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ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

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ISSUE	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	DATE	TIME	LENGTH
Community Awareness	legislative update	BRRN spoke with State House Representative Michele Hoyenga about her bill on easing current concealed gun laws in Michigan. Hoyenga says her bill will not penalize law abiding citizens in the state who are responsible gun owners because they have every right to carry a concealed pistol without jumping through bureaucratic hoops and landing on a list with those who are not.	4/30/17	5:30a m	
Community Awareness	Summer road construction projects	The Big Rapids Radio Network spoke with Mecosta County Road Commission Manager Joyce Randell about upcoming summer road construction projects and how they could affect county residents. Randell says most of the summer projects are occurring in Chippewa Township with Dwight Street Bridge over Chippewa Creek, Chippewa Lk. Dr. (Dwight St. - 20 Mile) and 19 Mile (60th Ave - 65th Ave). She says during those projects detours will be available for commuters. Other big road construction projects include 14 Mile (Hillicrest Oakwood Apartments - 190th Ave) and 190th Ave (12 Mile - 14 Mile) in Big Rapids Township	5/7/17 5/14/17	5:30a m	
Community Awareness	Potash mine issue in Mecosta and Osceola Co.	With rumors of environmental uncertainties Michigan Potash Co. Representative Al Millward spoke to BRRN about what his company will be doing if they get approval to mine a potash mine near Ewart from the DEQ. Millward talked about the process they use to burrow down into the land in order to get the potash which he says is salt. He says his company has to follow stringent rule from the state and federal government. Millward also noted the local economic impact to the area, says 200 jobs could be coming to the area.	5/21/17	5:30a m	
Community Awareness	Big Rapids public Schools Summer food program.	Bob King, Food Services Director for Big Rapids Public Schools came into the studios to talk about BRPS's Summer Food Program for kids ages 9-18 years old. Mr. King talked about the importance of the program and to help kids less fortunate The program will run from now through August.	5/28/17	5:30a m	

Community Awareness	Drug issue in area Mecosta Co. Sheriff Todd Purcell	Sheriff Todd Purcell spoke with us about drugs in Mecosta County. Purcell explained that unlike surrounding counties like Osceola and Newaygo, Mecosta Co. doesn't have a Meth problem unlike area in Northern Michigan. He says that heroin is the drug of choice in this area and believes it stems from people getting hooked on prescription medications . Purcell says by working with city police and drug task forces he feels the problem is being addressed.	6/4/17 6/11/17	5:30a m	
Community Awareness	River safety and flood prevention/awareness Scott Schroeder	With Summer beginning, Mecosta Co. Emergency Manager Scott Schroeder spoke to us about safety while tubing on the Muskegon River. Schroeder says those going on the river need to respect the river and the current. He advises anyone tubing to not drink on the river, wear a life jacket and be aware of your surroundings. Also Schroeder notes with the recent heavy rains that the river could be rising and residents who live on or near need to be mindful. he says residents need to have a flood emergency kit with non-perishable food, a radio to monitor what's happening, a cell phone and other items you deem essential.	6/18/17	5:30a m	
Community Awareness	Big Rapids sewer rates Aaron Kuhn, BR treasurer	Big Rapids City Commission recently approved high sewer rates for Big Rapids residents. City Treasurer Aaron Kuhn explained to BRRN that commodity rates for water have not changed from last year's \$6.15 per 1,000 gallons of water used for residential customers. This means, for example, in homes or businesses with a 5/8-inch meter, the price for water would remain the same at approximately \$28 each month. Institutional customers however may pay a little bit more.	6/25/17	5:30a m	