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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

PROGRAM INDEX

WBZ-TV News on TV38 – WBZ-TV News on TV38 is anchored by Anaridis Rodriguez. The newscast delivers a contemporary hour of news filled with comprehensive coverage of local politics, community events, medical updates, and issues of importance in the community. In addition, issues related to government, politics, business, financial issues, corruption and crime are explored in-depth during the station's newscasts.

Business and Political:

1-1-21:

Mike LaCrosse reports on postal delays. The USPS says delays are due to increased volume. The union says management did not account for enough workers including sick calls due to COVID-19.

1-4-21:

Kristina Rex reports on Governor Baker allowing first responders to get their COVID-19 vaccine. It comes after a big push by the Massachusetts' Firefighters Union.

1-5-21:

Mike LaCrosse reports on Boston Mayor Marty Walsh extending the city's pause on reopening. The city cites rising COVID-19 numbers. The city of Boston will be partnering with community health centers to increase access to testing, particularly in neighborhoods experiencing high rates of COVID-19.

1-6-21:

Kristina Rex reports on local lawmakers stuck on Capitol Hill during the major trespassing event. They were fearful for their lives and they are calling for lawmakers to take action against President Trump.

1-7-21:

Kristina Rex reports on Boston Mayor Marty Walsh being nominated as the Labor Secretary by Joe Biden. Boston labor leaders applaud the decision. Walsh's nomination now awaits confirmation from the full Senate.

1-7-21:

Tiffany Chan reports on the extension of COVID-19 restrictions to local businesses. Many business owners say they don't know how much longer they can afford the restrictions. They simply do not have the financial resources to weather prolong closures.

1-8-21:

Tiffany Chan reports on Governor Baker announcing the launch of a pilot COVID-19 testing program dedicated to providing on-demand testing to child care providers and the families they serve to ensure easy access to testing when there is suspected COVID-19 exposure.

1-11-21:

Anaridis Rodriguez reports on New England Patriots coach, Bill Belichick declining the President's Medal of Freedom. He declined to accept the award given the state of the nation after the Capitol Hill riot.

1-12-21:

Anaridis Rodriguez reports on the State of the City address by Mayor Marty Walsh. Mayor Walsh's exit speech will feature his accomplishments in office and his hopes for Boston's future.

1-20-21:

Anaridis Rodriguez reports on Vice President Kamla Harris' historic election and how the Vice President is inspiring local girls. Vice President Harris was quoted, "go dream big, lead with conviction, and set yourselves as the super heroes of tomorrow – because that is what you are. See yourselves that way and pursue your dreams not only for your sake, but for ours. Our country needs you."

1-27-21:

Tiffany Chan reports on the slow rollout and the difficulty getting vaccine appointments for Massachusetts senior citizens. Governor Baker says have patience, while senior citizens are asking for a simpler, offline process.

1-28-21:

Kristina Rex reports on state leaders filing emergency legislation to help senior citizens get easier access to COVID-19 vaccines. The state leaders want to set up a phone line and simpler online portals to help navigate seniors through the process.

2-10-21:

Nick Emmons reports on a report being circulated of a surplus of COVID-19 vaccines being given away in Danvers. Long lines formed and confusion spread at the mass vaccination site operated by Curative at the Doubletree in Danvers. Some people reported getting vaccinated even though they did not have appointments and were not yet eligible under state guidelines. Governor Baker is reiterating his position that no one without an appointment should be vaccinated.

2-17-21:

Nick Emmons reports on Massachusetts now allowing people 65+ to get the COVID-19 vaccine. People 65 and older with two or more eligible medical conditions will be among those vaccinated. The governor said his administration decided to go ahead with this because of a recent successful turn in the number of vaccinations that now has the state ranking ninth in the nation for first doses given.

2-18-21:

Nick Emmons reports on the failure of the state's vaccination website. After the frustration and chaos of the Thursday morning failure of the appointment website, Governor Baker acknowledged the struggle residents were facing and said he, too, was livid over the website.

2-18-21:

Kristina Rex reports on a University of Massachusetts graduate being the chief scientist on NASA's Mars Pathfinder mission. Matthew Golombek, who has worked with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory since its inception five years ago, studied the geology of Mars, Earth and the moon while earning his master's and doctoral degrees in geology from the University of Massachusetts in 1978 and 1981 respectively.

2-19-21:

Louisa Moller reports on improvements to the state's COVID-19 vaccine website. Officials have bolstered the online portal to deal with the rush of users hoping to score an appointment. Among the changes is a "digital waiting room" on the website. This feature will send some users to a webpage with information about when they can proceed when the site experiences especially high traffic. The site will also have "bolstered server capacity" to help manage heavier traffic.

2-23-21:

Nick Emmons reports on the state's push to get students back in the classroom. State leaders say it is critical to education, while teachers' unions want vaccines for educators first.

3-3-21:

Christina Hager reports on Governor Baker expanding COVID-19 vaccine access to teachers. It's a victory for the Massachusetts Teachers Association who has been fighting for the move.

3-5-21:

Tiffany Chan reports on the state of Massachusetts forcing elementary schools back to in person learning. It has local districts scrambling to figure out protocols to keep everyone safe.

3-10-21:

Kristina Rex reports on a new system to help people get a COVID-19 vaccine appointment. The state is rolling out a new preregistration system to avoid website crashes in the future.

3-12-21:

Tiffany Chan reports on the city of Boston allowing outdoor dining a week and half early. It's great news for struggling restaurants.

3-12-21:

Mike LaCrosse reports on the state of New Hampshire allowing businesses to reopen at full capacity. However, safeguards as distancing and mask usage are still in place.

3-18-21:

Kristina Rex reports on the state opening up a new vaccination center at the Hynes Center. This as the state relaxes its travel restrictions.

3-19-21:

Beth Germano reports on the MBTA reversing course on proposed service cuts. This after a local Congressman raised red flags with their new COVID-19 relief federal funding.

3-22-21:

Juli McDonald reports on Boston Mayor Marty Walsh being confirmed as US Labor Secretary and stepping down. City Councilor Kim Janey will take over.

3-22-21:

Kristina Rex reports on Massachusetts easing Coronavirus restrictions. Many restaurants expanded capacity limits and opened up outdoor dining as the rush to recover losses continues from last year.

3-23-21:

Juli McDonald reports on history being made at Boston City Hall. Kim Janey will take over as Mayor of Boston as the first woman and person of color in the role. It comes as Marty Walsh was just sworn in as Labor Secretary.

3-30-21:

Kristina Rex reports on a new state of Massachusetts and Federal COVID-19 vaccination site collaboration. It will allow for 6,000 additional doses to be handed out daily at the site.

Health and Medical:

1-1-21:

Kristina Rex reports on an uptick in coronavirus cases here in Massachusetts. She reports the “red zone” danger area of high levels of spread is now in most of eastern Massachusetts. There was an even bigger drop in the number of vaccine doses coming to Massachusetts, with only 52,225 doses being shipped to the Commonwealth.

1-4-21:

Tiffany Chan reports on Salem public schools offering free testing of students for COVID-19 after the holidays. WBZ cameras found long lines, but parents were happy to see the testing offered. All students and staff are expected to get tested before returning to the classroom.

1-11-21:

Kristina Rex reports on first responders getting their first coronavirus shots. They tell WBZ the vaccines could not come soon enough. Police officers, firefighters and other first responders are in contact with the public every day and were made a priority for getting the vaccine.

1-12-21:

Kristina Rex reports on Gillette Stadium opening up as Massachusetts' first mass vaccination site. The stadium will administer upwards of 5,000 COVID-19 vaccines. Governor Charlie Baker announced Gillette Stadium as the Commonwealth's first large-scale vaccination site, operated by CIC Health.

1-13-21:

Mike LaCrosse reports on the state laying out the plan to vaccinate the next group of people. That includes those living in congregate living situations like shelters and prisons. Governor Charlie Baker announced, "These facilities are prioritized because they serve vulnerable populations in densely populated settings, which means they're at significant risk for contracting COVID-19."

1-13-21:

Bill Shields reports on how local clinics will deal with the tall task of both delivering vaccines and doing COVID-19 testing. WBZ reports that it will be a team effort between clinics, pharmacies and vaccine super sites.

1-14-21:

Bill Shields reports on the state planning to administer as many vaccines as possible. The state is looking into a variety of healthcare professionals including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and even dentists to help with the administering the vaccine.

1-18-21:

Kristina Rex reports on the first case of a new, more contagious strain of coronavirus now found in Massachusetts. Doctors say while this strain is not any more dangerous, it spreads more easily and could lead to more cases.

1-21-21:

Louisa Moller reports on Massachusetts healthcare workers being on an expanded list of being eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. The shift comes as the Governor lifts some coronavirus restrictions and acknowledges the slow rollout of the vaccine.

1-25-21:

Louisa Moller reports on Boston University students who are returning to the classroom. Some students and professors worry it is not safe. Under Boston University's emergent plan stylized as "Learn from Anywhere" students get a choice: come to campus for a blend of in-person and remote learning, or stay home and learn entirely online.

1-29-21:

Kristina Rex reports on Fenway Park gearing up for Monday's next phase of COVID-19 vaccinations. Retired healthcare workers are getting back into the workforce to help administer the shots.

2-3-21:

Ken MacLeod reports that Governor Baker is rooting for Tom Brady, but is urging everyone to avoid Super Bowl parties. Crowds and indoor spaces that are not well ventilated should be avoided. Also too, maintain a six-foot distance from each other. Wear a mask and certainly you should not share food or drink.

2-5-21:

Kristina Rex reports on new Massachusetts vaccine call centers. Massachusetts residents 75 years and older who struggle to use the state's COVID-19 vaccine website may call 2-1-1 to get live, phone based assistance booking an appointment.

2-8-21:

Nick Emmons reports on the UMass lockdown. A directive for students to self-sequester has been activated at the encouragement of state public health officials to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Health officials expect everyone's cooperation. Classes will take place remotely and students in dormitories and off-campus housing are instructed not to leave their residences for the foreseeable future.

2-9-21:

Nick Emmons reports on a South Boston physician's assistant and an off-duty EMT who helped save the life of a man who collapsed in the street. For several minutes the two administered CPR that kept the 89-year-old alive until first responders arrived. The man is now in the hospital in critical condition, but still alive thanks to the efforts of his neighbors.

2-12-21:

Louisa Moller reports on CDC guidelines for opening schools. With proper precautions, schools can conduct in-person learning during the pandemic, say the long-awaited CDC recommendations. The CDC stressed the importance of getting schools reopen. Because the coronavirus is an airborne illness, schools should prioritize correct use of masks, social distancing of at least six feet, hand washing, respiratory etiquette, maintain clean facilities, and implementing strategies for careful contact tracing and isolation of potentially exposed students, teachers and staff.

2-16-21:

Nick Emmons reports on the South African variant of the coronavirus strain being detected in Massachusetts. The strain is not more dangerous to patients, but it could spread more easily.

Scientists are working to learn more about variants to better understand how easily they might be transmitted and the effectiveness of currently authorized vaccines against them.

2-19-21:

Paula Ebben reports on how the COVID-19 experience will almost certainly change the future of vaccine science. Dan Barouch, director of the Center for Virology and Vaccine Research at Harvard Medical School says, “It shows how fast vaccine development can proceed when there is a true global emergency and sufficient resources.” New ways of making vaccines, such as by using messenger RNA (mRNA), have been validated by the COVID-19 response. He goes on to say, “It has shown that the development process can be accelerated substantially without compromising on safety.”

3-1-21:

Bill Shields reports on a vaccine rollout problem at Carewell Urgent Care clinics. They are unable to schedule second dose COVID vaccine appointments due to a shortage.

3-2-21:

Summer camps will look different this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Breanna Pitts explains the changes kids and parents should expect.

3-4-21:

Kristina Rex reports on the phasing out of Fenway Park as a COVID-19 vaccine site. It will move to the Hynes Convention Center as the baseball season begins.

3-5-21:

Kristina Rex reports on the CDC warning people about indoor spaces as Massachusetts expands indoor access for dining and live music. It's mixed news for business owners and people sitting at home.

3-8-21:

Kristina Rex reports on new CDC guidelines that say fully vaccinated people can gather safely inside. We spoke to fully vaccinated people and doctors about what this means to them.

3-8-21:

Christina Hager reports on teachers having a hard time getting vaccine appointments. It's a key facet to schools reopening safely according to the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

3-9-21:

Anna Meiler reports on COVID-19 vaccine delivered to homebound individuals. It's the latest effort by the state to get everyone fully vaccinated.

3-15-21:

Ken Macleod reports on a health alert in Hampton, NH. Anyone who attended a youth wrestling tournament should immediately get tested for COVID-19 due to an outbreak.

3-15-21:

Paul Burton reports on students struggling with mental health issues. A local psychologist says the impact of remote learning and pandemic stress is taking a toll.

3-16-21:

Mike LaCrosse reports on Cambridge-based Moderna testing its vaccine on children. The hope is to get safe study results and get children vaccinated too.

3-18-21:

Nick Emmons reports on a Weymouth cheerleading camp that is experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak. The state is now investigating what happened.

3-19-21:

Tiffany Chan reports on new CDC guidelines that state in-school spacing of three feet is enough. We get reaction from local school districts and parents.

3-24-21:

Nick Emmons reports on the TD Garden reopening its doors to Bruins fans tomorrow. There are new safety protocols in place due to COVID-19.

Law, Safety and Security:

1-5-21:

Nick Emmons reports on a police-involved shooting in Newton. Officers say the man was carrying a knife and would not deescalate the situation. The incident began when the owner of a candy store on Lincoln Street called 911 to report a man with a knife around 1:45 p.m. The man was fatally shot by police. He has yet to be identified.

1-6-21:

Nick Emmons reports on the law enforcement response to the Capitol Hill siege. WBZ Security Analyst, Ed Davis, says there needs to be a full review of why officers were not better prepared.

1-8-21:

Christina Hager reports on increased security at the Massachusetts State House in the wake of the U.S. Capitol siege. State House leaders say they are assessing the needs along with law enforcement.

1-15-21:

Anaridis Rodriguez reports on Laura's Law in Massachusetts. It requires clear signage and more monitoring around emergency rooms. The law was named in honor of a woman who went to Somerville Hospital while suffering from an asthma attack, but could not find an entrance to the emergency room and died.

1-15-21:

Paul Burton reports on Saugus schools remaining on remote learning. Students won't be learning in person until there is a vaccine because school committee members deem it too risky to return. Saugus public schools have been closed since last spring. School officials had hoped to reopen with a hybrid model, but the school committee voted unanimously to put that on pause after listening to Superintendent David DeRuosi talk about the increase in COVID-19 cases. Right now 95 students and 12 staff have the coronavirus.

1-19-21:

Kristen Rex reports on the arrest of local Capitol Hill rioters. A Massachusetts man and a New Hampshire resident were among dozens of people arrested during the riot on Capitol Hill. United States Attorney for Massachusetts Andrew Lelling said anyone from the state that participated in the Capitol Hill riots would be prosecuted fully. Also, among those arrested was Thomas Gallaher of Bridgewater, NH. He was charged with unlawful entry.

1-20-21:

Nick Emmons reports on a deadly hit and run in Belmont. Prosecutors now believe it to be a hate crime. Dean Kapsalis, 54 of Hudson was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a civil rights violation causing injury and leaving the scene of an accident causing personal injury. Henry Tapia, a 35-year-old black Latino man was hit by Kapsalis' pickup truck and later died of his injuries.

1-22-21:

Tiffany Chan reports on nearly 2,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses being thrown away at the Jamaica Plain VA. It was due to an electrical failure within a refrigerator. The VA says they now have safeguards in place.

1-25-21:

Ken Macleod reports on a child who fell from a ski lift Monday afternoon in Canton, MA. The victim, a 7-year-old boy from Rockland, fell about 35 feet from a lift at the Blue Hills Ski Area, fire officials said. The boy suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries, authorities said.

1-27-21:

Bill Shields reports on a Plymouth teacher who saved the life of a choking student. PE teacher, Billy Brunstrom of Manomet Elementary School came to the rescue during dismissal. The

student gave the universal choking sign. Bill quickly pulled the student aside and administered the Heimlich Maneuver, which successfully cleared the student's airway.

2-2-21:

Nick Emmons reports three people were hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries after a small plane crash landed Tuesday in a field in Leicester, Massachusetts. Among those assisting with rescue efforts were fire officials, medical personnel, and a pair of recreational snowmobilers. The down plane, a 2014 single engine piper, will be investigated by the FAA before it is hauled away.

2-4-21:

Louisa Moller reports Boston Police are investigating a possible tampering incident at a Target Store in Dorchester. A woman told police she bought Flintstones Chewable vitamins and when she got home, discovered the packaging had been tampered with. Target has removed all Flintstone Chewable vitamins from the store to make sure it was an isolated incident.

2-5-21:

Anaridis Rodriguez reports on a quick-thinking Brockton teacher being credited for helping get fire crews to a student's home during an emergency. "My student, Teresa, said my fire alarm is going off," said teacher Betsy Doyle. That's when Doyle knew something was wrong. Doyle cut the Zoom class short and found two phones. She used one to call 911 and the other to guide her student and family out of the house. The firefighters found a "contents fire" in the basement of the home.

2-10-21:

Ken Macleod reports more on more than 30 residents being displaced by a 4-alarm fire at a Boxborough condominium complex. A lack of water sources hampered firefighters, according to officials.

2-11-21:

Tiffany Chen reports on a dramatic rescue from a fatal fire at a home in Lowell. A young mother dropped her toddler out a second-story window to police officers on the ground. The woman then jumped from the window and was caught without injury. In the end, the fire resulted in the death of a 77-year old, and serious injury to three others who were taken to nearby hospitals.

2-12-21:

Nick Emmons reports on a deadly fire in Worcester. Two people are dead and a third was injured in the Friday night fire. The heavy fire broke out at a triple-decker on Jacques Avenue, spreading to a second building. It is believed there were 13 residents living in the building. They were all displaced by the fire.

2-16-21:

Ken Macleod reports on a man severely attacked in Lynn. Police are turning to the public for help. According to police, the man was randomly struck in head with a weapon, which is believed to be a bat. The attack has left feelings of uncertainty in the community.

2-17-21:

Ken Macleod reports on Amazon packages dumped on the roadside. Police have launched an investigation after a “couple of dozen” packages were found in the woods in Plympton on Wednesday. A motorist traveling along Brook Street discovered the packages discarded in the snow.

2-22-21:

Nick Emmons reports on a massive fire at a Lawrence church. At least 100 firefighters from Lawrence and neighboring towns spent hours Monday night battling the 4-alarm blaze in the rectory of Corpus Christi Parish at Holy Rosary Church. Fire Chief Brian Moriarty said, “even though it was a bad fire, we saved the church. It was an excellent stop, tremendous.”

2-23-21:

Kristina Rex reports on two loud unexplained noises in Peabody, Massachusetts. Some residents said their houses shook violently and their ceilings cracked. Experts at Salem State University are investigating if the mysterious noises could be explained by weather phenomena.

2-24-21:

Beth Germano reports on the investigation into a deadly construction accident in Boston. Two men were killed when a truck backed into them sending them into a trench. Investigators have said they are still in the process of determining the exact series of events that resulted in the deaths of the two men.

2-25-21:

Nick Emmons reports on the state’s plan to allow fans into stadiums. Governor Baker is set to announce a plan to let fans back into pro sports venues on March 22. The plan is set to initially allow 12% capacity for large venues. The decision to allow fans inside will ultimately come down to the individual municipalities and venues.

2-26-21:

Nick Emmons reports on a baby that was abandoned in Dorchester. The mother is facing charges of attempted murder and reckless endangerment of a child after allegedly abandoning her baby in a trash can shortly after giving birth. Suffolk County District Attorney Rachel Rollins wants parents of newborns to be aware that there are options available when they feel hopeless or overwhelmed, “that this newborn survived is a miracle.” The National Safe Haven Alliance has a 24/7 crisis line at (888) 510-BABY.

3-1-21:

Nick Emmons reports on an increase of catalytic converter car parts thefts. The car parts are easy to remove and easy to sell in the marketplace. Police advise drivers to buy a lock for the catalytic converter and to park in well-lit areas.

3-26-21:

Beth Germano reports on a crime spree on the South Shore lead to a police chase and lead officers to open fire on a suspect.

3-31-21:

Juli McDonald reports on a girl rescued from a New Bedford pool. It was an emotional scene for first responders as well, who will get counseling.

Community and Culture:

1-14-21:

Nick Emmons reports on Dominic Freni, a 97-year-old WWII veteran, who received a very special birthday celebration. The Woburn community organized a drive-by birthday greeting. Freni was part of the 82nd Airborne during WWII, flying in gliders during major battles. He glided into Normandy, Holland and fought in Belgium in the Battle of the Bulge. Outside the nursing home, Dom waved to every driver who rolled by.

1-18-21:

Anaridis Rodriguez reports on the building of a permanent memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. After years of planning, a memorial to honor MLK and his wife Coretta Scott King is moving forward in Boston. The non-profit, King Boston, is coordinating the project. "The Embrace" will stand at the site of the 1965 rally and march that was led by Dr. King on Boston Common. Construction will begin March or April of 2022.

1-22-21:

Mike LaCrosse reports on a Lowell teacher who bought a mobile bus in order to do his remote lessons. Sixth grade science teacher, John King needs the van to get Wi-Fi signals because his home does not have reliable Internet. King is making the best of remote learning. He's using his bus to hit the road for virtual field trips. Some of King's students are having a hard time with remote learning, which is why King's gone on a couple of house calls. "If this is what I have to do to help a kid get his work done then that's what I'll do." King said.

1-28-21:

Tiffany Chan reports on the New England Patriots picking eight local healthcare heroes to go the Super Bowl. All of the workers will be fully vaccinated before the trip and rewarded for their hard work. "During this pandemic, those healthcare workers have truly been superheroes. These

eight individuals represent the work of all our healthcare workers. We are honored to recognize and reward them with this trip to Tampa for Super Bowl LV. It is nice to care for those who provide such compassionate care for us,” said Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft.

1-29-21:

Tiffany Chan reports on Bishop Feehan High School coming together after a hockey player was injured on the ice. Doctor’s at Mass General Hospital were working to determine whether A.J. Quetta, a senior at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, would be able to move his body again after he slammed head first into the boards during a game Tuesday night. Quetta’s family is grateful for the outpouring of support from the school and the hockey community. “And right now, the best thing we can do is pray for A.J.,” said Tim Sullivan President of Bishop Feehan.

2-2-21:

Steve Burton reports on Patriots owner, Robert Kraft, sending healthcare workers to the Super Bowl. As a gesture of gratitude for their hard work through the coronavirus pandemic, Robert Kraft invited healthcare workers from New England to fly to the Super Bowl with him as his guests. Along with the flight to Tampa Bay and Super Bowl tickets, the workers will get a police escort from Gillette Stadium to the airport, a two-night hotel stay, a gift bag, spending money and more.

2-3-21:

Nick Emmons reports on Marshfield native who is playing for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the Super Bowl. 30-year old Zack Triner, a long snapper for the Buccaneers will be playing in his first Super Bowl alongside his childhood hero, Tom Brady.

2-4-21:

Nick Emmons reports on a Kansas City football player from North Attleboro, Massachusetts who will be playing in his second Super Bowl on Sunday. Anthony Sherman is a special team/fullback, a former second-team All-Pro who has become a fan favorite in Kansas City. “Tough, hardworking and selfless, he embodies what it means to be a Kansas City Chief,” says Coach Reed.

2-25-21:

Kristina Rex reports on the state’s plan to allow more wedding opportunities. The CDC recommends hosting an outdoor event, providing hand sanitizer, wearing masks and maintaining a distance of six feet from people not in your household. The larger the gathering, the higher the risk, so the few attendees, the better.

3-2-21:

Ken Macleod reports on a Londonderry, NH school bus driver hailed a hero. She helped keep her students calm after live wires fell onto the bus causing an emergency situation.

3-3-21:

Bill Shields reports on four local plumbers headed to Texas to help restore water after a devastating storm burst pipes across the lone star state.

3-4-21:

Tiffany Chan reports on a girl from Alabama fundraising for her brain surgeries at Boston Children's Hospital. She has insurance but the out of pocket expenses are mounting for the family.

3-9-21:

Rachel Holt reports on a new project in Watertown. It inspires people to make art installations on their front lawns with materials already in their homes.

3-10-21:

Breanna Pitts introduces us to a Stoughton singer/songwriter who is up for a Grammy.

3-11-21:

Cheryl Fiandaca reports on rules at Hamilton Wenham High School for football spectators. Parents complain that the school agreed to no parents at away games, which is very disappointing to them.

3-11-21:

Liam Martin reports on an old Rockland Sandpaper factory reborn as an outlet for artists. It inspires a haven for art and business on the South Shore.

3-16-21:

Bill Shields reports on grocery store workers pushing to get their COVID-19 vaccine. They are asking lawmakers to put them higher on a priority list as they are essential workers.

3-17-21:

Steve Burton remembers the life and legacy of Boston Marathon legend Dick Hoyt. The runner pushed his son Rick in a wheelchair for years in the marathon and inspired others with their achievements.

3-17-21:

Ken Macleod reports on special drive-by birthday party for a Fitchburg boy with Autism. His mother requested help from the community after the boy said he had no friends.

3-23-21:

Nick Emmons reports on a Rutland couple that died while hiking on a mountain in Maine. Wayne Beckford's family is seeking more answers as to what happened and is looking for financial support from the community.

3-24-21:

Kristina Rex reports on the firing of a Duxbury High football coach. He is accused of using anti-Semitic phrases as football play calls.

3-25-21:

Nick Emmons reports on the reopening of the T.D. Garden to fans. It allowed fans to see their first in-person game since last year amid heightened COVID protocols.

3-25-21:

Juli McDonald reports on a 57-year-old Concord, NH woman who just gave birth to a newborn. She cites IVF and a healthy lifestyle for the positive outcome.

3-26-21:

Juli McDonald reports on a Westford teenager who may need a bone marrow transplant. She is asking the community to get tested in order to see if they are eligible for a match.

3-29-21:

Nick Emmons reports on Celtics fans returning to the TD Garden to watch a game in person. There are now new COVID-19 protocols in place.

3-29-21:

Juli McDonald reports on a Worcester native killed in the Vietnam War. His name was remembered today during a ceremony with President Biden on Vietnam War Memorial Day.

3-30-21:

Mike LaCrosse reports on how local churches will celebrate Easter this weekend with the COVID-19 threat. Many are choosing alternative means of celebration including outdoor services and radio services.

3-31-21:

Ken Macleod reports on opening day at Fenway. It's a big boost for business and morale in the Fenway section of town.

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