

First quarter issues for January through March,2019:

Blizzard Coverage February 23 and 24,2019: KQWC Radio was on the air live informing listeners of the blizzard of 2019 with updates from the National Weather Service, Webster City and Hamilton County officials. The blizzard brought nine and a half inches of snow and dangerous travel conditions to the listening area.

Lehigh flooding-March 19- KQWC news interviewed a member of the Lehigh city council in regards to the high water along the Des Moines River that forced the evacuation of some of the residents from the community.

Prestage Foods opening-January 9- Ron Prestage of Prestage Farms of Iowa was interviewed regarding the planned opening of the new pork processing plant near Eagle Grove which was scheduled for early March. A live remote was to have taken place on March 2 but was postponed due to the weather conditions.

Iowa Rock and Roll inductees-January 10- Cindy Stanbro of the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Arnolds Park was interviewed in regards to the 2019 inductees in the field of rock music from across Iowa set for Labor Day weekend.

Iowa Pork Congress- January Fort Dodge area pork farmer Greg Hora is interviewed on the Iowa Pork Congress slated for late January that attracts pork producers and industry officials to Des Moines for a three day conference in late January.

New Briggs Woods Conference Center to open- February 7- Kelly Haman was interviewed about the completion of the Briggs Woods Golf Course Conference Center that was completed after a year and a half of construction. The open house will take place in April. There were special events underway including the Webster City Area Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting in late February and the Pheasants Forever dinner on March 25.

Community Corner-Thursdays,January 3 to March 28- This weekly program featured interviews with people involved in special events such as the Webster City Community Theatre presenting "The Trouble With Cats" in February, Festival of Chocolate at Kendall Young Library in late January,John Laird of Hamilton County Conservation on a winter list of events,and more.

Bradford Financial News and Investment Hour-Wednesdays,January 2 to March 27- A weekly program devoted to what is happening with the economy and financial news with Jim Tausz and Shallon Weis of the Bradford Financial Center in Clarion.

Gas prices continue to hold steady-January 28-Nick Jarmusz of Triple A Iowa talked about the steady price of gasoline during the first half of 2019 and the increase expected later in the first quarter.

Focus On Health-January 2 to March 27-Lori Foster of Van Diest Medical Center hosted this half hour program featuring guests from the Webster City hospital focusing on topics ranging from the flu to new programs offered for patients and the public.

FFA Week-February 19- Two students from the Webster City FFA Chapter were interviewed about the program offered at Webster City High School focusing on agriculture and the activities centered around the week.

Variety Club Telethon-March 1- A representative of the Variety Club of Iowa was interviewed in regards to the annual telethon telecasted on March 9 and 10 from Des Moines as a way to raise funds for Iowa's children.

Project AWARE Cleanup-January 31- John Laird of the Hamilton County Conservation Department is interviewed on how Hamilton County was selected for a clean up of the Boone River in July by volunteers with Project AWARE (A Watershed Awareness River Expedition) set for July.

Best Burger Contest-February 12-Kylie Peterson of the Iowa Beef Industry Council shared information with listeners on the Best Burger Contest. There was an update on March 19 in regards to the top ten restaurants in the state selected with the winner to be announced May 1.

United Methodists voted against same sex marriage and clergy-February 27- KQWC News interviewed Jeff Flagg, the pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church in Webster City in regards to the vote at a conference of United Methodist pastors and members on the vote not allowing same sex clergy and marriages in the church.

New chicken manure plant coming to Wright County-March 18- Cindy Litwiller of the Wright County Economic Development office is interviewed about a planned chicken manure plant coming to Wright County later this year or in early 2020. The plant would turn the manure into organic fertilizer.