

**Current 1st Quarter 2014
Listing of Significant
Problems & Needs
in the Community**

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Listed below are eleven of the problems and needs of the community that were most actively addressed on WZZM 13 Gannett Broadcasting. The items are not necessarily in order of importance. Other community problems and needs are noted on support documents attached to this report. Those documents also reflect local programs that address these needs.

- 1. Community Involvement**
- 2. Crime**
- 3. Diversity**
- 4. Economic Development**
- 5. Education**
- 6. Family**
- 7. Government**
- 8. Health**
- 9. Religion**
- 10. Safety**
- 11. Youth**

**COMMUNITY NEEDS
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
2014 – 1st QUARTER**

WZZM 13 is a business that cares for its community. We are in the public eye everyday and we need to put our best foot forward in everything that we do. Here are a few things that we do for our community, either by informing the public or by helping out.

Try It Before You Buy It: A biweekly segment by our morning anchor, Lauren Stanton. Lauren tries new products being introduced into the market. She will try the product & give a full report to our viewers. This airs every other Thursday at 6pm. Here are some of our stories

Try It: Stonewave – 1/16/14 – 5:30pm – 1:46

Try It: Wow Cup – 2/27/14 – 5:30pm – 1:29

Try It: Hand Cream – 3/17/14 – 6:00am – 1:52

Try It: Pacifier – 3/31/14 – 6:00am – 2:17

WZZM's on-air talent staff spends hours each month doing some type of community involvement events. Here are a few events:

- Job Shadows – Weekly, we have students visit the station as job shadows
- Our weather team visits schools & organizations to talk about weather
- Career expos – we have some who help out with job expos to discuss the news business

COMMUNITY NEEDS & ISSUES

CRIME

2014 – 1st QUARTER

Unfortunately, crime is in the news daily. Here's a list of some of the crime related stories we have covered:

1/8/14 – 5:30pm – 2:02 Chief Belk Retiring Grand Rapids' "top cop" has announced, he will retire. Good evening, I'm Juliet Dragos, Lee has the night off. Police Chief, Kevin Belk.. say's he's leaving the city " a safer place." WZZM 13's Peter Ross tells us why his achievements are so impressive. Belk has been a part of the G R P D all his professional life...joining as a college cadet in 1978....rising to captain then chief, protecting presidents along the way. He credits previous chiefs with professionalizing the department, and making it more community oriented. Belk, who took over as acting chief in 2007, commanded during the city's fiscal crisis Part I, or serious **crimes**, like murder, robbery and aggravated assault fell by one third during Belk's tenure, from 12 thousand 687 offenses in 2007 - to 8 thousand 482 in 2012. Belk continued the departments close ties to community groups established by his predecessor... Belk's leadership was tested during July 2011's shooting and killing rampage by Roderick Dantzer – Colleague, Ralph Mason said the chief's care and concern was on public display that day. Belk, a married father of three, is now thinking about doing something else.

1/9/14 – 12:00pm - .40 & .35 Park Twp. Murder Good afternoon, I'm Lauren Stanton. Police say finding a motive for the murder of 38 year-old Jose Hernandez is proving to be as challenging as finding the person responsible. Hernandez' body was found late Monday in Park Township's Amberwood Apartments. Detectives believe he was ambushed and clubbed to death as he was leaving for work Sunday night. Police say the killer struck Hernandez several times in the head with a blunt object. This weekend's heavy snow covered the victim's body and other clues like footprints that could help in the investigation. Police say they have "some" leads... but so far "no" suspects. A family member... who didn't want to be identified on camera... told us that right now they need answers. Police don't believe Hernandez was robbed. Investigators found personal items both on Hernandez' body and in his apartment. If you have any information you are asked to call the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department.

1/15/14 – 11pm – 1:76 Dahlinger Murder Follow-up A Grand Rapids prostitute and stripper... says the murder a Grand Rapids man was an accident. Her boyfriend, Danyell Thomas... didn't mean to shoot and kill one of her clients... the gun just went off. WZZM 13's Phil Dawson is in the information center with more on what she says happened. Escort and exotic dancer Dijana Killic says 56 year old business man John Dahlinger never wanted her for sex, just company while he got high on drugs. She charged him 300 dollars an hour. But the morning of October 16, she says Dahlinger didn't pay her full fee, so she summoned boyfriend and pimp Danyell Thomas to come in and collect. Dijana Killic says, she first met John Dahlinger through a stripper friend he was fond of....and then in early October he made a date with her through a web sites where prostitutes post their profiles. But he didn't want sex. He paid her 300 dollars an hour to keep him company. In return for her testimony Dijana Killic is facing one year in county jail and five years probation for her role in the murder of John Dahlinger and lying to investigators. If he's convicted for murder, conspiracy to commit armed robbery and possessing a firearm, Danyell Thomas could receive a life sentence.

1/20/14 – 5:30pm – 1:80 Old Thief A 74-year old man is facing home invasion charges after he was caught "on camera" breaking into someone's home. WZZM 13's Sarah Sell has the pictures... she joins us from the information center with the details. The victim in this case, knew someone was stealing from him, so he set up his "trail camera" inside his home in Lawrence. The next day, he found images of the thief, entering the home, while his wife was watching TV in the other room. Homeowner, Dan Bohle doesn't want "his" face on camera, but he is willing to show us the thief on his "trail camera". He set it up in the kitchen and pointed it at the front door. Dan always hangs his pants, on the wall. But, when \$400 of his upcoming "vacation" money went missing, Dan and his wife, got suspicious. The thief went to the table, and can be seen going through Dan's wallet. The Bohle's contacted the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department. The 74-year old man was later arrested for 1st degree home invasion. The Bohle's know

who he is...and have helped him in the past. Deputies searched the home of the 74-year old and found drug-residue. They also say immediately after leaving the Bohle's home, the man went to a local casino. He will likely be arraigned on the home invasion charge, tomorrow.

1/26/14 – 6:30pm - .31 Paintball Attack Grand Rapids Police have arrested an 18 year-old in connection to several paintball attacks last night. Police say the attacks happened between eight and nine o'clock and the suspect fired the paintballs from a vehicle. A man was struck in the head in the 900-block of Garfield Avenue, and a woman was hit while walking on Leonard near Alpine. A third person was hit near Stocking Avenue. The 18 year-old now faces multiple charges. Police say they are still investigating, and are asking anyone in that area who discovers paintball damage to call the non-emergency police line.

2/3/14 – 5:30pm – 1:40 Tobacco Fraud Here's how it works criminals take blank gift cards load them with stolen credit card information and buy cigarettes. Those cigarettes are then sold illegally in New York and New Jersey, where the tobacco tax is much higher. "What they were doing, you can take one credit card, one vanilla credit card from the gas station, prepaid, and you can load that as many times as you want with different credit card information." It's called skimming. The crooks attach devices to ATMs or gas pumps to steal your information. Or maybe ... it's a store employee who swipes your credit card on a portable device before giving it back. The credit card information goes on gift cards. And the spending spree begins. "The transactions were anywhere from \$100 to \$200, so for most people that's not a normal transaction." "Thieves spent thousands of dollars buying cigarettes using stolen credit card information at Admiral Stations all across Michigan. But it was at this Admiral station here in Lowell that the ring finally was broken. An alert clerk notified police. They were arrested several days later." Meko Tyrie Williams was arrested by Lowell police after being released from Clinton County Jail for similar tobacco tax violations. He has been linked to tobacco purchases in Lowell, Sparta and Whitehall and other areas around the state. Arrest reports show the New Jersey man had 3,000 cigarettes in his car. He was sentenced last week to nine months in the Kent County Jail for tobacco tax violations and using an illegal skimming device. In an unrelated case, two Chicago area men face federal charges for doing the same thing in Kent and Kalamazoo counties. Violating the state's tobacco tax law may not be the worst of it. Police fear the black market activity is helping to fund terrorists. "Organized crime for sure, terrorism!" There's definitely big cases out of New York that have been linked back to terrorists that were selling tobacco. During inspections last year, the Tobacco Tax Enforcement Team seized more than \$116,000 in illegal tobacco products. Cigarettes sold here must have a Michigan tobacco tax stamp at the bottom of each pack. If there is no stamp, or if the stamp is from another state, it's being sold illegally. People who violate Michigan's tobacco tax law face up to five years in prison.

2/10/14 – 11pm – 1:20 McDonald's Shooting When a dissatisfied customer fired a gunshot into a McDonalds restaurant in Grand Rapids, the family of the 20 year old woman working the drive thru window says she was scared to death. Police arrested Shaneka Torres for firing that shot. She was arraigned today on three felony charges WZZM 13's Phil Dawson joins us with more from the Uncle of the McDonalds employee. Mark Johnson says his niece doesn't think 29 year old, Shaneka Torres was trying to hit her when police say she pulled a pistol and fired into the restaurant early this morning. But it still scared her to think a customer would shoot through the window because a hamburger wasn't prepared the way it was ordered. Police say 29 year old, Shaneka Monique Torres was upset because her hamburger again wasn't made correctly on the second visit of the night she and her friend made to the take-out lane at a McDonalds on 28th street. So they say Torres pulled an unlicensed pistol and fired a bullet through the driver's side window on the vehicle and into the restaurant.

2/18/14 – noon – 1:45 Knysz Trial The trial begins today... of the man accused of killing Michigan State Trooper, Paul Butterfield. Eric Knysz is charged with murdering Trooper Butterfield.. last September during a traffic stop in Mason County. Knysz was later involved in a shoot-out with the police who captured him. W-Z-Z-M 13's Jon Mills is live in Ludington, with what we can expect on day one of this trial. 90-potential jurors from around Mason County were called here to Ludington to prepare for this trial. This morning County Prosecutor Paul Spaniola and defendant Eric Knysz's attorney began the process of selecting jurors. They both questioned the pool about their knowledge about the case... and if they could

commit to what is expected to be a long trial. Eric Knysz is 20-years old. He is charged with murdering Trooper Butterfield, last September during a traffic stop in Mason County. He fled that scene... and was later involved in a shoot-out with police in Dublin. He and his wife Sarah were arrested at the gas station in Dublin. We expect to hear from more than two-dozen witnesses. The murder charge carries a sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole. He also is charged with two gun violations. Knysz's wife Sarah, who was pregnant at the time, pleaded guilty to her role in the case late last year. As part of a plea deal she has agreed to testify against her husband. Sarah Knysz is serving two to five years in prison. The court has set aside nine days for the trial.

2/24/14 – 5:30pm – 2:44 Heroin in West Michigan It has Risen. It has Fallen but never gone away. "It seems to have crept in from larger cities New York, Chicago and Detroit into medium cities like Grand Rapids." **Heroin** is rising again. From spots like Leonard & Broadway or Bridge & Stocking and stretching out into the suburbs! For Each white pin a **Heroin** arrest for every blue one, a drug house. Historically, these **crimes** have taken place in Central Grand Rapids, as you can see Wyoming Forest Hills and Comstock Park all seeing incidents as well! "We did initially see people in the lower socio economic classes. Some prostitutes." "The demographic has changed to where it tends to be a middle class individual, both men and women, but more men." The reasons why, Availability! Easy to find cheap supply! One hit of **heroin** is \$12. One Oxycontin pill is \$40. The numbers show the rise & fall of **Heroin**. In 2002, 9.1% of fatal drug overdoses in Kent County were due to **Heroin**. In 2006, they fell to 6.6%. In 2013, they jumped to 20.3%. Nationally, the number of **Heroin** users has almost doubled. In 2007, 373,000 users! By 2012, it grew to 669,000. This is the face of one of those numbers, not as a user, but a distributor too. His addiction led him down a path of despair and desperation. Nick stole his grandfather's antique coin collection and sold it. It's a value, \$160,000. Eventually he got busted, then locked up in the Kent County jail Not all sellers have shared Nick's fate. In 2013, Grand Rapids Police Department, the Metro Enforcement Team and the DEA seized 7 pounds of **Heroin** in West Michigan. That's enough to get 34,000 people high.

2/28/14 – 11pm – 1:59 Gun at Union High School Where did he get the gun... and why did he bring it to **school**? Those are some of the questions police are asking tonight after a sophomore at Grand Rapids Union High **School**, was caught carrying a pistol. WZZM 13'S Phil Dawson is live at the **school** tonight with the details. **School** security say they'd been warned the 15 year old might be carrying a gun... so when they saw him this morning he was immediately confronted. And while they were struggling to stand the boy up and search him, they say the pistol came loose and fell to the floor. According to **school** security, most of the students at Union High did not seem upset or frightened when one of their classmates was caught carrying a handgun. **School** security says they were on the lookout for the 15 year old boy. They'd been tipped he was seen at a party with the pistol.

3/6/14 – 5:30pm – 1:09 Hundley Follow-up This is 46-year old Patrick Hundley talking about one of his many projects in Jaco (Haco), Costa Rica. As the owner of DayStar Properties, Hundley builds luxury condos. We also found him on talking about a medical facility that targets American tourists. One of Hundley's most recent projects includes a piece of property known as Miro's Mountain. Sources say Hundley got investors to pay up to 8-million dollars for the land, but they never received their share. Four of the alleged victims are from **Michigan**. The first, is Dag Hascall, owner of Hascall Streeel, in Grandville. Another is Robert Sweezie, owner of ITS Communication, in Grand Rapids. Sources tell us the other two alleged victims are the owner and CFO of Royal Oak Industries in Bloomfield Hills, Dan Carrol, and Terry Fiscus. All know Hundley from doing **business** with him in West **Michigan**. Hundley is now facing charges of fraud and mismanagement of corporate affairs. He was arrested in Costa Rica, back in February. Bail was set at 3-million dollars... but so far, Hundley remains in jail.

3/9/14 - 11pm – 1:30 Belk Retirement Back home, a new Grand Rapids Police Chief is not expected to be hired until July. That gives current Police Chief, Kevin Belk plenty of time to say his goodbyes to the community he served for 34 years. W-Z-Z-M 13's Hannah Saunders spoke with Belk at a retirement party today. The monthly friendship lunch at Oakdale Park Church, was made special this Sunday, in honor Chief Kevin Belk. About 100 people gathered to thank him for a long career of fighting violence in their neighborhoods, and helping families cope with losses. He was thanked for his extra time attending after-

hours community events through the years. But his work isn't over yet. Chief Belk will continue his work until a new Chief is hired this summer.

3/12/14 – 5:30pm – 4:24 Fugitives & Extradition Tonight, an **investigation** by our partners at USA Today revealing that tens of thousands of wanted felons are escaping justice simply by crossing state lines. Fugitives wanted for rape, sexual **assault**, kidnapping and even **murder**. When there is little effort to catch them, many of these hard core criminals go on to commit more **violent crimes**. Using an FBI database, we were able to see how many criminals are not being extradited. Our watchdog team looked at the West Michigan numbers. What we found, while the national numbers may be alarming, prosecutors here say they don't tell the whole story. Most of us have an expectation that our streets are generally safe, that bad guys go to jail and really bad guys stay there a long time. But the USA Today **investigation** shows that may not always be the case. In fact the FBI numbers show almost 187 thousand wanted criminals are out on the streets, maybe next door to you. West Michigan prosecutors don't see it that way. In Kent County according to the FBI numbers, 33 per cent of those who criminal warrants aren't being pursued. Costs are a factor but if the **crime** is big enough, the Kent County prosecutor says they will hunt them down no matter where they are. Demarco Carnegie returned to Grand Rapids and bound over for trial just this week in the **murder** of Marie Nettles six months ago. And just a week in California, Carnegie robbed an elderly couple using a hammer. The 3 prosecutors I talked to say in a **murder** case like Demarco Carnegie, there is no question they will go after him, but for other **crimes**, it's a case by case basis, considering not only the severity of the **crime**, but how long ago it happened, and are witnesses or even victims still available. The prosecutors also cast doubt on the accuracy of the numbers, how up to date they are and how some minor offenses look worse than they are-like sex offenders not reporting where they live. Ottawa County Prosecutor Ron Frantz says his extradition decisions very often are a balance of cost versus value, in any case, compared to many localities it's not much of an issue in Ottawa County. The percentage of non extradition cases, 15%. The **Muskegon** County numbers are triple that, 45% and for sex **crimes** even higher over 60%. So why are the numbers so high? As far as the most **violent crimes**...After investigating this for nine months USA Today reporter, Brad Heath says he was surprised. The non extradition numbers for West Michigan are lower than many other parts of the country and our **investigation** showed the cities that are really declining, to go after people are big cities with big caseloads. Now you can go to wzzm13.com and see our story, the complete USA Today article and there is a special interactive tool to look up the non extradition numbers for you local community.

3/14/14 – 11pm – 1:43 Stealing Gas Police say they caught a suspected Grand Rapids fuel thief "red handed". Investigators say he was using "pumping equipment" to siphon diesel from a parked truck. WZZM 13's Phil Dawson is in the information center to show us who is under arrest... and where he was captured. 42 year old Jeff Pardee was arrested today at a **business** on East Paris Avenue after police say they watched him transfer fuel from truck into holding tanks hidden in his van. Over the past few months detectives say Pardee may have stolen hundreds of gallons of fuel from dozens of vehicles. Police say 42 year old Jeff Pardee was arrested **stealing** diesel fuel from a vehicle at a business in the 3800 block of East Paris Avenue...an area full of offices, warehouses and factories where they think he'd been before. Investigators say Pardee pumped fuel out of vehicle tanks, or sometimes punctured the tank and drained the **gas**. Now people are wondering if they were victims and didn't realize it.

3/18/14 – 5:30pm – 1:30 Erotic Film Lawsuit A California based-adult film company has filed a lawsuit against several people in West Michigan for illegally downloading videos. WZZM 13's Sarah Sell joins us from the Information Center with more on whose being targeted in the lawsuit. Well, anyone who has downloaded pornographic videos for "free" should be concerned. An adult film company, called "Malibu Media" has I-P addresses for thousands of people and is now targeting them for copyright infringement. Just last week, a Muskegon man was ordered to pay 40-thousand dollars to Malibu Media. The case names Lonnie Sagala, as the plaintiff. He was not home when we went to his house today. He is accused of illegally downloading several adult videos via the internet sharing site "BitTorrent". When Sagala failed to respond to the lawsuit, a default judgment was entered. Today, we talked to an attorney in Chicago, who is representing many of the other plaintiffs in the lawsuits.

3/28/14 – 11pm – 2:00 Cold Case Solved 13 years after the murder, the family of Julene {Jool- ene} Walker knows who was responsible. But while cold case investigators have solved the mystery, the family tells WZZM 13's Phil Dawson there is still something they will never have. What's that Phil? A prosecution, conviction and punishment! Killer, John Robbins Slazinski died of lung cancer in 2004 at the age of 66. But although Slazinski is already dead and they won't get the satisfaction of seeing him sent to prison, Julene's family at least knows who did it. Using the latest DNA analysis, the Kent County Cold Case Team says 66 years old, John Robbins Slanzinski stabbed & killed 35 year old, Julene Walker on March 25, 2001. Her body was found in an industrial area of Grand Rapids. The Kent Metro Cold Case team is now looking at other unsolved prostitute murders in Grand Rapids to determine if this same suspect may have killed other women.

COMMUNITY NEEDS & ISSUES BUSINESS & ECONOMY & GOVERNMENT 2014 – 1st QUARTER

Michigan continues to deal with rising prices, as well as continuing economic slowdown. Much of it still due to the auto industry & their cuts, along with the rising cost of fuel. Here's a look at some business issues for the 1st quarter of 2014.

1/2/14 – 5am – 1:40 MSU Pride It's been a storybook season for the Spartans...hard work, reaping success. MSU says athletics is the university's "front porch" - the first impression formed about the Huge House that is the University. M S U though, is so much more than sports ... and exposure opportunities like the Rose Bowl gives MSU the chance to tell the story of how it impacts the world - and our state. In Grand Rapids, the cool thing is the college of Human Medicine that's just sent out its first graduating class and is training others many other doctors. The medical college has run out of room, and will be building a big new biomedical research facility on empty parking lots on North Monroe, and the old Grand Rapids Press building downtown the planning process is already well underway - the college of human medicine plans to bring in another 20 to 30 lead researchers in areas like alzheimer's and women's health - they'll add extra staff - 150 new high tech high wage research jobs spurred by MSU's Grand Rapids growth. Football has allowed many to focus on M S U...whose mark in our community will be a long term win for West Michigan and beyond.

1/10/14 – 11pm – 2:25 Belknap Lookout It's the "calm before the storm" in the re- development of a Grand Rapids neighborhood. It's the Belknap-Lookout area - across the highway from the Medical Mile. WZZM 13's Peter Ross shows us the signs of change coming there: Across the highway from the bustling Medical Mile...Belknap Lookout has been poised to "pop"...for the past decade... perhaps it's time is now: Angel Gonzalez has been behind a number of proposed developments here. He hopes to break ground next month on Belknap Brownstones...of three new, owner occupied home projects that promise to "redefine urban luxury". Gonzalez also is involved in another nearby project that - for a long time has been a dangerous eyesore. The entire 600 Block of Clancy Northeast - a dozen homes - is boarded up. Last spring Gonzalez and a development partner proposed a large scale apartment community here. City planners have sent him back to the drawing board...the newest designs...up for review next month...the "designs" that have popped up on some of the empty buildings concern the neighbors. The revised Clancy street apartments could win city hall support next month. A big block of Belknap Lookout is now owned by G V S U. 14 full acres will be home to the University's expanded College of Health Professions. Many homeowners are pleased the school bought their homes at prices...but others have concerns. GVSU, which is exempt from city zoning rules, has pledged to be a good neighbor. GVSU expects it'll be several more years before it demolishes any homes...by then, newer homes may be in place to support the students, their professors, and the growing group of people who want to live downtown.

1/10/14 – 6pm – 1:70 State of the City The condition of Grand Rapids streets "especially" after the bad weather, it's a concern of many... and was a main topic today at the Grand Rapids "State of the City" address. As WZZM 13's Stacia Kalinoski reports ... Mayor George Heartwell has both positive and negative things to report, regarding the city's roads. The potholes are bad, and there's not enough money to fix them. More people though, are using alternative transit on the roads, besides cars. Just one positive he's excited about. The aftereffects of Mother Nature's recent snow and ice storms on Grand Rapids are starting to sink in. One of Grand Rapids Mayor, George Heartwell's biggest concerns for 2014, "*The mother of all stubborn problems, streets and sidewalks!*" The city needs \$22 million a year to fix them; this week, the city commission already prepared a May ballot proposal to find money. But Heartwell is happy to say his vision for a transportation shift is taking shape. Now, to the schools, he's partnered with Grand Rapids Public Schools and others to create a museum school downtown... opening soon. Heartwell is also pushing for more. There's one statistic he's not happy to report. That's compared to 11 Midwest cities our size. There's a new fall program - between Grand Valley State and the city...to keep graduates in Grand Rapids. Now...If the mayor can get the voters' approval to improve the streets... he says Grand Rapids will be on the road to success. Heartwell says he's also continuing to make the city

government more sustainable. He also plans to request for an extension of the income tax increase when it ends in 2015.

1/13/14 – 11am – 1:40 MIM: CES: GR Company I am currently at the consumer electronics show in Las Vegas apparently there is a made in Michigan company in the way back... Let's go find them. I am here with Tim Murphy who is the creator of the hip shot dot. You are in Las Vegas that is a long trip from Grand Rapids. So, tell me about your product. So, it is the hip shot dot. It is a red dot site attachment for your television for playing games like call of duty battlefield halo, all the big first person shooter games. So you're actually attaching something to the TV screen to help make them better at the game. So I am going to take my favorite weapon and I am going to zoom in. Calibrate my hip shot dot, throw it on, and attach it. So this makes it easier to play this game? If you stink, you will stink less. If you are really good, you will discover new ways to play. So this is where your gun is aiming. It gives you a heads up where you bullets are going. How did you get this product from Grand Rapids to Las Vegas? A lot of process partners, a lot of help from West Michiganders, Kendell, Startgarden, and different vendors from within West Michigan. A made in Michigan product from the Grand Rapids area, hope you do well! I am Steve Zaagman in Las Vegas.

1/15/14 – 11pm – 1:65 State of State Preview The governor's speech will start at seven o'clock... before a joint session of the legislature, inside the house chamber. The event will be a chance for the Republican governor to set his agenda before a potential re-election bid. Tonight WZZM 13's Sarah Barwacz talked to a political expert about what we could expect. The State of the State address is designed to tell residents how Michigan is doing-- but for Snyder, it is also a chance to win over voters for re-election. Governor Snyder put out a commercial for re-election, but there is no official announcement. Still you'll see the governor in full campaign mode at Thursday's State of the State address. Political Expert, Keith St. Clair from Grand Rapids Community College says he'll likely focus and take credit for the positives. While the economy doing better will be a positive, he'll also have to woo his critics. St. Claire says he may offer something like a tax break, rebate, or increasing the minimum wage to regain voters in the middle and working class. St. Claire says the Governor also needs to mend some fences in his own party. He alienated many Republicans by supporting the expansion of Medicaid, and new taxes. "He's also alienated retirees by passing a tax on pensions." No matter what, you can count on one thing, "He's going to play up the positives for sure."

1/29/14 – 6am – .53 & .49 State of the Union Address & Minimum Wage President Obama is laying the foundation for his final three years in office. And last night he let us know what he has in mind for the country. Obama appeared before Congress as he delivered his state of the union address. He proposed a modest agenda with no major proposals. With November's mid-term elections in sight, voters are skeptical that a divided Congress will get anything done. But the President said he'll take action with or without the folks on Capitol Hill. *Wherever and whenever I can take steps without legislation to expand opportunity for more American families, that's what I'm going to do.* Obama called on an extension to long-term unemployment benefits, along with job training programs. He also called for immigration reform for the second straight year. Another one of the highlights from last night's address was an executive order to raise the minimum wage for new federal contract workers. The White House hopes that will get Congress to raise minimum wage for all workers. We talked to experts to find out what that would mean for Michigan's economy. A state can set a higher minimum wage than the current federal minimum of \$7.25 per hour. In Michigan it's \$7.40 an hour. And while raising that number further might help families it could have some negative impacts as well. *"Where does that money come from there has to be some give somewhere it is going to be one of those four areas, higher prices, lower return, lower cost to suppliers, or less work force."* Experts say it would likely take lawmakers a long time to reach any sort of deal raising the minimum wage.

1/31/14 – 5:30pm – 1:05 SB & American Seating Met Life Stadium, it's the newest - the biggest - and the most expensive in the NFL. Tickets to sit in one of these seats Sunday will cost some people thousands of dollars. Kind of funny, considering the seat itself - model 408 - cost about a hundred bucks to build, built by Doug Oswald's company, American Seating, a fixture on Grand Rapids' west side, for the last 118 years. American Seating employs 400 people. Chances are you've sat in their seats...at the Big House...or Comerica Park....or the dozens of other big league venues you see on the sports highlights.

About 40 percent of the fans at NFL football games park themselves in American Seating seats. None will be more public than the seats at Met Life...the only NFL stadium that is home to two different teams. Doug Oswald is a Packer fan....a season ticket holder at Lambeau. A huge win for him, and his company - convincing the Packers to replace their benches with some Made in **Michigan** seats.

2/3/14 – 5:30pm – 1:46 MIM: Hot Logic Valentine's Day is less than two weeks away. And each weekday leading up to it, we will feature a Valentine's Day gift idea that's "Made in Michigan." Tonight, WZZM-13's Derek Francis shows us... One way to your Valentine's heart... is through his or her stomach. If you know someone who likes to prepare or eat food on the go, Haven Innovations has a great gift idea. The idea came from its Original Hot Logic 400, popular in large kitchens, like at the office. The larger model sells for \$449 but since you may not have the space, the Hot Logic Mini is just the right size for your Valentine. Your meal will go from frozen to full cooked in 45 to 90 minutes but never over-cooked. The Hot Logic Mini comes in four different colors & sells for \$49.95. It's sure to warm the stomach & heart of your special someone. You can learn more about the "Hot Logic Mini", and other made in Michigan products, by visiting [wzzm-13-dot-com -slash-made-in-michigan](http://wzzm-13-dot-com-slash-made-in-michigan).

2/3/14 – 5:30pm – 1:45 New GR Hotel The center of downtown Grand Rapids is about to get a new hotel. Developers believe this one will fill a niche... but will people fill the rooms? WZZM 13's Stacia Kalinoski asked the experts to find out. Downtown Grand Rapids: Five hotels...holding 1,436 rooms. And tourists and business people have done a good job of filling them up. And it's the first time in GR's history we've achieved over the national average. Experience GR's Doug Small says ArtPrize, Laughest, and bigger and better conventions are driving people into downtown. Scott Wierda helped come up with one. He's with CWD Real Estate Investment. Don't expect low-cost, architecture will be at a premium. But... don't expect competition, this is a collaboration with the Amway, which is where we get to the unique factor. This is meant to be an extended-stay hotel. Experience GR says this hotel fills a huge void in the downtown medical community. Right now families that drive say hours for their kids say, cancer treatment at Helen Devos Children's Hospital, will no longer have to drive outside the city for an extended stay at a hotel. The Amway and JW Marriot told me they offer rates for stays longer than 14 days, \$129/night at the Amway, \$169 at the JW Marriot. The Courtyard Marriot, \$109 a night but no downtown hotel has a kitchen. The closet is 5 miles away. The developers haven't released price estimates yet... but Small hopes he can keep the occupancy numbers rising.

2/6/14 – 5:30pm – 1:53 MIM: Floral Frames Every day this week we are featuring a Valentine's Day gift idea that's Made in Michigan. Tonight, WZZM-13's Derek Francis takes a look at something that will last past this year. Every guy has given flowers for Valentine's Day at least once but what happens when the flowers he gave her die in a week or two? They've simply become a memory. A business in Belmont makes more than memories. Frozen Creek Floral makes decorations that will last a lifetime. If it means too much to you to throw it away, Frozen Creek Floral has the answer. And if it's too late to recapture your memoried flowers, that's okay. They have flowers for you, too. Take it from this veteran of more than 25 years of good gift giving.

2/9/14 – 6:30pm – 1:20 Road and Snow Funding The cost of Winter can be high for local governments and agencies. From plowing, salt, and manpower.. the cost of this winter continues to rise... WZZM 13's Sarah Barwacz joins us from the information center with the bottom line. The Michigan Department of Transportation is feeling the pinch. But what is this winter season coasting so far... well here's the breakdown. This winter has packed a punch, with a knock out on the Michigan Department of Transportation Funds. First let's look at the average cost. In 2012, the winter season cost about 66 million dollars according to MDOT. Last year, it was 100 million, and this year could climb as high as 117 million. The big issue every year is overtime budgets and the amount of salt used. There is already 130-percent increase in salt use from last year. So far we've used 228-thousand tons, more than double the 76-thousand-tons used in 2011. The cost of that salt isn't cheap. This year it is nearly 6 million dollars, compared to 2-and-a half last year, and 2 million in 20-11, making it a whopping 123-percent increase in costs. As for Fuel, MDOT's use went up 37-percent from last year from 373-thousand gallons to 511-thousand gallons. It's enough to make accountants scratch their head, and wonder how much more winter the Michigan Department of Transportation can afford.

2/12/14 – 6:00am – 1:40 MIM: Belt Wraps From this building in Walker, Mol Belting touches almost every American, from inside this factory come the belts you put your food on at the grocery store. *Everyone grocery shops and MOL belts are on virtually, every check stand in the United States.* That's a lot of belts! Mol Belts are also found to move product around factories...the one Dave Mol was working on will end up in a food processing plant. But the traditional belts built for grocery stores...can absorb...stuff, icky stuff. Mol says it's found the solution...a process to treat the belts that prevents contaminants from getting inside... what's more, it can offer advertising - message wrap...enhanced product marketed. Five **Michigan** Spartan Stores are testing Message wrap now including here at Forest Hills Foods. A clean concept expected to grow nationwide.

2/20/13 – noon - .55 Lowell Groundbreaking A new source of renewable energy will be providing power to Lowell in the near future. This morning, the city broke ground on a new Anaerobic Digester, or Waste to Energy Facility. There are less than 200, waste to energy facilities in the U.S. compared to seven thousand in Germany. Lowell Energy is partnering with neighboring communities to provide them with a better way to get rid of their waste. The plant will keep waste of landfills and sewers while providing 800 kilowatts of renewable energy to Lowell Energy... *It's new in a sense that we are going to take it and commercialize it in a way that makes good economic sense. We have issues of raising prices of electricity and getting rid of waste streams. We want to take advantage of those issues that make good economic sense, that's what we are going to do.*" The plant is scheduled to be finished early next year.

2/23/14 – 11pm – 2:20 MIM: Olympic Sweaters During tonight's closing ceremony for the winter Olympics... 230 U-S athletes wore Made in America sweaters... with a Michigan connection. In a special "Made in Michigan" report -- WZZM 13's Stacia Kalinoski explains how Michigan yarn... wound its way to Sochi. It's easy to miss the small sign. We did. Tucked up near the Lower Peninsula border... a few miles off Hwy. 32... is the small, Stonehedge Fiber Mill. But Deb McDermott's family-run yarn mill, which includes the contribution of these 18...Caught the curious eye of one woman. That was July of 2012. Three months later, Deb got a call from a designer for **Ralph Lauren**. The iconic face of American clothing, wanting eight colors of Michigan-spun yarn within a month to make the Olympic hats and sweaters for our 230 US athletes! The men already wore the hats, shown here in the opening ceremonies... the sweaters will debut in the closing ceremonies. Each color takes about 10 steps to make. She gets her wholesale yarn from a US pool... And though a project this big may seem laborious... Deb considers these threads of love. Her husband already builds mills across the world, they ship yarn across the world. Now Sunday, their yarn... will clothe US Olympic athletes... for all the world to see.

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3/6/14 – 5:30pm – 1:09 Hundley Follow-up This is 46-year old Patrick Hundley talking about one of his many projects in Jaco (Haco), Costa Rica. As the owner of DayStar Properties, Hundley builds luxury condos. We also found him on talking about a medical facility that targets American tourists. One of Hundley's most recent projects includes a piece of property known as Miro's Mountain. Sources say Hundley got investors to pay up to 8-million dollars for the land, but they never received their share. Four of the alleged victims are from **Michigan**. The first, is Dag Hascall, owner of Hascall Street, in Grandville. Another is Robert Sweezie, owner of ITS Communication, in Grand Rapids. Sources tell us the other two alleged victims are the owner and CFO of Royal Oak Industries in Bloomfield Hills, Dan Carrol, and Terry Fiscus. All know Hundley from doing **business** with him in West **Michigan**. Hundley is now facing charges of fraud and mismanagement of corporate affairs. He was arrested in Costa Rica, back in February. Bail was set at 3-million dollars... but so far, Hundley remains in jail.

3/14/14 – 11pm – 1:43 Stealing Gas Police say they caught a suspected Grand Rapids fuel thief "red handed". Investigators say he was using "pumping equipment" to siphon diesel from a parked truck. WZZM 13's Phil Dawson is in the information center to show us who is under arrest... and where he was captured. 42 year old Jeff Pardee was arrested today at a **business** on East Paris Avenue after police say they watched him transfer fuel from truck into holding tanks hidden in his van. Over the past few months detectives say Pardee may have stolen hundreds of gallons of fuel from dozens of vehicles. Police say 42 year old Jeff Pardee was arrested **stealing** diesel fuel from a vehicle at a business in the 3800 block of East Paris Avenue....an area full of offices, warehouses and factories where they think he'd been before. Investigators say Pardee pumped fuel out of vehicle tanks, or sometimes punctured the tank and drained the **gas**. Now people are wondering if they were victims and didn't realize it.

3/18/14 - 5:30pm – 1:45 Snyder Summit Governor Snyder said today the pothole season - hasn't even started yet. You might disagree. And while Grand Rapids is trying to come up with its own pothole solution, Michigan is struggling to find a statewide answer - as Peter Ross reports: Two years ago, Governor Snyder proposed spending over a billion dollars a year, for five years, to repair our states crumbling roads and bridges. He says, it's like changing your car's oil, you don't like paying for that, but would you rather spend a LOT more for a rebuilt engine?? Snyder wants lawmakers to raise fuel taxes and registration fees to fix our lousy roads once and for all. **LAWMAKERS HAVE JUST BEEN RELUCTANT TO DO ANYTHING WITH THE GOVERNORS ROAD REPAIR PLAN SO WE ASKED HIM TODAY - WHAT ABOUT THOSE LAWMAKERS - ARE THEY STUPID? OR SCARED FOR THEIR JOBS.** Tuesday, Snyder urged **business** leaders in Grand Rapids to... *call your legislator, and call em and call em again.* And tell them... *let's get to work on a comprehensive solution.* Don't expect one until after the November election.

3/18/14 – 11pm – 1:55 GR Tax Hearing The group opposed to a ballot proposal to extend an income tax in Grand Rapids... says the city didn't follow election law... and a May vote should not happen. But the city told a judge this afternoon... it didn't have to. WZZM 13's Phil Dawson joins us with today's give and take. State election law says the city must certify their ballot with the county clerk 68 days before an election. They missed the deadline, so the Grand Rapids Taxpayer Association says the city can't have the tax election in May. But attorneys for the city say it's not that simple...and other statutes apply. The judge says he will consider the various arguments and legal issues for a few days and should have a decision, Thursday. If they are unable to hold the tax election in May, the city will still have plenty of time to get the question on the August or November ballot when turnout is higher.

3/25/14 – 6:00am - .55 MIM: Irwin Seating / Ballpark Seating Opening day for the West Michigan Whitecaps is two weeks from today, and crews will be hard at work until then preparing the stadium for baseball -- and the fans. Part of that preparation involves installing new seats to replace the ones damaged by the massive fire at the ballpark in early January. Irwin seating in Walker made the seats for the ballpark when it opened 20-years ago, and again when there were changes at Fifth Third Ballpark in 2009. A fourth generation of Irwins runs the company. Irwin has also made seats for Yankee Stadium and Citi Field in New York. It also produces seating for schools and other buildings. Irwin has also made seats for Yankee Stadium and Citi Field in New York. It also produces seating for schools and other buildings.

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Our viewers tell us that education is important to them. WZZM provides information regarding education, may it be; budget cuts, students involvement, teachers, special programs, etc. We provide our viewers with the information they need.

1/2/14 – 5am – 1:40 MSU Pride It's been a storybook season for the Spartans...hard work, reaping success. MSU says athletics is the university's "front porch" - the first impression formed about the Huge House that is the University. M S U though, is so much more than sports ... and exposure opportunities like the Rose Bowl gives MSU the chance to tell the story of how it impacts the world - and our state. In Grand Rapids, the cool thing is the college of Human Medicine that's just sent out its first graduating class and is training others many other doctors. The medical college has run out of room, and will be building a big new biomedical research facility on empty parking lots on North Monroe, and the old Grand Rapids Press building downtown the planning process is already well underway - the college of human medicine plans to bring in another 20 to 30 lead researchers in areas like alzheimer's and women's health - they'll add extra staff - 150 new high tech high wage research jobs spurred by MSU's Grand Rapids growth. Football has allowed many to focus on M S U...whose mark in our community will be a long term win for West **Michigan** and beyond.

1/10/14 – 11pm – 2:25 Belknap Lookout It's the "calm before the storm" in the re- development of a Grand Rapids neighborhood. It's the Belknap-Lookout area - across the highway from the Medical Mile. WZZM 13's Peter Ross shows us the signs of change coming there: Across the highway from the bustling Medical Mile...Belknap Lookout has been poised to "pop"...for the past decade... perhaps it's time is now: Angei Gonzalez has been behind a number of proposed developments here. He hopes to break ground next month on Belknap Brownstones...of of three new, owner occupied home projects that promise to "redefine urban luxury". Gonzalez also is involved in another nearby project that - for a long time has been a dangerous eyesore. The entire 600 Block of Clancy Northeast - a dozen homes - is boarded up. Last spring Gonzalez and a development partner proposed a large scale apartment community here. City planners have sent him back to the drawing board...the newest designs...up for review next month....the "designs" that have popped up on some of the empty buildings concern the neighbors. The revised Clancy street apartments could win city hall support next month. A big block of Belknap Lookout is now owned by G V S U. 14 full acres will be home to the University's expanded College of Health Professions. Many homeowners are pleased the school bought their homes at prices...but others have concerns. GVSU, which is exempt from city zoning rules, has pledged to be a good neighbor. GVSU expects it'll be several more years before it demolishes any homes...by then, newer homes may be in place to support the students, their professors, and the growing group of people who want to live downtown.

1/19/14 – 11pm – 1:40 Early Education Governor Snyder's State of the State became personal. The Barrientes are the family he highlighted during his speech in Grand Rapids. The young couple has two young girls excelling in **school** from an all day preschool program. Snyder says there will soon be more families like the Barrientes-- with access to early **education**. "When you see my budget recommendation you'll see an extra 65-million-dollars for early **education** so we can make it a no wait state for early childhood **education** in the state." Barrientes' teachers and principal at Harrison Park say the funds are needed. "Data is showing if they've been in **preschool**, they're excelling in the other grades." "Pre-k is worth it because it's interactive and setting those small foundations for **school**." The Barrientes are happy to be a shining example for what other families can look forward to.

1/20/14 – 5:30pm – 1:65 (MLK) Martin Luther King Day Students at Grand Valley State didn't have classes today. Instead, they participated in the annual Martin Luther King Day events. A few hundred students and faculty members participated in a silent march around the Allendale campus. They were joined by Chuck D, founder of the rap group Public Enemy. He is now an author and political activist. In addition to his contribution to civil rights, Martin Luther King will be remembered for promoting service to

others. WZZM 13's Steve Zaagman looks at the many ways West Michigan schools are remembering his legacy. They marched. They sang, They helped. They donated. These are the some of the ways West Michigan schools are remembering Martin Luther King Jr. GRCC hosted a march that took area students around the campus and over the street named in honor of Dr. King. Northview united in song. And Cooley Law school students volunteered their time to help a non -profit. In the words of Martin Luther King, "What are you doing for others?"

1/24/14 – 5:30pm – 1:12 Grand Rapids Couple Killed Eye-94 in Indiana near the **Michigan** border...one moment traffic was moving well...then a whiteout of snow, over 40 vehicles....about half of them trucks, dozens injured, three killed, including this couple from Grand Rapids! And Tom and Marilyn Wolma have touched many people...including their Grand Rapids neighbors like, Julie Schafley. Tom was a retired government engineer, Marilyn taught for Grand Rapids Public Schools. Marilyn's sister needed help - recovering from surgery in Wisconsin - The Wolmas were on their way home to **Michigan**, when the crash occurred at 3 PM Thursday.

2/3/14 – 5:30pm – 1:45 MSU Shooting We're learning new information tonight about the M-S-U student who was shot and killed over the weekend. 20 year old Dominique Nolff and another M-S-U student were shot... in an off-campus apartment on Friday night. Tonight, WZZM 13's Alex Shabad spoke with Dominique's high school principal and is in the information center.... with why he was such a popular student... Alex? Juliet....Dominique's high school principal isn't focusing on the shooting at MSU. But instead....on how a talented student influenced so many others....in just one school year! In mid-air for a slam dunk....That snapshot from his high school yearbook...shows how Dominique or "D.J". Nolff was soaring to new heights his senior year. For his former high school principal, Tony Koski, there are so many ways to describe D.J's talent... but so few ways to understand his death. Over the weekend, "D.J." and another 20 year old MSU student from Grand Haven were shot at an off-campus apartment. Police say the shooting was not random...and some sources tell WZZM 13 the incident may have been drug related... D.J only spent his senior year at Thornapple Kellogg High School, after moving from Minnesota...and spending junior high in Hastings. D.J.'s younger brother, a junior at the school, is one of many now grieving in the same hallways. Saturday's basketball game had a moment of silence....for a young man who in just one year at the school... made sure he will never be forgotten.

2/6/14 – 5am – 1:04 Epic Winter The national weather service says that right now there is 21 inches of snow on the ground. The record is 27 inches of snow that was set in 1978. So we are pretty close to breaking an all time record. All of this snow has meant **school** closures... Grand Rapids Public **School** which is known for not canceling has had 5 days off... Muskegon Public has had 6 days... and Greenville **Schools** has had a whopping 11 and half days off. MDOT has had a rough winter. So far MDOT has used over 44,000 tons of sand. They have used over 900,000 gallons of liquid calcium chloride enough to fill 1 and half Olympic sized pools. They have used over 228,000 tons of road salt which is equal to the weight of 4 Titanic's. With a total winter price tag through December of \$34.6 million which is over 100% more than last year. And the bad news is winter isn't over yet.

2/19/14 – 5:30pm - .42 MSU Murder Arrest Dominique Nolph was shot and killed late last month in an off campus apartment in East Lansing. Nolph was 20 years old - a graduate of Thornapple-Kellogg High **school**. Last night, police in Grand Rapids surrounded a home near 900 Temple Southeast... where there was a short stand-off. With guns drawn...the man police say shot Nolph surrendered. U.S. Marshalls had been watching the home. The man arrested is 19 year old Marquay McCoy. For now, he is being held on a parole violation, but is expected to be charged with the murder of Nolff. He has a criminal history. A Grand Haven man was also shot in the incident...Nolph's roommate, Corbin Holwerda, is recovering.

2/20/14 - 5:30pm – 2:44 School Security Every morning, students take a pledge and **schools** make a promise to protect them. Doors are locked, video surveillance is rolling but we went to find something cameras can't capture, the warning signs....inside the classrooms and hallways. Jenison Superintendent Tom Tenbrink recalls a former student....who we'll simply call John. A young man in trouble with the law -- a red flag warning of potential danger! So are students like "John" really a threat to student safety? "13 On Your Side" found that, according to state records, there were 25 expulsions at West Ottawa last **school** year ... 6 involved weapons. Holland **schools** had 10 expulsions ... four of them weapons related.

Both districts denied our "Freedom of Information" request for more details about the cases. However, we did obtain documents from Coopersville Middle **School**....where a 7th grader brought a knife to **school**. **School** reports show that he had 12 previous behavioral referrals.....and was on medication for an unspecified diagnosis. Sergeant Valerie Weiss oversees **Security** at Ottawa County **schools**. She says a student's troubled history can play a significant role...in determining if a threat is credible. If a weapon is involved, **schools** are required to contact law enforcement. But Weiss says **school** officers don't keep track of every troubled student. Are they familiar with the students having problems, If it's brought to them? Tenbrink wants to make sure no student falls through the cracks and he says building relationships is the key, that's why here at Jenison junior high**school** there's an initiative, no student sits alone during lunch time. Now, back to that former student, John....who was stuck in a moment....that he eventually got through. *15 years later he is back in our district as a parent with five children. Before you can capture a student's head, you must capture their hearts.* 11 years as a superintendent without a single expulsion.

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2/28/14 – 11pm – 1:59 Gun at Union High School Where did he get the gun... and why did he bring it to **school**? Those are some of the questions police are asking tonight after a sophomore at Grand Rapids Union High **School**, was caught carrying a pistol. WZZM 13'S Phil Dawson is live at the **school** tonight with the details. **School** security say they'd been warned the 15 year old might be carrying a gun... so when they saw him this morning he was immediately confronted. And while they were struggling to stand the boy up and search him, they say the pistol came loose and fell to the floor. According to **school** security, most of the students at Union High did not seem upset or frightened when one of their classmates was caught carrying a handgun. **School** security says they were on the lookout for the 15 year old boy. They'd been tipped he was seen at a party with the pistol.

3/8/14 – 6:00pm – 1:40 Remembering Ryan Fisher The Grandville School community is recovering from a devastating week - one where two high school students died. The most recent, Ryan Fischer, a senior star hockey player who died from complications of an enlarged heart yesterday morning! WZZM 13's Peter Ross now joins us with how the Bulldogs are coping. Ryan Fischer's sudden death came on the day the hockey team he captained was to play in the state semi finals. Freshman Alyssa Arends lost her two year battle with cancer last Sunday. And, their school principal, Chris Vanderslice is aggressively battling leukemia. Alyssa Arends funeral is Monday...a Celebration of Ryan Fischer's life is Sunday with his funeral on Wednesday. At Friday's state semi final game....the stress of the schools losses were plain to see. LET'S GO RYAN!! The students wore Ryan Fischer's #11. The young man who amazed everyone! Senior Max Houtman wore #11 to honor Fischer! The Bulldogs battled Detroit Catholic Central...a team that well understood Grandville's pain. Early in the season D C Catholic lost one of its star players to a paralyzing injury. Detroit Catholic won the game three to nothing. And when it was over...instead of the traditional handshake line...they surrounded the Bulldogs with a loving hug. D C Catholic gave Grandville another lift - their students constructed a huge cardboard number eleven to honor their opponent's fallen captain. Saturday, Grandville students turned that cardboard number eleven into a colorful memorial for Ryan Fischer. They didn't finish filling it with photos...there will be time for that later.

3/12/14 – 5:30pm – 1:57 Fischer Funeral Saying goodbye. Thousands gathered today in Grandville today for the funeral mass for Ryan Fischer - the Grandville hockey player who died unexpectedly in his sleep last Friday. Fischer was a three-sport athlete and a member of the m-h-s-a-a's student advisory council. But on the morning of his hockey team's state semi-final game, he was found unresponsive, and

died from complications from an enlarged heart. WZZM 13's Brent Ashcroft attended the emotional funeral mass. Dry eyes hard to come by among the thousands who packed into St. Pius Catholic Church to say goodbye to Ryan Fisher, including the players from Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Hudsonville, Rockford & East Kentwood, all choosing to wear their jerseys! During his eulogy, Ryan's best friend provided a moment of levity. He also poured out his heart to his friend. Thoughts of last Friday night's Hockey game, was on the minds of Grandville Coach, Joel Breazeale. He said, what happened at the end of the game, could have only been orchestrated by Ryan Fischer. After Ryan's body was loaded into the hearse, several of the Grandville hockey players spent one final moment with their captain.

3/16/14 – 7am – 1:33 State of our Schools Address The Superintendent of Grand Rapids Public Schools gave her annual “**State of our Schools**” address yesterday. During her speech at Ottawa Hills High School, Theresa Weatherall Neal talked about the district's accomplishments, setbacks, and goals for the future. The attitude within the Grand Rapids School District is changing, according to Superintendent, Teresa Weatherall Neal. Some changes over the past year include the implementation of school uniforms and consolidation of sports teams. There have also been improvements to school security and academics. The Superintendent says this year will be another balancing act with the budget. Still, plans are already being made for 2015, including classes at the Grand Rapids Public Museum for sixth through 12th grade students.

3/18/14 – 5:30pm – 1:05 Med School Match Day Seniors at M S U's College of Human Medicine will soon say goodbye to the Secchia Center. This summer, these Spartans will start their medical training, their residencies at hospitals all over the nation. Friday is the day they find out where...Match Day ceremonies at Noto's - their excitement....evident. They all have jobs....they just don't know where ... Alex Gilde wants to stay in Grand Rapids. Their destinations are in the envelopes - to be opened at noon, so we are 30 seconds away from this class finding out what their future will be and where they're going. The suspense is over, their future in front of them, finally... Students in high demand specialties will have applied to as many as 100 residency programs all over the country...Alex Gilde got to stay here... Perhaps no match was more perfect than for Derek Axibal and Eileen Larkin... and both got their top picks in the most competitive specialties of dermatology and orthopedics...they're going to Denver....They will marry in two weeks and, very, very happy.

3/25/14 – 6:00am - .42 GRCC Honors Women Grand Rapids Community College will honor four women today, including Grand Rapids Public Schools Superintendent Teresa Weatherall Neal. The 16th annual Salute To Women is going on from 1:30 to 3 this afternoon inside the Applied Technology Center on Fountain Street. It is free and open to anyone. G-R-C-C will also honor student Nicole Bowl along with Beth Foster, who teaches in the school's biological sciences department, and Kathryn Mullins, the executive deputy to G-R-C-C's President. Weatherall Neal has led Grand Rapids Public Schools since 2012. She received her associate degree from G-R-C-C and a bachelor's in public administration from Grand Valley State before earning a master's in educational leadership from Western Michigan.

Healthy You: by health reporter, Valerie Lego. WZZM 13, presents health and medical issues that matter to the local community. WZZM 13 Healthy You, hosted by health reporter, Valerie Lego airs Saturdays at 7pm and again on Sundays at 11 am. The show gives viewers in-depth reporting on fitness, healthy eating, healthy lifestyles, early disease detection, medical breakthroughs and the growth life science industry! It also features information on local workshops and events.

1/5/14 – 11am – 30:00 PBB Special: Michigan's PBB History In 1973, nearly every resident in the State of Michigan was exposed to a toxic chemical. The effects have been studied for more than 40 years. It is the longest running study of human toxic chemical exposure in the world. The test provided the proof, the pictures, the evidence, the disturbing revelation that families had been eating contaminated meat & dairy products for at least 2 years, and now it was beginning to affect their health. Rich Sharp is one of those hundred of children who ate contaminated food during that time. His family farm in Mecosta County was one of the hundreds contaminated with PBB. When he was just nine years old he had his first blood drawn. When we continue, the results of the blood tests on thousands of Michigan residents, confirmation that they were contaminated with high levels of the toxic PBB chemical! Now, the Michigan Department of Community Health needed to find out what that meant for their future & that of their children. He continues to participate in the research to hopefully shed some light on how the chemical affects human health. In addition Rich will also go through a urological exam to have his sperm tested. When we continue, the biggest question, How long will the research need to continue? As those involved in the country's largest agricultural disaster grow weary of the PBB incident. The Seemingly Healthy Field of Country Grass hides its dark past and the sun has long since set on the PBB contaminated livestock buried beneath the soil, waiting for research & time to reveal its true legacy. **If you were affected by the PBB incident between 1973-1975 you can find out how to participate in the study by e-mailing Emory University: PBBregistry@emory.edu**

1/12/14 – 11am – 30:00 The Flu Hits Hard, Tamiflu Shortage, Blood Donations, Breast Cancer License Plate, Pregnancy & Nuts, Smart Wear for Baby, 2014 River Bank Run We begin today with the flu, which has become a serious health concern. In Michigan there've been at least six deaths are blamed on the outbreak and the number of flu cases keeps growing. Hello... I'm Val Lego and these are your Healthy You headlines. Let's start with a look at the country. In just one week, the Centers for Disease Control reports the number of states with widespread flu has more than doubled. The makers of Tamiflu say's they're dealing with a shortage of the liquid form of the flu treatment. Michigan Blood says it's dealing with a shortage of donors and the cold, snowy weather may have something to do with that. Breast cancer awareness supporters can show their support on the open road in just a few months. Before the end of 2013, Governor Snyder signed a law creating a pink ribbon specialty license plate. Many expecting moms have been told eating peanut products might increase the risks their child will develop an allergy. But researchers at Northwestern University found that's not true. And speaking of children, a tech company has come up with an idea for new parents... it's a smart onesie. It's called the Mimo {me-mo}. In a little more than 100 days, thousands of runners will line up for the 2014 Fifth Third River Bank Run... and this week, the organizers announced what's new. Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, Go to [WZZM 13.com](http://WZZM13.com) and click on Healthy You.

1/19/14 – 11am – 30:00 The Flu is Spreading, Avoiding the Flu, Signs You Have It, When to go to the Doctor, FDA & Acetaminophen, Coffee & Your Memory, Metro's New Center We begin today with the flu... it has spread even more in Michigan... It's blamed in six more deaths this week three of them in Kent County. Hello... I'm Valerie Lego and these are your Healthy You headlines. The Kent County Health Department released its report Thursday. The three recent deaths here were in people over the age of 50, two had known medical conditions. But despite the recent reports in Kent County, emergency departments in our area say they have not dealt with a lot of cases of flu so far this season. Traditionally, Kent and Ottawa Counties have the highest rates of vaccination in the state. The 'F' stands for fever... 'A' for aches... 'C' is for chills... 'T' is for tiredness and the 'S' stands for sudden onset. By sudden onset, we mean it hits you fast within 12 hours. Dr. Tom Frieden/Director, CDC - First, if you're severely ill and having trouble breathing, and second, if you have an underlying health problem such as diabetes, people with those conditions should see a doctor promptly, because treatment in the first 48 hours can greatly reduce your chances of becoming severely ill. The F-D-A has a new warning about a common drug found in pain killers. The Administration is asking doctors to stop prescribing combination

medications that contain more than 325 milligrams of acetaminophen. The agency is concerned those dosages can cause liver damage. It can wake you up in the morning, but did you know that first cup of coffee could also help your memory? Well, the caffeine in it anyway. A new surgical center allows Metro Health to focus on patients who don't need to spend a lot of time in the hospital. Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, Go to WZZM 13 dot com and click on Healthy You.

1/26/14 – 11am – 30:00 Again With the Flu, The Facts of the Flu, Tamiflu Shortage Over, Pancreatic Cancer Test, 50 Years of Smoking Dangers, Stand up More The Centers for Disease Control now says we're in the middle of a flu epidemic. And Michigan has joined the majority of the country with widespread outbreaks of the virus. Hello... I'm Valerie Lego and these are your Healthy You headlines. Michigan was added to the list of states with widespread flu last week. All but ten states are in that category according to the CDC. Doctors say the best way to protect yourself against the flu is to get that vaccine. And you can minimize your risk by disinfecting your home and focusing on a few specific areas. If you get the flu, your doctor might prescribe an anti-viral medicine like Tamiflu. And the shortage the maker announced a few weeks ago is now over. A new blood test may one day help doctor's spot pancreatic cancer in its earliest stages. Researchers in Denmark say the new test looks for patterns in certain pieces of genetic material. 50 years after the Surgeon General released the first report on smoking... the newest research finds it's even more dangerous than first thought. You might want to stand up for this one. Because sitting down for as long as we do, could take years off our lives. Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, Go to WZZM 13 dot com and click on Healthy You.

2/2/14 – 11am - 30:00 Flu Death, The Flu Nationwide, Avoiding a Sneeze, Bionic Eye Implanted, Spectrum BMT Suite, Calcium & Arteries We begin with a quick update concerning the flu... Kent County has reported another death related to the virus, but there is some good news too. Hello... I'm Valerie Lego and these are your Healthy You headlines. First in Kent County, the Health Department has reported a fourth flu related death this season. Like the first three, this latest patient was over the age of fifty. Michigan, like the majority of the nation, still has widespread flu activity, but in some of those states, the numbers are going down. And since we are in the middle of flu season here's something to think about... every sneeze around you can get you sick. It sounds like science fiction, but the first surgeries to implant a type of bionic eye into patients have happened here in Michigan. Spectrum's Blood and Marrow Transplant suite opens on Monday, but we got a look inside first. It's good for your bones and teeth, but too much calcium in your arteries puts you at risk for a heart attack. Calcium is plaque that has hardened in your arteries. Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, Go to WZZM 13 dot com and click on Healthy You.

2/9/14 – 11am – 30:00 FDA's Anti Smoking Push, Cancer Spike, CVS: No More Tobacco, Barry Flu Death, Spectrum Research, Shame APP We begin today with two big announcements concerning smoking in America... And one of them is an aggressive effort to keep cigarettes out of the hands of your children. Hello... I'm Val Lego and these are your Healthy You headlines. The F-D-A launched the campaign this week called 'The Real Cost' and it targets kids between the ages of 12 and 17. The idea is to show those kids the harmful effects of tobacco use to stop them from smoking before they start. Studies show smoking can lead to lung cancer... which is the deadliest and most commonly diagnosed cancer... with nearly two million cases each year. And the F-D-A's new push comes as world health leaders say they're concerned the numbers will go up even more. And C-V-S pharmacy announced it will become the first national pharmacy to stop selling cigarettes and tobacco products. WZZM 13's Alex Shabad shows you how it's giving local health officials another tool to stop young people from smoking. Now to the flu, and another death related to the virus in West Michigan. The Barry County Health Department reported the death, but did not say whether the victim had underlying health problems. A new partnership along Grand Rapids' Medical Mile could lead to the discovery of a cure for heart disease. Spectrum Health and the Van Andel Institute announced the formation of the DeVos Cardiovascular Research Program. If you need a little help getting in shape, a new app can help with some tough love. The app, called Carrot Fit, measures body mass index and tracks weight fluctuations. It is supposed to help you lose weight, using insults as motivation. Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, go to WZZM 13 dot com and click on Healthy You.

2/16/14 – 11am - 30:00 Doubts About Mammograms, Mammogram Study Reax, Beyond My Boobs Event, Kent Co. Flu Death, Diabetes Drug Investigation, Heart Disease Myths First today, controversy concerning mammograms. For years, we've heard the tests can save women from breast cancer, now *another* study is casting doubt on their value. Hello... I'm Valerie Lego and these are your Healthy You headlines. The Canadian study included thousands of women between ages 40 and 59. Half received a mammogram, the other half did not. Over the 25 year study, of the women who had the mammogram, about 32-hundred breast cancer diagnoses were made... and 500 patients died. This is one of the largest studies on mammograms ever done... involving 90-thousand women over 25 years. It found that death rates from breast cancer were the same for women whether they got a mammogram or not. This month, Susan G. Komen West Michigan is holding a series of events called lunch and learn. They all take on topics concerning breast cancer. Now to the flu and another reported death related to the virus in Kent County. This week, the Kent County Health Department announced a man over the age of fifty who died recently tested positive for the H-one-N-one virus. The F-D-A will investigate a link between a relatively new diabetes drug and a higher risk for heart failure. Speaking of your heart, since February is heart month, here are a few common myths concerning your heart health. Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, Go to WZZM 13 dot com and click on Healthy You.

2/23/14 – 11am – 30:00 Irregular Heartbeat, Sparrow Pacemaker Implantation, Saint Mary's Certification, Paxil Study, Kids & Depression, New Dental Guidelines First today, your heart and some new ways to keep it healthy. From a new idea to help people with an irregular heartbeat, to a new device now helping heart patients here in Michigan! Hello... I'm Val Lego and these are your Healthy You headlines. *Dr. Walid Saliba/Cleveland Clinic - "So, patient comes in, you discuss the treatment options-medication vs. ablation. This kind of study allows you, essentially, to consider radiofrequency ablation as a first-line therapy before even going through medications."* The procedure has its risks and may not be for everyone. But it could mean another option to give people a normal active life. For patients whose heart beats too slowly, a new device can help... and the clinical trial is happening here in Michigan. Here in West Michigan, Mercy Health Saint Mary's has received honors for its care of heart failure patients. The hospital earned the Advanced Certification in Heart Failure. A new study links the anti-depressant drug "paxil" to an increased risk of breast cancer. Researchers say Paxil has a weak "estrogenic effect" - which could promote the development and growth of breast tumors in women. One in six children are at risk for depression later in life, but there may be a way to predict who those children are. Parents, there are new guidelines to help prevent cavities in your children. Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, Go to WZZM 13 dot com and click on Healthy You.

3/2/14 – 11am – 30:00 Childhood Obesity Down, Schools & Junk Food, The Flu Now, Flu Shot & Stroke Risk, Acetaminophen & Pregnancy, Pain Killers From a Spider, VAI Announcement First today, some good news about our children. Health officials say the fight against childhood obesity... appears to be working. Hello... I'm Valerie Lego and these are your Healthy You headlines. A new study using federal data says obesity in children between ages two and five has dropped 43 percent over the past decade. Researchers say they saw improvements in low-income preschoolers whose meals came from federal nutrition programs. The obesity numbers come as First Lady Michelle Obama announced a new idea in the effort to get children healthy. She's proposing rules to stop marketing things like junk food and soft drinks in schools. Now to the flu and finally some improvement in Michigan in the number of cases of the virus! Take a look at the C-D-C's flu tracker map. Only a handful of states still have widespread activity for the flu... Michigan is now out of that category. Speaking of the flu shot, getting one early in the season might reduce your risk of having a stroke. Researchers in the U-K looked at data from more than 47-thousand people who had a stroke. The most commonly used pain medication for pregnant women considered safe to use may put the unborn child at risk! A safe and effective new painkiller could come from the venom of a particular spider. The Van Andel Institute made an announcement this week that's being called "historic." Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, Go to WZZM 13 dot com and click on Healthy You.

3/9/14 – 11am - 30:00 Obesity in Michigan, Food Labels, TV in the Bedroom, HIV Gene Therapy, Long Acting HIV Drug A week after we learned obesity numbers in our youngest children are going down... It looks like the adult obesity problem is showing improvement here in Michigan. Hello... I'm Val Lego and these are your Healthy You headlines. According to a survey done by Gallup Polls, Michigan has finally been bumped from the top ten list of obese states in the nation. Portion control helps people get their weight under control... and now F-D-A wants to change nutrition labels to make nutrition information more clear. One other thing about obesity... a new study found a link between children who have a T-V in their bedroom and an increased risk of the condition. Now to a couple of breakthroughs that could one day help millions with H-I-V. The first could lead to a therapy that doesn't involve drugs. Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, Go to WZZM 13 dot com and click on Healthy You.

3/16/14 – 11am – 30:00 New Device for Pad, Dr. Mustapha on the Device, FDA Approves Migraine Device, KC: Stomach Illness Up, Norovirus Medicine, New Alzheimer's Test The device is the 'Diamondback 360 Peripheral O-A-S', It's used to treat patients with Peripheral Arterial Disease or P-A-D. The condition is a common circulatory problem. Dr. Mustapha joins us now to talk more about the device and the procedure. The F-D-A just approved the first device to prevent migraines. The Cefaly {sef-uh-lee} is shaped like a headband and sits across your forehead and over your ears. Health officials in Kent County say more people are showing up in hospitals with stomach problems. The Health Department says as of last week, the number of patients going to emergency rooms with "gastro- intestinal illnesses", is the highest it's been in four years. But here's some good news concerning noro-virus... researchers are getting close to developing a vaccine for it. A new blood test could predict if a healthy person will develop Alzheimer's disease at an earlier age. Researchers at Georgetown Medical Center developed the test. Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, Go to WZZM 13 dot com and click on Healthy You.

3/23/13 – 11am – 30:00 UOFM 3D Printer, Colon Cancer, PAP VS HPV Test, Not Eating for Two, Chocolate Pill, River Bank Run First today, a breakthrough treatment developed right here in Michigan... helped save the life of a baby. Hello... I'm Val Lego and these are your Healthy You headlines. The treatment used special implants created by a Three-D printer. 18 month old Garrett was born with a condition that can put a lot of pressure on the airways. Now to some good news concerning colon cancer... the American Cancer Society says cases are down. Now to cervical cancer and a change in detecting it! A Food and Drug Administration committee unanimously recommended an H-P-V test become the first line of screening for the disease. Right now, it's the Pap test. The H-P-V test detects the D-N-A of the virus that causes the majority of all cervical cancers. You know the old saying used by pregnant women... I'm eating for two? Doctors in Michigan say it's time to banish that idea for good. There is a new study planned, to evaluate the impact of chocolate pills on your health. Researchers want to find out if these pills, which don't have the fat and sugar of regular chocolate, are good for your health. The Fifth Third River Bank Run is trying to get kids interested in running. Organizers are promoting a program called the "feelin' good mileage club." Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, Go to WZZM 13 dot com and click on Healthy You.

3/30/14 – 11am – 30:00 MI County Health Rankings, ObamaCare Deadline, Getting Rid of the R Word, Network 180 INVU, Stress & Pregnancy, Power of Posture, Chocolate Pill First today, the healthiest county in the state of Michigan is here on the lakeshore. But other West Michigan counties need to work harder to improve their health. Hello... I'm Val Lego and these are your Healthy You headlines. The county health rankings were released this week by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Counties are ranked based on many factors from tobacco use to air and water quality... to education and employment. The deadline to sign up for health coverage mandated by the Affordable Care Act is changing, but only for certain people. The deadline to buy health insurance through the marketplace is Monday, March 31st. This week, Michigan's Lieutenant Governor was scheduled to sign bills to remove the word 'retarded' and other versions of that word from state laws. It's the latest victory in a movement spearheaded by the Special Olympics. Scott Gilman is the Executive Director of Network 180... an organization that helps people with disabilities. A new study gives women who want to have a baby, something to think about... and something to avoid. Researchers in Michigan and Texas studied nearly 400 couples trying to become parents. Remember when your parents told you to stand or sit up straight? Turns out the good posture they were trying to convince you practice... can make you look slimmer... taller... and improve your health. There is a new study planned, to evaluate the impact of chocolate pills

on your health. Researchers want to find out if these pills, which don't have the fat and sugar of regular chocolate, are good for your health. Those are your Healthy You headlines. For more, Go to [WZZM 13 dot com](http://WZZM13.com) and click on Healthy You.