



STATION: QUARTER: WJMT Merrill, WI Oct 1-Dec 31, 2023

DATE:

January 5, 2024

## To Whom It May Concern:

On this date, I have placed into the station's public file this Quarterly Significant Issues and Programming report, which details programming examples aired to specifically address the identified needs and issues of the community during the past three months. A variety of programming elements, national, state and local news, public service announcements and events important to the community are included within the services provided by WJMT Radio.

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## ISSUES PROGRAMMING

In addition to those described in the "Quarterly Issues/Programs list that follows, WJMT airs topical and issues based, and community service programming:

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### MORNING INTERVIEWS

The Community Scan (Monday through Friday 7:15am to 7:30am) and

Our Town (8:45am to 8:55am) daily programs discuss a broad range of issues and topics of importance to the community, through interviews with community leaders, national, state and local representatives, city, county and governmental department leaders, school board and area college representatives, Chamber of Commerce, area service groups and more.

#### **NEWS AND WEATHER**

WJMT airs hourly national news and weather information, and local and state news twice per hour during morning and afternoon drive. WJMT airs continuous news and weather information as conditions and/or events warrant.

## **RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMING**

WJMT airs local church services and religious programming.

# **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WJMT airs numerous hours of public service announcements on a variety of subjects including health issues, driving safety, local fundraising, area governmental and civic group announcements and awareness campaigns.



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# **QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST**

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QUARTER:

October to December

YEAR:

2023

Below is a list of some of the significant issues responded to by Station WJMT, Merrill, Wisconsin, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period October 1 to December 31, 2023. This list is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appeadoes not reflect any priority or significance.

Description of Issue	Date(s)	Length	Program	Description of Broadcast
Pine Crest Nursing	Oct 10	30 sec	News	People For Pine Crest continues efforts to keep facility
Home				ownership under LI County
	Oct 18	30 sec	News	People for Pine Crest gather at the facility to voice concerns
				prior to the County Board Meeting
	Nov 15	30 sec	News	County Board announces potential buyer for Pine Crest
Education	Oct 2	8 min	Community Scan	MAPS Superintendent discusses board and Superintendent
				reviews.
	Oct 31	30 sec	News	Merrill School board seeks feedback from the community on
				future facilities plan.
	Nov 16	30 sec	News	WI Dept of Education reports Merrill schools meet state
				expectations.
	Dec 27	30 sec	News	MAPS exploring plans to address building and maintenance
				needs.
	Nov 16	8 min	Community Scan	MAPS President and Superintendent discuss school
				lockdown following a threat, staff openings.
	Dec 21	10 min	Community Scan	MAPS reps discuss facilities study, community survey,
				referendum questions
Health	Oct 2	8 min	Community Scan	Health Dept discusses Borne and Blastomycosis
	Oct 31	10 min	Community Scan	Dept Director discusses water quality, Radon, Carbon
				monoxide and smoke detectors.
	Dec 1	30 sec	News	Northwood Tobacco Free Coalition campaign exposing
				dangers of flavored vaping by youth.
	Dec 22	30 sec	News	

	Dec 31	30 sec	News	Dept of Health issues state certification to County Health Dept County Health Dept to end Covid testing clinics
Elections	Nov 2	30 sec	News	County realth bept to end covid testing clinics  County accepting applications following resignation of
				District 13 supervisor Calvin Callahan
	Nov 17	30 sec	News	County Boad appoints replacement to fill remainder of
				District 13 Supervisor's term.
	Dec 5	10 min	Community Scan	Ind Presidential Candidate Robert Quigley discusses his
				campaign's issues/agenda.
	Dec 28	30 sec	News	County extends deadline for filing for 13 <sup>th</sup> district supervisor
Rural Broadband	Nov 27	30 sec	News	Several area service providers are seeking state grants to
				fund broadband expansion in southern Lincoln County.
	Dec 15	30 sec	News	County is requesting speed test data from residents to help
				determine service needs
City Government	Oct 10	10 min	Community Scan	Mayor discusses Committee appointments, Business
				licensing, Festival permits.
	Nov 14	10 min	Community Scan	Mayor discusses 2024 budget, tax and water service
	Dec 11	10 min	Community Scan	increase.
				Mayor discusses utility fee hike, new Administrator, Alder
				election
State Government	Oct 9	10 min	Community Scan	Rep Callihan discusses Integrity Bills, AI Taskforce, Consumer
				Protection Hearing
	Nov 13	10 min	Community Scan	Rep Callihan discusses UW Free Speech grant, Driver
				Education instruction bill, Consumer Protection meeting.
	Dec 22	10 min	Community Scan	Sen Felzkowski discusses DNR, Wolf management
County Government	Oct 18	10 min	Community Scan	Board Chair discusses balanced budget, monthly board
				meeting.
	Nov 22	10 min	Community Scan	Board Chair reports on 2024 budget approval, use of ARPA
	5 20			funds, Pine Crest update
	Dec 20	10 min	Community Scan	Board chair discusses budget wrap up, cyber security, ARPA
				funds for Chatbot for web site