

PROGRAM AND ISSUES REPORT FIRST QUARTER 2015(JANUARY-MARCH)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

KEYL/KXDL's open Mic Program (8:35am to 9am Monday through Friday) had Todd County Sheriff Don Asmus on Wednesday January 7th discussing the year's budget and some winter driving safety tips, plus talked about ice safety and local crime and prevention.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Todd Soil Water and Conservation Director Tim Stieber along with Water planner Shannon Haasser were on Open Mic January 30th discussing the water plan for Todd County and the survey on the county website regarding the county's water plan. Stieber also talked about the different types of wetlands and their uses.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Master Gardener Sandy Friedrichs was our guest on Open Mice on Friday February 6th to discuss the upcoming Master Gardening day in March at the First Baptist church in Long Prairie. Friedrichs explained the various workshops, vendors and speakers that will be at this year's show.

LOCAL EDUCATION

Long Prairie/Grey Eagle Superintendent Jon Kringon was our guest on Open Mic on March 19th at 8:30am discussing the previous Monday night's school board meeting. Kringon talked about security updates at the school buildings, upcoming maintenance project and sports parring with other local school districts!

LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE (Aired several times a day on KEYL/KXDL Radio)

GRAY WOLF

On Tuesday January 6th the Minnesota Farmers Union urged the appeal of the recent court decision that returned the gray wolf to the endangered species list in the Western Great Lakes Region, including Minnesota. Farmers Union President Doug Peterson wrote in a letter that the recent court decision leaves Minnesota family ranchers and farmers very little options in dealing with a very deadly predator to their livestock.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

On Monday night at 7pm January 5th the Long Prairie city council met at City hall for its first of two meetings to discuss local government business, which including the city's worker's compensation plan for 2015, the Region 5 Innovation funding agreement along with the replacement of a John Deere tractor.

SEMI ROLLOVER

Icey roads and speed were blamed for an accident involving a semi-tractor trailer that happened on Tuesday evening February 4th on I-94. the driver of the semi lost control of the truck on icy roads and ended up in the median. The driver suffered non-life threatening injuries.

BUFFER STRIPS

Governor Mark Dayton is proposing farms to be required to have 50 foot buffer strips of perennial vegetation around Minnesota's lakes, rivers and streams. Minnesota's current law allows for 16 feet of buffer strip. Those opposed to the bill say extending that to 50 feet would take thousands of acres of good crop land out of production.

PROGRAM AND ISSUES REPORT SECOND QUARTER 2015(APRIL-JUNE)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

LOCAL FUND RAISER:

KEYL/KXDL'S Open Mic program(8:35am-9am) had Vonnie Heck from Long Prairie on April 14th discussing the sock hop her team(What the Heck) where putting on at the American Legion in Long Praire to raise money for the Long Prairie Area Relay for Life which will be held in June at the Long Prairie/Grey Eagle high school track.

CITY MANAGEMENT:

Long Prairie mayor Don Rasmussen came in twice each month (second and fourth Tuesday)addressing the city council meetings and recent decisions made by the city council concerning local issues.

MEXICAN CELEBRATION:

On April 29th Local author and activist Tim King was on Open Mic discussing the Cinco DeMayo Celebration which was held Friday May first in Long Prairie at the high school. There was lots of great food, plus enterainment which include tradtional Mexcian dancens of all ages. Seven hundred to eigh hundre people we expected to attend.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Todd County Water Planner Shannon Wietstein was on Open Mic on May 22nd discussing the Todd County water Plan and a survey that was put online for county citizens to fill out for input on the water plan. Haasser also talked about how water and it's usage should be monitored and also the effects of irragation in the county!

LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE (Aired 6am,7am,12pm and 5pm M-F on KEYL/KXDL

HOUSE FIRE

On the morning of March 30th the Todd county sheriff's office was alerted to a house fire at 12137 321st ave Grey Eagle. Upon arrival the firemen discovered the house to be completely engulfed in flames and the home owner 79 year old William Marty was discovered inside the residence deceased. Thw Midwest Medical Examiners were conducting an autopsy to determine the casue of death.

AVIAN FLU

State officals confirmed Wednesday April 29th two new cases of avian influenza in Stearns county, including the county's first infected chicken flock. The U.S. department of Agriculture confirmed the highly pathogenic H5N2 virus in eight additional flocks in the state., including one turkey and one layer chicken flock in Stearns county. The fast moving disease has now struck 67 farms in 19 Minnesota counties.

On Friday may 15th at 8:28pm the Todd county Sheriff's office received a 911 call of an unresponsive male at 27740 county 98 in Birchdale Township. It was reported that a 33 year old male, Chao Neng Yang from St. Paul was in a canoe on lake Fuller when the canoe he was in capsized. Yang was reportedly under water for at least 20 minutes. He was transported to Melrose hospital where he was pronounced dead.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES UP

After trending down for years, traffic deaths in minnesota are on the rise, and that has motorist being reminded to keep safety top mind during the busy summer travel season. The Minnesota State patrol is advising everyone to buckle up, because that by itself will

reduce the number of crashes that result in a fatality or a serious injury by a good third to half. The increase in car crashes deaths in Minnesota is also happening nationwide, with U.S. traffic fatalities up 11 percent during the past three months.

PROGRAM AND ISSUES REPORT 3RD QUARTER (JULY –SEPTEMBER) 2015

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

LOCAL EVENT

On July 8th KEYL/KXDL'S OPEN MIC (8:35AM TO 9AM, M-F) had a representative from the Staples/Motley area Relay for Life discussing their relay coming up at the Staples/Motley track. The event is held every year to raise money for The American Cancer Society. The event consist of music, food, speakers and teams walking the track to raise money for The American Cancer Society.

HANDS OF HOPE:

On July 31st two representatives from Hands of Hope were in our studios on Open Mic discussing there upcoming golf tournament at the Little Falls country club. The tournament is their biggest fund raiser of the year. Hands of Hope is an advocate for victims of crime and sexual assault.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Todd county sheriff Don Asmus was our guest on August 5th discussing the events of the past month in the county. He also talked about a big push on DWI enforcement coming up for two weeks before and during Labor Day. Asmus also addressed water safety and the jail population. Asmus said the jail was housing quite a few inmates from surrounding counties, which this department gets reimbursed for.

LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE (Aired several times a day on KEYL/KXDL Radio)

PROJECT LIVESAVER 07-09-15

The Todd county sheriff's office received a grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the grant covers the required training and equipment designed to locate individuals who are prone to wandering. Locating these individuals is accomplished through the use of specialized electronic equipment. Project Lifesaver has more information on their website www.projectlifesaver.org

STORM 7-12-15

Todd-Wadena south service area was hit by a huge storm on the night of July 12th especially south of highway ten. Transmission lines that feed into Todd-Wadena substations, as well as distribution lines were affected. High winds brought trees and limbs onto lines causing thousands to be without electricity. Crews were out all night trying to restore power. It may take days for all customers to have their power back on.

SEASONAL ACTIVE DISORDER 8-03-15

While much has been made about Seasonal Active Disorder (SAD) and its impact on people over the long winter months, a number of people experience the same problem in the summer. Dr. Nzinga Harrison says triggers for people with SAD this time of year can be body-image issues, financial worries over summer expenses, and the absence of a routine.

PHONE SCAMS 8-22-15

Several Todd county residents have been reporting phone scams to the Todd county sheriff's office. Most of these scams have been from callers who claim to be from the IRS and are demanding money to be paid for taxes that are owed. Once again the Sheriff's office is reminding people the IRS would never contact you by phone.

SNOWPLOW TRAINING 9-25-15

More than 100 snowplow operators participated in an intense training program to prepare them for the worst road conditions Minnesota winters has to offer. The training sessions will run from September 21st through October 2nd at Camp Ripley training facility near Little Falls. The training program is a two week program on highway 10 and 371 near Little Falls.

PROGRAM AND ISSUES REPORT 4TH QUARTER (OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2015)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

HANDS OF HOPE:

On October first Connie Nelson from Hands of Hope recourse Center in Long Prairie was our guest on Open Mic(8:35am to 9:am M-F)on Keyl/Kxdl. October was Domestic Violence Awareness month and Nelson discussed her agencies work with victims of violence and other crimes like robbery, sexual abuse and theft.

CENTRA CARE:

On October 14 representatives of Centra-Care Health Foundation and Capital campaign board were on guest on Open Mic discussing the building of the the hospital campus and a ssisted living complex. Over two million dollars have alrerady been raised and ground breaking ill take place this spring in Long Prairie for the assisted living building.

CHAMBER of COMMERCE:

On November 13th lu Brunkhorst from the Long Prairie city council was our guest on Open Mic discussing the up coming celebration called Bright Lights which will be held the Friday after Thanksgiving. It will have carolers, horse drawn buggy rides, a lighted parade down main street plus Santa at the fire hall followed by fireworks.

OSAKIS CHAMBER of COMMERCE:

On December 11th Ryan Peterson from the Osakis chamber was our guest on Open Mic to discuss the upcoming Holiday celebration in the city of Osakis to be held on Saturday December 12th. The celebration would include sleigh rides caroling and also free gift wrapping at the Pollard community center, plus area businesses offering sales and lots of different holiday food to choose from.

LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE (Aired several times a day on KEYL/KXDL RADIO)

HEAD ON CRASH 10-1-15

A 62 year woman dies as a result of a two vehicle head-on-crash at 2:35 Wednesday afternoon at 10th avenue and Autumn Road near Swanville in Culdrum township in Morrison county.

According to the Morrison county sheriff Shawn Larson, Karen Larson died after being hit head on by a vehicle driven by 46 year old Paul Baron of Browerville. Baron was attempting to pass another vehicle when he hit Larson's vehicle head on.

SPEED LIMIT 10-1-15

On October 1st several area roadways will be increasing their speed limits from 55mph to 60mph. According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety roads affect are Highway 10, highway 87 and highway 210. The work to replace the old signs would begin on October 5th. MnDot says more speed limit changes are possible.

BODY FOUND 10-27-15

Family members have confirmed that a body found in a field near Alexandria was that of missing university Minnesota-Morris student Laura Schwendemann, who had been missing for nearly two weeks. A farmer discovered the remains while harvesting in his fields. Investigators and volunteers had been searching in the area where the remains were found since Schwendemann went missing the evening of October 14th.

SEXUAL ASSAULT 12-16-15

A 54 year Randall man was accused of sexually assaulting four victims under the age of 16 in Morrison County over a period of 15 years. On December 11th a victim under the age of 16 Reported she was sexually assaulted by someone whom she had a significant relationship with, who was identified as Vernon Hintz. Hintz admitted to having sexual contact with a number of children of under the age of 16, all of whom he had a significant relationship with.