

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 1st 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:** Aids; 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.
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

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
"EDUCATION"
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
01/06/21	:25	5AM

Williamson County schools are back in session AND Carbondale High School will begin its hybrid learning on Monday. School officials say students in both "A" and "B" groups will be allowed to attend all four days in person like they did in November.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/07/21	:20	5PM

Do Illinois school children need more instruction time? That question may soon be answered by the state legislature. Inside a new education bill is a proposal to extend the school year by 15 days.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/08/20	:20	6:30PM

A Vienna school district employee -- has received an award from the Illinois State Board of Education. Food Service Director Charlotte Dixon was awarded the Meritorious Service award for Education Service Personnel.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/11/21	:25	5AM

Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford presented the Black Caucus' Education Reform Plan. The Caucus wants to ensure Black and Brown Communities get adequate Funding for their schools and Re-structured Curriculum to improve quality of life.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/27/21	1:30	10PM

Students and staff at Southeastern Illinois College campaigned to keep their Art Program. After learning SIC administrators proposed cutting several on-campus programs, they went before the board, started an online petition, and have asked the community to get involved.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/03/21	:25	6:30PM

In Kentucky, graduation and retention rates continue to increase at public universities, despite disruptions caused by the pandemic. The Council on Post-secondary Education says the six-year graduation rate at four-year universities, was 56-point-4 percent in the last school year.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
“EDUCATION” cont.
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
02/05/21	:20	6PM

SIU Spring enrollment numbers show 85-percent of first-time freshman who were enrolled in the fall are returning for spring. Numbers-wise, SIU has 1,056 freshmen. That is a 36-percent jump.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/23/21	:30	5PM

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear has issued a new executive order that recommends all school districts, including private schools, offer some form of in-person learning beginning March 1st. The Department of Education guidance helps schools on school-related student travel, administering spring testing, and operating schools after teachers and staff are vaccinated.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/04/21	:17	5AM

Illinois lawmakers are focusing on cracking down on sexting in school. One representative wants to teach kids about its dangers by adding sex education to the curriculum.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/04/21	:35	10PM

Many S-I-U students say they are eager to be back in the classroom after COVID-19 changed the way the university operates. Tonight, Chancellor Austin Lane tells News 3 WSIL that idea IS possible. Lane wrote a university blog post -- saying he is cautiously optimistic the upcoming school year WILL allow in-person learning at a larger capacity.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
"CRIME/COURT"
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
01/02/21	:35	5AM

A stolen property investigation turned into meth. and child porn charges for a Western Kentucky man. The Carlisle County Sheriff's Office searched the cell phone of 32-year-old Anthony Dejarnatt of Cunningham. Paducah Police's forensics officers recovered multiple items of child pornography from his phone.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/09/21	:43	5AM

Police in Carbondale are investigating after a person reported being robbed at gunpoint. Police say officers were called to the 11-hundred block of East Main Street. Officers say the victim agreed to meet with acquaintances communicated with over social media -- for a transaction.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/11/21	:33	5AM

An Evansville Man, accused of killing a teen is set to go in court today. Brodey Murbarger faces murder charges, concealment of a homicidal death, and home invasion charges.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/11/21	:37	6PM

Carrier Mills-Stonefort School District faces a lawsuit for Title 9 violations. The lawsuit accuses the district and two employees of indifference to sexual harassment and assault against a child.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/20/21	:41	10PM

A Carbondale man is sentenced to 84 years for a crime in 2019. A jury found him guilty of shooting 4 people.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/29/21	:26	5PM

A Chicago man arrested in Marion is in court for his involvement in the Capitol attack. Matthew Capsel faces multiple charges - including resisting law enforcement.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
"CRIME/COURT" cont.
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
02/02/21	:36	5AM

The Union County State's Attorney has filed charges against 2-Anna men. One on *child pornography* charges. The other for *sexual assault and abuse*. Robert Craft is accused of knowingly possessing Child Pornography with the intent to share it. He faces 4- Felony Counts.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/03/21	:33	5AM

A Tennessee man accused in the death of a missing Marion woman pleads not guilty to murder charges.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/04/21	:27	6:30PM

A Kentucky Judge temporarily blocks a new law ordered by the state Governor, Andy Beshear, to have executive powers in COVID-19 restrictions.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/05/21	:20	5PM

Jury trials in Missouri's 32nd Judicial circuit are suspended through May 31st. The decision comes as there are a high number of COVID-19 cases being reported.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/08/21	:23	5AM

A woman accused of stabbing a Williamson County girl goes before a judge. Julia Bevely faces murder charges for the death of an 11-year-old boy in December.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/09/21	1:45	10PM

Day 1 of Former President Donald Trump's 2nd impeachment trial - accused of inciting the deadly January 6th insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/26/21	:33	6PM

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and Mt. Vernon Police continue to investigate a drug bust. Officers arrested 33-year-old Christopher Webb, and 26-year-old Jordan Crowder. They are charged with possession of less than 5 grams of methamphetamine.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
"CRIME/COURT" cont.
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
03/06/21	:22	5AM

Two Carbondale men are in custody for an armed robbery. Carbondale Police say it happened in the 300 block of East Mill Street January 30th. During the investigation officers located and arrested 19-year-old Peter Greenwood, and 21-year-old Jekiary Anderson, on armed robbery charges.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/09/21	:19	6PM

A Perry County man has been charged with possession of child pornography. 40-year-old Timothy Hedrick of Cutler was charged with five counts of possession of child porn Class 2 felonies, which are punishable by up to three years in prison. Hedrick's bond is set at 200-thousand-dollars.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/16/21	:32	5AM

Jury selection begins in the Federal Trial for St. Louis police officers accused of beating a black undercover colleague during 2017 protests.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/18/21	:30	10PM

Several people in Carlisle County, Kentucky are in jail on drug-related charges. The Sheriff's Office and Kentucky State Police investigated a residence in Bardwell in an attempt to locate Anthony Lynn, who had 3-Warrants for his arrest. They found Lynn, along with several others smoking Methamphetamine.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/24/21	:25	5AM

A Paducah man is in jail on drug charges. Paducah Police say 38-year-old Bobby Freeman was arrested on charges of drug trafficking. During an investigation at his home detectives found more than 2 pounds of meth, half-a-pound of marijuana, 7 grams of crack cocaine, and 42 grams of ecstasy.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
"CRIME/COURT" cont.
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
03/26/21	:25	10PM

A reward is being offered to anyone with information on who shot and killed a bald eagle. Officials with The Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency say the eagle was killed in Lake County on March 20. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act says someone who kills an eagle could face a fine of 100,000 dollars.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/29/21	:25	5AM

A Kentucky man is in jail charged with murder, theft, and tampering with evidence, in Murray, Kentucky. Julius Sotomayor was arrested after the body of Sarah Townsend was discovered in a ditch. A preliminary autopsy report determined she died of multiple gunshot wounds.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/29/21	:24	5PM

Alexander McWilliam faces first degree murder charges for the death of a Saline County teen. An official court date has been set for the following Wednesday.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/30/21	:21	5AM

The victim of a deadly shooting in West Frankfort has been named. Police were called out to the 700 block of South Skelton Street after 9pm last Friday where they found 53-year-old Gary Gould of Herrin. He had been shot multiple times.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/30/21	:25	5AM

Police arrested 20-year-old Cody Lewis in Morganfield yesterday after they found the suspect sharing child pornography. He is charged with 99 counts of possession of material portraying a minor in a sexual performance, which is punishable by one to five years in prison.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/30/21	:56	5PM

Day 2 of the Derek Chauvin Trial - the man facing murder charges in the death of George Floyd. Several key witnesses take to the stand.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
"COVID-19"
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
01/01/21	:25	6PM

Vaccine Allergy Safe. Allergy and immune system experts say the ingredients in the shot rarely cause allergies. That's even in people with severe allergies to foods or medicines.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/02/21	2:44	10PM

Covid Crisis. Two variants of the virus have emerged. One from the U.K. that has been found in Colorado, California and Florida and another from south Africa.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/07/21	2:50	6PM

SIU Covid Testing. Southern Illinois University in Carbondale is now requiring students who live on campus to take a mandatory COVID-19 test before returning to campus. News 3's explains the new policy with school officials.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/12/21	1:32	6PM

Egyptian Vaccine Plans. Some local health departments are preparing to go to the next phase of the COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan. Others -- are working on timelines -- as to when the vaccine can go to other groups.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/15/21	:58	10PM

Marion Vaccine. Phase 1-B vaccinations began this morning in Williamson County. Health officials getting a head-start on Illinois' state-wide roll-out -- which is still days away.

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01/20/21	1:27	6PM

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01/28/21	2:12	5AM

Coronavirus Crisis. January has been the... deadliest month.... this pandemic. More than -- 83,000 people have died this month. And there's sobering predictions about more deaths. Meanwhile there is a struggle to vaccinate nationwide.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
"COVID-19" cont.
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
02/03/21	:45	10PM

Habits after Vaccine. Just because you are fully vaccinated -- does not mean you are fully covered against the virus. S-I-H Infectious disease specialist -- Dr. Sarah Altamimi -- says the best vaccine you could still contract the virus.

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02/09/21	2:35	6PM

Covid Death. A Cape Girardeau woman is opening up about the death of her mother -- from COVID-19. She hopes her story -- can shed light on the realities of the pandemic.

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02/15/21	2:03	6:30PM

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02/16/21	:45	10PM

Mask Hygiene in Cold Wx. That cold air can sometimes make our masks wet -- with condensation from our breath -- or runny nose. And that can cause issues when trying to protect yourself from COVID-19.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/23/21	1:56	6:30PM

Vaccine Shipments. As the U-S records more than a half-million deaths related to Covid-19... officials continue to push vaccinations as a key weapon against the virus not there are delays.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/26/21	:39	10PM

Jackson Co More Vaccine. The Jackson County Health Department still has hundreds of vaccine appointments for next week. Those appointments are only for Illinois residents in the 1-A or 1-B expanded phases.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/02/21	2:03	6:30PM

Small Pharmacies. The number of places to get a COVID-19 vaccine is expanding. But some local pharmacies are not involved.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
"COVID-19" cont.
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
03/05/21	1:29	5PM

Marion VA J&J. The Marion V-A Medical Center is getting more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine -- and expanding how it distributes them. News 3 explores how the V-A is ramping up vaccinations.

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03/08/21	1:55	6PM

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First Aired	Length	Show
03/10/21	2:49	6PM

Carbondale Covid Fines. Three Carbondale businesses were in danger of paying thousands of dollars in Covid-19 related fines. More on what their facing.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/12/21	2:07	6:30PM

Two Ways to Fight Virus. Covid-19 variants are believed to be more contagious than the original coronavirus. Cases have been identified in just about every state -- and a top U-S Health official says -- there are two ways to combat those variants.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/29/21	1:30	10PM

Vaccine Success Rate. The C-D-C says for both vaccines, protection against the virus jumped to 90-percent after the second dose. With that, News 3 WSIL wanted to find out why some people have decided *not* to get the vaccine, at least for now.

First Aired	Length	Show
March 2021	Various	All News Programs

COVID Tracker launches. News 3 WSIL has exclusive technology to track COVID-19 cases and vaccine numbers across all counties in the DMA. This runs in evening and morning newscasts.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
"HEALTH"
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
01/14/21	1:15	5AM

Flu Concerns. Live report with local expert about local flu concerns during the winter months. Push to get the flu vaccine as the best prevention method.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/19/21	2:41	10PM

Fried food and stroke. New research finds eating too much fried food can lead to major heart disease or stroke risks.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/04/21	1:55	10PM

National Heart Month. Local package with the Prairie Heart Institute about steps people can take to monitor and improve their heart health.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/11/21	2:00	5PM

Lead in Children. Testing for lead poisoning has dropped significantly during the pandemic. Local experts say early detection is key and people should consider getting their kids tested if they have concerns.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/12/21	:27	5AM

Heart concerns when shoveling. Snow has fallen in the region and if people are working to clear their driveways or sidewalks, they need to be careful. The strenuous work can lead to heart attacks.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/04/21	2:15	6:30PM

Reports show that people have been hurt more from common objects at home such as batteries and cleaning products. However, there were also other accidents including bike/skateboard/scooter injuries and firework burns.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
"HEALTH" cont.
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

First Aired	Length	Show
03/05/21	1:15	5AM

Using new devices to track sleep is important due to the harmful neurological effects a lack of sleep can have on your brain. A consistent sleep schedule can help counter depression and improve immune health.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/08/21	1:17	5PM

There are 7 types of memory problems that are fairly typical and not associated with Alzheimer's or other neurological conditions. Some of these include time, power of suggestion, beliefs and influences and more.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/15/21	:54	6:30PM

After daylight saving springs forward, many people could lose sleep, causing health problems due to sleep deprivation. One doctor says exposure to sunlight, exercise and a power nap can help people recover.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/31/21	2:07	5AM

Illinois lawmakers discuss the rise in opioid related deaths across the state. Efforts have been made to provide healthcare workers and first responders with Narcan, which is beneficial in saving the life of someone overdosing on fentanyl.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
“GOVERNMENT”
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

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01/02/21	1:30	5AM

Lawmakers get prepared for “Lame Duck” Session. Downstate Republicans expect their Democratic Counterparts, to call bills on controversial topics, like eliminating cash bail across the state.

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01/04/21	1:15	5PM

Illinois House Republican Lawmakers want residents to tell their lawmakers to vote against a possible tax hike to fill the state budget gap. This comes after voters rejected the Graduated Income Tax Plan in November.

First Aired	Length	Show
01/25/21	:45	6PM

Missouri Governor Mike Parson on State of State- Parson shared his plans for the state with residents. And the state of Missouri is launching Covid-19 vaccination dashboard.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/23/21	2:00	10PM

State of Illinois Helping with Utilities- Some downstate communities are struggling with surging energy prices and now the state is jumping in to help. The state is launching a new assistance plan for Illinois.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/25/21	:55	5PM

Lawmakers are pushing to make sure minority communities and rural areas are represented when it comes to planning for transportation projects. The proposal would establish a transportation performance program. It would assess construction project on bridges and roads across the state.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/26/21	1:45	6:30PM

COVID-19 Relief Latest- The push for Congress to raise the federal minimum wage to 15-dollars and hour is no longer on the table. But House Democrats are moving forward with a vote on the Covid Relief Package.

**1st QUARTER
QUARTERLY REPORTS
“GOVERNMENT”
01-01-21 THROUGH 03-31-21**

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02/27/21	:45	5AM

Equality Act- House Lawmakers passed the Equality Act. It sustains federal protections for LGBTQ Americans in areas like housing and employment.

First Aired	Length	Show
02/28/21	:45	10PM

No Exit Bonus Legislation- Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza is pushing for “No Exit Bonus” Legislation. That comes after Former House Speaker Mike Madigan’s first successor resigned in just three days. The new legislation would force lawmakers to only be paid for the days in the month that they have worked.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/11/21	:45	10PM

Insulin Price Cap- The Illinois House Prescription Drug and Affordability Committee met this afternoon -- to discuss the effects of a law --to lower the price of insulin to a 100-dollar cap.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/30/21	1:45	6PM

GOP on Redistricting- Illinois Senate and House Republican leaders are filing legislation to create an Independent Redistricting Commission so lawmakers won’t have control of legislative maps.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/31/21	:50	6PM

Criminal Justice Authority- Illinois officials want more money to help people in under-represented communities.

First Aired	Length	Show
03/31/21	:25	6PM

Kentucky Preschool Funding- Kentucky Lawmakers passed a plan to put money into full-day kindergarten and pay off unemployment insurance debts.