

WQRF-TV Quarterly Issues Report Overview-3rd Quarter 2016 (July 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016)

WQRF-TV's programming, news reports and public service announcements provided significant treatment of the following issues that were important to the community throughout the 3rd Quarter of 2016:

- *Crime
- *Business/Consumer/Economy
- *Education
- *Government/Human Services
- *Health
- *Community Interest
- *Severe Weather

WQRF airs the following local news programs to address the many concerns and issues in the Stateline region:

Local News Programming:

- *Eyewitness News in the Morning -weekdays, 7:00-9:00 AM
- *Eyewitness News at Nine-weekdays, 9:00-10:00 PM
- *Eyewitness News at Nine-Saturdays, 9:00-9:30 PM
- *Eyewitness News at Nine-Sundays, 9:00-9:30 PM

FOX Network News and Public Affairs Programming:

- *FOX News Sunday – Sundays 8:00-9:00 AM

These newscasts contain Live reports, live interviews, & tape reports. The duration of most stories is :30-4:00. These newscasts keep viewers informed of news & weather in the region and state. News information continues to be provided on the website, www.mystateline.com

While this list describes much of WQRF-TV's most significant issue-responsive programming, it is not exhaustive. Programming described in the Quarterly List of Issue-Responsive Programming may relate simultaneously to more than one issue.

Crime: Topics covered under this issue include:

Title: Wilford Charges

Air: 7/1/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:27

Description: Eurel Wilford makes his initial court appearance, charged with two counts of first degree murder for the shooting death of a 15-year-old girl in Rockford.

Title: Car in Building

Air: 7/1/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:15

Description: Police are investigating what caused a car to drive into a home this afternoon with people inside the residence in the 2900 block of Cameron Avenue. Neighbors say it's not the first time an incident like this has at least almost happened, blaming the cul-de-sac with being dangerous.

Title: Market Street Death

Air: 7/6/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:10

Description: A gruesome discovery is made in a downtown Rockford apartment building this morning. Police and the coroner's office investigate human remains found in a garbage can; the circumstances of how they got there remain unclear.

Title: Metro Officers Charged

Air: 7/7/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:32

Description: Two private security officers working for Metro Enforcement are charged with First Degree Murder by the Winnebago State's Attorney's Office for the fatal shooting of a man they were pursuing after a domestic violence call at Auburn Manor where the men were security guards. The State's Attorney saying the men do not have the rights of police officers, and did not have legitimate cause to kill the man.

Title: Death Investigation Follow Up

Air: 7/7/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:28

Description: A follow up to the death investigation after human remains were found inside a Rockford apartment. A man has now been arrested who was living in the apartment, but on weapons charges for being a felon in possession of a weapon. As of now, the man is facing no charges related to the remains found inside his home.

Title: Metro Officers in Court

Air: 7/8/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:30

Description: Two private security guards from Rockford appear in court for the first time facing first degree murder charges for shooting and killing a man that was suspected of robbing a west Rockford home as he tried escaping police custody

Title: 8th Avenue Murder

Air: 7/10/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:39

Description: A Rockford woman is shot and killed after what witnesses say started as an argument and quickly escalated and lead to her death. Police have not made any arrests as they search for suspects.

Title: 16-Year-Old Killed

Air: 7/11/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:36

Description: A violent weekend in Rockford is ends with a 16-year-old shot and killed in west Rockford early this morning following a woman killed in the same area just a day before. No arrests or suspects in either case.

Title: Funds for County Sheriff

Air: 7/12/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:16

Description: The Winnebago County Board discusses options as the Sheriff asks for additional funding to fight crime, funding that the County appears to be short of. They consider different possibilities for providing the funding that the Sheriff says is necessary.

Title: Rockford Shooting Target

Air: 7/13/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:31

Description: Police discuss their new tactics after a house on Rockford's west side proves to be a popular target as it's shot twice in as many days. Police are boosting patrols and targeting gangs and gang members in the area of the home.

Title: Duckworth Shooting

Air: 7/18/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:13

Description: Family members react to a 12-year-old girl being caught in crossfire over the weekend, killing the young girl. They speak on the senseless violence and lack of regard for life devastating the city.

Title: Belvidere Officers Honored

Air: 7/18/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:29

Description: In the midst of a lot of negatively surrounding police across the country, several Belvidere officers are honored for saving lives and reducing crime. Three are honored for catching a bank robber, two are rewarded for talking a suicidal man off of a bridge ledge and two officers are rewarded for rescuing a one-year-old child left at home alone.

Title: Vacant House Fires Up

Air: 7/20/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:32

Description: The number of vacant house fires is up in Rockford. It is nearly double the number of vacant house fires has nearly doubled this year compared to the same time last year. The fire department is investigating as arsons

Title: Metro Police Bond Hearing

Air: 7/21/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:42

Description: Two private security officers who shot and killed a man who had allegedly robbed an apartment appear in court to hear what their bond is going to be set at.

Title: Littleton Sentencing

Air: 7/22/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: Dontrelle Littleton was sentenced today for the deaths of a local activist and her husband. A judge sentenced him to 5 years in jail for reckless homicide. He was behind the wheel of a stolen vehicle that crashed into the car of Dorothy Galloway and her husband Howard Riddle in September of 2013--killing them both.

Title: Anti-Violence Event

Air: 7/23/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:42

Description: It's been the mission of one Beloit man - to reduce his community's violence - by holding an annual event to raise awareness. The event took on a whole new meaning this year -- after his niece became an innocent victim of gun violence just two weeks ago.

Title: Rockford Gun Vigil

Air: 7/24/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:33

Description: One week after an innocent 12-year-old girl was struck by gunfire while walking home from a birthday party the community is coming together in the hopes of putting a stop to the senseless gun violence across the Forest City.

Title: Armed Robbery/Crash

Air: 7/25/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: Two people are in custody and another is on the run after a robbery turns into a police pursuit. It ended with the suspect vehicle crashing into a Rockford duplex.

Title: Juvenile Sex Sting

Air: 7/25/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:22

Description: A seven-month prostitution sting in Rockford leaves four men facing charges. They're accused of seeking out sex with underage teens.

Title: Community Discussion

Air: 7/26/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: Rockford police hold the first of many face-to-face meetings with residents to brainstorm ways to build better relationships with the community.

Title: Death Investigation

Air: 7/27/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:14

Description: An investigation is underway tonight after a Rockford man dies during a police welfare check. Investigators say it happened after the victim got into an altercation

with Winnebago County sheriff's deputies at a home in the 67-hundred block of Old River Road.

Title: U.S. Cellular Arrest

Air: 7/25/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :24

Description: A tip leads police to one of the men they believe held up a Rockton US Cellular store last week. Deante Brown faces several charges including armed robbery.

Title: Greendale Murder

Air: 8/1/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:34

Description: We're learning more about the victims of a deadly weekend shooting in Rockford. Investigators identify the 15-year-old who died early Sunday morning as Gregory Hill. Police say Hill was shot in the head after an argument broke out at a party in the 32-hundred block of Green Dale Drive.

Title: Body Found Update

Air: 8/2/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: It's been almost one month since human remains were found inside a downtown Rockford apartment. The investigation has progressed...But there still may be a long wait before the body is identified.

Title: Another Vacant Home Fire

Air: 8/2/2016

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:21

Description: Another vacant Rockford home goes up in flames overnight -- the 17th one this year. More on the investigation -- and reaction from residents. ARSON

Title: Marijuana Decriminalization

Air: 8/4/2016

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:09

Description: Governor Rauner's move to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana is drawing very different opinions tonight from two law enforcement officials. Anyone caught in possession of less than ten grams of pot - will only receive a civil offense. That's similar to a parking ticket. Winnebago County State's Attorney Joe Bruscato says it's a step toward the future... But the Chief Deputy of Winnebago County Sheriff's Department says it's disappointing.

Title: Anti-Gang Violence Program

Air: 8/5/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:41

Description: It's not secret: Gang violence is a major issue here in Rockford. While police work to stop them, a local program is reaching out to kids in the hopes of preventing them from joining and going down a dark path they may never recover from.

Title: Pokémon Armed Robbery Attempt

Air: 8/8/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:14

Description: Rockford police investigate after armed robbers target two teen Pokémon go players overnight. The suspects got away empty-handed. Police say the two victim's put themselves in a dangerous position.

Title: SLANT Program Success

Air: 8/9/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:32

Description: A new program in Freeport is working to get illegal drugs off the streets is seeing immense success. The SLANT task force has only been operating for seven weeks and Freeport Police say it's already serving its purpose.

Title: Jones Sentencing

Air: 8/10/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: :35

Description: A judge decides the fate of a killer who shot and killed a man at a Rockford gas station four years ago. Friends and family of Michael Studer -- expressing their gratitude after a judge sentenced Carlos Jones to natural life in prison for studer's murder. That happened at a Citgo gas station on Auburn Street in May of 2012.

Title: Teen Arrests

Air: 8/10/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :41

Description: The Rockford police chief is calling on parents to help curb the city's crime. Chief Dan O'Shea' said during today's compstat meeting that a specific part of the city has seen a string of armed robberies. He says the suspects behind them are teens. This also comes after officers arrested three teens last night. Investigators say they used b-b guns in an attempt to rob two Pokémon go players at Sinnissippi.

Title: Deputy Shoots Dog

Air: 8/11/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: A Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputy is hurt and the dog that lunged at him dead. Police saying a Pitbull attacked the deputy... Forcing a split-second decision to keep the situation from escalating any further.

Title: Sycamore Scene

Air: 8/15/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:10

Description: A heavy police presence outside a home in rural Sycamore tonight. Officers on scene in the area of Old State Road and Lovell Road., just east of the city. Initial reports of a dead body or bodies found at a home there.

Title: Double Homicide

Air: 8/16/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:50

Description: A killer is on the loose after two people are found beaten to death in a rural Sycamore home. It's an area where crime is unusual and a double homicide, almost unheard of.

Title: Chase Bank Robbery

Air: 8/17/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :31

Description: Rockford police search for a man they say robbed a downtown bank a couple of hours ago. Police say a man entered the bank a little before 3:30 and demanded money -- but didn't display a weapon.

Title: Broadway Shooting

Air: 8/17/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :42

Description: Developing news out of southeast Rockford. Police on scene of a double shooting in the area of Broadway and 7th Street. The area blocked off right now for the investigation.

Title: Lambert Lawsuit

Air: 8/18/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: The family of a Rockford woman killed by a suspect allegedly fleeing from police is suing the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. Eyewitness News anchor Lauren Langer breaks down why Joy Lambert's family believes her blood is on the Department's hands.

Title: Beloit Fatal Bike Update

Air: 8/18/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :35

Description: Several weeks after a bicyclist riding at high speed kills a woman in Beloit people downtown say little has changed. 39-year-old Deborah McDonald was killed as she walked out of a restaurant -- hit by a speeding bicyclist. Her husband and local shopkeepers have been pleading with police to make the sidewalks safer for pedestrians - - but say little has changed. It's now been two months since McDonald's death and a local barbershop owner says nothing has changed.

Title: Toddler Shot

Air: 8/19/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: A two-year-old Shirland girl is recovering after accidentally shooting herself in the eye. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department is investigating.

Title: Violence Interrupters

Air: 8/19/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:32

Description: A Freeport group uses basketball as a way to get the community together and interrupt the violence in some neighborhoods. But an end-of-summer event isn't all about being successful on the basketball court; it's about being successful at life

Title: Monroe Dead Cats

Air: 8/19/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:50

Description: Wisconsin investigators consider charges after they find nearly a hundred cats inside a woman's house. Almost half of the animals were dead. The smell so bad that firefighters rescuing the cats had to wear oxygen masks. The woman, in Monroe, Wisconsin, could be facing charges.

Title: Saturation Arrests

Air: 8/23/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:37

Description: The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office teams up with Rockford Police, state police, and other local police agencies to conduct saturation details in high crime areas. The operations happened on the 11th and 12th, but we're just learning about the results, which include more than 20 arrests.

Title: Beloit Police/Traffic Stops

Air: 8/24/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:35

Description: Beloit Police Department goes back to basics to improve relationships with the community tonight. Police teaming up with a local church to inform residents of how to deal with officers in what can end up being very dangerous situations: Traffic stops.

Title: Sycamore Car Found

Air: 8/25/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:06

Description: A significant development in a double murder investigation in rural Sycamore. Police have found the car stolen from the scene. 85-year-old Patricia Wilson and her son 64-year-old Robert were found beaten to death inside their home on the 15th. Also missing: The Wilson's 2010 Chevy Impala. The DeKalb County Sheriff says it was found in Chicago, in the Lincoln Park Zoo area, and may have been there for some time.

Title: Sheriff Caruana Award

Air: 8/26/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :35

Description: Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana is getting national recognition for his support of those on his staff in the military. The department of defense honoring Sheriff Caruana with the employer support for the guard and reserve this morning. The department helps pay the families of deputies who are in the military when they get called for duty.

Title: Collins/Quaker Fires

Air: 8/28/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 2:09

Description: Rockford firefighters busy overnight battling 2 blazes just over 2 miles apart. One of them severely damages a warehouse. The other starting in a vacant house before spreading next-door and leaving that homeowner homeless tonight.

Title: Durand Bus Accident

Air: 8/29/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:14

Description: A truck slams into a Durand school bus just after it picked up a load of students. Three students were taken to the hospital but thankfully no one was seriously hurt.

Title: Crime Convention

Air: 8/30

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:40

Description: Residents of an east Rockford community -- meeting with the sheriff and police chief -- over growing crime concerns in their area. Sheriff Caruana and Chief O'Shea hearing feedback from residents -- on how curb the city's crime. But as eyewitness news reporter Emily Waldron joins us to explain they both say their collaborations are already working to do that.

Title: Massage Parlor Arrests

Air: 8/31/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:45

Description: Three people connected to local massage parlors -- two separate businesses... Face charges -- for alleged criminal activity. Investigation by both local and state police leading to their arrests yesterday. And as eyewitness news reporter Chantelle Navarro joins us to explain -- business owners near the parlors are in shock tonight.

Title: Auburn Shooting

Air: 8/31/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :53

Description: We are following a developing story tonight in west Rockford. Police are investigating a shooting and car crash. This all started near Kilburn and Ridgeway. Investigators say that's where gunmen opened fire. They got as far as Cumberland and auburn about two miles away a car crashed into a tree there.

Title: One-Year-Old Shot

Air: 9/1/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:10

Description: Police are searching for suspects tonight after a 1-year-old boy is hit by gunfire. Investigators say the boy was riding in the passenger seat of a car when shots rang out.

Title: Rockford Shoot-Out

Air: 9/1/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:37

Description: Four men face charges after a shoot-out led to a car crash in west Rockford last night. We brought you the late-breaking details live last night during our nine o'clock newscast. Tonight, residents hope to send a strong message about young people causing crime.

Title: Turtle Tap Murder

Air: 9/1/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :45

Description: A shooting at a Beloit bar last night leaves one-man dead -- and police suspect he may have been targeted. 32-year-old Tony Payne of Beloit was shot and killed in the parking lot of the turtle tap bar. The bar has had two other shootings in the past three years -- but police think this one is different.

Title: Garfield Drive Fire

Air: 9/17/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:34

Description: A mother and her three young children are dead tonight after their home catches fire early this morning. Rockford fire fighters finding their home at 2815 Garfield Drive fully engulfed in flames around 5 Saturday morning.

Title: Fire Homicide Investigation

Air: 9/19/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: Breaking news out of Rockford. Police now say the investigation into a fire that killed four people, including three children Saturday, is now a homicide investigation.

Title: \$1 Million in Cannabis

Air: 9/20/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:35

Description: Two drug busts lead to a million dollars' worth of pot seized in Winnebago County. Today officers recovered 250 plants from a field in Durand.

Title: Garcia Opening Statements

Air: 9/20/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:12

Description: An alleged Belvidere gang member is facing first degree murder charges for a shooting death back in November of 2013 even though prosecutors say Ricardo Garcia was not the shooter opening statements of his trial beginning today.

Business/Consumer/Economy: Business in the Stateline, Impact to the consumer.

Title: Mega Millions Drawing

Air: 7/5/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 30

Description: The mega millions drawing tonight reaching new record levels prompting many Stateline residents to get out and buy a ticket.

Title: UW Sports Factory Liquor Debate

Air: 7/6/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:42

Description: County and city officials debate a proposal for the new restaurant located in the UW Sports Factory to get a liquor license in order to service alcohol during sporting events held there. Many city officials are speaking out against it saying the sports tournaments are all youth tournaments and selling and drinking alcohol during them would set a bad example.

Title: I-39 Construction

Air: 7/11/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:25

Description: Construction starts up on I-39 through Rockford today causing major headaches on the busy Rockford interstate. Some Rockford businesses are concerned that the construction will keep drivers away and impact their sales.

Title: Unemployment Requirements

Air: 7/12/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :44

Description: Illinois adds a new requirement to those who want to gain unemployment payments: they must upload a resume to IllinoisJobLink.com before they can receive payments.

Title: AAR Media Tour

Air: 7/15/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: The Rockford media get an inside look at an addition being made at the Rockford airport, including several new hangers and a facility where aviation students will learn more about planes. It is set to be completed on time despite a lack of funding initially for the project.

Title: Chrysler Reaction

Air: 7/15/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:22

Description: Workers, business leaders and residents in Belvidere and at Belvidere's Chrysler plant react as the company says they're investing more money in the factory to expand and allow for more employees to be hired.

Title: Pokémon/Lino's

Air: 1:16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:16

Description: The new Pokémon GO app has proved a success for not only the company that created the app, but also for businesses that offer themselves as destinations to collect Pokémon in the game as it has translated in business for area businesses.

Title: Millennial Scams

Air: 7/26/16

Show: 9:00 pm,

Length: 1:34

Description: One would think the tech savvy millennial generation would be best at avoiding those online scams that can cost you big bucks. According to the better Business Bureau the older you are, the better you are prepared to avoid them.

Title: Ogle County Fair

Air: 8/3/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:35

Description: A county fair is a once a year production -- and getting one set up is no easy task. Eyewitness news meteorologist Kristin Cwynar was out this morning -- to show us the hectic task of getting ready for the fair and its financial impact on the town of Oregon.

Title: \$100 in Illinois

Air: 8/4/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :33

Description: How far does a \$100 go in Illinois? Not as far as it does in neighboring states. The bureau of economic analysis reports 100 dollars buys an average Illinois resident 99-dollars-and 30 cents worth of goods and services. For comparison, in Wisconsin, \$100 will actually go farther... Buying residents \$107 worth of goods.

Title: Dollar Store Dispute

Air: 8/9/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:34

Description: A proposed new store on the west side of Rockford is causing some controversy tonight. Some council members saying it's more of the same -- rather than adding more of what they need. The current proposal is for a dollar store to open up, but those opposed want something more unique that they say would draw in more visitors.

Title: Rockford Day

Air: 8/15/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:35

Description: For many, today is just another Monday. But August 15th marks the first annual Rockford day. Locals are flocking to the downtown area to check out musical entertainment, great food and even some special discounts from nearby businesses.

Title: Airport Jobs

Air: 8/17/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: :32

Description: A new operation at the Chicago Rockford Airport means new jobs. The company is teaming up with ABX Air to run a cargo operation in Rockford starting in September. It will start with just one airplane but will expand to six by January.

Title: Roadie for a Day

Air: 8/20/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:34

Description: It's a big night tonight for rock and roll fans. KISS is in town for their 40th anniversary world tour. But one man is about to experience the concert like very few people ever will. Chantelle Navarro tells us about the Illinois veteran chosen to be the band's "roadie for a day."

Title: Illinois Economy Rank

Air: 8/22/16

Show: 9:00 pm,

Length: :30

Description: A new report rates Illinois' economy higher than you may think. Despite not having a budget, a record low credit rating and high unemployment Illinois sits 34th nationally. That's according to analysis done by Governing Magazine. That places Illinois well below Wisconsin and Indiana, who sit at 20th and 27th respectively.

Title: Rockford Housing Market

Air: 8/24/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:31

Description: For all the negative lists Rockford makes, the Forest City now has something new to brag about. The National Association of Realtors ranking Rockford as the sixth, fastest growing housing market in the country.

Title: IL Workforce Shrinking

Air: 9/17/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: :40

Description: The big question for Illinois officials: Where have all the state's workers gone? 20,000 fewer workers statewide reported last month than the same month the previous year. Some leaving the workforce others leaving the state. Manufacturing jobs are especially in decline.

Title: Gaming Anniversary

Air: 9/21/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :37

Description: This month marks the four-year anniversary of video gaming in the State of Illinois. The Illinois Gaming Board says video machines have produced nearly \$785 million in state and local tax revenues in that time frame.

Title: Behr Moving

Air: 9/22/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :51

Description: A Rockford company around for more than a hundred years is in talks to be acquired. Behr Iron and Metal is talking with alter trading company based in St. Louis, Missouri.

Title: UPS Hiring

Air: 9/23/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :23

Description: UPS says it needs 1,000 seasonal workers locally to get them through the holiday season. The jobs are part time with late night hours and pay between \$10.15 and \$11.76 an hour.

Education: Topics covered under this issue include:

Title: Education Matters

Air: 7/6/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:18

Description: An education program put on throughout the country for decades, called "Imagination Station," comes to the Discovery Center in Rockford to make learning fun for kids through different presentations using magic, music and hands-on activities.

Title: Students at Risk

Air: 7/11/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :37

Description: 18,000 Illinois students could delay getting their degree or quit school altogether due to no budget being set aside for the upcoming school year leaving many students that rely on state aid having zero to little options.

Title: RVC Barber Coleman Plans

Air: 7/12/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 2:15

Description: Rock Valley College announces plans to expand as it plans to purchase a former downtown building now vacant to be a second campus for the school. Eyewitness News looks at the costs of the project for RVC, and how it will impact taxpayers.

Title: Education Matters

Air: 7/13/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:03

Description: Illinois officials announce that the SAT will replace PARCC testing in the state, citing that the redesigned SAT will better prepare high school students for college and future careers.

Title: Walking School Bus

Air: 7/14/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:27

Description: Sidewalks throughout a few neighborhoods on Rockford's west side are repaired to allow for a safer path to kids walking to school after previously kids were forced to walk close to the roadway due to sidewalks being in disrepair and sometimes un-walkable.

Title: Education Matters

Air: 7/27/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:13

Description: A prepaid state tuition savings program could run out of money within ten years. The state is under no obligation to save it.

Title: Robotics Competition

Air: 7/29/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:39

Description: Hundreds of Stateline students will make their way to the 4th annual Rock River offseason competition tomorrow. The event allows high school students to show off the robots they've been working on. And of the 32 teams competing -- 5 are from right here in the Stateline.

Title: RVC Ribbon Cutting

Air: 8/2/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :41

Description: Hundreds gather for a ribbon cutting ceremony --to celebrate the new rock valley college downtown campus. The new location dubbed "RVC Downtown" sits inside the Rockford Register Star news tower. It will offer college credit courses as well as adult education programs.

Title: Education Matters

Air: 8/3/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: :45

Description: Usually our education matters segments are about educating our kids -- But today -- our message is to parents -- about getting your kids immunizations up to date. Important changes include: all kindergartners must show proof of four polio immunizations and students entering all grades except three, five, and 12 must show proof of two doses of the chickenpox and shingles vaccine.

Title: Driver's Ed Training

Air: 8/9/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: :38

Description: Illinois students in driver's Ed classes will soon be required to learn something new before they get behind the wheel. A new law signed by Governor Rauner on Friday -- requires instruction time on how to handle being pulled over by a police officer. The change is aimed at preventing teens from panicking during a traffic stop-- and from doing anything that may seem like a red flag to an officer.

Title: Education Matters

Air: 8/10/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:00

Description: Rockford Lutheran gets a major technological upgrade. The school held a ribbon cutting this afternoon as it unveiled the brand new Puri family center of research and engagement. It's a state of the art facility that features an open classroom environment... something school leaders say is very common at the collegiate level.

Title: RPS School Updates

Air: 8/11/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:33

Description: School starts in less than one week for students in the Rockford public school district. And for many, they'll be coming back to a school with major renovations. But will the district wrap up all the projects before kids head back to class? We find out.

Title: Back-to-School Bash

Air: 8/13/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:31

Description: A local charter school is holding a free back-to-school bash hoping to get kids excited about the upcoming school year and to help with recruiting.

Title: Hononegah Dome Tax

Air: 8/17/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: The Hononegah school board weighing tonight whether to put a new tax on the November ballot. It would raise money to replace the high school's dome after an ice storm in December destroyed it.

Title: Education Matters

Air: 8/17/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:34

Description: While most RPS 205 students went back to class today, students at one Rockford elementary school have been back in class for weeks. Haskell Year Round Academy has a schedule that offers kids a unique advantage.

Title: Hononegah Approves Tax

Air: 8/18/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:48

Description: The Hononegah school board votes to put a new tax on the November ballot. The money would go toward improving school facilities, chief among them, the high school's dome, which an ice storm destroyed back in December.

Title: NIU Move-In Day

Air: 8/19/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :40

Description: Today was move-in day at NIU, which puts together an impressive logistical operation to get students squared away for the fall semester. Cars packed with students' belongings were lined up for blocks at the school's residence halls. Most of the students who live in residence halls moved in today between nine-and-three, aided by more than 1,000 volunteers and a fleet of golf carts.

Title: College Sexual Assault Law

Air: 8/23/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:34

Description: The state also passed a new law this year requiring colleges to be better prepared for sexual assaults on campus and how to handle them. Eyewitness News reporter Emilee Fannon talked to students who say universities need to be more proactive in helping victims get the justice they deserve.

Title: Education Matters

Air: 8/24/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:50

Description: Creative thinking in the classroom can be as vital as reading and math. That's what teachers at a Rockford school believe and they're using a unique educational model that proves there's power in problem solving.

Title: Eminent Domain

Air: 8/25/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:34

Description: The Rockford School District is looking to obtain properties near Lincoln middle for an expansion project. The city approved its request for eminent domain. But the district is treating it as a last resort.

Title: Belvidere North Threat

Air: 9/16/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: Rumors of a violent assault on Belvidere North High School have many parents and students taking no chances. They stayed away from school today. And complaining about the lack of communication from school officials who refused to talk to us as well.

Title: Expulsion Rules

Air: 9/21/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :36

Description: The Illinois State Board of Education is drafting legislation to keep more kids in school. The new bill would eliminate a district's power to expel a student who doesn't meet the minimum academic and attendance standards. The goal is to keep more students involved in the classroom instead of kicking them out.

Title: Education Matters

Air: 9/21/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:31

Description: Students from Welsh Elementary School in Rockford get a chance to explore nature outside of their classroom. It's only four miles outside of Rockford, but for some it's a world away.

Government/Human Services: Impact of local and state government decisions.

Title: IL Budget: What's Next?

Air: 7/1/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: We speak to local lawmakers a day after a partial budget was passed in Springfield to end the budget stalemate and the tall tasks that need to be accomplished after yesterday's legislation only fully funded schools.

Title: Governor One-on-One

Air: 7/5/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:24

Description: Eyewitness News anchor Eric Wilson sits down one-on-one with Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner about the budget plan passed in Springfield last week, what it includes and did not include, and what it all means for Rockford.

Title: Union Ruling

Air: 7/7/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:09

Description: The state labor board rules in favor of Illinois' largest labor union, saying Governor Rauner cannot rule an impasse against the union. If an impasse was allowed, the union would be forced to accept the governor's contract for the union or would have to strike.

Title: Clinton to Springfield

Air: 7/11/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :33

Description: Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton is set to visit Illinois' capitol on Wednesday to discuss her campaign, policies, and how they'll impact the state of Illinois.

Title: Puppy Mill Zoning

Air: 7/13/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: The Winnebago County Zoning Board once again considers a proposal that would allow a local couple to open a dog breeding shop in Rockford. Many pet activists are against the idea because of the couple's past which includes animal welfare violations.

Title: Beloit Fatal Bike Accident

Air: 7/13/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:57

Description: It's been months since a woman was hit by a bicyclist in Beloit - we talk to her husband about the laws regarding cyclists on sidewalks in Beloit, which is not allowed, and his fight to have those laws not only better enforced, but bringing more attention to the laws so more people are aware of them.

Title: Veteran Status Updated

Air: 7/16/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :45

Description: A designation on Illinois driver's licenses identifying residents as veterans is expanding to include every branch of the military to make discounts and other benefits easier attainable for local vets.

Title: Traffic Stops/Police

Air: 7/18/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:49

Description: The Illinois legislature proposing a law that would require students in driver's education to be taught how to correctly interact with police at traffic stops.

Title: Redistricting

Air: 7/21/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:45

Description: The group that wants to rid Illinois of the practice of politicians drawing political districts is appealing to the state supreme court. That after a cook county judge struck down efforts to get the so-called independent map referendum before voters in November.

Title: Rally at the Roaster

Air: 7/17/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: Rockford residents rally for support of a proposed multi-use recreational path -- that would connect both sides of the city.

Title: Inmate Mental Health Awareness

Air: 7/22/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:37

Description: Law enforcement and mental health advocates say the country is at a crisis when it comes to mentally ill patients being locked up.

Title: DNC Reaction

Air: 7/25/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:34

Description: Sanders supporters are protesting the DNC despite the senator's plea for party unity.

Title: City Council on Trail Proposal

Air: 7/25/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:11

Description: The push to build a bike path along Springcreek Road -- makes its way to Rockford City Council tonight. Council members asked to support the plan.

Title: Rauner in Belvidere

Air: 7/26/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:48

Description Governor Rauner stops in Belvidere pushing an idea that's been in his turnaround agenda all along. He wants legislative term limits.

Title: Speed Awareness Day

Air: 7/27/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: If you saw more police officers patrolling the roads today, you weren't alone. Its Illinois's first-ever speed awareness day.

Title: Tax Fund

Air: 8/1/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:52

Description: Representatives from taxing districts all across Winnebago County gather to talk tactics. They want to do more to fight those seeking to get their property appraisals lowered.

Title: Kinzinger & Kahn

Air: 8/2/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 2:24

Description: Criticisms of Donald Trump following the speech of a Muslim-American, Khzir Khan who lost his son in Iraq continue to mount -- including a statement by Representative Adam Kinzinger. The congressman issuing a vague message which mentions no person directly -- but appears to speak to criticize Trump in the controversy.

Title: Railroad Safety

Air: 8/3/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :39

Description: After the number of people dying from passing through railroad crossing signals continues to climb, lawmakers are taking action. A new law signed by the governor now makes the fine for going through \$500. That's double what it used to be.

Title: Tax Money/Travel

Air: 8/7/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :50

Description: State and local officials using taxpayer dollars for entertainment and travel is now a thing of the past. A new law restricts the use of tax money for certain non-government activities. The measure prohibits local government officials from using taxpayer dollars for things like dinners and hotels.

Title: Winnebago Co. Committee Discussion

Air: 8/8/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:51

Description: A war of words ensues after Winnebago County republicans try to bring back a committee that they say would provide oversight to the chairman's office. But one member of their own party calls the move simply a power grab.

Title: IL Gun Law Proposal

Air: 8/8/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :40

Description: Illinois could soon pass a law to up the punishment for people who bring in guns from out of state illegally. Offenders would get up to 30 years in prison.

Title: County Threats

Air: 8/10/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:35

Description: A Winnebago County board member claims a well-known Rockford figure has threatened him, one with political connections. Eli Nicolsi posted pictures on to his Facebook page showing he was threatened via text messages by Mike Dunn, the chairman of the Rockford Airport, for his support of establishing a committee to oversee County activities.

Title: Unprepared for Recession

Air: 8/10/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :43

Description: Illinois is one of ten states an analysis shows are most at risk from another recession -- according to the ratings agency standard and poor's. Illinois joins Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Connecticut as having the least capacity to withstand a moderate economic recession.

Title: Winnebago Co. Dog Breeder

Air: 8/11/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:15

Description: A dog breeding couple threatens to sue Winnebago County after the board votes down their request for a permit to set up shop on Auburn.

Title: Rape Kits Law

Air: 8/12/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:35

Description Sexual assault victims in Illinois get help building their cases against those who attack them. Governor Rauner signed a couple bills today -- to help in the evidence collecting process making it faster and more protected.

Title: Massage Parlors/Council

Air: 8/23/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:54

Description: A spirited debate at Rockford City Council over controlling potentially sexually-oriented massage parlors. Some council members are genuinely surprised and frustrated by the situation.

Title: Human Trafficking

Air: 8/24/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :50

Description: Governor Bruce Rauner announces a new plan to help women in Illinois who are the victims of human trafficking. He's putting together a task force that will deal with language barriers... Emotional challenges... And economic hardships the women face. According to the national human trafficking resource center nearly 30 thousand victims have been identified over the past 9 years. Lawmakers say the new group is one step toward a long term battle dealing with sexual exploitation.

Health: News of personal health, safety and well-being.

Title: Migraine Awareness

Air: 7/3/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:48

Description: A local patient and doctor speak about the seriousness of migraines. The patient shares his stories of how his migraines became so intolerable that he wound up in the emergency room, while the doctor discusses the dangers with simply "toughing out" a migraine.

Title: RRVBC Blood Supply

Air: 7/14/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :54

Description: Dwindling supplies of blood in Rockford has now dropped to new lows and officials with the Rock River Valley Blood Center says they've reached critically low levels.

Title: Heat Safety

Air: 7/19/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:43

Description: Temperatures are expected to reach the high 90s in the coming days, we talk to some local health experts how to stay safe when out in the elements.

Title: Durbin/Heroin

Air: 7/20/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:50

Description: A recovering heroin addict sits down with Senator Dick Durbin to discuss the opioid crisis facing Rockford and the state.

Title: Zika Health

Air: 7/26/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :30

Description: The Illinois Department of Public Health now offering up tips for those traveling to the summer Olympics games in Rio. The department recommends using bug spray on any exposed skin, wear long pants and long sleeves when possible and stay indoors or in a screened-in room.

Title: Boone Narcan Success

Air: 7/28/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:04

Description: Boone County's new program to give deputies access to life-saving Narcan already produces results. Recently saving a young woman's life who was over-dosing on heroin and seemed to be near death.

Title: Special Olympics Fundraiser

Air: 7/29/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :43

Description: Rockford police officers served the community today... But, in a different way than you'd expect. They waited tables at Texas Roadhouse! Officers served free meals to anyone who came in to the East State location.

Title: Lindmark Benefit

Air: 8/1/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :50

Description: A benefit is held after a Rockford police officer takes his own life. Greg Lindmark suffered in silence with p-t-s-d. Now a foundation is working in his memory -- to save others like him.

Title: Senior Health

Air: 8/2/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:01

Description: From fit-bits to electronic monitoring devices... Technology is helping Americans keep track of and improve their health. But, these advances may be leaving seniors behind as they typically fall behind when it comes to developing technology.

Title: Candlewick Water Issue

Air: 8/4/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:44

Description: A community in Boone County is once again dealing with dirty water. Three years ago... Candlewick had sewage being pumped into the lake. Now a new problem stemming from the same water company is being investigated.

Title: Ogle Zika Kits

Air: 8/4/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:21

Description: Florida is a popular destination for people from Illinois. That's why one Stateline county health department is getting pro-active in helping residents protect themselves from the Zika virus.

Title: Rauner/Abortion

Air: 8/3/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:32

Description: Governor Rauner faces heavy criticism tonight after signing a bill requiring health care providers to increase accessibility to abortion.

Title: Free Dental Work

Air: 8/5/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: :41

Description: Dozens of Stateline residents got free dental work done today. The line was out the door this morning at Above and Beyond Dentistry. It's part of a nationwide effort called, 'dentistry from the heart.' 25 volunteers provided free fillings, extractions, and cleanings for those who showed up.

Title: Breast Feeding Awareness

Air: 8/6/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:50

Description: Moms, dads and supporters came out to attend the global event held on a local scale here in the Stateline. The goal was to promote awareness of the importance of an act that's vital to mothers and their infant children: Breast feeding.

Title: Medical Marijuana/Alzheimer's

Air: 8/12/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:30

Description: A Rockford Alzheimer's facility is looking to become the first in the state to offer medical marijuana for residents. Lincolnshire Place is working with a local distributor -- to get patients the alternative medication they need.

Title: Candlewick/Aqua Meeting

Air: 8/15/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:17

Description: Residents at Candlewick Lake say their water conditions are not improving. Many are complaining that it's tinted orange and brown. The company that supplies the water is set to provide answers.

Title: Blood Shortage

Air: 8/16/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:11

Description: The Rock River Valley Blood Center once again pleads for donations as its supply dips to dangerously low levels.

Title: Rockford Helping Louisiana

Air: 8/17/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :39

Description: As Louisiana begins recovery efforts some Stateliners will lend a hand following the deadly flooding that ravaged the state. Eleven people have died because of the flooding. More than 20-inches of rain pummeled Baton Rouge since last week. 14 volunteers from the Rockford area Red Cross are down in Louisiana assisting in whatever way they can.

Title: Dixon Flooding

Air: 8/18/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:14

Description: People living in parts of Dixon are still drying out after a downpour last night. The heavy rain hit about 3:30 in the morning. It shut down roads, closed businesses and sent water pouring into neighbors' homes.

Title: Alzheimer's Law

Air: 8/19/19

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: :33

Description: A new state law passed just this week will require more training for workers who care for Alzheimer's patients. Workers must now do at least six additional hours of training when they're hired. Currently, there are 220,000 people suffering from Alzheimer's in Illinois. That number is expected to go up within the next ten years.

Title: Winnebago Co. Mental Health

Air: 8/22/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:45

Description: Winnebago County is in crisis. For decades the community has talked about the desperate need for improving mental health services. It's not gotten any better. In fact, mental health advocates say funding issues have made the situation even worse.

Title: Rosecrance Meeting

Air: 8/23/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:29

Description: The Stateline's premiere mental health facility, Rosecrance, considering big cuts tonight. The organization's top leaders are meeting and it could end with the closing of Rosecrance's downtown location.

Title: Run the Runway

Air: 8/20/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :44

Description: Stateliners didn't let the rain stop them from "running the runway" at the Chicago Rockford International Airport this morning. Kids and adults alike had the chance to break a sweat in the "run the runway" 5k. 70-year old Chuck Aron says he came out to run for Alzheimer's awareness -- in honor of his brother-in-law who died of early on-set Alzheimer's.

Title: Battens Benefit for Brock

Air: 9/17/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :40

Description: A Rockton family is hoping to bring awareness and find a cure for a rare and fatal disease. The Scarpetta family holding a pig roast and fundraiser for 9-year-old Brock who is suffering from Battens Disease. It's a fatal neuro-degeneration disorder that effects children.

Title: Rosecrance Donation

Air: 9/21/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :44

Description: Two more Rockford hospitals step up to provide much needed funding for a downtown mental health facility. Once slated to close tomorrow the Rosecrance Triage Center will now remain open.

Community Interest: News of communities' concerns, quality of life issues.

Title: Hanz Fest Preview

Air: 7/2/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:31

Description: We talk to the family of Todd Hansmeier on the one-year anniversary of his death about how they're keeping his legacy alive. Special events include holding a beer festival in his honor where the proceeds go towards a scholarship fund for a local high school student. Hansmeier was killed by Terence Doddy who also killed another woman days later with no apparent motive.

Title: Fourth of July Volunteers

Air: 7/2/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:37

Description: A look at all the work put in by volunteers to get Rockford's popular fireworks show ready for the Fourth of July Holiday. Also, a look at how the show is funded; completely reliant on donations.

Title: Joe Marino Interview

Air: 7/4/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:57

Description: A sit down interview with "Mr. 4th of July" the man that heads up Rockford's fireworks show each and every year, Joe Marino. Marino speaks to how he makes the show bigger and better every year, including today's fireworks display.

Title: Rockford Town Fair

Air: 7/6/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:13

Description: Rockford holds its inaugural Rockford Town Fair and the Rockford Speedway in Machesney Park. A look at what the first ever event is featuring, including carnival rides, live music and fair food.

Title: New Towne Volunteers

Air: 7/8/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:36

Description: High School students from New Towne, Connecticut come to Rockford volunteering helping repair homes and other non-profit organizations tasked with assisting those struggling financially throughout Rockford. The volunteer effort is a joint effort between the students' high school, the YMCA and local Rockford organizations.

Title: Prayer Service

Air: 7/8/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:22

Description: A prayer service is held in Rockford, headed up by Police Chief Dan O'Shea, after several officers were shot and killed in Dallas this week - local officers paying their respects and showing their appreciation for the officers and law enforcement across the country.

Title: Gold Medal of Valor

Air: 7/12/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :47

Description: Five local men are awarded 'Gold Medal of Valor' awards from the Rockford Park District after they helped save a man's life who was having a heart attack at a Park District facility while playing hockey.

Title: Black Lives Matter Rally

Air: 7/16/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :54

Description: Amid deaths of African Americans across the country, many at the hands of police officers, local African Americans leaders and advocates in Rockford rally in support for justice for the lives lost.

Title: Community Softball Game

Air: 7/16/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:59

Description: In an act of unity, the Rockford Police Department puts on a community softball game designed to let officers and area residents to interact and develop relationships and friendships.

Title: Dixon Police Water Fight

Air: 7/22/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:41

Description: Dixon police fought their way through a gunfight today: with water. It was all in an effort to keep cool and connect with local residents.

Title: Zion Church Fire

Air: 7/22/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :34

Description: Severe thunderstorms swept through the Stateline last night with powerful winds and pounding rain. Lightning sparked a major fire at Zion Community Church in Stephenson County.

Title: Special Church Service

Air: 7/24/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :52

Description: A local church destroyed in a fire during the storms on Thursday is holding one last special service. Members of Zion Community Church in Pearl City congregated in the church's parking lot Sunday morning.

Title: Ingram Funeral

Air: 7/28/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:40

Description: It's a homecoming 60 years in the making: Family members, friends, and veterans all gathered to honor a fallen airman who has finally returned home.

Title: National Night Out

Air: 8/2/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:24

Description: Rockford police officers came out to Keye-Mallquist Park this afternoon...In an effort to make personal connections with residents. Something they say is vital to reducing the crime we've seen so much of lately.

Title: Collaboration Celebration

Air: 8/6/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :42

Description: Rockford residents are getting a chance to see the positive changes being made in the community. Changes they may not have even known were happening. Transform Rockford is holding a collaboration celebration this afternoon along with the YMCA of Rock River Valley and the Rockford Park District. The event let residents hear from organizations on all the advancements being made in the reclaiming first initiative from Transform Rockford.

Title: Rosecrance 5K

Air: 8/7/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:31

Description: Hundreds of runners laced up their shoes early Sunday morning to help pay tribute to those who have overcome addiction in the Roscrance 5K.

Title: Serve the City

Air: 8/7/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :41

Description: A Rockford church helping to make parts of the community a better place. From painting and sanding tables around Blackhawk Park -- to pulling weeds and landscaping at Marineli Field, nearly 350 people are helping today's clean-up efforts. It's part of Northeast Christian Church's 'Serve the City' initiative.

Title: Champions Club

Air: 8/8/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:30

Description: A Rockford church challenges the community to unleash its inner super-hero for kids who need one. Rockford First will host its annual super-hero dash this Sunday. Eyewitness News reporter Kristin Cwynar shows us how the one-of-a-kind facility is bringing out champions in children with special needs.

Title: Anything That Floats

Air: 8/21/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:31

Description: After a more than 20-year hiatus, the "Anything that Floats" race returned to the Rock River today. It's a river parade consisting of home-made rafts, the winner chosen at the end and recognized with a trophy.

Title: Hoopstars Event

Air: 8/21/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: :39

Description: Senator Steve Stadelman hopes to start a new tradition in his annual kid's basketball tournament. Hoopstars is just a couple weeks away. The fourth annual three-on-three basketball tournament will take place on Labor Day at Davis Park. This year, Stadelman is encouraging spectators and participants to donate to "Sole Ballers." The charity founded by a Christian Life Sophomore, collects gently used athletic shoes for low income players.

Title: Poplar Grove Firefighter

Air: 8/22/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: :39

Description: Friends and family said their final farewells to a long serving Poplar Grove firefighter this morning. Dozens coming out to the North Boone District 3 Fire House to lay John Schoetski to rest. Schoetski had served more than 48 years on the department and passed away last Wednesday after battling a long-term illness. Today his family and former colleagues held a special memorial for him at the firehouse where he worked for almost 5 decades.

Title: Edwards Apple Orchard

Air: 8/25/16

Show: 9:00 pm.

Length: 1:13

Description: A tradition for many Stateline families kicks off its 2016 season this weekend. Apple picking, apple cider, even the baked potato tent... It's all happening at Edwards Apple Orchard.

Title: Pendergrass Play Day

Air: 9/16/2016

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: 1:33

Description: Rockford business owner Joe Pendergrass was murdered May 31st. His wife Cathy a witness to the attack. The alleged killer Roland Breault is currently awaiting trial. Today, the Pendergrass family comes together to continue an annual fundraiser in Joe's memory.

Title: United Way Luncheon

Air: 9/19/16

Show: 9:00 pm

Length: :38

Description: The United Way of Rock River Valley kicks off it's 2016 season of giving with a look at how it's moving forward and making a difference.

Additional Programming to address Community Issues:

Improving education in Rockford is critical. Although unemployment is a significant problem in the Stateline area, many of the jobs cannot be filled due to an undereducated population. WQRF created the "Bergstrom Stateline Quiz Bowl" to increase awareness of the importance of education in Northern Illinois and to highlight, challenge and reward the community's best and brightest. 32 regional high school scholastic teams are competing for \$40,000 in scholarship awards to Northern Illinois University. The programs for season 3 have been produced and the shows will air on WQRF at 9:30 pm

on Sundays beginning in the 4th quarter. “Bergstrom Stateline Quiz Bowl” is part of a station wide initiative for Excellence in Education.

Education Matters is a news feature that provides an in depth report on an issue in the Stateline Schools. The report airs weekly on Eyewitness News on Wednesday nights at 9:00 pm.

WQRF’s sports team, Scott Leber and Josh Filomeno produced the weekly local high school football wrap-up show, Sports Connection. The ½ hour program is regularly scheduled to air on Saturdays at 5:30. It began on Aug. 20th and will air into fourth quarter.

This summer WQRF highlighted some of the regions county fairs by showcasing the event and the benefit to each area county including Lee County, Ogle County & Boone County fairs.

Community Outreach

WQRF’s campaign, Stateline Volunteers to showcases area non-profit organizations and volunteering efforts in the region. To date the campaign has focused on the following local branches of these organizations:

- *Boys & Girls Club
- *ASPCA
- *American Red Cross
- *Hospice
- *American Cancer Society
- *Disabled American Veterans
- *YMCA
- *Goodwill Industries
- *Rock River Valley Pantry
- *March of Dimes
- *Community Outreach
- *Little League
- *Discovery Center Museum
- *Burpee Museum
- *Easter Seals
- *Alzheimer’s Association

WQRF’s campaign, Excellence in Education vignettes feature station anchors with senior class presidents from high schools in the Stateline sharing stories of great lives. These stories focus on the importance of education to a successful life. Vignettes to date include:

- *Cesar Chavez with student from Guilford High School
- *John Philip Sousa with a student from South Beloit High School
- *Jonas Salk with student from Freeport High School
- *John Wesley Powell with student from Keith Country Day School
- *George C. Marshall with student from Harlem High School
- *John James Audubon with student from Fulton High School
- *Thomas Nast with student from Paw Paw High School
- *Samuel Clemens with student from Stillman Valley High School
- *Ansel Adams with student from Polo High School

Produced and aired PSAs for the following:

Rockford Area Economic Development Council –“Rockforward”

- *Schools and quality education in Rockford
- *Aerospace Engineering
- *Technical jobs in the Stateline

The Literacy Council-year-long campaign

- *Tutor recruitment
- *Read to Feed-PSA to stress the importance of reading to your children and to instill the love of reading at an early age.

There is a Spanish version of the PSA that airs during the Hispanic Newscast

CASA’s year-long campaign

- *Child Advocate Recruitment

Transform Rockford’s year- long campaign

- *Spoke Survey

Rockford Chamber of Commerce

- *Chamber Founder’s Day Celebration
- *Business Expo
- *Education Outlook Luncheon

Fourth of July

- *Support fireworks show

United in Peace

- *Domingos in the Park-July
- *Domingos in the Park-August

Greg Lindmark Foundation

- *Golf event

Crusader Clinic

- *Spirit of Caring Nominations

LaVoz Latina

- *Annual Recognition Banquet

Children’s Safe Harbor

- *Annual Dodgeball Tournament

Y.E.S. (Young Eagles Success) Club

- *Awareness

A variety of Ad Council PSAs aired throughout the day on WQRF including:

- Autism Awareness-Jamie
- Autism Awareness-Tommy
- Fatherhood-Anticipation
- Fatherhood –Guy’s Night Out
- Fatherhood-Kid Again
- Texting & Driving-Afterlife (:60)
- Texting & Driving-Be a Friend (:60)

Texting & Driving-Not a Joke (:60)
Texting One unlucky guy (:60)
Texting just drive (:30)
Women's Heart Disease-Ceiling Crasher
Discovering Nature-Unplug
Recycling Journey
Book People Unite
Love Has No Labels (:30)
Love Has No Labels (:60)
Shelter Pet Adoption (:10)
Shelter Pet Adoption (:15)
Drunk Driving (:15)
Drunk Driving (:30)
Anti-bully (:60)
Discover Nature (:60)
Recycling (:60)
Black people unite