



**Gretchen Wirtz** has been with HOI 19 News since 2001, when she joined the station as Weekend Weather Anchor and Weekday Reporter. In 2004, Gretchen moved to HOI 19 News Daybreak, where she does weather and anchors the news from 5-7am Monday through Friday. In 2010, Gretchen and her co-anchor, Mark Welp, started a new show in Central Illinois, the first of its kind in the area. Gretchen co-hosts “Good Company” at 5pm Monday through Friday. “Good Company” is a fun, laid-back lifestyle show with interviews, entertainment, fashion shows and cooking. Gretchen grew up in Batavia, IL and went to college at Illinois State University. She also went to John Marshall Law School in Chicago and has worked in TV in Rapid City, South Dakota and Lansing, Michigan. Gretchen is a member of the Illinois News Broadcasters Association. She’s also involved with the East Peoria Festival of Lights Queen Pageant, the Newcomers Club of Greater Peoria and the HOI 19 News and CEFCU One Class At A Time Committee. Gretchen also helps out with The Alzheimer’s Association of Central Illinois, Dress for Success, The Salvation Army, The South Side Mission and the Girl Scouts. Gretchen is married to Greg Primeau and a step-mom to four daughters. When not working, Gretchen likes to read, watch “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart”, scrapbook and go shopping.