

2020 2nd Quarter

Issues & Programs

WGEM-FM
Quincy Broadcasting Company
Quincy, IL

WGEM airs many broadcasts that contain stories dealing with the problems and important issues of the communities that we serve. Listed below, by problem and need category, are topics of those stories that were broadcast during this quarter.

- 1) **BUSINESS/ECONOMY:** Includes need for industry; tourism; jobs; downtown revitalization; economic and industrial development; issues facing employers; effects of economy on quality of life; impact of weather on business.
- 2) **EDUCATION:** School funding and support of system; education for non-traditional students; educational opportunities; retaining & acquisition of new job skills; continuing education; adaptation to high technology; parental involvement.
- 3) **CHILDREN/YOUTH:** Activities; youth centers; day care centers; youth in community; teenage pregnancy resources available; efforts against child abuse.
- 4) **SOCIAL JUSTICE and CIVIL UNREST:** Establish equality for the disadvantaged; racial problems; lack of opportunities for minorities; activist demonstrations; civil disobedience; problems of vandalism; complaints against actions by government officials.
- 5) **AGRICULTURE/ECOLOGY:** Commodity prices; agricultural productions; conservation and recycling; pollution control; environmental changes; impact of weather on crop production.
- 6) **TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE:** Highway improvements; rail service; maintaining air service; bus routes; city street repairs; fuel prices.
- 7) **CITY/COMMUNITY:** Housing for poor and elderly; strong community leadership; long-range community planning; community clean-ups; efforts against alcohol and drug abuse; support for single parent families; support services for the homeless; food pantries; financial assistance; support services for domestic violence victims; cultural programs; recreational opportunities.
- 8) **LAW and ORDER:** Crime prevention; arson; overcrowded prisons; substance abuse.
- 9) **HEALTH/SAFETY:** Availability of rural health care services; mental health care; need for doctors, nurses and dentists in rural communities; injury prevention; transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19); impact of COVID-19 in communities; local and national healthcare resources.

WGEM NEWS

Locally Produced

Monday-Friday 5:00am (120 min)

Monday-Friday 7:25am, 7:55am, 8:25am, 8:55am, 9:25am, 9:55am (5 min)

Monday-Friday 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm (30 min)

Saturday- Sunday 10:00pm (30 min)

NETWORK PROGRAMS

In addition to the local programs listed above, WGEM is an NBC affiliate and carries the full schedule of news and public affairs programming offered by the NBC Network.

Early Today Monday-Friday 4:30 am – 5:00 am

NBC Nightly News Monday-Sunday 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Meet the Press Sunday 8:00 am – 9:00 am

ABC News Features Monday-Friday 6:30 pm – 6:35 pm

SYNDICATED PROGRAMS

AaDay

Monday-Friday 4:30 am - 5:00 am

**McNALLY, WILFRED,
Clark Howard**

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Dave Ramsey

Monday-Friday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Ken Coleman

Monday-Friday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Handel on the Law

Saturday **12:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

SHORT FORM PROGRAMMING

Varying length announcements from :10 - :60 airing throughout the day about issues of community interest and importance for various non-profit organizations. Specific dates and times are not given, but they are available upon request.

BUSINESS/ECONOMY

April 1, 2020

- After nearly a century in Cameron-Coleberd family, owner Linda Coleberd announced the family has sold the Mark Twain Cave Complex to Todd and Austin Curry of Quincy.
- Missouri Auditor Nicole Galloway reported Wednesday that she has begun a regularly scheduled audit of Monroe County.
- Missouri Governor Mike Parson announced \$180 million in expenditure restrictions in order to ensure a balanced state budget and the necessary funds to combat COVID-19.

April 3, 2020

- Gun sellers across the Tri-States are reporting major spikes in firearm and bullet purchases, which they attribute largely to the coronavirus pandemic.
- With social distancing orders extended in Illinois to help slow the spread of the coronavirus, local restaurants have been hurting and another 30 days could make it worse.

April 7, 2020

- Gov. Mike Parson announced that those eligible for at least one dollar of unemployment compensation benefits during the week will receive an additional \$600 per week as a federal supplement.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has awarded \$8 million to Illinois to support the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 9, 2020

- The Golden Corral restaurant in Quincy will not be reopening after the state's 'Stay at Home' order is lifted, as the owner, Chris Niemet, faces murder charges for the murder of his classmate in 1991.
- The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce announced that it is joining chambers and small businesses across the state to launch the 'IL'ove Local campaign to encourage people to support local businesses during the week of April 11.

April 13, 2020

- Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker outlined efforts to expand access and eligibility to unemployment insurance.

April 15, 2020

- Stimulus payments are starting to be deposited into bank accounts. Officials at Two Rivers say there are ways to spend it wisely to get the most out of the money.
- Gov. J.B. Pritzker provided an update on the state's revenue forecast outlook and gave his efforts to provide fiscal stability during these unprecedented times.

April 23, 2020

- Adams County officials announced their 'Road to Recovery' plan as they look towards the reopening and revitalizing of the community.

- A Sangamon County judge has issued a temporary restraining order blocking emergency changes made by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 27, 2020

- In response to Gov. Kim Reynolds' proclamation on Monday, the City of Keokuk will be opening city offices at 601 Main Street on a limited basis starting this Friday.
- Missouri Gov. Mike Parson highlighted data supporting the state's "Show Me Strong Recovery" Plan today.

May 1, 2020

- Governor JB Pritzker has made modifications to the Stay-at-Home order to add more businesses to the essential list. That includes greenhouses, garden centers and animal grooming centers.

May 5, 2020

- Missouri Gov. Mike Parson announced that the state is set to receive \$66 million for childcare assistance and \$1.5 million for food banks under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.
- Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the Public Health Disaster Emergency and allowing dental offices to open along with other businesses such as tanning facilities, medical spas, and drive-in movie theaters.

May 11, 2020

- Gov. JB Pritzker released an updated statewide model and regional metrics tracking progress in the Restore Illinois reopening plan today.

May 13, 2020

- Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the Public Health Disaster Emergency which permits certain businesses to reopen with limitations statewide on May 15. Prohibition of gatherings and events of more than 10 people continue until May 27.

May 15, 2020

- Many Pike County business owners said they were left with no assistance and are doing everything they can to keep the doors open amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Pike County Chamber of Commerce gave out Chamber Bucks to all graduating seniors in the county with the goal to put money back into the local economy.

May 27, 2020

- The Quincy City Council adopted a resolution that has 26 guidelines for restaurants to follow if they choose to reopen for outdoor seating on May 29.
- As of Friday, garage and yard sales will be allowed in the City of Quincy under Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois Plan, according to Deputy Chief of Police Shannon Pilkington.

- The National Association of Theatre Owners of Illinois has outlined a proposal to safely reopen the movie theatre industry more quickly than outlined under Gov. J.B. Pritzker's Restore Illinois plan.

May 29, 2020

- A grassroots effort to raise money for local small businesses, impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, is underway in Macomb, according to the Macomb Community Foundation.
- Gov. Mike Parson announced that Phase 1 of the state's "Show Me Strong Recovery" Plan has been extended from Sunday, through Monday, June 15, 2020.

June 1, 2020

- NECAC in Northeast Missouri is helping people pay utility bills, who are struggling with unemployment and other issues through the LIHEAP program.

June 5, 2020

- J.C. Penney, which filed for bankruptcy last month, has released a list of 154 stores that it will be closing. The Hannibal store in the Huck Finn Shopping Center is not on the list. However, the store in the Kirksville Shopping Center in Kirksville, Missouri, will be closing.
- Gov. J.B. Pritzker temporarily removed the in-person registration requirements for casinos, racetracks and sports facilities.

June 8, 2020

- Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced that 32 minority-owned businesses and business incubators will receive a total of \$11 million as part of the state's Minority-Owned Business Capital and Infrastructure Program.

June 10, 2020

- During a news conference, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced effective Friday, June 12 the 50% capacity limit currently in place for Iowa businesses will be lifted.

June 12, 2020

- The Canton Main Street Association is asking residents and visitors to complete a short online survey, to figure out how to best serve consumers moving forward.
- The Plaza 3 Cinema in Keokuk, Iowa, has closed due to the strain of the COVID-19 pandemic and the inability to come to a suitable agreement with the River City Mall.

June 18, 2020

- Missouri State Auditor Nicole Galloway released a citizen-initiated audit of Monroe City, Missouri. The report highlighted concerns in several areas, including with city utilities and contracts. The city received a rating of "poor," the lowest possible.
- Quincy Mall officials have confirmed that the Children's Place is closing their location inside the mall.

June 22, 2020

- Today, Gov. J.B. Pritzker released plans to safely continue reopening businesses and industries as Illinois moves into Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan.

June 24, 2020

- Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced \$50 million in Connect Illinois grants to 28 projects touching every region of the state.

June 25, 2020

- Adams Fiber announced that it has been awarded over \$4.9M from the Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program.

June 26, 2020

- Illinois moved into Phase Four of the Restore Illinois plan on Friday which allows for indoor dining with some restrictions, much to the delight of local diners and restaurant owners.

EDUCATION

April 1, 2020

- The Clark County R-1 School District announced Wednesday that it will be following the Governor's and President's recommendations for social distancing for the next 30 days and will be closed through May 1.
- The Shelby County R-IV School District says they will extend their school closure through April 30th.

April 9, 2020

- Quincy Public Schools plans to roll out phase two of its remote learning plan which allows for more interaction between students and teachers. To make this easier, the district is passing out laptops.
- Quincy University announced that it is waiving graduate admission tests for prospective students and enrollment fees for accepted students.

April 16, 2020

- Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health Sciences will be offering two more Bachelor of Science Degree Programs. This after a green light from the Higher Learning Commission.
- John Wood Community College decided to freeze tuition costs for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- WIU Interim President Martin Abraham said as part of the Cares Act, the University is receiving \$8 million in emergency relief funds for students who are in financial trouble due to the coronavirus.

April 21, 2020

- Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced that Illinois has secured relief options with twenty private student loan servicers to expand on the protections the federal government granted to federal student loan borrowers.

May 1, 2020

- Quincy Notre Dame High School's Honors Convocation, Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation will be held virtually.

May 5, 2020

- Teachers at Lincoln-Douglas Elementary in Quincy held a drive-thru pick up for parents in their cars of their children's items left behind before the pandemic. Other schools in Quincy will do the same.

May 13, 2020

- Quincy University announced that it is planning for a return to face-to-face classes and campus activities for the 2020 Fall Semester and the entire academic year.

May 19, 2020

- Clarity Healthcare, F.A.C.T. Salvation Army, & Marion County NECAC are teaming up to provide Hannibal students supplies for the next school year.
- Quincy University has received a \$1.5M gift from an anonymous donor to support the John Mahoney Scholarship.

May 21, 2020

- The Hannibal Public School District is asking parents to fill out a short online technology/summer school needs survey for the upcoming fall and summer session.
- Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo announced that starting June 1, school districts and non-public schools can begin offering summer learning.

May 27, 2020

- The Lewis County C-1 school district is putting Proposition Kids, or Keep Improving District Schools, to voters. They say this legislation is critical for day-to-day function of schools.
- Ralls county library officials said they're doing their summer reading program online this year as they can't have everyone down at the library.

June 1, 2020

- The Western Illinois University campus community is mourning one of their very own Keishanay Bolden who was shot in Chicago over the weekend.

June 2, 2020

- Lewis County C-1 Proposition KIDS was approved by voters tonight. The tax increase will help the Lewis County C-1 school district with operating expenses.

June 10, 2020

- To help people get back on their feet following the pandemic, the state of Illinois is partnering with a company called Coursera Workforce Recovery to offer residents free training for certificates.

June 18, 2020

- Clark County R-1 School District is surveying families about internet access in preparation for the possibility of a second wave of COVID-19.

June 22, 2020

- Starting in the fall, a new Illinois law allows schools to have up to five remote learning days that are considered attendance days.

June 24, 2020

- The Quincy Public Schools District is one step closer to laying out a plan for how students will return to school in the fall.

June 25, 2020

- After being out of the classroom for three months due to COVID-19, Palmyra Elementary students are heading back to summer school with the focus on early child development.
- Marion County R-II Superintendent Jason Keilholz said they're planning to open August 13th in an effort to gain back time and get kids back in the swing of learning more quickly.

CHILDREN/YOUTH

April 1, 2020

- April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and COVID-19 has forced Transitions of Quincy to alter public awareness events. But they want to remind you there is help available.

April 7, 2020

- Little Angel's Child Care and Preschool said after its scheduled opening was delayed due to the outbreak, the daycare has finally opened its doors to children of essential workers.

April 20, 2020

- The Illinois Department of Human Services announced that Illinois has been approved to provide around 316,000 Illinois households with school-aged children with additional SNAP benefits.

April 23, 2020

- The CDC is reporting poison control centers are seeing a 20 percent increase in calls with young children this year, compared to last year with bleaches, non-alcohol disinfectants and hand sanitizer being the biggest culprits.

May 5, 2020

- Memorial Hospital and Carthage Community Development will sponsor a Summer Meals Program to run through July 31 for all children ages pre-school through eighteen.

May 19, 2020

- It's Central Lee's second annual YOUnique Week project, and the program has moved online to a website created by project designer and student Aubrey Weber.

May 25, 2020

- Quincy Community Theatre will be offering virtual classes and performances while the show season is postponed.
- The Quincy Exchange Club, along with the Quincy Senior High Football team gathered early Monday morning to pick up the 255 flags to place around the town as a part of their Flags of Honor program.

June 1, 2020

- Pools at Quincy Country Club and Sheridan Swim Club opened today, going against the advice and guidelines from state and local health officials.

June 30, 2020

- With many in-person summer camps canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, organizations including the Boy Scouts of America are taking their programs online.

June 3, 2020

- In Missouri, Lewis County Health Department officials said they have seen an increase of about 20 women use its WIC program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

June 5, 2020

- This week, two kids were hit by cars in Hannibal while riding their bicycle. Those events have sparked police and local bike shops to speak out about awareness on the roads and safety.

June 10, 2020

- Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced a \$270 million Child Care Restoration grant program for childcare providers.

SOCIAL JUSTICE and CIVIL UNREST

April 27, 2020

- Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul has filed an appeal on behalf of Gov. JB Pritzker to overturn a temporary restraining order on the extended stay-at-home order for a Southern Illinois Rep. Darren Bailey.

April 29, 2020

- A group of Illinois House Republicans say they are fed up with Gov. JB Pritzker's abuse of executive orders. The lawmakers feel Pritzker's executive orders to extend the stay-at-home overstep his authority and now is time for checks and balances.

May 1, 2020

- State Representative Darren Bailey is vacating the restraining order against Gov. J.B. Pritzker's Stay-at-Home order but says his efforts will not end but will only get stronger.

May 5, 2020

- Adams County Board Chairman Kent Snider and Quincy Mayor Kyle Moore held a press conference today to express concern with Gov. J.B. Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan saying it would cripple Quincy's economy.
- The Pike County Illinois Board issued a resolution requesting that Gov. J.B. Pritzker use a more regionalized plan to reopen the county.

May 11, 2020

- The Scoreboard, a restaurant and bar in Quincy, opened its doors to customers this morning, defying the governor's stay-at-home order.
- The top two Republican state lawmakers, Senate Minority Leader Billy Brady and House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, are calling on Gov. JB Pritzker to make his 'Restore Illinois' plan less restrictive for business owners.

May 20, 2020

- Illinois House Republicans are calling for a vote on Gov. JB Pritzker's 'Restore Illinois' plan during this week's special session. The lawmakers say Pritzker is ruling without input from the co-equal branch of government, leaving local leaders and business owners frustrated.
- The Illinois House voted Wednesday to remove Republican state Rep. Darren Bailey from session at the Bank of Springfield center this afternoon after he refused to comply with a facial-covering requirement in newly-adopted House rules.
- The Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General has filed documents to move Rep. Darren Bailey's lawsuit against Gov. J.B. Pritzker to federal court.

June 1, 2020

- Hy-Vee locations in Quincy announced that they are closing early this evening due to concerns of protests and riots in the region.

- Over 1,000 people came together for a Black Lives Matter protest in Springfield, Illinois.
- As protests and riots over the death of George Floyd continue around the region, some local businesses are taking precautions to protect themselves. In Quincy, the entrances to both Walmart and HyVee Wine and Spirits on Broadway were barricaded.

June 3, 2020

- In the wake of recent protests and riots over the death of George Floyd, three members of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus are calling for a special session to address criminal justice reform.

June 4, 2020

- Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul is urging Congress to give state attorneys general the authority to investigate police abuse.

June 10, 2020

- Illinois Congressman Rodney Davis says he supports peaceful Black Lives Matter protests across the country, but he doesn't agree with the growing call to defund police.
- Officials at Culver-Stockton College are responding after the school's Black Student Union sent a statement to administration, largely criticizing silence from school administrators on their stance toward the Black Lives Matter movement.

June 14, 2020

- Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed the policing reform bill that was approved by both the Iowa House and Iowa Senate unanimously Thursday.

June 16, 2020

- The Illinois Republican Party filed a federal lawsuit against Gov. JB Pritzker stating Pritzker is violating the First and 14th amendments for political parties.
- The Adams County State's Attorney says he will prosecute Quincy man Evan Carter for a Hate Crime, after he yelled racial slurs at three children and shot them with a b-b gun.

June 17, 2020

- Gov. JB Pritzker has announced a \$900 million package of grants to support small businesses and Black and Brown communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

June 24, 2020

- Illinois Right to Life is the latest organization to file a lawsuit against Gov. JB Pritzker. The pro-life group is demanding equal treatment for large gatherings.

June 25, 2020

- Gov. J.B. Pritzker addresses antisemitism as a "crisis of morality" during the Covid-19 pandemic.

AGRICULTURE/ECOLOGY

April 15, 2020

- An ADM owned grain bin in La Belle, Missouri fully collapsed just after midnight last night.
- Farmers in the Tri-States say the snow at this time of year can affect the planting season significantly.

April 17, 2020

- The USDA has announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program of which farmers, ranchers and consumers will benefit.

April 20, 2020

- Chad Bruening, the president of Bruening Heating and A/C says most people can be living in places with bad air quality and not know it, because they've simply gotten used to it.

April 22, 2020

- Today was Earth Day and local clubs did their part to help clean up a few Quincy Parks.
- While many packing and processing plants continue to slow down and halt operations, it's making it difficult for local livestock farmers to ship out cattle.

April 27, 2020

- John Wood Community College has received two grants from the Illinois Green Economy Network to install energy-conserving solar panels.

May 27, 2020

- Gov. JB Pritzker traveled to Meredosia this morning to see flooding from the Illinois River in person.
- There's high water along the Illinois River on the Pike and Calhoun County border, just down the street from Pearl, Illinois and residents are bracing themselves for what's to come.

June 22, 2020

- Larry Brumbaugh, the owner of Brumbaugh Tree Service, said while trees aren't stormproof there are preventative measures you can take to decrease the threat of tree damage that could damage your property or your family.

TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

April 7, 2020

- MoDOT has plans to fix a deadly intersection at New London Route A and Highway 61. City residents and officials are welcoming a safer intersection.

April 20, 2020

- April 20-24 is Work Zone Awareness week and MoDOT wants everyone to wear their seat belts and cut out distractions while driving including cell phones.
- The Taylor Bridge is roughly a week away from completion according to the Marion County Commissioners.

May 1, 2020

- MoDOT is helping truck companies across Missouri fight against COVID-19 by extending the time frame they are able to carry heavier loads on the state's interstates and highways.

May 27, 2020

- Voters in La Belle, Missouri will be asked if they want to extend the tax for road repair and maintenance in town for another four years Tuesday.

June 2, 2020

- Voters in Lewis County, Missouri, voted in favor of a La Belle property tax increase designated for street repairs and maintenance.

June 12, 2020

- The Illinois Secretary of State's office has launched an online driver's license and ID card pre-registration application program to reduce the processing time of transactions at driver services facilities.

June 22, 2020

- Due to a severe storm dumping several inches of rain on Quincy on Sunday, some roads now have gaping holes, missing asphalt, and exposed bricks.

CITY/COMMUNITY

April 1, 2020

- Adams County Together has released a "one stop shop" website to assist those impacted by COVID-19.
- Laura Wright is making yard signs to cheer people up and to raise money for the United Way's COVID-19 relief fund.
- There's a push to open state parks back up in Illinois after they were forced to close due to the coronavirus.

April 3, 2020

- A local farmer donated livestock which the Adams County Farm Bureau paid to be processed and taken to local food pantries.
- An 8 year old, Christian Hamann, has made some sidewalk artwork at Country Club Heights Apartments trying to brighten people's day.
- 13 year-old Robert Whealer is working to make sure those financially impacted by the coronavirus have enough food. He is working with Hannibal Salvation Army to collect food and to raise money.

April 7, 2020

- Debi Moore, who helps sew masks, dropped off 585 masks at Quincy Medical Group. She said they were made by about 200 to 300 people of all ages.
- The Quincy Park District removed the rims from basketball hoops in public parks. Officials said the parks are open to visitors but the equipment is closed to the public.
- Quanada officials said they have seen new and past domestic violence clients express concerns of fear and anxiety during this 'Stay at Home' time.

April 13, 2020

- Keokuk 8th grader Alex Capaldo is using his very own 3D printer to make "ear-savers" for medical workers on the front lines fighting COVID-19.
- Progress is being made on a portion that connects the Bill Klingner Trail from 5th street to Parker Heights in Quincy. It is ahead of schedule and on budget.
- Horizons Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry in Quincy say the demand is higher than ever before and people can help by giving food and monetary donations.
- Catholic Charities from the Springfield Diocese has launched the COPE Line in efforts to provide emotional support to people who may be feeling stress or anxiety related to the coronavirus outbreak.
- 60 more bricks were installed at the Veterans Memorial at Cardiff Hill Overlook in Hannibal.

April 15, 2020

- The Schuyler County Health Department is reaching out to request homemade face mask donations for situations where protection is desired but N95 masks may not be necessary.
- The United Way of the Mark Twain Area reported that community partners are donating 100 hogs, which is nearly 15,000 pounds of pork, and enough for 60,000 meals, to feed individuals who are in need in Northeast Missouri.
- As food continues to pour into the First Presbyterian Church in Macomb, officials with Genesis Garden and volunteers are working to pack it all up and deliver it to those in need of food during this pandemic.

April 21, 2020

- Quincy Medical Group and the Blessing Foundation are each putting together a COVID-19 Relief Fund for patients struggling to pay the bills.

April 27, 2020

- Food pantries have been seeing an increased demand but Lutheran Church of St John officials feel their Open Hands Food Pantry is being "underutilized".
- Rodney Davis joined Anheuser-Busch and Skeff Distributing to deliver hand sanitizer to Central Illinois Foodbank employees on the frontline.
- Due to the postponement of the Dogwood Festival Parade, WGEM TV is airing two hours of "classic" Dogwood Festival Parade broadcasts with retrospective of the first 25 years.

May 1, 2020

- The Honk for Healthcare cruise will be held tomorrow in place of the postponed Dogwood Parade traditionally held on this weekend.

May 13, 2020

- Over two years of renovations on the Grant Drug Store building at the Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum are now complete, including new WGEM produced video content for the exhibit.

May 15, 2020

- The Central Illinois Foodbank is working with the Disaster Household Distribution to provide food boxes to be distributed today at the Lutheran Church of St. John in Quincy.
- Today is National Peace Officer Memorial Day, a day to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty. Quincy Chief Rob Copley says it's also a day for officers to also remember the risks they face.

May 19, 2020

- National EMS week starts this week and because of the pandemic, Adams County Ambulance EMS is taking their celebration to social media, highlighting employees, past community events, and Adams County history.

- Missouri 5th District Representative Louis Riggs said a new bill, which passed right before the end of the legislative session last week, aims to help bring broadband internet access to around 1 million Missourians.

May 21, 2020

- After a lengthy debate, the Illinois House voted 72-43 to pass an expansion plan for voting by mail for the 2020 General Election.
- Illinois Senators voted 36-19 to adopt language for the graduated income tax question, "Fair Tax," appearing on ballots this fall.
- The stage is set at Washington Theatre in Quincy for the first Virtual Blues in the District on Friday. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the event can't be held in the park like usual.
- Quincy Public Library announced that it will resume limited services on Wednesday, May 27. Contactless pick up will be available at the library's holds lockers.

May 25, 2020

- A new Illinois state grant program will provide communities with money and expertise to expand broadband capacity and improve digital access as more people work, shop, and go to school online during the coronavirus pandemic.
- The Hannibal Jaycees announced the 2020 National Tom Sawyer Days schedule on June 27 through July 5.

June 3, 2020

- Kiwanis officials said they decided to cancel the 44th annual Samuel L. Clemens Arts & Crafts and More Festival because they were concerned not only for people who would attend, but also for their own members who run the event.

June 7, 2020

- The Quincy Senior and Family Services Center adult daycare facility will be shutting down at the end of July. Families who use the service says that leaves them in the lurch.

June 12, 2020

- Ground pork was distributed to five food pantries in Pike and Scott County. Two local farmers, Jeremy and Jason Thomas had donated 14 hogs.

June 16, 2020

- The Salvation Army Quincy Area Command is distributing electric fans to those in need but the program is currently in need of more fans.

June 18, 2020

- The Quincy Housing Authority is building 65 new apartments at the Frederick Ball Complex to be completed in 18 months.

June 30, 2020

- **Preparations for National Tom Sawyer Days are underway in Hannibal Tuesday as carnival rides begin to go up with COVID-19 safety measures.**

LAW and ORDER

April 3, 2020

- Quincy police took three people into custody for mob action, aggravated battery, and armed violence after an attack with a metal pole.

April 7, 2020

- Adams County officials said cease and desist letters were sent to the Quincy Country Club, Spring Lake Country Club in Quincy and Whispering Oaks Campground in Mendon for disobeying the 'Stay at Home' order.

April 15, 2020

- Hannibal Police are investigating a shots fired call that happened Tuesday night at the 2000 block of Chestnut Street.

April 21, 2020

- One woman was arrested, another was taken to the hospital following a stabbing early this morning at 4th & State in Quincy.

May 5, 2020

- The Adams County Sheriff's Office arrested two Quincy residents following a stolen vehicle investigation. A Chrysler 300 was stolen from Kunes Motor of Quincy on Monday.
- The Hannibal Police Department has arrested Eric Pulsifer related to a shooting late Sunday night in Hannibal.
- The Iowa Department of Public Safety reported that an arrest had been made in the 2004 murder of Bonnie Callahan, 73, of Keokuk. Nathaniel Leo Ridnour was taken into custody by the Delaware County Sheriff's office.
- Pittsfield Police Chief Michael Starman says his department won't arrest people who don't wear face masks in public, or who don't follow the stay at home order.
- Keokuk police said thieves gained entry to the back of Dr. Getwell's Bar and grill on Main Street sometime between April 29 and May 3. They stole a number of items.
- Steven Gavin was sentenced to 85 years in prison, the maximum time possible, for the November 2015 death of Carlous Wires.

May 11, 2020

- The owner of The Scoreboard in Quincy said this evening she would stop dine-in service after being open for one day after receiving a written warning from the Quincy Police Department.

May 15, 2020

- Quincy man Michael Mudd hit a patrol car and was ticketed for a DUI in the early morning.

June 26, 2020

- Hannibal Police reported that several firearms were stolen from the Hannibal Farm and Home Supply early this morning.

June 30, 2020

- Starting tomorrow when Mason's Law goes into effect in Illinois, there are stiffer penalties in Illinois for crashes involving crosswalks and right-of-way violations.

HEALTH and SAFETY

April 1, 2020

- Hannibal Regional reported Wednesday that it is now offering telehealth visits to further support the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Blessing Health System announced Wednesday it is partnering with CareSignal, a St. Louis-based digital health company, to provide up-to-date COVID-19 information to patients and community members.
- The Hancock County Health Department and Memorial Hospital reported that they have received official notice that an individual from another county who had been visiting family in Hancock County has tested positive for COVID-19.

April 3, 2020

- Walmart is adding more safeguards in place starting tomorrow. There will be restrictions on the number of customers in the store to shop.
- McDonalds will screen employees temperatures at the beginning of every shift.
- The CDC recommends that Americans wear masks.
- There is another case of COVID-19 in Adams County and the 20 year old caught it through community spread.
- Gov. Mike Parson has issued a 'Stay at Home' order starting on Monday and lasting until April 24th for all of Missouri.

April 7, 2020

- The Scotland County Health Department has confirmed the first positive case of COVID-19 in the county.
- During her daily press briefing, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds announced a new task force to handle medical needs and the creation of six regional medical coordination centers.

April 9, 2020

- The Ralls County Health Department and the County Commissioners announced that they adopted a "Stay at Home Ordinance" for the county.

April 13, 2020

- Monday, Gov. Mike Parson highlighted the efforts of hospitals across the state as they adapt and respond to COVID-19 in Missouri.
- The McDonough County Health Department reported that a third McDonough County resident has tested positive for COVID-19.
- The Adams County Health Department reported one new positive case of COVID-19 in Adams County on Monday and reported that two people have recovered.

April 17, 2020

- Lewis County confirmed its first case of COVID-19.

April 21, 2020

- Today, Gov. Kim Reynolds launched the Test Iowa Initiative to expand testing capacity to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Iowa.

April 23, 2020

- Quincy Medical Group is now able to provide serology testing to indicate whether a patient had COVID-19 in the past. Doctors at QMG said the purpose of the new serology test is to see who has had the coronavirus and recovered. It is another piece of data they can use to track the disease.
- Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced today that he will sign a modified version of the state's stay at home order that will go into effect on May 1 until May 30th and require face masks.

April 27, 2020

- Adams Public County Health officials announced 6 new positive cases of COVID-19 in Adams County, including two cases at congregate living facilities.
- A new mobile testing facility was in Clayton, Illinois Tuesday testing workers from Golden Good Shepard Home and other essential workers in the area under the expanded testing guidelines.
- The McDonough County Health Department (MCHD) has reported a COVID-19 outbreak at The Lamoine Assisted Living and Memory Care facility.
- The SIU Centers for Family Medicine announced Tuesday that their Wellness Express COVID-19 testing bus will be traveling between Clayton and Quincy beginning Tuesday.

April 29, 2020

- The Adams County Public Health Department said COVID-19 testing will begin Thursday morning for residents and vendors of the Lampe Hi-Rise Apartments in Quincy where a woman had previously tested positive for the disease.
- The Adams County Public Health Department reported the first death of an Adams County resident who tested positive for COVID-19. The woman, in her 60's, lived at the Lampe Hi-Rise apartments.

May 5, 2020

- Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced Restore Illinois, a five-phase plan focused on saving lives, livelihood, and safely reopening Illinois.
- Illinois Department of Public Health officials have confirmed a COVID-19 outbreak at a pork processing plant in Beardstown, Illinois. 30 employees have tested positive.
- The Wellness Express has arrived in Brown County to test residents for COVID-19, in order to ramp up testing efforts.

May 11, 2020

- Blessing Health System is implementing a new breast cancer screening. It's designed for women with dense breast tissue and called the Automated Breast Ultrasound System, which is radiation-free.

May 13, 2020

- The U-S Department of Health and Human Services recently expanded telehealth guidelines to allow care to be administered over the phon. This is helping doctors treat those in rural areas without internet access.
- Missouri Gov. Mike Parson announced a series of testing priorities that are designed to detect and rapidly contain potential COVID-19 outbreaks as the state gradually reopens their economy.
- The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs reported that all state veteran's home residents and employees have received COVID-19 testing. Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy have no positive results at this time.

May 19, 2020

- The Therapy Services Department at Scotland County Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Missouri announced a new therapy program for patients with Parkinson's Disease.

May 27, 2020

- The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has filed emergency rules mandating long-term care facilities to comply with infection control practices, including testing all residents and staff for COVID-19.

June 1, 2020

- The Hancock County Health Department reported on Monday the first death of a county resident who died of medical conditions complicated by COVID-19.
- The McDonough County Health Department reported the death of two additional McDonough County residents who tested positive for COVID-19 last month, bringing the total number of COVID-19 deaths to 13.

June 3, 2020

- The McDonough County Health Department reported the death of an additional McDonough County resident who tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total number of COVID-19 deaths in the county to 14.

June 10, 2020

- The Scotland County Health Department reported the first confirmed death of a Scotland County resident who tested positive for COVID-19.
- The Iowa Department of Public Health and the Lee County Health Department reported the first death from Lee County related to COVID-19.

June 16, 2020

- Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul announced that he had tested positive for COVID-19. Gov. J.B. Pritzker had been with Raoul on Saturday, June 6, and will be tested also.

June 18, 2020

- Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds announced the end of the televised briefings and established an Economic Recovery Advisory Board.

June 22, 2020

- The Adams County Health Department reported six new test positive cases of COVID-19 today bringing a total of 12 new cases in less than one week.

June 24, 2020

- The Adams County Health Department reported seven additional test positive cases of COVID-19 today, bringing the total to 69 confirmed cases in Adams County.

June 26, 2020

- Adams County Health Officials reported five new test positive cases of COVID-19 on Friday, bringing the total case count to 76.

June 30, 2020

- Health administrators continue to reach out to the public about their concern over the recent surge in COVID-19 cases.

DOWN COUNTRY (7:30a-8a Sundays WGEM-FM)

Half-hour program includes information on events and activities specially designed for children with disabilities.

ACT 2 AND YOU (8a-8:30a Sundays WGEM-FM)

Half-hour program includes information on retirement planning.

PARK VIEW BIBLE CHURCH BIBLE STUDY (8:30a-9a Sundays WGEM-FM)

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

WGEM FM INTERVIEWS

Varying length interviews airing between 7:00 am and 9:00 am about issues of community interest and importance.

4/1

- Jill Gonzales – Wallet Hub
- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- Ann Dickson – Blessing Foundation

4/2

- Senator Dick Durbin
- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy
- Adam Duesterhaus – United Way

4/3

- Dr Richard Noble – Quincy Medical Group

4/6

- Joe Lane – Blessing Physician Services
- Jan Barrett – Red Bud Yoga

4/7

- Pastor Patti Johansen – United Methodist Church
- Dr. John Rickelman – Blessing Hospital
- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library

4/8

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- Kris Kiser – Turfmutt Foundation

4/9

- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy
- Adam Duesterhaus – United Way
- Author Tracey Whilen

4/10

- Barb Chapin – Transitions
- Scott Kimber – Quincy Medical Group

4/13

- McDonough District Hospital-Edwin Card – McDonough District Hospital
- Elizabeth Rankin – Quincy Art Center

4/14

- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library
- Brent Engal – NECAC

4/15

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- Dr. Hallie Anderson – Quincy Medical Group

4/16

- Becky Albert – Quincy Hospitality House
- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy

4/17

- Kevin Carr – Fat Guys at the Movies

4/20

- Lee Lindsey – Habitat For Humanity
- Jan Barrett – Meditation

4/21

- Senator Dick Durbin
- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library

4/22

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- Julie Ross – FCA

4/23

- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy
- Elizabeth Rankin – Quincy Art Center
- Marcel Wagner – GREDF

4/24

- Latoya Brock – Quincy Chamber Of Commerce
- Prof Justin Coffey – Quincy University

4/27

- Dr. Shawn Holcomb – SIU
- IL Treasurer Michael Frerichs

4/28

- Jennifer Green – Alzheimer's Association
- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library

4/29

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- Barb Chapin – Transitions

4/30

- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy
- Shandi Joubert-Kanz – Child Center
- Laura Tenhouse – QMG Bridge The Gap

5/1

- Shawn Dickerman – TV Dogwood Parade
- Jim Whitfield – American Red Cross

5/4

- Dr Paul Hibbert – SIU Center For Family Medicine
- Jan Barrett – Red Bud Yoga

5/5

- Latonya Brock – Quincy Chamber Of Commerce
- Dr. Chris Brennemann – Hannibal Medical
- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library

5/6

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- Bruce Guthrie – The District

5/7

- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy
- Adam Duesterhaus – United Way
- Meghan Karr – Hannibal Alliance For Youth Success

5/8

- Jim Whitfield – American Red Cross
- Entrepreneur Kaya Ybanez

5/11

- Hallie Yundt Silver – Hannibal Public Library
- Jan Barrett – Red Bud Yoga-

5/12

- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library
- Brent Engal – NECAC

5/13

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- Linda Tenhouser – Quincy Medical Group

5/14

- Marcel Wagner – GREDF
- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy

5/15

- Kevin Carr – Fat Guys at the Movies
- Bruce Briner – Quincy Symphony Orchestra

5/18

- Chuck Bevelheimer – U.S. Census
- Jan Barrett – Meditation

5/19

- Senator Dick Durbin
- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library

5/20

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- Mike Bruns – Quincy Park District
- John Gebhardt – Gem City Breakfast Kiwanis

5/21

- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy
- Lee Lindsey – The Well House
- Brandon Thomsen – Quincy Community Theater

5/22

- Author Kris Kiser
- Kevin Carr – Fat Guys At The Movies

5/26

- Kate Dougherty – Down Country
- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library

5/27

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- Pastor Patti Johnanson – Vermont Street Church

5/28

- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy
- Barb Chapin – Transitions
- Carla Potts – NECAC

5/29

- Jan Hummel – Quincy Preserves

6/1

- Jim Lawrence – Washington Theater
- Jan Barrett – Red Bud Yoga

6/2

- Jim Whitfield – American Red Cross
- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library

6/3

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- Jill Williams – St Louis Dairy Council

6/4

- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy
- Adam Duesterhaus – United Way
- Arlis Dittmer – Quincy Historical Society

6/5

- Christy Powers – Clarity Healthcare

6/8

- Dietician Stuart Tomc
- Jan Barrett – Red Bud Yoga

6/9

- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library
- Elizabeth Rankin – Quincy Art Center
- John Gebhardt – Friends Of Log Cabins

6/10

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau

- Carlos Fernandez – Great River Honor Flight

6/11

- Erica Perry Broekemeier – Lutheran Church of St Perry
- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy
- Dr. Shawn Holcomb – SIU Center For Family Medicine

6/12

- Jeff Moran – Quincy Farmers Market

6/15

- Will Duryea – Boy Scouts Of America
- Jan Barrett – Meditation

6/16

- Senator Dick Durbin
- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library
- Secretary Of State Press Secretary Elizabeth Kaufman

6/17

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- Mike Jenkins – Noon Kiwanis

6/18

- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy
- Brandon Thomsen – Quincy Community Theater

6/19

- Cheri Preston – ABC News
- Relationship Expert Tino Kietrich

6/22

- Jan Barrett – Red Bud Yoga

6/23

- Denise Damron – Mark Twain United Way
- Mary Reichert – Durham Fish Fry
- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library

6/24

- Mara Clingingsmith – Better Business Bureau
- McKenzie Disselhorst – Hannibal Chamber Of Commerce
- Wendy Painter – Cedarhurst Food Drive

6/25

- Laura Sievert – Arts Quincy
- David Gilbert – Boy Scouts
- Megan Duesterhaus – Quanada

6/26

- Brian Harms – Hardees 40th Anniversary

6/29

- Dr. Christopher Solaro, M.D., Blessing Health System – COVID-19 latest news
- David Janus Report – Wells Fargo
- Illinois Secretary of State Press Secretary Beth Kaufman
- Quincy Mayor Kyle Moore – Illinois Phase 4
- Brent Engel – NECAC Summer Energy Assistance Program

6/30

- Larry Brumbaugh – Tree Talk
- Whitney Williams – WGEM Meteorologist
- Mike Jenkins, Manager Quincy Mall – Opening VIP Cinema
- Sergeant 1st Class Denver Willis – Recruitment Initiative
- Katie Kraushaar – Quincy Public Library