Local issue covered – Trio Gives Back to Those Less Fortunate

Details of coverage- Interview conducted with Three Watertown Residents who are making garments and attaching them to a tree outside of an apartment complex. The garments are free for those who need them.

Date covered- January 23, 2020
Audio used in story? Yes_X No
If so, who? Kim Harriet, Kim McGuirk, Arcelia Thorstenson
URL of story (if available) -
https://www.mykxlg.com/news/local/watertown-trio-gives-back-
to-those-less-fortunate/article 2c8aae66-3e5a-11ea-957d-
2bba98e59428.html



01/23/2020

Watertown Trio Gives Back to Those Less Fortunate

A Watertown Trio is giving back to those who need a little help during these cold winter months. Kay Harriot, Kimberly McGuirk and Arcelia Torstenson are residents at the High Rise Apartments in Watertown. Since last November they have been crocheting stocking caps to give to others. Kay said it's a great project...

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They say they enjoy giving hats to the kids in elementary schools too.

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Kimberly said that the yarn that is used for their projects is donated to them from people who have heard about their project. You see, they spend hours and hours crocheting making these garments for others. When they are done, they hang them outside with a note that says, "Brrr.... It's cold outside! We don't want you to catch a cold! From the warmth of our hearts we hope you enjoy this gift! Hi-Rise Tenants"

It's this kind of story that really warms your heart....or in this case, your head and upper body too.

Thank-you Kay, Kimberly and Arcelia for making Watertown a little better place this winter!

Local issue covered – Build Dakota Scholarship Program Now Taking Applications

Details of coverage- Lake Area Technical Institute began taking applications for the Build Dakota Scholarship.

Date covered- January 6, 2020

Audio used in story? Yes_X___ No____

If so, who? Brenda Hanten, Sarah Caron

URL of story (if available) - https://www.mykxlg.com/news/local/build-dakota-scholarship-program-is-now-accepting-applications/article-06704ece-2e20-11ea-82c0-3b4042c287cb.html



JANUARY-3FFICELY, April 10, 2020

Build Dakota Scholarship Program is Now Accepting Applications

The Build Dakota Scholarship began taken applications on January 1st and that is good news for college students. The scholarship is a full-ride scholarship with a commitment from the student that they will stay in South Dakota for at least three years at the completion of college. Julie Stevenson is with Lake Area Tech.....

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The Build Dakota Scholarship program was created through a \$50 million investment funded by a \$25 million donation from T. Denny Sanford and a \$25 Million contribution for the South Dakota Future Fund. This is the sixth year for the scholarship at Lake Area.....

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Working with industry partners, the Stretch the Millions partnership allows the scholarship dollars to go a lot further....

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Stevenson says that if you are interested in applying for the Build Dakota Scholarship you can go to the Lake Area Tech website and complete the application. The application is open now until April 15th.

Local issue covered – Announcement about the 2-1-1 partnership between City, County and Local Agencies.

Details of coverage- The story covered the announcement of the City's authorization to participate in 2-1-1 Services in Codington County.

Date covered- January 6, 2020

Audio used in story? Yes_X___ No____

If so, who? Brenda Hanten, Sarah Caron

URL of story (if available) -

https://www.mykxlg.com/news/local/city-of-watertown-meets-in-regular-session-discusses-211-service-and-pays-respect-to-john/article 324d5f0c-30f3-11ea-8985-f3971cfc07de.html

The Watertown City Council met in regular session last night. At the beginning on the meeting Mayor Sarah Caron recognized that the City of Watertown had lost two great men in the Watertown community recently.

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The mayor asked for a moment of silence before continuing on with the regular meeting.

The council unanimously approved an authorization for the mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding with Codington County, Prairie Lakes Healthcare System and the Watertown Area United Way for the funding of 211 Services in Codington County. United Way Executive Director Lisa Dahl and County Commissioner Brenda Hanten spoke to the council about the partnership. Dahl explained the 211 services....

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Mayor Sarah Caron says that having the 211 services available to the public will also take pressure off the 911 call center.

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Brenda Hanten said they hope to be able to roll out the service in February....

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The original cost of the 211 service would have been just over \$26,000. That amount is determined on the population of each county. Because of a 50% state match that amount was cut in half, then split four-ways resulting in a cost of \$3,279.75. The council, again, voted unanimously to allow the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Local issue covered – Local Non-Profit Group Provides School Meals to Those Who Can't afford Them.

Details of coverage- Interview with local organizer speaking about the 4 the Kids SD Program which was formed to provide lunches to students who cannot afford to pay for them.

Date covered- February 12, 2020

Audio used in story? Yes_X___ No____

If so, who? Heather Pagel, Organizer

URL of story (if available) - https://www.mykxlg.com/news/local/local-organization-approaching-two-year-anniversary-of-helping-kids-eat-lunches-in-schools/article-d862d996-4d16-11ea-befa-2b39e4777ee3.html



02/12/2020

Local Organization Approaching Two Year Anniversary of Helping Kids Eat Lunches In Schools

A local organization is approaching their two year anniversary of helping to make sure that every child in Codington, Hamlin and Clark Counties have a lunch to eat during school every day. "4 the Kids SD" will hit their two year anniversary mark on March 1st of this year. Founder Heather Pagel said the organization was founded after it was brought her attention that a student didn't have money to pay for lunch and had to eat an alternative lunch given by the school.

The student was embarrassed and because of that refused to eat. Pagel said she began working with School officials and successfully got the policy changed so that doesn't happen again. Now every student eats the same lunch regardless of their ability to pay. Pagel says that is where "4 The Kids SD" comes in to help.....

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Pagel says "4 the Kids SD" receives their funding through grants. They have recently received a grant from the Watertown Community Foundation...

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Businesses are also helping with the effort...

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If you would like more information on the "4 the Kids Program" you can contact them of Facebook or by calling Heather at (605) 680-0488.

Local issue covered – Bramble Park Zoo Receives \$1 Million Donation to Build Animal Care Facility

Details of coverage - Coverage of the Watertown City Council Meeting and
Discussion with City Officials about the donation toward the building project.
Date covered- February 2, 2020
Audio used in story? Yes_X No
If so, who? Terry Kelly, Park and Recreation Superintendant
URL of story (if available) -
https://www.mykxlg.com/news/local/anonymous-donor-gives-1-
million-to-bramble-park-zoo-for-animal-care-building-the-
watertown/article 8687a15a-46fa-11ea-85f9-9fd7d50bff27.html



02/02/2020

Anonymous Donor Gives \$1 Million to Bramble Park Zoo For Animal Care Building, The Watertown Area Community Foundation Provides Another \$90,000 for Zoo Keeper Position

The Bramble Park Zoo received exciting news Monday night at the Watertown City Council Meeting. It was announced that an anonymous donor has agreed to make a \$1 million donation to the Bramble Park Zoo, which will now allow them to move forward with the building of an animal care facility. The City was informed last year that in order to maintain their Association of Zoo's and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation they would need to show progress on building an animal care facility, something the zoo does not currently have.

During an interview with KXLG News last October, Zoo Director Dan Miller said he was concerned that without the accreditation the zoo would face eventual loss of many of it's bigger animals including the bears and tigers.

Park and Recreation Director Terry Kelly says that he was really worried about how the city was going to be able to fund the animal care building....

Kelly 1.mp3

The remaining funds needed for the project will come from Capital Improvement Funds. All total the building is estimated to cost around \$1.5 million....

Kelly 2.mp3

Kelly says that one of the requests that the donor has made is that the building be built as soon as possible, for sure this year. Kelly says that he hopes to be able to break ground in May with a Spring of 2021 opening.

Kelly 3.mp3

Another concern listed in the AZA report was the lack of staffing at the zoo. The Lake Area Zoological Society donated \$90,000 to fund one zoo-keeper position and now the Watertown Community Foundation has stepped in to donate another \$90,000 to fund a second zookeeper position.

Kelly 4.mp3

Watertown City Council President Glen Vilhauer thanked those involved in working on this project....

Vilhauer 1.mp3

Local issue covered - Parent Urges Lawmakers to Pass Cell Phone Ban

Details of coverage-	Story/Interview with a parent whose son was killed while
using his cell-phone a	and driving.
Date covered- Februa	ary 18, 2020

Audio used in story? Yes_X___ No____

If so, who? Jeff Dunn, Parent

URL of story (if available) - https://www.mykxlg.com/news/local/castlewood-parent-urges-lawmakers-to-pass-hb1169-after-son-killed-while-using-cell-phone-and/article 1394dd96-5291-11ea-800b-37fc892a85ca.html



02/18/2020

Castlewood Parent Urges Lawmakers to Pass HB1169 After Son Killed While Using Cell Phone and Driving

South Dakota House Bill 1169, a bill introduced by Representative Doug Barthel, would enacted a law to prevent the use of mobile electronic devices while driving. A version of the law narrowly failed in the Senate last year on a 17-17 tie vote. The bill would allow users to make and answer phone calls, but restrict other activities such as utilizing social networking sites while driving. Jeff Dahl of Castlewood testified to a House Committee last week. Jeff's son, Jacob was enrolled at Northern State University in Aberdeen where he was studying to become a special education teacher and a coach, he was also an Army Reservist. On October 23rd, 2014, Jacob left Northern State University and began driving home to Castlewood....1216.mp3

The two men in the semi truck were not injured. Jacob was killed. Jeff says he received a phone call and right away knew that something bad had happened.... 1217.mp3

Jeff said it was the worst day of his life when he found out that Jacob had been killed. Now, he is on a mission to get South Dakota law changed. He reached out to Representative Doug Barthel, a former Sioux Falls Police Chief and the person who drafted last year's bill about trying to do it again this session......1219.mp3

On February 13th, Jeff testified in front of the House Transportation Committee in support of House Bill 1169. 1221.mp3

Jeff is urging lawmakers to pass the bill and is encouraging parents to speak to their kids....1220 .mp3

HB1196 will possibly be debated on the floor of the House Wednesday afternoon.

Local issue covered – Local Manufacturing Plant Receives OSHA Safety Award.

Details of coverage- Dakota Tube received the OSHA SHARP Award. Interview conducted with staff and SDSU Engineering Extention Director
Date covered- March 9, 2020
Audio used in story? Yes_X No
If so, who? Greg Derynck – Program Director, Mandy Murray,-Owner/Dakota Tube
URL of story (if available) -
https://www.mykxlg.com/news/local/dakota-tube-recognized-for-safety-initiatives/article 9de70b3a6237-11ea-8a1f-e7b63b92be00.html



Monday, March 09, 2020

The staff and management at Dakota Tube were presented with a special honor Monday morning. The facility was awarded the OSHA Safety and Health Recognition Program (SHARP) Award. Greg Derynck is the Program Director of Engineering Extension at South Dakota State University. He says Dakota Tube is only one of four in the state to receive the award.....

Greg 1

The OSHA On-Site Consultation program offers no-cost consultation services to small and medium sized businesses across the country. Derynck says that achieving the award is not an easy achievement and the process is always on-going....

Greg 2

Dakota Tube was started in a small garage in Edina, Minnesota by Ed and Beazy Steinbauer. The business continues to expand with use of robotic equipment and a staff of over 200 people. Mandy Murray is the granddaughter of Ed and Beazy and is a co-owner at Dakota Tube. She says the award is something the staff at Dakota Tube is very proud of........

Murray 1

Derynck says his team's goal is to assist businesses in South Dakota with becoming SHARP Certified.

Greg 3

Dakota Tube has had over 309 days without a lost work day due to a work related injury.

Local issue covered – Prairie Lakes HealthCare Foundation names new director.
Details of coverage- Interview conducted with the new foundation director, Lisa Dahl.
Date covered- March 5, 2020
Audio used in story? Yes_X No
If so, who? Lisa Dahl
URL of story (if available) -
https://www.mykxlg.com/news/local/prairie-lakes-healthcare-foundation-names-new-director/article 29cff75c-5ef9-11ea-b2d8-7b6db3ed0d72.html



Thursday, March 05, 2020

Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation is pleased to announce their new Executive Director in Lisa Dahl. Beginning March 24, Dahl will begin leading Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation's mission to raise funds to support and advance services available to the Watertown area through the Prairie Lakes Healthcare System.

Dahl says she's excited to get to work in hr new position.....

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Dahl holds a Bachelors of Science Degree and has over twenty years of experience in the areas of Development and Human Services. Her most recent position was as the Executive Director for the Watertown United Way for the past 26 months.

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In her spare time, Dahl enjoys spending time with her family and friends, attending children's activities involving her and her loved ones' children.

Dan Raderschadt, Board President of the Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation says "Lisa brings a diversified experience in working with local area organizations and I look forward to her beginning her new role leading the Foundation in a few weeks."

Once again Dahl will take over her new duties on March 24th.

To learn more about the Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation you can visit the website www.prarielakes.com and click on the Foundation link.

Local issue covered - State of the City of Watertown Address by We	nworrestr
Mayor Sarah Caron.	

Details of coverage- Caron delivered her state of the city address providing several updates about community projects.

Date covered- March 17, 2020

Audio used in story? Yes_X___ No____

If so, who? Mayor Sarah Caron

URL of story (if available) -

 $\frac{https://www.mykxlg.com/news/local/mayor-caron-delivers-the-state-of-the-city-address/article\ e8cbf94e-67eb-11ea-ba3c-5fbb5b7154da.html$



Tuesday, March 17, 2020

The Watertown City Council met Monday night and heard from Mayor Sarah Caron as she delivered her state of the city address. The Mayor began the address by announcing that a new vision for the city had been created....

Caron 1

The Mayor highlighted several highpoints that have taken place in the past year including the announcement of a new park downtown, a mixed multi-use facility in the former Harbor Bar location and the securing of SkyWest Airlines as the city's airline carrier. The mayor said another major change in 2019 came through a public vote......

Caron 2

Caron says that although there were many good things that happened 2019, it was also a year that presented a lot of challenges.....

Caron 3

Despite those challenges, Caron says sales tax revenue was up 6.06% in 2019 compared to 4.07% in 2018. Building permits showed a 5.4% growth over 2018 and city revenue from the general fund, capital improvement fund and BBB funds, outpaced expenditures.

The mayor says the city has a few challenges in 2020 including the Ice Arena, the Stormwater Utility Fee, and attracting a workforce. A new major challenge she said, is going to be COVID-19.....

Caron 4

The mayor spoke about the city's opportunities going into the future.....

Caron 5

The Mayor says 2020 is going to be a year of preparation....

Caron 6

We will be talking to Mayor Caron about many of these items on the "From the Desk of the Mayor" Program Wednesday morning at 8:30 right here on KXLG.