

2015

1st Quarter

Issues & Programs

WGEM-TV
Quincy Broadcasting Company
Quincy, IL
For Stations
WGEM-FM, WGEM-AM, WGEM-DT1,
WGEM-DT2, and WGEM-DT3

Listing of Problems and Needs

- 1) **BUSINESS:** Health care system, need for more industry; more tourism; more jobs; downtown revitalization; economic and industrial development; improved tax climate, lower worker's compensation, availability of liability insurance; more regional cooperation
- 2) **ECOLOGY:** Management of Ecology, landfill space, problems of hazardous waste; weapons proliferation; nuclear energy; soil erosion; situation of Quincy Bay; need for preservation of environment; pesticides and herbicides run off problems; conservation and recycling; flood control; sewer/water-system/water quality; pollution control.
- 3) **EDUCATION:** Need for upgrading of system and high educational standards; school funding and support of system, education for non-traditional students; post-graduate educational opportunities; educational priorities; retaining & acquisition of new job skills; continuing education; adaptation to high technology; more parental involvement.
- 4) **YOUTH:** Problems of juvenile delinquency; lack of activities; drop-out rate; drug and alcohol abuse; lack of funds for youth centers; need for more jobs; more programs and facilities; day care centers; retention of youth in community; teenage pregnancy; better teen center; better communications and awareness of services available.
- 5) **SOCIAL:** Aids, rising medical costs, need for resources for elderly; strengthening of family unit; transportation and housing for poor and elderly; more programs for elderly; needs for the disadvantaged; nurses, doctors, and dentists; problems of alcohol and drug abuse; racial problems; lack of opportunities for black; child abuse; spouse abuse; sexual abuse; support for single parent families.
- 6) **AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY:** Commodity prices, affect 1996 Farm Bill; high agricultural production costs; high interest rates; availability of credit.
- 7) **TRANSPORTATION:** Need for better highways, including four-lane expressways; rail service; maintaining air service; retain bus routes; city street repairs; maintaining AMTRAK service. Rising fuel prices.
- 8) **CITY/COMMUNITY:** Flood impact, need for adequate housing for poor and elderly; strong community leadership; community pride; growth/population decline; more blacks in political community; long-range community planning; community clean-ups; better enforcement of minimum housing codes; city-wide effort against alcohol and drug abuse; annexation
- 9) **LAW & ORDER:** Need for honest government; crime prevention; getting tough on drunk drivers; problems of vandalism; high crime rate; including white-collar crime; arson; overcrowded Illinois prisons; increase in spouse, child and sexual abuse; seat belt usage; gun control and substance abuse; gang activity
- 10) **RECREATION:** Need for more and improved facilities; more cultural programs; women's recreational center; teen & youth centers.

The following newscasts, programs, specials and announcements airing on

WGEM-TV provide the most significant treatment of community issues:

WGEM NEWS

WGEM News Today

Monday-Friday 5:30 am – 7:00 am

WGEM News at Noon

Monday-Friday 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

WGEM News

Monday-Friday 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm, 10:00 pm – 10:30 pm

WGEM News

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Simulcast on WGEM-FM and WGEM-AM

PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS

AgDay

Monday-Friday 4:30 am – 5:00 am

This Week in Agribusiness

Saturday 5:00 am – 6:00 am

On The Money

Saturday & Sunday 6:30 am – 7:00 am

US Farm Report

Sunday 5:00 am – 6:00 am

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Varying length announcements from: 10 - :60 airing throughout the day about issues of community interest and importance.

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

Today Show
NBC Nightly News
Dateline NBC
Meet the Press

WGEM FM INTERVIEWS

Monday – Friday 7:00 – 9:00 am

In addition to our locally produced programming specifically designed to respond to the problems and needs of our viewing area, interviews take place which, in our judgment, contribute to serving the problems and needs of our community.

FOX NEWS SUNDAY

FOX Network

Sunday 8:00 am – 9:00 am

FOX NEWS SUNDAY is a public affairs magazine on Fox, airing on Sunday mornings. For the first half of the show, Wallace interviews newsmakers from the prior week. During the second half of the show, Wallace introduces a panel of four pundits to speak about the political impact of the news.

VERMONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SERVICE (9a-10a Sundays)

One hour program includes Mass Service.

Live feed directly from church to WGEM-AM

Promos are aired weekly to direct listeners to the program.

PARK VIEW BIBLE CHURCH BIBLE STUDY (8a-830a Sundays)

Half-hour program includes the reading of a bible verse or verses and a study of the verses.

Pre-recorded and sent on CD directly from church to WGEM-AM

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY –WEEKEND MAGAZINE (10a-11a Sundays)

One hour program is broken out into a number of segments and features the host and a guest speaker discussing various topics of family and family interaction. The show highlights the importance of family relationships as a unit.

Pre-recorded and sent on CD directly from church to WGEM-AM

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- No Morning and Noon News

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Business

- The expiration of Illinois' temporary income tax increase will give families more money.
- The Carthage fire department is receiving a nearly \$25,000 grant that will be used to upgrade Jaws of Life equipment.

City/Community

- The Quincy Breakfast Kiwanis Club donated safety outlet plugs to Blessing for distribution to new parents.
- A float in today's Parade of Roses in Pasadena had a message from the Blessing Hospital CEO.

Law & Order

- A new law now in effect allows you to keep your driver's license when receiving a minor traffic ticket.

Transportation

- A Gas Buddy analyst says he expects prices to bottom out in the next week or two before raising again.

Social

- A local dietician explains ways to get healthy again this new year.
- Looking at New Year's Day resolutions of a cluster of people.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Business

- A local butcher says he expects prices to go up because of the drop in gas prices.
- A new law in Missouri will dramatically drop the price of the chemo life-saving pills.

Law & Order

- A new law in Illinois tightens up penalties for making meth near schools.
- Debra Wellborn, the first female associate circuit judge in Adams County was sworn in today during a ceremony.
- A criminal history can no longer be asked on an application in Illinois.

Social

- Elder abuse reports have gone up significantly and an official with the Hannibal Nutrition Center says that's actually a good thing.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Transportation

- Sheriff Fischer talks about driving safely on icy roads.
- Quincy Central Services is preparing for possible winter weather this weekend.

City/Community

- The Hannibal Board of Public Works has until October or fines could be accessed.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Education

- Lewis County NECAC held a poverty simulation for teachers from the Canton R-V District.

City/Community

- City officials have banned sledding in all but two of its 50 parks because of liability issues.
- Temperatures are slated to drop to single digits this week, and now both parents and school officials are keeping their eyes on the thermometer in case changes to the school schedule are needed.

Business

- Dr. Timothy Ott, Medical Director at the SIU School of Medicine, explains the importance of the wellness visit under the Affordable Care Act.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- The Salvation Army Thrift Store in Quincy has seen an increase in donations the past week.

Transportation

- State Rep. Mike Kelley wants to increase the speed limit on Missouri's rural interstates and freeways to 75 mph.

Education

- The Quincy Public School Building Committee met tonight to try and hash out the details so they can move forward on the \$89 million building project.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Education

- A Quincy school is educating kids on staying healthy.
- Quincy Public Schools began the "bring your own device" program today. The reason why the program started is explained.

Social

- Blood donations go down this time of year, but the need is greater than ever.
- Preventative health care coverage is explained and what people should do to make the most of it.

Business

- A new business offering gambling in Quincy opened its doors this week.

City/Community

- In response to the large warehouse fire in Rockford, local firefighters speak about the challenge of fighting fires in the frigid cold.
- A truck crashed into a pole at a Marion County Ayerco gas station.

Transportation

- Drivers react to the Missouri speed proposal that will raise the speed limit on rural interstate highways.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Business

- There have been a lot of windshield repairs and replacements because of the cold weather.
- A local trucking company expects surcharges to drop because of low gas prices.

City/Community

- Hannibal City Council members are thinking about a sales tax bump at tonight's meeting.
- Highlights of how people are dealing with the cold tonight in the Quincy area.
- The Salvation Army shelter is full because of frigid temps.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Business

- Local shoppers react to the JC Penney closure.
- Blessing Hospital announced this morning a partnership with Washington University heart surgery program.
- Quincy Medical Group offers a dieting program that was just ranked 2nd in the country.
- A furnace technician on call talks about his emergency calls during this cold weather.

Social

- Meals on Wheels volunteers also do well-being checks in addition to delivering food.

Education

- Palmyra superintendent explains why school wasn't cancelled with the sub-zero temperatures.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Business

- Local businesses tell about the impact the current cold snap has had over the past couple days.
- Today is the last day for the Keokuk Hospital Pharmacy.
- A local vet comments on leaving pets out in the cold. The animal control officer says he's been swamped with calls.

Law & Order

- A local police chief comments on the push to toughen the state's seatbelt law.

City/Community

- A young girl in Hannibal that is battling a life-threatening disease will have her dream come true tonight.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)**Business**

- The Elkton owner says apartment repairs are taking longer than originally thought.
- Local tire businesses tell about problems they see during frigid temperatures.
- Blessing Hospital Emergency room says they've seen an increase in weather-related injuries due to falls.

Ecology

- Health officials are warning people of the dangers of radon gas in their homes.

Youth

- With school out again, kids are staying active at the Kroc Center in Quincy.

Transportation

- MSHP is reporting traffic and boating deaths were down last year.

Social

- A local doctor speaks about the impact cold temps have on people with asthma.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**City/Community**

- The annual Souper Bowl of Caring food drive kicks off tonight in Quincy.

Social

- Many people on food stamps will lose their benefits because of changes in the guidelines.

Law & Order

- The Iowa Prison Warden comments on the delay in opening one year after it was finished. Also, a local representative is not happy with the situation.

Recreation

- Palmyra Parks and Recreation received a donation that will be used for new projects.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Education

- John Wood Community College President Mike Elbe and Guidance Director Mike Llewellyn comment on President Obama's proposal on free community college.

City/Community

- The Exchange Club of Quincy will take over the annual Avenue of Lights display.
- Local firefighters explain what precautions are needed when hitting the ice to skate.

Law & Order

- A Hannibal cab owner says a driver was robbed after a struggle, but police say it was just theft.
- Quincy police were called to Chaddock School after a report that a kid caused damage and was carrying around a piece of glass.
- The Quincy Police Department announced the next citizen's police academy.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- Firefighters responded to a house fire in Hannibal this evening.
- A Clayton, Illinois man lost control of his SUV and hit a utility pole Friday afternoon, causing a power outage in the area, authorities say.

Social

- Mayor Kyle Moore gave an update on the multi-million dollar senior assisted living facility planned for Quincy. It will start much later than city officials hoped.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

City/Community

- WGEM Kendra Whittle is covering the Illinois governor inauguration of Bruce Rauner today in Springfield.
- A fire, caused by a candle, destroyed a home in Macomb and forced out a family of five.
- The ambulance district now has a second base in the county, located in New London, MO.

Social

- The Marion County Ambulance District approved a budget that includes money to buy 5 AEDs per year, part of a broad plan to get AEDs in a majority of public places throughout the county.
- More NECAC funding has been announced for heating assistance.

Education

- Students can file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, now and it's best to get that form in early.

Agricultural Economy

- A seminar was held to discuss the implications of the Farm Bill.

Recreation

- The Quincy Park District has reached a new partnership to promote youth sports.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**City/Community**

- The Quincy City Council is looking into adding utility bill pay onto the city website.
- A water leak has caused problems near 32nd and Harrison in Quincy, and the city is still trying to figure out where it's coming from.

1/13**Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)****Agricultural Economy**

- Farmers will details of the Farm Bill and how it could affect them.
- USDA released the record numbers for corn and soybeans.

Education

- The QPS board moved forward with construction managers for two building projects.
- The construction on the Culver-Stockton College Wellness Center has been delayed.

City/Community

- The Iowa Legislature opened today.
- Quincy Central Services says city of Quincy is in good shape with their salt supply.

Social

- Gov. Nixon is in Hannibal today to discuss his mental health initiative with law enforcement and mental health officials.

Business

- Ameren is having an open house on the proposed routes for the Adams County Road 550 Connector segment.
- Dr. Clint Sowards of SIU School of Medicine says he is seeing more Strep throat, an illness that becomes a problem this time of year.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**Law & Order**

- The ICAC, a sexual predator task force, will shut down by the end of January and will impact local law enforcement agencies in Northeast Missouri.

Business

- Three downtown buildings in Fort Madison will be renovated because of a \$3 million grant.
- The Hannibal City Council is looking at adding additional funding to Avenues, a domestic violence shelter.

City/Community

- The Adams County Board voted Tuesday night to put a tax referendum on the April ballot to help pay for a new jail.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Transportation

- Several Hannibal gas stations have waged a bizarre war with gas prices.
- Hannibal Board of Public Works has partnered with the Hannibal Street Department to plow streets this winter.

Education

- QHS and QND officials comment on new Cyber Bullying Law that requires getting involved in cyber bullying outside of school.
- Western Illinois University started a campaign to raise awareness on the danger of stalking.

Business

- People have been paying down debts because of lower gas prices.
- McDonough Hospital received a \$1.9 million gift that will be used for the planned women's center.
- High amount claims last year is forcing Macomb to raise insurance rates for employees.

Social

- Deaths related to cervical cancer have dropped over the past several years.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Law & Order

- There is now a push in Iowa to make cell phone use illegal while driving.
- Avenues in Hannibal comments about a proposal to strip people who commit domestic violence of their guns.

City/Community

- GREDF is holding its annual dinner tonight at the Oakley Lindsay Center.

Agricultural Economy

- A state lawmaker says proposed tax incentives could encourage more young farmers in Missouri.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Transportation

- Macomb and WIU are teaming up to improve West Adams Street.
- MoDOT in Hannibal says because voters did not approve an August tax increase to fund road maintenance, it will affect roads in NEMO.

Education

- Quincy High School is hosting motivational speaker, Cara Filler, whose twin sister was killed in a car wreck in high school, to speak to the students during Safe Driving Week.
- St. Dominic's School is hosting a family wellness event to help families adopt healthy lifestyles.

Business

- Checking with Blessing on the CDC report stating hospital infections have dropped.

City/Community

- A woman's car caught fire while taking it to a mechanic in Quincy. No one was injured.

Law & Order

- Man arrested last night in Adams County stabbing made his first court appearance this morning.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Transportation

- Lee County Official says there may be a possible increase in road use tax.

Business

- BCTGM Local 48G Union President Drake Custer and Keokuk Mayor Tom Marion comment on the news that Roquette is downsizing its workforce.

Agricultural Economy

- Missouri State Sen. Brian Munzlinger says the proposed tax incentives could encourage more young farmers in Missouri.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Education

- A local head start director comments on a study that suggests kids who go through head start have healthier lifestyles.
- The annual Quincy Notre Dame fund drive kicked off this morning where organizers announced this year's goal.
- A QPS administrator comments on the annual 5 Essentials Survey for students, teachers and parents.

Business

- What is the economic impact of the growing Eagle Days Event in Quincy?

City/Community

- Quincy City officials are looking at options in anticipation of a contract for management of the wastewater treatment plant expiring next month.
- Visited a house where a pipe burst in the ceiling causing it to come down on a child while sleeping.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Law & Order

- The drunk driving awareness group, MADD, released state by state rankings on the enforcement.
- Quincy police say leaving cars unattended is illegal.

Business

- The IRS budget cuts could mean tax refund delays.

Youth

- Experts say it's not safe for kids to wear coats when they're strapped in a car seat.
- The CDC officials warn parents the flu can be deadly for children.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

City/Community

- The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day event was held this morning in Quincy.
- The 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis will be celebrated today in Quincy.
- Crews are tearing down the building at 229 Broadway in Hannibal.
- Macomb city administrator asked the city council to rescind a resolution ok'd a few months ago raising the minimum monthly sewer charge.
- WGEM Station Manager Carlos Fernandez accepted a donation for the Great River Honor Flight program.

Social

- Illinois ranked third highest in the number of residents moving out of the state, but officials say it doesn't hold true here locally.

Business

- Hy-Vee confirmed milk prices are dropping here locally.

Recreation

- Pike County store comments about the possible delay in bobcat hunting in Illinois.

Education

- Iowa Fertilizer hosted a press conference at Fort Madison High School to announce new contributions to the Ft. Madison High School and Burlington Notre Dame Schools as part of Iowa Fertilizer's continued commitment to STEM programs in the local community.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**City/Community**

- A mother and her young daughter were taken to Blessing Hospital Monday after a carbon monoxide leak in their home.

Business

- Two local men started a shrimp business in Mendon and have plans to become a hatchery.

Social

- A Quincy Medical Group billing official comments about news that medical bill debt is racking up for Americans.

1/20**Morning and Noon News** (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)**Education**

- WIU officials and students comment about the possibility of a ranking system.

Transportation

- Total 2013 Quincy auto crashes were only up three percent, but crashes in winter conditions were up by 100.

Business

- Questions are answered about the Affordable Care Act's impact on tax filing this year.
- A machinery auction was held in Missouri and featured a celebrity in attendance.

City/Community

- The local historical society discussed future plans for the Gardner Museum in Quincy.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**City/Community**

- The Quincy Finance Committee will discuss the future of management of the water treatment plant.

- The Quincy City Council discussed the future of the city's healthcare plan.
- The Hannibal City Council had a sparked debate over the proposed 61 Hannibal bypass.
- A 10-year-old boy was found after walking away from recess this afternoon in Canton, MO.

Recreation

- The parks department is addressing the riverfront issue by creating a task force to resolve it.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Education

- Quincy Public Schools received money from the state for security improvements.
- Palmyra Schools react to proposed state funding increase.

Business

- Three veteran businessmen were inducted into the Quincy Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame. Inductees were Sam Rinella, Jr., Ron Vecchie, and Delmer Mitchell.

City/Community

- SIU School of Medicine, Dr. Joseph Kim says he has seen a decrease in flu cases lately and the warmer weather is only part of the reason.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Education

- Quincy School Board elected a new vice-president, Scott Stone.
- A local Quincy Public School teacher says the Bring Your Own Device program is helping students make progress with learning.
- John Wood Community College announced its new mascot name "Woody The Trail Blazer."

Recreation

- Officials at Palmyra's Parks and Recreation Department say they're really concerned about some recent vandalism in their parks.

Law & Order

- Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers has released a surveillance video hoping to catch a man police say stole a vehicle from a used car lot in Quincy.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

City/Community

- The City of Quincy is trying to figure out how to upgrade an aging bus fleet.
- Safe Kids Adams County is distributing bicycle helmets to elementary kids.
- The Canton American Legion donated \$500 to the Honor Flight today.
- Pittsfield Mayor John Hayden comments on the recent increase in ordinance violation fines.

Business

- The Hannibal Regional Hospital Auxiliary and the Hannibal Free Clinic are teaming up to provide more volunteer services at the clinic.
- Quincy Medical Group is now offering Bluetooth hearing aids that work with a phone app.

Transportation

- ISP District 20 held a press conference to discuss zero traffic fatalities in Scott and Brown counties.

Recreation

- The Quincy Park District received a grant to start work on the planned state park, but the grant was rescinded when Gov. Rauner took office.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Law & Order

- A former Quincy Community Theatre employee was sentenced to probation for stealing from the theatre.

Education

- The Canton School District has revised its recess monitoring policy after a 10-year-old ran away from school Tuesday afternoon.

City/Community

- The City of Pittsfield is cracking down on ordinance violations with a significant fine increase.
- Marion County Road and Bridge Department got the first of five new dump trucks for it's fleet.

Business

- After a year long process of research and investment, Hannibal's technology park is ready to go after getting state approval last week.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Transportation

- MoDOT and Missouri drivers respond to Governor Nixon's comments this week on possibly raising the gas tax.

- The city of Quincy is trying to figure out how to upgrade an aging bus fleet.

Education

- This month's award was presented to Monroe School teacher Emily Pool in Quincy.

Law & Order

- Iowa legislators toured the new and old prisons in Fort Madison to investigate continuing opening delays.

City/Community

- Pittsfield City Council is looking at an ordinance that would force dog owners to pick up after them.

Recreation

- A bid for nearly \$600,000 was accepted for Hannibal pool renovations and needs city council approval.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- Iowa legislator Dave Loeb sack was in Montrose, Iowa, today to talk about the need to address a shortage in volunteer firefighters with a new bill to provide tax deductions for volunteers.
- Future plans for the historic Garner Museum were announced tonight. It will soon be open to the public once again.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Law & Order

- Downtown businesses and residents react to the Hannibal shooting.

Social

- Officials from the Big Brother, Big Sister program in Quincy explain the need for mentors. This is National Mentoring Month.

Business

- Totals from Quincy and Hannibal's Salvation Army Campaign were released today by Salvation Army officials.

Education

- Holy Family Catholic School in Hannibal is celebrating Catholic Schools Week with several different events.

City/Community

City Engineer Jeffrey Conte explains the numerous traffic lights blinking in Quincy are due to updates.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**City/Community**

- The Quincy City Council approved emergency funds to fix a fire truck. They also approved a proposal to have Blue Cross Blue Shield serve as the provider for the City's self-funded health insurance plan.
- There are two new bills filed in the Missouri Senate that could change Missouri's county prosecutor system to a district attorney system.
- Curt Lovelace's murder trial was pushed back a second time this afternoon.

Education

- There's a renewed push in Missouri to require students to pass a test similar to the U.S. Naturalization test.

1/27**Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)****Business**

- The number of jobs available at today's job fair doesn't come close to the number lost with the Quincy Compressor relocation. GREDF will continue to reach out beyond the region to market the community.
- Local businesses say seasonal hiring will be ramping up soon.
- The United Way begins its tax filing assistance program on Wednesday.

City/Community

- Arts Quincy announced the winners for the newly re-named George Irwin Arts Awards today.
- Smoke detectors were taken down from a Quincy home that caught fire yesterday. Quincy firefighters stress the importance of working smoke detectors.
- The plan to remove several trees in anticipation of the emerald ash borer in Quincy could cost the city \$500,000.

Agricultural Economy

- With diesel prices down, area farmers are saving some money after years of high prices.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**Law & Order**

- An Adams County circuit judge found David Masterson, accused of beating another man to death with a metal pipe, fit to stand trial.
- Pittsfield police are warning residents and business owners that counterfeit bills are circulating in Pittsfield.

Education

- Jorie Thompson, a 3rd grader at Mark Twain Elementary School in Hannibal, received a signed letter from President Obama.

City/Community

- The City of Quincy hasn't approved a balanced budget in 14 years and as next year's budget deadline nears, the city is taking a closer look at its spending.

Social

- Hard Times for the Hard at Work: A WGEM News In-Depth Report

1/28**Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)****Law & Order**

- The Pittsfield Police Department has received new bullet-proof vests, tasers and a new squad car.

Education

- Bob Sheffield has resigned as the QND boys' basketball coach.
- The Quincy School District has started the interview process for a construction manager for part of the \$89 million building project.

City/Community

- Hannibal snow sculptures are featured on HGTV website.
- NECAC offices are counting the homeless in hopes of getting more funding.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**Law & Order**

- The opening of the long-delayed Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison has hit another delay due to a faulty smoke control system.

Transportation

- Gas tops \$2 a gallon in Quincy.

Social

- With one case of measles already reported in Illinois, Dr. Joseph Kim of SIU School of Medicine is trying to shed light on the importance of vaccination.

City/Community

- The District looks to the future with its new director, Bruce Guthrie, at its annual meeting.

1/29**Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)**

Education

- The future funding for Illinois community colleges is uncertain.
- The Quincy Public School Board continues to evaluate construction manager candidates for the for first part of the \$89 million building project.

Youth

- A new House Bill 510 would require all child care facilities in Missouri to become licensed closing current loopholes that claim religious exemptions.
- WIU held a summer camp job fair in the University Union Ballroom.

Social

- Sticking to New Year's resolutions after January is difficult, especially exercise.

Business

- The Adams County Board reports revenues from video gambling machines in Adams County more than doubled in 2014.
- Diamond prices are falling, but it could be awhile before any price drops show up for consumers.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Social

- About 2,000 veterans are on a waiting list to get into Missouri nursing homes.
- Missouri's suicide rate is increasing.

Agricultural Economy

- Pork prices drop as beef prices rise. This may be reflected in the grocery stores soon.

City/Community

- City leaders in Macomb have set the dates for yard waste collection and city-wide cleanup this year.
- A van flipped over near Camp Point, sending six to the hospital.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Social

- With the costs of prescriptions getting more and more expensive, people in the Tri-States are finding it hard to pay for the drugs they need to stay well.
- Millennials only account for 33 percent of the population in the U.S., but they make up 44 percent of the uninsured.

City/Community

- A woman lost control of her car on RJ Peters Drive in Quincy and hit a tree.
- Illinois Senator Chapin Rose wants fireworks legalized to bring more revenue for the state.

- The Quincy Tree Committee is expected to approve a plan to take down several trees because of the emerald ash borer.

Business

- Local restaurants and grocery stores are preparing for the big game this weekend.
- A local church is holding their annual Prom Dress resale event this weekend.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Business

- Mark Lammers, the Store Director at the Quincy HyVee on Broadway, says online ordering has been around for years but now it's catching on with the store's younger customers.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Education

- New policies will bring WIU up to par with federal laws to protect students against sexual assault.
- JWCC is offering free training for people trying to get their GED.

City/Community

- NECAC officials say additional heat assistance is available because Governor Nixon released more funds.
- McDonough County road crews are continuing to monitor road conditions after the weekend winter weather.

Social

- Too much sitting puts people at a higher risk for heart disease, diabetes and obesity.

Transportation

- The Institute of Highway Safety reports nine different cars sold in the 2011 model year recorded zero fatalities in highway crashes.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Business

- Construction on the \$1.8 billion Iowa Fertilizer Plant in Lee County is in its final stages.
- The Hannibal YMCA installed a new \$26,000 ultraviolet water purifying system.
- Austin Properties will be developing new loft and retail space for downtown Quincy. They were approved for a revolving loan through the city.

City/Community

- The Quincy City Council voted down a healthcare insurance contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Law & Order

- A proposed Iowa law would give police access to cell phone information during an emergency.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)**Law & Order**

- Police are investigating a threat of violence at Unity High School Thursday morning.

City/Community

- Tuesday kicks off the celebration of Quincy's 175th Anniversary.
- The Souper Bowl of Caring food drive helped supply local food pantries with more food on Tuesday.

Education

- Palmyra High School again took home a prize from Missouri's Battle of the Belt Challenge.

Social

- One in 10 in Adams County lack basic reading skills.

Business

- A 75,000 square foot marijuana cultivation center is going to provide the small town of Barry, Illinois, with a lot more jobs.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**City/Community**

- Oakley-Lindsay Center officials are hoping to receive more money from the hotel/motel taxes from the city.
- Hannibal City Council members voted against the proposed Hannibal 61 bypass.
- Hannibal's rotary club learned more about "blue zones" and ways to make Northeast Missouri a healthier, longer-living community.

Business

- A buyer is interested in the former Quincy post office distribution center.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)**Transportation**

- The snow made for slick roads in the Tri-States.

Law & Order

- Governor Nixon released funds for the Missouri ICAC and Palmyra police say with the money, they can continue putting child predators behind bars.

Business

- Another Hannibal business is closing. Clothing chain Gilk's is closing its store in the Huck Finn Shopping Center Feb.15.
- Local businesses will benefit from Quincy's 175th celebration.
- Quincy Public Schools will be entering into negotiations with a St. Louis firm for the construction manager position.

Education

- Kindergartners dressed up as 100-year-olds Wednesday at St. Francis School in Quincy.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**Business**

- The Illinois Veterans Home received \$3,500 worth of brand new musical instruments from a group called Six String Heroes.
- Local businesses comment on Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner's new tax proposal which could mean a sales tax on certain services used often, like haircuts and car repairs.
- Many families are not taking advantage of earned tax credits.

Social

- Missouri autism legislation is helping more families with medical costs.

City/Community

- The Quincy community rallied together to help a rescue dog get heart surgery.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)**City/Community**

- Students are okay after a minivan slammed into a school bus near Canton. The minivan driver was airlifted to Blessing Hospital.
- The Salvation Army Kroc Center in Quincy was named a green facility.

Business

- The Chamber and shoppers comment on business once again leaving the Steamboat Bend Shopping Center in Hannibal.
- People have a week left to sign up for health coverage.

Youth

- Gov. Rauner is promising more funding to early childhood programs, but do directors believe it?

Social

- Lung Cancer is now the top killer for women in "rich" countries, according to a report.

- Burn Awareness week
- As the temperatures across the Tri-States continue to move up and down, allergists say fluctuations can cause problems if you have allergies or sinus problems.

Transportation

- The freezing temperatures overnight caused some car problems as people headed to work.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Social

- Child Abuse: A WGEM in Depth Report on the growing child abuse problem here in the Tri-States.

City/Community

- Interview with one of two Quincy Residents awarded the medical marijuana dispensary in the Quincy area.
- Mayor Marion comments on the idea of adding a city administrator and dropping the mayor position to part-time.
- The Hannibal Arts Council is prepping the kick off to the 2015 season.

Business

- The Hannibal Clinic is now offering mental services.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Business

- Blessing is one of 50 hospitals in the country to offer a ultrasound treatment for sports-related muscle injuries.

Social

- Up to 150 area kids are expected to get dental work today at the health department. 10 local dentists are volunteering for Give Kids a Smile.
- A local health department says they've seen an increase in parent inquiries regarding measles vaccines.
- Changes to the USDA Rural Development Single Family Housing will affect people locally.

Education

- All 88 Mendon Elementary students were sledding at the school for P.E.
- Quincy University is holding a blood drive today, which will help during a slow giving period.
- Dozens of seventh grade students are gathering in Quincy today to learn about making positive choices regarding drug use for Operation Snowflake.

City/Community

- Hundreds of out-of-town visitors are coming to Hannibal, America's Hometown, this weekend for the 23rd Tom & Becky Swim.
- A three-year-old girl fell out of a second-story window Thursday night in Dallas City, Illinois.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- Gov. Rauner made an appearance in Quincy today to talk about education.
- The annual swim meet began tonight at the YMCA.
- The father of the child who fell out of the window explains the details of that night.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Social

- Illinois rehabilitation services could face a \$110 million shortfall in programs that cover mental health and developmentally-disabled adults.
- An Illinois state senator has introduced legislation to teams of medical professionals at high schools throughout the state to deal with sports concussions.

Education

- Quincy Little Caesars Pizza workers are learning about food safety at the Adams County Health Department's food handling class in Quincy where new regulations are being discussed and taught.

Business

- Local tax preparers say there are two exemptions for senior citizens that could help save money – the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption and the Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption.

City/Community

- Hannibal emergency management director John Hark discussed the possibility of an earthquake hitting the Tri-States.

Youth

- There will be additional access for youth turkey hunting in Illinois this spring thanks to a federal grant.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- Pike County emergency responders say verbal policy change that wasn't communicated of when an ambulance would respond might have cost someone's life.
- The Marion County Commission passed on the possible Hannibal bypass. But they are saying yes to revamping a dangerous interchange on the same route.
- Congressman Loebsack is in Donnellson today to discuss the push to expand rural broadband in Iowa.
- The Quincy City Council approved an agreement for a new health insurance carrier for city employees.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Law & Order

- Use of Marijuana and prescription drugs while driving has risen considerably.

Education

- Local officials say GED fails are locally higher because of tougher testing requirements.
- Quincy Public School officials say many textbooks are in desperate need of updating.
- The SIU School of Medicine in Quincy is collecting iPods for the Music and Memory program in Springfield, Illinois.
- Missouri libraries face major funding cuts in Nixon's proposed budget.

Transportation

- MoDOT is recommending freight companies use waterways more often.
- The trucking industry is continuously in demand for new drivers every day and that will only increase in the future.

Social

- Doctors say people should consider sunscreen on sunny winter days.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Social

- Quanada and a survivor of domestic abuse respond to the Quincy stabbing on Monday.

Law & Order

- A citizen committee formed to promote the Adams County Jail referendum. They met to discuss a strategy tonight.

Business

- The preliminary budget for Lee County shows a deficit over \$1 million.
- There was a farewell reception for the former United Way Executive Director Cheryl Waterman.

Education

- QU Flight School Instructors say the recent good weather has helped get students more air time.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Recreation

- The Quincy Park District has several jobs available for the upcoming summer season.
- Quincy Kiwanis was awarded a \$15,000 grant for the planned handicap accessible playground.

Business

- With more people going after Powerball tickets because of the huge jackpot, local businesses are seeing an impact on sales.
- The Quincy Public Library says they are one of the libraries to receive funding that will help them continues to grow their programs.

Social

- Doctors say those ages 65 and older should strongly consider getting a pneumonia vaccine.

Law & Order

- Cigarette smuggling is a growing problem in Illinois, but do smoke shops in West Quincy notice it?
- A new provision in the concealed carry law requires health professionals to alert authorities if someone is a threat to themselves.

Transportation

- The state grant funding freeze has city officials worried about a shortfall in needed funding for Quincy Transit.

Education

- Predicted nation diet guideline changes will affect school lunches by decreasing salt and sugar.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- Ewing, MO received \$30,000 from the state to overhaul its aging sewer systems.
- Fort Madison reveals future plans for a site where war artifacts were found during construction.

Business

- Kids in Motion is trying to raise funds to cover their budget that includes new programs.

- Small businesses in Iowa are having trouble because Iowa is not allowing for the same tax write-offs as the federal government.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Social

- Six out of 10 Americans who rent a house or apartment do not have renter's insurance.
- Dr. Clint Sowards with SIU Quincy Family Medicine says it's important to check for strep before the illness spreads throughout the family.

City/Community

- Officials are now checking with local financial institutions on loans for a new Tri-Township Fire Truck because of so much uncertainty of funds at the state level.
- Macomb Mayor Mike Inman and Lincoln School Principal Kim Gilliam express concerns over a proposed video gaming parlor just down the street from the school.
- The Purple Cow Bar & Grill in Alexandria, MO is a total loss after a fire overnight.
- Firefighters tell about the challenges they faced fighting the Purple Cow fire.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Social

- Dating Dangers: A WGEM in Depth Report about thieves hitting a popular dating website and app, acting as potential suitors before robbing and stealing from their victims.
- Local woman Megan Heimer spoke out against the use of vaccinations on NBC's Meet the Press.
- Amtrak commuters fear measles could spread from Chicago to the Tri-States.

City/Community

- The Quincy Housing Authority officials plan improvements with the new funding of \$600,000 from the annual HUD program.

Business

- NECAC is offering a home ownership workshop to help residents get questions answered before they start shopping.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Business

- The average hourly wage jumped up .5 percent between December and January according to the latest U.S. jobs report. The jump is the largest increase since 2008.
- County Market Floral was very busy with deliveries a day before Valentine's Day.
- The Quincy YMCA Association has a new corporate name, the YMCA of West Central Illinois.

- A total of 31 fire extinguisher models have been recalled for failing to discharge.
- Girl Scout cookies are now available here locally.

Education

- The Gene Grawe Fund has opened a store at St. Peter Church to sell gift cards that support families with children in catholic schools.
- Blessing –Riemann College of Nursing excels in passing rate of the National Council Licensure Examination.

City/Community

- Macomb city officials say they need to change planned sewer fee increases after looking at it closer.

Social

- A new federal law could help veterans find more mental health resources to prevent suicide.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Law & Order

- Ground was broken for the new Palmyra Police Department this afternoon.
- Sheriff Jim Sholl is concerned about the closure of the state-supported mental health facility in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Business

- Illinois residents might not be able to use their driver's licenses at airports starting in 2016. They do not meet requirements set by the 2005 Real ID ACT.
- The deadline hits this weekend for government-mandated healthcare.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Law & Order

- The Macomb Chief of Police says burglaries and thefts were down significantly between 2011 and 2014.

City/Community

- The Southern portion of Monroe County received a significant snowfall.
- The Macomb City Administrator is retiring at the end of the year.

Education

- The demand for graduates in STEM fields is on the rise and Quincy University is hoping to help.

- Hannibal's Superintendent of Schools sent a response to the news regarding the former elementary principal wanted on drug charges.
- The Quincy Public Library has taken the leap into new age reading, allowing users to check out e-books at home by using their library card.

Business

- What can be done now if people missed the healthcare coverage deadline?
- What happened to the taxpayer money put into renovating the mall a few years ago?

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Social

- A new Missouri bill will bring epi-pens to more public places. The Red Cross says a bill like this would include coverage under the Good Samaritan law.

Agricultural Economy

- The Federal Aviation Administration proposed lifting some restriction on commercial drone use. Farmers say this could change the farming industry forever.

Law & Order

- Gov. Branstad says he's open to establishing a system that would allow residents to travel to neighboring Illinois to access some form of medical marijuana. Law enforcement in Lee County doesn't like the idea.

Education

- Students in the QU's Circle K Club donated \$400 to the local Kiwanis 100th Anniversary project to help build an all-inclusive park for children with disabilities.

City/Community

- Palmyra Chief Gary Crane says without the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, the department will have to step up other funding routes.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Education

Officials from the Adams County Health Department say there is no law in Illinois requiring teachers to get vaccinated but St. Peter School teacher Sally Blickahn explains why it is a good idea to have it done.

Social

- In a three year span, more than 40 percent of calls to the National Poison Data System involved energy drinks and children under the age of six.

Business

- Cyber attackers have turned to stealing healthcare data from insurance companies and hospitals, where your personal information can contain vital information as valuable as money itself.

Law & Order

- The former Hannibal elementary school principal wanted on heroin-related drug charges is believed to be in Texas. Marion County Sheriff Shinn says the US Marshals office is now involved.

Recreation

- The new Quincy Director of Parks, Matt Higley, wants a smooth transition into his job.

Youth

- A Teen Sleep Study shows teenagers are getting less sleep. Blessing Sleep Center Technician Kim Jameson-Rose and QHS counselor Mike Llewellyn explain possible reasons.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Business

- Health department officials in Adams County say the medication drop-off program has been a success.

Ecology

- The EPA and Army Corps were forced to drop one of two rules that would redefine waters of the U.S. Tri-State farmers say this could have an impact on their operations.

City/Community

- The Palmyra Fire Department recently purchased three automated external defibrillators for the station as part of a donation from C.F. Industries late last year.
- A new city ordinance in Quincy slaps higher fines for animal cruelty.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Law & Order

- JD Foust, the former Hannibal elementary principal wanted on drug charges, is behind bars this morning after a week on the run.

Education

- School officials say they often see a decline in attendance on cold days.
- WIU would be impacted by Rauner's proposed higher education funding cuts, but JWCC would not.

Transportation

- MoDOT officials say drifting is a problem on rural roads today.

Business

- Proposed legislation in Missouri would get rid of the cap put on deposits required by landlords.
- The City Council last night voted to raise the cap on hotel-motel tax dollars that can be used for operations at the Oakley-Lindsay Center allowing them to spend more money to attract conventions and meetings to Quincy.

City/Community

- With Governor Bruce Rauner's proposed budget cuts, Quincy Mayor Kyle Moore says revenue will drop by six percent and this will have a big impact on the city.
- Christians celebrated Ash Wednesday at the noon service at St. Peter Church in Quincy.

Youth

- The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois has asked a federal judge to order the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to start enacting court-ordered reforms.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Social

- A quick in-and-out is what ER doctors like Dr. Richard Saalborn recommend for these bitterly cold temperatures or else you could put yourself in danger.

Law & Order

- Two teens were arrested in Palmyra for breaking into cars during cold temperatures.

City/Community

- The Hannibal School Board was presented with a new program that aims to help students prepare for crisis situations.

Business

- The new Keokuk walk-in clinic, Keokuk Prompt Care, opened two weeks ago and is already seeing dozens of patients.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Social

- The FDA is warning people with peanut allergies of peanuts found in cumin, which is used in many types of food.

City/Community

- The Adams County State's Attorney Jon Barnard is not running for re-election next year.

Education

- The Palmyra Superintendent says the school district could lose a minimum of \$60,000 in stated formula funding.
- The Illinois Board of Nursing approved the return of the second year of instruction to JWCC.
- Despite the cold weather, the construction of Palmyra School District's new bus barn is expected to stay on schedule.

Business

- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that by 2022, more than 520,000 jobs will be created in the nursing field and that includes jobs here in the Tri-States as well.
- Local business says they're seeing a lot of cars with the back window shattered because of the cold.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Social

- When Seconds Count: A WGEM in Depth report on 9-1-1 calls. Non-emergency calls take up so much time that dispatchers can be distracted from real emergencies when seconds count.
- Bitterly cold temperatures have kept ice patches from melting and that's keeping emergency responders busy.

Law & Order

- Palmyra Police Chief Eddie Bogue says requiring small police department to utilize body cameras would be a huge financial burden.

Business

- The Missouri Department of Revenue is cracking down on unreported tips and local restaurant owners are concerned.
- Under a proposed Iowa Senate bill, minimum wage would be increased in two steps to \$8.75 by July 2016. It's a bill many employees are excited about, but small business owners have some reservations.

City/Community

- Lawmakers in Iowa are considering the first gas tax increase since 1989.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

City/Community

- First Responders from the City of Macomb collaborated with other local and regional emergency services units in a two-Day, full scale, emergency preparedness exercise.
- Sheriff Fischer presented the new jail details today at the Quincy Rotary meeting.

- Quincy Central Services is prepping for the expected winter weather this weekend.
- Quincy Mayor Kyle Moore gave the annual State of the City speech today.

Business

- Quincy University Professor of Accounting and Finance Dr. Mitch Ellison says Walmart's minimum wage increase could impact smaller retail businesses.

Law & Order

- The former elementary school principal, JD Foust made his first court appearance this morning. His request for a public defender was denied.

Social

- In Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner's proposed budget plan, he wants to cut Medicaid spending by \$1.5 billion dollars.
- Organizers are painting the playhouse up for auction for the upcoming Cancer Crush benefit.

Education

- The Quincy Public School District brought Internet Safety Specialists to Quincy to give a presentation on Cyber Safety

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- Snow accumulation is expected to begin around 8 p.m. tonight.

Youth

- A Missouri daycare provider and parent give views about the push to require childcare facilities to have vaccination records available for parents.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Law & Order

- The newest reports show thefts were up in Quincy by 56 last year compared to the previous year.

City/Community

- A Lee County rural home went up in flames early this morning. Fire chief says there were four space heaters running at the time of the fire.

Youth

- The Early Childhood Center in Quincy is helping kids deal with the cold by monitoring the students.

City/Community

- State Senator John Sullivan and newly-sworn-in State Representative Randy Frese spoke in front of Illinois Farm Bureau members on Governor Bruce Rauner's state budget.
- A measure to limit the lifetime cap for welfare benefits to four years had Missouri Senate approval today.

Social

- After simple wording nearly cost the 911 center in Adams County to miss out on \$25,000, the center can breathe a sigh of relief. Lawmakers have changed the wording in the Wireless Emergency Telephone Act, providing the extra funds.

Education

- The WIU Provost announced several programs are expected to be cut due to financial times.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Law & Order

- Quincy police say running a red light led to a crash in downtown Quincy that sent five people to the hospital Monday night.

Education

- Missouri funding for public libraries is slowing to a halt, and it could devastate local communities, according to a Palmyra librarian.

City/Community

- Representatives from several Hannibal city departments were all on hand to answer questions about summer jobs Monday at Admiral Coontz Armory.

2/24

Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

City/Community

- Under Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner's new budget, the City of Quincy could lose around \$2 million. A mounting challenge now sits before Quincy City Council: figure out how to manage a budget without the funding previously received from the state.
- The process of getting residents back into Hotel Elkton is expected to begin until mid-March.
- A semi collided with a manure spread this afternoon on Hwy 57 near Marblehead.

Social

- A recent survey found that roughly 40 percent of Americans are one unexpected bill away from a financial disaster.
- Local residents give opinions on proposed tax on sugary drinks.

Agricultural Economy

The Cold temperatures are creating extra work for area farmers giving the livestock extra attention.

Business

- Blessing Health System has been added as a co-sponsor of the annual Bridge the Gap race.

Education

- Illinois is one of the worst in the country at getting kids to eat free and reduced breakfast at school, but QPS is bucking the trend.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**Business**

- Lee County economic officials are placing teachers working at certain businesses over the summer as part of the Teacher Externship Program, which is expected to have a positive impact on the business.
- A new manufacturing plant, Silgan Containers, will bring more than 100 jobs to Southeast Iowa.

Law & Order

- New surveillance cameras will be on the way to Hannibal Regional Airport to catch drag-racers that have become a problem on the runways at night.

Social

- A Missouri bill that would limit how long welfare recipients receive benefits is one step closer to reality. Ineligible families would be pushed to local food pantries.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)**Education**

- Quincy Fire Department handed out escape ladders to several students today at Madison School.
- Washington School special education teacher, Mrs. Heather Friday, was awarded with a WGEM Golden Apple.
- Several area high school students were at Culver-Stockton College for a mathematics competition.
- WIU officials say they have a higher transfer rate than the national average and are worried that this could affect state funding.

Business

- Local autobody shops are busy this winter because of crashes.

- The Quincy Plan Commission does not recommend the Quincy City Council approve a counseling center at Madonna House.

Social

- Experts and employers agree face-to-face interaction skills are essential, even in the digital age.
- A statewide program to increase library services for residents impacted by autism is being launched.

City/Community

- Liberty and Clayton firefighters responded to a trailer in Adams County just before noon Wednesday morning. The furnace in the mobile home had malfunctioned.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- Avenues, the domestic abuse prevention organization in Hannibal, is celebrating 25 years tonight.

Social

- PTSD: An in Depth WGEM Report on a local veteran and what it's like dealing with PTSD.

Law & Order

- Adams County Sheriff's Office officials say two unnamed juveniles have admitted to their involvement in setting an abandoned structure fire off Hwy 57 Wednesday night.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

City/Community

- Snow blanketed the Tri-States well into Thursday morning, with northern counties getting hit the hardest. Roads are snow packed and slick.
- City manager Jeff LaGarce gave the annual State of the City today in Hannibal.
- Carthage digs out after six inches of snow overnight.
- For the second time in a week, Quincy residents are shoveling their way out of another snow storm.

Social

- Facebook has stepped in to help with suicide prevention regarding posts on their website.

Education

- Hannibal High School learned about African American spiritual music in an assembly today in honor of Black History Month.
- Quincy Public Schools' two hour late start affects parents and day care centers.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- WGEM did a ride-along with QFD and addressed concerns over people not pulling over for emergency vehicles.
- A semi jack-knifed on U.S. 61 near Canton, Missouri.
- With dangerous temperatures this week, emergency management officials say if you are planning a trip, make sure you have an emergency kit in your vehicle.

Business

- T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and Home Goods are following Wal-Mart's lead by raising wages for workers. Quincy Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Amy Looten says many companies locally already start above minimum wage and she thinks this is a plan to help with recruiting.
- The Federal Communications Commission voted Thursday to make sure Internet providers treat all legal Internet content equally.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Education

- Bitter cold this morning has created challenges for school bus drivers.
- Ellington School in Quincy hosted Leadership Day.
- With wind chills 22 degrees below zero, parents were confused why school was not cancelled. QPS said they did not have the information when they made the decision.

Transportation

- Last year around five millions unfixed recalled vehicles were sold to new owners. Phil Crook, Sales Manager at Shottenkirk in Quincy says despite a lack of legal obligations, a majority of dealerships do detailed history checks before putting a used vehicle on the lot.

Law & Order

- A Marion county, Missouri, judge denied a bond reduction request Friday morning for the former Hannibal principal, JD Foust, facing a heroin-related drug charge.

City/Community

- A home in Perry, Illinois, was destroyed by fire yesterday.
- A new emergency plan is in the works for the Marion County Courthouse in Palmyra.
- With the Missouri Senate considering measures to require voters to show photo IDs at the polls, Marion County Clerk Valerie Dornberger worries this may be a problem for the elderly who no longer drive.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Business

- Craft beer is gaining popularity in the Tri-States.

Law & Order

- The wife of the former Hannibal elementary school principal facing a heroin-related drug charge filed an Adult Abuse Order of Protection against him.
- People in Louisiana, Missouri, were shocked Friday to learn their former high school classmate, Valerie Shriver, was killed in a mass shooting in the small Texas County, Missouri, town of Tyrone.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Education

- Students at Ellington School saw a presentation by the Tooth Wizard on the importance of taking care of teeth. The Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation is helping put on the program.
- Adams County Emergency Management Director John Simon says it is important to be prepared for severe weather, even in winter months. Monday starts Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Business

- Some Steak 'n Shake employees in Quincy learned they were out of a job when the local franchise closed its doors Monday morning.
- Local tax professionals say half of people who do their own taxes make mistakes.

Law & Order

- Meth lab busts are down, but authorities say they're seeing more "ice" in the area.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Law & Order

- Quincy Police are investigating after a sixth grader says she was violently attacked on the school bus by another student.
- A Missouri judge ruled Amendment 5 can't prohibit felons from possessing guns.

Business

- A crowdfunding bill could open the door for small businesses to develop in downtown Quincy.

City/Community

- Residents filled John Wood Community College Monday night for the WGEM Storm Spotters training class.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

City/Community

- Quincy City Council denied a permit to Madonna House for a counseling center.
- Art by the Quincy Artists Guild will be on display throughout the month of March in the main lobby of Blessing Hospital.
- Storm sirens were sounded Tuesday morning across the country to highlight severe weather safety.
- An armored van ended up in a ditch on Business 61 near Wakonda State Park because of slick road conditions this morning.

Social

- Local sleep experts say people aren't getting the quantity or quality of sleep that they need and can have long term health impacts.
- Millions of young people around the world are at risk of hearing loss from loud music.
- Counselors were discussing suicide prevention on the day of Tom Schweich's funeral.

Transportation

- Gas prices at the pump shot up about 14 cents overnight.

Education

- Quincy University students agree with the new study from the University of Wisconsin that there is cyberbullying on the college campus.
- St. James Lutheran School in Quincy, students celebrated Lutheran Education Week.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Social

- Parents and Quincy Public School officials are talking about media use and maturity after a 6th grader at Baldwin said another student attacked her on the school bus after a dispute over a Facebook game.

City/Community

- Illinois delayed tax returns because of an increase in fraudulent filings and to allow more time for software upgrades.

Business

- The Quincy Fire Department was called to Kelly's Tavern at 2902 Broadway St. in Quincy twice on Tuesday. Both times, employees became ill from carbon monoxide poisoning.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Business

- The Patio is opening back up tonight after months of work.
- Blessing Hospital announced a new walk-in clinic opening this year.
- Friends of the Log Cabin are trying to raise funds to support their efforts to make repairs.
- Kelly's Tavern Reopens, but confusion remains over who authorized the "all-clear."

- The Adams County Health Department said there was no need for inspection before reopening Kelly's Tavern.

City/Community

- An Ashley Furniture truck went off the roadway in Marion County when the driver had a medical emergency.

Social

- One in five teen girls say they've experienced some form of dating violence over the past year.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Business

- The Quincy YMCA kicked off its annual campaign this evening.
- Fort Madison Hospital was honored by Truven Health Analytics as one of the top 100 hospitals in the country.
- Local medical programs are working to retain graduates in the Tri-States as smaller communities and rural areas struggle to keep doctors.

Transportation

- McDonough County Board will put a quarter-cents sales tax to vote on the April 7 ballot that would be used to pay for road upkeep.

City/County

- Iowa lawmakers are moving a bill to allow parents the decision on what age their kids can handle handguns as long as a parent is supervising.
- The Hannibal City Council approved more funds to the convention and visitor's bureau after a spike in international inquiries.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Youth

- Illinois Kids Count shows poverty continues to be a growing problem and has gotten worse over the last decade.

Education

- Students in Ralls County, Missouri practiced drills this morning with its large shelter.

Business

- Because of the continued rise in Smartphone Web use, mobile hacking is a growing threat.
- Hannibal Servpro owner Les Smith is warning people to watch out for late winter, early spring basement flooding.

City/Community

- The Quincy Police Department and the Area Agency on Aging has upgraded equipment for Project Lifesaver.
- Illinois legislators will consider a new bill that aims to battle the growing heroin problem in Illinois.
- Pike County Board member Dr. Dan Mefford says ambulances are again required to respond to all fire calls.

Agricultural Economy

- Farmers have to choose between one of three programs available through the farm bill before the deadline of March 31. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Business

- Kelly's Tavern is closed again for the third time because of continued issues with carbon monoxide.
- Nationwide and in the tri-state the right-to-work bill is causing controversy between unions and lawmakers.

Education

- Hannibal LaGrange University is in the final stages of securing funds for the last portion of construction on its new science and nursing building.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Business

- Construction and Lawn Care businesses are gearing up for a busy spring season.
- District Designs opened a second store in downtown Quincy today.
- Kelly's Tavern reopened this morning after a the Quincy Fire Department found zero readings of carbon monoxide levels.
- Mark Twain Home is ranked #9 as the popular tourism spot in the country among small businesses.

City/Community

- A family of nine is now homeless after their home was destroyed by fire in Hannibal Friday morning.
- Current legislation would make pumpkin pie the Illinois state pie.
- With the time change this weekend, fire officials say it's time to change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

- Quincy Fire crews say one woman is safe after a natural gas leak from a hot water heater Friday morning.

Education

- FAFSA filings are way up, but limited state funds could leave high school seniors high and dry this year.
- The WGEM Home Show preview shows what people can expect from this year's event.

Law & Order

- The Hancock County Health Department was closed for the day Friday after an SUV hit the building at 11:30 a.m., the health department administrator says.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Transportation

- BNSF Railway train speeds through Keokuk will increase from 10 to 25 mph.

Business

- Keokuk city officials are in opposition of two of the four mental health facilities Governor Terry Branstad's plans to shut down including the neighboring Mt. Pleasant mental health facility.

City/Community

- Mayors in Illinois are worried smaller communities will take big hits under Governor Bruce Rauner's proposed budget. Warsaw Mayor Mike Heisler says Warsaw will lose 20 percent of its revenue.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Transportation

- The Amtrak train heading to Quincy from Chicago broke down this morning. Passengers had to be transported by buses.
- Consumer Reports released its top ten safest used cars for teenagers.
- Shelby County has had zero fatalities over the last three years. The Northeast Coalition for Roadway Safety honored the County today for its safe drivers.
- Hampshire Street is closed because of a sewer main break.

Ecology

- Our early spring-like temperatures have many ready for yard work and gardening, but Frese Ornamental Nursery co-owner Katie Ippensen says it's too early to start.
- The Environmental Protection Agency is rolling out new rules to cut down on the pollution from wood stoves in homes, but two states, Missouri and Michigan, are pushing back.

Law & Order

- Palmyra Police Chief Eddie Bogue says he doesn't see an increase in crime during the spring like many other communities.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Education

- Quincy University is still waiting on promised funding from the state which they were hoping to use to fix its outdated computer infrastructure.
- The Quincy Public School officials are discussing MAP testing and the possibility of expanding it to all grades.
- Hannibal LaGrange University Professor Michelle Todd created an app for kids with mental disabilities.

Transportation

- The Hannibal street department is in the midst of filling potholes and paving road damage left from the harsh winter weather.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Youth

- A new Federal study show nearly 30 percent of foster kids did not receive on or more of their required healthcare screenings.
- A new study from Scholastic show two-thirds of parents don't read to their children before they're three months old. Quincy Early Childhood literacy Coach Denise Moore recommends starting early.

Education

- Twelve high schools from Adams, Pike and Brown counties brought nearly 1,000 of its students to the Central Region Sophomore Career Fair held at John Wood Community College.

City/Community

- Macomb city officials are preparing to add a cushion to the city budget in case they see a funding cut from the state under Governor Bruce Rauner.
- Keokuk officials decided against hiring a city administrator today because the city doesn't have the additional funding.

Business

- Illinois home prices are expected to rise by five to ten percent, but Quincy Realtors Association President Linda Snider says the prices are staying stable in Quincy.

Law & Order

- Dustin Campbell, a McDonough County, Illinois, man accused of stealing \$420,000 in poker chips from an apartment in Los Angeles, California, lives with Assistant State's Attorney Rachel Bloom, Sheriff Rick VanBrooker says.

Social

- With the rise in temperatures, Ashley Pollock with Blessing Physical Services recommends taking allergy medicines now before spring allergies start.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- Wednesday is the last day to register to vote for the April election in Missouri.

Business

- The Quincy City Council must decide if the property at 49th & Broadway will be rezoned to allow Herbal Remedies LLC to build a medical marijuana dispensary.
- Missouri's growing hospitality industry is bringing new job opportunities and growth to Hannibal.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Business

- Cullinan Properties, Ltd. announced that Factory Connection would soon be coming to the Quincy Mall.
- There are just a few days left for people to apply for seasonal jobs offered by the Hannibal Park District.

City/Community

- Canton's old flood gates are being replaced as part of the city's levee renovation project.
- McDonough County state's attorney commented on his assistant being linked to a man arrested for stealing poker chips.

Education

- Griggsville-Perry High School will be implementing a 10-point grading scale.
- John Wood Community College is rolling out a STEM related program for high school students at the Pittsfield location.
- City officials are pressing the property owner to finish demo work on the former Higbee School.

Transportation

- Quincy city crews are taking advantage of the warmer weather and filling potholes.

Youth

- Blankets collected by a young girl, Emma Houchins, on her birthday, are being distributed by Hannibal Meals on Wheels today.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- The citizen committee for a new Adams County jail addressed the referendum at a public forum tonight.
- Dozens of people were evacuated in Quincy when a natural gas leak was discovered in a home at 629 Lind Street.

Agricultural Economy

- The Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce agribusiness committee honored local agriculture leaders with awards tonight at the Holiday Inn – Larry Fischer: 2015 Ag Educator of the Year, Professional Swine Management of Carthage: Agribusiness of the Year, Brown County Boylens family: Farm Family of the Year.

Ecology

- Lee County is changing their emergency plan in the event of a hazardous material spill. The current plan diverts the spill to the lock and dam which would negatively impact the drinking water.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Business

- Quincy city officials confirm a site plan was submitted for a new Golden Corral restaurant to locate at 39th & Broadway.
- Sullivan Auctioneers held a large spring machinery auction where more than 3,500 people attended.

Education

- While student loan debt in the United States has risen by about one trillion dollars, numbers still show college is worth the grind.
- The Showcase of Excellence will be held this weekend at Quincy High School.

Recreation

- Quincy's Westview Golf Course opened for the first time this year.

City/Community

- Congressman Schock was at the Quincy Senior Center today for the Meals on Wheels program.

- The Quincy Police Department officers are asking drivers to watch out for cyclists and runners.
- A traffic light is coming to 10th and Broadway in Quincy this summer, and officials at Blessing Hospital say it will make the area much safer for their employees.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Law & Order

- A Lee County man has been arrested. He is accused of impersonating an undercover task force officer.

City/Community

- The Hannibal Riverfront Task Force met for the first time to start plans to renovate the riverfront over the next two to 10 years.

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Law & Order

- Local law enforcement and businesses prepare for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Social

- Students of Culver-Stockton College's Delta Upsilon Fraternity are holding a homeless rally at Hy-Vee Saturday to raise funds for the Madonna House Shelter in Quincy.

City/Community

- U.S. Representative Sam Graves was in Hannibal today talking about transportation.

Business

- Get Covered Illinois reopened its health insurance enrollment beginning Sunday, giving people a chance to prevent more penalties.
- With unemployment going up significantly in northeast Missouri, NECAC is using life skills classes to teach people how to earn a job and make that paycheck go farther on a lower income.

Recreation

- The Quincy Park District is looking into the possibility of naming rights to district properties for the parks.

Education

- Arts Quincy awarded four Tri-State students as winners of its Student Arts Awards.

Ecology

- Groundwater Awareness Week's goal is to keep the water clean and encourage an annual water well checkup.

Law & Order

- The judge overseeing the drug case against former Hannibal elementary principal Joshua "JD" Foust will hear a motion for a bond reduction in April.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Education

- Warsaw School District is bracing for layoffs and is asking taxpayer to pass the tax referendum on the April Ballot.

City/Community

- The YMCA hosted its first indoor Sprint Triathlon tonight.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

City/Community

- Quincy's yard waste pickup program started back up today.
- The overnight Hannibal fire started in an electrical box installed by a family member.
- Local firefighters are worried because current weather conditions are favorable for brush fires.

Education

- Kids with QND's Students Against Destructive Decisions acted out a mock crash with one fatality and several injuries and emergency crews responding.
- The children at St. Francis School took part in Jump Rope for Heart today.

Social

- Doctors at Blessing Hospital are urging people to get screened for colon cancer and are providing screening kits at various locations throughout the month.
- March is National Nutrition Month and QMG's Registered Dietitian Alexis Schulte says you need healthier foods in your diet.

Recreation

- The Quincy Park District is preparing for a busy summer season.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Education

- Hannibal-LaGrange University's ADVANCE Degree Completion Program wants to add a new leadership track for fall 2015.

Law & Order

- Racist and homophobic graffiti was found under the Highway 24 bridge in Parker Heights Park in Quincy tonight.

Business

- Governor Nixon visited the BASF plant in Palmyra to discuss exports and his upcoming trip to Europe to strengthen international trade.

City/Community

- Marion County officials say there was record sales tax revenue during the first three months of the fiscal year.

3/17**Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)****Business**

- Titan Wheel joins the trend of businesses opening employee health clinics. The clinic will open next month.
- A new training program, Experience Works, kicks off Tuesday in Quincy, helping senior workers develop extra skills in order to secure a new job.
- Some local bars, such as O'Shea's Irish Pub in Quincy, started St. Patrick's Day celebrations early Tuesday morning.

Social

- A new Teen Amnesty bill is under consideration that would allow under age drinkers the opportunity to call for medical help without getting in trouble.

Education

- The Keokuk School District approved some regulations Monday night that officials say will keep students with food allergies safer at school.

Agricultural Economy

- With the mild unseasonably mild temperatures, many are thinking of planting flowers but Katie Ippensen, co-owner of Frese Ornamental Nursery in Quincy, says starting too early can set you back.

City/Community

- Hundreds of people showed up to the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner at St. Rose of Lima in Quincy Tuesday.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**Social**

- Local police and community leaders of the Human Rights Commission met Tuesday night to discuss human rights issues with Quincy residents.

City/Community

- U.S. Rep. Aaron Schock resigned his House seat amid questions about his spending.
- The Hannibal City Council approved an excavator cost to a Hannibal drainage project that got the green light back in December.

3/18**Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)****Education**

- The Culver-Stockton College student group ENACTUS received a grant through Sam's Club, and decided to put the \$1,500 towards helping out with starting the new Canton Community Center.

Transportation

- The Northeast Coalition for Roadway Safety discussed a shrinking budget for road maintenance at its quarterly meeting Wednesday. MoDOT officials say that could mean roads won't be safe.

City/Community

- Emergency crews responded to Front and Broadway streets for a reported gas leak in Quincy Wednesday morning.
- A PTSD service dog saved his family's lives by alerting them to a house fire early this morning in Liberty, IL.
- Former state representative Jil Tracy is considering a run for Schock's seat in the House.

Business

- Twenty-five new jobs are coming to Canton with the arrival of a new cold storage facility, U.S. Wellness Meats.

Social

- On Kick Butts Day, Health Department Educator Chaundra Bishop says Adams County appears to be an exception to a decreasing trend because about 30 percent of the population smoke.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**Recreation**

- Hannibal is planning to spruce up two flood buyout properties and turn them into new parks. Hannibal City Council approved about \$225,000 in funds for the project Tuesday night.

Social

- Wednesday night, parents got the chance to speak out at the first of a series of Quincy Public School forums to address the issue of bullying.

City/Community

- Thousands of Quincy area residents lost power this afternoon because of a broken power line.
- A woman was rescued from an elevator at the New Tremont Apartments in Quincy during the power outage.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Law & Order

- A father became concerned when a male contacted his daughter on her tablet on the texting app TEXT Me Now, that he was on his way to Hannibal to meet with her.

Social

- There's a resurgence in doctors making house calls, especially for many elderly residents who are home-bound. SIU School of Medicine in Quincy offers in-home care for select patients.

Business

- The Quincy Chamber is accepting entries for this year's Business Plan Competition.
- NECAC has received more funding to combat the foreclosure problem in NEMO.
- The Becky Thatcher Diner in Hannibal will reopen its doors under new management.
- Steak 'n Shake will return to Quincy under new management and hopes to open by late May.

Education

- The state of Missouri is conducting a proactive audit of the Hannibal School District.

City/Community

- Black opposition signs to the new jail referendum have been popping up around Quincy this week.
- Democratic U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill says the state of Missouri doesn't have enough money to match federal funds to help fix deteriorating roads and bridges.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Recreation

- The bridge leading to Quinsippi Island in Quincy is in poor condition, according to inspection reports, and park district officials are looking for ways to fix it.
- The Quincy Park District hosted an open house for the Wavering Pool referendum this evening.
- The sport of Pickleball is exploding in Hannibal and the Parks and Recreation officials is looking to building two outdoor courts.

City/Community

- Missouri lawmakers are cracking down on the illegal sale of alcohol to minors, and a proposed bill would make it a felony offense for adults who provide alcohol to minors.

Business

- Spring flooding is predicted to be minor this year and that is good news for riverfront business owners.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)**Business**

- Plans are in the works for a new Aldi Grocery store to be built behind the current location in Quincy.
- Well known Hannibal restaurant, Imo's Pizza, will soon reopen its doors under new management.
- A new restaurant and pharmacy, El Ranchero and Pharmacy Plus, are opening in the city of Barry on Saturday.

Education

- A parenting conference is coming to Quincy on March 27 and 28 and it's doing more than just telling parents to raise successful children, it's giving tools on how to do so.
- John Wood Community College is reaping the benefits of its two by two program. The online credit hours taken have nearly doubled since 2011.

City/Community

- The Illinois Senate approved Jeff Mays for IDHS director.
- The Illinois House Human Services Committee approved legislation that would require government and insurance programs to cover only the use of opioid painkillers that can not be crushed into powder form making harder to abuse.
- The 11th annual Monster Garage Sale kicks off Saturday at the Oakley Lindsay Center in Quincy.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**Business**

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Illinois kicked off its biggest fundraising event of the year tonight with Bowl for Kids' Sake.

Law & Order

- Quincy police officers demonstrated their Laser Shot gun training program Friday afternoon and will give the public a chance to use this program at the Quincy Mall on Saturday. All donations will be used to purchase a QPPD K-9 vehicle.

City/Community

- Resigning Illinois Representative Aaron Schock is under investigation by the FBI and Justice Department.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Social

- More than 1,500 calls a day are made to poison control centers for children that have taken medicine inadvertently or taken too much.

Transportation

- With construction season upon us, MoDOT is asking drivers to slow down and watch for workers.

Business

- Progress has been made in the SIU School of Medicine's Match Program in an effort to retain graduates in the Tri-States.

City/Community

- Early voting started today in Illinois.
- Farm and truck traffic that frequently uses the Bear Creek bridge at east 500th Street in Adams County will need to find a new route while it is shut down until mid-September.
- Emergency crews responded to a fire in a Pittsfield apartment building Monday morning, according to the Pike County Sheriff.

Education

- Quincy Public Schools students are taking PARCC exams for the first time that are in line with the widely-debated Illinois Common Core standards.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- Lee County Emergency Management Agency, the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and NWS have joined together to promote severe weather awareness and preparedness.
- The Quincy City Council came out in support of the new Adams County Jail referendum. They say this tax could help the police department expand and consolidate services.

Education

- Hannibal High School students were feuding over finances Monday night as part of the annual Finance Feud.

Business

- With residents' donations and a group of investors called Nauvoo Market LLC, Duck's grocery store will be rebuilt in Nauvoo, Illinois.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Social

- Local chiropractors say they've seen an increase in people with "text neck."
- On Diabetes Alert Day, Doctors are challenging people to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing Type 2 Diabetes.
- During severe weather conditions, the deaf face unique challenges. Over the years, visual signals have been added to emergency equipment.

City/Community

- In 2014, Missouri voters passed Amendment 5, which expanded gun right to felons and affected law enforcement agencies nationwide. Now Missouri lawmakers are trying to close the felon loophole.
- If you have a large family, the city of Quincy has a new option of 95 gallon garbage totes.

Business

- Tri-City Sports store has moved to a new location at 535 Maine.
- New water heater changes will be required beyond April 16.
- Missouri Farm Bureau celebrated 100 years today.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

City/Community

- Nine candidates are vying for four open seats on the Quincy Public School Board and Tuesday night each person laid out their ideas at a public forum hosted by the League of Women voters of Adams County.
- A public hearing was held at City Hall tonight to talk about Quincy's medical marijuana dispensary and their zoning request.

Law & Order

- Police in Keokuk are searching for two armed men they say forced themselves into a home and assaulted the residents Monday night.

3/25

Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Transportation

- MoDOT says 24 of the 96 bridges in Marion County are "structurally deficient and functionally obsolete."
- A woman was injured when her car collided with a pickup that ran a red light Tuesday morning at 36th and State in Quincy.

Law & Order

- A Fort Madison man is facing serious charges after threatening to bring a crossbow to the North Lee County Courthouse.
Business
- Republican Senator Joni Ernst announced growing support for the Prioritizing Veterans' Access to Mental Health Care Act, also called Senate Bill 841.
- Adams County ranks among the healthiest counties in the state, according to a new report by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Youth

- Illinois lawmakers are considering changes to the Illinois' Child Care Assistance Program that would reduce the qualifying ages to five and under. This would affect many area families.

City/Community

- The Hannibal Free Public Library is getting ready for the summer reading program, thanks in part to a grant from the federal government.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Education

- Shelby County R-IV school officials say mounting repair costs and declining enrollment at Shelby Elementary School leave the district with only one option: consolidation with Clarence Elementary School and build a new school. The district plans to put an \$8.4 million bond issue on the April ballot.
- The Missouri A+ Program will be fully funded for the Spring 2015 semester.
- The plans are drawn for renovations at Quincy Senior High School and the Quincy Public School Board showed them at Wednesday night's board meeting.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Business

- Local financial advisor Mark Schlipman, CEO of Schlipman Wealth Advisors, says to take advantage of your 401(k) to build for retirement.

Social

- Illinois legislators are considering a bill that would make smoking in a vehicle with a minor illegal with fines up to \$100.

Youth

- Youth violence is an issue in the Tri-States. Malinda Vogel, with Psychology Associates in Quincy, explains some red flags to watch for in juveniles.

Education

- An attorney told Quincy School Board members parents legally have no say in whether a child can be held back or not.
- March is National Nutrition Month and Registered Dietitian Alexis Schulte at Quincy Medical Groups says there are three main things to pay attention to when eating healthy: what you drink, eating all the food groups and portion sizes.

City/Community

- The March Weather Drawing Winner toured the station today.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Recreation

- Illinois Department of Natural Resource officials say some extra revenue is helping them to reopen Fall Creek Park near Payson, Illinois after being closed for ten years.

City/Community

- Palmyra's insurance carrier informed officials they could see lawsuits if officers enforce ordinance that states kids can't play in the street.
- Firefighters conducted night search and rescue training on the grounds of the Illinois Veteran's Home.
- The City of Hannibal is working with the riverboat company, Viking Cruise Line, to bring hundreds of tourists to town.

Business

- The Monroe City Library received a state grant for technology upgrades.

3/27

Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Education

- The Griggsville-Perry School District is one of the 38 schools that made the Illinois State Board of Education list of districts with the worst financial health.
- High school graduation is approaching quickly for Tri-State seniors and local guidance counselor Judy Liesen says there's still a lot to do before they head off to college in the Fall.

Youth

- A study released this week by AAA revealed that distracted driving is the root cause for nearly 60 percent of severe to moderate crashes involving teens.

Education

- Quincy Junior High School students took part in the annual International Day.
- St. Francis School announced that a fund from the Marilyn Prater family was established to help students with tuition.

Business

- K & L Sports Arena in Quincy is up for sale for \$2.4 million.
- Oakley-Lindsay Center Executive Director Rob Ebbing says they will be increasing funding to the visitors bureau this year.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**Business**

- Local animal rescue agency, Homeward Bound Waggin, has been awarded a \$5,000 grant to help with their efforts in saving cats and dogs.

Transportation

- Macomb Mayor Mike Inman says under Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner's budget plan, Amtrak funding would be cut more than 50 percent and that would mean fewer trains in the Tri-States.

Education

- Dozens of Lewis County students gathered at Canton High School for the first ever Junior Achievement career fair Friday.
- Tuition at Western Illinois University is going up in the Fall of 2015.

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Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)**Law & Order**

- It's been two days since 12-year-old Rayshone Humphrey was shot in the 1100 block of 5th Street, but his shooter is still at large. Quincy police say the department has received numerous tips from the community and are following up as they come in.

City/Community

- State Representative Randy Frese is in Quincy today to discuss the need for lawsuit reform.
- A majority of Fire Department calls in Macomb were medical, which concerns officials.

Social

- When you think about spring cleaning, tech experts say you should add digital cleaning to your to-do list. WGEM offers tips.
- The top three stressors in America all revolve around money. How can you lessen the stress?

Recreation

- The Macomb Park District will make nearly \$1.5 million in park improvements.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)**City/Community**

- The Quincy City Council heard a report from the plan commission recommending a zoning change that would allow for a medical marijuana dispensary.
- Quincy Junior High administrators provided counseling for comfort and support to students who needed it the first day back to school since 7th grader Ray Humphrey Jr. was shot and killed on Saturday morning.

3/31

Morning and Noon News (5:30 am; 12:00 pm)

Law & Order

- Two Liberty, Illinois businesses, Mike's Place and a auction house, were broken into overnight with significant damage.

Social

- April is National Safe Digging Month. Officials warn to have a property inspected before beginning any digging project.
- One local foster mother donated bags of Easter treats to the kids at Chaddock School.
- Alzheimer's deaths have risen and local doctors say it will only rise.

City/Community

- Quincy is the only city in the Midwest named as a finalist for the All-American City Award this year.
- Arts Quincy unveiled a new logo at a news conference Tuesday.
- Sate Senator Darin LaHood was in Quincy today campaigning for Aaron Schock's seat in Congress.

Transportation

- The City of Quincy will spend around \$2.5 million on summer road projects this year.

Education

- Liberty social studies teacher Mrs. Nikki Mountain was honored with a WGEM Golden Apple Award.

Evening News (5:00 pm; 6:00 pm; 10:00 pm)

Law & Order

- Missouri senators have given initial approval to a bill that would implement a long-awaited prescription drug monitoring program that would catch patients who go from doctor to doctor getting controlled substances.
- The Quincy police are amping up efforts to tackle gun violence after the 12-year-old's death this past weekend. There will be delay response times for minor crimes to focus on the investigation.

City/Community

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- The Marion County Northeast Community Action Agency is holding a series of workshops on How to Budget Your Money.