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The following newscasts, programs, specials, and announcements airing on WREX-TV provide the most significant treatment of community issues:

WREX-TVNewscasts

13 News Today at 4:30 Weekdays 4:30-5:00 a.m.
13 News Today at 5 Weekdays 5:00-6:00 a.m.
13 News Today at 6 Weekdays 6:00-7:00 a.m.
13 News Midday Weekdays 11:00-11:30 a.m.
13 News at 5 Weekdays 5:00-5:30 p.m.
13 News at 6 Monday-Saturday 6:00-6:30 p.m.
13 News at 10 Daily 10:00-10:35 p.m.
13 News at 5 Sunday 5:00-5:30 p.m.

<u>Public Service Announcements</u>

Varying length announcements from :10 - :30 airing throughout the day about issues of community interest and importance.

In direct response to timely news topics, viewer letters and emails, WREX-TV elected to cover the following issues through news stories, public affairs programming and/or special reports:

CRIME: Officer Involved Shooting, K-9 Memorial, Protestors, Freeport Felony, Pecatonica Cold Case

EDUCATION: Health Care Scholarships, College Fair, Al In Schools, Early Bird Program

GOVERNMENT-POLITICAL:

American Rescue Plan Spending, County Juvenile Detention Center, Primary Elections, State Health Insurance

CONSUMER-ECONOMY: BBB Scams, Freeport Flood Buyout, Restaurant Week, Property Tax Relief, Sales Tax

FAMILY ISSUES: Naturalization Event, Family Owned Restaurant, Porter Park, Chili Cook Off, Night to Remember

HEALTH: RSV Illnesses, Domestic Violence Discussions, Social Work Development Program, Cancer Screenings

SPECIAL REPORTS: FOID
Registrations, Parent Bereavement Act,
Habitat for Humanity, SOAR Awards

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
CIVIL UNREST: Transporting Migrants,
Pretrial Fairness Act, Black Realtors, County
Immigration Plan

1ST QUARTER REPORTS "CRIME"

1/1/24 - 3/31/24

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :12 1/9/24 5 PM

Slug: Officer Involved Shooting

Developing tonight, we're learning more about what lead up to a Rockford police officer shooting and killing a man on Christmas Eve. We're seeing new video.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW

:48 1/10/24 6:30 AM

Slug: Rockford OIS

You're seeing a small piece of the video where Patrick Kirby opened the door with a knife and box cutter. Kirby ignored officers who asked him to put down the weapons several times. Officer Michael Rhein shot Kirby three times after he kept moving towards him with the knife.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :34 1/13/24 6 PM

Slug: Freeport Shooting

Take a look at this map to give you a better picture of where it happened. Freeport police responded to a home in the 1100 Block of S. Oak Avenue around 2 A.M. this morning.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:55 1/29/24 5 PM

Slua: K-9 Procession

We begin tonight with a look at the procession happening for fallen Rockford Police K-9 officer happening just moments ago tonight. We are learning new details about the Rockford Police K-9 that was shot and killed this afternoon in the line of duty.

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 :18
 2/2/24
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Slug: Memorial for K9 Nyx

The Rockford Police Department has confirmed the funeral arrangements for k-9 officer NYX. Nyx was killed on Sunday while chasing down a suspect that shot at her and her handler.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :22 2/7/24 5 PM

Slug: Protestors in Niles

Protesters blocked the entryway to a facility in Niles, Illinois today that they say has manufactured weapons that have been used in the war in Gaza. The group claims Woodward makes parts for Boeing that are used in bombs in the Israeli Gaza war.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :24 2/11/24 10 PM

Slug: Nyx Fundraiser

And closer to home in Rockford, we are less than one week until the community bids their final farewell to fallen Rockford Police K-9 Nyx. You have the opportunity to show your support for Nyx and other K-9s, as "K-9 in Dogs We Trust" has designed special shirts to honor Nyx's service.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :24 2/24/24 10 PM

Slug: Freeport Felony

Inside the car was two Freeport residents. The driver, 44-year-old Anthony Evans, and the passenger, 33-year-old Cartwright. After they were detained, officers recovered the item stolen from the store, a bottle of liquor along with a loaded handgun in the area the car was last driven.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :29 3/5/24 4:30 AM

Slug: Shooting Investigation

Let's walk you through what we know. Rockford Police confirmed just after 1 AM, two men were shot here on Creek View Road. That's right off East State Street and just down the road from Don Carter Lanes.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :40 3/11/24 11 AM

Slug: Dive Team at Pecatonica River

Now we're following a developing scene near the Pecatonica River. Several fire crews and equipment have been spotted. That scene is right off the river in the Village of Pecatonica.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :50 3/13/24 11 AM

Slug: Winnebago County Cold Case

We begin this morning with developments coming from the Winnebago County Sheriff and Coroner revealing new details about a 50-year-old cold case. Recent evidence was pulled from the Pecatonica River this Monday.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :20 3/22/24 10 PM

Slug: Rockford Sex Offense Charges

Tonight a Rockford man was charged after police were called about reports of a runaway teenage girl in the presence of a registered sex offender. 29 year old Travis Blomgren of Rockford was arrested and charged after police found the girl

1ST QUARTER REPORTS "EDUCATION" 1/1/24 – 3/31/24

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :21 1/5/24 10 PM

Slug: Health Care Scholarships

A local hospital network gave three area students scholarships to help cover the cost of their education this week. These three students earned a thousand dollar scholarship to help pay for their education in the health care field.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :34 1/8/24 4:30 AM

Slug: Human Trafficking

And January is human trafficking awareness month designed to educate the public and the role they can play in preventing human trafficking. The City of Rockford is just one place working to provide resources for those affected here in our community.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:28 1/15/24 6:30 am

Slug: MLK RU Event

The forum looked back on the life of Martin Luther Jing Jr. The Civil Rights movement lead local officials to recognize the impact those events carry on to the African American community today.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :30 1/29/24 11 AM

Slug: Black History Month Specials

All month long 13 WREX will be sharing stories celebrating Black culture and history highlighting talented individuals right here in the Stateline. A few of the segments include Black culture rooted in art, education and more

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 :25
 2/2/24
 4:30AM

Slug: St. Patrick Parade

And if we take a moment to flip our calendars to March, things will be looking green in Rockford as the downtown St. Patrick's Day parade will mark a first for its history.

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 :54
 2/3/24
 6 PM

Slug: College Fair at RVC

An event at Rock Valley College is giving high school students an opportunity to meet with college representatives. The Rockford Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority hosted their annual college fair today.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :21 2/5/23 5 AM

Slug: Al in DeKalb Schools

The DeKalb School District is voting to approve an Al program geared to further education. The plan is to bring in a program called Chat-for-Schools which is a tool used by teachers that will help them simplify challenging subjects.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:17 2/11/24 10 pm

Slug: Ogle County Sales Tax

Staying with education, an important question will be on the ballot next month. A one percent sales tax for Ogle County, if approved could help school districts in Ogle County address critical areas in the educational system.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:58 3/7/24 6 PM

Slug: RPS 205 Early Bird Program

We decided to dig deeper into that program looking at what progress they have made thus far. Today 13 WREX'S Destin Howard got to speak some of the students involved in the program.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :43 3/12/24 10 PM

Slug: RVC Watch Party

It was an exciting afternoon at Rock Valley College with their undefeated women's basketball team gathering to see where they'll be seeded in the national tournament. The Golden Eagles had a watch party for the bracket reveal.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 3:29 3/14/24 4 PM

Slug: Eclipse 2024

The countdown is on - with the total solar eclipse less than a month away. On April 8, millions of Americans in 13 states will find themselves directly on the eclipse's path of totality. Take a look at this graphic from the Adler Planetarium.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:24 3/25/24 5 PM

Slug: Kishwaukee Course Fees

Being more transparent about costs is the goal for Kishwaukee College. They will be eliminating all student course fees beginning this summer which include charges for registration, technology, and other items.

1ST QUARTER REPORTS "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" 1/1/24 - 3/31/24

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :20 1/11/24 6 AM

Slug: Last of ARP Spending

Rockford City leaders were busy Monday night. They approved millions of dollars for several initiatives. Three point two million dollars from the American Rescue Plan will help leaders begin phase three of their investment and support of local organizations.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :23 1/19/24 6 PM

Slug: Jobs Report

In some consumer news, a new report released by the Illinois Department of Employment Services shows that the State's unemployment rate increased in the month of December. In that report, it says the unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :24 1/25/24 5 AM

Slug: Winn Co Juvenile Center

13 Investigates broke that report last week revealing a report from the Illinois Department of Justice. Those papers from September say the facility violated State standards for detainment and education. The IDJJ also says they did interviews with children at the facility.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:03 1/28/24 6 PM

Slug: IPASS Changes

Our top story tonight, the Illinois Tollway is making some changes to its I Pass system, which they call "the next step in the advancement of tollway technology." 13 WREX's Destin Howard is with us tonight. Destin, what are you learning about the new I Pass sticker tags rollout?

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :42 1/30/24 5 AM

Slug: IL Healing Center

In University Park today, Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton launched the Illinois Healing Center Task Force at Governors State University. The task force is to set a standard of trauma informed innovation in the State and create policies.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :43 2/2/24 6 AM

Slug: R1 Traffic Plan

Besides highlighting dangerous driving conditions, attendees offered solutions like more speed bumps, multi-use paths, and road diets. R1 says feedback is crucial, as the council will soon apply for traffic safety grants.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:27 2/8/24 6:30 AM

Slug: Elections

Today, Illinoisans have a chance to head to the polls to begin early voting for this year's primary election. Our Dillon Valencia is live at the Winnebago County Clerk's Office to help us prepare for what we can expect this time around.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :18 2/12/24 11 AM

Slug: Dixon Candidate Forum

The City of Dixon is hosting a candidate forum later this month to fill a spot in the state senate. The forum will be held on Thursday, February 22nd and three republican candidates will be there.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :50 2/18/24 5 PM

Slug: Belvidere Comp Plan

New tonight, the City of Belvidere is looking to put a final stamp of approval to finalize its comprehensive plan. They are asking you for your feedback before putting it into action.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :43 3/1/24 11 AM

Slug: Trump Ballot Removal

And following the decision to remove Donald Trump from the Illinois Primary Ballot. We reached out to Stateline County Clerk on how this could affect those looking to make their voices heard.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:12 3/5/24 4:30 AM

Slug: Iconic Energy Parking

City leaders decided to move forward with a project at the iconic energy building that would put a valet service on state street. This comes after the zoning board denied it previously but the owners said not having the service would put their renovation project in jeopardy.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :56 3/14/24 6 PM

Slug: Pritzker Health Insurance

Governor Pritzker is urging lawmakers to pass sweeping new changes in laws governing the State's health insurance industry. Capitol News reports the changes

include banning so-called step therapy requirements for prescription drug coverage.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:05 3/18/24 4 PM

Slug: IL Primary Tomorrow

William Ingalls joins me in studio. We just talked about DeKalb on a city level, but they also have an interesting primary to look at.

1ST QUARTER REPORTS "CONSUMER-ECONOMY" 1/1/24 - 3/31/24

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :19 1/2/24 5 AM

Slug: BBB Scams

Over to a consumer alert for you this morning. The Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau is helping you avoid losing money due to scams this year as they wait for the results of last year.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :43 1/26/24 10 PM

Slug: Madison Street Construction

New tonight, downtown Rockford business owners are speaking out about upcoming construction along Madison Street. 13 WREX's Samantha Soto spoke to a couple of businesses along Madison St. preparing for this construction.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :38 1/29/24 5 AM

Slug: Hot Chocolate Crawl

Nearly a dozen participating businesses handed out hot chocolate throughout the day - along with cold weather shopping specials. Many also had Rockford North End coffee mugs and tote bags for sale.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :48 1/31/24 4 PM

Slug: Freeport Flood Buyout

Since receiving three million dollars from FEMA in 2021, Freeport has bought 28 at-risk properties near the Pecatonica River's floodplain. FEMA's pre-disaster mitigation program is a voluntary buyout program where property owners can sell their homes or businesses back to the City.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :57 2/2/24 4:30 AM

Slug: Wine Bar Grand Opening

A business in Lena hosted it's grand reopening, and it's ready to give people a place to relax. Sugarbakers in downtown Lena is rebranding from a wine bar and boutique to a wine bar and cocktail lounge.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:16 2/5/24 6 AM

Slug: RR Week

Here at Baked Wings on Riverside Boulevard, they just finished their second year participating and say they already know this year surpassed the success they saw in 2023. I also checked in with a few other participants.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :31 2/8/24 6:30 AM

Slug: Property Tax Relief

Right now, Illinois lawmakers are working to address opportunity deserts and high property taxes impacting the most vulnerable homeowners. Opportunity deserts happen when high property taxes drive out existing businesses.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:09 2/11/24 10 PM

Slug: Super Game Localized

Now that the biggest night in football is finally here, it's more than just fun for the fans. The game also provides a marketing opportunity and economic boost for local businesses. 13 WREX's Destin Howard is with us tonight.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:09 3/6/24 6 PM

Slug: Freeport Sales Tax

Moving to Freeport, City leaders are trying to figure out the best way to fund infrastructure improvements for parts of the City. These talks have been ongoing, with the City saying it doesn't have the funds to maintain or fix roads.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :46 3/12/24 10 PM

Slug: IL Revenue

The State is expected to see more revenue this year but growth is starting to slow down. Capitol News Illinois says the State plans on a surplus of almost \$2 billion dollars for the current year.

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Slug: Freeport Sales Tax

In Freeport people gathered to plead their case to City officials on how they want to see road improvements funded before a final sales tax vote on Monday. Freeport claims it'll earn \$3.5 million from a 1 percent sales tax increase.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:15 3/20/24 10 PM

Slug: Grocery Tax

Illinois temporarily suspended its grocery tax during the Covid-19 pandemic, but Governor JB Pritzker is calling for that tax to go away forever.

1ST QUARTER REPORTS "FAMILY ISSUES" 1/1/24 – 3/31/24

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:30 1/22/24 11 AM

Slug: Naturalization Event

A sentiment shared among many officially recognized as United States citizens and in particular Jose Galarza who traveled to the US from Mexico at the age of 2. Now 33 years later he reflects on his up brining and how his previous lack of citizenship impacted him.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :18 1/25/24 5 AM

Slug: Local Girl

Emmalyn Freeze, who we have featured a few times over the years, hopes to go through a special three-month medical program in North Carolina. But it costs \$50 thousand dollars, and her family doesn't have that kind of money with insurance not helping to cover the cost.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 3:05 1/28/24 10 PM

Slug: Destination Downtown Winnebago

You might miss downtown Winnebago if you don't look closely enough. That is the hard thing because a lot of people don't go past what is up at the corners. When you come downtown you're going to see more family-owned businesses and that's really what Winnebago is about is family.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :28 1/31/24 6 PM

Slug: Sorenson Visit

The Illinois Farm Bureau unveiled new legislation aimed at improving the Illinois Estate Tax. In a press conference today, House Republican leaders stood with bipartisan lawmakers supporting the new measure.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :32 2/3/24 10 PM

Slug: Family Preservation

The Village of Roscoe is receiving a major grant from the State to expand a popular park. We're talking about Porter Park which will receive over 530-thousand dollars in grant funding.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :48 2/5/24 5 AM

Slug: Mercyhealth MD 1

A Stateline hospital will begin their training sessions for emergency response students which can contribute to lowering response times in our communities. The class will feature six hundred-thousand dollars' worth of state-of-the-art labs simulating real-life emergency conditions.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :23 2/7/24 5 PM

Slug: Child Tax Credit

Also in Springfield, lawmakers and advocates for a State Child Tax Credit are pushing to see a deal get done. This is on the heels of a Federal Child Tax Credit moving through Congress.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:52 2/9/24 10 PM

Slug: Night to Shine

Tonight, Rockford's City First Church is hosting an unforgettable prom night experience. It's the 2024 'Night to Shine' celebrating people with special needs. 13 WREX's Samantha Soto was there giving us a look at the special night.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:54 3/2/24 10 PM

Slug: Polar Plunge

The Polar Plunge returned to Olson Lake at Rock Cut State Park today. Hundreds took the plunge with the weather being a little warmer than usual. 13 WREX's Destin Howard shows us how people are supporting Special Olympic athletes this year.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:33 3/3/24 5 PM

Slug: Weather Safety Concerns

Right now there is an increased risk for fires in our area due to both high winds and dry land conditions. Before we get over to your forecast today, 13 WREX's Destin Howard is with us tonight speaking to Rockford Fire Department, Destin what do people need to know to stay safe?

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :60 3/8/24 4 PM

Slug: Chili Cook Off

A chili cook-off in Rockford this weekend is helping put a spotlight on mental health. It's raising money for the family of Jared Mayes, a former basketball star from Rockford who died by suicide in December.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:05 3/27/24 4 PM

Slug: Rockford Stabbing

Yeah, they were playing in the backyard. My kids could have been out there playing with me in the house, and it is just terrifying. I am so glad they aren't' here.

1ST QUARTER REPORTS "HEALTH" 1/1/24 – 3/31/24

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :30 1/24/24 4:30 AM

Slug: RSV Illnesses

Over the past two weeks, the number of cases haven't increased significantly at UW Health's Rockford Campus. The hospital also says numbers have decreased since December and right now doctors are saying say the lack of an increase is no coincidence.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :44 1/26/24 6:30 AM

Slug: Behavioral Health

Illinois lawmakers are trying to expand access to behavioral health care services but the State has a severe shortage of workers. Democrats and Republicans are focused on passing a plan this year to help recruit and retain behavioral health care providers.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :28 1/29/24 10 PM

Slug: Rockford's DV Discussion

We also learned a big announcement that could make a big difference in Rockford's ongoing mission to end domestic violence in our community. A new partnership announced by the City will give survivors better care and resources than ever.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :22 1/30/24 10 PM

Slug: 5 Things Blood

Doctors say some might feel dizzy after giving a blood sample and think it's because of the volume of blood being given. Many times patients are only giving a small amount of blood in their bodies.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :57 2/2/24 6 PM

Slug: Auburn HS Mental Health

A Stateline mental health and counseling organization is partnering with one RPS high school to teach students about the importance of your emotional health. The Early Birds Social Work Development Program will take place during after school hours at Auburn High School.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:18 2/6/24 4 PM

Slug: Local Cancer Screenings

The biggest problem medical professionals tell me is that they feel fine. They think they are fine even though that usually is the case. Yearly doctor visits are important because cancer can spread silently, quickly and if caught early can be managed.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :34 2/8/24 6:30 AM

Slug: KSB Partnership

In Dixon, KSB Hospital is looking for potential partnerships to help with future funding. As the only hospital in lee county, the facility operates as an independent not-for-profit organization for over 100 years.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :19 2/28/24 11 AM

Slug: Women's Mercy Health Move

Here's a map of where the center will be located. The address is 2780 McFarland Road. The new location is meant to provide more comprehensive and personalized care. Patients will be able to start going to that location on March 6th.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :27 3/1/24 11 AM

Slug: Winnebago County Crisis

The organization provides resources for mental health illnesses and substance use in order to interrupt the revolving door to jail or the emergency room. Here's the latest stats. During the first half of the last program year in 2023 the response team served 938 patients.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:03 3/13/24 6 PM

Slug: 4 Years Since Covid

Right now at 6, we are continuing our coverage of the four year mark of the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, with then President Donald Trump declaring a nationwide emergency.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :21 3/17/24 10 PM

Slug: North Boone Merger

We are officially two days away from the Illinois primary and there are several key items on the ballot as Tuesday approaches. Voters are set to decide on a change in

ambulance service. North Boone Fire Districts 5 and 3 potentially replacing Capron Fire Rescue as the community's emergency provider.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :20 3/31/24 10 PM

Slug: Free Support

After a tough week for the Rockford community, the city of Rockford is offering support to help you cope. To support loved ones and families of the victims impacted by tragedy, there will be emotional support and counseling services available free of charge.

1ST QUARTER REPORTS "SPECIAL REPORTS" 1/1/24 – 3/31/24

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :22 1/1/24 6 PM

Slug: How Many Are Registered

With the deadline to register passed, tonight we're digging deeper into how many assault weapons have been registered with the State. According to the Illinois State Police website, over 15 thousand FOID card holders have completed a disclosure to legally have an assault weapon.

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Slug: Parent Bereavement Act Law

Laura Kane, the one who advocated for this law, had to return to work only three days after her son's funeral. Upon returning, she experienced a significant number of panic attacks and anxiety which impacted her work performance. She eventually lost her job.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:30 1/24/24 11 AM

Slug: Snow Culture Competition

Grab the chisel and put on some gloves. Today marked the start of the Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition. While the event brings thousands to Sinnissippi Park, photojournalist Nathan Langley caught up with one team not afraid to sculpt in the rain.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:51 1/29/24 5 AM

Slug: North End HC Crawl

Businesses in Rockford's North End are offering a sweet treat to many at the 3rd Annual Hot Chocolate Crawl. 13 WREX's Destin Howard is showing us how that event is sparking conversation about the future of the North End Shopping Market.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:19 2/2/24 5 AM

Slug: Hononegah Humanity

Hononegah Community High School is doing their part to create a lasting impact as they enter their third year of partnering with Habitat for Humanity. Students are helping build houses right in their communities.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:10 2/7/24 5 PM

Slug: RPS Meeting

Our top story tonight, the RPS 205 is holding a public input meeting looking to get feedback on their student code of conduct policy. Topics such as suspension, dress codes and arrest on school grounds are all on the table tonight.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:15 2/9/24 10 PM

Slug: WI Reactions

The Rock County Police Department set up a command center last night creating a space for community members to come together safely. One of the areas in Evansville, Wisconsin that saw extensive damage on Tolles Road.

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Slug: What's Next For

New travel destinations are becoming available from the Rockford Airport with flights to LAX being confirmed just a few days ago. These flights are set to begin this summer, however that is not the only new route coming to Rockford.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:06 3/1/24 10 PM

Slug: Rockford Promise

Time is ticking. Tonight is the last chance to apply for Rockford Promise's full-tuition scholarship. It's for RPS seniors to receive a full ride to either NIU, Rockford University or Rock Valley College.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :31 3/4/24 4 PM

Slug: Soar Awards

13 WREX's Brittany Hardaway is live in downtown Rockford tonight and has more as we are just hours from the big night. Brittany how are things out there.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:47 3/6/24 6 PM

Slug: Women in Hard Rock Casino

The new hard rock casino is just a few months from opening but tonight we're highlighting the people working inside the casino who are breaking barriers every day.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:20 3/13/24 4 PM

Slug: Local St. Patrick's Day

This year marks the first time the Entertainment District has been in place for the event allowing community members to walk around downtown with drinks in hand. The parade will kick off in Midtown, travel down east state street right here behind me and end down near the embassy suites.

1ST QUARTER REPORTS "SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CIVIL UNREST" 1/1/24 - 3/31/24

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 1:26 1/1/24 6 AM

Slug: AM Migrant

I spoke with local law makers today about the migrants traveling through the Stateline. Starting with Republican State Representative John Cabello who feels some of those people seeking asylum into the United States should travel elsewhere.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :36 1/23/24 10 PM

Slug: Juvenile Detention Center Hearing

Let's run you through the background of that report. The IDJJ started this report back in June, then released it to the County in September. There's a couple things that go into the inspection. One includes IDJJ staff touring the facility and looking at records.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :53 1/25/24 10 PM

Slug: Pretrial Fairness Act

New tonight local lawmakers are reacting to the Illinois Supreme Court's creation of a task force for pretrial release appeals. This comes less than six months after the pretrial Fairness Act took effect.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :57 1/29/24 4:30 AM

Slug: Palestine Rockford

In light of the ongoing war overseas between Israel and Hamas, a Rockford organization gathered at the Chicago Rockford International Airport over the weekend. During their demonstration, they asked for only one thing.

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Slug: RMTD BHM

This morning we're continuing our celebration of Black History Month and right now the Rockford Mass Transit District is displaying nine new signs on their buses in memory of figures who've played vital roles in Black history.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :17 2/6/24 4 PM

Slug: Attorneys General

Multiple attorneys general, including from Illinois and Wisconsin, are suing to keep the "DACA" program in place. The States are urging the court to reverse a previous court's decision.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 2:28 2/8/24 6:30 AM

Slug: Black Real Estate Investors

Black real estate investors are 37 percent less represented in the market versus their makeup of the U.S. population. Just over 8 percent of real estate investors in the U.S are black.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW 30:00 2/17/24 5 PM

Slug: Black Culture Amplified

A journey through time. Understanding our past to shape our future. Tonight we're celebrating Black history by discovering our roots and learning about the rich Black culture in our community.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :24 3/3/24 5 PM

Slug: Winnebago County Immigration Plan

A Winnebago County Board member hopes the county adopts his policy to handle the migrant crisis. Board member Paul Arena has a resolution on one of the County's committee reports that would bar any emergency funds from the County being used to house of feed migrants.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :59 3/5/24 4:30 AM

Slug: Mental Health Crises

Mental health continues to be a top concern after hundreds of people were involved in crises this past year. The Winnebago Crisis Co-response Team which includes Rosecrance, Winnebago County, and other local agencies is tasked with providing support.

TIME: FIRST AIRED SHOW :55 3/11/24 6:30 AM

Slug: League of Women Immigrants

Closer to home, immigration continues to be a big topic of discussion. Over the weekend, the League of Women Voters of Greater Rockford held a panel that covered

public safety, the process of seeking asylum, and what a modernized system could look like.

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Slug: Hate Crime

Just two days following the death of 18-year-old Jason Jenkins, I showed the criminal complaint documents to Eliminate Racism 815, a local advocacy group. I asked if they believe this is a hate crime, and they answered yes.