

QUARTERLY ISSUES

AND

PROGRAMS REPORT

**WNEM TV5
BAY CITY/FLINT/MIDLAND AND SAGINAW**

OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2004

PROBLEMS AND NEEDS

OVERVIEW

Based on WNEM TV5'S ascertainment of community leaders and from data gathered from community organizations, the ten highest ranking problems and needs of the Bay City/Flint/Midland and Saginaw markets are:

- 1. Drugs and Alcohol**
- 2. School Budget Cuts**
- 3. Low Economic Growth in the Community**
- 4. Unemployment**
- 5. Teen Options (to keep them out of trouble)**
- 6. Poor Road Conditions, No Sidewalks, Lack of Lighting**
- 7. Loss of Community; Lack of Volunteerism**
- 8. Tuition Costs (College and Vocational)**
- 9. Health Insurance Costs**
- 10. Crime**

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

OVERVIEW

The following is the quarterly “Issues and Programs” Report placed in the public file of WNEM TV5 by January 10, 2005. The report covers The period from October 1 through December 31, 2004. The report is based on ten significant problems and needs determined by WNEM’s Community ascertainments. Below, each problem/need is brief description of some news segments broadcast during the quarter designed to call attention to or address the problem or need.

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<u>ISSUE/TITLE/SOURCE</u>	<u>PROGRAM/TYPE</u>	<u>DATE/DURATION</u>
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1. Drugs and Alcohol

5:30P	LOC/NEWS	10/26/04 1:30
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Chesaning High School students are in skits playing the roles of substance abusers—hoping to connect with other students before they have these problems. School leaders say teens are the best ones to reach other teens.

5P	LOC/NEWS	10/29/04 :18
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Mt. Pleasant police are seeing an increase in date rape drugs. Police urge anyone at a bar or party to be careful where you leave your drink.

6P	LOC/NEWS	11/15/04 :21
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Congress wants an independent Board to review the safety of prescription drugs, which is already happening in about a dozen states. Michigan does not have this program; however, it is a joint project to help the states pick the most effective and safest choices.

5P	LOC/NEWS	11/17/04 LV
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A Cass City high school student dies at what was supposed to be a fun night with a group of friends. There was a bon fire, and some alcohol, and now questions—how did the teens get their hands on that alcohol?

NOON	LOC/NEWS	11/29/04 1:15
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Bay City is home to 51 bars, which is more than twice the state average when you compare the people to bar ratio. A study shows that a quarter of Bay County residents are considered binge drinkers. The District Court will test a program that offers reduced jail time for some drunk driving offenders if they attend classes and the jail is offering a new substance abuse program for minors who drink.

5P	LOC/NEWS	12/6/04 1:20
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Autopsy of a 61-year-old man found dead reveals he died of hypothermia and liver disease related to alcoholism. David Williams body was found in a shed outside a home in Buena Vista. Family and friends say he was a great grandfather, spending time with kids, taking them fishing and many other activities.

NOON LOC/NEWS 12/7/04 1:31
Today the U.S. Supreme Court is hearing oral arguments on how alcohol is sold, distributed and regulated. Here in Michigan, it's legal to ship wine within the state, one of 24 states prohibiting wine sales over the border, due to concerns dating back to prohibition. Liquor store owners say selling beer, wine and spirits over the internet and over state lines could pump up their business.

6P LOC/NEWS 12/7/04 :15
In Bay County, an adolescent drug and alcohol abuse unit will re-open. Officials estimate that 80 percent of juvenile crimes are caused by drugs or alcohol.

2. School Budget Cuts

6P LOC/NEWS 11/3/04 :20
Another big issue in Mid-Michigan was the Delta College tax renewal, which passed by a huge margin. Nearly 130,000 people voted for the renewal, 55,000 against it. Taxpayers in Bay, Saginaw and Midland counties will provide 6 million a year to Delta's budget.

5:30P LOC/NEWS 11/18/04 1:20
The Swan Valley School District Superintendent says his district is financially barely able to keep afloat. The state hasn't increased the funding it gives his schools in three years, and coincidentally this year, the district is running a \$200,000 deficit. It could get a lot worse. Governor Granholm and state lawmakers are trying to reconcile a \$50 million budget shortfall.

6P LOC/NEWS 10/13/04 :16
The new Delta College budget includes a 2.3 percent tuition hike, but students will be eligible for a state tax credit. The budget includes about \$13 million from the state next year.

Wakeup LOC/NEWS 12/8/04 :23
There are more cuts in the Bullock Creek School District. One worker was laid off, and two others are reduced from full to part time, as the Board continues to balance the budget. The School Board had to cut more than a million dollars from the budget, with more cuts expected in the current spending plan.

NOON LOC/NEWS 12/9/04 :29
The Michigan House of Representatives has voted to transfer \$99 million to the School Aid Fund. The move is expected to help the school budget which took effect October 1. The bill would transfer an expected \$20 from the General Fund surplus to the School Aid Fund.

