

2024

1st Quarter

Issues & Programs

WGEM-TV

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

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

- 1) **BUSINESS/ECONOMY:** Includes need for industry; tourism; jobs; downtown revitalization; economic and industrial development; issues facing employers; effects of economy on quality of life.
- 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
Jan. 1, 2024	Ron DeSantis holding virtual town hall with Gray TV. Ron will take part in a virtual town hall live at 7pm, tomorrow night.	Law & Order
Jan. 2, 2024	School safety law looks to get officers into building quicker. A new Illinois law mandates police work with local schools to create a plan for quicker entry.	Education
Jan. 2, 2024	Pressure washers sold at Lowe’s recalled due to burn risk. The washers were sold at Lowe’s stores nationwide and online from March 2023 through July 2023.	City/Community
Jan. 3, 2024	Mandatory PTO required for Illinois businesses. It allows people working a minimum of 40 hrs. a week to earn 1 hr of PTO for every week they work 40 hrs.	City/Community
Jan. 3, 2024	New Illinois law prevents officers from making traffic stops due to objects between the driver and windshield. Police in Illinois can no longer pull drivers over for hanging something on their rearview mirror.	Law & Order
Jan. 4, 2024	Quincy Police Department now fully staffed. Chief Adam Yates says 2020 was the last time the department met the minimum staffing requirement of 73.	Law & Order
Jan. 4, 2024	Local therapists talk seasonal affective disorder remedies and prevention. Seasonal affective disorder is a form of depression that arises typically around winter.	Health/Safety
Jan. 6, 2024	The Atrium Hotel on 3 rd begins rebrand to a new franchise. The owners have rebranded the hotel to the Double Tree by Hilton.	Business/Economy
Jan. 7, 2024	Southern Airways looks to add more flights in 2024. Officials at Quincy Regional Airport said they hope to add more flights this year.	Business/Economy
Jan. 9, 2024	JWCC receives grant from Department of Energy. New career paths could soon open for students at JWCC.	Education
Jan. 9, 2024	Snow causes slick road conditions across Tri-States. Local road crews urged drivers to slow down, give themselves a good amount of stopping distance and give plows plenty of space.	City/Community

Jan. 10, 2024	MODOT workers warn residents of the road conditions during the inclement weather. MODOT said wind gusts have been blowing snow over roads.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Jan. 10, 2024	Law enforcement agencies offer reward in Williamstown church, parsonage fire. agencies are offering a \$5,000 reward for information of any information leading to an arrest.	Law & Order
Jan.12, 2024	JWCC, GREDF and regional manufacturing companies create Illinois' 1 st Fame chapter. The Fame program at JWCC is intended to boost advanced manufacturing training in the area.	Education
Jan. 13, 2024	Hundreds turn out for 9 th annual Bridal Show. Organizers said about 500 people preregistered to attend the show.	Business/Economy
Jan. 14, 2024	Access Food Feed the Hungry has delivered tens of thousands of pounds of deer meat to Pike, Brown and Schuyler counties.	City/Community
Jan. 16, 2024	Dual enrollment numbers up for Illinois high school students. Officials at JWCC say they saw 100 more students take dual enrollment classes last semester compared to the semester before.	Children/Youth
Jan. 17, 2024	Quincy City council denies permit for an operation of a nightclub at 428 street. The owners said that even though the permit was denied they will have a bar and restaurant with some dancing instead.	Business/Economy
Jan. 18, 2024	Keokuk parents share concern over possible 4-day school week, another work session to follow. Several parents raised concern over the district's consideration of implementing a 4-day school week.	Education
Jan. 18, 2024	Advocacy Network for Children relocates with grant from Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County. Since its initiation in 2018 with only 5 volunteers serving 9 youth, CASA's outreach has experienced remarkable growth.	City/Community
Jan. 18, 2024	Price of stamps set to rise... again. The price of postage is set to go up on Sunday and stamps will cost \$.68. This marks the 5 th price hike since 2021.	Business/Economy
Jan. 19, 2024	Local colleges give advice for students on how to utilize financial aid and avoid Debt. Local college officials said applying for scholarships and grants as early as possible can help students avoid debt and give them priority.	Children/Youth
Jan. 20, 2024	The District looks forward to growth despite 3 businesses closing within the last year. Revelry, Love it or Leave it and Jeni's Boutique all closed their doors in the last year.	Business/Economy
Jan. 22, 2024	Edina police ask for public's help in grocery store burglary. According to Echo Menges, the suspect stole \$60 from the cash register.	Law & Order

Jan. 23, 2024	New proposal would ban certain chemicals in foods in Illinois. A new bill aims to ban 5 chemicals found in candy, soda and other ultra-processed Foods in Illinois.	Agriculture/Ecology
Jan. 23, 2024	Scammers target grieving families with fake Facebook pages. The Better Business Bureau has been made aware of a new scam circling in Quincy.	City/Community
Jan. 25, 2024	Quincy University gets grant for North Campus improvements. The school's President says they plan to use the money to knock down walls, rewire electricity And modernize unusable classrooms and labs to better serve their fine arts, music, and health depts.	Education
Jan. 25, 2024	Robitussin cough syrups recalled to due to microbial contamination. Haleon says it hasn't heard of any adverse reactions to the products.	Health/Safety
Jan. 26, 2024	MoDot hosts meeting for residents to learn about bridge replacement project on Missouri Route 79. The bridge is located over Bear Creek, Norfolk Southern Railroad, and Warren Barrett Drive.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Jan. 26, 2024	Hannibal Public Schools announces new superintendent. Webb will fill the role as Superintendent on July 1, 2024.	Education
Jan. 28, 2024	Students and faculty in Quincy gear up for Catholic Schools Week. Big changes were ahead for Quincy Catholic Schools at the start of the calendar year; and it was all in an effort to sustain enrollment and unify the four Catholic elementary schools in Quincy.	Education
Jan. 29, 2024	No-cost restaurant serves meals and dignity to people in need. At no cost, guests can enjoy a restaurant-style experience for breakfast, lunch and dinner.	City/Community
Jan. 29, 2024	Tax filling season now underway. You can now file our individual federal and state tax returns.	City/Community
Jan. 29, 2024	Quincy Regional Crime Stoppers reaches 10K anonymous tips. The Crime Stoppers reached a significant milestone on Monday morning.	Law & Order
Jan. 31, 2024	Illinois lawmakers unveil bipartisan bill to raise estate tax threshold for farmers. A bipartisan coalition of state representatives and state senators unveiled bills they believe will save family farms.	Law & Order
Feb. 1, 2024	Local libraries receive grants for summer reading programs. Libraries across NE MO will soon have state funds to help them to engage kids to see that reading is really fun.	Children/Youth
Feb.1, 2024	Mortgage rates are starting to decrease in 2024. Mortgage lenders said with mortgage rates trending downward they hope to see the rates between 5 & 6 percent this year.	Business/Economy

Feb.1, 2024	Tree removal prompts road closure. Columbus Rd, between North 39 th St. and Nottingham Dr. will be closed for tree removal.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Feb. 2, 2024	Police search for leads on arson investigation for Providence Baptist Church and parsonage. The ATF is offering \$5000 award to anyone who gets them a lead on an arrest.	Law & Order
Feb. 3, 2024	QPS Foundation wraps up the 2023 Dream Big Campaign. The QPS Foundation raised \$355,213.42 for the 2023 Dream Big Campaign, which exceeded the goal.	Education
Feb. 3, 2024	Family owned restaurant to open in Nauvoo. They said beyond food, they Hope Lock 19 can be a place for people to hang out and socialize.	Business/Economy
Feb. 5, 2024	Smart Start grant help Mendon preschool expand. The Unity Elementary Principal says the district will get \$156,000 each year until the 2024-2025 school year.	Children/Youth
Feb. 5, 2024	Quincy Park District is hiring for summer jobs. Quincy Park District is hiring for summer help.	Business/Economy
Feb. 5, 2024	Proposal in the Missouri Legislature would allow medical providers to use any platform for telehealth service. Opponents have also raised concerns that the lack of contact between a medical professional and their patient in an audio-only visit may lead to malpractice claims.	Health/Safety
Feb. 7, 2024	Proposal would eliminate subminimum wage in Illinois. Lawmakers officially Announced they'll be filing a bill requiring every worker be paid at least full state minimum wage.	Law & Order
Feb. 8, 2024	Adams County Veterans Assistance Commission already helping veterans. about a month into his new role, the new superintendent of the Adams County Veterans Assistance Commission shares an update on his effort to build up resources And connect to other organizations.	City/Community
Feb. 8, 2024	Hannibal Building Commission addresses unsafe structures with property owners. Right now the city is planning to demolish anywhere between 15 to 20 houses in the spring and summer.	City/Community
Feb. 8, 2024	Culver Stickton College presents alumna written play. The play will be held in the Mabee Foundation Theatre inside the Robert W. Brown performing Arts Center on Feb 8.	Education
Feb. 9, 2024	Quincy officer returns to full day of work after being shot in the line of duty. Matt Hermsmeier returned to a full day of work Friday after being shot in the line of duty in January.	Law & Order
Feb. 10, 2024	Monroe City Galentine's Day out shopping event expands in second year. Everything from locally made crafts, clothing and tasty treats were up for sale.	Business/Economy
Feb. 10, 2024	QHS has busy closing night with "Rosie the Riveter" and it did not disappoint.	Children/Youth

Feb. 11, 2024	Flu hangs on in US, fading in some areas and intensifying in others. The flu Virus is hanging on in the US according to CDC data released Friday.	Health/Safety
Feb. 12, 2024	MODOT to ask for public input on US 61 expressway. MoDot officials will hold a public information meeting on 2/21 from 430-630pm at the Hannibal High School cafeteria.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Feb. 13, 2024	How to navigate the student loan on ramp period. Some borrowers can take Advantage of the government's student loan on-ramp policy right now.	Education
Feb. 13, 2024	Quincy Transit Lines looks to rehab facilities, change routes. Several new changes are underway for public transportation.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Feb.13, 2024	Governor pushes for natural disaster assistance for farmers. The request for \$3.5 million in the budget would help farmers impacted by natural disasters.	Agriculture/Ecology
Feb. 14, 2024	Pancheros Mexican Grill opens in Quincy. From 2/20-2/26, customers using the Pancheros app can get a \$1 burrito special in celebration of the grand opening.	Business/Economy
Feb. 14, 2024	Proposed Illinois bill would allow rent control. A proposed Illinois bill looks to repeal the Rent Control Preemption Act and allow Rent Control.	City/Community
Feb. 15, 2024	Officials invite public to attend Quincy Bay Rehabilitation Project. Officials say they hope the protect can help develop and maintain several ecosystems.	Agriculture/Ecology
Feb. 16, 2024	Gov. Pritzker, Cook County leader announces \$252M in new migrant crisis. Pritzker is asking state lawmakers for an additional \$182 million to address the ongoing Migrant crisis.	Law & Order
Feb. 17, 2024	WGEM hosts the Academic Challenge for local high schools to compete in. The quiz bowl had only eight high school teams competing in the tournament this year due to weather conditions only 8 teams competed.	Education
Feb. 18, 2024	Local vendors gather to celebrate Quincy's first 217 day. Organizers hope to Make 217 day an annual event.	Business/Economy
Feb. 18, 2024	Macomb high schooler making a difference through personal fundraiser "Community Change". Instead of birthday presents, she asks for donations.	Children/Youth
Feb. 19, 2024	Illinois bill looks to raise estate tax threshold. A new Illinois bill looks to keep farmers from selling off their land.	Business/Economy
Feb. 19, 2024	Career and technical education courses giving students new opportunities across Illinois. From welding to auto shop, nursing courses, cooking classes, coding and even mechanical engineering, CTE can be anything.	Education

Feb. 20, 2024	Hannibal Police receive new speed measuring device. Hannibal Police say thanks to a grant from MoDot they have a new speed measuring device.	Law & Order
Feb. 21, 2024	Agriculture education returns to Western High school after 9 years. Just a year ago, opportunities like these weren't available in Barry.	Agriculture/Ecology
Feb. 21, 2024	JWCC holds job shadowing for students. Some students at JWCC are getting a jump start on valuable life and workplace skills while going to school.	Education
Feb. 22, 2023	McDonough District Hospital President and CEO Brian Dietz steps down. The Search is on for a new president and chief executive officer and McDonough District Hospital.	Health/Safety
Feb. 23, 2024	American Queen Voyages shut down, cancels all river cruises. American Queen Voyages has announced on its website that the business has shut down and was cancelling all cruises.	Business/Economy
Feb. 24, 2024	Bushnell-Prairie City teacher takes home Ag-Educator of the Year award in surprise assembly. They call him selfless and hardworking.	Education
Feb. 24, 2024	Impact Global hosts their second multicultural and business expo. This is the second year Impact Global has put on this event and organizers say it's truly a day of celebration.	Business/Economy
Feb. 26, 2024	Hannibal YMCA receives \$100,000 grant to boost programming. YMCA officials say the scholarships help to remove financial barriers for those who otherwise couldn't participate in activities like youth sports, summer day camp and daycare programs.	Children/Youth
Feb. 27, 2024	Community Foundation to open grant applications. The Community Foundation will open up applications for their Community Grant Program on March 1 st .	City/Community
Feb. 27, 2024	Toyota recalling 381,000 Tacoma pickups because parts can fall off rear axles increasing crash risk. The recall covers certain trucks from the 2022 & 2023 model years.	Health/Safety
Feb. 29, 2024	JWCC launches AI course for local businesses and non-profits. The instructor says the class can teach small businesses owners and non-profit leaders how to grow & be efficient with minimal equipment.	Education
Feb. 29, 2024	3 Adams County highway-rail crossings to see safety upgrades. With the help of the Grade Crossing Protection Fund, the \$1,056,857 project will be completed within the next 18 months.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Mar. 1, 2024	Dent to take over as Clark County R-1 High School principal. Dent will officially take over the principal position on July 1 st .	Education
Mar. 3, 2024	12 th annual Pins for Patriots sells out. On Sunday afternoon, a bowling fundraiser raised more than \$1,000 to support local veterans dealing with mental health issues.	City/Community

Mar. 4, 2024	First over-the-counter birth control pill set to hit stores this month. Opill was approved by the FDA for use without a prescription in 2023.	Health/Safety
Mar. 4, 2024	Quincy Service Club prepares for Little People’s Golf Championships. The Quincy Children/Youth Service Club will be taking over the tournament for its 51 st tournament, after formerly being ran by Nan Ryan.	
Mar. 4, 2024	Dutch Country General Store announces closure. This comes only four years after they opened in 2020.	Business/Economy
Mar. 5, 2024	Couple’s home dreams crushed after losing \$400,000 in alleged contractor scam. The couple say they were left with 2 unfinished houses after paying more than \$400,000.	Law & Order
Mar. 5, 2024	QPS Foundation prepares for 11 th annual Dream Big in Color 5k Run. The run is Scheduled for 9 am, April 20, starting at Quincy High School.	City/Community
Mar. 6, 2024	IL Governor proposes ending the grocery tax. A proposal from the Illinois Governor’s office would eliminate the 1% grocery tax in the state.	Law & Order
Mar. 6, 2024	New Hannibal firefighters continue certification training. The 9-week academy began Jan. 29 and is a necessary step for Missouri firefighters to earn their state certification and advance their careers.	Law & Order
Mar. 8, 2024	Webb withdraws from Hannibal superintendent position, Johnson to continue in role.	Education
Mar. 8, 2024	Bill would legalize “magic mushrooms” for medical purposes in Illinois. A bill in the Illinois State Senate would legalize psilocybin for medicinal use in the state.	Law & Order
Mar. 8, 2024	Quincy Public Schools to host annual Showcase of Excellence. Over 500 K-12 students from all over the Tri-states will show off their musical skills during the event.	Children/Youth
Mar. 9, 2024	Macomb to improve wastewater plant. Macomb residents can expect to see cleaner wastewater and run off going into next year.	City/Community
Mar. 10, 2024	New group in Versailles hopes to grow the village. There are many things the committee hopes to accomplish, like bringing new business to Versailles.	Business/Economy
Mar. 11, 2024	Propane buses help school district. Hannibal Public Schools’ transportation director says they plan to have the while fleet switched to propane in the 8 years.	Education
Mar. 11, 2024	Troup announces run for mayor reelection. Troup said while he’s made a lot of progress in his 3 years as mayor, it’s not enough time and there’s still more to do.	Law & Order
Mar. 13, 2024	FFA students from across Illinois descend upon the state capitol for AG Day. Wednesday was Illinois Agriculture Legislative Day at the state capitol.	Agriculture/Ecology

Mar. 14, 2024	NWS holds Storm Spotter Training Session in west-central Illinois. If you missed the storm spotter training session in Carthage, you can still attend an online version.	Education
Mar. 14, 2023	Cashews sold at Walmart recalled due to undeclared allergens. The FDA advises consumers discard the recalled product or to return it to a Walmart store for a refund.	Health/Safety
Mar. 14, 2024	Annual Versailles Volunteer Fire Dept. fish fry is postponed. The fire chief is encouraging those who were planning to attend the annual event to instead attend the fish fry fundraiser for the victims' families of Monday's fatal bus crash.	City/Community
Mar. 15, 2024	Early spring bloom triggers the start of allergy season. In any given year, trees and other plants will generally release the same amount of pollen.	Health/Safety
Mar. 15, 2024	6 th and Hampshire intersection to close for a month. The intersection will be closed starting Monday March 18.	Transportation/Infrastructure
Mar. 18, 2024	Missouri unveils plan to fill jobs. There's a workforce shortage in Hannibal and state officials now have a plan to tackle the problem.	City/community
Mar. 18, 2024	Fabric and crafts retailer Joann files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Joann has filed for bankruptcy as consumers continue to cut back on discretionary spending.	Business/Economy
Mar. 19, 2024	Illinois voters head to polls for primaries. Adams Co. election officials are expecting a lower voter turnout ranging from 20 to 30%.	Law & Order
Mar. 20, 2024	Experts warn of increase in "smishing" scams. The FTC issued a warning in late 2023 about fake shipping notification texts and emails.	City/Community
Mar. 20, 2024	A local family business is welcoming its vendors into a new building. The owners said they just signed a new lease just down the street.	Business/Economy
Mar. 21, 2024	Deadline for rent assistance vouchers approaching. The deadline to apply for rental assistance is March 31.	City/Community
Mar. 23, 2024	Western Junior High students interview with volunteers in first-ever "Amazing" shake. A select number of students will move forward to round 2, where they will speak with members of the Board of Education.	Children/Youth
Mar. 23, 2024	QHS hosts clothing drive. High School juniors, Marley Lanier, Presley Hodges, Haley Garnet, and Gracie Austin are the minds behind the clothing drive.	Children/Youth
Mar. 25, 2024	Hannibal mayor proposes demolition of St. Elisabeth. Mayor says demolition looks like the cheaper option, at an estimated \$4 to \$5 million dollars.	City/Community
Mar. 25, 2024	Skeletal remains of Hannibal woman missing since 2022 found. Deputies found the skeletal remains of Janesta Lynn Didine off Highway M south of Hannibal.	Law & Order

Mar. 26, 2024	Bill would allow parents to monitor children’s social media. If you have children, chances are they might use social media.	Health/Safety
Mar. 28, 2024	Illinois Regional College Fair puts focus on financial aid amid a setback in FAFSA’s new launch. QU’s Financial Services Director Tom Oliver said it’s the first time in his 30-year career he has seen the free Application for Federal Student Aid undergo such a significant change.	Education
Mar. 29, 2024	Looking at a solar eclipse can be dangerous without eclipse glasses. Staring Directly at the sun during a solar eclipse or at any other time can lead to permanent Eye damage.	Health/Safety
Mar. 30, 2024	SAFE-T Act 6 months later: local prosecutor, law enforcement asses the change. With the elimination of cash bail, Eyer said “Catch and Release” situations are not uncommon.	Law & Order
Mar. 31, 2024	Kroc Center hosts Easter worship service. On Sunday, dozens of families gathered yet again for a day worship, free breakfast and an Easter egg hunt.	City/Community

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