

**2023**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

***Issues & Programs***

**WGEM-TV**

**WGEM-DT-1, WGEM-DT-2, WGEM-DT-3,  
WGEM-DT-4  
*Quincy, IL***

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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/ECONOMY:** Includes need for industry; tourism; jobs; downtown revitalization; economic and industrial development; issues facing employers; effects of economy on quality of life.
- 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; recreation.
- 4) **AGRICULTURE/ECOLOGY:** Commodity prices; agricultural productions; conservation and recycling; pollution control; environmental changes; impact of weather on crop production.
- 5) **TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE:** Highway improvements; rail service; maintaining air service; bus routes; city street repairs; fuel prices; city improvements; communication service expansion.
- 6) **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.
- 7) **LAW and ORDER:** Crime prevention; arson; overcrowded prisons; substance abuse; local police and sheriff's department activities; local political matters.
- 8) **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.

9) **WGEM NEWS****Locally Produced****Monday-Friday 5:00am (120 min)****Monday-Friday 7:25am, 7:55am; 8:25am, 8:55am (5 min)****Saturday/Sunday 7:25am, 7:55am (5 min)****Monday-Friday 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm (30 min)****Saturday/Sunday 10:00pm (30 min)**

First Aired	Description	Category
October 1, 2023	Decision 2023: Talking to fort Madison's 3 mayor candidates. One month Away and 3 candidates are throwing their hat into the ring.	Law & Order
October 1, 2023	Teddy Bear Clinic returns to Blessing-Rieman College. The clinic's theme was "Under the Sea" and the event gave kids the chance to bring their fav. doll Or stuffed animal in for a health check-up.	Health/Safety
October 2, 2023	New FFA grants available to raise mental health help awareness. A number of \$1K grants are available for FFA chapters to implement mental Health initiatives in their schools and community.	Health/Safety
October 2, 2023	Hannibal, along with several NEMO schools receive funding for safety upgrades. Hannibal School District is receiving \$200,000, they will be focusing on adding and Replacing cameras.	Education
October 3, 2023	Nipper Park Marina to be closed for dredging. The boat ramp at Nipper Park In Hannibal will be closed next week for crews to dredge the marina.	City/Community
October 3, 2023	Quincy officials urge residents to compare energy costs following Ameren Rate change. Ameren's base rate for usage of up to 800 kilowatthours will be 8.104 cents Per kilowatthour and 7.904 cents for each additional.	City/Community
October 4, 2023	Quincy Section 8 housing wait list to open again. The applications for the Waitlist open October 11 at 9:00am.	City/Community
October 5, 2023	Say goodbye to the COVID-19 VA card. The CDC has stopped printing them.	Health/Safety
October 5, 2023	Bus driver shortage continues in Keokuk. The district has been able to recruit a Few bus drivers recently, but is still looking for at least 3 more.	Education
October 5, 2023	Changes coming from FAAFSA applicants. Some of the changes include the number Of questions going from about 100 to about 30.	Education
October 6, 2023	Dispose chemicals at Hazardous Waste Collection Day. If you have any chemicals That are on the shelves collecting dusts, 10/7 is the perfect day to safely dispose of them.	Health/Safety

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October 6, 2023	Earlier toy drive creates more time for donations. Toys for Tots of West Central Illinois has kicked off its toy drive.	City/Community
October 7, 2023	Macomb treasurer resigns, mayor to appoint Andrea Henderson. Mayor stated Price indicated he needed to spend more time caring for an ailing family member.	Law & Order
October 8, 2023	Quincy Museum hosts 2023 Folk Life Festival. Families had a chance to wander Around old time markets, hear celtic music and folk tales.	City/Community
October 9, 2023	Prospective students explore Culver-Stockto campus. Prospective students got To have some fun while exploring the Culver-Stockton campus Monday.	Children/Youth
October 9, 2023	JWCC Halloween Haunted Hallway open to the public. JWCC art students Crafted a variety of spooky themed art pieces for the Haunted Hallway exhibit.	City/Community
October 10, 2023	QPS receives teacher retention grant. Personnel Director Lisa Otten says they Will get \$210,000 every year for the next 3 years.	Education
October 10, 2023	County Board's extra funding towards riverfront contingent on other Partners. Riverfront Corp. was granted an extension by contractors to hold The bid to allow each partner more time to decide on funding.	Business/Economy
October 10, 2023	Krazytown Trampoline Park construction underway. The park is the first of It's kind to be built in Quincy.	Business/Economy
October 11, 2023	Quincy police investigate death following shots fired call. QPD was dispatched To the 400 block of Gardner Park for suspicious activity.	Law & Order
October 12, 2023	Volunteer fire departments see shortages of firefighters. Loraine Fire District Says while their overall volunteer number is good, they still find themselves short Staffed during the day.	Business/Economy
October 12, 2023	NECAC returns to pre-Covid levels of assistance. The program was to help Those who may have struggled with unemployment or income loss land on their feet	City/Community
October 13, 2023	QPD to enforce downtown parking restrictions. The police announce Friday they Will begin enforcing the 2-hour parking regulation on Monday downtown.	Law & Order
October 13, 2023	Palmyra schools pursuing bond issue for building upgrades. The school board Approved pursuing the bond issue, which will appear for April 2 election in 2024.	Education
October 15, 2023	Adams County 4-H members learning by doing projects recognized at achievem- ent ceremony. The ceremony also honored a 4-H member that helped for exactly 50 years.	Children/Youth
October 15, 2023	Clat Adams Park Riverfront Rendezvous. Included in the plan is an Interactive play area, an event plaza, terraced river access and cruise port docking.	Transportation/Infrastructure

October 16, 2023	Taste of Palmyra looks to attract visitors. People will flock to Palmyra Monday night to get a taste of what they city has to offer.	Business/Economy
October 17, 2023	JWCC truck driver training sees boost in enrollment. Instructors said due to the open houses and recent federal law changes, they have seen a boost in enrollment.	Education
October 17, 2023	Resource fair looks to help local seniors. Gettig older brings it's own set of challenges.	City/Community
October 18, 2023	Adams County officials warn of jury duty phone scam targeting residents. scammers are targeting Adams County residents with a jury duty scam attempting to steal their money.	Law & Order
October 18, 2023	Q-Town kicks will open it's first storefront in downtown Quincy. A local Entrepreneur will open his first sneaker store in downtown Quincy next month.	Business/Economy
October 19, 2023	Blessing Hospital Surgery Center has carbon monoxide scare. QFD determined there was no longer a threat and there were no injuries.	Health/Safety
October 19, 2023	Housing shortage concerns increase as temp. decrease. Cooler temps pose more problems for Quincy's housing shortage.	City/Community
October 21, 2023	Quincy Note Dame exceeds goal for 2023 Fund Dive. Members said the fund Drive helps fulfill the high school's day to day operations.	Education
October 21, 2023	The WGEM Fall Harvest food drive continues through October. Please donate At any area Farm and Home Supply store in the tri-states.	City/Community
October 22, 2023	Thanksgiving basket reservations get underway in McDonough County. With The holidays approaching, Thanksgiving dinner basket signups are getting underway.	City/Community
October 22, 2023	Macomb PD's newest K-9 hits the streets. After receiving around \$14,000 in Donations, and some help from the city has welcomed its new furry friend.	Law & Order
October 23, 2023	Palmyra school leaders reveal new safety plans. The superintendent says they Will put a \$150,000 state safety grant to good use.	Education
October 24, 2023	Staffing issues delay Monroe City billing problems. More issues for a north-East Mo community struggling to address billing issues.	Business/Economy
October 25, 2023	Dispose your unused, expired or unwanted pharmaceuticals this Saturday. You can come to the ACHD on Sat. 10/28 from 10am – 2pm to drop off unused meds.	Health/Safety
October 26, 2023	Quincy Salvation Army to serve free community Thanksgiving dinner. Walk-ins Are welcomed, but reservations are recommended. You can reserve your spot by Calling 217-231-5626.	City/community

October 26, 2023	Quincy summer road projects near completion. The streetscape for the new condos at 7 <sup>th</sup> Jersey and the reconstruction project on Payson are set to be completed towards end of year.	Transportation/Infrastructure
October 27, 2023	Harvest beating expectations. Despite the summer drought, many farmers received just enough rain leading to higher yields than 1 <sup>st</sup> expected.	Agriculture/Ecology
October 27, 2023	Culver-Stockton alumna donates new facility a 50 year class reunion. Dozens gathered at the student center for luncheon where alumni shared stories and reunited.	Education
October 29, 2023	Lee County Shop with a cop to host music trivia fundraiser. Pre-registration is required. It's \$20 a person for a table of eight.	Law & Order
October 30, 2023	Adams County Veterans Assistance Commission seeking a superintendent. The state of IL mandates that counties develop this commission.	City/Community
October 30, 2023	Keokuk High School opens resource center for students. The school also has informational resource flyers, weekend meal support, and a shower for students that don't have water.	Children/Youth
October 31, 2023	Electric Fountain Brewing moves location. Electric Fountain owner Ryan Christian feels that the relocation will increase business not only in their store but also, downtown.	Business/Economy
Nov. 1, 2023	Culver-Stockton College receives education program award. Culver-Stockton officials say they plan to put a \$70,000 state award to use in their teacher-preparation program.	Education
Nov. 1, 2023	Edina restaurant close to reopening. Nearly a year after a destructive fire, the Blue Room in Edina is close to reopening.	Business/Economy
Nov. 2, 2023	Adams County Public Defender no longer taking new cases. A judge will start appoint a special public defender to a defendant in a case.	Law & Order
Nov. 3, 2023	Florence Bridge temporarily closed. IDOT officials stated the bridge would be closed to highway and river traffic due to a mechanical problem.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Nov. 4, 2023	Power outages throughout Quincy. Over 4,000 residents in Quincy are without power, according to Ameren Illinois.	City/Community
Nov. 6, 2023	Hearings begin this week for Adams County judge who overturned guilty verdict in sexual assault case.	Law & Order
Nov. 7, 2023	Minor changes made to Winter Storm Waring criteria. The criteria will remain 6 inches.	City/Community
Nov. 7, 2023	Louderman elected Hannibal Mayor. Barry Louderman was elected as the next mayor of Hannibal in Tuesday's public election.	Law & Order

Nov. 8, 2023	Keokuk High School has federal student aid workshop for students workshops are for students and parents to properly apply for grants and scholarships.	Children/Youth
Nov. 8, 2023	Hannibal Habitat for Humanity celebrates house construction completion. The Mark twain Area Habitat for Humanity will host a dedication in Hannibal Friday morning.	City/Community
Nov. 9, 2023	Medicare enrollment open. Quincy Senior Center officials says one of the most common questions she sees from seniors is the cost of different plans.	City/Community
Nov. 9, 2023	Pleasant Hill schools provide mental health resources after student death. A counseling team and therapy dog will be available for the students who may need it.	Children/Youth
Nov. 10, 2023	Unity High School students and staff observe Veterans Day. Unity High school students and staff honored local veterans on Frida.	Education
Nov. 11, 2023	Boozy Rae's opens in Fort Madison. Situated on the corner of 622 7 <sup>th</sup> St.	Business/Economy
Nov. 13, 2023	Adams County Health Dept. offers a RSV vaccine for pregnant mothers. Officials said they currently are offering a vaccine that mothers can take to protect their unborn child.	Health/Safety
Nov. 13, 2023	Local food banks struggle amid economic strains and inflation. Inflation has hit hard, affecting not only consumers but also the vital resources that help with support.	City/Community
Nov. 13, 2023	We had no idea it was going to blow up the way it did: Waiting game for result of Judge Adrian hearings regarding the reversal, he made in a sexual assault case.	Law & Order
Nov. 15, 2023	Preliminary work starts on MO-79 bridge. Prep work will begin today so they are ready to replace the bridge in the spring.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Nov. 15, 2023	Monroe Cit Thanksgiving tradition brings hundreds together. Meals along with desert, were handed out to hundreds at the senior nutrition center.	City/Community
Nov. 16, 2023	QU announces Illinois tuition promise program. In an effort to alleviate the financial burden on aspiring college students and their families, QU unveiled its Illinois Tuition Promise Program Thursday.	Education
Nov. 17, 2023	Honda recalls nearly 250K vehicles because bearing can fail and cause engines run poorly or stall.	City/Community
Nov. 17, 2023	USPS package rate adjustments to take effect Saturday. Shipments experiencing the most significant shift in prices would be those over a shorter distance.	Business/Economy
Nov. 17, 2023	Blessing Foundation scholarship helps get medical students into the workforce.	Education

Nov. 18, 2023	Target testing new self-checkout policy. For now, the company is testing this new policy in a handful of stores.	Business/Economy
Nov. 20, 2023	New CDL testing procedures coming to MO. The JWCC Transportation Services Instructor says the changes go into effect Dec. 4.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Nov. 20, 2023	Space heater sparks fire that destroyed Plainville home. Payson fire chief reminds everyone to keep fire safety top of mind moving into the winter months and to have working smoke detectors.	Law & Order
Nov. 22, 2023	Quincy airport director: more flights for holidays. Quincy Regional Transportation/Infrastructure Director Chuck Miller said they are busy this week, as flights have been almost full with people traveling for Thanksgiving.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Nov. 22, 2023	Tonight Quincy's Moorman Park lit up with an annual holiday tradition! Festival of lights dazzles guests in Moorman Park.	City/Community
Nov. 24, 2023	Black Friday kicks off the holiday shopping season. We have a look at the preparation at one local store, and word on how to avoid scams meant to look like holiday deals.	Business/Economy
Nov. 25, 2023	Ice skating rink opens in Brown County. It's a brand new outdoor ice arena in Uptown Mt. Sterling called the Rink.	Business/Economy
Nov. 25, 2023	Several minors cited at the Cedar Club for underage drinking. 11 individuals under the age of 21 were cited Friday at the Cedar Club.	Law & Order
Nov. 27, 2023	Candidates brave cold as filing opens for Illinois March primary. Despite having a week to file their file and turn in their petitions, many candidates were there Monday morning.	Law & Order
Nov. 27, 2023	South 12 <sup>th</sup> Street near Harrison intersection to close for 3 weeks. According to officials, the street is expected to be open by Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> .	City/Community
Nov. 29, 2023	JWCC simulator offers training for police, students. Officials say the simulator has over a thousand scenarios, each with varying outcomes.	Education
Nov. 29, 2023	US 61 reopened after semi caught fire. Emergency crews responded to the scene of a semi fire early Wed. morning.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Nov. 30, 2023	Middle school opens barbershop to boost student confidence. The in-school barbershop will offer free haircuts to any student who wants one.	Children/Youth
Dec. 1, 2023	Illinois State Police advocates remind people to drive sober this holiday season. December marks National Impaired Driving Prevention Month.	Law & Order



Dec. 2, 2023	Winchester's community center hosts Pack the Truck with Toys event. The mission is for every child to wake up with a toy on Christmas morning.	City/Community
Dec. 3, 2023	Macomb PD implementing retention bonuses for officers. Approx. \$152,000 will be dispersed in the form of a retention bonus with signing a contract for 2 years.	Law & Order
Dec. 4, 2023	Toll increases planned for Fort Madison Bridge. Toll for cars would increase to \$3 on Jan. 1, 2024 and to \$4 on Jan. 1, 2025	Transportation/Infrastructure
Dec. 5, 2023	Bucket Blitz supports those who use the Emergency Shelter and services. As the weather gets colder, people will stay inside to stay warm, not everyone has a warm place to go.	City/Community
Dec. 5, 2023	Keokuk high schoolers serve over 400 during annual Christmas dinner. Today Around 50 Keokuk High schoolers helped spread holiday cheer to more than 400 senior citizens.	Children/Youth
Dec. 6, 2023	Clarity Healthcare breaks ground on new facility. The facility will offer patients Dental and primary care, psychiatry, and behavioral health services.	Health/Safety
Dec. 9, 2023	QPD issues arrest warrant for Kentucky street apartment fire. QPD said multiple Residents were displaced due to the fire at 720 Kentucky ST, but one was injured.	Law & Order
Dec. 10, 2023	IDPH Director concerned as COVID-19, RSV and flu cases rise. The latest data Showed 3.56% of hospital admissions were due to Covid, .8% were due to flu And 1.36% due to RSV.	Health/Safety
Dec. 11, 2023	Last week for curbside yard waste pickup in Quincy.	Agriculture/Ecology
Dec. 12, 2023	Economic development meeting tonight to highlight success, future Plans. The GREDF president says 2023 successes include Target and more families To the city and expanding their Business Concierge Program.	Business/Economy
Dec. 13, 2023	ADM gives back to fight local food insecurity. The food care packages will Be given out throughout the rest of the week.	City/Community
Dec. 13, 2023	Study could lead to Amtrak in Hannibal. The \$500,000 grant will Fund a study to examine the costs and feasibility of expanding the existing Quincy-Chicago corridor to Hannibal.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Dec. 13, 2023	JWCC hires Shelley Barkley as Academic and Student Affairs VP. The new position Combines the areas of instruction and student services.	Education
Dec. 13, 2023	Cleanup efforts underway for 20 car train derailment in Pike County, Illinois. A Norfolk Southern train derailed Tuesday near Salem, Illinois.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Dec. 14, 2023	Holiday home tours return to Hannibal. The tours will be held from 5-8pm Saturday.	City/Community

Dec. 14, 2023	Digging Deeper: Quincy renters turn to city for relief. Some rental homes have partially collapsed and even more alarming, there are families still trying to call these places home.	Health/safety
Dec. 15, 2023	Quincy Walgreens pharmacy temp. closed on Friday. Officials reported the pharmacy will be open Saturday at 9am.	Health/safety
Dec. 15, 2023	Class of 2023 Blessing-Rieman nursing students graduate. On Friday a ceremony For 20 Bessing-Rieman College of Nursing and Health science graduates was held at The Crossing.	Education
Dec. 16, 2023	Quaker Oats recalls granola products over concerns of salmonella contamination. The affected products have been sold in all 50 U.S. states.	Health/safety
Dec. 16, 2023	Quincy Public Library raises funds for Mobile Library. The bus will feature a smaller selection of what can be found at the main library. However, the bus will feature much more than just books.	City/Community
Dec. 17, 2023	A local effort to stop underage drinking, alcohol purchases in Lee County. Efforts to stop underage drinking in Keokuk will continue after the Best You Coalition received a Drug Free Communities grant that allocates \$125,000 for five years to the organization.	Law & Order
Dec. 19, 2023	JWCC to expand adult education offerings. The college pres. Says a s \$200,000 grant Will allow them to offer certified nursing assistant & trucker driver training programs for those getting their GED.	Education
Dec. 19, 2023	Quincy City Council approves funding towards riverfront develop- ment. The council had an 8-4 vote.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Dec. 19, 2023	Target date set for completion of McDonough District Hospital Pharmacy groundbreaking was held in late May, and it's that same time in 2024 that MDH president hopes for the project to be completed.	Health/Safety
Dec. 21, 2023	Holiday home safety suggestions. The FBI reported 83,000 burglaries took place during last year's holiday season. There were 66 burglaries in 2022 Adams County.	Law & Order
Dec. 22, 2023	Quincy business owners expect big turnout for Super Saturday. Super Sat. is the last chance to get your shopping in before Christmas.	Business/Economy
Dec. 22, 2023	Kroc Center prepares for community Christmas dinner. Volunteers at the Kroc Center is gearing up for the community Christmas dinner to be held at the Kroc Center on Christmas Day.	City/Community
Dec. 23, 2023	Boy Scout's will once again pick up old Christmas trees. Troup officials stated the pickup will take place starting at 8am on Jan.6. The cost is \$10 per tree.	City/Community

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Dec. 24, 2023	Dorsey's Sentry Hardware to close for good next week. A Scott County Business that's been around for 51 yrs. is soon to close its doors.	Business/Economy
Dec. 25, 2023	Brad Dixon a man of family, football and faith. Brad Dixon makes a lasting Impressions on the community of Camp Point.	Children/Youth
Dec. 27, 2023	Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program applications open until Dec. 31. To provide relief for struggling families.	City/Community
Dec. 27, 2023	Colchester Police rebuilding, recruitment efforts still underway. More officers Are filling Colchester's part time police positions.	Law & Order
Dec. 28, 2023	Special permit request to be reviewed for potential nightclub. The owners Of the building at 428 Maine Street requested a special permit to allow their Operating hours for the potential nightclub.	Business/Economy
Dec. 28, 2023	New Illinois law bans book banning. Effective Jan. 1, a new law bans public & School libraries from removing materials due to ideological or political reasons.	Law & Order
Dec. 29, 2023	New Illinois law mandates paid time off for workers. A new Illinois law takes Effect Jan. 1 mandating businesses give their full-time employees at least 40 Hours of paid time off annually.	Law & Order
Dec. 29, 2023	Pittsfield Future Farmers of America win TikTok contest. The chapter Won 1 <sup>st</sup> place against 7 other chapters across the state for generating the Most likes and shares. The \$1000 award will go directly back into Pittsfield FFA.	Agriculture/Ecology
Dec. 30, 2023	Jan. 1 deadline looming for Illinoisans to register assault weapons and Attachments. "It's a big fat mess is what it is", said Richard Person, exc. Director Of the Illinois State Rifle Association.	Law & Order
Dec. 30, 2023 Business/Economy	Quincy has 3 infill housing projects that are still undergoing construction. Brewhaus Townhomes, Sunset Home facility and the former Eagle's Nest Hotel All are under construction. 2024 after we get through winter, we will see another uptick in Construction says mayor.	
Dec. 31, 2023 City/Community	There's a push to help train service dogs for Veterans. Good dogs are hard to Find for veterans who need them. But a team effort is hoping to change that.	

## **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. Additionally, WGEM offers the FOX, CW and MeTV networks on its multicast channels.

Early Today	Monday-Friday 4:30 am – 5:00 am
Today Show	Monday-Friday 7:00 am – 11:00 am Saturday 7:00 am – 8:30 am Sunday 7:00 am – 8:00 am
NBC Nightly News	Monday-Sunday 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Dateline NBC	Various dates and times
Meet the Press	Sunday 8:00 am – 9:00 am
FOX News Sunday	Sunday 8:00 am – 9:00 am

## **SYNDICATED PROGRAMS**

### ***AgDay on NBC***

Monday-Friday 4:00 am – 4:30 am

### ***AgDay on FOX***

Monday-Friday 5:30 am – 6:00 am

### ***Business First AM on FOX***

Monday-Friday 5:00 am – 5:30 am

### ***This Week in Agribusiness on NBC***

Saturday 5:00 am – 6:00 am

### ***US Farm Report on NBC***

Sunday 9:00 am – 9:30 am

### ***Matter of Fact on NBC***

Sunday 9:30 am – 10:00 am

### ***Investigate TV on NBC***

Sunday 10:30 pm – 11:00 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.