ISSUES REPORT

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FOX 17 broadcasts eight newscasts -- FOX 17 MORNING NEWS (4:30-9am Sunday through Saturday), FOX 17 NEWS AT ELEVEN (11am-noon Monday through Friday), FOX 17 NEWS AT FOUR (4-5pm Monday through Friday), FOX 17 NEWS AT FIVE (5-6pm Monday through Friday), FOX 17 NEWS AT SIX (6-7pm Monday through Friday), FOX 17 NEWS AT SEVEN (7-7:30pm Monday through Friday), FOX 17 NEWS AT TEN (10-11pm Sunday through Saturday) and FOX 17 NEWS AT ELEVEN (11-11:30pm Sunday through Saturday) – plus one lifestyle program -- FOX 17 MORNING MIX (9-10am Monday through Friday).

WXMI has identified the following issues as significant to our viewers. The list includes issues most frequently covered for the Second Quarter of 2023: (1) Crime & Safety (2) Community Events (3) Education & Youth Issues (4) Economy and (5) Government & Politics (6) Health.

The following summarizes a representative sample of programming that provided the most significant treatment of community issues during the past quarter. Programming frequently deals with more than one issue.

1. **CRIME & SAFETY:**

APRIL

A. "Charging A President" 04/04/23 8am 3:03

On the day that former President Donald Trump is arraigned in a New York City courtroom on 34 felony counts, FOX 17 presents a live interview with an attorney from the Warner, Norcross + Judd national law firm in Grand Rapids answering questions about the first president ever to be arrested, the grand jury and indictment processes, and the details surrounding this particular case.

B. "Lyoya Anniversary" 04/04/23 5pm 3:59
On the one-year anniversary of 26-year-old Congo refugee Patrick Lyoya being shot to death by a Grand Rapids police officer, a story that has garnered national attention and resulted in murder charges against the policeman, FOX 17 speaks with Lyoya's father and the family's nationally renowned civil-rights attorney while detailing everything that has taken place with the case over the past 12 months.

C. "MSU Shooting Diaries" 04/09/23 10pm 7:14

A FOX 17 crew spends several days in East Lansing interviewing two Michigan State University professors compiling an in-depth report on their Michigan Diaries app, which started out chronicling Michiganders' voices on a variety of issues but has evolved into a Spartan Strong collection of hundreds of Michigan residents' thoughts about the Feb. 13 mass shooting on the MSU campus.

A. "35-Year-Old Murder Arrest" 05/01/23 5pm 3:17 FOX 17 reports live from Three Rivers where local, state and federal officials announced that, thanks to DNA evidence collected at the time, a man now living in South Carolina has been arrested for the 1988 sexual assault and gruesome stabbing, beating and strangulation death of a 19-year-old mother in the presence of her infant daughter.

B. "Loaded Gun & Reaction" 05/10/23 10pm 5:22 FOX 17 devotes two crews to covering an event that dominates the afternoon and evening in Grand Rapids – first an 8-year-old third grader is discovered with a loaded semiautomatic pistol in an elementary school, then the police and school district conduct a joint press conference immediately prohibiting students from using backpacks, and then FOX 17 interviews parents about their negative reaction to the backpack ban.

C. "Band Embezzlement" 05/11/23 10pm 2:02
FOX 17 has a crew at Wyoming High School after police announced earlier in the day that they had arrested the president of the Wyoming High School Band Boosters for embezzling more than \$35,000, followed by the school district announcing that the booster club was being dissolved and that school officials would begin handling fundraising and all the money collected themselves.

JUNE

A. "Police Seek Public's Help" 06/01/23 6pm 2:33 FOX 17 has a crew at an apartment complex in downtown Grand Rapids after a 22-year-old mother is found shot to death in a car there alongside her 1-year-old daughter, who was not injured. Police tell FOX 17 they are conducting a manhunt for the woman's boyfriend, who "should be considered armed and dangerous," and also ask for the public's help identifying two witnesses.

B. "New Battle Creek Chief" 06/05/23 5pm 2:39 FOX 17 has a crew live in Battle Creek, where Shannon Bagley is named the new police chief and outlines his goals for the office – formerly the interim chief since the previous chief's retirement six months earlier, a member of the force for two years and prior to that a 25-year veteran of the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety.

C. "Gymnastics Assault Victims" 06/21/23 10:30am 11:48 FOX 17 broadcasts live a press conference from the Kent County Prosecutor's Office in Grand Rapids updating viewers on a former gymnastics coach's arrest in Florida for what are now 14 preteen victims of criminal sexual assault during three separate incidents at gymnastics academies in West Michigan and asking for the public's help identifying other potential victims.

2. **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

- A. "**Tigers Home Opener**" 04/06/23 11am 3:49 FOX 17 has a crew live at Comerica Park in downtown Detroit where people are lined up all day to be part of a standing-room-only packed house of 44,650 on hand for the first home game of the Detroit Tigers' 2023 baseball season against the Boston Red Sox, a contest that the Red Sox rallied to win 6-3.
- B. "Big Dog-Owner Contest" 04/11/23 7pm 4:24
 A FOX 17 crew goes to Belmont to speak with officials from the Cannonsburg Ski Area, which is introducing its first-ever Cannonsburg Canicross, a popular European running event where dogs and their owners compete together via a harness connected to each other by a flexible leash and that is expected to attract about a hundred teams to West Michigan.
- C. "SpringFest For Disabled" 04/12/23 8am 3:33
 FOX 17 presents a live interview with officials from the Grand Rapids American Business Clubs (AMBUCS) about their upcoming 35th annual SpringFest, a community-wide celebration featuring live mascots, music, entertainment and refreshments for special people of all ages with disabilities, their caretakers, relatives, friends and supporters.

MAY

- A. "95th Tulip Time" 05/05/23 8am 60:00 FOX 17 has two crews, both anchors and a meteorologist in Holland for the opening morning of the 95th annual Tulip Time festival, which attracts 600,000+ visitors annually and features more than 4.5 million tulips along with parades, concerts, shows and many Dutch-related events, and which Reader's Digest has named the "Best Small-Town Festival in America."
- B. "Community-Wide Flags" 05/07/23 10pm 2:28
 FOX 17 has a crew in Lake Odessa at the Lakeside Cemetery where the
 American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary are conducting a community-wide
 get-together for entire families from all around West Michigan to place flags on
 hundreds of military veterans' graves to beautify the area in advance of the
 annual Memorial Day holiday weekend.
- C. "46th River Bank Run" 05/13/23 8am 4:24 FOX 17 has crews presenting live reports and then airing a comprehensive package on the 46th annual Amway River Bank Run around downtown Grand Rapids, a 25-kilometer competition that serves as a qualifying race for both the Boston Marathon and the Olympics on a day that hosts more than 10,000 runners in a variety of races.

JUNE

A. "43rd Arts Festival" 06/02/23 8am 4:35 FOX 17 has a crew reporting live from downtown Grand Rapids on the opening morning of the 43rd Festival of the Arts, which is billed as "West Michigan's Kickoff to the Summer" and attracts thousands of people to a 12-square-block

area that features nonstop art exhibits, food, musical performers, dance performances and many other outdoor activities during a three-day period.

B. "Wear Orange Weekend" 06/04/23 10pm 3:10 FOX 17 is in Holland where hundreds of people dressed in orange pack Centennial Park for a local rally that is part of Wear Orange Weekend, a nationwide event honoring victims and survivors of gun violence that is advocating for community safety and a better future.

C. "Grand Rapids Pride" 06/17/23 10pm 3:09 FOX 17 has a crew at Calder Plaza in downtown Grand Rapids to interview organizers and attendees at the 35th annual GR Pride Festival, which serves as one of the largest one-day events each year in Grand Rapids and attracts thousands of LGBTQ+ community members, businesses, allies and organizations to celebrate diversity, inclusion and the metro area's large LGBTQ+ community.

3. <u>EDUCATION & YOUTH ISSUES:</u>

APRIL

A. "Blake Forever Home" 04/03/23 8am 2:57
FOX 17 presents the latest installment of its popular "Forever Home" series, seeking an adoptive family for Blake, a high-spirited 10-year-old boy from the Grand Rapids metropolitan area who has dreams of one day being a pizza chef, is currently in the foster care system and who is looking for a family to take him in permanently and love him.

B. "Student Spotlight" 04/03/23 10pm 3:57
FOX 17 presents the first installment of its new "Student Spotlight" series, featuring Earnest, a teenager from Wyoming who grew up with heart problems that led to cognitive impairments and special education classes, who has excelled and received both the Teen of the Month and the Youth of the Year awards from the Boys & Girls Club in Grand Rapids.

C. "Student Teacher Compensation" 04/06/23 8am 2:48 FOX 17 compiles a package chronicling why, after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last year announced the Michigan Future Educator Stipend where the state would be providing every student teacher with \$9,600 in compensation, the payments still have not been made eight months later.

MAY

A. "National Report Card" 05/03/23 5pm 2:32 FOX 17 speaks with West Michigan educational experts about a National Center for Education Statistics report card released earlier in the day that showed that students' American history and civics scores are on the decline nationally for the first time ever.

- B. "New Preschool & Daycare" 05/05/23 4pm 2:27 FOX 17 has a crew in Zeeland where dozens of educational, community, economic development and government officials are on hand for the groundbreaking of an innovative new 43,000-square-foot, \$7.5 million Outdoor Discovery Center Network preschool and daycare center with a capacity of 250 students as part of the Gentex automotive, aircraft and fire-protection plant campus.
- C. "Take Back Our Schools" 05/05/23 6pm 3:13

 FOX 17 has a crew that starts out at the Willard Library in Battle Creek, where education supporters are making posters, and then follows them as they march to the First Congregational Church, where they take part in a two-hour "Take Back Our Schools" rally to provide safe school environments for educating all students, plus a one-on-one interview with the family of a high school senior who was shot to death recently.

JUNE

- A. "Bike Helmets & Safety" 06/03/23 10pm 2:25 FOX 17 has a crew at Garfield Park in Grand Rapids where more than 600 children plus their parents are on hand for the Lids for Kids free bike helmets and bike safety event, which FOX 17 personalities host and which the station is also the major sponsor of.
- B. "Stand Up for Youth" 06/05/23 8am 3:12
 FOX 17 hosts representatives from the Boys & Girls Club of Muskegon
 Lakeshore and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore in the studio for a live interview on Saturday's Stand Up for Youth paddleboard race fundraiser at Mona Lake in Norton Shores.
- C. "Helping Out Youth" 06/05/23 7pm 5:08

 FOX 17 conducts an in-depth interview with Clarkston Morgan, a Kentwood city commissioner and youth advocate who helps young people create their own narrative and details what younger generations should focus on moving into summer as well as both the misconceptions and explanations about their work ethic.

4. **ECONOMY:**

APRIL

A. "Land Buy & New Station" 04/01/23 10pm 2:18 FOX 17 speaks with city and Grand Rapids Fire Department officials after the city agrees to purchase two properties on Kalamazoo Avenue SE for \$500,000 so that it can build a new \$25 million fire station and add a new engine company for an area of the Third Ward that currently is not receiving an acceptable level of fire protection, the first new fire station that the city has built in more than 40 years.

- B. \$300 Million Arena" 04/06/23 10pm 6:04 FOX 17 devotes two crews and reports live from Kalamazoo, where county commissioners just approved moving forward with the Catalyst Development Co.'s \$300 million project to construct a 320,000-square-foot multi-purpose event arena that would play host to community and sporting events in the downtown area and would provide \$54 million to the local economy.
- C. "Affordable Housing" 04/11/23 5pm 2:23 FOX 17 goes to Kalamazoo County where officials announce that they are addressing the local affordable housing crisis by committing more than \$2.2 million to multi-family housing projects and supportive services so that area residents can afford the high price of homes there.

MAY

- A. "\$250 Million Campus" 05/01/23 5pm 2:51 FOX 17 reports live from the groundbreaking ceremony in Muskegon for the Adelaide Pointe condominium and recreational hub campus where federal, state and local government officials are on hand as part of the \$250 million Lake Michigan waterfront revitalization project.
- B. **"\$81 Million Downtown"** 05/02/23 5pm 2:36
 A FOX 17 crew reports live from 28th Street in Wyoming where plans are announced for construction to begin soon on a new \$81 million 28th Street Revitalization Project that will create a city center downtown area of its own for Wyoming including a new multimillion-dollar pedestrian bridge, new housing, new businesses, other new commercial development, relocating all power lines underground and 3.1 miles of new trails.
- C. "GR Businesses Flourishing" 05/08/23 5pm 3:24 A FOX 17 crew reports from downtown Grand Rapids about the city's strong business culture, which has resulted in more than 50 new businesses opening their doors and speaks with business owners plus GR's busy coordinator of business attraction and retention about new incentives.

JUNE

- A. "Business Start-Ups" 06/07/23 7pm 4:41 FOX 17 sits down for an in-depth interview with the director of business growth for Spring GR and a woman who successfully started her own event-venue business with assistance from the organization, a business accelerator nonprofit agency that helps participants get their business ideas off the ground and then with keeping their businesses running prosperously for years to come.
- B. "\$490 Million Economic Impact" 06/12/23 10pm 3:16 FOX 17 reports live from the scene of a packed community meeting where developers answer questions, address concerns, and unveil major changes regarding building a new outdoor amphitheater in downtown Grand Rapids, a \$116 million, 85,000-square-foot, 10.6-acre venue that's the key component of

a new 310-acre development expected to attract 30,000 visitors yearly and generate \$490 million in new economic impact over the next 30 years.

C. "Big New Restaurant" 06/14/23 8am 3:05 FOX 17 has two anchors and a crew in downtown Ada where a celebrated, national award-winning chef who was named the Midwest's Best Chef and was originally scheduled to open a new artisan Italian restaurant in 2020 but was unable to do so due to the coronavirus pandemic, is now opening that large 4,000+-square-foot eatery with seating for 90+ inside and another 36 outside.

5. **GOVERNMENT & POLITICS:**

APRIL

- A. **"Lt. Gov. Gilchrist Interview"** 04/05/23 5pm 5:35 FOX 17 interviews Michigan Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist live during the newscast where he answers questions about the accomplishments of he and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer during the first 100 days of their second term in office as well as what their administration is planning to do in the future.
- B. "Whitmer & Scholten In GR" 04/06/23 11am 1:49
 A FOX 17 crew covers a press conference in Grand Rapids by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Congresswoman Hillary Scholten and automotive industry leaders where they discuss including pausing the sales tax on electric vehicles, which many Michigan residents say are too expensive for them to afford, as part of the state budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2024.
- C. "New Gun Legislation" 04/13/23 5pm 4:27
 On the day that began with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signing a package of bills to combat gun violence, prompted by the recent mass shooting at Michigan State University, FOX 17 speaks with a local prosecutor and presents a package on the pending impact of the legislation and the successes or failures that similar measures have had in other states around America.

MAY

- A. "Election Preview" 05/01/23 10pm 4:09
 As part of FOX 17's region-wide preview of tomorrow's elections, a crew is on the scene in Algoma Township reporting on one of West Michigan's most highly charged referendums, where voters will decide whether to split apart from the Kent District Library system and save money by operating their own local library in partnership with an adjacent township.
- B. "Election Night Coverage" 05/02/23 10pm 95:00 FOX 17 devotes its entire 10 and 11 p.m. newscasts to presenting results from the day's statewide general elections, with special focus on several hotly contested schools, bond and millage votes, plus many other state and local contests in the 14 West Michigan counties that the station covers.

C. "Government Clean-Up" 05/16/23 10pm 3:05
FOX 17 has a crew at the former Spartan Chemical storage property in
Wyoming, which is contaminated by widespread volatile organic compounds
left behind, as Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy
officials are on the scene preparing the site for a massive six-month cleanup,
remediating the extensive soil, sediment, surface water, groundwater and air
contamination.

JUNE

- A. "New Abortion Bill" 06/01/23 5pm 2:34

 FOX 17 has a crew at the State Capitol in Lansing interviewing a Coopersville Michigan House of Representatives member about a new bill that would reinstate a 1931 ban on abortions in Michigan, remove Proposition 3 from the Michigan Constitution and reinstate bans on both the sale of prescription abortion pills and advertising for abortion services.
- B. "House Committee Hearing" 06/05/23 10pm 3:31 FOX 17 has a crew at the State Capitol in Lansing covering Michigan House of Representatives Criminal Justice Committee testimony on the Access To Justice bills package that would provide sexual abuse survivors with more time to take action against sexual predators and pedophiles.
- C. "Hair Discrimination Law" 06/15/23 6pm 2:35

 FOX 17 has a crew at a popular African-American hair salon in Grand Rapids speaking with the owner on the same day that Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signs a bill into law banning hair discrimination, known as the CROWN Act for "Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair," updating Michigan's Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1976.

6. **HEALTH:**

APRIL

- A. "Carbon Monoxide Awareness" 04/02/23 10pm 4:34 FOX 17 speaks with the National Carbon Monoxide Awareness Association, a nonprofit based here in Michigan, the Plainfield Township Fire Department chief and the DTE Energy director of gas operations on increasing awareness about carbon monoxide poisoning and the importance of all businesses and residences having working carbon monoxide detectors.
- B. "Spring Allergy Season" 04/03/23 8am 2:04 FOX 17 interviews a local allergy doctor about the spring allergy season that is currently getting underway, which is expected to last longer and affect more people than in years past due to climate trends, a report that is directed toward the 25 percent of all Americans who suffer from seasonal allergies.
- C. "Lead In Kalamazoo Homes" 04/05/23 5pm 3:06 A FOX 17 crew is in Kalamazoo speaking with city officials after the Kalamazoo City Commission this week approved a grant worth more than \$3

million from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to reduce the hazards of lead-based paint in older homes, a problem that is particularly widespread in Kalamazoo.

MAY

- A. "Running For Mental Health" 05/01/23 7pm 4:15 On the first day of Mental Health Awareness Month, FOX 17 interviews the founders of two groups partnering together to operate a Hudsonville nonprofit that addresses mental health issues through running – conducted while the reporter and both interviewees are at a gym walking on treadmills.
- B. "Skin Care Changes" 05/02/23 10pm 4:06
 FOX 17 speaks with West Michigan estheticians about controversial changes that the Michigan Board of Cosmetology is implementing for skin care specialists and the beauty industry statewide, specifically that they will no longer be able to perform many of the procedures that they have received specialized training in.
- C. "Dealing With Menopause" 05/03/23 7am 3:28
 FOX 17 interviews an expert guest live in the studio Dr. Diana Bitner, a Grand Rapids chief medical officer, obstetrician and gynecologist with 25 years' experience who addresses a new national study on menopause and lists steps women can take to make the process easier on themselves.

JUNE

- A. "Pediatric Hearing Aids" 06/05/23 5pm 4:46
 A Scripps News package details doctors, parents and advocates in Michigan and four other states pursuing legislation to require insurance companies to cover the \$7,000 hearing aids plus ear molds, batteries and warranties that are necessary for the 3 in every 1,000 babies that the National Institutes of Health says are born with substantial hearing loss.
- B. "Beware Of Wildfire Smoke" 06/07/23 10pm 3:00 FOX 17 has a crew at University of Michigan Health West in Grand Rapids interviewing a respiratory health specialist, who warns viewers about the unhealthy haze and hazardous smoky conditions that have descended on West Michigan from more than 400 wildfires currently burning in Canada, which make air quality a "real issue" for every person breathing them in.
- C. "City's Water Is Safe" 06/14/23 6pm 2:35
 FOX 17 covers a community meeting in Muskegon Heights where, after the state sent out letters criticizing operations at the city's water filtration plant, representatives from both Muskegon Heights and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy assure residents that their water is safe to drink, cook with and use.

COMMUNITY ISSUES/PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Listing of some of the Public Service Announcements aired. The Public Service Announcement list is updated monthly and the PSAs run in rotation.

1. <u>DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND GAMBLING:</u>

- A. MAB/Win Life Back :30 8 Airings 4/20 5/1 If you or someone you love is struggling with a gambling addiction, seek help at the Michigan Problem Gambling helpline.
- B. MAB/Justina :30 16 Airings 4/4 6/26 There is help for people addicted to drugs, don't be afraid to get them the help they need.

2. EDUCATION:

- A. In Between STEM :15/:30/:60 4 Airings 4/1 4/8 STEM get a tough rep for being calculated and reserved for those who have a "knack for it", but it's actually fun, messy and for all kids. Sponsored by Ad Council.
- B. MAB/Maze Navigator :30 26 Airings 4/20 6/26 Medicare can be like a confusing maze. MMAP is here to help people navigate through it. You can learn how to become a MMAP counselor to teach people how to navigate Medicare.

3. <u>HEALTH & FITNESS:</u>

- A. Back To Normal/Bricks/Your Life :15/:30/:60 21 Airings 4/1 6/24 Teens face many challenges that can weigh on their mental health. Boys Town specializes in youth mental health and has resources that can help. Sponsored by Boys Town.
- B. MAB/Any Questions :30 33 Airings 4/19 6/13 The COVID vaccine is made to protect us all, talk to your healthcare provider today and make sure you are up to date on your COVID vaccine.
- C. MAB/Stay Well :30 6 Airings 4/3 4/10
 Be kind to your mind, share your feelings and have hope. Talk to a "Stay Well" Counselor for free, confidential help.
- D. MAB/Hope for Tomorrow :30 27 Airings 5/18 6/30 Thanks to the COVID vaccine, there is hope for tomorrow. Talk to your healthcare provider today to get your vaccine.

E. MAB/Lead Testing 30 35 Airings 4/3 - 6/30 Lead is unsafe for everyone, but especially for kids since they are still growing. Get your kids tested today for lead.

4. <u>OTHER:</u>

- A. Brave :30/:60 11 Airings 4/1 4/8Never give up, even when things get tough. Be brave, face your fears and amazing things can happen. Sponsored by Foundation for a Better Life.
- B. Dear Humans/Save Them All :15/:30/:60 17 Airings 4/1 6/24 Find your new best friend at your local animal shelter. Adopt, don't shop. Sponsored by the Best Friends Society.
- C. Girl Scouts :30 15 Airings 4/1 6/24 Make friends, have adventures, and experience the outdoors with the Girl Scouts. Sponsored by the Girl Scouts of America.
- D. Roar :30/:60 6 Airings 4/8 6/17 Show the world your confidence. When you are confident, you can do anything! Sponsored by Foundation for a Better Life.

FOX 17 ON-AIR TALENT APPEARANCES 2nd Quarter 2023

FOX 17 makes an attempt to be involved in community events by having FOX 17 News on-air talent involved as well as station employees.

DATE	TALENT	EVENT
4/13/23	Michelle Dunaway	Walk to End Alzheimers Emcee
4/14/23	Haleigh Vaughn	Mattawan Middle School School Visit/Weather Experiment
4/17/23	Haleigh Vaughn	Grand Rapids Climate Coalition FOX 17 Representative
4/21/23	Haleigh Vaughn	Girls on the Run Volunteer
5/1/23	Elliot Grandia	Total Trek Quest Coach
5/3/23	Candace Monacelli	Lids for Kids Emcee
5/6/23	Elliot Grandia Lauren Kummer	Donut and Beer Festival Celebrity Judge
5/8/23	Ruta Ulcinaite	Tulip Time Reception Media Sponsor Representative
5/11/23	Michelle Dunaway	Meals on Wheels of West Michigan Luncheon Emcee
5/11/23	Elliot Grandia Lauren Kummer	Tulip Time Volksparade Celebrity Sweeper
5/11/23	Josh Berry	Tulip Time Volksparade Host
5/13/23	Michelle Dunaway	Tulip Time Parade Emcee
5/13/23	Isabella Hulsizer Josh Berry	Tulip Time Parade Walker
5/20/23	Isabella Hulsizer	Girls on the Run Kalamazoo

	Haleigh Vaughn	Volunteer
5/20/23	Michelle Dunaway	Civic Theatre Young Artist Studio Media Representative
5/21/23	Haleigh Vaughn	Girls on the Run SE Michigan Emcee
6/3/23	Haleigh Vaughn	Girls on the Run Ottawa County Volunteer
6/3/23	Elliot Grandia Ruta Ulcinaite	Chase the Bear Golf Tournament Emcee and Volunteer
6/8/23	Lauren Kummer	Public Relations Proof Awards Emcee
6/10/23	Isabella Hulsizer	Humane Society of West Michigan Orientation Volunteer
6/10/23	Michelle Dunaway Lauren Edwards	Rock the Block Volunteer
6/10/23	Elliot Grandia Lauren Kummer	Taste of Muskegon Celebrity Judge
6/18/23	Jamie Sherrod	Urban League "No Menthol" Sunday Emcee
6/24/23	Candace Monacelli	Take Steps – Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Emcee/Walker
April – June	Reece Cole	West Michigan Miracle League Adult League Coach

FOX 17 Special Projects 2nd Quarter 2023

Pay It Forward Person of the Month

West Michigan has a great history of philanthropy and community service. The Pay It Forward Awards, presented by Lake Michigan Credit Union, are FOX 17's way of recognizing the many selfless acts that take place in West Michigan each and every day. We want to make sure good deeds don't go unnoticed! Viewers nominate someone they feel goes above and beyond, and FOX 17 chooses a Pay It Forward Person of the Month. We air their story during all newscasts one day a month, and promote during the week of the airing to watch and see who was nominated this month.

Schedule: April 24 - 28, May 22 - 26, June 26 - 30

A Path Forward

At FOX 17, instead of just covering the increase in youth (14-17) crime, we want to be part of a broader solution. FOX 17 created A Path Forward to connect families with resources, address obstacles, celebrate successes and create lasting change. We want to lift up young people from communities through engagement, partnerships, and storytelling. We encourage the community to connect with us at apathforward@fox17online.com so we can tell their stories.

Schedule: April 1 – June 30, 2023

Tulip Time

FOX 17 was the official sponsor and weather partner of Tulip Time. We aired a 30 minute special about Tulip Time, interviewed organizers and performers during FOX 17 newscasts and during the FOX 17 Morning Mix programs and posted information about the event online and on our social media. FOX also ran a contest giving away tickets to Tulip Time events.

Schedule: May 6 - 14, 2023

Event Date: May 6 - 14, 2023

Lids for Kids

FOX 17 was the official television sponsor of the 8th annual Lids for Kids event. FOX 17's Candace Monacelli hosted the event which promoted bike safety and over 450 children were fitted for a free bike helmet! FOX 17 interviewed organizers during their FOX 17 Morning News and during the FOX 17 Morning Mix programs and posted information about the event online and on our social media. FOX 17 was also present at the event giving away water bottles and other prizes under the FOX 17 tent.

Schedule: May 15 – June 3

Event Date: June 3, 2023

Rock the Block

FOX 17 was the official television sponsor of the Rock the Block Street Festival in Grand Rapids. The event celebrates diversity, bridges gaps within our community and works towards a more equitable Grand Rapids with a day of live arts and entertainment, multicultural cuisine, community resources and shopping. FOX 17 aired a spot promoting the event free of charge, did several news mentions, and was also present at the event giving away prizes under the FOX 17 tent.

Schedule: May 29 – June 10

Event Date: June 10, 2023

Take Steps (Crohn's & Colitis Foundation)

FOX 17 was the official television sponsor of the annual Take Steps event. FOX 17's Candace Monacelli hosted the event which helps raise needed funds to support patient programs, enhance professional education efforts, and propel critical research for cures. FOX 17 interviewed organizers during their FOX 17 Morning News and during the FOX 17 Morning Mix programs and posted information about the event on-line and on our social media. FOX 17 produced commercials and ran them at no cost to the organizers and was present at the event giving away prizes under the FOX 17 tent.

Schedule: May 29 – June 24

Event Date: June 24, 2023

Pride Month

Throughout the month of June FOX 17 aired public service announcements in support and celebration of Pride Month. FOX 17 aired these spots all throughout June absolutely free of charge.

Schedule: June 1 - 30, 2023

FOX 17 Road Crew

The FOX 17 Road Crew is comprised of a group of station employees who attend local events and go to local attractions. They are the face of FOX 17 at public events giving away various items and great prizes. The FOX 17 Road Crew attended the following events in the 2nd quarter of 2023:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
06/3/23	9am – 12:00pm	Lids for Kids – Grand Rapids
06/24/23	9am – 1:00pm	Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis - Grand Rapids

FOX NEWS SUNDAY GUESTS

April 2, 2023

Trump Indictment:

James Trusty

William Barr

Debt Ceiling/Social Security

Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)

April 9, 2023

Foreign Policy:

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)

Easter/Passover

Feature: Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel

April 16, 2023

Classified Documents Leak:

Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC)

Gen. Jack Keane

AI/debt ceiling

Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)

April 23, 2023

2024

Fmr. Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R-AZ)

Debt Ceiling/Biden Agenda:

Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)

April 30, 2023

2024:

RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel

Biden Re-elect/debt ceiling:

Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

May 7, 2023

Title 42/Border

Gov. Greg Abbott (R-TX)

Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX)

Debt Ceiling:

Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX)

May 14, 2023

Border/debt ceiling

Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL)

Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)

May 21, 2023

Debt Ceiling/G7

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)

May 28, 2023

Debt Ceiling

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT)

Ukraine

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

June 4, 2023

2024

Gov. Kim Reynolds (R-IA)

Debt Ceiling/China

Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)

June 11, 2023

Trump Indictment

Alina Habba

William Barr

Trump indictment panel:

Trey Gowdy, Jonathan Turley, Brit Hume

2024

Francis Suarez

June 18, 2023

2024

Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)

Vivek Ramaswamy

China/Ukraine/Iran

Gen. Jack Keane

June 25, 2023:

2024:

Fmr. VP Mike Pence

Foreign Policy:

Sen. Ben Cardin

Legal Panel:

Jonathan Turley, Elizabeth Wydra, Tom Dupree