

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WZZM
Location: Grand Rapids, Michigan
For quarter beginning:

April 1, 2017

Attached hereto are descriptions of issue-responsive programming broadcast by this station during the reporting period.

The listed programs aired on the station during the reporting period on the days and times indicated. Each program regularly provides information or addresses current local issues of concern to viewers in the area where the station is located.

Date: June 30, 2017

Listed below are the problems and needs of the community that were most actively addressed on WZZM 13 Gannett Broadcasting. The items are not necessarily in order of importance. Other community problems and needs are noted on support documents attached in this report. Those documents also reflect local programs that address these needs.

1. Community Involvement
2. Crime
3. Diversity
4. Economic Development
5. Education
6. Family
7. Government
8. Health
9. Religion
10. Safety
11. Youth

PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS LOCAL ISSUES

The following programs that aired during the relevant reporting period regularly address local issues and concerns in the station's city of license and within its service area. Specific episodes and segments of these programs and the issues they addressed are listed on the following pages.

Program Name	Schedule (Day/Time)	Description (Note whether local, syndicated or network)
BCBS Health Segment	4/2/17 at 6:00am	The average American dines out between four and five times a week. And that can make it hard to keep a healthy diet on track. WZZM 13 Health Reporter Valerie Lego picks one of her favorite restaurant sandwiches... and cuts the calories by 70%. Pkg. 2:05
Metastatic Treatment	4/13/17 at 6:00pm	It's 13 Friends For Life Day and time to remind your friend for life to do her-self breast exam, schedule that annual mammogram, and know her normal. A new drug just approved by the F-D-A is helping women with metastatic breast cancer or stage 4, live longer. The hope is the drug may pave the way to treating this type of cancer more like a chronic disease rather than a deadly diagnosis. Pkg. 2:02 This drug is allowing 2 years of the same therapy, which is why there is hope of extending the lives of these patients beyond the 22% five year survival rate. Of course you need to discuss this therapy with your oncologist to make sure it's the right one for I've provided links for you to learn more about it on our Friends For Life page.
Alzheimer's Conference	4/18/17 at 12:00pm	This weekend, experts are getting together to figure out new and better ways to help people who suffer from dementia and Alzheimer's. Elliot Talen from Samaritas Senior Living in Grand Rapids is here to tell us a bit more about the conference and why it's so important. Pkg. 3:00
GOP Health Care Part Four	4/20/17 at 5:00pm	House Republicans say they will take another stab at repealing Obamacare, and replacing it with a new health care plan. The news site Politico dot com reports that effort is to begin next week. The site reports a deal to revive the G-O-P health care plan was brokered by leaders of the moderate "Tuesday Group" and conservative "Freedom Caucus." Both groups opposed the original G-O-P plan last month, leading House Speaker Paul Ryan to cancel a vote on the measure. According to Politico, the revised plan gives states more flexibility to opt out of major Obamacare provisions. But it also preserves popular protections, like the existing law's ban on discriminating against people with pre-existing conditions.
Mindfulness	5/1/17 at 5:00pm	Between technology and over scheduling it seems our lives get busier every day. But what is that doing to your heart? WZZM 13 Health Reporter Valerie Lego takes a look at the new trend of "Mindfulness", and how slowing down can improve heart health. It's this month's "Love Your Heart" report. Crying babies... traffic jams... arguments... all part of our fast paced lives. But what if you tried slowing down those stressful situations? The technique is called "Mindfulness" and it's becoming a hot topic among therapists like Benjamin Reisterer at Mindful Counseling GR. There is a lot of research that supports Mindfulness for heart health. In at study at

		<p>Brown University researchers found that people with a higher level of mindfulness increased their level of good cardiovascular health by 83%. And cardiologists across the country are also beginning to prescribe mindfulness along with meditation for their heart patients. The acronym "RAIN" helps explain mindfulness: "R" - is for recognizing the emotions you're feeling... "A" is for accepting the experience you're having. "I" - is for investigating your experience. Where are you feeling the emotion in your body? "N" - is for Non-Identification - see the emotion you're experiencing as a passing event. It will not last and therefore does not define you. Reisterer created the App Metafi to help his patients and others work towards becoming more Mindful. Reisterer walked me through the App. I identified the stress I was having and where I was feeling it. This helps you identify patterns in your life. By letting go of negative patterns you begin to feel more in control of your life... which leads to less stress... and a more hopeful... peaceful... and healthy outlook. It's a great way to love your heart.</p>
Tick Removal	5/8/17 at 6:00pm	<p>If you are bitten by a tick or find one attached to your skin... there are things you "should" and should "not" do. We asked WZZM 13 Health Reporter Valerie Lego to "Verify" the best steps you can take to protect your health. There are many suggestions on social media about the best way to remove a tick... and in our effort to Verify whether they actually work... we found most do not. We went directly to the experts at the Centers for Disease Control. They say painting the tick with nail polish... smothering it in petroleum Jelly or using heat to detach a tick are NOT effective. In fact, experts at the CDC say heating the tick could actually cause it to release more infected saliva into your skin... exactly the opposite of what you want to do. The University of Manitoba in Canada put together a video explaining the best way to get rid of a tick. First... it says to use a fine tipped tweezer and grab the bug as close to the skins surface as possible. Kateryn Rochon, Ph.D. Professor Veterinary Entomology, "You want to hold onto your tick. What you're going to be doing is hold on. And you're going to pull straight up... slowly steadily. You don't want to twist or jerk you want to steadily hold onto your tick and pull up. Like that. Once the tick is removed you should disinfect the area. You should also get rid of a live tick by submersing it in alcohol, flushing it down the toilet, or placing it in a sealed bag. Experts at the CDC say you should never squeeze a tick because the fluid can go back into the wound... or the skin under your nail. If you are concerned you might have been infected by the tick... you can look out for this. It's called a Lyme disease or tick rash. It's usually the first sign of infection and typically circular in shape. About 80-percent of people infected get one and it usually starts at the site of a tick bite. It may be warm but usually is not painful. If you do see this rash... you should verify for yourself, and call your doctor to make sure you are not infected.</p>
Pregnancy and Breast Cancer	5/12/17 at 5:00pm	<p>It's "13 Friends For Life Day" and that means it's time to remind your friend for life to schedule her annual mammogram... do a breast self-exam and know her normal. Knowing what's normal for you is the best way</p>

		to notice changes in your breasts. WZZM 13 Health Reporter Valerie Lego talks about the need to check for changes even when you're pregnant.
Muskegon Lyme Disease Signs	5/24/17 at 5:00pm	Ticks are such a concern that Ottawa County is putting up warning signs in all of its parks. A Muskegon woman recently started her own tick awareness campaign. The problem is: she didn't have city permission to hang her signs around the community. So she came up with a new strategy. Here's WZZM's Jon Mills.
Cutting Health Care Costs	5/25/17 at 5:00pm	Even saying the word "health care" brings images of dollars bills and the ever increasing costs associated with it. But WZZM 13 Health Reporter Valerie Lego is on your side with a few ways to cut the costs. Navigating the road called Health Care isn't easy. There can be a lot of questions. Especially when it comes to money. David Quinn with Priority Health has the answers that can save you money. His first recommendation, schedule a yearly medication review with your doctor or pharmacist. Next... enroll in a Health Savings Account And HSA's can pay for everything from medications and dental, to ambulance transport, vaccines, pregnancy tests, prescription sunglasses, physical therapy, service animals, and the list goes on. And finally shop around for the best price when it comes to prescriptions. Later this summer Priority Health is rolling out a Pharmacy Cost Estimator for its customers that will help them compare drug prices online. So you could have a Meijer north of town and a Meijer south of town and actually see the different pricing." If you don't have Priority Health you can still shop for the best price with Michigandrugprices.com It won't calculate, what's left on your deductible, but it will give you price ranges. Just a few helpful tips to navigating the often bumpy road called healthcare. Of course the best way to fight higher medical costs? Get healthy. Losing even 10 pounds can often be enough to get off costly medications which can save you thousands of dollars a year.
Love Your Heart: Caffeine	6/1/17 at 6:00pm	RECENTLY WE REPORTED ON A FATHER WHO ALLOWED HIS TEENAGE SON TO DRINK *SO MUCH CAFFEINE ~ HE DIED. IN THIS MONTH'S LOVE YOUR HEART WE TAKE A LOOK AT THE ONGOING DEBATE ABOUT WHETHER CAFFEINE IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEART. DRINKING THREE TO FIVE CUPS OF COFFEE DAILY IS LINKED TO A LOWER RISK OF HEART FAILURE... BUT TOO MUCH CAN CAUSE A SHORT-TERM SPIKE BLOOD PRESSURE. SO WHERE DO YOU DRAW THE LINE? FOR THE ANSWER WE CHECKED WITH DR. COLIN KANE -- THE DIRECTOR OF PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY OUTREACH AT CHILDREN'S HEALTH ... THE MAYO CLINIC... AND THE F-D-A. DRINKING ANYWHERE BETWEEN 300 AND 750 MILLIGRAMS OF CAFFEINE IS CONSIDERED TOO MUCH FOR AN *ADULT AND ACCORDING TO THE MAYO CLINIC IT SHOULD NEVER BE ATTEMPTED BY A TEENAGER.
FFL: Mammogram Tour	6/13/17 at 5:00pm	It's 13 Friends For Life Day and that means it's time to contact your friend for life and remind her to know her normal. And the means doing her, self-breast exam and scheduling her annual mammogram. It's picking up the phone to make that first appointment can be intimidating for some women. WZZM 13 Health

		Reporter Valerie Lego takes you behind the scenes of a mammogram appointment in today's Friends For Life report.
The Response of a Drowning Person	6/19/17 at 6:00pm	On television or in the movies, a drowning person is often shown as flailing or yelling for help. Researchers say that is not how it happens in real life. You might wonder why people who are drowning don't call out for help. According to a Doctor Frank Pia a lifeguard and researcher, it is nearly physically impossible to do so. He says, when a person starts to drown, their mouth sinks below the water and back above it alternately. As a result a person's mouth is not above the surface long enough for them to exhale, inhale and call out for help. While you would think this might happen, drowning people cannot wave for help. And they cannot control their arm movements. For these reasons it's always important to watch your children or anyone else that is not a strong swimmer. Doctor Pia says a person only struggles between 20 and 60 seconds before they go under. And here's something else you should be aware of. Young children struggle *less than adults. The drowning movements of a young child can look like they're doing the dog paddle in the water, when they're actually drowning.
National HIV Resting Day	6/27/17 at 5:00pm	Despite prevention efforts... new cases of HIV are reported every year in Michigan. And the best way to prevent its spread is to get tested. I'm joined now by April Hight. She is the Program Supervisor Kent County Health Department. Today is National HIV testing day, and we'll talk more about free testing in a minute... first let's talk about the number of cases in Michigan and specifically in Kent County. How are we doing in the fight to prevent the spread of the disease? Who is most at risk now? Let's talk prevention and the importance of testing. For anyone who is nervous about coming in, talk about what they can expect. And there is free walk-in testing tomorrow through Friday at the locations on the screen... and people can also make an appointment at the health department right? And if you don't live in Kent County, you can call your local Health Department for information testing options near you. April Hight from the Kent County Health Department thanks for being here.

Local Issue: Unfortunately, **crime** is in the news daily. Here's a list of some of the crime related stories we have covered:

Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description
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GR Man Beating Death	4/4/17	5:00pm	1:51	Grand Rapids Police are investigating what could end up being their fifth homicide case from the month of March. Detectives say 25-year-old Julius Vinson was attacked on Vineland Avenue South of 28th Street Southeast sometime early Friday morning. They say Vinson died from his injuries yesterday. WZZM 13's Nina DeSarro spoke with Vinson's family this afternoon. She's in the information center with more.
Elderly Abuse	4/5/17	6:00pm	1:30	Two caregivers charged in connection with the death of an elderly resident at a Gaines Township care facility appeared in court today to face criminal charges. Yahira Zamora and Denise Filcek {Fill-Check} were charged last month for their roles in the October death of 85-year-old Kathryn Brackett. WZZM's John Hogan joins us from the information center with more.
GRPOA Response	4/12/17	5:00pm	1:20	The Grand Rapids police officers association is responding to complaints, about a recent incident in which officers drew their guns on a group of black children. The association issued a statement today. WZZM 13's Emma Nicolas is in the information center with more on their message.
				A 33 year old man

Bar Beating	4/18/17	5:00pm	1:35	remains in critical condition after a fight in the parking lot of a bar on Grand Rapids West Side. It happened early this morning at The Web Bar on Richmond Street. The victim, suffered a collapsed lung among other injuries. WZZM 13's Nina DeSarro spoke to the owner of the bar who says this kind of violence is not a regular occurrence! Nina?
Jeffrey Willis Court Hearing	4/28/17	5:00pm	2:00	Jeffrey Willis gets three trials. A Muskegon County judge says there's too much risk involved in combining separate murder and kidnapping cases against him. Today, Prosecutors asked a judge to combine the cases against Willis, arguing it will save Muskegon County time and money... and because of overlapping evidence. Defense attorneys argued putting all the cases together would hurt Willis' chances for a fair trial. Willis is accused in the 2013 disappearance and murder of Jessica Herringa, the 2014 shooting death of Rebekah Bletsch, and the attempted kidnapping of a teenage girl last year. WZZM 13's Jon Mills is in Muskegon, with more on the arguments from today's hearing, and the judge's decision.
Muskegon	5/1/17	11:00pm	1:45	Developing news out of Muskegon Township tonight...

Shooting				where one person is dead after a shooting. It happened in the parking lot of Northway Lanes in Muskegon Township. One of the suspects then ran to Southland Drive, where there was a brief standoff with police. WZZM 13s Amir Abbas is live at the scene with more... Amir?
GRPD Deadly Shooting	5/4/17	5:00pm	1:40	The 18 year old, killed in an officer-involved shooting yesterday in Grand Rapids was shot twice. Malik Carey died, following the shooting in a neighborhood on the city's southeast side. WZZM 13'S Emma Nicolas is in the information center with more on Carey's background.
Community Reaction Officer Killed	5/10/17	5:00pm	1:45	Officer Ginka's death is difficult, for many West Michigan police and fire departments. We'll hear from emergency responders in a little while. But first, the people Ginka served are sharing their thoughts. WZZM 13's Nina DeSarro continues our team coverage, live from Norton Shores.
Prevent Burglaries	5/15/17	6:00pm	4:33	We all want to feel safe at home. But what happens when someone takes that feeling away? Home burglaries can hurt ... financially and emotionally. Tonight WZZM 13's Jaleesa Irizarry shows us steps we can take to make our homes less

				attractive to criminals.
Sparta Road Rage Shooting	5/22/17	5:00pm	1:40	First at Five, detectives are trying to figure out what sparked a deadly road rage shooting in the parking lot of a Sparta-area car dealership. The gunman is talking to Kent County deputies about the shooting, which ended with a 20-year-old man dead, and an 18-year old hurt. It happened around 3:30 this morning, in the parking lot of Sparta Chevrolet, just off M-37. WZZM 13's John Hogan is here with more.
Allegan County Deadly Shooting	5/24/17	5:00pm	1:11	First at Five, detectives say the man who shot and killed his step-father, after an argument in their Allegan County home, has a criminal record. It happened this morning at a home next to an antique store on Blue Star Highway, about ten miles north of the city of South Haven. WZZM 13'S Meghan Bunchman is in the information center with more. Meghan.
LINC on GR Policing	6/1/17	6:00pm	1:30	One Grand Rapids community group says the city's response to improving community police relations... is not good enough. "LINC UP" released its findings earlier today. WZZM 13's Jaleesa Irizarry spoke with a LINC UP representative, and joins us from the information center with more. Yea Val, those with

				LINC UP, a local non-profit, say the community felt the city's efforts to improve community police relations were insufficient!
Police Procedure With Opioids	6/6/17	5:00pm	1:25	One week ago today, emergency crew's evacuated one floor of the Kent County sheriff's department headquarters... after a detective became ill, after coming into contact with a drug being tested. Investigators today say the drug was a "mixture" of heroin... and the allergy medicine benadryl. The detective, from Wyoming, is recovering. It's just the latest incident, stemming from a recent problem for police departments - the dangers of powerful new "opioid" street drugs. WZZM 13's Meghan Bunchman IS HERE, with NEW GUIDELINES for police to handle these drugs.
GR Homicide	6/10/17	6:30pm	1:20	You are looking live at a developing situation in Grand Rapids where police are investigating a deadly shooting. Good evening, I'm Amir Abbas. We start with the breaking news out of Grand Rapids where authorities have confirmed that one person is dead.
GR Beating Victim	6/14/17	6:00pm	2:13	Now to a story you will only see on WZZM 13 News. Police are looking for a man who they say violently attacked one woman... and is under investigation

				for doing the same thing to another. WZZM 13's Sarah Sell has been investigating the case and is here now with what she has learned.
Huizinga Sentence	6/19/17	5:00pm	1:05	A man involved in a crash on U-S 131 that injured a Wyoming police officer, and a stranded motorist, entered pleas in his criminal case today. Jeffrey Huizinga faced two charges for the February first crash. He pleaded no contest today to two misdemeanor counts of moving violation causing serious injury. WZZM 13's John Hogan joins us with more.
GR Party Shooting Suspect	6/22/17	5:00pm	1:40	A Grand Rapids teenager accused of a March murder appeared in court today. 16-year-old Cleo Nelson is charged with shooting and killing Kiara Carter. The 18-year-old was shot in the head during a party at a home on the city's southeast side. 13's John Hogan joins us from the information center with more.

Local Issue: Michigan continues to deal with rising prices, as well as continuing economic slowdown. Much of it still due to the auto industry & their cuts, along with the rising cost of fuel. Here's a look at some business issues for the 2nd quarter of 2017.

Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description
MIM: La Feista	4/3/17	6:00pm	1:41	From the kitchen at a small restaurant in Hart, to a production facility in Ludington. The "La Fiesta" Chip Company, is

				on the fast track to "state-wide" retail sales. WZZM13's Jon Mills has more on why the company managers believe their tortilla chips stand alone in this Made in Michigan report.
Consumer: Passenger Rights	4/10/17	5:00pm	1:46	So, what rights you "do" have when choosing to fly to your destination? WZZM 13 consumer reporter, Sarah Sell is in the information center with that part of the story.
Rue 21 Closings	4/17/17	5:00pm	.35	Clothing retailer Rue-21 is closing 400-stores around the U-S. But the company says it will still keep more than 700 stores open. Rue-21 sells clothing aimed at teenagers and young adults. It's already put up store closing signs at its location at the Tanger Outlet Mall in Byron Center. A company spokesperson says Rue-21 is closing unprofitable stores so it can focus on the rest of the chain, which is successful. Other West Michigan locations now slated to close are at the Shops at Centerpoint in Grand Rapids, Riley Plaza in Holland, and the Maple Hill Pavilion in Kalamazoo. The company has not set the final closing dates for the stores.
KISD Millage Opposition	4/20/17	5:00pm	1:06	A group opposed to the upcoming school millage vote in Kent county is urging people to reject the proposal. Yesterday at Five, we talked to

				<p>leaders from the Kent Intermediate School District about the issue on the May second ballot. If passed, the millage would raise 20-million dollars, providing each district with an additional 211 dollars per student. The Grand Rapids taxpayers association opposes the proposal. The group's president says voters approved a new millage for the zoo and public museum in November, and can't afford another hike in taxes.</p>
<p>Plainfield TWP Development Lawsuit</p>	<p>4/25/17</p>	<p>5:00pm</p>	<p>1:58</p>	<p>A developer, interested in building high-end homes near Rockford has filed a "federal" lawsuit, in an effort to get the project back on track. The Plainfield Township board rejected the proposal, to build single family homes and condos on 88 acres near Ten Mile and Childsdale Avenue. The developer says there is no rational reason to deny his rezoning request. WZZM 13's, John Hogan is here now to explain.</p>
<p>UAI Fraud Investigation Latest</p>	<p>5/4/17</p>	<p>5:00pm</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Tonight, we have an update to a story we've been following for months.... the painstaking process by the state of Michigan to review tens of thousands of unemployment cases. WZZM 13's watchdog reporter David Bailey joins us now to tell us what's new.</p>

<p>Crop Damage From Freeze</p>	<p>5/8/17</p>	<p>5:00pm</p>	<p>1:45</p>	<p>The overnight freeze damaged West Michigan fruit and vegetable crops. And tonight doesn't look much better. Already today, apple farmers say they've found significant damage to their apple blossoms same for other crops, including cherries and asparagus. Why is this important? Because Michigan's agriculture industry puts more than 100-billion dollars into the state's economy every year. And, according to state figures, fruit and vegetable crops are big money -- more than one-point-four billion annually. WZZM 13's Jon Mills looks at some of the impact of the overnight freeze, in Oceana County.</p>
<p>Switch Renewable Energy</p>	<p>5/15/17</p>	<p>5:00pm</p>	<p>1:02</p>	<p>The Switch Pyramid Data Center is going to use a lot of electricity. But the company is making plans to be the first 'Consumer's Energy' customer to go 100-percent green. They filed the paperwork with the state that would allow the data center to operate with total renewable energy. WZZM 13's Nina DeSarro joins us now with more.</p>
<p>Whitehall Walmart Preview</p>	<p>5/16/17</p>	<p>5:00pm</p>	<p>1:03</p>	<p>The world's largest retailer this week will open its first superstore in northern Muskegon County. The new Walmart in Whitehall Township comes after years of legal fights, to keep the big box store out of that community.</p>

				Now, some business owners in Whitehall are moving on from that fight. WZZM 13's Emma Nicolas gives us a tour of the new store just off U.S. 31, and an explanation why its opposition is moving on.
Cell Phones & Driving	5/17/17	5:00pm	1:45	Members of Michigan's house of representatives are reviewing a bill that would ban the use of smartphones while driving. Current law bans "texting" while driving, and it's a secondary offense. That Means, a driver cannot be pulled over just for texting. Grand Rapids Police say their officers have "never" issued a citation for texting and driving, since the law was passed in 2010. WZZM 13s Emma Nicolas breaks down what make this bill different. Emma?
Muskegon Outside Investment	5/25/17	6:00pm	1:45	We turn now to the positive developments for Muskegon's economy... and the city's tourism industry. The organizers of the "Watch Muskegon" image campaign say research shows it's working. And not only attracting more tourists, but also developers choosing to invest money in Muskegon County. WZZM's Jon Mills found one Grand Rapids man doing just that.
Indian Trails GC	6/1/17	5:00pm	1:30	It's always fun when something *old* becomes something *new* again. That's

				<p>the case for the only public golf course inside the city of Grand Rapids -- Indian Trails near Kalamazoo and 28th. W-Z-Z-M 13's Brent Ashcroft is there live with look at the new face-lift being given to Indian Trails Golf Course. Let's face it. It needed it. And it's been *long* past due. That's why the city of Grand Rapids has poured millions of dollars into a redevelopment project that is breathing new life into this nearly century-old course.</p>
No Fault Insurance Follow-up	6/8/17	5:00pm	2:00	<p>A new poll shows that the majority of Michigan drivers want to see changes with the state's No Fault Insurance laws. In May, the WZZM 13 watchdog team took an in-depth look at the issue. Our Sarah Sell joins us in studio with more results from the survey.</p>
Uber on the Lakeshore	6/15/17	5:00pm	1:45	<p>The Ride-sharing service is expanding to seven communities along Lake Michigan. Uber started operating in three cities in Berrien County today. The service, which already operates in cities like Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Detroit, will begin picking up customers tomorrow in Saugatuck, Holland, Grand Haven and Muskegon. WZZM 13's Jon Mills is in Grand Haven, with a look at who is</p>

				welcoming Uber, and who isn't.
M231 Speed	6/20/17	6:00pm	1:25	We heard two months ago West Michigan's newest highway was going to change from 55 miles per hour to 65 miles per hour. But the new signs aren't up yet. WZZM 13's watchdog David Bailey joins us now tell us when MDOT will be putting them up.
Michigan Fireworks Law	6/26/17	6:00pm	1:36	This is a sound we'll be hearing a lot... over the next week or so. But it is not a welcome noise for everyone. And the complaints have only "grown" since Michigan's law, allowing the sale of more powerful fireworks took effect five years ago. Tonight, wzzm-13's Nina DeSarro talks to a lawmaker who wants to change that law.

Local Issue: Our viewers tell us that education is important to them. WZZM provides information regarding education, may it be; budget cuts, students involvement, teachers, special programs, etc. We provide our viewers with the information they need.

Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description
History of Kindergarten	4/8/17	6:00am	6:49	For many kids... Kindergarten is one of the first steps of traditional education in the classroom but how many of us know the history behind it? "The History of Kindergarten," is a documentary about Friedrich Froebel -- the man who created the first play-based system of education in Germany, nearly

				200 years ago. To make sure his legacy is not forgotten... local toy designer Scott Bultman is here, along with Ken Krayner, executive director of KCAD's Design West Michigan. They're the ones behind this documentary.
Black Owned Cosmetology School	4/11/17	9:00am	3:06	Beauty is a multi-billion dollar industry in the United States. The hair care market alone is predicted to be worth than 13 billion dollars in the next three years. Black hair care is one of the driving forces in the market. Yesterday, owners opened the only African-American owned cosmetology school in Greater Grand Rapids. WZZM 13's Angela Cunningham gives us a look around.
School Tornado Drill	4/19/17	5:00pm	1:40	Some school districts took advantage of today's statewide tornado drill to teach children what to do when severe weather hits. Meteorologist Alana Nehring, joins us now with more. Preparation is the key to keeping yourself safe in a severe weather situation. Schools always have a designated course of action -- and today -- students at Gerald Ford Academic put their plan to the test.
Kent ISD Millage	4/19/17	5:00pm	1:49	The Kent Intermediate School District is asking for the community to vote 'yes,' on May

				<p>2nd -- to its proposed school millage. Leaders say the money will help support business and early college programs, school personnel, and other services for the 20 districts within K-I-S-D. WZZM 13's Nina DeSarro joins us now with more on what your vote... will cost in taxes. This is the first time the Kent I-S-D has asked for an enhancement millage, but administrators say it's crucial to maintain and improve existing services to help students continue to be successful.</p>
MHSD Agreement	4/25/17	6:00pm	1:53	<p>The Muskegon Heights Public School Academy has reached an agreement with the state to "remain" open. Earlier this year parents in the district were informed the academy may be forced to close, because of low test scores. The agreement signed today, includes a number of Muskegon area institutions signing on to help the district reach education benchmarks. WZZM 13's Jon Mills has more on the agencies making that pledge.</p>
Muskegon Heights School Signing	5/1/17	6:00pm	1:54	<p>The agreement that will keep the Muskegon Heights Academy open includes a number of community partners pledging to support academic</p>

				<p>and non-academic needs in the school. Monday's signing event made those partnerships official. Alena Zachery-Ross, Superintendent at Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System; "We believe that this agreement is setting a platform for our students and our district to become successful." The Heights Academy is grades 7 through 12. The agreement with the school reform office asks those students and their teachers to make significant progress on state testing. Big improvements especially in reading and math.</p>
Gun Prank	5/1/17	11:00pm	1:26	<p>The graduating seniors say it was just a school prank with a toy pistol but the Plainfield Township woman waylaid on the way to work says the gun looked real, the threat seemed serious, she was afraid for her life. WZZM 13's Phil Dawson is here to explain what happened.</p>
Battle Creek School Funding	5/5/17	5:00pm	.41	<p>Battle Creek Public School leaders say they have never gotten anything like it -- a 51-million dollar grant to help improve the education of poor and minority students in the district. The Kellogg Foundation presented the Grand to Battle Creek school leaders this morning. The money</p>

				<p>will go towards creating a new "innovative" curriculum for all grade levels, and to pay for incentives to keep teachers from leaving the district for better paying jobs. According to our partner, the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Kellogg Foundation study found disparity in the level of education students in the district get, compared to other school systems. They say that disparity is based on decades of discrimination, based on where students live, and how much their families make.</p>
Michigan Teacher Pensions	5/8/17	6:00pm	.30	<p>State lawmakers are once again discussing... getting rid of the pension system, for Michigan teachers. Our partner, the "Detroit Free Press" reports, the state has 29 billion dollars in pension liability. Some lawmakers say it's time to eliminate teacher pensions altogether. Governor Snyder says a "hybrid retirement system" that the state adopted five years ago, is steadily reducing the debt. Opponents say closing the pension system will make the profession less attractive to future teachers.</p>
Verify: Blue Whale Challenge	5/16/17	5:00pm	1:47	<p>West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids is warning parents about a dangerous game making the rounds</p>

				<p>on social media.. It's called the "Blue Whale Challenge and it encourages the user to harm him or herself for 50 days, resulting in suicide. Teenagers are supposed to tag each other on social media, primarily SnapChat, and then challenge each other to play. West Catholic put the warning in its newsletter to parents, and it is similar to this one posted by a school district in Alabama. We aren't aware of any children who have harmed themselves. A viewer asked our station in Washington, D.C. to "verify" whether the challenge is real. Here's what our Larry Miller found.</p>
<p>CYC Triumph Poetry</p>	<p>5/19/17</p>	<p>6:00pm</p>	<p>2:15</p>	<p>Poetry and music have collided in a big way in Grand Rapids. Writing students from the Creative Youth Center and music students from Triumph Music Academy have collaborated on a music and spoken word C-D. This is the first and largest endeavor of its kind to ever take place in Grand Rapids... as W-Z-Z-M 13's Brent Ashcroft tells us in this edition of "Our Michigan Life.</p>
<p>MCC Evacuation</p>	<p>5/23/17</p>	<p>5:00pm</p>	<p>1:36</p>	<p>Close to 20 students and staff members at Muskegon Catholic Central were sent to the hospital this morning after something in the air at their school affected their</p>

				breathing. The school on Laketon is grades K to 12. We're told more than 400 people were inside when a number of them began experiencing problems breathing. WZZM 13's Jon Mills has more the actions school leaders took.
Sex Offenders and Hotels	6/1/17	6:00am	1:40	It is a challenging issue. That challenging issue is that there are more than 21-hundred registered sex offenders living and working in Kent County. Dr. Tom Reeder, Wyoming Public Schools Superintendent: "We check periodically when we do our bus routes so we know where they are located in our community." Angela Cunnunham brings us this report.
Sigsbee Elementary Playground	6/2/17	6:00pm	.20 & .30	A crowdfunding campaign is now under way to replace the Sigsbee Playscape. Lake Michigan credit union kicked off the project with a generous donation... now the Grand Rapids Student Advancement Foundation and its partners are turning to the community to close the final gap. The campaign will need to reach its crowdfunding goal of NEARLY 30 THOUSAND dollars by June 30th in order to move forward on the project. If the campaign meets its goal the project will win a matching

				grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.
Lowell Shooting Team	6/5/17	6:00pm	3:15	While many high school athletes excel because of their physical skills, a different kind of sport is growing in popularity that relies, as much on mental toughness, as it does hand-eye coordination. WZZM 13's Eric Lloyd has more.
Verify: U of M Free Tuition	6/16/17	5:00pm	2:40	But people across the state have a lot of questions about the program. Including, "Is the University of Michigan really offering a free education?" That's what we're verifying for you today. Here's WZZM 13's Meghan Bunchman.
GVSU Buys Ferris Coffee	6/22/17	11:58am	.30	Grand Valley State University now owns a new piece of property in downtown Grand Rapids. The board of trustees approved the school's purchase of the Ferris and Coffee Nut facility. G-V-S-U plans to use the site for its engineering programs. This means the school won't have to deal with the delays or the expense of constructing a new facility. Ferris Coffee and Nut is remodeling another facility on 7th street, and will move its operations there.
Ellington Academy Auction	6/27/17	4:30am	1:08	The Grand Rapids Ellington Academy of Arts and Technology has closed! All contents of the former academy must be

				<p>sold! Items include musical instruments, furniture, filing cabinets, modular classroom accessories, maintenance equipment, thousands of books, and more! Items still being inventoried as we speak! This is a great opportunity to bid on gently used school supplies!</p> <p>Pre-Auction Inspection Tuesday June 27th 10:00am - 4:00pm 600 Burton St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507</p>
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