

2020 4th Quarter Public Affairs Programs and Community Issues aired on KLBB Radio

KLBB Radio returned to the air on March 29, 2019, at 1220 kHz broadcasting under an FCC Special Temporary Authority (STA) with 20 watts of power. While operating under the STA, KLBB Radio serves its community of license of Stillwater, Minnesota, and surrounding areas, which include parts of Washington County in Minnesota and St. Croix County in Wisconsin with up to the minute weather information and the Emergency Alert System. KLBB AM currently rebroadcasts National Weather Service Radio KEC65 from its location in Chanhassen, Minnesota at a frequency of 162.550. KLBB AM operates from its offices and main studios in downtown Stillwater, Minnesota.

OCTOBER

October 14 – Many Minnesota communities saw snow for the first time this autumn season. Portions of Itasca, Beltrami and St. Louis Counties reported snow flurries on the 13th and the Twin Cities had snow showers on the 14th. The first Winter Weather Advisory for northern Minnesota was posted for the weekend with 1-4 inches of accumulating snow predicted.

October 16 -- KLBB reports heavy rainfall overnight with over a hundred of the state's climate stations reported a rainfall between 1-2 inches. Portions of Washington, Dakota, Rice, Nicollet, Blue Earth, Pine and Kandiyohi Counties received over two inches. Several long-term climate stations reported new record daily rainfall amounts, including Hastings at 1.9 inches.

October 16 – The state climatologist's office reports the stretch of October 11-16 was one of the windier stretches in October with consecutive days of peak gusts of 40 mph or more.

October 20 – A swath of heavy snow over southern and central Minnesota with widespread accumulations of 6 to 9 inches and breaking numerous early season snowfall records in the process. The Twin Cities International Airport recorded the rare (for October) condition of "heavy snow" at two separate hourly observations. Snow accumulation was seen on grassy surfaces and highways, leading to slippery slushy and icy driving conditions. The weight of the snow knocked out power in parts of the eastern Twin Cities area. The Twin Cities airport recorded 7.9 inches, making this the second largest October snowfall on record (behind 8.2 inches on October 31, 1991 at the beginning of the famous Halloween Blizzard). Stillwater recorded 6.5 inches of snow. Woodbury 7.1 and St. Paul Park had 7.5 inches.

October 22 – KLBB reports that another winter storm socks portions of the Midwest, including Minnesota and Wisconsin. Occasional sleet, snow and rain squalls with lightning reported in southern Minnesota. Beardsley, MN had 10.7 inches of snow.

October 23 – University Extension weather historian Mark Seeley says October 18-22 will be noted in the history books of Minnesota as one of the coldest and snowiest 5-day periods in October. Temperatures were 12 to 18 degrees F below normal. Several new daily snowfall records were set at climate stations during the storm including 7.9 inches at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

October 31 – The state climatologist says a dramatic turn towards below-normal temperatures in the second half of October led to multiple accumulating snowfall events that broke a slew of monthly records for October. Of Minnesota's five long-term "first order" observing stations, St. Cloud and the Twin Cities broke their October monthly snowfall records (7.8 and 9.3 inches respectively). Records also

fell at over three dozen other stations with at least 30 years of record, including two of the University of Minnesota's marquee observing sites at Lambertson and Waseca.

October 31 – University Extension says based on the average month temperature, MSP reported the 9th coldest October in history while on a statewide basis it was the 6th coldest October in history and the coldest since 2002.

NOVEMBER

November 3 – After two weeks of winter weather, the Twin Cities enjoys a snow-melting return to summer. Temperatures soared into the 70sF across the state, right up to the Canadian border. 80 degree temperatures were reported in parts of western and southwest Minnesota. A slew of new high temperature records were set at just about all of the major weather stations in Minnesota. The Twin Cities had a high of 75 F which was matched at Duluth. International Falls had two days with record temperatures of 74 degrees.

November 7 – Minnesota's 2020 firearm deer hunting opener was marked with slightly below normal temperatures in the 20s in the northern part of the state with 30s and 40s in central Minnesota. There was little to no snow cover.

November 9 – Despite the rapid snowmelt in the past week, no flooding is expected in the St. Croix River Valley but the water level at the Stillwater Lift Bridge is expected to rise slightly in the next week.

November 10 – Heavy rain is followed by sleet and snow throughout southern, central and northeastern Minnesota. Some areas north of the Twin Cities got up to 10 inches of snow. Snow was much lighter through the St. Croix Valley into western Wisconsin but roads were very icy and there were reports of some power outages as ice-laden lines fell in strong winds. The metro area's official snow tally was 5.5 inches at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

November 12 – Another day of strong winds and below normal wind chills (mid-teens F).

November 14 – Light drizzle but warmer temperatures are in the forecast.