

WQRF-TV Quarterly Issues Report Overview-4th Quarter 2014 (October 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014)

WQRF-TV's programming, news reports and public service announcements provided significant treatment of the following issues that were important to the community throughout the 4th Quarter of 2014:

- *Crime
- *Business/Consumer/Economy
- *Education
- *Government/Human Services
- *Health
- *Community Interest

WQRF airs the following local news programs to address the many concerns and issues in the Stateline region:

Local News Programming:

- *Eyewitness News in the Morning -weekdays, 7:00-9:00 AM
- *Eyewitness News at Nine-weekdays, 9:00-10:00 PM
- *Eyewitness News at Nine-Saturdays, 9:00-9:30 PM
- *Eyewitness News at Nine-Sundays, 9:00-9:30 PM

FOX Network News and Public Affairs Programming:

- *FOX News Sunday – Sundays 8:00-9:00 AM

These newscasts contain Live reports, live interviews, & tape reports. The duration of most stories is :30-4:00. These newscasts keep viewers informed of news & weather in the region and state. News information continues to be provided on the website, www.mystateline.com

While this list describes much of WQRF-TV's most significant issue-responsive programming, it is not exhaustive. Programming described in the Quarterly List of Issue-Responsive Programming may relate simultaneously to more than one issue.

Crime: Crime continues to be an area concern in Rockford and the surrounding area. Although there are some decreases, area crime is still higher than surrounding communities.

Title: I-39 Semi vs. Car

Air: 10/1 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/2

Length: :35

Description: 65 y/o Joseph Weingart is killed after a crash involving a semi and an SUV on I-39. Weingart (SUV) crossed the median and struck a semi head on. Police aren't sure what caused him to do that. I-39 SB was closed for several hours and traffic was backed up for miles.

Title: Realtor Danger

Air: 10/1 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/2

Length: 1:55

Description: A real estate agent in Arkansas is found dead after showing a house there. Locally, Stateline realtors are on high alert so it doesn't happen to them. Agents here say they try not to show basements of the home to prospective buyer and walk behind them.

Title: Domestic Violence Ceremony

Air: 10/1 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/2

Length: 1:50

Description: 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Winnebago County holds a candlelight vigil to remember Stateliners who died as victims of domestic violence. Organizers say it's important to remember those we've lost so that future generations can do what it takes to end domestic violence.

Title: Rock Co. Computer Cop

Air: 10/6 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/7

Length: 2:03

Description: The computer program, Computer Cop, is under fire. It allegedly has no safeguards to prevent hackers from being able to capture what a user types on their computer. Computer Cop is distributed by police agencies across the country to help protect kids from online predators. But, it could actually put them at risk, as well as others for identity theft. Rock Co. Sheriff's Dept. distributed it to residents. However, they say no one has complained to them about the program.

Title: Hands Free Distraction

Air: 10/7 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/8

Length: 1:54

Description: AAA report says people are more distracted while driving despite the use of hands free devices. It says that it forces people to look at screens in the car, which takes their eyes off the road more than before when cell phones were allowed while driving.

Title: Juvenile Crime

Air: 10/8 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/9

Length: 2:14

Description: Nine juveniles are arrested for curfew violations in Rockford. They were allegedly behind crimes like aggravated battery and robbery, but were never charged. Police think it may be gang related due to graffiti tags at the crime scenes.

Title: Freeport Bus Accident Follow-up

Air: 10/10 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/13

Length: 1:44

Description: A bus carrying six passengers to the hospital in Freeport crashes into a tree due to the driver using her cell phone. The company, Rolling Hills Progress Center of Carroll Co., denies the driver was using her cell phone. Police charged her with using a cell phone though. The driver's future with the company will be decided in 4-6 weeks after she comes back from medical leave.

Title: Janesville Police Officer Domestic Violence

Air: 10/10 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/13

Length: 2:09

Description: Sgt. Brian Donohoue of the Janesville Police Dept. has his charges of domestic violence dropped. He allegedly attacked his wife. But, investigators say there wasn't enough evidence to pursue Donohoue. Donohoue's wife maintains she was attacked.

Title: Blackert Plea

Air: 10/20 Show: 900 pm. Morning News on 10/21

Length: 1:35

Description: Jenee Blackert, a former teacher and coach at Belvidere North, pleads guilty to sexually assaulting a 17 y/o student. According to the plea deal, she'll spend 4 years in prison. Blackert, through her lawyer, says she feels bad she let the community and school down. Blackert also apologized to the victim's family.

Title: Janesville Police Training

Air: 10/22 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/23

Length: 2:17

Description: Janesville P.D. and Rock County Sheriff's Deputies participate in the Fair and Impartial Police Training exercise. The idea is to get officers to recognize their own personal bias they have and how it affects their work. Janesville says it's a proactive measure to make sure they don't have an incident happen.

Title: Beloit Dog Killed

Air: 10/23 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/24

Length: 2:17

Description: Beloit Police search for someone who locked a dog in a cage outside out hotel and left it to die. It had been dead for weeks. Nearby residents are appalled.

Title: DrunkBusters

Air: 10/24 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/27

Length: 1:45

Description: Boone County offers \$100 reward to anyone who calls in a tip that leads to a DUI arrest. Callers can only do a maximum of 3 tips per year. The idea is to scare drivers from driving drunk since people will have more incentive to call it in.

Title: Rockford Bus Fire

Air: 10/24 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/27

Length: 1:50

Description: A Rockford Mass Transit bus goes up in flames after an engine malfunction. Passengers were evacuated. One of them took video of the flames. We spoke to him about the experience. He says the driver didn't notice. No one was hurt.

Title: Dangerous Construction

Air: 10/27 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/28

Length: 1:12

Description: A Rockford driver catches on camera rubble from a building being demolished hit a fence which falls into the street. The fence is supposed to prevent debris from falling into street. Driver who filmed it says it's ridiculous that he has to watch out for debris in the street. The city says the contractor is at fault. The Illinois Dept. of Transportation required the contractor to close a lane of traffic, which they didn't. City says they'll notify IDOT. IDOT will either stop the project or force the contractor to close the lane.

Title: Beloit Shooting

Air: 10/27 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/28

Length: 2:06

Description: A man is shot in the arm in Beloit. It happened near 2 schools, which were placed on lockdown. Police identify the suspect as 31 y/o Samuel Jones. No motive for

the shooting, however police say the victim and shooter knew each other. Neighbors say the crime is out of control and they're afraid to step outside.

Title: Rock Co. Domestic Abuse

Air: 10/28 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/29

Length: 2:15

Description: Rock Co. Sheriff's Dept. reaches out to Hispanic community because many of its domestic violence victims don't come forward. One survivor tells her story about abuse. She's thankful the police department reaches out because she says she'd be too scared to do it on her own.

Title: Halloween Safety

Air: 10/28 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/29

Length: 2:40

Description: Rockford Police say nearly 500 sex offenders live in Rockford. They urge parents to watch their kids while trick-or-treating. Police say they'll patrol neighborhoods to make sure kids are safe.

Title: Prostitute Help

Air: 10/29 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/30

Length: 2:11

Description: Rockford Police use different strategy to fight prostitution. Instead of prosecuting women on their first offense, they offer resources to help them rehabilitate. The theory is if police put them in jail, they'll continue when they get out. They hope the intervention will break the cycle.

Title: Cleary Ad

Air: 10/29 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/30

Length: 2:28

Description: A man from Gurnee uses a Rockford triple murder victim to promote his product. He took out an ad in the RRStar saying Natasha Cleary's killer could've been arrested if police were allowed to link ATM crime with murder. He says the state law doesn't currently allow it. Cleary's killer withdrew money from an ATM using her card. Sen. Dave Syverson says the state should adopt policies that'll help police do their job.

Title: Charges in Karen Williams Case

Air: 10/30 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/31

Length: 1:15

Description: The three men involved in the death of Karen Williams are charged in Rockford. Bryant Locke now faces murder charges. Ronaldo Fort and D'Angelo Brooks are charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm.

Title: Route 2 Danger

Air: 10/30 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/31

Length: 2:21

Description: A 19 year-old is in critical condition after a car accident at Rt. 2 and Gleasman in Roscoe. Authorities say because the road is narrow and a blind spot on Gleasman could've contributed to the accident.

Title: Janesville 11th OWI

Air: 10/31 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/3

Length: 1:55

Description: 48 year-old Bradley Skelly is arrested for his 11th OWI in Janesville. To make matters worse, it's the 7th time he was charged with a minor in the backseat. Police say it's scary that happens. But, the law allowed him to be back on the road because he went to prison for a previous OWI conviction and served his sentence.

Title: Rockford Fire

Air: 11/1 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/3

Length: 1:52

Description: A fire breaks out at a home near Kishwaukee and South in Rockford. It's the 5th in 24 hours. The home suffered a partial collapse. It is believed to be a vacant home. A leaking gas pipe also contributed to the blaze.

Title: Police/Clergy Meeting

Air: 11/5 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/6

Length: 2:07

Description: Rockford Police meet with Rockford clergy to help build trust between officers and the community.

Title: Wanted Suspect on Billboard

Air: 11/5 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/6

Length: 2:08

Description: Thor Advertising posts the picture of William Bigel on an electronic billboard. He is wanted for harassment. Bigel would hack the profiles of dead teenage girls and harass their friends by saying it's their fault she died.

Title: Coreyon Brown Sentencing

Air: 11/6 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/7

Length: 2:06

Description: Brown was supposed to be sentenced for viciously beating an elderly couple and killing their dogs. But, the judge didn't sentence him because he wanted more time to consider the penalty. Judge says he wants to get it right.

Title: Ortiz-Raygoza Arrested

Air: 11/7 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/10

Length: 2:12

Description: Sergio Ortiz-Raygoza is arrested in Beloit after Beloit Police, the U.S. Marshall Service, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement work together to get him. He's behind several shootings in Beloit and South Beloit. The feds were interested in him because he's behind shootings in two states (IL and WI).

Title: Bayliss Avenue Shooting

Air: 11/10 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/11

Length: 2:19

Description: A couple is killed in an apparent murder-suicide. The daughter of Angela Singleton (one of the victims) spoke out about how she didn't see it coming. Police believe Angela Singleton shot her boyfriend before turning the gun on herself.

Title: Identity Theft

Air: 11/10 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/11

Length: 6:14

Description: Special report on how companies inadvertently help hackers. With all the companies being breached for their data, many of them don't report to the public they've been hacked for weeks. Attorney General Lisa Madigan says that's because it'd be bad

for business and she's trying to get a law passed so companies will be required to immediately report a breach. A breach in data can lead to identity theft.

Title: Oregon Cold Case Update

Air: 11/12 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/13

Length: 2:38

Description: The Mary Jane Reed Foundation's petition to exhume the body of Skridla was approved by the Ogle County State's Attorney's Office. The Foundation believes Reed's skull and/or the murder weapon is buried in Skridla's coffin. Reed was supposed to be on a date with Skridla back in 1948 when the murder happened.

Title: Rockford Danger

Air: 11/12 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/13

Length: 2:13

Description: Rockford is named the 2nd most Dangerous City in the U.S. with a population under 200,000 people. Rockford Police, though, say crime is down overall in 2014. They credit Geo-Policing.

Title: Firefighters Staffing

Air: 11/13 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/14

Length: 2:14

Description: The state is debating a law that'll allow firefighters unions to negotiate staffing levels with the local municipality. Critics, though, believe this could lead to local government spending more on firefighters which could be detrimental to the budget. Rockford Fire won't be affected because they already talk staffing with the city, but they still want to see it passed.

Title: Freeport Murder

Air: 11/13 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/14

Length: 1:02

Description: A man is shot by a convicted felon, Damon Dixon. Witnesses say the two were arguing over a haircut gone bad. Dixon demanded a free one and the victim refused.

Title: Double Fatal Fire

Air: 11/14 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/17

Length: 2:37

Description: Two people are killed in a shed fire. A third person is in critical. An eyewitness tells us he tried pulling one of the victims out of the shed. Fire Dept. is still investigating the cause of the fire.

Title: Freeport Murder Follow-up

Air: 11/14 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/17

Length: 5:53

Description: Freeport Police confirm that Tony Strong was shot and killed over a haircut. The shooter is still at large.

Title: Anatomy of a Murder

Air: 11/14 Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 5:53

Description: Investigative piece trying to understand why police can't solve a murder that was caught on surveillance camera at 3 different angles. Police say there's just not enough. They want confession and physical evidence (not including surveillance),

neither of which are present in this case. The family is upset and believes police is dragging its feet.

Title: Car Warming Danger

Air: 11/17 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/18

Length: 2:21

Description: With the cold here to stay, many people leave their cars running to warm the engine up. Problem is, that's a prime opportunity for thieves to steal your car. Police are warning people about that. And also, it's actually illegal to do so if you're on the street. Drivers could get a ticket.

Title: Police Chases

Air: 11/18 Show: 7:00 am Morning News

Length: 6:04

Description: 3 people have been killed in police chases, all after being hit by the suspects trying to flee. Investigative piece looks into whether or not local police agencies should have a different pursuit policy. For law enforcement agencies we looked in to (Rockford, Boone Co., Winnebago Co.) pursuit is up to the officer on scene. Rockford P.D. defends its stance on pursuits despite the three deaths because they feel sometimes it's the only way to catch a suspect. We talked to Milwaukee Police who have a policy not to chase suspects due to the inherent danger. They chose not to pursue suspects after a string of deadly crashes caused from chases.

Title: Beloit Police Officers hit by Drunk Driver

Air: 11/17 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/18

Length: 2:28

Description: Three Beloit officers are hurt after a drunk driver crashes into two patrol cars during a routine traffic stop. Police say they're fed up with repeat OWI offenders. The suspect, David Dolan, was charged with his 2nd OWI offense.

Title: Corey Brown

Air: 11/18 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/19

Length: 1:16

Description: The man convicted of brutally assaulting two elderly couples is sentenced to 57 years in prison.

Title: Jail Population Declines

Air: 11/19 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/20

Length: 2:08

Description: The Winnebago Co. Jail population has decreased to its lowest levels in four years. The court credits programs like its Therapeutic Intervention and Drug Court to helping curb the population.

Title: Police Pursuit Policy

Air: 11/19 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/20

Length: 2:26

Description: A follow-up to the police chase story that aired on 11/17, Rockford Mayor Morrissey tweeted out his support of a regional pursuit policy. Every department in the area has their own policy, Morrissey wants to make one policy for all of them.

Title: Bruscato Press Conference

Air: 11/20 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/21

Length: 1:13

Description: 17 year old Carley Vollmer is under arrest for a hit and run on Halloween that injured three teens. She faces nearly 20 years in prison.

Title: Dixon Capture

Air: 11/21 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/24

Length: 2:14

Description: Damon Dixon is under arrest after he allegedly shot his barber for a bad haircut. Police say Dixon argued he should not have to pay for his haircut and shot the barber.

Title: Geo-Policing Controversy

Air: 11/21 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/24

Length: 2:22

Description: Some Rockford city leaders are upset that District 1's police station could go downtown. They say it's not where it needs to be because that location is one the far east side of the district policing zone. By not having the station in the center of the district, aldermen believe it won't deter crime.

Title: Cherry Valley Fire

Air: 11/23 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/24

Length: 2:31

Description: A fire breaks out at a house in the 2400 block of Pinedrop Pkwy in CV. Problem is, the hydrants in the neighborhood were not working properly. It caused the house to burn down.

Title: Beloit Death

Air: 11/24 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/25

Length: 2:01

Description: 24 y/o Joe'l Royster is found shot to death in the 1200 block of Copeland. However, Police are not considering it a homicide yet. The family spoke about how violent Beloit is getting.

Title: Cherry Valley Hydrants

Air: 11/24 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/25

Length: 2:21

Description: Residents near where a house burned down are upset because they found out the hydrants in their neighborhood can't be used to fight fires. They're flushing hydrants. Winnebago County Board Chairman Scott Christiansen vows to fix the problem. However, he doesn't have a solution yet.

Title: Local Reaction to Ferguson

Air: 11/25 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/26

Length: 2:32

Description: Rockford Anti-Racism network and a local pastor condemn the Grand Jury's findings in the Darren Wilson case. The Ferguson Police Officer will not face charges related to the shooting death of Michael Brown. The two say the judicial system is biased against minorities.

Title: Ferguson Local Mix-Up

Air: 11/26 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/27

Length: 2:18

Description: Rockford woman, Jennifer Bosma, is being confused for a New York Times reporter, Jennifer Bosman. Bosman wrote an article that had the home address of Darren

Wilson. People are upset about it and in retaliation, have been posting Bosma's address on social media. Bosma also received death threats and is afraid since police can't do anything about it. She hopes the interview she did with us will help convince people she's the wrong person to be targeting.

Title: Beloit Crime Cutting Tactic

Air: 12/1 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/2

Length: 1:46

Description: Beloit Police ask for the community's help by telling residents to lock up the weapons in their homes. Oftentimes, a stolen weapon is used in a crime. Also, they want residents to sign off on the Consent To Search Program, which allows police to search homes of residents if they believe illegal guns are inside.

Title: Trouble with Parolees

Air: 12/2 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/3

Length: 2:23

Description: Devonte Layne, a man just released from prison on parole, is arrested for shooting a man in the leg in Rockford. It highlights an ongoing problem in Rockford. The city has programs to keep people from re-offending. They contend it's working, saying only 11% re-offend.

Title: Geo-Policing Sites Set

Air: 12/2 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/3

Length: 2:17

Description: Rockford City Council agrees to the final local for District 1's police department. It'll be located at Avon and State. Community groups are happy because, initially, the city thought about moving into the old Ware center in the heart of downtown. But, they didn't like that because it's at the edge of District 1's boundaries and would be hard to prevent crime since they're so far away from the center of the district.

Title: Fire Hydrant Problem Follow-up

Air: 12/2 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/3

Length: 2:10

Description: The Cherry Valley neighborhood that had a home burn down due to confusion with fire hydrants are upset. Utility Services of Illinois, the company who operates the flushing hydrants, wants to charge residents more, in some cases 4 times what they pay now, for maintenance. Residents say if they have to pay more, then they want real fire hydrants.

Title: Violent Crime Task Force

Air: 12/3 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/4

Length: 2:15

Description: Rockford Police reports overall crime is down. But, kids are behind a lot of the robberies that are happening. And they say it leads to a life of crime. Chief Chet Epperson it comes down to bad parenting.

Title: Loves Park body Cameras

Air: 12/4 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/5

Length: 2:25

Description: LPPD tweet out they've begun the process of implementing body cameras. Really, they've had discussions with the Mayor about trying to secure funding for them.

If they can get funding, the department will begin using body cameras. However, there is no real timetable for when that will happen.

Title: Terence Doddy Cops Recognized

Air: 12/5 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/8

Length: 2:24

Description: The Illinois House recognized all the officers involved in the arrest of accused double murderer Terence Doddy. We spoke with one State Trooper who initially saw Doddy, which led to the chase that ended in his arrest. She says it's an honor.

Title: East Side Bar Shooting

Air: 12/6 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/8

Length: 1:10

Description: A man is hospitalized after a shooting at the Sports Page bar in Rockford. Three men are in custody, including the suspected shooter. A bar employee says several people left the bar for an altercation. Police weren't called until someone was shot. The victim is 26 y/o Joseph Devleeger.

Title: Loves Park Cat House

Air: 12/8 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/9

Length: 2:21

Description: 40 cats are removed from a house in Loves Park after Animal Services discovered the woman there was hoarding them. When firefighters went in to retrieve them - they had to wear masks because the smell of ammonia in the home was really strong. 77 y/o Sally Gaetjens is charged with several counts of animal care violations.

Title: Beloit Teen Rescue

Air: 12/9 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/10

Length: 2:04

Description: Three teens are safe after jumping out of their car before it became submerged in the Rock River. The teens claim the road was icy at the Arlington-Eddy Boat Launch, but the fire department says there was no ice. A 17 y/o driver was charged with reckless driving.

Title: Sports Page Bar

Air: 12/9 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/10

Length: 2:20

Description: A shooting at the bar's parking lot over the weekend led to the city of Rockford suspending their liquor license. The bar owner says he's being punished for crimes that has nothing to do with his business. The Rolling Green Neighborhood Assoc. says the bar actually brings in the kinds of people who would commit crimes and hopes the city doesn't give back their license.

Title: Puppy Mill Rescue

Air: 12/9 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/10

Length: 2:12

Description: Fresh Start Animal Rescue says they saved 16 dogs from a puppy mill. The location and name of the mill is being kept under wraps. The dogs that were rescued are in bad shape. Some physically, others mentally. Fresh Start is actively looking for people to adopt the dogs.

Title: Justin Jones Update

Air: 12/15 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/16

Length: 2:10

Description: Justin Jones is arrested for sexually assaulting a Janesville teenager. Police arrested him in Iowa. Police also say that Jones knew the girl he was talking to was only 14.

Title: Barmore Settlement

Air: 12/15 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/16

Length: 1:45

Description: The city of Rockford reaches a settlement with the parents of Mark Barmore. Barmore was shot and killed by police in 2009. The parents filed a wrongful death lawsuit. The city agreed to pay them in excess of \$1 million, partially due to all the police involved deaths across the country. However, the city is not admitting they were at fault in the case.

Title: Why Settle Barmore?

Air: 12/16 Show: 9:00 pm.. Morning News on 12/17

Length: 2:27

Description: We asked the city why they would settle the Barmore case. They say it's what's best for the community due to the tense situations in Ferguson, New York, and Cleveland.

Title: Freeport Violence Interrupter

Air: 12/17 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/18

Length: 2:25

Description: Freeport community leaders want to enlist Violence Interrupters to combat the growing threat of crime. The Interrupters have a group in Chicago that deal with gang violence every day. Freeport community members reached out to them and the group is coming up here. Some of the members are former gang members themselves. They use that to intervene before a crime happens.

Title: Barmore Family Reaction

Air: 12/19 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/22

Length: 1:43

Description: The city of Rockford agrees to pay the Barmore family \$1.1 million after police shot and killed Mark Barmore five years ago. Barmore's father says no amount of money can heal the wounds of losing his son. He also says it's not enough because Barmore had a son with autism and the medical bills are high.

Title: Quadruple Murder

Air: 12/21 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/22

Length: 2:37

Description: 4 people are killed in the 3200 block of Montrose Avenue. The victims are Martia Flint, Demontae Rhoades, Tyrone and Tobias Smith. Police say someone forced their way into their home and shot them all.

Title: Rhodes Family Murder Reaction

Air: 12/22 Show: 9:00 pm Morning News on 12/23

Length: 2:29

Description: The family of Demontae Rhodes say they want justice for his death. They also talked about Demontae's life as a boxer.

Title: Flint Family Murder Reaction

Air: 12/22 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/23

Length: 2:42

Description: Martia Flint's family say they're numb right now. A memorial has popped up at the home where she lived.

Title: Officers Honored

Air: 12/22 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/23

Length: 2:14

Description: John Cabello and the IL State House of Rep honors the officers involved in the arrest of double murder suspect, Terence Doddy. He says their heroism must be recognized.

Title: Quadruple Murder Victims' Funeral

Air: 12/29 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/30

Length: 2:07

Description: Hundreds turn out for a funeral for the quadruple murder victims. Speakers celebrated their lives, while others wanted to use it as a call to action.

Title: Quadruple Murder Suspect Arrested

Air: 12/29 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/30

Length: 2:45

Description: Calvin Carter, 22, turns himself in to police in Madison County on a retail theft charge. But, investigators somehow have linked him to the deaths of the 4 people in Rockford. Not much more information is given.

Title: Quadruple Murder Victim's Family Reaction

Air: 12/30 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/31

Length: 2:05

Description: The father of Demontae Rhodes responds to the news of the arrest of Calvin Carter. He forgives him already and hopes that he'll learn from his mistakes.

Title: Hostage Prank Call

Air: 12/30 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/31

Length: 2:30

Description: Several police agencies respond to a home in Machesney Park after a caller claimed a man had been shot and was holding several others hostage. However, the homeowner who was working at the time, told police he lives alone. Police are now looking for the prankster.

Title: Bulletproof Vests

Air: 12/30 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/31

Length: 2:06

Description: Starting in January, all police departments in Illinois must provide their officers with bulletproof vests. Belvidere Police is already ahead of the curve. They've used them for 20 years.

Title: Coulthard Update

Air: 12/31 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 1/1

Length: 2:11

Description: The Rock Co. Coroner's Office has ruled the death of 75 y/o Mary Coulthard a homicide. Lou Smit (Coroner) says it's due to multiple bruises to her head. Police still have no suspects and asked for the public's help in solving the case.

Title: Fewer Car Accidents

Air: 12/31 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 1/1

Length: 1:44

Description: Illinois State Police credit lower traffic crashes in Illinois this year to their strategy of placing officers in known hot spots for crashes. Rep. John Cabello says the speed limit law though had no effect on the crash numbers.

Title: Lena Home Invasions

Air: 12/31 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 1/1

Length: 2:25

Description: Two separate home invasions happen in Lena. One of them leaves a man seriously injured. Stephenson County Sheriff's Dept. is upset because those calls should've been handled by the Lena P.D. But, the officer left in charge on Christmas day didn't show up for work. The sheriff's dept. will meet with the village of Lena and the police department to discuss what happened and why.

Business/Consumer/Economy: The economy in Rockford is turning around at a slower rate than it is in many other cities.

Title: Exelon Byron

Air: 10/1 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/2

Length: 2:07

Description: A new report by the Nuclear Energy Institute says Exelon could shut down 3 of its nuclear plants in Illinois. One of them is in Byron. The report details how devastating of an impact it would have in Byron, essentially saying if the plant closed it would become a ghost town. Residents we talked to agree. However, Exelon denies there are plans to close the plant. The report suggests with the rising cost of nuclear power compared to alternative power - makes it difficult for Exelon to stay competitive. It predicts the plant could close as early as 2015.

Title: Field Filled With Animal Waste

Air: 10/3 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/6

Length: 1:42

Description: The field next to Marinelli Field is littered with animal droppings - from birds to small animals like squirrels. Neighbors say it's disgusting and needs to be better taken care of. However, the Rock River Valley Baseball League, the ones who maintain the field, say they clean the field regularly. But, since the field is close to the river, the droppings are unavoidable.

Title: Ingersoll/Amerock Update

Air: 10/6 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/7

Length: 2:17

Description: After District 205's move to accept a bid to demolish the old administration building. The city of Rockford is getting plans ready for the future of the Amerock building and Ingersoll. They say Ingersoll should be finished by June 2016. The old 205 building will be converted into a parking lot, which is a stipulation by Gorman & Co., which is the company who'll redevelop Amerock into a multi-million dollar hotel.

Title: UTC Aerospace

Air: 10/6 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/7

Length: 1:40

Description: NASA astronauts speak at UTC Aerospace. Parts of the Orion spacecraft were made in Rockford. Orion will be used to explore asteroids, Mars, and the moon.

Title: Renewable Energy Expo

Air: 10/9 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/10

Length: 2:05

Description: The 2nd Northern Illinois Renewable Energy Summit/Expo takes place at the Radisson. Companies from across the region showcase their latest innovations in creating eco-friendly technology. Rep. Adam Kinzinger led a discussion about renewable energy. He says it's the fuel that'll help drive the Stateline economy.

Title: RFD Groundbreaking

Air: 10/16 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/17

Length: 2:30

Description: City holds groundbreaking for new AAR Corp hangar facility at Rockford Airport. It will bring hundreds of jobs to the area.

Title: SUV Revival

Air: 10/20 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/21

Length: 2:20

Description: With SUVs becoming more fuel efficient, Lou Bachrodt Auto Mall reports they're seeing a shift in consumer sales. A few years ago, an SUV was sold 40% of the time, when compared to sedans. Now, they're being sold 50%.

Title: Record Crawl

Air: 10/25 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on

Length: 1:54

Description: Stateline music fans participate in first ever Rockford Crawl event. Four local stores put it on for music enthusiasts to add to their collection.

Title: Tollway Opening

Air: 10/28 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/29

Length: 2:22

Description: Construction on I-90 from the Wisconsin border to Elgin is complete. A ribbon cutting is held. Officials say they're glad to see the job done.

Title: Owning a Home

Air: 10/30 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/31

Length: 1:49

Description: According to a new report, Millennials are more likely to rent than buy because of the perception that they can't afford a home. But, one Millennial says that's a mistake. Realtors say there are programs available to help first-time homebuyers.

Title: Head Start Protest

Air: 11/3 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/4

Length: 1:24

Description: Workers of Head Start protest prior to Rockford City Council meeting. They're demanding a new contract since they've been working without one since 2011. They also want a raise, but the city says there's no money for that.

Title: Home Start Workshop

Air: 11/3 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/4

Length: 2:12

Description: Home Start and city of Rockford host a workshop for those interested in taking vacant homes and fixing them up. The city is loaning money out to them in the hopes of getting rid of some vacant properties. They can get up to \$10,000 in homebuyer

assistance and can receive up to \$35,000 to rehab the property. The longer the homeowner stays in the fixed up home, the less they have to pay back.

Title: Veterans Jobs

Air: 11/11 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/12

Length: 2:15

Description: A new Univ. of Phoenix survey says 61% of veterans are overqualified for the jobs they're doing. Also, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says 21% of vets between 18-25 are unemployed. Stateline veterans say they wish the military did more to help them transition to civilian life.

Title: Blain's Closed for Thanksgiving

Air: 11/13 Show: 9:00 pm.. Morning News on 11/14

Length: 1:48

Description: Blain's Farm and Fleet announces it'll remain closed on Thanksgiving despite the rest of the industry opening up. They say it's a family holiday and it should be spent at home, not work.

Title: Minimum Wage Press Conference

Air: 11/18 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/19

Length: 2:01

Description: Raise Illinois Coalition calls on lawmakers to raise the minimum wage. It comes after voters voted in favor of raising it during the election. They say raising the minimum wage will help spur the economy.

Title: CherryVale Mall

Air: 11/18 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/19

Length: 2:06

Description: The mall announces all but 15 stores will be open at 6pm on Thanksgiving, which is two hours earlier than last year. Dakota Watch Co. will not open. They say Thanksgiving should be spent with family.

Title: Portillo's

Air: 11/20 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/21

Length: 2:16

Description: A design of the new Portillo's is unveiled. Also, Portillo's, along with Servicom will bring about 600 jobs in the next few months to Mulford Village, an area that had largely sat empty for years.

Title: Thanksgiving Travel

Air: 11/20 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/21

Length: 2:05

Description: AAA reports more people are traveling for Thanksgiving this year. Van Galder of Janesville says they're already sold out for Thanksgiving bus routes.

Title: Bears Thanksgiving

Air: 11/27 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/28

Length: 1:42

Description: The Bears played on Thursday, helping to spur a crowd at the Poison Ivy Pub in Roscoe, sparking an increase in business for them.

Title: Black Friday Shopping

Air: 11/28 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/1

Length: 2:01

Description: CherryVale Mall is highlighted in this year's Black Friday piece. The mall saw big crowds because of savings up to 60%.

Title: FMS Closing

Air: 12/2 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/3

Length: 2:35

Description: FMS Investment Corp. is closing its Rockford call center after 5 years in business. The company says it's just a business decision. The city says FMS agreed to a contract for incentives when they first came to Rockford. Since FMS is leaving, they must now pay back \$80,000 to the city. About 200 people will lose their jobs.

Title: Rock River Academy Closing

Air: 12/3 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/4

Length: 2:10

Description: Community and AFSCME holds rally against Rock River Academy for what they call "unjust firings". Five pro-union employees were canned by Rock River. Organizers say that's because they were the main catalysts in trying to get a union at Rock River. AFSCME rallied in support, even though the workers are not members of the union yet. Rock River responded by saying their patients will receive better care if there's no union in place. Also, they believe there were legal issues with the first union vote.

Title: Fight for \$15

Air: 12/4 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/5

Length: 2:19

Description: On the 2 year anniversary of the Fight for 15 movement, protestors hold a rally at the Auburn Street McDonald's. They say minimum wage is not a livable wage.

Title: Rock River Academy Protest

Air: 12/3 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/4

Length: 2:25

Description: Community and AFSCME holds rally against Rock River Academy for what they call "unjust firings". Five pro-union employees were canned by Rock River. Organizers say that's because they were the main catalysts in trying to get a union at Rock River. AFSCME rallied in support, even though the workers are not members of the union yet. Rock River responded by saying their patients will receive better care if there's no union in place. Also, they believe there were legal issues with the first union vote.

Title: Belvidere LED Lights

Air: 12/10 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/11

Length: 2:14

Description: Jack Wolfe in Belvidere replaced all their lights with energy efficient LED lights. It'll save them hundreds of thousands of dollars. Owners hope they'll provide an example for the rest of the Stateline to change their lights.

Title: Rt. 173 Open

Air: 12/12 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/15

Length: 1:32

Description: Orange cones are removed from 173 in Machesney Park. However, construction isn't done yet. It will resume in the spring

Title: Business Leaves for Wisconsin

Air: 12/12 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/15

Length: 1:57

Description: Belvidere based Chicago Fittings Corp. is moving to Beloit. They're the latest Stateline company to move to Beloit. The company says Illinois taxes makes it hard to do business here. The Beloit facility will open in Oct. 2015.

Title: Gas Prices Dropping

Air: 12/15 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/16

Length: 2:22

Description: Gas prices drop 20 cents in one week, settling at \$2.59/g. Spirit CDL, a local trucking company, says the lower prices allows them to make more money.

Title: I-90 Opening Impact

Air: 12/16 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/17

Length: 2:06

Description: Rockford and Loves Park are discussing amongst themselves how to capitalize best from the opening of I-90. They hope it'll spark job growth and economic development.

Title: GM Recall Repairs

Air: 12/18 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/19

Length: 2:10

Description: GM issues a recall for more than 600,000 cars with faulty ignition switches. Its resulted in more than 40 deaths. But, many Stateline drivers are going into the dealer to get it fixed.

Title: Gas Prices on Farmers/Groceries

Air: 12/22 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/23

Length: 1:52

Description: With gas prices dropping, it actually hurts farmers. Gasoline is mixed with ethanol and that is bought from farmers. As a result, farmers are getting less for their ethanol. To make up for the loss, farmers could start selling it other companies that may not be in the U.S.

Title: Low Gas Prices

Air: 12/28 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/29

Length: 2:09

Description: Gas prices continue dropping. Many in rural areas are hovering around \$2/g. It had many people decide to drive for their holiday vacations instead of flying.

Title: Gas Prices

Air: 12/30 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/31

Length: 1:38

Description: Many viewers asked us why gas prices are 20 cents more expensive in Rockford than it is in Rochelle. GasBuddy.com says that's due to stiffer competition in Rochelle. Rockford gas stations don't compete for drivers by lowering prices, which keeps the prices higher here.

Title: Roundabout Statue Removed

Air: 12/31 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 1/1

Length: 2:05

Description: The 114 Civil War Statue at the Auburn Roundabout is taken down so it can be restored in Chicago. When it comes back it'll have a new home at Veterans Memorial Hall. A memorial site will be built on the building's east side. Vets Memorial Hall says it'll provide more access for people since you couldn't stand at the roundabout to look at it.

Education: Many regional school districts continue to struggle with students reaching standards.

Title: Manufacturing Day

Air: 10/2 **Show:** 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/3

Length: 2:14

Description: Rockford Header Die and Tool hosts students from Winnebago H.S. in a tour to expose them to a possible career in manufacturing. The GM of Header says it's important to expose kids to manufacturing so they know it's not the factory type job it used to be decades ago. He also says many in the workforce aren't qualified to do manufacturing anymore and hopes those students will eventually grow up and fill those roles.

Title: Puri Business School

Air: 10/3 **Show:** 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/6

Length: 1:47

Description: Rockford University honors Sunil Puri by naming its newest business school after him. Puri graduated from R.U. in 1982 and is now one of the richest people in Rockford. Sen. Dick Durbin was on-hand and spoke at the celebration. It's the first time Rockford U. named a school after a person.

Title: Belvidere Teacher Negotiations

Air: 10/14 **Show:** 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/15

Length: :32

Description: The Belvidere School District and the Teacher's Union strike a deal during the last session of negotiations before a strike would be called. No details of the deal have been released yet.

Title: Belvidere Teachers

Air: 10/15 **Show:** 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/16

Length: 2:19

Description: The teachers union votes to ratify the contract negotiators agreed to the previous night with the school district. Now, only the School District needs to ratify it to officially avoid a strike.

Title: Teacher Pay Fears, Pt. I

Air: 10/17 **Show:** 9:00 pm

Length: 2:18

Description: Rockton School Board says the district will run out of money in 7 years if teacher pay raises are not cut. Board president Jim Meeson says teachers in the district make on average more than other districts. If cuts are not made, then layoffs will happen, among other cost-cutting options. The union and district is already meeting with a mediator. The union presented another option, which allows them to keep their raises. But, the district still wants to cut them.

Title: Teacher Pay Fears, Pt. II

Air: 10/17 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/18

Length: 1:18

Description: Rockton School Board says the district will run out of money in 7 years if teacher pay raises are not cut. Board president Jim Meeson says teachers in the district make on average more than other districts. If cuts are not made, then layoffs will happen, among other cost-cutting options. The union and district is already meeting with a mediator. The union presented another option, which allows them to keep their raises. But, the district still wants to cut them.

Title: Belvidere Coach Reinstated

Air: 10/20 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/21

Length: 2:34

Description: Belvidere football coach, Chuck Leonard, is reinstated after a short suspension. He was being investigated by police and the school district for an incident involving three of his players, who were also arrested and charged with assault. A parent of one of the football players tells us that the whole situation involved hazing. The three players allegedly were supposed to stay away from a fourth player. The fourth player had suffered a broken tailbone because of hazing. But, one of the offending players interacted with the victim, prompting the arrest and investigation. The school district eventually cleared Leonard. But, the police's investigation is still open.

Title: Readiness 2020 Plan

Air: 10/21 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/22

Length: 2:00

Description: District 205 holds a public forum to inform the community about the Readiness 2020 plan, which aims to raise student test scores to the state average by the year 2020. However, no one showed up for the forum. Officials say one of the battles they have to deal with is parental apathy, which was caused by the district having a negative legacy with parents.

Title: ALICE Program

Air: 11/12 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/13

Length: 2:17

Description: Hononegah and Rockford schools debate new shooting policy. The concern is "lockdown" groups people together, potentially making them easy targets for a shooter. ALICE allows for students who are on the other side of building to be able to escape instead of locking themselves in the classroom.

Title: Hononegah Grant

Air: 11/12 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/13

Length: 2:06

Description: Hononegah receives \$1 million grant, which is used to build a new cardio lab to help promote student fitness.

Title: Aviation Open House

Air: 11/13 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/14

Length: 1:56

Description: RVC, AAR Corp. hold a "Careers in Aviation" open house. The idea is to get people signed up for a 2 year program at Rock Valley College. AAR Corp. pledges to hire some of the program's graduates for the new hangar they're building at RFD.

Title: Casualty Care in the Classroom

Air: 11/19 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/20

Length: 2:15

Description: Janesville Police/Fire and Mercy Health hold training exercise for staff at Craig and Parker High Schools. The idea is to teach staff how to keep shooting victims alive to help minimize the victims of a school shooting.

Title: Rockford Reads

Air: 12/3

Show: 7:00 am Morning News

Length: 3:00

Description: To encourage and boost reading ability, Rockford Public Schools asks for volunteers to spend 1 hour a week to read one on one with a second grade student as part of the Rockford Reads program. Bob Pressman talks about the program and how people can sign up to help.

Title: Kinnickinnik Contract Talks

Air: 12/16 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/17

Length: 2:15

Description: School teachers in the Kinnickinnik School District have been working without a contract and are fed up. Teachers say they're willing to strike. They're demanding higher pay and better working conditions.

Government/Human Services: Impact of local and state government decisions.

Title: Roscoe Chickens

Air: 10/2 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/3

Length: 1:42

Description: The village of Roscoe votes in favor of allowing backyard chickens. However, six is the maximum and they must be caged. Supporters say it'll allow them to teach their kids about raising chickens, as well as providing fresh eggs. Critics though say the village isn't properly zoned for chickens. The village president says he most likely will veto the vote soon.

Title: Roscoe Signs Tearing Down

Air: 10/6 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/7

Length: 2:15

Description: Several businesses in Roscoe are upset with the village. Their businesses are far off the main road, so they use signs on the street to let people know they're there. But, village law dictates they can only have their signs up for a certain amount of time. Those signs have been there every day. The village says they'll work with businesses to get the law changed.

Title: Rockton Paper Mill, Pt. I

Air: 10/7 Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:35

Description: IEPA cites the old Sonoco paper mill with 81 environmental violations. Rockton leaders hold vote to agree with report. They also voted in favor of pursuing Sonoco to clean up the building so it can be redeveloped. Sonoco still owns it. It has been sitting vacant since 2007 and there are toxic chemicals on the premises. Residents are concerned it could leak into the Rock River.

Title: Rockton Paper Mill, Pt. II

Air: 10/7 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/8

Length: 2:00

Description: IEPA cites the old Sonoco paper mill with 81 environmental violations. Rockton leaders hold vote to agree with report. They also voted in favor of pursuing Sonoco to clean up the building so it can be redeveloped. Sonoco still owns it. It has been sitting vacant since 2007 and there are toxic chemicals on the premises. Residents are concerned it could leak into the Rock River.

Title: Roundabout Change

Air: 10/8 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/9

Length: 2:13

Description: The Civil War Memorial Statue at the Auburn St. roundabout is being moved to Veterans Memorial Hall. It's also being fixed. It'll cost over \$100,000 to repair. Officials at Vets Memorial Hall say it's important to move the statue because motorists have come close to hitting it. But, Ald. Tom McNamara doesn't want to move the statue. He says it's a waste of money and after all the time it took to build the roundabout, it looks nice and he thinks moving the statue will ruin it.

Title: New Morgue

Air: 10/8 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/9

Length: 2:08

Description: With the Public Safety Building set to be demolished, the Winnebago Co. Coroner's office still has no place to go. They're having trouble finding a place big enough to handle a morgue, which in turn is holding up the demolition of the PSB. Coroner has looked at surrounding counties to see if they can move there, but no luck yet.

Title: Wallace on Police Brutality

Air: 10/9 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/10

Length: 2:20

Description: Rep. Litesa Wallace lashes out on Facebook about police violence against black people. It's sparked by incidents like the Ferguson, MO police shooting of an unarmed black teen. There've been no recent examples in Rockford that she's upset about. She says as a nation we need to discuss it because police shouldn't be targeting black people like that.

Title: Chief Epperson Hearing Cancelled

Air: 10/15 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/16

Length: 2:01

Description: The hearing of the Police and Fire Commissioners against Rockford Chief Chet Epperson is cancelled. The board says they want to minimize the number of hearings by getting a majority of the witnesses to come on the same days. They say it'll save money and time for everyone involved, including taxpayers.

Title: Chris Christie in Rockford

Air: 10/21 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/22

Length: 2:35

Description: The New Jersey Governor is in town with gubernatorial candidate Bruce Rauner to drum up support for early voting. 500 showed up at Dial Machine in support. Republican supporters are hopeful that early voting will tip the scales in their favor this year.

Title: Early Voting Mistake, Pt II

Air: 10/21 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/22

Length: 1:47

Description: A mistake in the Winnebago County election ballot prompts the board of elections to temporarily suspend early voting. The race causing problems is for the Winnebago County Forest Preserve. The ballot says to vote for one candidate, but they should be allowed to vote for two. People who tried voting were turned away. The problem was eventually fixed early in the afternoon. Winn. Co. Clerk Margie Mullins is frustrated and will review the protocol to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Title: Same day Voting Issue

Air: 10/23 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/24

Length: 2:28

Description: For one time only, voters can register to vote on the same day. County clerks say they'll be able to get through it this year since it's not a presidential election and there'll be fewer ballots cast. But, they hope it's not permanent because it will cause "mass chaos" due to the number of votes and their limited staff.

Title: McCain in Rockford

Air: 10/24 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/27

Length: 2:11

Description: John McCain rallies republican supporters to go to the polls on Election Day in support of Bruce Rauner.

Title: Politicians in Rockford

Air: 10/26 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/27

Length: 2:28

Description: Vice President Joe Biden is set to visit Monday (10/27) to rally for early voting and support for Governor Quinn. He's the latest in a line of recent visits, which includes New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and presidential candidate Mitt Romney. Political analyst PS Ruckman says it's due to redistricting, which redrew state boundaries for districts.

Title: Joe Biden in Rockford

Air: 10/27 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/28

Length: 2:05

Description: Biden rallies democrats for early voting. He says Bustos, Quinn, and Durbin all deserve to be re-elected because their republican opponents are out of touch with voters.

Title: Boone Co. Animals

Air: 10/27 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/28

Length: 1:51

Description: The Boone County Board Chairman holds a press conference to answer questions about the ballot question asking voters if a new animal control facility should be built. It'll cost \$800,000 and will be paid entirely through property taxes. For a \$100,000 home, a homeowner will have to pay an additional \$8.50/year for the next three years. Once the facility is paid off, the property tax will go back down. Angels 4 Animals supports the referendum.

Title: Winnebago County Sheriff's Race

Air: 10/30 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/31

Length: 2:04

Description: A profile of the two candidates running for Sheriff: Bob Springer (D) and Gary Caruana (R).

Title: Early Voting

Air: 11/2 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/3

Length: 2:02

Description: Early voting period ends today (Sunday). It's the first time it's been extended to a Sunday. Dozens of voters came out to cast their ballot. However, the Winnebago County Clerk says one new thing this year too is the fact that they can't start counting ballots until the polls close. In years past, they've been able to count as they got them. Clerk Mullins warns it could lead to a delay in results.

Title: Rep. Adam Kinzinger

Air: 11/5 Show: 7:00 am Morning News

Length: 3:00

Description: The congressman joins the morning show to talk about how Republicans did really well in the election.

Title: Gary Caruana

Air: 11/5 Show: 7:00 am Morning News

Length: 3:00

Description: Winner of the Winn. Co. Sheriff's race. He reflects on becoming first Republican sheriff in decades.

Title: Election Wrap-up

Air: 11/5 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/6

Length: 1:38

Description: With Rauner winning the election - we ask Rep. Joe Sosnowski and Sen. Dave Syverson what they want to see from the Governor-elect. They want more jobs and less taxes.

Title: Winnebago Co. Jail Protest

Air: 11/6 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/7

Length: 2:19

Description: 9-1-1 Call Center operators and Corrections Officers at the Winn. Co. Jail protest the sheriff's department. They say due to short staffing it's creating unsafe working conditions. The group claims there've been nearly 400 lock downs in the past 5 years. They want more people hired for safety. Sheriff Richard Meyers says there's just no money to pay them because it's being diverted to other things.

Title: Rauner in Rockford

Air: 11/7 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/10

Length: 2:09

Description: Governor Elect Bruce Rauner tours state to thank voters for helping him defeat Gov. Pat Quinn in the election. His last stop was in Rockford.

Title: We Honor Veterans

Air: 11/10 Show: 7:00 am Morning News

Length: 3:00

Description: We Honor Veterans' Barb Johnson talks about how her organization is honoring veterans. Her group works with hospice organizations and VA facilities around the country to have veterans tell their stories so they can drift peacefully to sleep.

Title: Syverson on Taxes

Air: 11/11 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/12

Length: 2:09

Description: The Taxpayers United of America are upset at Sen. Dave Syverson for wanting an extension on the temporary state income tax. Syverson says so many programs are funded by it now that the state just can't let it go away on Jan. 1st. He says it needs to be phased out. Rep. Joe Sosnowski disagrees.

Title: Oregon Boot Camp

Air: 11/11 **Show:** 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/12

Length: 1:59

Description: In honor of Veteran's Day, Oregon Junior High hosts a boot camp. It's taught by a real sargeant and lieutenant of the U.S. Army. It shows kids what kind of exercises recruits go through in a real boot camp.

Title: Voting Retabulation

Air: 11/12 **Show:** 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/13

Length: 2:03

Description: Winnebago County recounts the votes in 5% of precincts. It's done every year. But, in Cook County, they're having issues with voting. A lot of voter fraud is impacting the Treasurer's race. We ask locally what they do to catch voter fraud. There are fraud checks in the voter registration system. However, once a ballot is cast, there's no way to change that.

Title: Immigration Executive Order

Air: 11/13 **Show:** 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/14

Length: 2:11

Description: President considers issuing executive order for immigration reform. It would protect 5 million people from deportation. However, critics, including LULAC of Rockford, believe the order could end up separating families.

Title: Public Safety Building Moving Delays

Air: 11/19 **Show:** 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/20

Length: 2:12

Description: Dec. 1st is the deadline for police and the coroner to move out of PSB. But, neither are packing up because they still don't have a place to move to. The county says the deadline will be pushed back, as well as the demolition of the PSB. No timetables are available.

Title: Amtrak Input Session

Air: 11/20 **Show:** 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/21

Length: 1:54

Description: City of Rockford holds input session for ideas on the new design for the Multi-Modal station coming to the city. However, republicans say the station may not happen anymore, or at least delay it due to the election of Bruce Rauner. Rauner may determine the cost of the new station is too much for it to happen.

Title: Immigration Reaction

Air: 11/21 **Show:** 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/24

Length: 1:56

Description: Obama issues executive order for immigration reform. Ultimately, 5 million people won't be deported as a result of the order. LULAC of Rockford says it's a step in the right direction.

Title: Ingersoll Funding

Air: 11/24 **Show:** 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/25

Length: 2:00

Description: Rockford approves more than \$12 million to be used for renovating the old Ingersoll building to convert it into an amateur sports complex. Most of the money will come from state/federal grants.

Title: Rockford Survey

Air: 11/26 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/27

Length: 1:50

Description: The city of Rockford releases a survey asking people to rate their downtown experience. The information will then be used to create future projects to improve the city. Some residents think it's a good idea. However, the owner of Kryptonite bar in downtown says he's seen this from the city before and nothing happens. He personally thinks it's a waste of time.

Title: Sheriff Meyers' Last Day

Air: 11/26 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/27

Length: 1:51

Description: Winnebago County Sheriff Richard Meyers celebrates his last day on the force. He is retiring after 17 years as sheriff.

Title: Same Day Voting Push

Air: 12/1 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/2

Length: 2:03

Description: State leaders are considering making same day voter registration a permanent thing after a "successful" run during the November election. However, Winnebago and Boone County clerks say it would cost a lot to make that happen. That's because they'd have to hire more people to handle the rush on election day.

Title: Jury Duty Money

Air: 12/5 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/8

Length: 1:39

Description: The General Assembly passes a bill during the veto session that'll raise the pay for jurors. The first day will pay \$25, every day after that pays \$50. Local counties though oppose the bill saying it'd be too expensive and they hate the fact the state keeps asking them to do things without giving them the resources to do it.

Title: PBS Delays

Air: 12/8 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/9

Length: 2:17

Description: Rockford city leaders say there's no way the police department will be out of the PSB by the Jan. 1st deadline. Part of the delay is geo-policing. The city is trying to get all three stations ready, but only one of them is. There's talk of setting up temporary stations, but that would cost more money. Police say they have no idea when they'll be out.

Title: Reaction to Death of State Comptroller

Air: 12/10 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/11

Length: 1:57

Description: State Rep. Sosnowski, State Sen. Syverson, and State Rep. Wallace all react to the sudden passing of Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka. She died overnight in the hospital following complications from a stroke.

Title: Flood Map Changes

Air: 12/11 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/12

Length: 2:22

Description: FEMA and Rockford propose changes to the areas flood maps. 3,600 properties could be considered high-risk. That means more residents will need flood insurance and in some cases it will be mandatory.

Title: Sports Page Liquor Hearing

Air: 12/11 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/12

Length: 2:03

Description: Sports Page Bar reaches a settlement with the city of Rockford. The bar, which was the scene of a shooting, was given back its liquor license. But, they are under a 6 month probation. They'll have to close at midnight on weekends and can't have live entertainment for a year. They also must beef up security and add video surveillance.

Title: Rockford Budget

Air: 12/15 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/16

Length: 1:22

Description: The city passes a \$140 million budget. Some aldermen want to get creative with the funding to put in street lights to help reduce crime.

Title: Fire Hydrant Meeting

Air: 12/16 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/17

Length: 2:11

Description: A Cherry Valley neighborhood meets with Utility Service of Illinois. A fire burned down due to a lack of fire hydrants there. The company is considering buying water from Rockford. But, residents are opposed because it'll cost an extra \$350,000.

Title: Firefighter Pension

Air: 12/18 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/19

Length: 2:16

Description: The Rockford Police and Firefighter Pension Board sends a letter to the city warning that they are falling behind on pension payments. They claim if things stay the way they are, pensions won't be completely funded until 2040. However, the city says the pension funding is fine and paying more into it will cause budget cuts in other departments.

Title: Landline Changes

Air: 12/16 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/17

Length: 2:15 (9:00 pm - :43 voice over only)

Description: The Illinois Telecommunications Act is up for review. Some phone companies say it's time for the state to prepare for digital communications. But, the AARP and Citizens Utility Board disagree. They're campaigning to save landlines and rallied at City Hall. They say senior citizens rely on a cheap method to contact authorities and this could cost lives.

Title: Special Session Reaction from lawmakers

Air: 12/19 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/22

Length: 2:20

Description: Lawmakers are upset that Gov. Quinn wants a special election for a new Comptroller. Republicans say it's an attempt to undermine Governor-Elect Bruce Rauner and are threatening to take Quinn to court over it. However, Democrats say the state should follow the advice of the Attorney General, which is to have the special election.

Title: New Laws

Air: 12/26 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/29

Length: 2:11

Description: A new year means new laws. We asked Sen. Dave Syverson what are the 3 biggest laws you need to know about. Those are: 70mph speed limits, no police ticket quotas, and marijuana now allowed for children suffering from epilepsy.

Title: Amtrak Funding

Air: 12/30 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/31

Length: 2:26

Description: City of Rockford reaches an agreement with RMTD to move forward on the construction of a new train station. But, local leaders still fear the money for the project will run out. Governor Quinn's office says that money is committed and will go to the train station. But, Sen. Dave Syverson says many projects like the train station could end up costing more than originally thought. He's urging the city to slow down and not go forward on the station until it's definite that the money will be available.

Health: News of personal health, safety and well-being.

Title: Ebola and the Stateline

Air: 10/1 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/2

Length: 2:15

Description: With the first case of Ebola hitting the U.S., Stateline health departments prepare just in case it hits here. Boone Co. Health says they're educating doctors on Ebola and updating their quarantine policies.

Title: Heroin Deaths

Air: 10/3 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/6

Length: 2:18

Description: CDC report says heroin-related deaths have doubled from 2010-2012 nationwide. There are already 41 so far this year in Winnebago County. Experts say heroin is cheap, which helps explain the increase. Also, there is a more powerful batch of heroin being distributed.

Title: Rosecrance Treatment Center

Air: 10/7 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/8

Length: 2:04

Description: Rosecrance Treatment is moving its Ware campus out of downtown and into a former grocery store on North Main Street. Rosecrance says it'll help them better serve the community.

Title: Ebola Prep

Air: 10/8 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/9

Length: 2:15

Description: The Liberian man in Texas infected with Ebola dies. The IL Dept. of Public Health holds press conference to alert residents there are no cases of Ebola here and that they're taking precautions to keep it away. Locally, hospitals have emergency plans in place. A disaster team has medication available and staff on stand-by that will be equipped with disease fighting equipment.

Title: El Nino

Air: 10/9 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/10

Length: 2:10

Description: El Nino is developing in the Pacific Ocean. As a result, it could make for a warmer and drier winter. Still, residents are preparing for another -50 degree winter by making sure their heating units are working. Meteorologist Candice King says the dry and warm prediction only has a 65% of coming to fruition.

Title: Cancer Survivor

Air: 10/13 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/14

Length: 2:09

Description: A 5th grader at Ralston Elementary named Samantha is almost done receiving treatment for cancer. We follow her for a day at her school. Her parents and teachers say she's an inspiration.

Title: Narcan Training

Air: 10/13 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/14

Length: 2:21

Description: The Chicago Recovery Allinace holds a training session to show people how to administer Narcan to those who overdose on opiates like heroin. Kits are handed out to those in attendance.

Title: Ebola Scare

Air: 10/14 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/15

Length: 2:22

Description: RMH treats a patient who thought they had Ebola. It turned out to be negative. RMH shows media how they're equipped to handle Ebola if it were to happen.

Title: Construction Gas Leaks

Air: 10/15 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/16

Length: 2:15

Description: Numerous gas leaks occur across Winnebago County due to construction crews hitting gas lines. William Charles defends their hiccup by saying JULIE didn't flag the gas line they hit. Nicor will fine construction companies who continue to hit gas lines.

Title: National Guard Ebola

Air: 10/16 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/17

Length: 2:01

Description: President calls on the National Guard to fight Ebola in West Africa. Local National Guard unit says they're ready if they're called.

Title: Ashton Police Chief

Air: 10/17 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/20

Length: 2:02

Description: Ashton's Chief of Police dies after suffering an apparent medical episode while driving in Lee County. The small, tight-knit community is in shock. Only 2 people remain on the Ashton Police Force. The town's mayor says both of them will step up to help fill the chief's duties. Plans of replacing him were not discussed.

Title: Ebola Local Reaction

Air: 10/18 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/20

Length: 2:31

Description: With the Ebola scare hitting a fever pitch - Stateliners are demanding from the World Health Organization to come up with a plan and for safety protocols in hospitals. They're concerned Ebola could spread.

Title: Anti-Stalking Workshop

Air: 10/22 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/23

Length: 2:12

Description: Winnebago County Family Violence Coordinating Council brings in a guest speaker to talk about the issue of stalkers using technology to track their victims. Facebook and cell phone apps can help them out. The lecture was to help inform the social service agencies in attendance know how to protect the people who come to them for help.

Title: Veterans Health Fair

Air: 10/23 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/24

Length: 2:26

Description: The Dept. of Veterans Affairs hold health clinic for area veterans. We asked one veteran about the VA backlog scandal to find out if anything has changed. He says the Rockford VA has been very good.

Title: Ebola Health Session

Air: 10/27 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/28

Length: 2:26

Description: U of I Rockford hosts an Ebola info session for the community. Representatives from the hospitals and the health department discussed how the area is equipped to handle Ebola.

Title: Pediatric ICU Party

Air: 10/31 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/3

Length: 1:59

Description: RMH holds Halloween party for kids in its ICU. The idea is to bring Halloween to them since they can't be outside to celebrate.

Title: Hospital Merger

Air: 11/6 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/7

Length: 2:00

Description: SwedishAmerican Hospital merges with UW Health. Swedish American says the partnership will make it easier for patients because treatments that typically they had to go to Madison for will now be available locally.

Title: Flu Shots

Air: 11/11 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/12

Length: 2:08

Description: With all the hype surrounding Ebola, many people are confusing flu symptoms with Ebola. Both have the same symptoms like fever and body aches. Physician's Immediate Care says that makes it even more important to get your flu shot, that way you can eliminate the possibility of confusing your flu for Ebola.

Title: Warming Centers

Air: 11/17 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/18

Length: 1:35

Description: Warming centers are caught off guard by the winter making an early appearance. The issue many of them are facing is a lack of proper supplies and space to handle the extra people coming in to utilize their facilities.

Title: Affordable Care Subsidies

Air: 11/18 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/19

Length: 2:10

Description: U.S.S.C. agrees to hear case challenging whether the federal government can help pay premiums for those who qualify for subsidies under Obamacare in states without a state run exchange. One local woman receives those subsidies. But, if the court rules against it, she'll lose it. With the subsidy, she only pays \$180/mo on Obamacare. Without the subsidies, it'll be \$700/mo.

Title Cost of Narcan

Air: 12/1 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/2

Length: 2:08

Description: The cost of Narcan, the drug used to save heroin users who've overdosed, is going up. Prices are up 50% in some places, forcing agencies that carry it to begin buying in bulk. Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept. says even if the price goes up, they'll pay for it because it works so well.

Title: Abandoned House Fires

Air: 12/2 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/3

Length: 2:04

Description: A 3rd vacant home goes up in flames in just 5 days. To help combat the problem, Rockford Firefighters are reaching out to community service agencies to educate homeless people on the dangers of burning things inside vacant homes to stay warm. Homeless people have been behind all three fires. They're also asking police to have extra patrols in known problem areas in the hopes it'll prevent more fires.

Title: Flu Restrictions

Air: 12/4 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/5

Length: 1:47

Description: All 3 Rockford hospitals restrict anyone under the age of 18 from visiting the hospital due to a spike in the flu.

Title: Garage Fires

Air: 12/10 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/11

Length: 2:12

Description: A recent rash of garage fires is prompting the fire department to let people know that there are a lot of things in a garage that are combustible. Things like gas, paint, and propane. They suggest keeping your garage clean and anything extremely flammable be kept far away from each other and any heating source.

Title: Tacmed Training

Air: 12/11 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/12

Length: 1:46

Description: Local first responders attend seminar learning how to treat patients in highly dangerous settings. Situations include shootings, natural disasters. First responders say it'll help prepare them just in case it happens.

Title: E-Cigs Regulation

Air: 12/19 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/22

Length: 1:52

Description: Kids are accidentally drinking liquid nicotine used for e-cigarettes which is poisoning them. Lawmakers now want to crack down on smoke shops by forcing them to keep the vials behind counter. But, local stores already do that.

Community Interest: News of communities' concerns, quality of life issues.

Title: Ghost Bikes

Air: 10/2 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/3

Length: 1:52

Description: The Ghost Bikes are missing parts and people are calling the Rockford Art Museum saying they're being stolen. But, the museum says that's not the case. The bikes were junk and were already missing parts.

Title: CASA Race

Air: 10/4 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/6

Length: 2:14

Description: CASA holds race on RFD runways to help raise money. People literally ran a certain distance on the runway. CASA helps represent kids who've been abused or neglected in court.

Title: Buffalo in Ogle County

Air: 10/5 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/6

Length: 2:09

Description: The Nachusha Grasslands brings in a 20 bison in an effort save state grasslands. It's the 1st time since the 1830s that the buffalo have grazed there. The idea is bison eat grass which allows other plants in the prairie to thrive.

Title: Pike Path in Street

Air: 10/7 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/8

Length: 2:08

Description: A bike path is labeled to be in the middle of the road on Chelsea Ave. in east Rockford, causing confusion for Rockford residents. City alderman Frank Beach says the idea is to let people know that bikers are present on that road, but should remain off to the side. But, residents and bikers are confused. Bikers go in the middle because the bike lane appears to be in the middle of the street.

Title: Special Olympics

Air: 10/11 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/13

Length: 2:07

Description: Casey's Pub is partnering up with the Northwestern Illinois Special Olympics by raising money through a chili cook-off.

Title: Rock Regatta Race

Air: 10/12 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/13

Length: 1:56

Description: Kids to adults participate in the 29th annual Head of the Rock Regatta Race. Nearly 2,000 athletes competed.

Title: Bears Game Problem

Air: 10/13 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/14

Length: 2:39

Description: The 1st quarter of the Bears game was missed by Rockford viewers, and others across the country, since the NFL stayed with an OT game that preceded the Bears. WTVO received 71 voicemails from angry viewers. We put those on air and explained why it wasn't our fault. It was Fox's fault because Rockford was removed from the "home market" list, which requires stations to change to the home town team game. Rockford has since been put back on the list.

Title: Vatican Reaction

Air: 10/14 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/15

Length: 2:03

Description: The Vatican holds a Synod, a meeting of about 200 bishops. They talk about the possibility of opening up the church to gay people. It won't bend on gay marriage. But, they say they could be more accepting of gay people. Locally, Bishop Malloy says there's confusion about the announcement and that it's not an announcement at all; just an idea that's being put out.

Title: Ferguson Protestor

Air: 10/14 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/15

Length: 2:34

Description: Chris Sims, leader of Rockford's Anti-Racism Network, made a trip to Ferguson to protest the shooting of an unarmed teenager by police there. Sims said he felt a calling to be there. He wants an end to the alleged police brutality of African-Americans across the country.

Title: CROP Walk

Air: 10/19 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/20

Length: 1:47

Description: Annual walk to end hunger in Rockford, hosted by Church World Service. 25% of the money raised in the walk goes to the Old Stone Church Food Pantry.

Title: Police/Pastor Training

Air: 10/20 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/21

Length: 2:20

Description: Rockford Police to hold summit with local religious leaders. The idea is to remove the "shroud" and become transparent with the community and build trust.

Title: Pink Badges

Air: 10/29 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/30

Length: 2:03

Description: Roscoe Police wear pink badges in honor of breast cancer awareness month. They also use it to pay tribute to their Chief Jamie Evans, who is a breast cancer survivor.

Title: Leaves in Rockford Streets

Air: 10/28 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 10/29

Length: 2:14

Description: City of Rockford opts not to pay a contractor to vacuum leaves this year. That means it's illegal to put your leaves on the street. Those who violate this rule could be fined \$700.

Title: Cold Halloween

Air: 10/31 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/3

Length: 1:55

Description: Trick-or-Treaters brave the 20 degree temperatures to get candy.

Title: Moonlight Jazz Orchestra

Air: 11/3 Show: 7:00 am Morning News

Length: 3:00

Description: Local Rockford favorite, Moonlight Jazz Orchestra celebrates their 40th Anniversary. Members Kent Ecklor and Todd Johnson talk about the special event for the public to recognize the anniversary.

Title: Dixon Non-Emergency Line

Air: 11/5 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/6

Length: 1:58

Description: Dixon and Lee County come up with a plan to get people to stop calling the 911 line for non-emergency calls. Oftentimes, people would call 911 to ask for the non-emergency number. Their plan is to put placemats in restaurants that give the non-emergency line. It also says who to call based on your location. People in Dixon Police's jurisdiction would call Lee County Sheriff's Dept. for assistance.

Title: Wreck-it Roundabout

Air: 11/6 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/7

Length: 2:19

Description: The roundabout at Auburn and Main has been operational for a year now. It was meant to make the intersection safer for drivers. But, more accidents are happening. In a 6 month period in 2012, there were only 3 accidents there. In 2014 during that same 6 month period, the number of accidents jumped to 42.

Title: Flag Retirement Ceremony

Air: 11/8 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/10

Length: 2:14

Description: The Boy Scouts of Winnebago/Boone County will retire thousands of U.S. flags in honor of Veterans Day. It's the 18th year they've done it.

Title: Women's Silence Day

Air: 11/9 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/10

Length: 2:01

Description: Womenspace holds a day of silence so women can take time to reflect and relax from the rigors of everyday life. It's meant to encourage Stateliners to look inward for stress relief.

Title: Cold Weather Preparations

Air: 11/10 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/11

Length: 2:13

Description: With winter fast approaching, many are taking their snow blowers to get tuned up. Tractor Town in Belvidere reports a week long wait since everyone is trying to tune up their equipment at the same time.

Title: Snow Preparations

Air: 11/15 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/17

Length: 2:50

Description: Residents prepare for first significant snowfall this season by loading up on supplies like salt and shovels. People are surprised winter is making such an early appearance.

Title: Snow Accidents

Air: 11/16 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/17

Length: 2:12

Description: The snow caused lots of accidents across the Stateline. We spoke with a towing company who was very busy pulling people out ditches.

Title: Byron Football Pride

Air: 11/17 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/18

Length: 1:49

Description: Byron High School's football team advances in IHSA playoffs. The small town community has Tiger fever as the team prepares to play again on Saturday. Many area businesses have their windows decorated with pro-Tigers gear.

Title: Adoption Day

Air: 11/22 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/24

Length: 2:17

Description: It's the 11th annual Nat'l Adoption Day. In Winnebago County, 49 kids got to meet their new parents for the first time. In all, 32 adoptions were finalized today.

Title: Rural Road Conditions

Air: 11/24 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/25

Length: 1:30

Description: With the first significant snowfall of the year - crews are having a hard time keeping up with rural roads. Part of the issue is because there's a lot of road to plow, but not very many drivers to plow it.

Title: Snowy Traffic Lights

Air: 11/25 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 11/26

Length: 2:12

Description: Blowing snow has covered the traffic lights, making it difficult for Rockford drivers to get around town. Police say when that happens, the intersection should be approached as if there were stop signs. Typical traffic lights emit enough heat to melt the snow. But, the county has LED lights which don't give off heat.

Title: Stroll on State Preparations

Air: 11/28 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/1

Length: 2:01

Description: Volunteers talk about how much of a joy it is to be setting up Stroll on State.

Title: Stroll on State

Air: 11/29 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/1

Length: 2:03

Description: Year 2 of the popular downtown holiday festival. City expected about 30,000 people to show up.

Title: Community Books

Air: 11/30 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/1

Length: 2:06

Description: Rockford Community Church is collecting books to send to Nigeria. It's for a mobile library there. Books and a computer will be provided to help educate kids over there.

Title: Stroll on State Problem

Air: 12/1 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/2

Length: 2:09

Description: The popular festival in downtown Rockford brought in 60,000 people, which is double what the city was expecting. It prompted some backlash from the community who said the city was unprepared to deal with such a large crowd. Chief complaints include long lines and drunk people. The city says it's a learning experience that they'll take into account as they plan for next year.

Title: Littlest Angels

Air: 12/4 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/5

Length: 2:48

Description: A profile piece on the group. They create gowns and blankets for babies who've passed away.

Title: Civil Rights Rally

Air: 12/7 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/8

Length: 2:18

Description: Thousands across nation rally in support of Michael Brown and Eric Garner. Locally, protest took place near NIU. Marchers walked down Lincoln Highway with signs and chanting. However, a driver struck a girl. 55 y/o Erwin Wittke was arrested and charged with reckless driving and failure to yield to a pedestrian.

Title: Transform Rockford

Air: 12/8 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/9

Length: 2:08

Description: It's been one year since the community based movement started. Organizers have been lying low recently, but they say they'll begin to unveil plans in 2015.

Title: Food Pantries During the Holidays

Air: 12/11 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/12

Length: 2:06

Description: Local food pantries report their stock is doing ok, but they're handing out even more food to people this year, an increase of 8%. This is happening despite unemployment dropping.

Title: Police March

Air: 12/12 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/15

Length: 1:57

Description: Kingdom Authority Church holds a march and die-in protests against what they call racial injustice when it comes to police and the African American community. It's part of a nationwide movement in response to the deaths of Michael Brown and James Garner.

Title: Shop with a Cop

Air: 12/13 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/15

Length: 2:12

Description: Local police officers take over 100 children to Target and give them money to go shopping for their families for Christmas.

Title: Black Lives Matter

Air: 12/14 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/15

Length: 1:55

Description: The Allen Chapel AME Church in Rockford holds a Black Lives Matter solidarity service. They had all the men in attendance wear black to show they have each other's backs. It is the latest protest against police brutality and African Americans.

Title: Cuba Changes

Air: 12/17 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/18

Length: 2:13

Description: The U.S. wants to re-establish diplomatic relations with Cuba. Locally, Lindstrom Travel predicts that Cuba could become a hot vacation destination due to its tropical environment and nightlife. Political analyst, PS Ruckman, says it's great for the

country. But, believes people will criticize the President for "rewarding" the communist nation.

Title: Salvation Army

Air: 12/18 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/19

Length: 2:00

Description: Members of the Auburn H.S. Football team help unload a truckload of Salvation Army ham donations. The ham, along with some toys, will be distributed to families who've registered with the Salvation Army to receive help.

Title: Homeless Death Memorial

Air: 12/19 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/22

Length: 2:07

Description: Carpenter's Place holds annual Remember Our Friends Memorial to honor the 29 homeless men and women who've died in 2014.

Title: Tristan's Hair

Air: 12/20 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/22

Length: 1:55

Description: Tristan Swenson hasn't cut his hair in 2 years because he wants to donate it to charity. But, the 8 y/o is in trouble at school. Other kids have been making fun of him. But, he fought through it and was able to donate it.

Title: Weather Affecting Travel

Air: 12/23 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/24

Length: 1:58

Description: Snow is threatening holiday travel and that means 5 million Illinois travelers will be affected. So, people are leaving earlier either by plane or car to try and beat the storm.

Title: The Interview

Air: 12/24 Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 2:03

Description: 2 theatres in Beloit and Janesville are showing the controversial film, "The Interview", despite hackers threatening "9/11 style" attacks on theatres that do. It received a mixed reaction from locals. Some say it's too controversial to show it. But, others say we can't back down so it doesn't open the flood gates for hackers to go after other things they don't agree with.

Title: The Interview Debuts

Air: 12/25 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/26

Length: 1:55

Description: Locals say they're happy the movie was released. Especially since many families like going to the theatre on Christmas. No one who watched the movie were afraid of a terrorist attack.

Title: Warm Winter

Air: 12/26 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/29

Length: 2:09

Description: Temperatures hit 50 degrees today. Many people were almost wishing it was cold. Some went to Alpine Hills Adventure Park to go snowboarding on their fake snow.

Title: Black Monday

Air: 12/29 Show: 9:00 pm. Morning News on 12/30

Length: 2:14

Description: Bears fans react with glee at the news of GM Phil Emery and Head Coach Marc Trestman being fired. They say those two were not qualified for the job and they hope the Bears make the right moves for their replacements.

WQRF's sports team produced the weekly local high school football wrap-up show, Sports Connection. The ½ hour program aired weekly on WQRF Saturdays at 11 am and 5:00 pm from 8/23/2014 through 11/08/2014.

WQRF also produced and syndicated a weekly Chicago Bears program entitled Bear Blitz. This program aired Sundays at 10:00 AM from 09/07/2014 through 12/28/2014.

WQRF produced and aired the annual Sounds of the Holidays, a 1 hour program that features local high school choirs as they perform favorite holiday music. The show aired on WQRF on 12/20 at 2:46 pm, 12/24 at 10:00 pm, and 12/25 at 7:00 am & 8:00 am.

Community Outreach

WQRF's campaign, Stateline Volunteers to showcases area non-profit organizations and volunteering efforts in the region. To date the campaign has focused on the following local branches of these organizations:

- *Boys & Girls Club
- *ASPCA
- *American Red Cross
- *United Way
- *Hospice
- *St. Jude
- *American Cancer Society
- *Disabled American Veterans
- *YMCA
- *Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- *Rock River Valley Blood Center
- *Burpee Museum
- *Discovery Center Museum
- *Goodwill
- *Rock River Valley Pantry
- *March of Dimes
- *Little League

WQRF sponsored the local March of Dimes annual "Signature Chefs Auction" In addition to PSAs for the event, Eyewitness news anchor Mimi Murphy served as MC for the event.

WQRF sponsored the American Cancer Society's Brovember's "Beard-a-thon". PSAs aired throughout November to increase prostate cancer awareness. Sports Anchor, Scott Leber served as MC at the contest during the Rockford Ice Hogs hockey game.

Produced and aired PSAs for the following:

- Rockford Area Economic Development Council –"Rockforward"

- *Schools and quality education in Rockford
- *Aerospace Engineering
- *Technical jobs in the Stateline

The Literacy Council-year-long campaign

- *Tutor recruitment
- *Read to Feed-PSA to stress the importance of reading to your children and to instill the love of reading at an early age.

CASA's year-long campaign

- *Child Advocate Recruitment

Nikolas Ritschel Foundation

- *Nik's Home Run

Crusader Clinic

- *Spirit of Caring

Rockford Area Economic Development Council

- *Rockford Public Schools-Ford Next Generation of Learning

Festival of Lights

- *Call for entries
- *Invitation to the event

Veterans Drop-in Center

- *Veterans 5K Run and walk

Family Counseling Services

- *Dancing with the Rockford Stars

Arthritis Foundation

- *Jingle Bell Run-Rockford

WQRF also participated in the NAB Project Roadblock PSA campaign to "put the brakes on drunk driving" campaign.

A variety of Ad Council PSAs aired at various times throughout the day on WQRF including:

- Childhood Asthma
- Financial Literacy
- Drunk Driving (Neon Sign :30)
- Drunk Driving (Neon Sign :15)
- Teen Suicide Prevention
- Child Safety (Click away)
- Autism Awareness-Truck
- Autism Awareness-Eye Contact
- Caregiver Assistance (Roles :30)
- Caregiver Assistance (Roles :15)
- Foreclosure Assistance-Frozen
- Hunger Prevention-tables
- Unplanned Pregnancy-Grandma
- Discovering Nature (:30)
- Discovering Nature (:15)