



WKBT-DT 8.1 La Crosse, Wisconsin

Quarterly Issues and Programs List

April 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023

In accordance with Section 73.3526(a) (9) of Federal Communications Commission Rules, WKBT-DT 8.1 has determined the following as the most significant problems and needs of the community for the **second quarter of 2023**. There is no particular order of importance regarding this list. On the following pages we identify programming providing the station's most significant treatment of these community issues. This list was determined by contact with community leaders, and with input from viewers in the various communities we serve.

Special Note: All program times are listed as scheduled. Actual airtime may have deviated because of unforeseen scheduling circumstances. Newscasts indicated in this report are 30 minutes in length, with the exception of the 10 PM News which is 35 minutes in length.

1. Community
2. Crime
3. Economy
4. Education
5. Environment
6. Government
7. Health & Safety

The list below reflects some of the programming broadcast in this quarter that shows how WKBT responded to and treated those issues. This list does not include all the issues responded to by the station or all the ways the station responded to those issues.

1. Community

Responsive Programming (Including date and time aired)

Category	First Aired	Show	Story Slug	Story Summary
Community	4/5/2023	6:00 PM	Missing woman search	Emily updates us with new details in the search for a young Winona mother missing for several days.
Community	4/7/2023	6:00 PM	Missing woman search	Duaa takes us to Winona Minnesota where the community is gathering to search for a young mother missing for several days.
Community	4/19/2023	6:00 PM	Campbell Footbridge	Emily Haugen takes us to the town of Campbell where the fate of a popular pedestrian footbridge over the Interstate hangs in the balance.
Community	4/24/2023	10:00 PM	Hometown Hero	Each month, Morning Anchor Sophia Pollman profiles a member of the community who goes above and beyond serving the public - this month she honored Sadie Wallace an EMT from Kickapoo Valley Rescue Squad
Community	5/2/2023	6:00 PM	Fire Chief Retirement	After 34 years with the City of Onalaska Fire Department, Fire Chief Troy Gudie announced his retirement. Duaa Israr reports.
Community	5/4/2023	6:00 PM	Archer Donations	Jeremy Wall shows us the donation effort being made by the community to send a local paraplegic athlete to an important Paralympics competition in Florida.
Community	5/5/2023	10:00 PM	Kingsbury Prayer Vigil	Jeremy Wall takes us to Winona, MN where the community is holding a prayer service for missing mom, Madeline Kingsbury.
Community	5/6/2023	10:00 PM	Conductor 'Wanabes'	Each year, local charity fundraisers compete against each other to raise the most money and be named 'Conductor Wanabe' with the opportunity to conduct the La Crosse Symphony. Jeremy Wall shows us the winners.
Community	5/7/2023	10:00 PM	Carry the Load	Sunday, May 7, 'Carry the Load' walked through La Crosse as a part of its 20,000-mile national relay to honor and remember our fallen military and first responders. Jeremy Wall introduces us to those making the trek.
Community	5/12/2023	5:00 PM	Officer Funeral	The State of Wisconsin mourns the loss of the fourth officer killed in the line of duty this year. Duaa Israr is live from the town of Hudson where the community gathered to say goodbye.
Community	5/13/2023	6:00 PM	Honor Flight	Local Veterans receive a celebratory send off as they fly to Washington DC to see the memorials built for them and explore the nation's Capital.

Community	5/15/2023	6:00 PM	Wafer Opening	Emily Haugen showcases the grand opening of a new food bank location in La Crosse.
Community	5/21/2023	10:00 PM	Rare Disease Fundraiser	Reporter Jeremy Wall takes us to a fundraiser for a three-year-old battling Wiedemann-Steiner Syndrome.
Community	5/23/2023	10:00 PM	Campbell Footbridge Meeting	The town of Campbell meets to discuss the future of a pedestrian bridge that crosses the interstate. Emily Haugen reports.
Community	5/25/2023	10:00 PM	LMS Historic Designation	As the historic Lincoln Middle School prepares to permanently shut its doors, neighbors rally the County Preservation Board to designate it as a historic landmark to try and save the old building.
Community	5/27/2023	10:00 PM	Kingsbury Search	Jeremy Wall takes us to the banks of the Mississippi River where volunteers are searching for missing mother Madeline Kingsbury.
Community	5/28/2023	10:00 PM	Ho-Chunk Pow Wow	As Memorial Day festivities kick-off around the state, Jeremy Wall takes us to the Ho-Chunk nation where Native American service members are honored in traditional Ho-Chunk ceremonies.
Community	6/1/2023	10:00 PM	Madeline Kingsbury Birthday	Folks who live in Winona, MN are celebrating the birthday of missing mother Madeline Kingsbury by placing blue lights and ribbons outside their homes and businesses. Jeremy Wall takes us there.
Community	6/13/2023	6:00 PM	Adaptive Bike	Emily Haugen introduces us to a child with special needs and a group of students dedicated to supplying the tools necessary to help him live a normal life.
Community	6/16/2023	6:00 PM	Disabled Teen Gift	Jeremy Wall introduces us to a teen with a unique disability and the group who gave a special gift to him.
Community	6/18/2023	6:00 PM	Juneteenth Celebration	Jeremy Wall takes us to La Crosse's Juneteenth celebration and tells us why it's such a vital holiday in our history.
Community	6/25/2023	10:00 PM	Madeline Kingsbury Memorial	Emily Haugen reports on the funeral service for missing mother, Madeline Kingsbury, whose body was found in a field in southern Minnesota in June.
Community	6/26/2023	10:00 PM	Hometown Hero	Duaa Israr introduces us to this month's Hometown Hero Award winner who has operated the town of Sparta's one and only ambulance service for the last 50 years.
Community	6/30/2023	5:00 PM	Riverfest Opening day	Michael Germaine is live as day one of the city's annual Riverfest celebration kicks off.

2. Crime

Responsive Programming (Including date and time aired)

Category	First Aired	Show	Story Slug	Story Summary
Crime	4/14/2023	10:00 PM	Missing Teen Update	Ken Kosirovski speaks with the family of a missing teen as they express frustration with law enforcement response.
Crime	5/22/2023	5:00 PM	Dikeman Arrest	Three months after a 6-year-old was found dead inside a home in Medary, his stepmom, Josie Dikeman, is arrested for his death. Duaa Israr reports.
Crime	5/30/2023	5:00 PM	Pedrin CPS Protest	Duaa Israr takes us downtown La Crosse where protestors rally in support of a 6-year-old who was killed in his stepmother's care.
Crime	6/8/2023	5:00 PM	Missing Mom Arrest	Duaa Israr reports on the arrest of a man charged with murdering a mother of two who has been missing for months.
Crime	6/9/2023	6:00 PM	Dikeman Prelim Continues	Duaa Israr follows the court proceedings of a woman charged in the death of a 6-year-old in her care.
Crime	6/11/2023	10:00 PM	Gun Violence Artivism	Jeremy Wall shows us artwork created by those who wish to end gun violence in America.
Crime	6/14/2023	6:00 PM	Kou Thao Trial	Duaa Israr follows the trial of a man accused of a triple homicide.
Crime	6/19/2023	6:00 PM	Kou Thao Trial	Emily Haugen follows the trial of a man accused of a triple homicide.
Crime	6/20/2023	6:00 PM	Downtown Shooting Follow	Emily Haugen speaks with a bystander hit with gunfire during a drive-by shooting in Downtown La Crosse.
Crime	6/28/2023	6:00 PM	Kamitiri Riles	Micheal Germaine is in court as a sixteen-year-old is charged as an adult in the death of a 4-year-old.

3. Economy

Responsive Programming (Including date and time aired)

Category	First Aired	Show	Story Slug	Story Summary
Economy	6/4/2023	10:00 PM	Last Flight	With workforce conditions affecting airlines, Delta has decided to stop service to La Crosse Regional Airport. Jeremy Wall reports on the economic impact on the city.
Economy	6/27/2023	6:00 PM	La Crosse Center Future	Emily Haugen reports on the future of the La Crosse Center now that a decision has been made for the city to continue managing the facility.

4. Education

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Education	4/2/2023	10:00 PM	Book Debate	Anna Fischer takes us to a local bookstore where the debate over banning books in schools continues.
Education	4/20/2023	10:00 PM	Facility Advisory Committee	Anna Fischer introduces us to the first Facility Advisory Committee, comprised of parents and citizens who will advise the La Crosse School Board on facility maintenance and needs.
Education	6/12/2023	10:00 PM	GET book ban	Emily Haugen takes us to the G.E.T. School Board meeting where members are facing criticism for attempts to ban an LGBTQ book from the school library.
Education	6/21/2023	6:00 PM	Girls STEM Fair	Michael Germaine follows girls from local high schools as they explore STEM careers at La Crosse's TRANE HVAC facility.
Education	6/23/2023	5:00 PM	Kids Fishing Tournament	Michael Germaine catches-up with high school anglers from across the country as they compete in a high-stakes fishing tournament here in La Crosse.

5. Environment

Responsive Programming (Including date and time aired)

Category	First Aired	Show	Story Slug	Story Summary
Environment	4/10/2023	6:00 PM	Dry Fire Warning	Dry and windy conditions cause elevated fire danger in the area - Duaa explains steps to prevent fires.
Environment	4/12/2023	6:00 PM	Flood Warning	Snow melts upriver is causing local communities to prepare for flood dangers - Emily Haugen talks with elected officials about the dangers and steps they're taking to minimize risk.
Environment	4/13/2023	5:00 PM	Fire Update	Thousands of acres are consumed by fire in Wisconsin - Erik Dean provides live updates about the evacuation areas and road closures.
Environment	4/23/2023	10:00 PM	Campbell Flooding	Anna Fischer reports on the efforts made by volunteers and officials to stop flood waters from engulfing the town of Campbell as the Mississippi River reaches unprecedented levels.
Environment	4/25/2023	6:00 PM	Fountain City Flooding	As snowmelt causes flooding along the Mississippi Ricer, Duaa Israr travels to Fountain City, WI where the water has closed a crucial highway in and out of town for residents and emergency responders, as well.
Environment	4/26/2023	6:00 PM	Campbell Flooding	As snowmelt causes flooding along the Mississippi Ricer, Duaa Israr travels to Campbell, WI where the water has entered people's homes and caused voluntary evacuations of the town.
Environment	5/16/2023	6:00 PM	Mississippi Groundbreaking	Emily Haugen travels to Bay City to showcase a new effort to improve navigation on the Mississippi River while preserving natural habitat.

Environment	5/17/2023	5:00 PM	Prairie du Chien Cleanup	Duaa Israr travels to Prairie du Chien to show us the cleanup efforts being made following damaging river flooding.
Environment	5/24/2023	6:00 PM	Goose Island Flooding	As tourists arrive at the popular spring recreation spot, Goose Island, much of the property remains flooded. Duaa Israr shows us what hazards to look for should we visit the island.

6. Government

Responsive Programming (Including date and time aired)

Category	First Aired	Show	Story Slug	Story Summary
Government	4/3/2023	10:00 PM	Bail Amendments	Duaa Israr breaks down the bail amendments that will appear on Tuesday's ballots.
Government	4/4/2023	10:00 PM	Election results	The news 8 team has election night results from across the state of Wisconsin.
Government	5/18/2023	6:00 PM	K9 Death Folo	Duaa Israr breaks down the legalities following the death of a Monroe County K9 officer presumably left in a hot car.
Government	5/20/2023	10:00 PM	Ft. McCoy Media Day	Reporter Jeremy Wall attends Ft. McCoy's open house to highlight the initiatives being made on post.
Government	6/17/2023	10:00 PM	Republican Convention	Jeremy Wall takes us to the Wisconsin State Republican Convention and shows us the priorities for the GOP in the new legislative session.

7. Health & Safety

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Category	First Aired	Show	Story Slug	Story Summary
Health/Safety	4/13/2023	10:00 PM	PFAS Update	Anna Fischer explains the latest update on water well drilling in the French Island water contamination saga.
Health/Safety	4/17/2023	6:00 PM	Power Outages	As many as 10,000 lost power during a freak snowstorm over the weekend. Duaa Israr reports.
Health/Safety	4/18/2023	6:00 PM	Dignity Walk	Disability Rights advocates gather in La Crosse to demonstrate the perils of navigating sidewalks and crosswalks with a disability. Duaa Israr reports.
Health/Safety	4/27/2023	5:00 PM	De Soto Train Derailment	A train derailment in the town of De Soto causes safety concerns for those who live near the tracks. Duaa Israr reports live from the scene.
Health/Safety	4/28/2023	5:00 PM	De Soto Train Derailment Follow	A train derailment in the town of De Soto causes safety concerns for those who live near the tracks. Duaa Israr speaks with elected officials about safety inspections and protocols on the tracks.

Health/Safety	5/1/2023	6:00 PM	De Soto Train Derailment Clean up	A train derailment in the town of De Soto causes safety concerns for those who live near the tracks. Duaa Israr shows us the cleanup effort underway.
Health/Safety	5/3/2023	6:00 PM	Veteran New Lung	Emily Haugen introduces us to an area veteran who received a lifesaving, double lung transplant and is able to return home thanks to donations from the community.
Health/Safety	5/9/2023	6:00 PM	Shelby Police Shortage	The town of Shelby only has one police officer, and that officer is set to retire. Emily Haugen asks the question everyone in Shelby wants to know: 'What's Next?'
Health/Safety	5/10/2023	6:00 PM	Workplace Death	After a worker at the 3M plant in the town of Prairie du Chien was killed on the job Monday night, Emily Haugen talks with experts on the importance of Workplace Safety Protocols.
Health/Safety	5/11/2023	10:00 PM	Person First' Hiring	A local non-profit that works with adults with disabilities is facing staffing shortages. Anna Fisher visits the center and reports.
Health/Safety	5/19/2023	6:00 PM	Summer Pool Staffing	Duaa Israr takes a look at the staffing challenges facing the city of La Crosse as they prepare to hire lifeguards for public pools.
Health/Safety	5/26/2023	6:00 PM	Summer Kids Safety	Reporter Jeremy Wall speaks with professionals from Gundersen Health about leaving kids home alone during the summer.
Health/Safety	5/31/2023	5:00 PM	Cameron/Burns Parks Homeless	With a growing population of homeless living in Cameron and Burns parks, the City of La Crosse is closing both parks temporarily for clean-up. Emily Haugen reports.
Health/Safety	6/7/2023	6:00 PM	Apartments No Air	Emily Haugen meets with residents of an apartment building that's been without air conditioning for more than a month.
Health/Safety	6/29/2023	6:00 PM	LAX MTU Wheelchair Busses	Michael Germaine takes us for a ride on the City's newest busses designed for easier access for those with disabilities.