

Problems/Programs Report WQPC/WPRE

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WQPC airs produced news reports at 7am, 8:00am, 8:30am, 12:30pm and 5:00pm. A community affairs/interview program airs weekdays at 9am.

WPRE airs produced news reports at 7:15am, 8:15am, 8:45, and 12pm. A community spotlight interview program airs at 10am.

A number of significant local news stories were covered. Some of the highlights include:

Library Director Leaving Lancaster (April)
Coronavirus Outbreak at Orchard Manor Concerns Officials (April)
Grant County Kwik Trip Store Delayed Until 2021 (April)
Postville Domestic Incident Could Lead to 34 Years in Prison (April)
It Took a Write in but Pdc Has a New Councilman (April)
Crossing Rivers Health Establishes Covid-19 Alternate Testing Site (April)
Furniture Maker Lays off 40 Dubuque Workers for 3 Months (April)
COVID Numbers and Metrics (April)
Grant County Board Approves Contract Covering 23 Deputies (May)
Viroqua Closes Bigley School for Summer (May)
Wisconsin Tavern League Says Open Immediately (May)
Grant County Milking Parlor Burns to the Ground (May)
Memorial Day Cancelations in Prairie Du Chien (May)
\$10,000 from FEMA to Help Vernon County Food & Shelter Programs (May)
COVID Numbers and Metrics Updates (May)
COVID Numbers and Metrics (June)
DNR Fireworks Reminders (June)
Group Camping in Public Parks (June)
Crawford Co Public Health Statements (June)
Free Community Wide COVID-19 testing events (June)
New WIAA Rules and Procedures impacting student athletes (June)
Possible changes in schools in the fall (June)
Crawford County Community Fund Awards (June)
Nursing Home Coronavirus cases (June)
Absentee Ballots - Wisconsin Elections Commission (June)
Climate Change Task Force seeking public input (June)
New Dairy Royalty Crowned (June)
2020 Census (June)
Body of Waterloo man found in Mississippi River (June)
City of Lancaster state of emergency lifted (June)
City of Lancaster pool reopening (June)
Click it or Ticket program (June)
Driftless area art festival (June)
Extended construction on Hwy 82 (June)
Coulee CAP loosens qualifications for food (June)
Paycheck Protection Plan (June)
ADRC of Eagle Country – Tax Service (June)

Tropical Storm hits Midwest (June)
City of Marquette Water Department projects (June)
Free Fishing Weekend (June)
Mississippi River Sculpture Park unveils new statute (June)

In addition to the coverage of significant news stories and community issues, WQPC/WPRE continued to broadcast interviews with local and regional elected officials, candidates, including (but not limited to):

Abigail Martin – June Dairy Month
Crawford County Dairy Royalty – June Dairy Month
Isa Boylen – Seneca Dairy Days
SW Tech – Fast Track Days
PdC Parks & Rec – 50K Fitness Challenge
PdC Sculpture Park Dedication
River and Bluffs Animal Shelter – Fundraisers
PdC City Administrator – AVT/UTV Trails

COVID Related interviews with people from various departments, such as:

- UW Extension
- Crossing Rivers Health – Behavioral Health
- Library
- PdC Parks & Rec – Pool Reopen
- PdC Chamber
- Crawford County Emergency Management
- Crawford County Public Health

PdC Chamber - National Tourism Week & Chamber Bucks
McGregor/Marquette Chamber -Lazy River & July 4th

Political Candidates:

- Brad Pfaff
- Derrick Von Orden
- Jessi Ebbens
- Jayne Swiggum

Current representatives:

- Loren Oldenburg
- Ron Kind

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