergraduate enrollment has dipped 3.2 percent since fall of 2020.

First Aired	Length	Show
10/29/21	:12	6AM

**MO EDUCATION PLAN REPORT**

Missouri's 5-29 Education Plan has a silver rating from Morningstar. Only 11 plans get a silver rating in the U.S.

First Aired	Length	Show
11/05/21	:22	5AM

**COMMON APP COLLEGE STUDY**

The state of Illinois is investing one million dollars in an app to help students apply to colleges and universities.

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QUARTERLY REPORTS  
“EDUCATION” cont.  
10-01-21 THROUGH 12-31-21**

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11/08/21	1:00	5PM

**IL COVID SCHOOL GRADES**

The Illinois State Board of Education released data for the 2020-21 school year.

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11/12/21	:29	6PM

**TEACHER RECRUITMENT EFFORTS**

Missouri school officials are boosting their teacher recruitment efforts.

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11/17/21	:26	6PM

**SIU \$3.7M EMERGENCY GRANT**

SIU Carbondale has distributed an additional 3.7 million dollars from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, as emergency grants to students with financial issues.

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11/30/21	:19	6PM

**REND LAKE STUDENT GRANTS**

Rend Lake is waiving tuition, books, and fees for one lucky student for one full year.

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12/03/21	:18	5AM

**SIU NEW CHANCELLOR**

SIU Edwardsville has a new chancellor. The Board of Trustees voted Dr. James Minor as its 10th chancellor.

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12/08/21	:20	5PM

**KY BESHEAR INVESTS EDUCATION**

Governor Andy Beshear says a revenue surplus makes it a good time to build on the state's economic momentum.

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12/21/21	:21	6PM

**JOPPA HS FINANCIAL WOES**

The Joppa-Maple Grove Unit 38 School District could see BIG budget cuts that could threaten its future.

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12/22/21	:32	6PM

**ICCB \$23M EDUCATIONAL GRANT**

Illinois community colleges now have 23 million dollars thanks to a grant from the Illinois Community College Board.

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12/31/21	:21	6:30AM

**GALATIA TEACHERS WANTED**

The Galatia School District is looking to hire multiple teachers. They are looking for High School Math and English teachers, as well as a Special Education and Elementary Teachers.

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**TN SCHOOL SHOOTING**

A 13-year-old was shot at a Memphis elementary school by another student.

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10/12/21	1:30	10PM

**FBI CDALE MURDER LATEST**

Carbondale Police Department offers reward for information on SIU student's murder.

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10/13/21	:27	6PM

**PERRY COUNTY SEX CRIME CASE**

Pinckneyville man spends 14 years in federal prison for trying to have sex with child.

First Aired	Length	Show
10/13/21	1:48	6PM

**REGIONAL GUN VIOLENCE**

Police and local community response to recent gun violence/murder.

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10/27/21	:27	5PM

**ZOMBIE DRIVERS WATCH OUT**

Police set up patrols to prevent drunk driving on Halloween

First Aired	Length	Show
10/30/21	:44	10PM

**JEFFCO SHOOTING VIDEO**

Illinois State Police release video of suspect who attacked cop while being transferred to court

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11/01/21	:30	6PM

**PRITZKER GUN VIOLENCE**

IL Gov. J.B. Pritzker declares gun violence a public health crisis, draws up \$250 million dollar plan

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11/2/21	1:35	6PM

**UNOFFICIAL HALLOWEEN SHOOTING**

SIU student shot at Halloween party speaks about survival experience

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11/6/21	:36	10PM

**HERRIN GIRL HITS COP**

Two teen girls arrested for hitting Herrin cop with car

First Aired	Length	Show
11/18/21	2:00	5PM

**MALCOLM X EXONERATION**

Two men exonerated in assassination of Malcolm X

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11/19/21	:53	6PM

**RITTENHOUSE TRIAL VERDICT**

Rittenhouse acquitted on all charges for Kenosha shootings

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11/24/21	:32	6:30PM

**MARIJUANA EXPUNGEMENT**

Law that legalizes marijuana in Illinois also clears record for minor cannabis offenses

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11/22/21	:29	6:30PM

**80 SUSPECTS IN STORE LOOTING**

80 people rob a Nordstrom's in mass looting event

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11/25/21	2:09	6:30PM

**ARBERY VERDICT REACTION**

3 men who murdered Ahmaud Arbery found guilty



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**POTTER TRIAL VERDICT**

Kim Potter found guilty on two counts of manslaughter for shooting of Daunte Wright.

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10/25/21	:45	6PM

**Couple Pushes for Vaccines**

A couple in Pinckneyville shared their story with us on why they are encouraging everyone to get vaccinated.

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10/26/21	:45	5PM

**Jackson County Booster Clinic**

Booster shots are now available through the Jackson County Health Department.

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10/27/21	:45	5AM

**Vaccination for Children**

Pfizer is one step closer to having their vaccination approved for children.

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**Immunocompromised possibly get 4<sup>th</sup> shot**

The CDC now says certain people who are immunocompromised may need to get a fourth Covid-19 shot.

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10/28/21	:45	5PM

**Kentucky Mask Mandate Loosens**

State officials in Kentucky loosened their mask mandate for students in schools

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10/29/21	:45	5PM

**Parents and Kids Vaccine**

The FDA has authorized vaccine for children.

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**Parents react to Pfizer Kid vaccine approval**

After the FDA approved the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5 to 11. We talked with local parents to hear their reaction.

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**IDPH Covid Holiday Guidelines**

Illinois Department of Public Health released their guidance on Covid-19 on the holidays.

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**Holiday Covid-19 Testing**

Local pharmacy says more people have been in to get their Covid-19 booster shot.

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**Covid Recovery**

A Marion man and his family have a lot to be thankful after he was in a coma after being diagnosed with Covid-19.

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**Local Doctor on Omicron Variant**

Local Doctor weighed in on how the omicron variant spreads.

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**New Covid-19 Pill**

We spoke with a local doctor on how the new antiviral Covid-19 pill will work and what symptoms come with it.

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12/15/21	:35	5AM

**SIU Not remote at Spring start of Spring Semester**

SIU Carbondale says it will not hold a period of remote classes following holiday break.

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12/16/21	:20	5AM

**Healthcare worker mandate**

President Biden's Covid-19 Vaccine mandate for healthcare workers is set to be reinstated.

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**SIH Covid Update**

Providers at SIH say the omicron variant is a concern for local hospitals.

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**SIU COVID Preps**

After a spike in Covid-19 cases, SIU Carbondale has adjusted their plans for the spring semester.

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**SIH Monoclonal Treatment**

Southern Illinois Healthcare has record numbers with their monoclonal treatments.

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**Gov. Pritzker gives Covid-19 Update**

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker wants to ramp up efforts to stop the spread of Covid-19.

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**Quarantine Guidelines**

Isolation time for those who test positive was shortened from 10 days to 5 days.

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**COVID and Omicron**

Shawnee Health Care saw a noticeable spike in cases and local officials say that's without the omicron variant showing up in Southern Illinois.

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Emergency rental assistance is making its way to households in Illinois.

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Stopping anti-depressants could lead to a relapse.

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10/03/21	:55	10PM

An event in Herrin is helping to raise awareness and funds for the Southern Illinois Autism Society.

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10/04/21	:25	10PM

A new study says diabetics need to be careful if you also take medicine to lower cholesterol.

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10/04/21	1:11	5PM

Fewer people have been diagnosed with cancer since the pandemic started.

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10/06/21	:31	6:30PM

A new study found U.S. adults saw higher blood pressure readings during the coronavirus pandemic.

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The Supreme Court heard arguments on a Texas law that bars most abortions after six weeks

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11/02/21	:30	6PM

November is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month.  
The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is encouraging Americans to be proactive by getting a memory screening.

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It's Diabetes Awareness Month. The American Diabetes Association says more than 10 percent of Americans have diabetes. About one-fifth of them aren't diagnosed

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It's Flu vaccination season. The Southern Seven Health Department has several upcoming drive-thru flu vaccine clinics.

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11/11/21	1:01	10PM

There's a nationwide blood shortage. And American Red Cross is calling on you for help.

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Today is World AIDS Day. Health officials want to spread awareness.

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One in every 10 transplants in the U-S this year has gone to a patient with lung damage related to COVID-19.

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New CDC findings say HIV infection rates dropped significantly over the last decade for white men who are gay or bisexual.

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Local health officials want to make sure you get tested for colorectal cancer. The Southern 7 Health Department has at-home screening kits.

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Senators negotiate over raising the debt ceiling.

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Student Loan forgiveness for government workers and nonprofit sectors.

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Texas Governor issues an executive order blocking vaccine mandates.

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The January 6th committee investigates Steve Bannon - dismissing his claim of executive privilege.

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10/20/21	:23	5PM

Help is on the way to owners of low-income residential properties in Illinois.

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Supreme Court decides to uphold the abortion ban in Texas.

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10/27/21	:22	6PM

Illinois senators pass a bill to repeal parental notice of abortion act.

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10/28/21	:38	5PM

Southern Illinois lawmakers vote against the Healthcare Right of Conscience Bill.

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Former Missouri Governor violates campaign finance laws for bid in United States Senate.

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The U.S. Infrastructure Bill becomes law.

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Illinois signs the Reimagining Electric Vehicles in Illinois Act -- aimed at making the state 100% Carbon Neutral.

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11/18/21	:30	5PM

President Biden signs several laws to help first responders across the country.

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Illinois' Governor signs into law the U.S. House Congressional District map for the state.

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President Biden signs a number of laws aimed at supporting U.S. Veterans.

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12/16/21	:33	5AM

Representative Mary Elizabeth Coleman sponsors the Empower Women, Promote Life Act.

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12/19/21	:28	10PM

Hong Kong holds its first election under Chinese law - giving more power to the Government.



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Federal authorities say a new Missouri law hurts efforts to protect the public.

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Illinois new guidance on protecting transgender and non-binary students.