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#### **ISSUES: THE NEED FOR RAPID CITY CITIZENS TO BE AWARE OF THE RESOURCES OF THE LOCAL LIBRARY**

Community Leaders: Susan Braunstein, Programming Library Associate, Rapid City Public Library (RCPL).

Topics: The importance of Rapid City residents having access to a wide and varied range of knowledge, ideas, and opinions, how the RCPL provides an incredible amount of resources through materials in all formats, and more specifics about their 2014 National Library Week activities.

Description of Responsive Programming: Susan elaborated that a library is one of the cornerstones of a healthy community. The primary purpose of the RCPL is to provide resources and services in a variety of media to meet the needs of individuals and groups for education, information, and personal development, including recreation and leisure. The library attempts to provide materials in all formats, updating regularly to meet the changing needs of groups and individuals, including newly published and replacement materials. The RCPL's catalog has 170,000 physical materials (books, periodicals, DVDs) as well as over 3000 e-books, downloadable audiobooks and videos. With over a million circulations a year, the RCPL offers a wide range of services, programs and resources. Susan said that National Library Week is Sunday through Saturday, April 13-19, 2014, and they will be making the community aware of their offerings through a variety of events during this week. Examples of outreaches include cultural presentations involving those with Chinese & Native American ties, authors speaking and signing their books, teen events such as a Writing Workshop & Gaming, and the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Poet's Coffeehouse & Poetry Competition. Other activities include Book Buddies, Tiny Tales Story time, Rushmore Readers' Book Discussion Group, and an Arts & Crafts Afternoon.

<http://www.rapidcitylibrary.org>. **(Aired on 4/5/14; 75 Minutes Total)**

#### **ISSUES: THE NEED FOR RAPID CITY WOMEN, MEN & FAMILIES TO EXPERIENCE EMOTIONAL WELLNESS & HEALTH**

Community Leader: Carol Kling, a Facilitator for Rachel's Vineyard, an organization serving Rapid City women, men & families.

Topics: The issue of post abortion trauma for Rapid City women, men & families, how healing can take place & hope can be restored, as well as specifically more about a Weekend Retreat being offered to all in the community that allows this issue to be addressed in a confidential & nonjudgmental environment.

Description of Responsible Programming: Carol related that about 6% of all pregnancies in the Rapid City area result in abortion. Abortion affects women physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Physical complications can include injury, infection, and internal organ damage. Women who have abortions increase their risk of breast cancer by fifty percent, according to a new study in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. Not only do



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these women bear physical side effects, but they also suffer many emotional side effects such as depression, long-term grief reactions, anger, sexual dysfunction, guilt, flashbacks, memory repression, suicidal ideas, and difficulty keeping close relationships. To address these related issues, there will be a Rachel's Vineyard weekend April 25-27, 2014, a supportive and non-judgmental time away that provides an opportunity to deeply enter the grieving process and identify abortion effects, with a number of powerful exercises which allow the soul to speak to its grief and sorrow. The exercises help to connect participants to their inner voice, to each other, and to the love and compassion of God. The retreat exercises help participants to accept forgiveness for themselves and others. Participants have left finding meaning in what has happened and greater hope, liberation and peace. [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). (Aired 4/12/2014; 75 Minutes Total)

### **ISSUES: THE DEVASTATING LOSS OF LIFE, FINANCES, & EMOTIONAL WELL DUE TO THE ATLAS WINTER STORM ON RAPID CITY LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS; SUPPORT OPTIONS**

Community Leader: Silvia Christen, Executive Director South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, Rapid City.

Topics: The importance of the livestock industry to Rapid City, ways that their Association works to promote and protect the local and state Livestock Industry, and specifics about how local ranchers have been *and can still be* assisted after the devastation of last fall's Storm Atlas.

Description of Responsive Programming: Silvia explained that the livestock industry, very prevalent in the Black Hills, was devastated by an unusually early and enormous snowstorm named "Atlas" in October 2013 that caught ranchers and farmers unprepared, killing tens of thousands of cattle and ravaging the state's \$7 billion industry — an industry left without assistance because of the federal government shutdown. Across the state, snow totals averaged 30 inches, with some isolated areas recording almost 5 feet. It was estimated that 15 percent to 20 percent of all cattle were killed in some parts of the state, while some ranchers reported that they lost half or more of their herds. Approximately 600 applicants reported losses of roughly 43,000 head of cattle, sheep and horses. The South Dakota Rancher Relief Fund (RRF) was then established by the SD Stockgrowers Association, SD Cattlemen's Association and SD Sheepgrowers Association at the Black Hills Area Community Foundation to provide support and relief assistance to those in the agriculture industry impacted by the blizzard. The outpouring of support allowed for distribution of nearly \$775,000 to impacted livestock producers before December 31, 2013. The SD Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (SDVOAD) disbursed an additional \$3.3 million to the qualified applicants & a total of over \$5 million was raised. Now Rapid City ranchers are dealing with the emotional toll of such a loss, and were referred to Three Rivers Mental Health and Youth & Family Services in Rapid City for help. Checks made out to Rancher Relief Fund may be sent to Black Hills Area Community Foundation, PO 231, Rapid City, SD 57709. [www.ranchersrelief.org](http://www.ranchersrelief.org) & <https://www.facebook.com/ranchersrelieffund>. (Aired 4/19/2014; 75 Minutes Total)





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#### **ISSUES: THE NEED FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLES & EXERCISE PROMOTION VIA LOCAL RAPID CITY ASSOCIATIONAL GROUP**

Community Leader: Lesley Warren, a resident of Rapid City & Past President of the Black Hills Runners' Club.  
Topics: The physical & emotional benefits of running as an exercise, ways that the Black Hills Runners' Club encourages this exercise through trailing running in and around Rapid City, and all the details about the Black Hills Club Race Series races coming up soon this summer. Lesley reiterated the benefits of a healthy body & lifestyle, the benefits that a person experiences through exercise and how the Black Hills Runners Club offers encouragement to local Rapid City citizens to run through their weekly runs and the upcoming Black Hills Runners Series. This Series attempts to encourage local runners to get out in the Hills & make their running experience more interesting through trail running. The Black Hills Trail Running Series, a "Points Series," was created to encourage people to try trail running and to provide races for all abilities in the beautiful Black Hills region. This year consists of trail runs sponsored by the Black Hills Runners Club and races put on by other running affiliates throughout the area. They mark the trails, track each race's finish times and post the results. Consistency can overcome speed, as points are awarded in Men/Women Divisions with three age groups: Open Division, 39 and under, Masters Division, 40 - 49; Grand Masters Division 50 and older. They keep a running total of the accumulated points and present awards at the end of the Series in November. This series allows local residents to enjoy fellowship, better physical health, and the environmental beauty of the Rapid City area. [www.blackhillsrunnersclub.com](http://www.blackhillsrunnersclub.com) **(Aired on 4/26/14; 75 Minutes Total)**

#### **ISSUES: THE NEED FOR FOSTER CARE FAMILIES IN RAPID CITY FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS SITUATIONS**

Community Leader: Steve Deming, Programming Director for the Children's Home Society – Rapid City Community-Based Services.

Topics: The need for foster care for many children in Rapid City, how the local Social Services offices works to ensure that children in need are placed in loving foster homes, and more details about how Rapid City families can reach out to a child by becoming a foster family during Foster Care Awareness Month.

Description of Responsive Programming: Each May, Steve related that National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity for people all across the nation to focus attention on the year-round needs of American children and youth in foster care. The campaign raises awareness about foster care and encourages many more citizens to get involved in the lives of these youth – whether as their foster parents, volunteers, mentors, employers or in other ways. Local Rapid City children are also placed in a foster care setting when it is not safe for them to



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remain in their own home and Rapid City folks who provide foster parenting are making a difference in the lives of children and their birth families. Foster parenting promotes the healing process by offering a stable and secure environment until a child can return home or establish an alternative lifelong relationship with a caring adult, through adoption or other permanent situation. These families open their homes and hearts and give hope to children of Rapid City whose families are in crisis and also play a vital role in: 1) Helping children and families heal, 2) Reconnecting children with their families, and 3) Transitioning children into successful adulthood. Children and youth in Rapid City need dedicated foster families to help them and their birth families. <http://dss.sd.gov/fostercare/>. (Aired on 5/3/14; 75 Minutes Total)

### **ISSUES: CHARACTER & SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR RAPID CITY BOYS & GIRLS THROUGH LITTLE LEAGUE PROGRAM; NEED FOR NEW BALL FIELD FUNDS**

Community Leader: Travis Eastman, President of Canyon Lake Little League's Board of Directors, Rapid City.

Topics: The importance of providing girls and boys (4-12) a quality baseball program that helps them succeed on and off the field through an emphasis on skills and character development, ways that the Canyon Lake Little League provides that for Rapid City youth, and more details about their Collins Field Capital Campaign.

Description of Responsive Programming: Travis related that in association with Little League International, Canyon Lake Little League (CLLL) is committed to providing girls and boys of Rapid City ages 4-12 a quality program that will help them succeed on and off the field through an emphasis on skills and character development. There are 500 Rapid City players and 900 local volunteers who make this League possible each year. Their divisions include Boys Majors, Boys Minors, Boys 8 & 9 - Kid Pitch, Boys 6 & 7 - Coach Pitch, Girls 8 & 9, Girls 6 & 7 - Coach Pitch, & Coed T-Ball. CLLL accepts registration from all girls 6-9 that live in Rapid City, no matter what league boundary they live within. Players will learn how to field ground balls, catch fly balls, make good throws, think critically and quickly in quick-thinking situations, make decisions based on variables, work as a part of a team and learn how to hit a ball. Those same lessons can be translated into hand-eye coordination, motor skill development, cooperation and compromise and the value of working together with others, decision making, and muscle development, always working hard and effective communication. Aside from youth benefits, spending a warm, summer day at the ball fields has become a favorite pastime of many Rapid City residents. Currently, their Majors division field, Collins Field, needs to be moved to allow for legal tournament play. Local National Guard members will offer their labor at no cost to move the Crow's Nest, seating, home plate north to a new location so that the field can be made within specifications. The Little League just needs to raise financial support for the moving thus they are holding the Collins Field Capital Campaign. The CLLL's Opening Ceremony is May 10, 2014, starting at 11 am at Canyon Lake Little League, 1610 32nd Street in Rapid City. <http://www.canyonlakell.com>. (Aired on 5/10/14; 75 Minutes Total)





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#### **ISSUES: SPEECH PATHOLOGY AMONGST RAPID CITY YOUTH: ISSUES, TREATMENT, AND INSPIRATION FROM PROFESSIONALS & SUCCESSFUL CLIENTS**

Community Leader: Laura Barbera, a Rapid City Speech Language Pathologist and 2015 President-Elect of the South Dakota Speech Language Hearing Association, Christian Bakkevik, mother of a child in speech therapy, as well as Don Barnett, the former Mayor of Rapid City and author.

Topics: The auxiliary problems that can occur for Rapid City youth struggling with speech issues, the need for local professionals to help those with speech challenges, and details about a new book detailing how a young man with dysfluency was helped through therapy and one day became the Mayor of Rapid City.

Description of Responsive Programming: As a Rapid City Speech Therapist, Laura works every day in the community to assess, diagnose, treat and work to prevent various disorders related to speech language, cognitive-communication, voice, swallowing, and fluency, in addition to promoting healthy lifestyle practices for the prevention of communication, hearing, swallowing, or other upper aerodigestive disorders. Part of this work is to raise awareness; she educated that there are many individuals in Rapid City with speech pathologies and may be caused by injuries due to complications at birth, feeding and swallowing difficulties, including dysphasia, children with mild, moderate or severe genetic disorders, developmental delay, cranial nerve damage, craniofacial anomalies, language delay, specific difficulties in producing sounds, and children and adults with Cerebral Palsy, Head Injury, Hearing Loss and Impairments, Learning Difficulties including Dyslexia, Specific Language Impairment (SLI), Auditory Processing Disorder, Physical Disabilities, Speech Disorders, Stammering (Dysfluency), Stroke, and Voice Disorders. Christine shared the story of her son who has a speech problem and how he recently received help in Rapid City. Don then shared that when growing up in Rapid City, he had a stuttering problem that negatively impacted his social relationships and school performance. Bullied about the impediment, in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade he had a blow up at his Rapid City school and, after talking with his teacher about the stuttering & bullying issue, the school system provided him with a speech therapist for 2-3 years. Soon, Don's grades improved, he successfully graduated and went to college in Nebraska, had a military career, then eventually returned to become Mayor of Rapid City. His book is meant to highlight how speech therapy can make many positive benefits in the lives of Rapid City youth with such issues. Laura shared contact information for getting assistance with speech issues and encouraged parents to talk with their local Rapid City school about resources. Local locations where the book is available were shared for those wishing to be inspired and encouraged by it. **(Aired on 5/17/14; 75 Minutes Total)**



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#### **ISSUES: THE NEED FOR A FREE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PARK WITH VARIOUS TRAILS FOR HIKING, BIKING & RUNNING RAPID CITY RESIDENTS**

Community Leaders: Steve Flanery & Jeffry Denison of Rapid City, Vice President & Secretary/Treasurer of the local Hanson-Larsen Memorial Park Foundation.

Topics: The need for outdoor recreation in Rapid City for physical health and enjoyment, more about a world-class recreational trail system that is available for such use in the middle of the community, and all the details about how Rapid City families can partake in the Gift that is Hanson-Larsen Memorial Park.

Description of Responsive Programming: The men explained their own personal experiences with outdoor recreation and said that biking, hiking or running in the outdoors allows for many health benefits related to mind and body, as well as even provides a boost to the Rapid City community's economy. They elaborated that Hanson-Larsen Memorial Park (HLMP) is a non-profit, privately operated park, and home to nearly 20 miles of world class biking, hiking and running recreational trails on 300 acres of impeccable Black Hills terrain near the heart of Rapid City's historic downtown district. Funding for the development and operation of the park uses no tax dollars or public funds. Edna Marie "Eddie" Larsen, a lifelong Hermosa-area ranch owner and resident of Rapid City, who passed away in 2004, had the vision to memorialize her parents, Ed Larsen and Etta Hanson-Larsen, by establishing a trust to build a park in their honor. The trails in the Hanson-Larsen Memorial Park have offerings for hikers, mountain bikers and runners of all skill levels, from gently-graded, wide single track for beginners and families, to more technical-advanced, rock strewn terrain for more challenging adventures. This park is free to the public and various tips were given encouraging folks to take care of the Park to ensure it stays nice for generations to come. Rapid City families & individuals were encouraged to get out & enjoy this summer at the Hanson-Larsen Memorial Park, participate in a work day, or just learn more about information about the Park. [www.hlmp.org](http://www.hlmp.org). **(Aired on 5/24/14; 75 Minutes Total)**

#### **ISSUES: THE NEED FOR SUMMER CULTURAL & MUSICAL OFFERINGS, COMMUNITY GATHERINGS & DOWNTOWN BUSINESS SUPPORT IN RAPID CITY**

Community Leader: Megan Whitman, Executive Director of Rapid City's Main Street Square.

Topics: The need for a local venue for cultural entertainment, community gathering and downtown business support, how the Main Street Square provides this in Rapid City, and details about how to participate in musical and cultural opportunities in the summer 2014.

Description of Responsive Programming: Megan related that Main Street Square provides an iconic landmark for Downtown Rapid City, a center plaza with waterfall and dancing water fountain, continually changing visual landscape through public art sculptures, and a downtown gathering area for the local community and its





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visitors. Main Street Square, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, runs Main Street Square and Pedestrian Alley. Main Street Square is overseen by Destination Rapid City, a 501c6 nonprofit organization, which leases the property from the City of Rapid City. Megan said that from summer concerts to fall festivals, there is always something to do in Main Street Square in the heart of Downtown Rapid City. Each year, they welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors to the heart of Rapid City—a gathering place for some of these annual events—in addition to local residents. Megan highlighted the Summer Concert Series held this summer, with a wide variety of musical acts on Thursday nights from June 5 to Aug. 28, 6 to 9 p.m. The event is held in conjunction with Summer Nights, bringing 26 unique bands to Downtown Rapid City throughout the summer months. There will be two stages, a KidZone with inflatables, magic shows, games and more for Rapid City family's cultural and musical opportunities. Main Street Square will have teen activities including a video game trailer, and Outdoor Campus – West's rock climbing wall. The Summer Concert Series at Main Street Square is sponsored by the nonprofit Family Thrift Center and Prairie Market. Their food and drink booths provide proceeds to local non-profit organizations; last year, Family Thrift Center and Prairie Market raised approximately \$8,000. <http://mainstreetsquarerc.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/MainStreetSquare>. (Aired on 5/31/14; 75 Minutes Total)

#### **ISSUES: THE NEED FOR A RAPID CITY YOUTH TO EXPERIENCE POLICE WORK, TEAMWORK, LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Community Leader: Lt. Pete Ragnonen, an officer with the Rapid City Police Department (RCPD), as well as the Cadet Commander for the RCPD Cadet Program.

Topics: The importance of a safe environment for residents and visitors in Rapid City, more about a summer opportunity for local youth that allows them to take an inside look at law enforcement as they anticipate future career options, and how Rapid City teens & young adults can be a part of police work, as well as teamwork, leadership and community service in 2014.

Description of Responsive Programming: Lt. Ragnonen explained that the RCPD is committed to excellence in public safety and are dedicated to the people, traditions and diversity of the city. They provide community-enhancing services, foster a positive relationship with the community and develop our agency and officers with an emphasis on professionalism, integrity and service. The RCPD is responsible for the preservation of the public peace, prevention of crime, apprehension of criminals, protection of rights of persons and property, operation and enforcement of the laws and the rules and regulations made in the furtherance thereof. One of the outreach is offers youth is the RCPD Cadet Program. This Program introduces teens and young adults to police work while teaching them about teamwork, leadership and community service, with Cadets assigned mentors. The program is a division of the Boy Scouts of America and is open to young men and women ages



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14 to 21. Although they do not perform law-enforcement functions, the cadets help officers with traffic and crowd control at parades, Rapid City Summer Nights and Main Street Square's Autumn Nights, as well as ride along with an officer once a month and take on service projects in the community. This Program increases appreciation of the Police Department & what officers deal with each day, teach youth why police do their jobs and the positive/negative effects of their work on them, as well as helps youth know if police work is a good future career for them, while lessening the other officers' loads. [www.rapidcitypolice.org](http://www.rapidcitypolice.org). **(Aired on 6/7/14; 75 Minutes Total)**

#### **ISSUES: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS IN RAPID CITY**

Community Leader: Sara Hornick, the Chairperson of the Black Hills Regional Homeless Coalition Board of Directors, based in Rapid City, as well as Megan Rausaat, that organization's Co-Chair.

Topics: The needs that are in Rapid City when it comes to those without homes to call their own, how the Black Hills Regional Homeless Coalition and its many members seek to reach out to the homeless, as well as more details about their upcoming Homeless Connect event & volunteer opportunities.

Description of Responsive Programming: Sara & Megan explained that the basic need of shelter is required for protection from exposure to the elements of rain, wind, sunlight and heat, cold and snow; Rapid City residents need shelter just as they need food, water, and clothing. The issue of homeless has become more pronounced in past year, as there are about 800 individuals without homes in Rapid City and these individuals set up temporary camps along Rapid Creek and among the overgrown bushes and trees in open spaces throughout east Rapid City/under bridges. While the causes have been linked to a weak economy, unemployment, broken homes, or high housing costs (39 percent of county residents pay more than 35 percent of their income for rent), the issue is complex. To try to help solve homelessness, the *Black Hills Region Homeless Coalition: A Community Partnership to Prevent and End Involuntary Homelessness* was formed and 30 local organizations participated in the creation of The Journey Home plan. The Coalition is committed to informing and engaging the Black Hills community of this effort to prevent homelessness and end it for the hundreds of men, women, and children in shelter or on the streets each night that could and should be sleeping in their own beds. One step in The Journey Home Plan is achieved through the Black Hills Homeless Coalition's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Connect Day, a one-day event designed to provide housing, services and hospitality in a convenient one-stop model for people experiencing homelessness on Thursday, June 19, 2014. Agencies that serve the homeless will offer medical screenings, dental screenings, haircuts and family photos. Transportation, food, drinks and door prizes will also be available. This provides Rapid City citizens a good opportunity to visit with friends & neighbors, learn about the myriad of community resources, and even volunteer to help with the annual





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Homeless Connect. <http://www.rcgov.org/Community-Development/homeless-programs.html>. (Aired on 6/14/14; 75 Minutes Total)

#### **ISSUES: THE NEED FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF RAPID CITY GIRLS IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENCE EDUCATION; LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS OFFER RECREATION & DEVELOPMENT**

Community Leader: Marsha Frericks, District Director, Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons, located in Rapid City.

Topics: The importance of building girls of courage, confidence, and character in Rapid City, ways that the Girl Scouts are leading local young ladies in community service, relationship-building, and summer camp activities, as well as the details about a science camp offered to local girls.

Description of Responsive Programming: Marsha explained that there is need in Rapid City for young girls and women to be encouraged and support in their development and future goals. The Black Hills Girls Scouts seeks to builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Through various local field trips, experiences, service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships girls grow courageous and strong. There are Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors in Rapid City troops and all are working to develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others. Girl Scouts earn badges, participate in the cookie program, and attend summer camp. Camping is a great way to build new skills, get a sense of community and develop a deep appreciation for nature and the Girl Scout camping experience allows Rapid City girls to spend time together in an outdoor setting, to learn how to make their own decisions and to do fun activities with other girls their own age. The most important camper benefits are the opportunities to make new friends, enjoy the outdoors, and gain confidence as new activities are tried and new skills developed. Local Girl Scouts can participate this summer in Nature's Theater Camp, which feature science and environmental education--with a theatrical twist. As part of the afternoon day camp, the girls will create a drama or play about the environment that they put on for their parents/others called, "Environmental Prophecies." It takes place July 8-10, 2014, and is offered Girl Scouts in the Brownie, Daisy, and Junior groups. Marsha explained that there is a need of more scientists and engineers in in our nation and locally. Thus, the Black Hills Girl Scouts are seeking to encourage this untapped pool of women and minority students to pursue the science and engineering fields.

[www.gsdakotahorizons.org](http://www.gsdakotahorizons.org). (Aired on 6/21/14; 75 Minutes Total)



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#### **ISSUES: ACCESSIBLE RECREATIONAL TRAILS FOR ALL IN RAPID CITY; ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF SKYLINE WILDERNESS AREA**

Community Leader: Alex DeSmidt, Landscape Designer for the Rapid City Parks & Recreation RC P & R) Department.

Topics: The need for Rapid City folks to enjoy many forms of recreation in beautiful settings, ways that the City provides this through the local P & R Department, and specifics about the latest when it comes to the “Trails for Everyone” Project happening at the Skyline Wilderness Area Park in Rapid City.

Description of Responsive Programming: Alex explained that it is the ongoing mission of the Rapid City P & R Department to develop & maintain the best park & recreation facilities that it can with the budget available. There are many benefits to recreation, including economic benefits, preservation of critical wildlife habitat, facilitation of social interactions, improvement of moods, stress reduction, and provides organized, structured activities for everyone. While Rapid City has many parks, its Skyline Wilderness Park is comprised of about 170 acres in addition to the 20 acre Dinosaur Park. Skyline Wilderness Park offers an extension of the Black Hills into the heart of Rapid City, representing an important resource for the City by offering nature-related recreation opportunities for residents and serving as a key visitor overlook and interpretive introduction to the Black Hills Region. While the park offers an open meadow feel with steep slopes and rolling terrain, it also features a historic amphitheater, an old petrified forest mine and the Dinosaur Park, in addition to trail systems. The City of Rapid City has worked to develop the “Trails for Everyone” plan as a long-term development strategy using volunteer labor, contract labor and a hybrid combination of both to minimize capital outlay while providing the best available trail resources for resident and visitor use. Skyline Wilderness Parks has endured significant damage due to the high pressure of overuse and a haphazard system of non-sustainable, user built trails. However, the hope is that as more “trail” feature parks are brought online, the pressure on Skyline Wilderness Park will decrease, allowing Rapid City’s Parks & Recreation Department to implement revitalization of the Dinosaur Park Scenic Loop, Skyline Trail, several Access Trails, Single Track Trails, Amphitheater Overlook Loop, Trailhead Development, and Site Interpretation opportunities. Each part of the trails system is geared toward different users, so that a large majority of the population can enjoy using the site for outdoor recreation for citizens & visitors to Rapid City for generations to come. **(Aired on 6/28/14; 75 Minutes Total)**