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There follows a listing of the significant issues responded to by KGCW-TV/DT, Davenport, IA-Rock Island-Moline, IL, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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Crime, Community, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 1	130A	30 min.	Two Wisconsin men have pleaded guilty to robbing a Muscatine gas station. It happened in January. Police say 21-year-old Ashton Dix and 23-year-old Scott Fry entered into GM Food Mart, pulled out pellet guns and demanded money from the clerk. Then the men left, driving northbound on Highway 61, initiating a police pursuit. They finally crashed their car in rural Scott County. The car used in the crime was reported stolen from Moline. Now the men face a minimum of 7 years in prison. They face sentencing May 9th.
Crime, Community, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 1	130A	30 min.	A Maquoketa police officer is recovering after exchanging gun fire early this morning with a Wyoming, Iowa man. Police say the suspect, 30-year-old Aaron Scott was later found dead in his pick-up. Around 2:50 a.m. police say the officer approached Scott's truck which was pulled over to the side of the road but what led to the shots being fired is unclear. Police say other officers chased him but he got away in his vehicle. "The chase went south of Maquoketa and the vehicle was lost south of Elwood in Clinton County," Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations Bill Kietzman said. Thirty minutes later authorities received reports of a flipped truck near lost nation and confirmed it was Scott. Residents describe Wyoming, Baldwin, Monmouth and Maquoketa as a tight-knit community, that most everyone in the area knew who Scott was and they also know his family. Although a lot of questions remain unanswered about what happened this morning, everyone we talked to said Scott was one of the nicest people in town, frequently offering help to those in need. They say he had "ups and downs," getting his driver's license revoked at one point but they say that all seemed to be in the past. He will be missed in the community. "I'll miss him because it seems like we have people that stop in and see us and when they stop coming, it kind of leaves a little empty spot," Aaron's friend Russel Marr said. We checked into Scott's background and found mostly traffic violations on his record and one other incident. Police say in 2007, Scott was reportedly trying to take his own life and was armed with a gun. When another person tried to take the gun away, it went off, injuring a third person who later ended up being paralyzed from the shooting. Police aren't saying how he died at this time. They say an autopsy needs to be done tomorrow to find out for sure.

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Community, Economy, Government, Taxes	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 1	130A	30 min.	<p>Another step toward transforming the Davenport riverfront. The RiverVision project aims to make better use of the space once the Rhythm City Casino moves. After giving a lot of input residents got a chance to see the recommendations Tuesday night at the Figge. The mighty Mississippi is no doubt an attraction. For davenport, RiverVision is about making the riverfront more of a destination. "I can totally see myself in the summers going down there, riding my bike or having a picnic," said Mary Bandman who has participated in each one of the public meetings. She says she likes what's in the plan: a pier extending into the river near the skybridge, an overlook deck offering different vantage points, a river cannon shooting out into the water, even an urban beach. The design firm, Hargreaves Associates, wants to get rid of some of the parking areas there now and convert to so-called "outdoor rooms," with a play area and sculpture gardens for example. "It's just going to kind of bring the community together. The Quad Cities has already been growing for quite a few years so I think this will bring a lot more people in," said Joey Farrell, another resident. After hearing from the public however, representatives from the firm say there was no consensus on what to do with the old Dock Restaurant site. Several scenarios were given that would work for redeveloping it into a dining and event space. "One of the things related to the Dock redevelopment is to relocate the development further North and maintain that Perry Street corridor," said Matt Flynn, Senior Planning Manager with the city of Davenport. The total vision comes with a hefty price tag of more than \$35 million, which could come from a mixture of both public and private funding. But the plan can be done in phases over many years, maybe even decades. The design firm will present a final report to council members this month who will then decide whether to adopt it.</p>

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Law, Community, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 2	130A	30 min.	<p>If you're planning to get a permit in Illinois do some research before going through the required courses. More than a dozen firearms instructors have been revoked after hundreds of people got invalid training. Local instructors say they're glad the state isn't taking it lightly. Sixteen hours of training is required to qualify for an Illinois concealed carry permit. Donnie Pridemore Sr. has helped hundreds through the course so far and says it's something he and other local instructors take very seriously. "Carrying a concealed firearm requires a good amount of skill, good knowledge of the law," said Pridemore, a certified Illinois concealed carry instructor. But not everyone is getting it. Case in point: one student of his who originally took the course with someone else. "Once she started comparing notes found out she did not receive adequate training. Then she came to us to take the classes yet again," added Pridemore. State police have so far disqualified 13 instructors around the state. None of them are in the Quad Cities area, but it did impact more than 400 applicants who didn't get the proper training. "There are people that have jumped on this instructor bandwagon just to make a fast buck," said Darin Oberhart, Owner of QCI Firearms Training. Training can cost between \$150 and \$300. Denied applicants will be able to repeat training without paying the \$150 permit fee to the state, but it's unclear if they'll have to pay new instructor the full fees for the course. "They may, they may not have to. It depends on the instructor they go to. I have heard about some instructors giving those people discounts," added Oberhart. Rock Island County Sheriff Jeff Boyd suggests you check around, find out what kind of firearms background someone has, even get references before picking a place to train. They also recommend going beyond the 16 hours of required instruction. In general, he says he thinks the program to issue permits hasn't had too many issues but he'd like to see more communication from the state to local agencies on certain protocols. The State's concealed carry website lists the names of those disqualified as instructors as well as those who are still certified.</p>
Infrastructure, Community, Government	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 2	130A	30 min.	<p>Construction on John Deere Road is well underway as crews work to build a new overpass from 38th Street to the frontage road. Some neighbors are feeling left in the dark about some of the construction now that some houses, businesses, and trees have been cleared for this project. Residents say they just want some clarity. "You've got one bridge coming over, that's it. But you got everything else is the same," resident Ralph Kroll said. "The way I read it it's going to be the same. It's going to have the same 4 lanes. Where are they getting the idea that it's going to mean less traffic?" An Illinois Department of Transportation official says open meetings were held to give the public information. The bridge is expected to be up by late November, but the entire project won't be finished until August 2015.</p>

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Crime, Child Welfare, Schools, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 3	130A	30 min.	Davenport police have issued an arrest warrant in connection with video recording devices discovered inside a girls' bathroom at Hayes Elementary School. Police are looking for 29-year-old Ian Dishon D Isabel of Davenport. He's facing three counts on charges of invasion of privacy. Police say Isabel has worked for the school district for four years in the after-school program known as "Stepping Stones". Police say the investigation is in its initial phase and the charges could be upgraded. Police say the Davenport Community School District discovered three unauthorized cameras in the bathroom at Hayes Elementary school on S. Concord St. In a news release, police say the devices were covertly placed in two stalls, and it appears they were only there for a short period of time before being found by school staff. Detectives are currently trying to find the person responsible as well as identify any victims. Meanwhile, the school district is notifying parents. As a precaution, every school building was searched Thursday morning and no other unauthorized cameras or recording devices were found.
Social Media, Safety, Bullying	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 3	130A	30 min.	Rock Falls police have arrested two teenagers for cyberstalking. The charges stem from a Facebook page created in mid-March. Police say the page contained rude and disrespectful comments, some of which were geared toward the accidental shooting death of teenager Matt Anderson as well as an unconfirmed violent threat towards high school students. School Board President Merle Gaulrapp says schools must be proactive in these situations. "Society has changed and the way things have gone, not necessarily here, but across the nation, we need to be proactive, we need to keep our eyes open to what's going on," Gaulrapp said. Both juvenile males were released to the custody of their parents. Facebook has taken down the page with the comments.
Crime	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 7	130A	30 min.	Heroin use is on the rise in the QCA and a new and dangerous type is hitting the streets. Experts say it's causing more overdoses and heroin-related deaths. It's brown heroin and it's 20-to-40% concentrated. Black tar heroin is 4-to-7 percent. With that kind of purity level, users don't need to inject it with a needle. Instead they snort it and it's already being used by teens in the area. " We're seeing a huge rise in heroin seizures across the border and it all translate to more of that drug on the streets in the Quad Cities," QC Metropolitan Enforcement Group director Kevin Winslow said. Rock Island county says it's already had 3 overdose deaths this year. Last year there were 5 total.

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Government, Environment, Taxes	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 7	130A	30 min.	Dixon, Illinois is considering a project that would mean big money for the city and state all from a natural resource, human waste. The city's waste water treatment center is working to turn that waste into algae and that algae into crude oil. Nationwide, no plant is doing this yet but there are pilot projects set up across the US. Tonight, city leaders are considering starting a pilot here. Tax payers currently pay for the \$18-million dollar facility. City leaders say profits from the crude oil would mean less money from people's pockets. "A wastewater treatment plant is a very expensive thing to operate," Dixon Mayor Jim Burke said. "So, if we're able to make, and take a positive cash flow out of it, it would be a wonderful thing. You know, plus it would be great for the environment." The cost for the project is unknown at this time. The mayor says it won't be cheap but he says it could work if the EPA and Governor's office get involved. He says the project could help the entire state's economy.
Crime, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 8	130A	30 min.	After being missing for months, Carrie Olson's body has been found in Minnesota. Before today's news, one of the latest efforts to find Carrie involved using billboards. The company donated three ads looking for Carrie around the middle of March. Family and friends spent frigid days searching for Carrie shortly after she was reported missing. She was last seen at a gas station in Rock Island. After a few days of searching the police asked us for help getting the word out. More searches were done. A cadaver dog was brought in at the end of January to help with the search but like all the other times, the search ended empty handed. Rewards have been offered, and the billboards went up not too long ago. The Hennepin County medical examiner says Carrie's body was found in a vacant lot in Hastings, Minnesota on Saturday. Her cause of death is not known, the medical examiner as well as the local sheriff and Davenport police continue investigating. Her family is together, grieving the loss of their daughter.
Crime, Community, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 9	130A	30 min.	Davenport and Rock Island police met with authorities in Minnesota to discuss the investigation into the death of Carrie Olson. "Dakota County sheriff's department's discovery of the body was really important," said Major Don Schaeffer of the Davenport Police Department. "It will really help us move a lot farther forward, evidence that was found on the body or even what happened to Carrie we should be able to determine that from the autopsy." Carrie's body was found Saturday in a field in Hastings, Minnesota. She was identified last night. She'd been missing since late December. The sheriff's department is in Hastings about 10 or 15 minutes from the site where Olson's body was found. It's a wooded area with tall trees and few houses. Why neighbors say they couldn't believe the commotion Saturday night. "Dakota County sheriff came to our door about 8:30 Saturday night and asked if we'd seen anything suspicious and we said no," said Jesse Viall. "Wife came home said she saw a loop full of squad cars." "There was probably 40 squad cars," said Kyle Kragenbring. "Walked out and it was pretty surreal." Neighbor here now hoping the investigation goes quickly. These families feeling so much sympathy for Carrie Olson's friends and family, hoping for justice.

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Crime, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 9	130A	30 min.	The VEISHEA celebrations that have been a tradition at Iowa State University are suspended. This comes after last night's celebration got out of control and one man was injured. The event turned into a riot when crowds flipped cars, pulled down light poles and stop signs. Police say the victim was hurt when a light pole hit him in the head. He was rushed to the hospital. "Human safety, safety of our community has to be our number one priority and we can not have any more property destroyed or any incidents of this nature," said Iowa State President Steve Leath. "So that being said, that being under consideration and after much thought, it's with mixed-feelings and a heavy heart that I decided to suspend the remainder of this VEISHEA." VEISHEA is normally a week-long celebration but the president is suspending it for the rest of the week and whether or not there will be anymore in the future will be decided upon by a task force.
Infrastructure, Safety, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 10	130A	30 min.	Structural issues on a bridge in Davenport, crews last week shutting down part of Division Street over Duck Creek after a hole through the concrete deck was discovered. The harsh winter is partially to blame, but that bridge may have bigger problems. The hole, along with other damage to concrete has two lanes closed for now. There's also a speed and weight restriction in place. With two schools within a couple of blocks a lot of busses use that route. They've been cleared to use the bridge along with fire department rigs. But even after those issues are fixed more work needs to be done. Last July, inspectors recommended a complete replacement of the bridge deck when it got a rating of 4 out of possible 9, which Davenport Public Works Director Mike Clarke says is considered poor condition. "In the course of keeping an eye on it we discovered the winter was a little more tough and brutal on that particular section than we had anticipated," said Clarke. "It's definitely a pain, but I mean they have to do what they have to do to fix it," said driver Shannon Syverson. The concrete deck was installed in 1983. Last year, inspectors recommended replacement within 3 years but, as of now, funding hasn't been identified to make that happen. The hope is that will happen next year. As for the immediate repairs needed crews are coming up with a plan of action to at least to reopen all four lanes. Safety-wise public works Director Mike Clarke says right now it's inconvenient but not dangerous. Once repairs are done the speed and weight restrictions will be lifted. The speed limit is reduced to 20 miles per hour over the bridge now. Drivers are also advised to find an alternate route to avoid possible delays until work is completed. The goal is to start repairs Monday April 21st and it's expected to take a couple of weeks.

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Economic Development, Government, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 10	130A	30 min.	It's something Moline city leaders hope will bring more people the city. City leaders have updated their plans to revitalize three neighborhoods in the city. The plans focuses on the downtown area, the Floreciente neighborhood, and the Edgewater district. Officials are giving the green light to building new homes, new sidewalks and streets. City leaders also hope these changes would bring more businesses to the area and in the case of the Floreciente neighborhood, make it safer and more welcoming for residents. "I've noticed they tore some houses down and then they rebuilt newer homes," New Style Barber Shop owner Miguel Rosas said. "So I think if they pretty much continue doing that kind if thing it's really going to make the area look better and better." Jeff Anderson, the Moline city planner, says the work is being done because they want business and home investors to see good signs of improvement before they invest.
Child Welfare, Schools, Crime	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 10	130A	30 min.	A former West Carroll High School science teacher is being charged with criminal sexual assault. The victim is a 17-year-old boy who was a student at the school. Chelsey Wheeler, 24, resigned from her job last week. Savanna police say she turned herself in after a search warrant was issued for her home. We talked with police and the school district who didn't want to be on camera. The district says a substitute is filling in the vacant position for now. They are reinforcing appropriate behavior for their staff toward students and now the community is reacting with mixed feeling about this situation. "I just think it's awful," said Wendy Barbee. "My kids are all grown but I think it's awful. These kids go through too much as it is. I think it's just terrible." "I didn't think it was really a big deal," said Tim Schlosser. "Everybody makes a lot more out of it than it is around here. But, there wasn't that big of an age difference and they both knew what they were doing." Police tell us they're still investigating this case, as there may be more victims.
Crime, Community, Child Welfare	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 14	130A	30 min.	A registered sex offender is in trouble again with new sexual abuse claims against him and police say there could be more victims coming forward. Two girls, four and five years old, have come forward saying they had been sexually assaulted by 53-year-old Melvin Lucier. Lucier has been a registered sex offender for almost twenty years. The offenses are believed to have happened in his home at the Patriot Mobile Home Park. "We do have other registered sex offenders that do live out in that mobile home park that, unfortunately they get dragged into it kind of one bad egg spoils all, but they are not related and we are not investigating all the registered sex offenders that live out in the trailer park," said Lt. Bryce Schmidt of the Scott County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff's department is still investigating these allegations and any others that may come forward.

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Crime, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 14	130A	30 min.	Maquoketa police conclude an investigation into an officer involved shooting saying that officer was justified in using his weapon. Now they've released video of the whole encounter as it happened. Earlier this month, Sergeant Brendan Zeimet noticed a truck parked along the street facing the wrong direction. Inside the truck was Aaron Scott, who officer Zeimet says appeared intoxicated and was holding an assault rifle. As seen in the dashcam video, when Scott got out of the car they began to exchange gun fire. Authorities say officer Zeimet fired his weapon seven times hitting Scott in the left leg. Scott fired 14 to 19 times, hitting officer Zeimet in his left forearm. Scott left the scene and was later found dead in his truck with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Officials say the investigation revealed that Scott left a suicide note at his estranged wife's home. "Based on the note left at this house, we know that at some point, he planned to die," said Matt George of the DCI. "We don't know his plan on how that was going to unfold." Sergeant Zeimet has been on administrative leave since the shooting but now he is expected to return to work.
Crime, Child Welfare, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 14	130A	30 min.	New developments in the case of hidden cameras in the girls bathroom of a Davenport school. Dishon Isabel faces a federal charge of production of child pornography. He was taken into custody Friday, April 11th in Adams County, Illinois. On April 3rd, Isabel was listed as the suspect in this investigation. The day after that the federal arrest warrant and charges were issued. The affidavit describes how the three cameras were hidden one in a small junction box hanging from the wall opposite a toilet and two others attached to the wall behind toilets. On them was video of a man actually placing the devices in the stalls. There was a depictions of his ID card on one device, and his face on another. After taking a look school officials identified that person as Dishon Isabel a four-year employee of the district. The affidavit states Isabel was working the day the cameras were found. Later that day school staff notified police Isabel had left the school, reportedly because he was ill. He vanished but police located him more than a week later. Because several young girls were victims captured on the cameras while using the restroom, investigators believe Isabel placed the covert recording devices for the purpose of producing sexually explicit material involving minors. Isabel is now in the custody of the U.S. Marshals. He is expected to appear in court in Davenport Wednesday morning.

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Taxes, Economy, Government	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 15	130A	30 min.	Filing taxes. It's another way thieves are using stolen identities to get your money. Taxpayers in the QCA are falling victim to tax payer identity fraud. Local tax preparers say it's the worst it's ever been. Scammers take your social security number and file a false tax return. Then, the IRS unknowingly sends your refund money to the fraudster. "We filed mark's tax return like we always did, submitted to the Internal Revenue Service," said Rick Oelerich of Oelerich & Associates. "It was what we call E-File Reject. The IRS says, hey we can't process this return because according to our database this social security number has already been used." That's one of a dozen clients this local tax preparer says has fallen victim to this scam. He says one of the best ways to protect yourself is to file early to beat identity thieves from getting to your money before you do.

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Community, Laws	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 15	130A	30 min.	<p>Moline City Council members are taking steps toward changing the city's noise ordinance, which dates back to the 1950s. After consulting with a sound engineer, the Planning Commission found an overhaul of the ordinance was needed to bring it into the 21st century. During Tuesday night's Committee of the Whole meeting, city council members unanimously voted to give planning staff the green light to begin drafting new noise rules. "It's quality of life, and what people think is a reasonable amount of noise to be able to live their daily lives," said Moline's Land Development Manager, Shawn Christ. And, bringing the rules up to date isn't so much a question of changes in people's standards - It's an issue of changes in technology, which have made the city's current noise ordinances completely unenforceable. "There's no teeth. Our hands are tied," Christ said. The problem is that the rules on the books now are based on the noise meters that were used in the 1950s when they were written, using the octave bands that equipment could measure. That equipment - and those frequency bands - are now obsolete. Today's equipment is much more precise, and measures on a completely different scale. "There's no physical way to measure at these frequencies using modern equipment," Christ said. "If you have to enforce standards, it is a problem." Fortunately for the city, the few noise complaints that do come in have, so far, all been ones they've been able to resolve by working with the property owners to fix the problems, with no enforcement tools needed. "But, since we know there is an issue, we know these are outdated, we want to be prepared in case we are put in that position," Christ said. And that's why the planning commission is proposing that city council adopt new rules that would mirror the state's standards, which were all updated about ten years ago. "It would create a series of maximum sound pressure levels and it would vary by the type of zoning district that it's located in, so a residential district, for instance, would have a lower threshold than what you could have in a commercial district," Christ explained. At this point, no decisions have been made on the exact thresholds the new rules will contain. But, planners say the new rules will definitely include a number of exemptions, for everything from backup generators in residential areas to church bells, train whistles, emergency vehicles, road construction and more. The new ordinance will now be drawn up for city council to consider in the coming weeks.</p>

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Infrastructure, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 16	130A	30 min.	A massive sinkhole, around seven feet deep, appeared on a main road in Burlington today. Officials say a two-inch hole in an underground pipe, a water main break, caused the sinkhole. "A lot of people are interested in it," resident Savanna Evans said. "A lot of people are taking pictures. You see it all over Facebook right now." The sinkhole is right at the border of Burlington and West Burlington on Mount Pleasant Street. "I drive on this street every day on my way to work, right there where this hole is," resident David Francis said. "It does affect traffic," business owner Randy Wagler said. Residents say they are surprised to see it. "I kind of looked down, and was like, 'That's a big hole you've got there, mayor,'" Evans said. "That's a big enough hole, I think my car would fit inside there," Francis said. The Burlington Municipal Waterworks is in charge of fixing the street. Distribution supervisor Shane Johnson says this problem could have gone unseen for a long time. "We probably didn't know about it,"he said. "It could have been happening for a long time. We don't know." He says the city gets a lot of water main breaks, but not too many sinkholes. Residents say there was a pretty big one last year that took some time to fix. They say they're happy to hear that this one won't take too long. "We fixed the water main," Johnson said. "Now, tomorrow, we'll fix the storm drain, pour some concrete, put some gravel in, and start putting the street back. So, it should be done tomorrow or the next day." Although traffic was affected, local shop owners say their businesses were not.
Taxes, Community, Government, Healthcare	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 16	130A	30 min.	Rock Island county officials have struggled with finding resources to fund Hope Creek Care Center. Now they will ask the public to weigh in with a vote in the November election. The facility cares for a large population of medicaid patients, costing the county thousands of dollars per month. Officials say state funding has diminished and they can no longer rely on it. So now they will put a referendum on the November ballot, asking residents for a property tax increase from .1 percent to a maximum of .25%. Residents who have a \$100-thousand home would cost an extra \$50 per year in taxes. "This extra revenue is hopefully a temporary fix where we can have better grasp of our management at Hope Creek and do a better job at projecting our figures and using our resources better." Hope Creek residents say they hope voters will look past the cost of the tax increase.

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Hunger, Homelessness, Economy, Business	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 21	130A	30 min.	<p>Feeding the hungry is a community-wide mission in Muscatine, where the United Way just launched a new Food Rescue program, to deliver useable food waste from grocery stores to area agencies to distribute. The demand on food pantries there has many stretched thin so there's a big need for just this kind of help. "Their shelves are empty all the time, so they're trying to restock them at all times," said Nichole Sorgenfrey, Program Manager for the United Way of Muscatine. Thousands of people in this community go hungry every day: "They just don't know where their next meal is going to be," Sorgenfrey said. But, every day, perfectly good food goes to waste. It is things like food nearing its sell by date, produce that likely won't sell, and overstocked products that need to be moved off the shelves to make more space. All of it is totally safe to eat, but all too often, it is simply thrown away. The new Food Rescue Program is looking to change that. "I'm excited that we're keeping it out of the landfill and putting it back into the hands of people who need that," said Sorgenfrey. The United Way is teaming up local agencies and four grocery stores to deliver the food once destined for the garbage to three different distribution sites in need of supplies. "It's just to keep those who are in need fed," Sorgenfrey said. The Hy-Vee Mainstreet in Muscatine already donates what it can to one area shelter. Now, it can spread the wealth. "It's a real great way for us to help the community out and take care of a need that we have in this store to get rid of that food," said Matt Schweizer, Hy-Vee Mainstreet Store Director. And this store has a lot to give -- 20 pounds a day on average. That's 20 pounds that should end up in someone's belly, not the dumpster. "We hate filling up the landfill with things that can be used by the community," Schweizer said. This community is already looking forward to a bright future for this program: "I think it will succeed. I don't think there's any doubt about that," said Schweizer, "But hopefully all food industry in town can take advantage of it so we really, really take care of the people in need." "We're starting from the beginning and we're going to keep growing it," Sorgenfrey agreed. But now, more help is needed to get the program off the ground. Organizers are looking for volunteers to drive the donations from the stores to the distribution sites. Sorgenfrey says it's a relatively easy volunteer effort that promises a big pay off to those who do it: "You're helping get the food to the right people who need it," she said. If you want to help, call the United Way of Muscatine at (563)263-5963.</p>

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Crime, Community, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 21	130A	30 min.	Authorities are still on the look-out for a man they say escaped from a Davenport work release center. Officials say 24-year-old Tyler Lampe was put on escapee status Saturday night and that was not the first time he has done it. Officials say the work release program allows a kind of structured freedom. It's designed to help inmates who have finished serving their time in prison to get a job and take care of themselves. Officials say 70-80% of those who participate complete the program successfully and don't escape. There could be contributing factors for why Lampe walked away. "The offenders that seem to have the tendency to escape and run from their problems in life often are the ones who run from their problems when they're in a facility," Iowa Department of Corrections Dir. James Wayne said. The Iowa D.O.C. says it's hard to pinpoint exactly why some convicts escape. They say relationship issues and the inability to find work are just a few reasons why some inmates flee.
Community, Outstanding Teen	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 22	130A	30 min.	A high honor for one local high school senior who was named one of just two top youth volunteers of the year in Illinois by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The Rock Island High Schooler, Jasmine Babers, was presented with that award, nominated for her work to create and publish a quarterly magazine aimed at helping teenage girls build self-esteem, become leaders and pursue their dreams. That magazine has grown and spread to cities across the country. "When I started it, I just wanted to make a difference in one person's life and then every time somebody gets involved because of reading it or every time somebody says thank you to me because I started it," Babers said. "It's just like, it's amazing, and I'm so grateful that I could do that for somebody else." As a state honoree, Babers received an engraved silver medallion and she'll get a thousand dollars and an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC in May. She'll also have a chance at being selected as a national honoree.
Community, Environment, Recycling	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 22	130A	30 min.	Earth Day serves as reminder to go green which can be done by recycling and that's exactly what two Muscatine women are doing, turning what looks like trash to others into their treasure. These ladies are taking old furniture and making it look brand new again as well taking things like shipping pallets and turning them into art. "We get to save the Earth while doing it," Dawn Schmidt said. "We get to use our creative ability to repurpose things and we also get to save things from going to dumpsters and just being put in the trash." The women say it's a hobby they hope to do full time. Right now the city of Muscatine is having a spring clean week until Friday. They expect to receive 500 tons of waste.

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Infrastructure, Government, Taxes, Economy	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 23	130A	30 min.	Dozens turned out to a public meeting on the new I-74 bridge project. Both the Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation hosting "open house-style" meetings aimed to give people enough time to plan and understand what construction will mean for them. Many say getting a look at design boards showing phases of the work and traffic control really helped to visualize the project. "It's a large project, one of the biggest projects we've had in the Quad Cities and I think everyone around here is interested in how it's going to impact them, what the future of the city is going to be like," Moline resident Linda Sykes said. Some of the work will get started on River Drive in Moline as early as this fall. Then next year, on Grant and State Streets in Bettendorf with construction of the actual bridge starting in 2017.
Government, Taxes, Economy	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 23	130A	30 min.	Plans to transfer hundreds of inmates from the Iowa State Penitentiary, the oldest operating prison west of the Mississippi River, to a newly built prison are postponed again. Officials from the Iowa State Department of Corrections say the \$132-million replacement is experiencing heating and cooling issues with the living units and some administrative buildings. Authorities once planned to move in March. Then, they said early summer. Now, they say it's unclear how long it will take to fix the prison's geothermal system. Some Fort Madison residents say that's not good enough. "As taxpayers, we want to know exactly what's going on because it's our money," said Leah Davis, who works at the ice cream shop right next to the 175-year old prison. "We have a lot of poverty, so we can't really just afford to just dish out millions of dollars for nothing." She and several other Fort Madison taxpayers say it's time to move forward. "I'm surprised that it hasn't been opened by now," Mary Woodworth said. "I thought they said it would be." The Iowa Department of Corrections says they're working on that. "It wasn't cooling or heating at a level we that we needed to, particularly for extreme temperatures such as very, very cold temperatures or very, very hot temperatures," department spokesman Fred Scaletta said. Some residents say they're surprised it would take months to get a temperature control problem fixed. "It shouldn't take a long time," Luann Lozano said. "They were supposed to be prepared, ready to go." "They've had prisons before without air conditioning," Woodworth said. "I hope we don't want the prisoners to freeze, but they need to hurry up and get going," Sayyidetta Black said. Others say the department should take its time. "I think they probably should get it right before they move prisoners in there," Ryan Privia said. "I think it's the smart thing to do."

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Economy, Taxes, Government	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 24	130A	30 min.	<p>Planning for retirement is one of the toughest challenges for workers, the majority of whom have to make all the decisions on their own. There are still pension systems out there and many belong to cities and states. Pension systems in the Illinois Quad Cities have some ground to make up. East Moline was best with its pensions at 63 percent complete for police and 78 percent funded for fire. Moline and Rock Island sit a little farther back. Moline has its pensions funded at 48 percent for police and 40 percent funded for fire. Rock Island's police pension is at 47 percent funded, and fire is at 44 percent. "I made plans through my career, to what I was going to do after my career as a firefighter based on those plans," says Rock Island fire pension board trustee Doug Vroman. He uncomfortable with the noises coming from across the state. As mayors say they can't afford their police and fire pensions. "I know there is a lot of momentum at the state level for going back and changing the benefits that I worked for, for 29 years," says Vroman. As a Rock Island fire pension board member, Vroman understands the challenges facing cities across the state. He's not comfortable himself with a fire pension funded at 44 percent, but he says good investment policy and regular checks from the city will boost that number. "Were doing everything we can do to maximize the investment returns to take the pressure of the taxpayers," says Vroman. "We allocate for those pensions every year and we know by 2040 we're supposed to be at 90 percent, we're shooting for 100," says Rock Island Mayor Dennis Pauley. He considers the pension payment a fixed part of the budget. It's \$2.1 million next year. "It's a cost of doing business, they've worked the years, they deserve the pension and we're going to pay them the pensions," says Pauley. Vroman says the biggest cost is paying down the pension's unfunded liability. \$31 million needs to be made up. He believes the city and pension board will get the job done. "We're not concerned about paying benefits, or having a large number of people retire and not having the liquidity to pay those benefits," says Vroman. He just fears Illinois will change the benefits again for those already paying into the system. Illinois reset the pension schedule a few years ago. All cities must have their pension funds 90 percent funded by 2040. The payments get larger over time though, leading to the concern that pension payments are eating up budgets.</p>

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Infrastructure, Community, Taxes, Government	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 24	130A	30 min.	U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Foxx, was invited to see conditions of the I-74 Bridge Thursday morning. Officials gathered in Moline after for a discussion on federal funding. Both states of Iowa and Illinois are on board with plans to rebuild the I-74 Bridge. The main push is to make sure they continue to receive federal funding. Representative Cheri Bustos (D-IL) says, "Here is the reality of what we're facing. We've got a Highway Trust Fund that will be depleted in August or September and we have to be able to come together and say this is the funding resource we're going to use." Without the U.S. Highway Trust Fund, Doug Rick of Iowa Department of Transportation says there wouldn't be enough state money to fund the 1.4 billion dollar project alone. "That 1.4 billion dollars includes everything, all our costs for engineering, for construction, for the environmental studies – everything." Around 85 million dollars has already been set aside for the project, but officials agree that they still need help from the nation's capital. Representative Dave Loebsack (D-IA) says, "This is a great example of how Washington has to get its act together to move forward – to move this economy forward, locally as well." The U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Anthony Foxx, came to the Quad Cities to see the condition of the bridge for himself. He says, "What I observed was a lack of a shoulder, it's very narrow on that bridge, and I can understand why the community wants to come together to see the bridge get expanded." There is concrete crumbling, no shoulders, narrow lanes, and one fender bender can shut the entire bridge down. They say the bridge is now obsolete. Originally, the bridge was built to sustain light traffic, but now takes tens of thousands of commuters every day. Officials say rebuilding I-74 is critical for the safety, economy, and future of the Quad Cities. Foxx says, "This bridge is clearly one that needs to be fixed, repaired or replaced and it's something that we are very focused on. But we can only help as much as we have resources to be able to help. Foxx, Bustos and Loebsack are working to push the funding through Washington. If all goes as planned with the federal funding, they expect the multi-phase project to be completed by year 2020 – starting from construction in Moline, then Bettendorf, then starting in the river from 2017 to 2018, and working on traffic lanes from 2019 to 2020.
Crime, Community, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 28	130A	30 min.	Crime Stoppers and Knox College are offering a reward to anyone who have information about an arson investigation near the college. It happened April 8th in a vacant house on the 400 block of South Academy Street. Knox College has already offered police surveillance video to aid in the investigation but now the college and crime stoppers are offering \$1,300 for information leading to an arrest.

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Crime, Safety, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 28	130A	30 min.	Area police are warning local joggers to beware of a male suspect inappropriately touching female runners. Over the past year, police in Moline, East Moline and Rock Island say there were at least 5 incidents of women claiming to be suddenly grabbed from behind by an unknown male while jogging. Every time it has happened during the 8 o'clock hour in the morning. Officials from the Moline police department say there were likely more incidents than those reported and they've already received calls about more since reports went out. "It's the same description in all of five of the reported incidents to the police, even though it happened in other cities, and that's why we think that not only runners should be aware, but we think we might be able to identify this individual fairly easily," Moline Det. Scott Williams said. The suspect is being described as a white male, may be 25 to 30 years old, between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-10-inches tall, thin build, with a goatee and the suspect is usually wearing jeans, a hoodie, and skater type shoes.
Economy	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 28	130A	30 min.	The TMK IPSCO plant in Camanche is cutting back working hours and there's concern for job loss. The company's CEO says the cutbacks are stemming from what they believe is unfairly traded imports, specifically products used in the energy industry for down hole drilling. Right now they're involved in a major trade case in the US against nine countries, the biggest competitor being Korea. "We are certainly concerned," TMK IPSCO CEO Dave Mitch said. "We have to take short term action, however in terms of fighting for fair trade is really for the long term good of American manufacturing jobs." Mitch says they believe these foreign countries are exporting products that are "below cost", meaning they aren't making a profit. He says if this continues it could drive American manufacturing out of business. Mitch says they are assessing cutbacks on a week-by-week basis in Camanche but no lay-offs have been made or scheduled as of right now.
Cyber Security	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 29	130A	30 min.	Internet Explorer is one of the popular ways to browse the internet but a warning from homeland security is urging users not to use it. The issue is taking over Internet Explorer versions six through 11, allowing hackers to gain access to your computer if you click on a bad link. We talked to the manager at Computer Revolution and he says if users can use other web browsers like Firefox or Google Chrome, that is preferred. "For those people that's going to depend on your anti-virus so you want to make sure your protected in terms of your antivirus," store manager Joel Delp said. "In terms of spyware, adware, malware, pretty much all the wares that can get on your computer and cause problem." The Department of Homeland Security is telling people to stay away from it until Microsoft develops a fix. Microsoft typically releases patches on the second Tuesday of the month.

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Child Welfare, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 29	130A	30 min.	Tackling the issue of teen suicide. Davenport community leaders say it's a growing concern. Parents and students came together to raise awareness and talk about prevention. Dozens turned out and heard testimony from a mother who lost her teenage son to suicide. They then got a chance to hear from local agencies about resources available in the community for those in need. "We have to have a conversation," Davenport superintendent Dr. Art Tate said. "It's not just parents and students it's student to student and parent to parent in the community." "Education and to let them know we are here for them," American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Christina Cole said. "There are avenues they can turn to and that doesn't have to be the answer." Davenport school leaders say they're looking into a program to provide training for teachers on how to help troubled teens in the classroom.
Community, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 30	130A	30 min.	The search for a missing Davenport man is now over. 45-year old Willis Hughes has been missing since late December. Family and friends have been searching for answers in his disappearance for months. Yesterday, a fisherman found a body along the banks of the Mississippi in Muscatine County. Police confirm it is that of Willis Hughes. Officials say it appears he was in the water for a lengthy period but aren't sure exactly how long. After months of search for answers in his disappearance officials hope to bring some closure to the family. "We ran as many leads down that came in," Davenport assistant chief Don Schaeffer said. "Every lead that came in we had someone assigned to it all time. There were two primaries on it." An autopsy was performed but an official cause of death hasn't been released. Both Davenport police and Muscatine County sheriff's office continue to investigate.

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Community, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Apr. 30	130A	30 min.	<p>A Colona girl and her father were driving home Tuesday evening, when they noticed a woman waving them down for help. A nearby driver was stuck in a car that had flipped into the water right off of Green River Road. Andrew and Madison Munoz, other neighbors, the Colona Police Department, the Colona Fire Department, and the Henry County Sheriff's Office were all involved with making sure the woman got out of the scary situation alive. "He was like, 'Madison, call 911,'" Madison Munoz said. "There was this girl in the middle of the road." The woman flagged them down at around 7 PM. "We knew something was wrong, so we pulled over," Andrew Munoz said. He then saw the car. He says the hood and front seats were submerged. The water was apparently around two feet deep. "When I looked closer, her head was under water," he said. He says he trudged his way through mud, struggled to get the front door open, unbuckled the woman's seat belt, and dragged her out through the back door. "When I was pulling her out, I was afraid I was going to hurt her, but I had to get her out of there," he said. He says another passerby then helped lead her to land. "When he was lifting her out, she was like, 'I love you, I love you,'" Madison Munoz said. Moments later, emergency medical services arrived. "Her condition would be completely the other way, if it hadn't been for her neighbors," Colona Fire Chief John Swan said. He says the Colona Fire Department is grateful for their help. "It just proves that ordinary people can do extraordinary things," he said. The woman was reportedly taken to a local hospital. Her condition has not yet been released. "He saved her, yeah," Madison Munoz said. Meanwhile, Andrew and Madison Munoz are reflecting. They'd helped save a life. "It was somebody upstairs looking out for somebody," Andrew Munoz said. "All of us." He says the situation hits close to home. "My cousin, Natalie Munoz, died less than a month ago in a car accident," he said. "That kind of made me want to do what was right." The recent Bettendorf High School graduate passed away in Davenport on her way to class at Scott Community College. He says he is glad to have been one of several people who were in the right place at the right time Tuesday. The Henry County Sheriff's Office will be handling the accident investigation. More details will be provided once they become available.</p>
Child welfare, Crime	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 1	130A	30 min.	<p>Some Burlington middle school kids are in trouble after having marijuana in the classroom. Four 13-year old boys are accused of bringing pot to their home economics class and putting it in cookie dough with intentions to bake it. Another student saw them do it and notified school authorities. Now those in the community have a lot of questions. "I can't even imagine being 13 years old and how do you even get a hold of that stuff, let alone get it in school," college student Jill Rokosz said "I just couldn't believe it." Lt. Klein says the boys will go before a juvenile court next week. Their penalties could range anywhere from probation, community service or being sent to a group home.</p>

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Community, Arts	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 1	130A	30 min.	The River Music Experience is where some Quad Citians go for live entertainment and fun and after 10 years of operation the RME is announcing twelve events over 4 days. "Free outdoor concert with March Forth Marching Band, they are from Portland, they're stilt walkers, they're a huge dead, big band," Director of Marketing Maureen Carter said. "We've had them in the Redstone Room before. so we're excited to have a free concert outside." On June 12, 2004, RME opened its doors for the first time. So June 12t, -this year is when all the festivities will begin. Officials say this is their way of celebrating the growth and changes the RME has made over the past decade.
Crime, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 5	130A	30 min.	Three juveniles have been charged with felonies for allegedly shooting a BB gun at Lee County drivers. It happened Sunday morning around 4 o'clock. Lee County sheriff's department say they received reports of people shining a bright light into the eyes of drivers on Interstate-88 from the Brooklyn Road overpass. Then police discovered those same suspects also threw items from the overpass and were shooting a BB gun at motorists. The three juveniles now face felony attempted vehicle endangerment.
Government, Taxes, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 5	130A	30 min.	Eldridge residents will head to the polls for a special election. They will decide whether or not property taxes will increase to help fund a new city hall and police station. City leaders say the community is growing and population has doubled in the last 30 years. Because of that they need more space. The project would cost \$4.6 million. So city leaders want to raise property taxes by \$60 per \$100-thousand your property is worth. Residents have mixed feelings about the hike. "I'm ok with it," Kevin Cannine said. "We outgrew the one we have now and we need a new and bigger one." "They don't need to raise the taxes," Darrel Swarts said. "They are high enough the way it is." Polls open up at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m on May 6th. Residents can vote at North Scott High School and the Scott County library.

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Healthcare, Government, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 5	130A	30 min.	<p>For seven years, the Good Samaritan Free Clinic has provided free medical office visits for around 12,000 people across the Quad Cities who have jobs, but don't have insurance. Representatives say the Affordable Care Act's insurance mandate caused the facility to permanently close on April 30, 2014. Volunteers ran the clinic, and several foundations and organizations funded it with grants and services. "This was a way of being good samaritans," GSFC co-founder Regina Bollaert said. "We have a wonderful community here." The clinic has called four locations home, with Unity Point Healthcare/Trinity as its final facility. "We didn't have to pay rent," Bollaert said. "Our big expense that we had was helping pay for medications." Trinity Pharmacy and Allina Clinic Pharmacy helped cover that. "They provided our patients medications at cost," she said. "Patients paid a small co-pay, and we paid the balance." Metropolitan Medical Laboratory did all of their tests at no cost, and physicians, nurses, assistants and non-medical volunteers took time away from their other jobs to care for the patients. "They came and they stayed," GSFC Nurse Manager Marsha Boldt said. "I was always amazed at the different backgrounds that they came, and yet everybody meshed together. It was a definite common cause." Bollaert says that when the Affordable Care Act's insurance mandate apparently ended their efforts, they encouraged every patient to get signed up for coverage. "With the Affordable Care Act, everyone is required to have health insurance, and we served working uninsured," Bollaert said. "Six months ago, we started helping our patients as best we could by having a navigator sit in our waiting room at every clinic." Although the change meant saying goodbye to a good cause, she says having insurance is better for the patients. "I mean, we saved lives," she said. "We took care of people who had nowhere else to go. They will have more care. However, they still have to pay for that insurance. They still have to pay the deductibles." She says the co-pays might be difficult for low-income earners who have relied on the free clinic for years; not every former patient has signed up for health insurance. As of May 2, 2014, the federal government is reporting that more than 217,000 people signed up for healthcare through the on-line marketplaces in Illinois. More than 29,000 lowans signed up for coverage through healthcare.gov.</p>
Community, Safety, Crime	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 6	130A	30 min.	<p>Davenport police are looking for a suspect they say assaulted a war Veteran. Police say it happened around 3 in the afternoon on the 17-hundred block of Kimberly. Jerry Beatty says he was walking across the road when a driver kept honking his horn, so beatty admits to making an obscene gesture. The suspect pulled over and pushed Beatty to ground and kicked him three times in the face. The attack was caught on surveillance camera of a nearby car shop but police are not releasing the video. Beatty says he didn't realize how bad he was beaten until he got to the hospital. "They had to do a cat scan, CT scan and everything and found out my jaw was busted," Beatty said. "And it was pretty bad. Even the nurses were like this is unbelievable." Police ask if you have information about the suspect to contact them.</p>

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Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 6	130A	30 min.	After years of discussion with neighbors and more than 20 community meetings, the first meeting on the SAU stadium proposal goes before a city commission. Close to 500 people packed into the Great Hall at the RiverCenter, many of them wearing "Yes SAU Stadium" stickers. The University first got a chance to present the plans followed by questions from commission members. Then residents both for and against got a chance to make their voices heard. "I personally think it's a no brainer," supporter Tom Steinbrecher said. "It's not going to hurt anybody. Let's do it." "Nobody has listed the advantages of the residents who will be immediately affected," Vern Murdock said. "All advantages listed go to St. Ambrose." The plans go through another Planning and Zoning Commission meeting this month, then a public hearing before city council on June 4th followed by three more meetings in June and July.
Safety, Rescue, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 6	130A	30 min.	Crews were on standby for most of the to help with the recovery of a missing Colona man. Officials called off the search and recovery around 8 p.m. on May 6th. Divers were sent out earlier this evening, searching for 44-year-old Charles Slocum. Officials say they did not find his body. Slocum, his wife and son went out fishing with two friends this morning. After apparently anchoring the boat, the rope broke and the engine would not start. The boat, apparently flipping over, drifting them to lock and dam 14 and through roller 5. Slocum remains missing. They will continue tomorrow with a side scan to relocate the boat.
Community, Schools, Education	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 7	130A	30 min.	It's the first step to a new school for some Moline elementary students. Moline school district held the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Hamilton Elementary School. The new school is part of plan to close Ericsson and Garfield Elementaries. The new Hamilton School is expected to house about 600 students.

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Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 7	130A	30 min.	<p>Illinois Conservation Officer Sgt. Laura Petreikis says, when it comes to being out on the water, "You can't control everything." And that's the message she wants to drive home, as crews continue to search the river after Tuesday's accident. Officers are asking everyone who will be on rivers or lakes this season to wear life jackets, or have them accessible. "It fits snug around the shoulders, snug around the waist, and I have straps that are cinched down," Petreikis says, about the life jacket she always wears when she's on duty. But she says, too often she stops boaters who don't wear jackets, or aren't wearing them properly. "It's frustrating, because I've done this job for a number of years and I know life jackets save lives. And I feel for every family that has to go through what they're going through. And obviously our main goal is to provide them closure. But life jackets save lives." If they're worn properly, something she demonstrates, saying, "This one is an adult medium or large, and it says for someone that's more than 90 pounds, and then the chest size would be 36 to 44 inches. It's an adult jacket. But the most common mistake this officer sees is children wearing those. "We see kids get in a boat and the life jacket goes up like this. Number one they're miserable because it doesn't fit 'em properly. And number two, it's way too big. If they go in the water and they're knocked unconscious or they should happen to go through a situation like we had yesterday, it could easily be ripped off of them." Same thing if it's too small. "That's what you'll see when you pull up to check somebody on a boat and they have a life jacket on and it's unzipped or unfastened and it's like this" Petreikis says. So it's on, but if you're struggling in the water, "You're swimming around, then this thing is not likely gonna stay on you, or it might float. And you might have more complications than if it was zipped and fit you properly." She says they may look big and bulky, but if you and your kids make it a habit to wear them, "It's just second nature and you learn to ignore it. You don't even realize you have it on." Until you need it. It's the law to have a life jacket for each person on board. And officers say it's a boat owner's responsibility to make sure they are the right size, and that everyone knows how to use them. Adults don't necessarily have to wear them, but they have to be reachable in an emergency. And everyone under 13 must be wearing one at all times in both Iowa and Illinois. Conservation Officers also say boaters should always check all their safety equipment before heading out, and make sure a cell phone is charged. If there is an emergency, use the cell phone right away, because the current can carry you away very quickly.</p>

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Community, Economy	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 8	130A	30 min.	Genesis Medical Center is expanding its east campus in Davenport. Some of the construction plans run right into a nearby neighborhood, so Genesis has already bought several homes in the area but other homeowners say they don't want to go, just yet. "We love this house, it has many histories with being in the family for as many years as it's been there," Shirely Shore said. "They keep saying well, we could help you move. When you figure closing costs and moving and all of that in and where are we going to buy another house of this caliber that would be of the same price." A Genesis spokesperson tells us the hospital has been clear about a need to expand for decades but that no homeowners will be obligated to sell their homes.
Community, Infrastructure, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 8	130A	30 min.	It's an area many say has been neglected for too long, and now Davenport city leaders are focusing on the city's West End. They joined residents and students from the University of Iowa, who have been studying the area's issues and who have come up with some solutions, presenting those at a 'West End Focus' open house Thursday night. From establishing Rockingham Road as the West End's commercial center, to redeveloping vacant lots near Blackhawk Foundry, many here tonight say change is overdue. Alderman Rick Dunn tells us, "This end of town has been neglected. We're losing businesses, our infrastructure's going ... (looks down) it's time to reinvest back into this area of town." And as for this open house? "It's just a great turnout," he says. "It's good to see people get involved. That's what it's all about." Students tell us the entire plan should be on the city's website Friday. It will go before Planning and Zoning, and then the full council.
History, Education, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 12	130A	30 min.	Sharing the stories of our veterans. A new initiative in the Quad Cities area called Operation Life Preserver aims to do just that. Stories like those of Jim Schaefer, 91-year old World War II veteran will be available for generations to come. The goal is to interview WWII, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans and let them share their memories from not just their time in the service, but their life stories as well. "They're defined by how they grew up, defined by their service time and by what they did afterwards they raised families, built careers and in doing so built America," said Greg Wilson. The organization kicked off an effort to raise funds online Monday to help get the project going and to find videographers to interview the veterans. For more information click here: https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/operation-life-preserver

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Education, Child Welfare, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 12	130A	30 min.	The Davenport school board voting to cancel the bell time schedule passed late last month which left many parents concerned. The later start times would have gone into effect this fall, making a difference of an hour or more for six elementary schools. Parents were frustrated that they didn't have a say and concerned about transportation, asking for tonight's re-vote with a petition reaching 955 signatures as of today. The board agreed to take action on Friday. "It just shows to all parents, and to all kids, that if you take the right approach, e-mail, call, and do it in a good way, that your voice can be heard," parent Shelley Sterbenz said. School board directors say the original motion to push the start times back goes back to being not approved. Administration will now have to come back with a recommendation for the way forward.
Government, Taxes, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 13	130A	30 min.	Rock Island/Milan School Board leaders vote to sell the old Audubon School property, but what the buyer intends to use the site for is still unknown. The board voted unanimously on the purchase agreement with Moline Acquisitions, LLC which will buy the property for \$700,000. In the contract, which the board got just last Friday, there is no mention of what the land will become. That had a couple of neighbors upset and speaking out about it at the meeting Tuesday night. "It's real important to us that your good neighbors back to us since we've been good neighbors to you," said Ellen Martin. "It tells me they have no interest in working with the neighborhood in being conducive to us and it potentially opens it up to just about anything going in there," said Andrea Gaeta. District officials say selling the property has been a long time coming with the building empty since 2010 and then demolished late last year. According to the contract Moline Acquisitions, LLC must properly zone the site for whatever use that's intended and has to enter into a development agreement with the city. District officials think it will be good for the city as a whole. "They thought it was fiscally responsible for the school district. That has been their guiding purpose in this whole process is being fiscally responsible for the school district," said district Communication Director Holly Sparkman. The buyer has a total of 150 days to close on the transaction or the property will go back on the market.
Infrastructure, Taxes, Community, Government	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 13	130A	30 min.	It's another way for Quad Citians to get to Chicago. Officials say the new Amtrak train station is right on track to open late 2015. Right now, Moline city leaders are still developing a design for the Amtrak station that will run the service. City leaders say along with the station will be a 85-unit hotel, restaurant and retail businesses. Officials say operations like this will give people more options for travel. "This is also being designed as multi-modal station because you do have direct connection to the bus service, directly tracks at the metrolink facility," city administrator Lew Steinbrecher said. "There will be service directly out to the airport from here." Officials say constructing the whole train station project will cost over \$20-million, half being paid through federal funding, \$5-million from state funding and over a million from the city. Although the new Amtrak station will open in 2015, the rail line to Chicago is expected to begin in 2016.

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First Responder Training, Community Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 14	130A	30 min.	Severe weather can happen at any time and when it does it's good to have a plan in place, especially if it's a natural disaster impacting a large number of people. Area first responders trained on the Rock Island Arsenal for such event. The scenario? People trapped and missing inside a plant after a tornado strikes. The key to the mission is learning to communicate and work well with other departments. The training also allows outside agencies to get familiar with the Arsenal. "The biggest thing for us on this is when we pull in our community partners, they get to learn the complexities of this island," Garrison commander Colonel Elmer Speights Jr. said. "This is a 150 year old island. We have tunnels here used to encompass all around the island. We have specialized buildings that are like no other in the world." At one point, the drill involved all 75-hundred people on the Rock Island Arsenal, training residents and civilian workers how to take shelter during a tornado warning.
Crime, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 15	130A	30 min.	Police tell us a Moline pizza restaurant was the location for a drug operation. 44-year-old David Allen Curtner and his son, 22-year-old David Allen Curtner, Jr. worked at the family owned pizza shop, Adrianna's. They were arrested for dealing powder cocaine to customers. Kevin Qinslow of QC-MEG says it was a six month investigation that started with anonymous tips from suspecting neighbors. Police say the two were even delivering to the local bars and night spots in the neighborhood. "During the course of the investigation, it led us to be able to determine that they had access to more than usual amount, significant amounts of cocaine," Winslow said. The father and son duo are charged with manufactured delivery of controlled substance. Their court date is set for later this month in Rock Island County.
Government, Taxes, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 15	130A	30 min.	Davenport city leaders are looking into the idea of a riverfront stadium and the new stadium could be used by Saint Ambrose University athletes. The plan shows the stadium would seat 6,600 people. That's 4,100 more seats than the Saint Vincent location would provide. The facility would also offer a tailgating area and park, and over two thousand parking spaces. This idea comes after months of heated debate about the proposed stadium closer to campus. Neighbors we talked to in that area have mixed reactions about this other location. "I think its an interesting location, but i feel as though students would be more willing to go to the St. Vincent's Stadium since it would be closer walking distance," Lizz Goecke said. It's still not clear how much this project would cost, but it's important to mention that these new plans have not been shared with Saint Ambrose officials.

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Community, Crime, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 19	130A	30 min.	Opening statements in Rock Island in the latest murder trial for Nicholas Sheley, this for the murders of four people from Rock Falls. It started off with the assistant attorney general Bill Elward presenting DNA evidence to the jury. Sheley's attorney warned the jury about making judgements too quickly. The first two witnesses called to the stand were the parents of one of the victims, Brock Branson. "He came back and he was panicked, Dallas was," Connie Branson said. "He came back and said, they're dead. They're dead." "I hollered and I said Brock. Then no answer," Dallas Branson said. "Then I really got nervous. Then I slammed the door and ran down the stairs." Two Rock Falls police officers also took the stand. The trial will resume on May 20th at 9 am.
Community, Economy	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 20	130A	30 min.	Plans for the St. Ambrose University stadium complex take a step forward. It was another packed meeting with the planning and zoning commission. Members were still raising some questions and concerns about issues like traffic and storm water. Others say they're on board with the plans. The vote was 7 to 3 to recommend approval of the rezoning request. "There have been positive impacts through everybody working hard together," Susan Lammers of the commission said. "But there's also been negative impacts that still with the best of intentions have not been resolved." "I think it will be a great facility," the commission's Cathy Cartee said. "I don't think it's being used for anything different than it's being used right now." The plans still have a public hearing in front of city leaders and several readings in June and July before a final vote is made.

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Community, Entertainment	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 21	130A	30 min.	<p>The wheel is in motion. Wednesday, the new Ferris wheel at Modern Woodmen Park had a test run with some community leaders. It's part of quite a few additions for the ballpark recently. If you think about all the recent and upcoming changes at the ballpark, to some, it seems like a lot going on. At the Committee of the Whole meeting Wednesday, city leaders discussed allocating more money toward another expansion at the park. Officials say it's about utilizing the facility for more than just game days. It's a new vantage point for downtown Davenport. As high as 110 feet up overlooking Modern Woodmen Park, River Bandits Owner Dave Heller says the new Ferris wheel is part of a big effort to attract new visitors. "We want it to be a place where people are entertained no matter what their age, no matter what their entertainment level of baseball," said Heller. It goes along with the zip line making a return this year and couple of other rides coming: the drop and twist and space camp. "It's crazy if we only use it 70 nights a year when we play baseball. We want to make it open every night all summer long ultimately, that's our goal," added Heller. Davenport council has been involved in some of the recent plans for expansion at the ballpark too. New seating with a fire place deck is under construction now. City leaders are also considering using \$25,000 in unspent downtown TIF bond proceeds for another addition. "Tonight it's relocate the fence out there in right field to enlarge that play area little bit more and make room for the carousel and he's actually paying for the carousel. We're going to pay for moving the fence," said Alderman Jeff Justin. He says council members have had discussions over when enough is going to be enough for amusement add-ons to be involved with. "You know we have that conversation quite a bit so I think we'll know when we get there," said Justin. He doesn't think they're there yet. The lease agreement allows for capital improvements and city leaders see it as putting money back into a major asset to bring people into downtown Davenport. "The kids enjoy it, it's good for the families. We'll discuss that when it gets to be too big," said Justin. One of the growing uses at the facility is weddings. Heller says Modern Woodmen Park hosts more than all the other Midwest League teams combined. As for the Ferris wheel, it officially opens to the public on Saturday, May 24th.</p>
Community, Education	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 21	130A	30 min.	<p>Thanks to your votes, a Burlington High School senior is a national finalist in a Google competition. The doodle was created by Amy Carlson. It was chosen as one of the top five out of 100,000 entries. Carlson however did not win but for her remarkable work she'll take home a \$5,000 dollar college scholarship. She plans to use it at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland and study illustration.</p>

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Child Welfare, Community, Education	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 22	130A	30 min.	A local school says a young girl's service dog isn't allowed in the classroom. Eight-year-old Kellsey McGuire has epilepsy and her service dog Jasper is by her side at all times. Sherrard school district officials told the family Kellsey couldn't bring Jasper anymore. Kellsey's mother says what the school is doing is illegal and that Kellsey needs Jasper at school. "So it's very important that Jasper is there," Kellsey's mother Brandi McGuire said. "I mean he is her furry little angel. He is the one that comes and tells us when she is having a seizure." Sherrard's superintendent says they'll have a hearing to see if the decision stands or not.
Community, Volunteerism, Military	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	May 22	130A	30 min.	Memorial Day is Monday and preparations are underway to honor and remember our veterans. Thursday at the Rock Island National Cemetery on Arsenal Island several hundred people helped put flags at each grave marker. There are close to 24,000 flags in all. It's a tradition to honor those who've served. With the placement of each flag many say they took the opportunity to think about the sacrifice behind it. "I lost uncles in World War II. My dad was World War II but was one of the fortunate ones that got back. Like I said it's an honor to come out here," said Larry Carson, a Marine veteran. There are Memorial Day observances planned through the Quad Cities area on Monday, including the ceremony at the Rock Island National Cemetery which begins at 10:45 a.m.

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Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 2	130A	30 min.	Bounce houses are becoming more and more popular for parties and events. But there's been another incident where an inflatable went airborne and it's putting safety under the microscope. A bounce house in Colorado recently went tumbling end over end with two children inside. Both are recovering from minor injuries. There was a 15-fold increase in such injuries from 1995 to 2010 according to researchers at the Center for Injury Research and Policy in 2012. Whether you rent or buy one experts say there are a lot of safety precautions that are a must. For his 8-year old son's birthday party Antwon Crawford of Rock Island is looking to rent a bounce house. Monday his family was putting a couple of inflatable rides to the test at "All in1 Fun" in Davenport. "I know my kids have been inside them before but me renting one I want to be up close and personal and know how safe it really is" said Crawford. Eric Hayes, owner of the company, says when someone rents a bounce house his company delivers it, sets it up, and goes over safety procedures with the customer. "We don't want our stuff to get damaged and we don't want anyone to get hurt. We go through a run through of supervision," said Hayes. Typically, a bounce house is anchored from multiple points with stakes at least 18 inches long. Sand bags may also be used. Knowing the forecast is extremely important. The industry standard: if the wind gusts more than 20 to 25 miles an hour, don't use them. Hayes says he'll either reschedule or refund if he knows that's the case, but it can't always be predicted. "If you're not sure if it's yours take it down, it's the operator and the installer's responsibility to make sure things are safe." Hayes thinks actual safety regulations are pretty stringent in Iowa and Illinois but it is a growing industry and you can even buy your own at a store. Licensed companies are inspected every year and you should ask about that and how long a company has been in the business. Hayes says bottom line, do your homework and keep a constant eye to help ensure the fun can continue.
Crime, Child Welfare, Safety, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 2	130A	30 min.	Muscatine police are investigating two reports from Friday, both suspicious activity involving children. Now, parents we talked to say they're on high alert. Police say they had a report of two men traveling in a blue or brown van around McKinley Elementary. One of the men exposed himself to students. Then minutes later, police say a car approached children walking home and the driver asked the kids to get inside. Officials say in both instances, the children immediately did the right thing. "I give all the credit in the world for our little people, that can step up, can make the right decisions at this early of an age and be responsible for themselves and doing the right thing," said Muscatine PD Lt. Jeff Jirak. Muscatine officers say they plan to increase police presence at public places where children may be this summer.

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Nature, Environment, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 3	130A	30 min.	While Quad Citians are out enjoying the outdoors the bugs are tagging along. Now one insect is expected to emerge in the area after waiting 17 years. It's a new kind of the cicada insect. This one has been staying underground, feeding on trees and plant roots for 17 years. Horticulturist say they expect them to come in large numbers. This year they could be spotted in Warren, Henderson and Knox counties in Illinois and in Des Moines, Henry, Lee, Louisa and Scott counties in Iowa.
Health, Government, Taxes	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 3	130A	30 min.	Now that Illinois is allowing some residents with chronic illnesses to use medical marijuana, there is a demand for the product. So now local communities face the challenge of how to zone the "pot farms". The Department of Agriculture will regulate 22 cultivation centers in the state. Rock Island County officials say they haven't made any local rules for cultivation centers but are considering it. Right now the state is still ironing out the rules, like weekly inspections and live security camera feeds to the Illinois DOA and state police. "Illinois still hasn't passed there finals rules on what can and can't be allowed yet," Zoning and Building Safety director Greg Thorpe said. Thorpe says if someone wants to apply for building a cultivation center in unincorporated Rock Island County, he would have to approve special use permit and regulate the land. Once state rules are finalized and adopted more information will be available to apply for a cultivation center license sometime in the fall.
Politics, Government	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 4	130A	30 min.	Fresh off a primary win both Governor Branstad and Joni Ernst help unveil the new Scott County Republican headquarters. Governor Branstad released his first television advertisement. It's called "This Is Our Comeback", highlighting his accomplishments in office. Meanwhile Joni Ernst is kicking off her campaign now that she will represent the Republican Party vying for the U.S. Senate seat. She says she wants to take back the U.S. Senate seat and restore some physical sanity to the U.S. "Now is a new start," Ernst said "We just want to make sure lowans know that I am going to be their voice. I'm not going to be the voice for liberal trial lawyers. I am going to be that southwest Iowa farm girl that has those Iowa values." In November Ernst faces Representative Bruce Braley and Governor Branstad is going up against State Senator Jack Hatch.

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Community, Government	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 4	130A	30 min.	Traffic cameras in Davenport bring in about a million dollars a year but city leaders say they're losing out on millions more because people aren't paying, something they now have a plan to change. The city just announced if you're caught by a traffic camera and don't pay your fine after 60 days, you won't be able to register or renew registration on your car. Drivers will have until August 4th to pay any unpaid tickets without penalty. This means you won't have the registration hold or have to pay the \$25 collection fee. Officials say there are thousands of unpaid tickets. "We're sending out about 27,000 letters, that's the number of fines, not necessary the number of individuals," Davenport finance director Brandon Wright said. "Individual people, we probably have 15-16,000 people." Drivers will have 60 days to pay up, down from the previous 90 day period. If the fine is overdue, drivers also would not be able to sell or transfer car titles.
Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 5	130A	30 min.	For 22 years strong, Gumbo Ya Ya in Rock Island is bringing a taste of New Orleans to the Quad Cities. The two night festival is packed with jazz bands, cajun and southern style food and vendors. Just like the real Mardi Gras, Gumbo Ya Ya takes a lot of work to put on, coordinators say, but it's all worth it when the set up is done and the festival starts. "What I love about it is the authenticity and just the way we try to like grow it and do something new every single year it's about as close to mardi gras, I mean I've been to New Orleans, it's as close to Mardi Gras as I've ever come to," The District event coordinator Carl McClaskey said. The festival kicks off June 6th at 5 o'clock, on the Great River Plaza in The District. Tickets are \$9 for one night and \$14 for both nights.
Infrastructure, Community, Safety, Government	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 5	130A	30 min.	Over 30,000 people in the Quad Cities use the Centennial Bridge each day but this month, the commute between Iowa and Illinois will become a bit more difficult. Partial bridge closures could begin as soon as this week and commuters are concerned with the amount of traffic the closures will cause. City officials are recommending drivers give themselves extra time to get across the bridge. They're also saying having an alternative way to cross the river will make the process smoother. This construction has been a long time coming and officials are hoping community members will understand the delays. "During an inspection process about 2 years ago, they discovered there were some transverse beams that go across the width of the bridge that needed some significant repair," Denise Bulat of the Bi-State Regional Commission said. "That's why we're seeing the construction that we will this summer." The entire bridge will be closed from July 28th through September 5th and the project is estimated to cost over \$3-million.

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Community, Safety, Traffic Laws	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 9	130A	30 min.	Distracted driving is illegal in both Iowa and Illinois. The law aims to prevent car accidents and save lives but new numbers show the law is not reducing the number of crashes each year in Iowa. In fact, they've gone up. Lawmakers say the laws are too weak and police officers say it's too hard to enforce. Texting while driving is a secondary offense, meaning police have to stop drivers for a primary offense first before they can charge drivers with texting while driving. And even though driver may not get caught doing it one man who was seriously injured while texting while driving is warning people that it's not worth it. "I was on Highway 52 and texting my father and I looked up and I was in the ditch and I couldn't control it. I hit a tree and another tree," Joshua Harpole said. "Very, very thankful. I'm alive and I do not text and drive anymore." According to Iowa DOT statistics, the average text takes driver's eyes off the road for more than 4 seconds. In that time, going 60-miles-per-hour the car will travel 350 feet.
Water Safety, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 9	130A	30 min.	Two fishermen were rescued from the Rock River near Milan after clinging to a tree in the water for nearly an hour. The men were among several others wading in shallow water just below the Steel Dam at about 3:30. One of their lures got stuck so they moved closer and got sucked in by the undercurrent. The men were able to hold onto a tree stuck at the spillway until first responders got a raft to out to them, eventually pulling them to safety. "I was just thinking to myself man, I hope they survive," bystander Sean Lucky said. "I hope they make it but it turned out pretty good. I'm glad they survived, glad they helped them out." Officials say the men were not wearing life jackets and that this is one of several river rescues they've responded to already this year, so they're reminding anyone who goes around the steel dam to use caution.
Economy, Community, Government	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 9	130A	30 min.	Local lawmakers are trying to make the Rock Island Arsenal more competitive for future projects and a \$110-million Federal grant will help do that. Lawmakers say the work at the Arsenal contributes to the Quad Cities economy and it's important to have the funding to add resources to the facility that will make the Arsenal more competitive to win future bids for workloads. "That overhead cost is dramatic and sometimes they are out of the running, not because they don't have a good price quote but because they have to build in some many things that's outside of their control," Senator Dick Durbin said. "What we're trying to do is give them a straight up opportunity to compete." Senator Durbin says the money will be available this fiscal year which ends in October and says he and Congresswoman Cheri Bustos will work to get more funding approved in next year's budget.
Schools, Community, Safety	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 10	130A	30 min.	It's called the Sleeve. Five middle school educators in Muscatine worked together to make it happen. The device slips over the door closer, keeping a shooter out. It can resist up to 550 pounds of force. "Being a school counselor, it really hits me," Edwin Colon said. "You never want to deal with that and you cannot say that it will never happen here. The reality of the situation is that it can." The teams says it cost \$65. The group says they are also working on projects for other types of doors as well.

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Government, Economy	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 16	130A	30 min.	<p>The Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living officially opened its new building on Monday, just up the street from its old location in the Watch Tower Plaza, after moving out to make room for a new Walmart. The organization held a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration at the new facility at 501 11th Street Monday afternoon. And, there was a lot of reason to celebrate. "We've got more meeting space. We do a lot of community outreach with meetings and bringing folks in and the size," said John Punkiewicz, treasurer for the Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living. The city of Rock Island bought the group out of its old facility at the Watch Tower Plaza and tore it down as soon as they moved out last week. It was one more step to clear the way for a new Walmart to come in. "We have to have economic development. We have to have sales tax. So we need to get Walmart here," Rock Island Mayor Dennis Pauley said. And the city is willing to invest up to \$15 million to do that. But, Walmart has still not signed a final deal with the city to build here, and there's still no concrete timeline for when that will happen. "What they do is they sign a bunch of them at the same time at a board meeting," Pauley said, "So whenever they have their board meeting." City leaders are confident the company will sign the deal. "Everything is fine with Walmart. We're just moving along the process," Pauley said. The next step in that process: Dollar General will be moving out of the Watch Tower Plaza as soon as its new store up the street is ready. The city has already approved a contract to demolish the strip mall building all the way to Hill and Valley at the end of the plaza. That company is set to move out in October or November. In the meantime, the new Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living is open and providing services. "When you look at independent living, you want to be seamless, and we're doing that with the transition from the old building to the new building," Punkiewicz said. And, the new development is a welcome addition to the neighborhood. "Anytime you are able to have a new building, construction, to carry on with the legacy of such a great organization, it provides hope for an entire community," said Rev. Dwight Ford, executive director of the Martin Luther King Junior Community Center. A new Walmart should do a lot for the community, too: "400 jobs, \$1.4 million a year in sales tax. All the property tax, all the tax that goes to the schools, it's going to mean a lot," Pauley explained. And, city officials say Walmart may be able to break ground at the Watch Tower Plaza even before Hill and Valley moves out. They say they expect construction on the new store to begin by late this fall or early 2015. The city could end up spending up to \$15 million to bring in the new Walmart, and Walmart would buy the property for \$4.5 million dollars. Mayor Pauley says it will be about a 15 to 20 year payback.</p>

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Economy, Community	FOX 18 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS	Jun. 16	130A	30 min.	A recent report shows that home sales in the QCA are down 12 percent but local realtors say overall it's still a good time to buy or sell. Quad City Area Realtor Association CEO Sharon Carlson says the market is in the middle. That is, good for sellers because people are looking to buy and good for buyers because interest rates are low. "The homes that are properly priced in the areas that people want to buy are flying off the shelves," Carlson said. Carlson says year-to-date numbers are down but that's because of a long winter. She also says average sale price for residential properties are up from recent years. That average is about \$150-thousand for a home in our area.
Education, Community, Teen Activities	RULE UR GAME	Apr. 19	1P	30 min.	Robotics and the QC elite team that teaches kids about robotics and the competition held every year.
Education, Community, Teen Activities	RULE UR GAME	May 17	1P	30 min.	Careers and programs that are designed for high school kids to get a taste of the real world before they go off to school.
Education, Business, Community	RULE UR GAME	Jun. 21	1P	30 min.	Spotlights the business and education program, a collaboration between local businesses and Pleasant Valley schools and Bettendorf schools. Highlights an engineering student learning at the Deere Harvester Works in East Moline, IL.
Environment	AG DAY	Apr. 1	530A	30 min	The White House rolled out new climate change steps focused on methane emissions, a so-called bio-gas roadmap. From the Ag sector, the President specifically mentioned what the dairy industry is already doing to curtail emissions. The goal is to reduce emissions from dairy's by 25 percent by 2020. The National Milk Producer's Federation says the dairy industry voluntarily set that goal in 2009. The White House announcement acknowledged those pro-active steps. This plan calls for greater adoption and use of methane digesters and other technologies.
Health Issues	AG DAY	Apr. 8	530A	30 min	Meanwhile, another state takes a stand against raw milk sales. The Maine state legislature rejected a bill that would allow farmers in the state sell unpasteurized milk directly to consumers. The bill failed 71 to 65. It was similar to a measure vetoed by the governor in 2013.
Economy	AG DAY	Apr. 9	530A	30 min	In agribusiness China's rejections of U.S. corn have hurt Cargill's bottom-line. Cargill posted its third quarter earnings on Tuesday, and it showed profits fell 28 percent. That's from trading losses, as well as Chinese officials rejecting corn shipments that contain unapproved corn traits. Cargill's earnings came in at 319 million dollars. That's down from 445 million the year prior.
Environment / Economy	AG DAY	Apr. 14	530A	30 min	A popular furniture brand is investing in green energy. Ikea says it's part of the company's goal is to generate as much renewable energy as it consumes by 20-20.

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Environment	AG DAY	Apr. 15	530A	30 min	There is concern worldwide about honey bees disappearing, and how it could affect the environment and the ability to grow food. Agriculture is impacted as farmers need bees to pollinate crops. But pesticides used on harmful insects may be one of several reasons bees are dying. In this report provided by the University of Tennessee, chuck Denney tells us about new efforts to find a way for bee production and crop production to co-exist.
Economy	AG DAY	Apr. 18	530A	30 min	There's no denying this winter has been brutal, especially for the nation's railways. Grain elevators - especially in the northern plains - are having a difficult time shipping grain. Mick Kehr of KVLV tells us why grain trains are having so much trouble this year.
Immigration	AG DAY	Apr. 21	530A	30 min	The immigration discussion continues to heat up. President Obama making calls to GOP majority leader, Eric Cantor. Meanwhile minority leader Nancy Pelosi has put out a list of 30 house republicans she's hoping to target for support of a comprehensive immigration package.
Government	AG DAY	Apr. 22	530A	30 min	Also out of Washington, it looks like a decision on the keystone XL pipeline will be delayed, until at least after the November election. The state department says the extension gives eight federal agencies more time to weigh-in on the project. Part of the delay is linked to uncertainty created by a recent Nebraska court ruling. It said the state broke the law by attempting to unilaterally dictate a pipeline route. The state department has received two and a half million public comments on the project.
Government / Health Issues	AG DAY	Apr. 25	530A	30 min	Vermont may soon have the country's first state bill requiring the labeling of genetically modified foods. State House of Representatives has agreed with the Senate formally passing a GMO labeling bill. It's now headed for the Governor's desk...he is expected to sign it. The requirements would take effect July first of 2016. Twenty-nine states proposed labeling bills either this year or last.
Education	AG DAY	Apr. 28	530A	30 min	Science, technology, engineering and mathematics are getting increasing attention in our nation's schools. That's because global competition to fill high-tech jobs is on the rise. A 4H chapter in Indiana has found a way to get ahead of the technology learning curve - and have fun doing it. AgDay national reporter Tyne Morgan shows us how they're blasting into an innovative career field in a very unique way.
Community / Volunteering	AG DAY	May 7	530A	30 min	Packing ten-thousand meals in two hours sounds like a daunting task. But students in the dietetic and nutrition association at the University of Kentucky took on that challenge. Volunteers formed an assembly line to pack 'meals of hope' for a food pantry which serves the hungry in Kentucky. In this report from the UK college of agriculture, Jeff Franklin tells us how this mission came together.

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Government	AG DAY	May 9	530A	30 min	The secretary released his farm bill updates during a senate agriculture committee hearing. Senator Chuck Grassley questioned Vilsack on the portion of the bill weeding out who's considered a farmer and who isn't. With the new law, only those actively engaged farmers will be able to receive payments. During the negotiation process, however, the conferees cut out some of the wording, making that portion of the farm bill a little gray. And now Grassley says it's up to Vilsack to accomplish what the legislation is intended to do.
Economy	AG DAY	May 12	530A	30 min	In food and your family - orange growers have seen a turnaround in their crops from the April government estimates. But they're still well below last year's production. The Ag department says the national all orange forecast for current year is seven-point-two million tons. It's up slightly from last month. But 13-percent lower than last year's crop. In Florida - the all-orange forecast is down 17-percent from last year.
Government / Economy	AG DAY	May 14	530A	30 min	It was blunt conversation Tuesday at the senate Ag committee. Leaders from the CME group telling legislators that the financial markets are not rigged. The hearing looking at the world of high frequency trading and whether appropriate regulations are in place to keep markets fair. The CFTC's former chief economist told senators that one idea is to have high speed traders register with regulators--similar to what floor brokers or traders must do.
Economy	AG DAY	May 19	530A	30 min	It may be a slow start to grilling season but meat prices continue to race higher. The bureau of labor statics says meat price climbed almost 3 percent in April. That's the most since November of 2003--and the second biggest spike in 34 years. As Craig Geautreux of the LSU Agcenter reports, shoppers notice.
Government	AG DAY	May 21	530A	30 min	On Tuesday the house voted 412 to 4 in favor of legislation that will improve the nation's inland waterway system. The Water Resources Reform and Development Act or WRRDA will help fund work on locks and dams--many of which were built in the 1920's and 30's. Now the Senate must take up and pass a companion bill before it can be sent to the President's desk for his signature.
Economy	AG DAY	Jun. 16	530A	30 min	Meanwhile, land prices aren't backing off. That's according to Farmer's National, a farm and ranch real estate company. A recent report shows good income for farmers combined with a tight supply of available land, means many economists' projections haven't held true and we haven't seen a drop in farmland values as we first reported last week.
Public Safety	AG DAY	Jun. 18	530A	30 min	Damage assessments are still underway in northeast Nebraska after tornadoes touched down on Monday. And this storm was especially intense as it spawned twin-twisters. This is an image you rarely see. They caused widespread damage in the small farm town of Pilger. The two funnels were about a mile apart, and at least two people died. Officials say three quarters of the towns buildings were severely damaged or destroyed. The national weather service in Omaha dispatched two crews to the area to assess damage and determine the EF intensity.

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Economy	AG DAY	Jun. 19	530A	30 min	USDA is out with its latest monthly milk production figures. These numbers come from the top 23 milking states. Production reached just shy of 17 billion pounds, up one and a half percent from a year ago. Production per cow was 19 hundred and 76 pounds for the month. USDA says this is the highest per-cow production for May since 2003. The herd size grew by ten-thousand head.
Public Safety / Economy	AG DAY	Jun. 23	530A	30 min	Flood waters are starting to go down in a saturated region of the northwest Corn Belt. Flooding in South Dakota and Iowa inundated the Big Sioux River last week. It crested Friday morning. It was two feet below a record level, but it still flooded thousands of acres of farmland. Interstate 29 was shut down for a while. The area got ten inches of rain last week. Southern Minnesota was also heavily hit with large amounts of rain.
Economy / Food Prices	AG DAY	Jun. 24	530A	30 min	Milk prices are on the rise. USDA just increased its projected all milk price by 20 to 30 cents per hundred weight. The all milk price is now at 22.90 to 23.30. But the agency does expect prices by around 2 to 3 dollars next year.
Environment	AG DAY	Jun. 24	530A	30 min	In food and your family, some fingers point to agriculture as a major culprit in greenhouse gas emissions. But President Obama's recent plan to limit greenhouse gases focuses on power plants and factories. And that now has the backing of the Supreme Court.