

## Quarterly Issues and Program List

WQRF-TV

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2023

Pursuant to the disclosure requirements in 47 C.F. R. 73.3526(11)(a), and during the quarter referenced above, this station provided information to its viewers regarding the following significant issues, including:

Education  
Health/Healthcare

Crime/Law Enforcement  
Government (Local)

Community  
Business & Industry

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| Channel | Issue      | Time | Date  | Duration | Show Title           | Description  |
|---------|------------|------|-------|----------|----------------------|--|
| 39.1    | Education  | 4pm  | 10/2  | 2:12     | Eyewitness News at 4 | STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT: In March 2020, student loan payments were put on hold to help Americans deal with the economic impact of the pandemic. Those payments are back.                          |
| 39.1    | Community  | 4pm  | 10/3  | 1:57     | Eyewitness News at 4 | RUNNERS IMAGE 40 YEARS: For 4 decades, a Rockford business has helped people blaze a trail by putting one foot in front of another.  |
| 39.1    | Government | 9pm  | 10/4  | 2:13     | Eyewitness News at 9 | DCFS DIRECTOR RESIGNS: The director of the Department of Child and Family Services resigns. It comes as a new report shows no improvement on some of the departments most long-standing issues.  |
| 39.1    | Community  | 4pm  | 10/5  | 2:24     | Eyewitness News at 4 | DOMINIQUE MUSSO DEATH: It's been 25 years since a 17-year-old Rockford East High School student died in a car accident. Today, there is a special tribute keeping her memory alive.              |
| 39.1    | Health     | 4pm  | 10/6  | 2:16     | Eyewitness News at 4 | RALLY FOR RECOVERY: Over 125 mental health advocates and organizations are encouraging community leaders to step up and create change and inspire people to seek help.                           |
| 39.1    | Health     | 4pm  | 10/9  | 2:11     | Eyewitness News at 4 | ALS PATIENT: A local woman is the first to receive a promising new treatment for her ALS.  |
| 39.1    | Crime      | 9pm  | 10/10 | 1:10     | Eyewitness News at 9 | ORTON KEYES SHOOTING: A 14-year-old is shot in Rockford near one of the Boys and Girls clubs in the city. The director says it pushes to change to dynamic in the community so kids can be safe. |
| 39.1    | Education  | 9pm  | 10/12 | 2:15     | Eyewitness News at 9 | FLINN HUMAN LIBRARY: One Rockford middle school creates a safe space for discussion. The Human Library gives kids a chance to share powerful stories about themselves.                           |
| 39.1    | Community  | 9pm  | 10/15 | 1:45     | Eyewitness News at 9 | BO CHANEY BOOK: A local firefighter has a unique way to inspire the younger generation to take an interest in the firefighting career path. After writing a book, he now has a coloring book.    |
| 39.1    | Health     | 9pm  | 10/16 | 2:07     | Eyewitness News at 9 | BREAST CANCER TALK: There are 240,000 new cases of breast cancer in the US each year. Mammography technologist and a local community college team up to spread awareness.                        |
| 39.1    | Education  | 4pm  | 10/18 | 2:07     | Eyewitness News at 4 | RPS EXPO: Local high school students get a sneak peek at potential career paths.   |

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| 39.1 | Crime      | 4pm | 10/20 | 2:56 | Eyewitness News at 4 | KATRINA SMITH: A high-profit missing person turned murder gets some national attention tonight. It's been more than 10 years since Katrina Smith was killed. Tonight, ABC's 20/20 will air a 2-hour episode about the crime.  |
| 39.1 | Community  | 9pm | 10/22 | 1:39 | Eyewitness News at 9 | SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Athletes throughout Illinois gathered at Harlem High School today to compete in volleyball games and skills competitions.   |
| 39.1 | Business   | 9pm | 10/24 | 1:09 | Eyewitness News at 9 | ROSCOE DEVELOPMENT: The Village of Roscoe is looking into ideas to bring new life to the Main Street area.  |
| 39.1 | Health     | 9pm | 10/26 | 1:01 | Eyewitness News at 9 | TEEN MENTAL HEALTH: A new study shows young adults struggle with their mental health.   |
| 39.1 | Business   | 9pm | 10/30 | 3:19 | Eyewitness News at 9 | STELLANTIS UPDATE: The UAW comes to a tentative deal with Stellantis that includes reopening the Belvidere Assembly plant.  |
| 39.1 | Health     | 9pm | 11/1  | 2:15 | Eyewitness News at 9 | INFANT MORTALITY RISING: The CDC reports infant mortality rates in the US have gotten worse for the first time in decades.  |
| 39.1 | Business   | 9pm | 11/2  | 1:44 | Eyewitness News at 9 | GRAYS TAKE OVER: A locally owned grocery store has new owners. Gray's IGA will have new management but that doesn't mean it's going anywhere.   |
| 39.1 | Business   | 4pm | 11/3  | 1:15 | Eyewitness News at 4 | BELVIDERE DISPENSARY: Legal marijuana expands in the Stateline. Belvidere leaders were on hand for a ribbon cutting for the first dispensary in Boone County.   |
| 39.1 | Community  | 9pm | 11/5  | 2:15 | Eyewitness News at 9 | SMASHING PUMPKINS: The Discovery Center invited people down to get rid of their Halloween pumpkins... in a fun way. Kids got the chance to launch the gourds while learning about levers and pulleys                          |
| 39.1 | Health     | 4pm | 11/7  | 1:20 | Eyewitness News at 4 | TRIPLEDEMIC CONCERNS: As the cooler weather moves in, it usually means more sickness. That can raise questions about what is causing your symptoms. A local doctor breaks down the difference between the flu, COVID and RSV. |
| 39.1 | Government | 4pm | 11/9  | 5:41 | Eyewitness News at 4 | PRESIDENT VISIT: President Biden visits the Stateline, stopping in Belvidere to celebrate the new UAW contract that includes reopening the Belvidere Assembly Plant.  |
| 39.1 | Crime      | 9pm | 11/13 | 2:06 | Eyewitness News at 9 | RETAIL CRIME GRANT: Rockford's latest statistics provide a snapshot of reported crime. A new grant will help police target and fight organized retail crime.  |

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| 39.1 | Community  | 9pm | 11/15 | 2:07 | Eyewitness News at 9 | AUBURN ALDI CLOSES: A Rockford grocery store shuts its door. The chain is opening a new location about two miles away. But many who shop at the original say two miles can be a long way if walking or taking the bus. |
| 39.1 | Business   | 4pm | 11/16 | 1:21 | Eyewitness News at 4 | NEW FLIGHT TO NASHVILLE: A new direct flight is coming to Rockford's airport. RFD's top executive says it's part of Allegiant's expansion across the country.  |
| 39.1 | Community  | 9pm | 11/20 | 1:00 | Eyewitness News at 9 | LIAM FOUNDATION TRANS DAY: A Rockford group raises awareness on a day set to honor friends and loves ones lost to violence due to their sexuality.   |
| 39.1 | Community  | 9pm | 11/23 | 1:48 | Eyewitness News at 9 | COURT STREET THANKSGIVING: A local church looks to feed those in need for the Thanksgiving holiday.  |
| 39.1 | Community  | 9pm | 11/23 | 3:38 | Eyewitness News at 9 | DINNER WITH FIREFIGHTERS: While many spend the holidays with family. First responders are the few who miss out on that and go to work.   |
| 39.1 | Government | 9pm | 11/27 | 1:30 | Eyewitness News at 9 | ROCKFORD BUDGET SURPLUS: There's still no decision on the City of Rockford's budget surplus plan. There's \$31 million dollars left over from 2022.  |
| 39.1 | Community  | 9pm | 11/29 | 1:28 | Eyewitness News at 9 | ROCK HOUSE KIDS EXPANSION: Rockford's Rock House Kids sees thousands of local children walk through its door each year. In order to keep up, staff had to expand their building.                                       |
| 39.1 | Business   | 4pm | 11/30 | 1:06 | Eyewitness News at 4 | SPEEDWAY UPDATE: The final lap for the Rockford Speedway is over. Crews tore down the Forest Hills Lodge last month and are discussing what will become of the Speedway itself.  |
| 39.1 | Community  | 9pm | 12/1  | 1:48 | Eyewitness News at 9 | BELVIDERE PARADE: For more than two decades, Belvidere has welcomed the winter holiday season in a special way... with a lighted parade through downtown.  |
| 39.1 | Community  | 4pm | 12/4  | 1:05 | Eyewitness News at 4 | THIS IS IT EASTERY: A Stateline restaurant gets some time in the spotlight. "American's Best Restaurants" made a stop in Freeport today to highlight This Is It Eatery.  |
| 39.1 | Community  | 9pm | 12/5  | 1:06 | Eyewitness News at 9 | RPS 205 SALES TAX: The Rockford Public School District considers raising some extra money, but voters could make the ultimate decision. RPS is looking at raising taxes to complete its 5-year facility master plan.   |

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| 39.1 | Education  | 4pm | 12/6  | 2:18 | Eyewitness News at 4 | RPS EV: Young drivers at Rockford public high schools get the chance to go electric. A grant will allow the schools to purchase EV and install charging ports.                                       |
| 39.1 | Community  | 9pm | 12/8  | 2:03 | Eyewitness News at 9 | NEW FIRE RECRUITS: The second biggest fire department in the state is adding a few new members.  |
| 39.1 | Health     | 9pm | 12/11 | 1:10 | Eyewitness News at 9 | CAFFEINE DEATHS: A recent lawsuit says a caffeinated drink from Panera contributed to a man's death. It's highlighted the issue of caffeine intake and how it impacts our bodies.                    |
| 39.1 | Community  | 4pm | 12/12 | 1:55 | Eyewitness News at 4 | ROSCOE CHIEF REMEMBERED: A Stateline community mourns the loss a long-time leader. Roscoe's Fire Chief died after a battle with cancer.  |
| 39.1 | Government | 4pm | 12/14 | 2:24 | Eyewitness News at 4 | CHILD DEATH NEW LAW: Starting January 1, a new Illinois law will help parents grieve after their child dies.   |
| 39.1 | Education  | 9pm | 12/17 | 2:02 | Eyewitness News at 9 | RPS TEACHER BOOK: Two Rockford Public School teachers are putting their passion of teaching and love for the community together, to create a children's book highlighting the Rockford area.         |
| 39.1 | Government | 9pm | 12/18 | 1:07 | Eyewitness News at 9 | ILLINOIS EXONERATION RATES: A new state program looks to combat a rise in wrongful convictions.  |
| 39.1 | Health     | 9pm | 12/19 | 1:41 | Eyewitness News at 9 | LOVES PARK DOCTOR: In August, a Loves Park woman went to the hospital for back pain. She was surprised to learn she had an aneurysm. Now, she's raising awareness for others.                        |
| 39.1 | Community  | 4pm | 12/21 | 2:34 | Eyewitness News at 4 | RESCUE MISSION SHORTFALL: The Rockford Rescue Mission is looking for the communities help to make up for a significant dip in donations.   |
| 39.1 | Community  | 9pm | 12/25 | 2:05 | Eyewitness News at 9 | INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CHRISTMAS: Christmas is a day to spend with friends and family, but for some international students studying here in Rockford, it's not possible to get home for the holiday. |
| 39.1 | Government | 9pm | 12/26 | 2:22 | Eyewitness News at 9 | NEW NARCAN LAWS: Illinois ranks 6 <sup>th</sup> in the nation for fentanyl-related deaths. New legislation is hoping to change that next year.   |
| 39.1 | Government | 9pm | 12/27 | 1:03 | Eyewitness News at 9 | NEW VAPING LAWS: In the near year, e-cigarettes will be banned in indoor public spaces.  |

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| 39.1 | Health     | 4pm | 12/28 | 2:15 | Eyewitness News at 4 | Rise in Mocktails: If the new year means a new you, you are not alone. Many people are ditching the alcohol and instead turning to a different kind of cocktail.                                     |
| 39.1 | Government | 9pm | 12/29 | 2:15 | Eyewitness News at 9 | CAPITOL IN REVIEW: It was a busy year in state politics. With a lot of drama playing out in the court room, some major policies taking effect and federal investigators cracking down on corruption. |

The station also aired the following public service announcements at least once during the reporting period:

| <b>Type of Issue</b> | <b>Duration</b> | <b>Title or Narrative</b>              |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|
| Cultural             | :60/:30         | Love Has No Labels                     |
| Children/Youth       | :60/:30         | Anti-Bullying                          |
| Environment          | :60/:30         | Discovering Nature                     |
| Public Safety        | :60/:30         | Texting and Driving                    |
| Cultural             | :60             | Book People Unite                      |
| Health/Healthcare    | :30             | Narcotics Anonymous                    |
| Cultural             | :30             | Fatherhood                             |
| Cultural             | :30/:15         | Pet Adoption                           |
| Public Safety        | :30             | Drunk Driving                          |
| Children/Youth       | :30             | Winnebago County CASA                  |
| Cultural             | :30             | Tutors Wanted                          |
| Health/Healthcare    | :30             | Urgent Need for Blood                  |
| Public Safety        | :30             | Distracted Driving                     |
| Health/Healthcare    | :30             | RRVBC                                  |
| Children/Youth       | :30             | Rockford Park District – Horse Therapy |
| Health/Healthcare    | :30             | Remedies                               |

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| Health/Healthcare    | :60/:30/:15     | Long COVID                 |
| Health/Healthcare    | :60             | Drug Free World (various)  |
| Health/Healthcare    | :30             | Family Counseling Services |
| Cultural             | :30             | Community Foundation       |