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ISSUE	PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	DATE	TIME	LENGTH
Community Awareness	Water Tower Vultures in Big Rapids. BR City Manager Mark Gifford	A number of Big Rapids residents have had concerns for the number of turkey vultures on a water tower on Bjornson Street. City Manager Mark Gifford said concerns raised was about the potential for contact or contamination of the water from the birds or their droppings. "There is no potential for contamination of the water. The water tower is an enclosed structure to prevent contamination from any source. There is a vent on the top but it is shrouded in a way that does not allow contact with birds or bird droppings. Gifford said that the city has a plan in place to get rid of the bird with noise makers because they are a protected species.	04/08/18	5:30a m	15 mins
Community Awareness	Rising taxable values in Mecosta County. Shia Kiander	Good news for Mecosta Co. property owners, Mecosta County Equalization Director Shila Kiander says in total real and personal taxable assessed values throughout Mecosta County from 2017 to 2018 has led to an increase of 3.13% for properties in the area. Kiander says "When we started looking at the county's trend in 2007, the taxable value was at \$1.3 billion," she said. "In 2018, it is the first time the county is above 2009 values. adding "We're back up to our highest point we've been."	04/22/18	5:30a m	10 mins
Community Awareness	Legislative update State House Rep. Michele Hoytenga	State House Rep. Michele Hoytenga says she wants to expand broadband internet services to more underserved areas. Hoytenga says increased capability, from access to infrastructure, means areas all around Michigan will have a better opportunity to position themselves for prospective businesses. That leads to jobs, residents and increased economic activity for our state." She adds working with the FCC will better position them to succeed with her proposal.	05/06/18	5:30a m	10 mins

Community Awareness	Future of fire engines in BR, Steve Schroeder	BRPS Deputy Director Steve Schroeder says his department and the City of Big Rapids have been mulling over what to do about two aging fire engines. Schroeder says there are a few options that include replacing Engine 2 with a new rescue truck that could provide more cabinet space for needed equipment, while reducing the demand on Engine 4. However, it would be an expensive option based on customization, with a possible cost between \$475,000 and \$510,000 based on recent deliveries of other trucks. Or for the city to wait for future funding. It would provide a cost savings to the city and more time to save for a large purchase. However, the option would increase maintenance costs to the current fleet and would delay the purchase of engines for years.	05/20/18	5:30a m	12 mins
Community Awareness	Big Rapids walk bridge debate and removal, Mark Gifford	There has been much talk around the area about whether or not to remove a walk bridge that goes across State Street from CCA to Maple Street Park in Big Rapids. City Manager Mark Gifford says the city approved the removal of the walk bridge, it will take place beginning July 21st. When the bridge is finally gone Gifford says crosswalk safety will be addressed at this area by implementing signs, pavement markings and a crossing guard.	06/17/18	5:30a m	9 mins
Community Awareness	State House Rep. Michele Hoytenga Legislative Update	State House Rep. Michele Hoytenga wanted to talk about the recently passed State Budget. Hoytenga says the fiscally conservative budget for the coming fiscal year continues to pay down debt and spends fewer state taxpayer dollars than the current spending blueprint. She said the Legislature focused on issues important to hard-working taxpayers when drafting the budget. Hoytenga said money is also going to schools for safety but she was disappointed about not enough money going to mental health, School safety has become vital to our communities with the continued heinous acts of violence in classrooms across the country,” “The school safety funding is a great start, but I am disappointed that more money was not put toward hiring more mental health workers for schools.	06/24/18	5:30a m	15 mins

