

Issues  
Report  
2013

Problems, Needs and  
Quarterly  
Second Quarter,

The following is a list of issues of community and public interest that the news department of this station covered during the months of April, May and June, 2013. Included is a description of each issue and the news stories that were written to inform the local residents about each issue that had an impact on the community.....

1.) -- **Nisbit Sand Mine**...Following about a two-year effort to receive a permit to operate a frac sand mine in Winona County, the first mine received that permit in June of 2013. The Nisbit operation is located in Saratoga Township and is about 20 acres. The permit request received much opposition from a vocal group of county citizens who wanted a full environmental review done. But the County Board issued the permit after a less thorough Environmental Worksheet was completed. See attached news stories.....

2.) -- **Steamboat Days**...Winona's 66th Annual Steamboat Days Festival took place in June, 2013. A community-wide event, it featured six days of activities for the entire region and was well-attended. Our stations sponsored a medallion treasure hunt that resulted in 200-dollars being won by the person who found the medallion.....See the attached news stories.....

3.) -- **Education Bills**...During the 2013 legislative session state lawmakers passed a higher education bill, authored by Winona Representative Gene Pelowski. The bill froze tuition for college and university students for the first time in several years. Lawmakers also passed a K-12 education bill that increased funding to local school districts and funded all-day, every-day kindergarten across the state, among other issues. See attached news stories.....

4.) -- **DFL Tax Bill...**With DFL majorities in both the Minnesota House and Senate, and a DFL Governor, the legislature passed a tax bill that raised taxes in the state by more than 2-billion dollars to help fund programs and services Republicans had earlier cut. It included property tax relief for residents but tax increases on many more goods and services. See attached news stories.....

5.) -- **Mayo Clinic Expansion...**Lawmakers at the state capital approved funding for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester to vastly expand its buildings and programs. Called a Destination Medical Center, Mayo officials pledged the project would bring Rochester and the area thousands of new jobs and make the clinic an even more worldwide destination that it already is. See attached news stories.....

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