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APRIL 5, 2014

VALTIS DATA CENTER

JOHN UNGER, PRESIDENT, EXPLAINING THEIR COMPANY ACTS AS A STORAGE CENTER FOR BUSINESS COMPUTERS. UNGER SAYS THEY HAVE AN ARRAY OF COMPUTERS TO STORE DATA FOR A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS. THEIR FIBER OPTIC NETWORK OPERATION SERVICES BUSINESSES FROM FARGO TO THE TWIN CITIES. UNGER SAYS THEIR DECISION TO LOCATE IN ALEXANDRIA WAS BASED ON THE CITY’S CENTRAL LOCATION. AT PRESENT THEIR COMPUTER CLOUD CAPACITY IS AT 30% WITH AMPLE ROOM FOR GROWTH.

APRIL 12, 2014

MOTIVATIONAL AUTHOR/SPEAKER

JOE SCHMIDT, PRESENT SPORTS DIRECTOR FOR KSTP TELEVISION AND AUTHOR OF HIS BOOK “SILENT IMPACT” WITH STORIES OF INFLUENCE THROUGH PURPOSE, PERSISTENCE AND PASSION. SCHMIDT SAYS ALL OF US IMPACT OTHERS EACH DAY EITHER IN A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE WAY. THE BOOK SHARES A WIDE VARIETY OF STORIES FROM CELEBRITIES TO AVERAGE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON OTHER PEOPLES LIVES. MOST OF US, IF WE WERE TO LIST THE TOP FIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE IMPACTED US, WOULD INCLUDE A SCHOOL TEACHER.

APRIL 19, 2014

JOBS AND EDUCATION

U.S. SENATOR AL FRANKEN RECENTLY TOURED SEVERAL MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN ALEXANDRIA. FRANKEN IS PRESENTLY AUTHOR OF A BILL THAT SUPPORTS COMPENSATION THROUGH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAREER FUND ACT THAT PARTNERS COMMUNITY COLLEGES WITH LOCAL MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. FRANKEN STATED THAT MANY ABOVE AVERAGE, WELL PAYING JOB OPENINGS IN THE ALEXANDRIA AREA REQUIRE TECHNICAL SKILLS THAT MANY PEOPLE DON’T HAVE. FRANKEN SAYS IT’S CRITICAL WE NARROW THIS SKILLS GAP BETWEEN AVAILABLE JOB OPENINGS AND UNTRAINED WORKERS AND ALEXANDRIA IS THE MODEL PROGRAM.

APRIL 26, 2014

RECREATIONAL UPDATE

EARL ANDERSON OWNER, OWNER OF OLLIES SERVICE AND A SEA-DOO DEALERSHIP, TALKED ABOUT THE GROWING POPULARITY OF RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT AND THE LATEST INNOVATIONS IN THE JET SKI INDUSTRY INCLUDING THE LATEST MODEL THE SEA-DOO SPARK. ANDERSON SAYS PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RUN MUCH QUIETER AND MANY MODELS OFFER WATER BREAKS.

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MAY 3, 2014

SAFE COMMUNITIES/SAFE ROADS

CRYSTAL HOEPNER, WITH DOUGLAS COUNTY’S SAFE COMMUNITY COALITION, DISCUSSED WAYS TO REDUCE DEATH AND INJURY ON OUR ROADS AND HIGHWAYS. THEIR GOAL IS ZERO DEATHS. THE 92% USE OF SEAT BELTS BY MOTORISTS AND THEIR PASSENGERS HAS REDUCED FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES. REDUCING PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS IS ALSO A GOAL. THE ONGOING BROADWAY RENOVATION WILL MAKE PEDESTRIANS SAFER WITH THE BUMP-OUTS AT INTERSECTIONS.

MAY 10, 2014

CREATIONISM

BRYAN YOUNG, DIRECTOR OF THE CREATIONISM ASSOCIATION, TALKED ABOUT THE CREDIBLE BASIS FOR INTELLIGENT DESIGN KNOWN AS CREATIONISM. YOUNG EXPLAINED THE INCONSISTENCIES OF THE EVOLUTION THEORY. YOUNG BELIEVES CREATIONISM SHOULD BE TAUGHT IN OUR SCHOOLS TO ADD BALANCE BUT BELIEVES MANY THAT SUPPORT EVOLUTION DON’T WANT TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO A GOD.

MAY 17, 2014

LYMES DISEASE DETECTION/PREVENTION

JODY BAUMAN, A LYMES DISEASE VICTIM, SHARED HER STORY OF HOW SHE HAS LIVED WITH LYME DISEASE. IN MANY CASES PEOPLE DON’T REALIZE THEIR MOOD SWINGS AND PHYSICAL AILMENTS COULD BE BECAUSE OF LYMES DISEASE AND MANY DOCTORS FAIL TO DIAGNOSE IT. THERE ARE DOZENS OF SYMPTOMS THAT ARE CAUSED BY LYMES DISEASE.

MAY 24, 2014

SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE

SHARON RUSHFORD WITH THE ALEXANDRIA SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE AND DEB SHEA WITH THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SENIOR OFFICE TALKED ABOUT RETIREMENT BENEFITS, MEDICARE BENEFITS AND THE APPEAL PROCESS IF YOUR MEDICAL BILLS ARE NOT PAID BY MEDICARE. SHEA EXPLAINED THE VARIETY OF MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS. RUSHFORD SAYS THEIR LOCAL OFFICE IS MOVING TO A NEW LOCATION IN ALEXANDRIA.

MAY 31, 2014

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS

JESSICA PETERSON WITH DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AND CITY ENGINEER TIM SCHOONHOVEN TALKED ABOUT THE ONGOING DOWNTOWN RENOVATION PROJECT AND THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MN DOT, THE DOUGLAS COUNTY

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HEALTH DEPT., AND THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA THAT HAS ALLOWED THIS MAJOR DOWNTOWN RENOVATION TO GO ALONG SMOOTHLY. SPECIAL EMPHASIS WILL FOCUS ON PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLE SAFETY. SCHOONHOVEN SAYS DESPITE A FEW WEATHER RELATED DELAYS THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL FINISH APPROXIMATELY JULY 11, 2014

JUNE 7, 2014

ZERO ENERGY BUILDING

VAN GOOSH, AREA RESIDENT, WHO HAS BUILT A ZERO ENERGY HOME ON LAKE RACHEL. GOOSH SAYS BY USING SOLAR ENERGY THEY PRODUCE MORE ENERGY THAN THEY USE TO HEAT THEIR HOME, POWER THEIR APPLIANCES AND HEAT THEIR WATER. GOOSH SAYS TAX CREDITS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT. THE TOTAL COSTS WAS AROUND \$60,000 BUT WITH TAX CREDIT THE COST WAS REDUCED IN HALF. THE PAYBACK ON INVESTMENT IS ABOUT 30 YEARS.

JUNE 14, 2014

BASEBALL DOCUMENTATION

JOYN RYMER, THE BASEBALL BUDDHA, IS TRAVELING AROUND THE U.S. THIS YEAR VISITING AND WRITING ABOUT BASEBALL PARKS IN THE MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUES. RYMER SAYS HE’S ALSO WATCHING THE FANS AND WILL WRITE ABOUT WHY THE FANS SHOWED UP WITH THEIR FAMILIES. RYMER SAYS BASEBALLS ROOTS STARTED IN BALL PARKS LIKE ALEXANDRIA’S KNUTE NELSON AND THOSE PARKS ARE SADLY DISAPPEARING ACROSS AMERICA. LOCAL FANS NEED TO SUPPORT THEIR LOCAL BASEBALL TEAMS. RYMERS PLANS TO END HIS BASEBALL TREK AT THE WORLD SERIES THIS FALL.

JUNE 21, 2014

IMPROVING YOUR GOLF GAME

PGA TEACHING PRO GOLFER SCOTT DIRCK OF THE GOLF ACADEMY AT GENEVA GOLF, TALKED ABOUT INTRODUCING BEGINNERS OF ALL AGES TO THE GAME OF GOLF. FOR STARTERS GETTING LESSONS FROM A PRO WILL GET A BEGINNING GOLFER QUICKER SUCCESS AND IT MAKES THE GAME MORE ENJOYABLE. WITH THE HIGH TECH UPGRADES IN GOLF CLUBS, NOVICE GOLFERS CAN ENJOY A LEVEL OF SUCCESS THAT WILL ATTRACT THEM TO PURSUE A HIGHER LEVEL OF PLAY. THE BOTTOM LINE IS GOLF SHOULD BE ENJOYABLE AND GIVE A PERSON A LIFETIME OF ENJOYMENT WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS/BAND FESTIVAL

ALEXANDRIA MARCHING BAND DIRECTOR GREG DEGIER AND MARVIN MARTINSON, THIS YEARS GRAND MARSHAL, TALKEDA BOUT THE UPCOMING VIKINGLAND BAND FESTIVAL, FEATURING 23 BANDS INCLUDING THE DRUM & BUGLE CORP, MINNESOTA BRASS AND THE 2011 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. THE FESTIVAL DRAWS THOUSANDS OF VISITORS TO ALEXANDRIA EACH YEAR AND IS THE NUMBER ONE BAND FESTIVAL IN MINNESOTA.