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As a result of the federal government shutdown that started on December 22, 2018, the FCC's online public file (OPIF) system was inaccessible and non-functioning from January 3, 2019, until January 27, 2019.

Consequently, the attached document was not uploaded until after the January 10 quarterly filing deadline, after the federal government re-opened and the FCC's OPIF system was put back into service.

# 2018 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

## *Issues & Programs*

*Quincy, IL*  
For Station  
WGEM-AM

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**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:** Health care system, need for more industry; more tourism; more jobs; downtown revitalization; economic and industrial development; improved tax climate, lower worker's compensation, availability of liability insurance; more regional cooperation
- 2) **ECOLOGY:** Management of Ecology, landfill space, problems of hazardous waste; weapons proliferation; nuclear energy; soil erosion; situation of Quincy Bay; need for preservation of environment; pesticides and herbicides run off problems; conservation and recycling; flood control; sewer/water-system/water quality; pollution control.
- 3) **EDUCATION:** Need for upgrading of system and high educational standards; school funding and support of system, education for non-traditional students; post-graduate educational opportunities; educational priorities; retaining & acquisition of new job skills; continuing education; adaptation to high technology; more parental involvement.
- 4) **YOUTH:** Problems of juvenile delinquency; lack of activities; drop-out rate; drug and alcohol abuse; lack of funds for youth centers; need for more jobs; more programs and facilities; day care centers; retention of youth in community; teenage pregnancy; better teen center; better communications and awareness of services available.
- 5) **SOCIAL:** Aids, rising medical costs, need for resources for elderly; strengthening of family unit; transportation and housing for poor and elderly; more programs for elderly; needs for the disadvantaged; nurses, doctors, and dentists; problems of alcohol and drug abuse; racial problems; lack of opportunities for black; child abuse; spouse abuse; sexual abuse; support for single parent families.
- 6) **AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY:** Commodity prices, affect 1996 Farm Bill; high agricultural production costs; high interest rates; availability of credit.
- 7) **TRANSPORTATION:** Need for better highways, including four-lane expressways; rail service; maintaining air service; retain bus routes; city street repairs; maintaining AMTRAK service. Rising fuel prices.
- 8) **CITY/COMMUNITY:** Flood impact, need for adequate housing for poor and elderly; strong community leadership; community pride; growth/population decline; more blacks in political community; long-range community planning; community clean-ups; better enforcement of minimum housing codes; city-wide effort against alcohol and drug abuse.
- 9) **LAW & ORDER:** Need for honest government; crime prevention; getting tough on drunk drivers; problems of vandalism; high crime rate; including white-collar crime; arson; overcrowded Illinois prisons; seat belt usage; gun control and substance abuse.
- 10) **RECREATION:** Need for more and improved facilities; more cultural programs; women's recreational center; teen & youth centers.
- 11) **HEALTH & SAFETY:** Coaches, nurses, doctors addressing health concerns; policies on student eligibility after an injury; efforts to stop drug and alcohol abuse; public health.

**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 are available upon request.

**VERMONT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SERVICE (9a-10a Sundays WGEM-AM)**

*One hour program includes Mass Service.*

**PARK VIEW BIBLE CHURCH BIBLE STUDY (8a-830a Sundays WGEM-AM)**

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

**FOCUS ON THE FAMILY - WEEKEND MAGAZINE (10a-11a Sundays WGEM-AM)**

*One hour program is broken out into a number of segments and features the host and a guest speaker discussing various topics of family and family interaction.*

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## ***WGEM AM INTERVIEWS***

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

Topics/guests have included:

- Discussed Thanksgiving basketball tournaments with local coaches and athletic directors that are big money makers and bring communities together to begin the high school basketball season.
- Talked with a doctor from Quincy Medical Group about National Diabetes Awareness month, which our co-host Ryan Mumma suffers from, the warning signs and the difference between Type 1 and Type 2.
- Did live cut-ins from our annual Bucket Blitz event in co-operation with the Salvation Army to raise funds for their Christmas Campaign to support those less fortunate during the holiday season.
- Throughout the quarter, we interviewed several area high school basketball coaches to discuss with them players to watch that are both good athletes and good students as well as how they are looking out for students' health and well-being during practices.