

1st Quarter 2019

DESCRIPTION OF (WILX-TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

PROGRAM	DAY	TIME
Local		
News 10 Today	Monday through Friday	4:30-7:00 am
News 10 Weekend	Saturday/Sunday	7:00-8:00 am
News 10 at Five	Monday through Friday	5:00-5:30 pm
News 10 at Five Thirty	Monday through Friday	5:30-6:00pm
News 10 at Six	Monday through Sunday	6:00-6:30 pm
News 10 at Eleven	Monday through Sunday	11:00-11:35 pm

All of the above programs are locally produced news programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports, including some issue-responsive segments and multi-part series.

Local Segments:

<u>What's Going Around</u>	Monday	6:00 pm
	Tuesday	5:00 am

This segment comes to us by area doctors who report about the illnesses they're seeing in their practices. It runs for about 1.30 seconds.

Recalls: When we receive product recalls we run them in our newscasts. Information to our local viewers on various recall items and warnings of purchases, etc that may be too good to be true.

WILX.COM 24 hours a day, 7 days a Week

Our website often puts the stories of community interest from our News Programs on our web channel for our viewers to see.

Pet Pals

Friday

7:00am

Local Meteorologist Darrin Rockcole features a pet from our own Capital Area Humane Society. They tell viewers about the pet and where they can go to adopt that particular cat, kitten, dog or puppy. No pet we feature has ever gone without adoption.

Missing in Michigan

Friday

6:00pm

Segment covering missing people in Mid-Michigan.

Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB) Local PSA's.

The MAB and WILX have a partnership and we air several spots during each quarter. They send the spots to us on various subjects such as volunteering, pregnancy, gambling, smoking, baby health.

Syndicated**Dr. Oz**

Monday-Friday

3:00pm

This one hour program gives viewers an insight into several Health Issues relating to today's problems. Information on Diet, Diabetes, Heart Health, Eating disorders, and Depression.

PROGRAM SEGMENTS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

January 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019

Public Safety/Community Issues

January 30

5:30pm

With all of us trying to keep warm, the State Fire Marshall is issuing a warning today, Be safe about it. Things that may seem like common sense are not always followed and can turn deadly. Anchor David Andrews shared some important life saving information. One of the most important things you can check right now is to make sure you have a clear path out of all your doors, in the even that you have to get out of your home quickly. While you might be tempted to heat up your home with a range or over, that's a fire hazard. It can also be the source of high levels of Carbon Monoxide. If you're using a space heater, make sure it is plugged directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for one of those heaters. Do not place the space heater in a bathroom or any place it might come into contact with water. Make sure there is at least 3 feet from the heater to any objects within your home. Be sure to turn them off when you leave the room or go to bed. Fire officials say, if you smell natural gas or propane near your furnace or gas heater, do not try to light it. You should leave your home immediately and call 911.

February 14

5:00pm

Michigan State University has more time to respond to a scathing report by the US Department of Education on how it handles crime. It's just the latest chapter in the crisis on MSU's campus. The University was expected to respond to that report this week but it has been given a 90 day extension. The University was originally given until February 12th for an official response to the reports. It stated that MSU failed on a regular basis to provide the campus community with information about public safety issues and failed to keep students safe. The nearly 50 page report cites several violations of the Clery Act, which requires Universities to report crime statistics and security concerns to the public. It also slams the University's handling of sexual assault reports related to former MSU Doctor, Larry Nassar. Since the

report was released MSU said it is focusing on improving accurate and transparent campus crime reports. Interim President, Satish Udpa, says the safety and well-being of the campus community is the University's top priority.

March 28

11:00pm

Stockbridge School Administrators held a town hall meeting to discuss safety concerns after the school district received violent threats on social media. Members of the small Mid-Michigan town met Thursday night to confront a big issues, one that looms not only in their community but all across the nation. If somebody wanted to do something bad or set something up, it's easy to do. The topic is about school safety and Stockbridge parents were all ears. One parent said that their concern is "Now that we're working to be more reactive to situations. Once there's a threat, what are we gonna do"?

Recently that threat came more than once by a former student, Jonathan Tyler Buurma posted violent comments online against the school district. This initiated an uncomfortable conversation, but on that the community says is necessary. One Grandmother says "What the school id doing and what the police department is doing I thought was outstanding. My concern was that the prosecutor decided this wasn't a credible threat". Buurma was not charged for the disturbing comments online, law enforcement officials say they were concerning but not legally actionable. Stockbridge Community School Administrators are working on a safety plane, including active shooter training under the Alice Program which teaches staff how to respond to aggressive intruders. Administrators also listened to feedback from parents on how they can better safeguard students and communicate real threats in real time.

At the time of our report, Jonathan Buurma is in the Livingston County Jail on unrelated charges. He's accused of accosting a minor for immoral purposes.

Minority

January 8

5:00pm

Oscar Castaneda helps at Cristo Rey Church in Lansing. He says many immigrant families come to the church for help and he feels President Trump's immigration plan is affecting the families he helps. Oscar Castaneda, Action Lansing, says "This blaming this constant blaming of all bad things happening because of the immigrants that has a tremendous effect on the morale, our community is made up of good immigrants. He wants the President to focus on immigration reform. "Are there some bad immigrants, immigrants like the one that killed one woman in California, Yes, and I'm really sorry buy by the same token bad people are doing

bad things all the time”. On the Today Show, Vice-President, Mike Pence said that there are problems we need to get under control before we talk about reform. Oscar says that kind of talk leaves people in Lansing’s Hispanic community afraid.

February 28

6:00am

For Black History Month Lansing Community College will unveil a piece of art in honor of one of the most prominent African American leaders in history. LCC will unveil a portrait of Malcom X during a celebration event this morning. The event is set to kick off LCC’s year-long participation in the National Commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of when enslaved Africans arrived in English Colonies at Point Comfort, Virginia in 1691.

LCC is also showing a unique collection of works by various African American artists. LCC is exhibiting the Mott-Warsh collection from Flint. It’s a chance for students and people in the Lansing region to enjoy some beautiful pieces as part of the 400th Anniversary of the African American History Commission.

Health/Medical

January 7

11:00pm

A local township planning commission says it needs more time before granting a permit for a proposed Mental Health Facility. Dart Energy Corporation, who owns the property, is asking Alaiedon Township to approve a special use permit for the facility. The permit would allow the zoning to be changed so the property could be used for the Mental Health and Counseling Center. The center would have up to 20 beds with some people staying overnight. During a public hearing on the permit, concerns from the public went beyond just public safety. Residents say they moved out to the country for tranquility and peace, property owners are concerned with public safety, increased traffic, property values. Even with the reassurance from the center that safety precautions and mental health screenings would be in place, residents say human behavior is unpredictable. Which leaves them with more questions than answers.

January 27

7:00am Weekend

The cold week ahead has been compared to the Polar Vortex of 2014. Expected temperatures as low as expected this week, it’s important to know how to keep yourself warm, otherwise you might find yourself in urgent care. Song Yu, Urgent Care Physician/Sparrow Hospital, says “You don’t have to be outside for a long

period of time before you start to see injuries to your extremities, nose, earlobes, so on and so forth". In extreme cases, it can take as little as 15 minutes to get frostbite. You'll start to see the early stages of frostbite. Symptoms of frostbite include loss of color in your fingers or toes that also can have pain. It's important to be able to see the signs of frostbite, not just see them. "Most of us get numb when it gets cold, we don't feel that pain. It can go on for about 30-40 minutes, and by then you're in the 2nd or 3rd stages of frostbite, which can damage your skin, and in certain cases it can lead to amputation". When you think you might have frostbite get to a warm place immediately.

February 1

5:00pm

It's peak flu season in Michigan and cases of influenza are growing. Just this week in our state the second pediatric death from the flu was confirmed. Right now in Mid-Michigan, Henry Ford Allegiance Health in Jackson, along with some hospitals in Detroit, are restricting visitors, hoping to stop the spread of the flu to vulnerable patients. Sparrow Hospital also says they're taking precautions. Phyllis McLellan, Patient Safety Specialist, says "At this time Sparrow Hospital and our Health System is not restricting any visitors. But, if you do feel like you're sick, or you're not feeling well, and you have to come up here to the hospital to visit a loved one or received testing or care, it's important that you wear a mask and that you perform hand hygiene while you're here".

If you think it's too late to get a shot, you're wrong, there is still a lot of flu season left, sometimes it can go far into April. But act quickly since the vaccine is your number one defense against influenza.

February 26

4:30am

Hair loss is a major concern for many people who undergo cancer fighting chemotherapy treatments, but now new strides in medicine are relieving some patients of that fear. At Sparrow's Herbert-Herman Cancer Center patients have the option of using the "Dignicap". The treatment involves patients wearing a form-fitting cap that gives off a cooling sensation. A simple too that is helping boost patient's confidence. Dr. Timothy McKenna, Medical Director, Sparrow Breast Center, says "The idea is that it cools the scalp, reduces the blood flow to the scalp, reduces injury to the hair follicles from the chemotherapy and in 2/3 of the women, they can keep at least 50% of their hair".

March 28

11:00pm

Sparrow Health System is teaming up with Michigan Medicine, a medical center of the University of Michigan. The new relationship is expected to strengthen existing clinical partnerships and create more pediatric specialty services in the communities Sparrow serves. The joint venture is expected to launch in early May.

Economy

January 18

11:00pm

There is a green energy tug-of-war in rural Mid-Michigan over a plan that would turn cornfields into solar array fields.

The planning commission in Eaton County gave solar energy a greenlight. Some neighbors are saying not so fast. Eaton County is known for growing produce and some farmers and residents fear they will lose that history after the planning commission passed the language for an ordinance that supports solar energy. The planning commission discussed the elements of the framework for an ordinance on how solar energy will be regulated in the county before passing that recommendation on to the Board of Commissioners for consideration. Blake Mulder, Eaton County Commission, "The ordinance is going to allow industrial scale solar but there are restrictions on it. Restrictions with et-backs, how far it can be from houses, and how far it can be from roads". A number of people rejected the plans saying that green energy doesn't belong in green space, claiming that it will negatively affect the property value and land quality. Some residents say the planning commission just seems to have a preset agenda and they don't care what the residents want or don't want. But there are some residents who support the ordinance, they say solar development will bring tax value, jobs, and level the cost of energy. There have been many farmers that have spoken up in favor of this ordinance and solar in farming.

January 30

11:00pm

To help Consumers Energy manage its energy supplies, General Motors shut down its Lansing Plants tonight. Consumers Energy is dealing with equipment issues brought on by the extreme temperatures. GM suspended operations at Lansing area facilities during second shift this evening. Third and first shift are cancelled as well. This comes after a utility fire this morning in Macomb County. Consumers Energy said a part of the equipment caught fire at the plant but no one was injured. Gas flow to the plant was shut off but Consumers Energy says no customers are without gas.

February 20

6:00pm

A multi-million dollar project to revamp a major area of Lansing is getting closer to breaking ground. Today Mayor Andy Schor announced the Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority approved a plan for the Red Cedar Development project. The Mayor believes that the Red Cedar Development will be a Lansing game

changer. Plans for the site include; a river view restaurant, parks, hotels, and a boardwalk. Because the development is on a flood plain, financing is needed to cover infrastructure improvements costing up to \$54 million dollars, but the Mayor guarantees that this development will not cost residents a dime. Mayor Andy Schor said “The city residents are on the hook for nothing. Not a dollar is coming from the roads to this project, not a dollar is going to come from the parks to this project. It’s a project that is going to benefit the city”. The plan involves the Lansing Brownfield Authority issuing public bonds for infrastructure improvement on the site which will be completely backed by the developer and paid back solely with new tax revenues generated by the Red Cedar Project. The plan is expected to be presented to the Lansing City Council and if it gets the green light, construction is expected to start sometime this fall.

Education

January 10

6:00pm

Okemos High School was the only one in our area to make the overall top 25 schools, which includes specialty high schools. The center ranks Okemos 18th overall. As for traditional public high schools, Okemos ranks 2nd. Meanwhile, East Lansing ranks 16th. Other area schools didn’t fare so well. Lansing Sexton High School came in at the 23rd worst overall school in Michigan. As for traditional high schools, Sexton came in at 16th worst. Litchfield High Schools in Hillsdale County also come in at the 24th worst.

March 29

6:00am

The Capitol Area Head Start Programs recommend parents read to their children about 30 minutes every day. Preparing your child for lifelong success. They learn a lot of skills at Head Start, those skills include everything from reading, writing, and personal care. The Capitol Area Community Services Head Start Program says they’re focused on making sure pre-school students have a solid foundation. Lucy McClintic, Head Start Director, says “We really look at the full child so we want to make sure their vision problems are taken care of, that their teeth, we want to make sure that they’ve been to a dentist, we want to practice life skills”. Lucy says “We’re trying to forge a love of reading”. They’re making that happen by opening their doors after hours for literacy nights. “We’re trying to support reading at home, we suggest reading to children every night for 30 minutes. They can kind of cut loose and talk to their friends and get me involved, I can talk to their teachers to see how they’re doing”. The Head Start family nights open up classrooms to parents who can see what their children are learning while enjoying fun activities like letter association games and finger painting. Children get free books to take home with them and they get to see some of their favorite characters come to life.

Government/Politics

January 29

4:30am

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed an order declaring a State of Emergency in Michigan. The Governor says she will file the order with the Secretary of State. The order will help address threats to public health and safety related to the dangerously cold temperatures we're expecting this week. Along with the declaration, Governor Whitmer has activated the State Emergency operations center at the State Police Headquarters in Dimondale. The center will plot out response and recovery efforts by State and Local Government.

March 19

6:00pm

The City of Lansing has settled a lawsuit over construction through a park. The City wanted to connect Groesbeck Golf Course and Cesar Chavez Ave. In order to do that they needed to go through Ormond Park. A group called Friends of Ormond Park sued in 2017 claiming the road would damage the park and cause environmental harm. The settlement requires the City to pay \$10 thousand dollars to the Group to make improvements to the park.

March 25

5:00pm

In a City known for its iconic smokestacks, Mayor Andy Schor wants Lansing to be completely green. Schor announced a plan today for Lansing to become the first city in Michigan to power all its government buildings with 100% renewable sources. Starting in July, the Lansing Board of Water and Light will provide renewable energy credits to city buildings that use renewable sources. The offer will also apply to homes. Mayor Schor says all government buildings will be 100% green by July.

March 26

6:00am

Millions of dollars to fix Lansing's roads are a key focal point in Mayor Andy Schor's executive budget recommendation to Lansing City Council. It includes allocating 4.5 million dollars for major street and bridge work. 2.8 million dollars for local street repairs and 500 thousand dollars for new sidewalks and trailways, among other recommendations. The council has until May 20th to adopt a financial plan for the next fiscal year.