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ISSUES: PARKS, HEALTH & RECREATION NEEDS IN RAPID CITY

Responsive Programming: Community Leaders - Alex DeSmidt, Landscape Designer for the **Rapid City** Parks & Recreation Department. Topics - the need for **Rapid City** citizens to enjoy many forms of recreation in beautiful settings, ways that the City provides this through the local Parks & Recreation Department, and specifics about a park that is located on the original township site of **Rapid City**. They explained that parks & recreation in **Rapid City** involves physical health, economic, environmental, and emotional benefits for residents, provides a refuge for at risk youth, and preserves public lands. Alex specifically focused on Founders Park, a park named for the original "founders" of **Rapid City** who camped on this site when the original township was surveyed and laid out. This park consists of approximately 60 acres with four lighted sand volleyball courts, access to the Leonard Swanson Memorial Pathway, picnic tables and the Rapid Trout sculpture. The parking lot is used as a popular trailhead for the Swanson Pathway which runs along Rapid Creek, and periodically during the summer months, for the local Farmers Market. The park is free to the public for use. Alex described the Founders Park Project, made possible through the allocation of Federal Highway Transportation dollars. The project includes a restroom, expanded parking, a bridge over Rapid Creek, and a handicapped trail on the north side of the creek. The City Council also decided to include a connection of the bike path along Steele Street to the School of Mines for greater use & ease of access. **Rapid City** folks who would like to learn more about Founders Park or just want to support its use by visiting the park or financially assisting may donate to the **Rapid City** Parks & Recreation Dept. & Founders Parks specifically by calling 605. 394.4175 or accessing <http://www.rcgov.org/> and searching Founders Park. **(Aired 7/6/2013; 75 minutes total)**

ISSUES: MILITARY KNOWLEDGE & APPRECIATION AMONGST RAPID CITY CITIZENS/YOUTH

Responsive Programming: Community Leader – Master Sgt. Eric Grimm, the Curator & Director of the South Dakota Air & Space Museum (SD A & SM) located in **Box Elder** (8.3 miles from **Rapid City**). Topics - the importance of a strong US military air force to the safety of residents in **Rapid City**, ways that the locally based SD S & AM seeks to educate local residents about the its community's military heritage through its displays, the importance of appreciating the aircraft that have contributed to the safety of **Rapid City** residents, among others, and how **Rapid City** residents can participate in supporting this local Museum that honors the contributions of aircraft. Master Sgt. Grimm listed information about walking tour and bus tours that help visitors to see what military aircraft have been used in past wars and to see the current Ellsworth Air Force



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Base, which hosts the 28th Bomb Wing. **Rapid City** youth who would like to learn more about aircraft & military service attend their annual Youth Camp July 26-28,2013, sign up for this learning opportunity by accessing www.sdairspacemuseum.com or by calling the Museum at 605.385.5188. Those wishing to donate to the group that finances the operation of the Museum, may send donations to Ellsworth Heritage Foundation, PO Box 871, Box Elder, SD 57719. **(Aired 7/13/2013; 75 minutes total)**

ISSUES: THE NEED FOR HEALTHY FOOD, DIET & NUTRITION FOR RAPID CITY CITIZENS

Responsive Programming: Community Leader - Jay Sutcliffe, a Registered Dietician & Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Black Hills Health & Education Center (BHHEC), located at Hermosa (17 miles from **Rapid City**). Topics - the importance of a living a life that enhances the health of the whole person, how the BHHEC works to restore mental, physical and spiritual health by promoting and assisting in the development of healthy lifestyle choices, and how can **Rapid City** citizens can live healthier lives specifically through the food choices made in the future. Jay explained that when folks do not make good diet & nutrition choices, there is a variety or consequences: heart disease, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure & cholesterol, depression, arthritis, stress related problems, cancer prevention, muscle injuries, alcohol, drug/narcotic addictions, & digestive problems. The BHHEC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization existing to restore mental, physical and spiritual health of **Rapid City** and other folks by promoting and assisting in the development of permanent, positive, healthy lifestyle choices through offering programs that promote a balanced approach to life that includes all of the eight natural laws of health. Jay stated that the BHHEC provides a whole-foods, plant based nutritional approach for their guests through the Black Hills Kitchen, support of organic farmers, their own organically grown produce from Battle Creek Gardens, the Battle Creek Bakery & Hermosa Natural Foods Market. They provide training and education to their guests to assist and empower each individual in making informed choices and lifestyle changes that can have an impact for a lifetime. **Rapid City** residents who would like to learn more about the Black Hills Health & Education Center, details about the Battle Creek Gardens or Bakery, or maybe even just want tips for healthy eating details to call the BHHEC toll free at 800.658.LIFE (5433), access www.bhhec.org or find them on Facebook. **(Aired 7/20/2013; 75 minutes total)**

ISSUES: SUMMER RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL NEEDS OF RAPID CITY FAMILIES

Responsive Programming: Community Leader - Sandy Schwan of **Rapid City**, Event Director for **Rapid City** Summer Nights, an annual seasonal downtown community gathering. Topics - the importance of local families



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& residents of all ages coming together in the summer to celebrate local musicians, food, and fellowship in **Rapid City**, ways that local Summer Nights events will be providing this along with children's activities each Thursday until August, and more details about how **Rapid City** folks can be a part of the Festival in various ways. Sandy explained that she started **Rapid City** Summer Nights in 2008 with several other Leadership **Rapid City** classmates as a way to draw people back to the downtown of the city, as it was financially suffering. Five years later, these free summer events are extremely popular with all ages, as they include local musical entertainers, food, vendors, and a myriad of children's activities. The weekly gatherings support the economic health of the downtown in **Rapid City**, provide a venue for local musicians & artisans, as well as offer a recreational opportunity for children through the Face Painting, Jumping Castles, a Kiddie Train and Games there. **Rapid City** folks who would like to learn more about the ongoing Festival going on downtown until the end of August, those who would like to see details about upcoming bands, or just want to volunteer may call 605.209.4744 or access <http://www.rapidcitysummernights.com/>. (Aired 7/27/2013; 75 minutes total)

ISSUES: AWARENESS OF & DEVELOPMENT/RECREATION NEEDS OF RAPID CITY CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Responsive Programming: Community Leader –Pat Nelson, Member of the Tucker Day Rodeo Committee, part of a Hill City (20 miles from **Rapid City**) event designed specifically for children with special needs, including those from **Rapid City**. Topics - the need for local children with Down Syndrome & other special needs to enjoy fellowship & fun together, how she & many local community members are working hard to provide a unique opportunity for the kids to participate in and for adults to support. Pat explained that many children with Down Syndrome or other special needs do not get the chance to experience some of the activities that other children do; thus, they are hosting the 5th Annual Tucker Day Rodeo, designed for the entertainment and enjoyment of special needs local children and youths, as well as that of their families and local spectators. During this event named after Tucker Blain, who has Down syndrome, participants will have an opportunity to horseback through a course in the arena at the *Double Diamond Ranch*. The course includes riding in the rings, a baton relay, barrels and pole bending. There will also be clowns, gold panning, stick horse races, balloons, cowboy music and a free Chuck Wagon BBQ. It's a chance for **Rapid City** kids with special needs to ride in a rodeo and participate with other children who may have similar issues & is designed so that all children will be winners with awards for all participants. To participate in the upcoming event, access www.doublediamondbedandbreakfast.com/ & click on the "Rodeo" Link or call the Double Diamond Ranch at



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605.391.1999 or 605.574.4560. They should contact the Double Diamond Ranch if bringing their own horse; otherwise, participants should call Sun Catchers' Therapeutic Academy at 605.673.2935 to reserve one that is appropriate for the child. **(Aired 8/3/2012; 75 minutes total)**

ISSUES: NEED FOR RAPID CITY YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES TO EXPERIENCE SUMMER CAMP

Responsive Programming: Community Leader - Stacie Kellog, Director of Camp Friendship & Co-President of the **Rapid City** Jaycees. Topics - the need for local children with disabilities to experience summer camp, how Camp Friendship offers arts & crafts, swimming, campfire and cookouts, among other fun activities to these youth, and **Rapid City** youth with disabilities can sign up to be part of Camp Friendship in 2013. Stacie mentioned that summer camp is important for local youth because it is an opportunity for them to disconnect from all the noise, get to know others, experience new adventures, gain confidence & be transformed in some way. Youth of all abilities are offered these benefits through Camp Friendship, a summer camp catering to individuals with physical and developmental disabilities. Campers go swimming, do arts and crafts, have campfires and cookouts, sing songs, go fishing, dress up for the dance, perform skits, and make life-long friends. It is a place where people come for fun, to be loved, and to have the experiences of an extraordinary life in an atmosphere of acceptance, possibility, and freedom. The camp is staffed by a family of over 150 volunteers that provide one-on-one care and assistance for each camper, as well as creating all the program activities. Camp Friendship has grown to serve over 90 young campers with disabilities and provides these services at a minimal cost to each camper, using funding provided by the **Rapid City** Jaycees, local Knights of Columbus chapters, Optimists, Kiwanis, other civic organizations, as well as private donors. The camps will take place August 12-15 and August 16-22, 2013. **Rapid City** folks who would like to get further information about the local Camp Friendship efforts, who wish to support the local drive by donating their time or finances to the cause, or by registering as a camper or volunteer may access www.campfriendship.org, find them on Facebook, or call Stacie at 605. 390.1885. Donations may be sent to Camp Friendship, PO Box 1986, Rapid City, SD 57709. **(Aired 8/10/2013; 75 minutes total)**

ISSUES: THE NEED FOR RAPID CITY YOUTH TO LEARN HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Responsive Programming: Community Leaders - Daniel Huff of **Rapid City**, facilitator of WAIT Youth Trainings held in both **Rapid City** & Box Elder (8.3 miles from **Rapid City**). Topics - how the teen years are an especially



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critical stage for healthy relationship development, how the opportunities for life-impacting mistakes are greatly increased, and details about how the local WAIT Training is available to specifically educate, equip and inspire local young people during this time. Daniel explained that the teen years are a very critical stage for healthy relationship development among **Rapid City** youth. As young people are given greater freedom and develop more independence, the opportunities for life-impacting mistakes such as drug/alcohol use and early sexual activity can derail a young person's future dreams. The Huffs offer WAIT Training curriculum, developed specifically to educate, equip and inspire young people to protect their heart, body, mind and spirit, to **Rapid City** & Box Elder Youth Centers, School & Youth Groups, in addition to an After School Program going on in Box Elder. WAIT (Why Am I Tempted) training deals with some of the following: personality types and improving communication; the benefit of learning their individual love language; the progressive steps of intimacy; and practical steps for forming healthy boundaries and respectful, healthy relationships. WAIT Training also addresses issues such as drug and alcohol use, teen violence, smoking, and other risk behaviors that might affect student success. There are several trainings coming up & **Rapid City** folks interested in getting more information about WAIT Training for youth, parents or even school use may call 605.391.3949 or 402.203.2636 or sign up for an upcoming Training by accessing <http://wait4now.webs.com>. (Aired 8/17/2013; 75 minutes total)

ISSUES: AWARENESS, INCLUSION & SUPPORT NEEDS OF RAPID CITY FOLKS WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME

Responsive Programming: Community Leader - Mona Drolc , a Leader within **Rapid City's** Ups of Downs Support Group & Director of their upcoming Ups of Downs 2013 Buddy Walk Family Carnival. Topics - the need for promoting awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals with Down Syndrome in **Rapid City**, ways that the local Ups of Downs Family Support Group works toward those goals, and more details about what they are doing in the **Rapid City** community this fall to recognize Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Mona explained that Down Syndrome is set of mental and physical symptoms that result from having an extra copy of Chromosome 21. Down syndrome affects people of all ages, races and economic levels. As a mother of a child with Down Syndrome, Mona is part of the Ups of Downs Support Group, a 501 ©(3) nonprofit organization formed in 2003 to promote the awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of children & adults with Down Syndrome in **Rapid City** . The group provides education, information, awareness events, social opportunities and emotional support for families of infants, children, and adults with Down Syndrome in



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Rapid City. During National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, they will be hosting several events. To build momentum, one such event being held is the Buddy Walk Family carnival, taking place Saturday, September 14, 2013. This Carnival is meant to show the community that individuals with Down syndrome are similar to all people & let everyone see how life can be successful for such individuals. **Rapid City** citizens who would like to get more information about the upcoming Ups of Down 2013 Buddy Walk, other fall awareness events, or more about the local Ups of Downs Support Group may call Mona Drolc at 605.348.1358, email dmddrolc@gmail.com or access www.upsofdowns.shutterfly.com. (Aired 8/24/2013; 75 minutes total)

NO PA PROGRAMMING AIRED AS SCHEDULED 8/31/2013 DUE TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

ISSUES: THE NEED FOR ACCESS TO VARIED INFORMATION/RESOURCES FOR RAPID CITY CITIZENS

Responsive Programming: Community Leader - Laurinda Tapper, Outreach & Programming Coordinator at the **Rapid City** Public Library, and Susan Brauntsein, a programming Librarian at the same library. Topics - the importance of **Rapid City** residents having access to a wide and varied range of knowledge, ideas, and opinions for greater learning & knowledge, how the **Rapid City** Public Library (RCPL) provides an incredible amount of resources through materials in many formats, and more specifics about how local citizens may sign up for their own library cards, prizes, and discounts during the month of September. The ladies explained that the library is one of the cornerstones of a healthy community, as it gives people the opportunity to experience new ideas, explore great minds, and experience great art, while at the same time providing a sense of place for gathering. The RCPL reflects the diversity and character, and the extensive needs and expectations of the community and is often the only readily available source of comprehensive information needed by people for personal, family and job-related purposes. **Rapid City's** economy benefits when business people use library resources to make wise business decisions, employees use it to improve job skills, or the disadvantaged use it to help break the cycle of poverty. September is Library Card Sign-up Month at RCPL and it is a celebration that is held at the beginning of the new school year during which local librarians remind parents and caregivers that a library card is the most important school supply of all. A library card is a key resource in achieving academic success, and the library is the perfect place to spend quality family time together. Laurinda explained the process of how to obtain a library card, as well as their goal of registering 1,000 new or renewed library cards, prizes that those registering can win, and discounts local community businesses will offer to those with library cards. To



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get more details about any of the events for National Library Card Sign Up Month, library related events and services, or even get a library card, call 605.394.4171 or access <http://www.rapidcitylibrary.org>. (Aired 9/7/2013 [1:15 pm & 5:15 pm] & 9/8/2013 [11 am & 6 pm]; 60 minutes total)

ISSUES: THE NEED FOR PROFESSIONAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR RAPID CITY CITIZENS

Responsive Programming: Community Leader - Stan Strange, President of the Black Hills Health & Education Center, located at Hermosa (17 miles from **Rapid City**). Topics - the importance of a living a life that enhances the health of the whole person, how the Black Hills Health & Education Center works to restore mental, physical and spiritual health by promoting and assisting in the development of permanent, positive, healthy lifestyle choices, and how **Rapid City** students may be connected to a new profession through their Medical Massage Therapy Program. Stan explained that poor health has resulted in heart disease, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure & cholesterol, depression, arthritis, stress related problems, cancer prevention, muscle injuries, alcohol, drug/narcotic addictions, & digestive problems among many in **Rapid City**. The Black Hills Health & Education Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization seeks to help local residents restore their mental, physical and spiritual health by promoting and assisting in the development of permanent, positive, healthy lifestyle choices. At the Center, they insist that because the entire person needs to be treated, not just the disease or health challenges they are facing, they offer several medical & educational programs, in addition to a School of Massage. The Massage School is a 1,000 hour, 10 month program in which classes run in September & March. Their certification is designed to provide **Rapid City** students with a core foundation of applied anatomy, structured kinesiology and physiology, the certification. A solid foundation in Swedish massage is followed by a variety of massage modalities with plenty of hands on practice, hydrotherapy techniques, and the art and science of health service management which incorporate professional ethics, managing a practice, business and marketing. **Rapid City** students who would like to learn more about the Black Hills Health & Education Center, details about becoming a volunteer, or to learn more about their School of Massage educational program may call 800.658.LIFE (5433), email them at health@bhhec.org, or access www.bhhec.org or find them on Facebook. (Aired 9/12/2013 [11 am & 12 pm] & 9/13/2013 at 12 pm; 45 minutes total)



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ISSUES: ASSISTANCE NEEDS FOR RAPID CITY RESIDENTS WITHOUT HOMES

Responsive Programming: Community Leader - Karrie Miller of **Rapid City**, the Co-Chair of the Black Hills Regional Homeless Coalition Board of Directors & Project Coordinator of the Hope Center, both based in **Rapid City**. Topics - the needs that are present in **Rapid City** when it comes to those without homes to call their own, how local citizens may participate in an annual Count that determines the level of financial assistance that related organizations in the city receive to help these folks, as well as local **Rapid City** folks can reach out to those in the community who are struggling to have this basic need met at any time of the year. Last year, homeless families and individuals in the state were numbered at 1,166 people, including 336 children. The survey found that the majority of the families and individuals without a home stay in emergency shelters, transitional housing or motels. The main reason for homelessness in **Rapid City** currently is unemployment, substance abuse issues, and high rent. The Homeless Coalition will conduct its Annual Homeless Count in **Rapid City** in September to collect information on the number and characteristics of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a 24-hour period of time; this count is crucial for **Rapid City** community service providers that rely on funding from HUD through the Continuum of Care so that accurate numbers are acquired & they may continue to receive funds for serving local homeless individuals and families. This event will start at Noon on Tuesday, September 24th and end at Noon on Wednesday, September, 25th. Volunteers are needed to help with this count & may complete a short survey with homeless individuals in various locations, including the Cornerstone Rescue Mission, the HOPE Center, and areas of **Rapid City** where individuals sleep outdoors. General information about the Hope Center & the Black Hills Homeless Coalition, its many outreaches, and ways to connect for citizens was given. **Rapid City** residents may help the homeless in the community through donating their time, resources, or finances to the work of the Black Hills Homeless Coalition Count or partner with the Hope Center in its fall & winter outreaches by calling 605.716.HOPE. To learn more about these two **Rapid City** organizations, check out the Hope Center **Rapid City** or Black Hills Homeless Coalition Facebook Pages & click "Like." (Aired 9/14/2013; 75 minutes total)

ISSUES: NEED FOR AWARENESS, SUPPORT & RESEARCH REGARDING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IN RAPID CITY

Responsive Programming: Community Leaders - Jane Aspaas, Executive Director of the Alzheimers Association of South Dakota and Jocelyn Depatie, a team captain of the 2013 Black Hills Walk to End Alzheimer's as well as a **Rapid City** Board Member of the state Alzheimer's Association. Topics - a brain-related disease that is



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currently affecting many **Rapid City** residents, the need for knowledge of the disease & financial support for its prevention, as well as more details about how **Rapid City** citizens can participate in the Walk to End Alzheimers. Jane & Jocelyn explained that Alzheimer's disease is a type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior; symptoms usually develop slowly and get worse over time, becoming severe enough to interfere with daily tasks. This disease affects many in **Rapid City** and Jocelyn even lost her mother to the disease. They explained that there is a local Alzheimer's Association support group in the community and then gave meeting details for those caregivers wishing to get care & encouragement in a confidential, trusting environment of education, networking, and communication. Jane highlighted that the Black Hills 24th Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's will happen in **Rapid City** at Memorial Park on Saturday, September 28th with registration at 9 am. **Rapid City** walkers will participate in this local event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This Walk unites the entire community in a display of combined strength and dedication in the fight against this devastating disease. While there is no fee to register, each participant is expected to fundraise in order to contribute to the cause and raise awareness. At a Walk event, **Rapid City** folks can learn more about Alzheimer's disease and the support programs and services offered by their local chapter, as well as have unique opportunities to get involved with the cause through advocacy initiatives and clinical trial enrollment. For details about the **Rapid City** Support Group call 605.339.4543 or access <http://www.alz.org/walk> to register as a walker/fundraise for the local Walk. (Aired 9/21/2013; 75 minutes total)

ISSUES: THE NEED FOR SUPPORT & RESEARCH REGARDING ENGINEERING & SCIENCE IN RAPID CITY

Responsive Programming: Community Leader - Heather Wilson, President of the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, an academic institution located in **Rapid City**. Topics - the importance of maintaining a strong academic institution in the local community, how the local South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (SDSMT) provides enrichment to **Rapid City**, as well as specific details about a unique dinner & award ceremony coming up that gives **Rapid City** folks a chance to recognize & celebrate advancement locally when it comes to engineering & science. President Wilson explained that since 1885, the SDSMT located in **Rapid City** has been a national leader in preparing world-class engineers and scientists. Award-winning undergraduate education is enhanced by graduate education and research and development in areas of critical need to South Dakota, the nation, and the world. SDSMT provides a positive impact on the local



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economy, diversity enrichment through its student body, as well as increased jobs & cultural opportunities for **Rapid City** citizens. The School of Mines has a special event coming up that not only highlights the College and its science & engineering emphasis, but also funds some serious work done by local students. This is the Fifth Annual Mines Medal Dinner & Award Ceremony, in which the Mines Medal Medallion award is presented by the SDSMT to honor engineers and scientists who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and innovation. The annual award highlights the significant role certain individuals play to ensure the United States' global preeminence in engineering and science. The Mines Medal Dinner and Award Ceremony is the university's signature fundraising event and gifts support their graduate students through the Mines Medal Graduate Student Fellowship. These opportunities provide scientific contributions to **Rapid City**, in addition to other benefits of having SDSMT in **Rapid City**. To learn more about the Fifth Annual Mines Medal Dinner & Award Ceremony, register to be part of the event on October 3rd or learn more about our local institution of higher learning call (605) 394-2511. The website <http://www.sdsmt.edu/> may be accessed also. **(Aired 9/28/2013; 75 minutes total)**