



**CITY OF SIOUX CENTER**  
City Council Meeting  
October 14, 2020  
4:00 PM  
AGENDA

1. Public Input/Communication (ICMA Video)
2. Consent Agenda
  - Minutes of September 21, 2020
  - Bills
  - Finance Reports
  - Liquor License Renewals
    - Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh Express
    - Wal-Mart Supercenter
3. Siouxnami Waterpark and Summer Activities Report – Dave Ruter
4. Hwy 75 Project Update
5. Year End Cash Transfer Approval (SC-R-37-20)
6. Document Destruction Approval (SC-R-38-20)
7. American Public Gas Association Mutual Aid Agreement
8. 28E Agreement – Tobacco Compliance Agreement
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Council Meetings**  
November 2, 4:00pm  
November 23, 4:00pm

**Hwy 75 Open House – Terrace View**  
October 29 4:00 – 7:00pm

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**LONG-TIME REC DIRECTOR BLAZES TRAIL FOR SIOUX CENTER RECREATION**

(weekend)

SIOUX CENTER, IA - - Chances are, if you're participating in a Sioux Center recreation program, the person who started it was Dave Ruter. Ruter, who has led as the city's Recreation Director for 45 years and overseen the launch of many programs and facilities, has announced plans to retire in early 2021. The announcement was made at Sioux Center's City Council meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Ruter, a Kanawha, Iowa, native, started working for the City in December of 1975, when he was a senior at Dordt University - then Dordt College, where he played basketball and ran track. Prior to this, Sioux Center's recreation was not led by a single individual and was limited mainly to summer baseball and softball for children. He began with the city in what was a 6-month training program but was quickly asked to stay on as Sioux Center's full-time Recreation Director, even as he finished his Dordt degree.

Ruter began adding programs people were interested in, things he was interested in, and ideas people shared through a survey. That included indoor sports, slow-pitch softball for men and women, co-rec volleyball, sand volleyball, soccer and many more. In his 45 years, Ruter oversaw more than 1,400 recreation programs. He helped manage Sioux Center's first indoor pool, launch the All Seasons Center with its indoor pool and ice arena, and open the award-winning Siouxmani Waterpark.

Ruter says his experience as a recreation director was tremendous, he says, "I enjoy the people, the athletics, and watching people participating have fun - I think that's what it's all about - having fun and learning through the experience. It's been impactful for me as well. I couldn't have wished for more for my life."

Ruter plans to retire at the end of February 2021, anticipating time to enjoy home projects, raising dogs, working part-time and volunteering. He knows he will miss many aspects of what he does as Recreation Director, especially his co-workers.

He says, "I've gotten to work with such a great team over the years. The people have been phenomenal and an influence in my life." He says he's worked with thousands of people over the years - this year alone he says they have 100 employees, and they do so much - things Ruter says he doesn't even know how to do. "It's really a team effort," he says, "and I call myself their cheerleader."

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# CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES PROGRESS ON HIGHWAY 75 IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

SIoux CENTER, IA - - Sioux Center is partnering with the Iowa DOT to redesign Highway 75 as an enhanced 4-lane roadway. This features two lanes of travel in each direction with medians and a center turn lane. The project is in the preliminary design stage with construction planned in ~~2024-25~~, featuring safety, functionality, and aesthetic elements reflecting Sioux Center's character.

2023-24

Sioux Center Utilities Manager Murray Hulstein says that Highway 75 serves both as a US highway and Sioux Center's main street, he says the city wants a corridor that will safely serve residents and visitors, include safe pedestrian use, and give travelers a sense of what Sioux Center is.

Trent Bruce, of DGR Engineering, which is leading project design, shared ongoing work on the preliminary design with the Sioux Center City Council Wednesday. He says safety is a central focus. The proposed changes include requesting a stoplight at the 20th Street South intersection, near Pizza Hut, pending DOT approval. Sidewalks and highly visible pedestrian crossings are planned along the length of the project, which will stretch from 20th Street South to 12th Street North.

The design suggests raised medians throughout much of the corridor, which can serve to calm traffic by better defining travel lanes, having 11-foot traffic lanes (which calm traffic and decrease amount of right of way needed), limit places vehicles are crossing both directions of traffic, and give pedestrians a safe haven while crossing the road. In addition, medians are suggested to run through a few intersections, allowing only right-hand turns. This design decreases the number of potentially dangerous conflict points of left-turning traffic.

Bruce admits when it comes to building safety into the design, it can come at the cost of convenience. But he says the inconvenience of a small number is really outweighed by the safety of the larger number.

More details are available, along with concept drawings in the story on our website/[siouxcountyradio.com](http://siouxcountyradio.com).

**CITY OF SIOUX CENTER**  
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**December 16, 2020**  
**4:00 PM**  
**AGENDA**

1. Public Input/Communication
2. Consent Agenda
- Minutes of November 23, 2020
- Bills
- Finance Report
3. Fire Department Report
4. Resolution Determining an Area of the City to be an Economic Development and Blighted Area - Designating Such Area As Appropriate for Urban Renewal Projects; and Adopting Amendment No. 7 to the Sioux Center Unified Urban Renewal Plan – Public Hearing (SC-R-45-20)
5. Consider Grant Agreement – Public Hearing (SC-R-46-20)
6. Consider Amendment to 28E Agreement – All Seasons Center
7. Resolution in Support of a RISE Grant Application (SC-R-47-20)
8. Authorize Sale of Property – Public Hearing (SC-R-48-20)
9. 69 KV Overhead Transmission Discussion
10. Budget Amendment Fiscal 2021 – Public Hearing (SC-R-49-20)
11. Employee Review
12. Health Insurance Renewal
13. Employee Christmas Salary
14. Other Business
15. Adjourn

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Council Meetings**  
 January 7, 4:00pm  
 January 27, 4:00pm

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Media

## GRANT CAN SUPPORT JOB CREATION THROUGH SCHOOL CAREER CENTER

SIoux CENTER, IA - - The Sioux Center City Council approved an economic development grant at yesterday's meeting, that will help with the development of a career and technical center at the new Sioux Center Community High School. The approval is a collaboration with the Sioux Center Community Schools to promote local job growth in the community.

The resolution for the grant noted that the school helps equip and train students and enable them to be valuable employees in Sioux Center, promoting economic development.

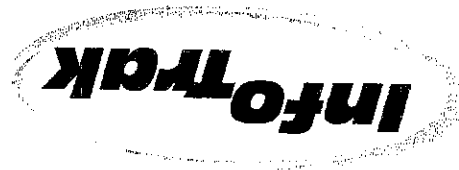
The resolution states that "the city desires to provide the school with funds to support and incentivize the school to continue to provide jobs training and teach job-related skill which promote economic development and job creation and retention."

This grant came about after a significant change in agricultural valuations in Sioux County that impacted the school's ability to bond for the full amount that was approved by voters for the high school construction project.

Sioux Center Mayor David Krahlung says that in order for the school to complete the project on schedule, the City was able to offer the grant in the true spirit of Progress through Cooperation.

The school district anticipates paying the grant back over a period of six or fewer years via the existing 28F agreement that includes the City and Sioux Center Community Schools.

City Councilman, Dale Vander Berg says, "This is part of that long-standing working together and getting it done - finding a solution that benefits citizens."



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Date aired: 10/03/20 Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

Show # 2020-40

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. **Stuart N. Brotman**, executive policy adviser, legal analyst, author of "Privacy's Perfect Storm: Digital Policy for Post-Pandemic Times"

The COVID-19 lockdowns have expanded the online world of work and school at home to unprecedented levels. Mr. Brotman outlined the rapid increase in digital privacy issues related to this new trend, and what is necessary to address the problem. He also talked about privacy issues related to terms of agreement that consumers typically ignore when installing apps or other software.

Issues covered:  
Privacy

Government Regulation  
Consumer Matters

Length: 8:43

2. **Ajit Mathew George**, founder of Second Chances Farms, LLC in Wilmington, DE

Issues covered:  
Criminal Reform

Entrepreneurship  
Environment

Length: 8:33

Mr. George founded an organization that employs only convicted felons, training them in entrepreneurship through mentorship programs and green collar jobs at hydroponic, indoor vertical farms in economically distressed communities. He explained how the farms replace recidivism with compassionate capitalism and turn entrepreneurs-in-residence into "Agri-preneurs." He also explained how the farms were forced to rapidly adapt to serving consumers directly, when the coronavirus lockdowns closed restaurants.

3. **Stephanie L. Bonne, MD**, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Director of the Hospital Violence Intervention Program at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Issues covered:  
Home Safety

Government Regulation  
Consumer Matters

Length: 5:02

Dr. Bonne led a study of injuries caused by glass-topped tables. She said the furniture causes thousands of injuries each year, many requiring significant surgeries and long hospital stays. She said the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission requires tempered glass for products like doors and car windshields but it is voluntary for horizontal surfaces.





Weekly Public Affairs Program

Date aired: 10/10/30 Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

Show # 2020-41

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. Carol L. Rickard, Tobacco Treatment Specialist, author of "So Hard to Quit Smoking and What You Can Do about It" and "The Benefits of Smoking: Why It's So Hard to Quit Smoking and What You Can Do about It"

70% of smokers would like to quit, but only 4 to 7% will be successful. Ms. Rickard explained what smokers perceive as the benefits and why it's so hard for people to kick the habit once they've started. She also discussed the potential risks associated with e-cigarettes and vaping. She suggested resources that smokers can use to quit for good.

Issues covered: Women's Issues

Consumer Matters Parenting Media

Length: 8:44

2. Mathew Freeman, Co-Founder and Senior Executive Consultant at TMI Consulting, a diversity and inclusion management consulting firm, co-author of "Overcoming Bias: Building Authentic Relationships across Differences"

Issues covered: Diversity

Minority Concerns Workplace Matters

Length: 8:33

Mr. Freeman said every human is biased in one way or another, and it's a constant process to recognize and reduce it. He explained why bias has such an impact in every aspect of life, and how companies should address it in the workplace. He said the secret to dealing with bias is by intentionally cultivating meaningful relationships with those who are different.

Issues covered: Personal Health

Length: 4:48

3. Gloria Lopez-Cordle, nationally-recognized patient advocate, creator of "the Personal Medical Journal", a patient organizational tool  
A recent study found that American hospitals are making preventable medical errors that kill thousands of Americans each year. Ms. Lopez-Cordle believes that patients and their families need to take charge of their medical information to prevent mistakes by doctors. She offered advice on what kinds of medical data is important and how to organize it.



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2020-42

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

Date aired: 10/17/20 Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Dennis Culhane, PhD, Dana and Andrew Stone Professor of Social Policy at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice, co-founder and Co-Director of the Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy initiative

Over the next decade, the number of elderly homeless Americans is projected to triple — and that was before COVID-19 hit. Prof. Culhane explained why younger members of the boomer generation have remained the dominant homeless population in the United States, and what can be done to address the problem. He noted that people who experience homelessness have a life expectancy of 64-65 years.

Issues covered: Homelessness Senior Citizens Drug Abuse

Length: 7:38

2. Christopher Ali, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Media Studies, University of Virginia

Nearly 40 million households lack a quality internet connection, cutting them off from work, schools and more. Prof. Ali said the same huge government efforts that brought electricity and telephone service to rural areas in the 1930s and 40s should be applied in a similar way to broadband service today. He said lower income and minority Americans are most likely to be affected by the digital divide.

Issues covered: Broadband Internet Rural Concerns Education Poverty

Length: 9:36

3. Michael S. Pollard, PhD, Senior Sociologist at the RAND Corporation, Professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School

Across America, alcohol consumption has risen sharply during the pandemic shutdowns. Dr. Pollard led a study that found that heavy drinking by women rose 41%. He explained who was most at risk of binge drinking and why this is a serious and ongoing problem.

Issues covered: Alcoholism Mental Health Coronavirus Lockdowns

Length: 5:09



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2020-43

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

Date aired: 10/24/20 Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Farokh Alemi, PhD, Professor of Health Informatics, George Mason University College of Health and Human Services

Suicide among US veterans is on the rise. Prof. Alemi led a study that examined the reasons that vets take their own lives. He found that while social factors like family problems and homelessness can predict suicide, they are not the cause of it -- mental illness is. He said the results of the study were a surprise. He added that the social isolation that accompanies COVID-19 has been a major factor in increasing suicide rates overall.

Issues covered: Suicide

Veterans Issues  
Mental Health

Length: 8:31

2. Joseph Dieleman, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Health Metric Sciences at the University of Washington, faculty lead of the Resource Tracking team at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation

Prof. Dieleman said five major health risks, things such as obesity, high blood pressure, and smoking, were linked to over \$730 billion in preventable health care spending in the US in 2016. He talked about policy changes and public awareness programs that may influence people to take steps to avoid costly health problems.

Issues covered: Healthcare Costs

Personal Health

Length: 8:41

3. David B. Soma, MD, Pediatric Sports Medicine Specialist, Mayo Clinic

Youth sports can help kids via exercise and the development of socialization skills, but the COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic effect on sports programs nationwide. Dr. Soma explained how the risks vary from one sport to another, and what parents and student athletes can do to reduce their chances of contracting the virus during sports activities.

Issues covered: Youth Sports

Parenting

Coronavirus

Length: 4:53



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2020-44

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

Date aired: 10/31/20 Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Kellie Gerardi**, commercial spaceflight industry professional, science communicator, leader of Special Projects for the Commercial Spaceflight Federation, Director of The Explorers Club, author of "Not Necessarily Rocket Science: A Beginner's Guide to Life in the Space Age"

Ms. Gerardi shared some of her experiences as a human test subject for space suits in microgravity flights. She talked about the importance of inspiring girls to pursue STEM subjects in school. She also suggested ways that young women can find mentors to help them attain jobs in the commercial space industry, and why it's so important for women to be included in future space exploration.

**Issues covered:**  
Science  
Women's Issues  
Education

**Length:** 9:09

2. **Tom Corley**, Certified Financial Planner, author of "Effort-Less Wealth: Smart Money Habits at Every Stage of Your Life"

Life is a series of stages, and Mr. Corley said money mistakes made in one stage can have a ripple effect, impacting one or more subsequent stages. He explained how those who develop smart money habits early will position themselves up for lifelong financial success. He outlined the four ways that any American can become wealthy.

**Issues covered:**  
Personal Finance  
Retirement Planning

**Length:** 8:09

3. **Lois E. Krahn, MD**, psychiatrist and sleep medicine specialist, Mayo Clinic in Phoenix

As most of the nation switches from daylight saving to standard time, many people welcome the extra hour of sleep. Dr. Krahn explained how time changes affect the body and sleep patterns, such as increased traffic accidents in subsequent weeks. She also offered tips to adapt to the schedule change.

**Issues covered:**  
Personal Health

**Length:** 5:06



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2020-45

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

Date aired: 11/07/20 Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Patricia Boyle, PhD**, neuropsychologist, Professor of Behavioral Sciences at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, part of Rush University in Chicago

Scammers are using the COVID-19 pandemic as a new weapon to target senior citizens. Dr. Boyle outlined the latest battery of financial scams, including telemarketer offers for contact tracing – for a fee – or to reserve a slot for a future vaccine. She said many older adults don't realize that they are more frequent targets of scams. She added that changes in financial decision-making may be an early warning sign of impending dementia or cognitive decline.

**Issues covered:**  
Crime  
Senior Citizens  
Alzheimer's disease

**Length:** 9:03

2. **Steve Webb, PhD**, Certified Social Media Intelligence Expert, Certified A.L.I.C.E. Active Threat Training Instructor, R.A.I.D.E.R. Solo Engagement Tactics Level II Instructor for law enforcement, Associate Professor in Educational Administration at Southern Illinois University and Mckendree University, the author of "Education in a Violent World"

Online school instruction has caused children to spend more time in front of computers than ever. Dr. Webb said American parents would be shocked at how much data about a child is collected when he or she is online. He also talked about cyberbullying and its effect on the suicide rates of children.

**Issues covered:**  
Online Security  
Youth at Risk  
Parenting  
Privacy

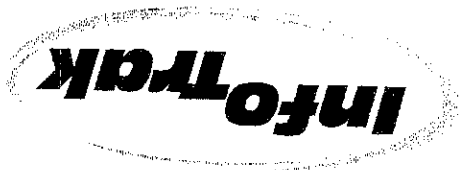
**Length:** 8:11

3. **Denisa Gándara, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Higher Education at Southern Methodist University in Dallas

Prof. Gándara led a study of college promise programs at 33 community colleges, and found that free tuition boosted enrollment rates for black and Hispanic students. She explained how the programs work and how they are funded. She expressed concerns about the sustainability of the programs, as state budgets struggle in the wake of pandemic lockdowns.

**Issues covered:**  
Education  
Minority Concerns

**Length:** 5:08



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2020-46

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

Date aired: 11/14/80 Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Nicholas Bloom, PhD**, Professor in the Department of Economics at Stanford University, Co-Director of the Productivity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship program at the National Bureau of Economic Research

Around 32% of American adults are now working from home fulltime, compared to just 2% prior to the pandemic. Prof. Bloom talked about the technical handicaps faced by large numbers of workers, and why working from home produces less innovation. He also explained the inequality effect, as more educated, higher-earning employees are far more likely to work from home and continue to get paid, develop their skills and advance their careers.

Issues covered:  
**Employment**  
**Minority Concerns**  
**Technology**

Length: 9:43

2. **Shelby Kerns**, Executive Director, National Association of State Budget Officers

US states are facing the biggest cash crisis since the Great Depression, as varying levels of lockdowns for months have caused tax revenues to collapse. Ms. Kerns said states have responded with different approaches, including spending reductions ranging from 0 to 20%. She discussed the likelihood of state tax increases or bailouts from federal taxpayers for states in the deepest trouble.

Issues covered:  
**Government Spending**  
**Taxes**

Length: 7:22

3. **Linda Pagan, PhD**, Senior Researcher, CHU Sainte-Justine Pediatric Hospital in Montreal

Prof. Pagan was the senior author of a study that examined the readiness of children for kindergarten and how it affects academic performance through age 17. She said when children establish a good basis in kindergarten for subjects like vocabulary, they tend to also have less anxiety at age 17. She offered advice for parents.

Issues covered:  
**Early Childhood Education**  
**Parenting**

Length: 5:00



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Date aired: 11/21/20

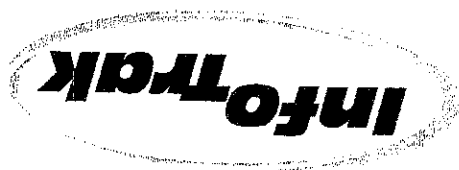
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Show # 2020-47

1. **William Schaffner, MD**, Professor of Preventive Medicine, Department of Health Policy, Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at Vanderbilt University  
 This year's flu season presents a unique challenge as COVID-19 positive tests continue to rise. Dr. Schaffner outlined the similarities and differences between the flu and COVID-19, and discussed the chances that the similar symptoms may cause doctors to make wrong diagnoses. He also addressed reports that cases of influenza appear to have plummeted by 98% across the globe. He recommended that patients contact their doctor via email or phone if they suspect they have the coronavirus, to avoid spreading it in waiting rooms or emergency rooms.  
Issues covered: Coronavirus, Public Health  
Length: 9:43

2. **Justin Reich, PhD**, Assistant Professor in the Comparative Media Studies/Writing Department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Director of the MIT Teaching Systems Lab, author of "Failure to Disrupt: Why Technology Alone Can't Transform Education"  
 Dr. Reich delivered a report card on the latest supposedly transformative educational technologies. He said assessment technology does a poor job of measuring whether a child is truly learning. He said most teachers were ill-prepared to make such a rapid transition to online learning this year, and explained how that problem can be addressed.  
Issues covered: Education, Technology  
Length: 7:22

3. **Nick Rizzo**, Fitness Research Director, RunRepeat.com  
 As businesses of all types struggle to stay afloat during COVID-19, a new poll has some bad news for gyms around the globe. Mr. Rizzo said only 31 percent of gym members have returned to their fitness clubs thus far, a more dismal result than gym owners expected. He said new lockdowns this winter could potentially cause a majority of gyms to never reopen.  
Issues covered: Physical Fitness, Economy/Small Business  
Length: 5:00



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2020-48

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

Date aired: 11/22/20 Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Jan Edwards**, President and CEO of Paving the Way, an organization that raises awareness about sex trafficking through public education

Ms. Edwards discussed the growing issue of sex trafficking. She said the problem is rampant in every corner of the U.S. and that the average victim drawn into the sex trade is age 14 to 16. She outlined other characteristics of those most at risk, and how predators target and groom their victims.

**Issues covered:** Sex Trafficking, Youth at Risk, Crime

**Length:** 9:41

2. **Ted Frank**, career consultant, author of "Get to the Heart"

Mr. Frank discussed the importance of learning how to effectively communicate in the workplace. He explained how it can increase efficiency and improve productivity. He believes presentations should focus on no more than three key points at a time, and that the use of examples and illustrations is crucial to improved communications.

**Issues covered:** Workplace Matters, Career

**Length:** 7:31

3. **Steve Cicala, PhD**, Assistant professor at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago, Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research

Dr. Cicala led a study that determined that deregulated power markets on the wholesale level have significantly cut the cost of generating electricity, saving consumers \$3 billion a year. He discussed how this little-known market works and why it should matter to consumers. He also explained how smart meters will eventually give consumers even greater power in managing their energy costs.

**Issues covered:** Energy, Consumer Matters

**Length:** 5:06





Weekly Public Affairs Program

Date aired: 12/05/2007 Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

Show # 2020-07

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. Valerie Burton, Certified Personal and Executive Coach, founder of The Coaching and Positive Psychology Institute, author of "Successful Women Speak Differently: 9 Habits That Build Confidence, Courage, and Influence"

Ms. Burton said the most successful women are often not the most talented, the most gifted, or even the most experienced. She believes the knack for communicating is what opens doors and gives women influence in the workplace. She outlined simple techniques women can utilize to be more clearly understood and respected.

Issues covered: Women's Issues

Employment

Length: 8:48

2. John Hagan, PhD, John D. MacArthur Professor of Sociology and Law, Northwestern University

Dr. Hagan led a study that uncovered a connection between increased unemployment rates and school shootings. He said the findings were consistent across the all regions of the U.S. and that shooters come from all backgrounds and income levels. He offered possible explanations behind this trend.

Issues covered: School Shootings

Unemployment

Length: 8:19

3. Jason Hanson, former CIA officer, security specialist, author of "Spy Secrets That Can Save Your Life: A Former CIA Officer Reveals Safety and Survival Techniques to Keep You and Your Family Protected"

Mr. Hanson discussed ways to prevent and react to home invasions or abductions. He explained simple steps the average homeowner can take to make a house criminal-proof. He also offered tips on how to stay safe while traveling.

Issues covered: Crime Prevention

Personal Safety

Length: 5:02



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2020-50

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

Date aired: 12/12/20 Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **William Chopik, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Michigan State University

Prof. Chopik recently completed two studies that examined age bias: one examining which countries around the world showed the greatest implicit bias against older adults, and the other looking at individual states across the U.S. He said states with higher age bias also tended to have higher Medicare costs, lower community engagement and less access to care.

Issues covered:  
Age Bias  
Aging  
Medicare

Length: 8:59

2. **Shujing Sun, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Information Systems in The Naveen Jindal School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas

Overcrowding in emergency rooms is a costly and concerning problem, compromising the quality of patient care. Prof. Sun investigated the potential of telemedicine as a generic solution to reduce ER congestion, and found that on-site nurse practitioners or physician assistants can effectively treat patients with minor conditions under the remote supervision of off-site physicians. She said even serious conditions such as a stroke can be better treated if emergency physicians can consult remote stroke specialists.

Issues covered:  
Emergency Medical Care  
Public Health  
Technology

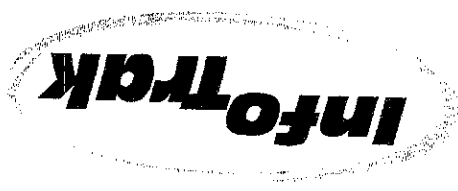
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3. **Diana Enriquez**, doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology, Princeton University

Ms. Enriquez led a study that examined the impact of the COVID-19 lockdowns on black households. She found that low-income black households experienced greater job loss, more food and medicine insecurity, and higher indebtedness in the early months of the pandemic compared to white or latinx low-income households. She believes the outlook is still difficult for black households as the economy continues to struggle from government-ordered closings.

Issues covered:  
Minority Concerns  
Poverty  
Government Regulations

Length: 5:02



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2020-51

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

Date aired: 12/19/20 Time Aired: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Jamie E. Wright**, attorney, partner in the Los Angeles-based Millennial Government Affairs group

African Americans make up fewer than five percent of the lawyers in the U.S., and minorities and women are underrepresented in many career categories. Ms. Wright shared her story as an African American woman who broke through the barriers to become a successful millennial attorney. She offered suggestions for women and people of color who want to reach for their dreams.

**Issues covered:**  
 Minority Concerns  
 Women's Issues  
 Career

Length: 8:30

2. **Laura Adams**, Senior Insurance Analyst at insuranceQuotes.com

A study by Ms. Adams' organization found that more than half of U.S. drivers have not switched auto insurance companies in at least eight years and about 6% have stuck with the same provider for more than 30 years. She said most consumers don't price-compare frequently enough and she offered several money-saving strategies.

**Issues covered:**  
 Consumer Matters  
 Personal Finance

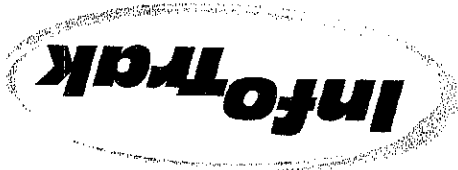
Length: 8:44

3. **Russ Martin**, Senior Director of Policy and Government Relations at the Governors Highway Safety Association

Despite fewer drivers on the road this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Martin said states have tracked a disturbing uptick in many risky driving behaviors. He talked about the changing risks, including higher speeds on emptier roads, and an increasing trend of driving under the influence of a combination of alcohol and drugs like marijuana. He outlined efforts to increase drunk driving enforcement nationwide during the holiday season.

**Issues covered:**  
 Drunk Driving  
 Traffic Safety  
 Government Policies

Length: 5:01



Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2020-52

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

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1. Robert Meyer, PhD, Frederick H. Ecker/MetLife Insurance Professor of Marketing at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Co-Director of the Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center, co-author of "The Ostrich Paradox: Why We Underprepare for Disasters"

Our ability to predict certain types of natural catastrophes has never been greater. Yet, people consistently fail to heed warnings and protect themselves and their communities, with devastating consequences. Dr. Meyer discussed this contradiction, and what government authorities and individuals can do to improve disaster preparedness.

Issues covered: Disaster Preparedness Government Policies

Length: 9:39

2. Daniel Karpowitz, PhD, Director of Policy and Academics for the Bard Prison Initiative, Lecturer in Law and the Humanities at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, Co-founder of the Consortium for the Liberal Arts in Prison, author of "College in Prison: Reading in an Age of Mass Incarceration"

Prof. Karpowitz explained how and why Bard College has provided hundreds of incarcerated men and women across the country access to a high-quality liberal arts education. He said inmate students are expected to meet the same requirements as students on a traditional campus. He added that, while education does reduce the rate at which convicts return to prison, higher education should never be measured in that manner.

Issues covered: Education Criminal Rehabilitation

Length: 7:37

3. Kendrin Sonneville, ScD, RD, LDN, Research Scientist, Clinical Nutrition Specialist at Children's Hospital, Boston

Dr. Sonneville conducted a study that found that teenage girl athletes with the highest levels of vitamin D in their diets were half as likely to suffer a stress fracture. She said vitamin D deficiencies in teen girls are common. She explained which activities are most commonly associated with stress fractures and recommended ways to get enough vitamin D.

Issues covered: Personal Health Women's Issues

Length: 5:03

10/1/20	Thur	Kris Gesink Jodi Utesch	Flu Vacc expansion dentist
10/2/20	Fri	Dr. Robert Rens SC Health	Flu vs COVID & Flu Clinics
10/5/20	Mon	Julie & Marlene Heerde - Touch of Hope	
10/6/20	Tues	Lisa Doelman	Winter gear drive
10/7/20	Wed	Mike Plasler Dave Cleveringa	
10/8/20	Thur	Kae Van Engen Anita Van Ravenhorst	Multi-Fam Housing SE SC Womens Harvest Extrava..
10/9/20	Fri	Dave Van Holland SC Fire Chief	Regional Fire Conditions
10/12/20	Mon	Cory Nelson CEO	SC Health expansion vs Covid
10/13/20	Tues	Randy Feenstra	Republican Incumbent
10/14/20	Wed	Loralie Weise PHONE	Operation Christmas Child
10/15/20	Thur	Björn Johnson	St. Rep. Dist 4 Democratic Challenger
10/16/20	Fri	Kris Isakson	Isakson Chiro new location
10/19/20	Mon	Jessica Rohrs Emmalynne Farwell	Domestic Violence Awareness Month
10/20/20	Tues	Darren Raith John Dykstra	AmInvt Trst Investing Election effects on
10/21/20	Wed	Skyler Wheeler	St. Rep. Dist 4 Republican Incumbent
10/22/20	Thur	JD Schoiten	US Rep Democratic Challenger
10/23/20	Fri	Brooke Kooima Hope Haven	New book
10/26/20	Mon	Tana Van Gorp Heidi Ragsdale	SC Health Breast Cancer Awareness
10/27/20	Tues	Gov Reynolds	Patt Garret 515-802-0986 COVID in NW Iowa
10/28/20	Wed	Joel De Wit	JFA Society Meeting
10/29/20	Thur	Nicole McCray Becky Bilby Greta Grond	One Book, One Sioux Co
10/30/20	Fri	Abby Foreman	Hallelujah Trunk or Treat

Mon	11/2/20	<b>Norma Winkel</b>	348-1081	The Flower Box
Tues	11/3/20	<b>Lt. Col. James Lovejoy</b>		Energy Action Month
Wed	11/4/20	<b>Calvin Ver Mulm</b>	605-553-8545	Center of Hope benefit
Thur	11/5/20	<b>Dr. Justin Bailly - Dordt</b>		New Book on Apologetics
Fri	11/6/20	<b>Deb Rensink</b>		Whispers of Love, Hope, Joy
Mon	11/9/20	<b>Jason Lief &amp; Di Daniels</b>	ZOOM	Immigration Reformation
Tues	11/10/20	<b>Debbie VanTol - Aaron Deutsch</b>	Love Inc.	Heart of Christmas event
Wed	11/11/20	<b>Ross</b> <b>Julie Van Otterloo Amy</b>	Hospice Tree,	Services, grief, SC Health
Thur	11/12/20	<b>Ben Vos</b>		Turkey Trot
Fri	11/13/20	<b>Bonita Vott &amp; Amanda Wiggins</b>		People's Bank
Mon	11/16/20	<b>Kaleigh Van Middendorp</b>		Giding Star online Auction
Tues	11/17/20	<b>Rob Roozeboom</b>		RISE Ministries
Wed	11/18/20	<b>Dr. Jenny Song NWC</b>		Servant Leadership
Thur	11/19/20	<b>Tracy DeBruin &amp; Amy Noyes</b>		Ireton Chr. Festival of Trees
Fri	11/20/20	<b>N. Tintle Jason Westra</b>	REC	Human Genome Project
Mon	11/23/20	<b>Erica Vonk NWC</b>	Center for	Innovation and Leadership
Tues	11/24/20	<b>Gary McIdowny</b>		COVID school update
Wed	11/25/20	<b>Lindsey Hindman</b>		PHONE
Thur	11/26/20	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	258-9159	Author - 100 things to do...
Fri	11/27/20	<b>Santa Clause</b>		
Mon	11/30/20	<b>Jon Moeller</b>		Dordt - Spec Agent FBI ret.

Tues	12/1/20	Allan Kramer	Liz Arkema	Lung Health & COPD
Wed	12/2/20	Liz Arkema	Lights Around the Bend	
Thur	12/3/20	Sandy Holtrop	Book Bank - Maurice	
Fri	12/4/20	Scott Wynja	Open Space Park Planning	
Mon	12/7/20	Lexi Osterkamp	CASA	
Tues	12/8/20	Nicky Menke - CLC	Ideas for families during Hol	
Wed	12/9/20	Jake Van Wyk	Studio Restoration	
Thur	12/10/20	Jeff Kelly - Dordt	NEW-Entrepreneurship	
Fri	12/11/20	Joel De Jong	Minor	
Mon	12/14/20	Teresa Ziik	PHONE	
Tues	12/15/20	Audra Olson	COVID Recovery Iowa	
Wed	12/16/20	Kelly Niewenhuis	Music Therapist	
Thur	12/17/20	Julie Huijstein	Ethanol & Ren Fuels Post	
Fri	12/18/20	Dr. Shawn Scholten	Elect	
Mon	12/21/20	Mike Hofman	Vi-Bella	
Tues	12/22/20	Dr. Thomas Holm	Managing emotions	
Wed	12/23/20	Joel Heitritter	Holidays	
Thur	12/24/20	Jassiel Garcia	CLC	
Fri	12/25/20	CHRISTMAS	OC	
Mon	12/28/20	Aaron Van Beek	Chamber	
Tues	12/29/20	Dr. Scott Rens	Look Local First	
Wed	12/30/20	Mike Henricksen	Madrigal Dinners	
Thur	12/31/20	PHONE	Update - bldg project	
			Friendly Horizons update	
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			SC Health	
			NWC	
			Midwest Honor Flight	
			COVID Vaccines	
			Bk:Genuine Journeys of Life	
			605-595-8487	