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ISSUES & PROGRAMS
Report

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Listing of Problems and Needs

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TYPICAL AND ILLUSTRATIVE PROGRAMS IN RESPONSE TO ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

Local

Since **November 28, 1999**, KXLT Television, Inc. licensee of SagamoreHill Broadcasting of Minnesota, has broadcast the following programming in response to the issues and programs need for this quarter.

FOX 47 News @ 9

Locally produced
Since 11/28/1999

News @ 9 M-F, Sun 9p-9:30p

FOX in the Morning

Locally Produced
Since 7/28/2014

Fox in the Morning M-F 8a-8:30am

Latest information and periodic in-depth background stories, which air during the locally produced news.

1. Economic & Downtown Development/Jobs/Tourism

4-2 A new hotel planned for the corner of 2nd street and 6th Avenue Southwest got the nod of approval from Rochester City Council members last night.

4-9 With Byron's only grocery store closing last June, residents were wondering when one might come back to the city. Tonight... an answer. According to the city's website, city officials approved a purchase agreement with Fareway Stores. The chain plans to build a 20-thousand square-foot store in the next year with an expected opening in summer of 20-20. It's being built on approximately four acres of Byron Economic Development Authority land off Fourth Street Northeast.

4-11 Rochester's former American Legion post building is about to be no more. The site will be home to a new apartment-style extended stay hotel. Rochester city leaders and community members gathered today to celebrate the new development. FOX 47's Linda Ha reports.

4-19 A new business is calling the town of Harmony home -- and has plans to keep everything it produces locally sourced. We're talking about a new distillery -- Harmony Spirits. Harmony Spirits began as just an idea... but now it's ready to launch with backing from the community.

4-29 Rochester City Council continues to move forward with its new plan for the Mayo Civic Center. Last year, the council determined that more could be done with the center to boost revenue.

5-2 Travelers Hotel has been a Rochester landmark for nearly 100 years. The property currently owned by Mayo Clinic could see some major changes with a demolition permit now filed.

5-15 The big construction project next to Mayo Clinic-Saint Marys hit a milestone today. Crews "topped off" the project rising high above 2nd Street Southwest. FOX 47's Ubah Ali attended the ceremony and has an update.

5-22 Changes continue for Rochester International Airport. Leaders are sharing what's next for R-S-T with the airport's master plan. The open-house style meeting is featuring long-term development concepts related to the terminal, airfield, and cargo area.

5-22 Earlier this week, city leaders approved a new five-member board of directors for the Mayo Civic Center. Today those leaders met with groups hoping to run the facility. This is part of the organizational transition for Mayo Civic Center... after deciding to restructure the management earlier this year.

6-2 A small Minnesota town celebrated a big festival that focuses on one thing: rhubarb. Lanesboro is known as the "Rhubarb Capitol of Minnesota." Saturday the town of about 700 held its 15th annual Rhubarb Festival which featured games, live music, a fashion show, petting zoo, and rhubarb-centered food. If you wanted to try rhubarb popcorn, chocolate dipped rhubarb, or rhubarb soda pop-- this was the place to be.

6-8 Bad news for some of you in Charles City. A chicken processing plant there plans to close, laying off about 500 people. The Simply Essentials chicken processing plant in northeast Iowa will close August 5th. Employees were notified in a letter Thursday that they'd be laid off. The letter said the layoffs are expected to be permanent.

6-16 A decades-old Father's Day tradition continued today... celebrating Zumbrota and Minnesota's only covered bridge. Hundreds of people packed Covered Bridge Park today to enjoy food and local art.

6-23 As part of opening day celebrations for Rochesterfest... a lot of people wished Peace Fountain a happy 30th birthday. The bronze structure made of 57 interlocking doves was gifted to the city and dedicated to world peace during Rochesterfest in 1989. The doves symbolize the 50 states and seven continents... with the three at the top representing Rochester's past, present, and future. Charles E. Gagnon's permanent and lasting memorial in Peace Plaza is the crown jewel of his many sculptures revolving around the theme of peace.

6-24 Of all the seasons in Minnesota, strawberry picking season is one of the shortest -- lasting just a couple weeks. This season is off to a slow start because of the cooler temperatures but farmers are still expecting to see an abundant berry season. FOX 47's Shannon Rousseau checked out this year's crop at family-run business in Rochester.

2. Political/Governmental

4-10 Rochester city leaders are looking into taxing property owners near and along North Broadway Avenue to help pay for its upcoming reconstruction.

4-11 A measure prohibiting drivers from placing phone calls outside of hands-free mode is one step closer to becoming law. This afternoon, the hands-free bill cleared the Minnesota Senate floor. It now awaits the governor's signature. The author, Senator Scott Newman of Hutchinson, says cell phone abuse on the roads is becoming a growing problem. He says the measure isn't about restricting liberties; it's a matter of public safety. If the bipartisan bill is signed into law, it'll go into effect August 1.

4-14 Governor Tim Walz is looking at the damage done during our mid-week snowstorm. He met with National Guard members and law enforcement in Austin Saturday to talk about the repair process and to see how the storm impacted that community.

4-24 Lines are being drawn in St. Paul as the close of the legislative session comes closer. Senate Republicans are unveiling their tax plan following today following its analysis of the governor's budget proposal. FOX 47's Ubah Ali went to the Capitol today and joins us live in the studio with an update.

4-24 there's growing support among voters for raising the purchase age of tobacco to 21. But one lawmaker says getting it or any bill for that matter through the legislature is like "putting pajamas on a toddler."

4-29 The Minnesota House passed the D-F-L-backed transportation budget bill tonight which includes a 20 cent per gallon gas tax increase.

5-1 Governor Tim Walz wants to pull the plug on MNLARS.. Minnesota's controversial Licensing and Registration System. The system took almost a decade to finish and 100-million dollars to develop and now Governor Walz says replacing it is the best option.

5-3 A Rochester daycare is forced to shut its doors after the Minnesota Department of Human Services claimed kids aren't safe there.

5-8 The nation's only divided state legislature here in Minnesota did not meet its self-imposed deadline for setting the state's overall budget. Eyes in St. Paul are now on the actual deadline of May 20th with lawmakers working to get some deals done.

5-8 Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed the hands-free cell phone bill into law last month...but what exactly does the new law mean?

5-10 The fight for affordable housing in Olmsted County is getting a boost... with more than two-million dollars helping four local projects.

5-17 While the budget battle lingers on... Governor Tim Walz gave a fiery speech to the union "Education Minnesota" -- as hundreds of teachers rallied in the Capitol Rotunda. The former high school coach called on the teachers to pressure Senate Republicans to reach a budget deal.

5-24 Minnesota lawmakers are back at work in St. Paul trying to pass the state's \$48 billion budget. Governor Tim Walz called for a one-day special session starting today. The governor and Legislative Majority Leaders want the work to be completed by tomorrow morning.

5-26 Minnesota lawmakers are heading home after they passed a 48-billion dollar budget Saturday. Governor Tim Walz called for a one-day special session with a goal to have everything passed before seven o'clock this morning. Surprisingly... lawmakers got the job done. House Republicans didn't carry through on threats to draw out the session until Sunday by blocking procedural shortcuts.

6-17 The number of dairy farmers across America has dwindled significantly in recent years...low milk prices and high feed costs are the primary culprits. There's a new Agriculture department insurance program that promises to bring some stability. It's known as the Dairy Margin Coverage program and will replace was known as M-P-P or Margin Protection Program. FOX 47s Sarah Gannon has some details on that program.

6-17 Rochester City Council is considering designating part of downtown as a "Landmark District" in an effort to protect historic buildings built in the 19th century. A proposal before the council is seeking to preserve 32 properties that make up the Rochester Downtown Commercial Historic District. The bars, restaurants, and stores downtown are popular hangouts for visitors and residents alike... but none of the buildings are currently protected from demolition. Some property owners and members of the Historic Preservation Commission are fighting to get an historic ordinance in Rochester. But others have expressed concern about potential limitations in renovation, increased taxes and loss of property values.

6-28 First Congressional District Representative Jim Hagedorn visits Olmsted County today speaking with business leaders. Hagedorn began his tour at the Kwik Trip in Eyota. After speaking with employees at the family-owned business, he toured their biodiesel and ethanol blending facility. The congressman says he is pleased with the Eyota facility's work, talking about how it supports local soybean and corn farmers in the district.

3. Health Care Developments

4-1 The power of virtual reality technology is helping people learn what it's like to live with dementia. The Winona Friendship Center kicked off its second annual Dementia Friendly Community Week today. People could try out what's called the Beatriz Lab. It's where users wear a virtual reality headset and experience a variety of scenarios through the eyes of a woman named Beatriz... who's going through the stages of dementia.

4-10 Healthcare professionals look to address the growing need for medical staff in Rochester...with a Job Fair this morning. Mayo Clinic, Madonna Living, and Ability Building Center were among the dozens of Healthcare employers who met with people interested in joining their respective teams.

4-12 April is "Donate Life" month--and today was the fifth annual Walk of Remembrance honoring organ, tissue, and eye donors in Rochester. Those in attendance today included organ donor families, transplant recipients, and even a few patients who are still waiting for their life saving transplant.

4-29 Olmsted County Public Health Services is expanding its family home visiting program. This is possible now that it received more than 2 million dollars in grant money from the Minnesota Department of Health.

5-3 Ewing's Sarcoma is an extremely rare form of childhood cancer with fewer than one thousand cases in the United States. 24-year old Emily Nagel was diagnosed with the disease last summer. FOX 47's Beret Leone joins us live in the studio with Emily's story as she continues her fight today.

5-3 The measles outbreak is the largest in a quarter-century... and now the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says people in states affected by the outbreak should get three vaccinations done. That's instead of the two-dose battery which had been the standard for decades. The guidelines for children say the first dose would be at six months... a second dose at 12 months... and a third dose when the child starts school.

6-11 A southeast Minnesota mental health care operation is expanding its operations to a new facility. Fernbrook Family Center celebrated its new Rochester location today with the Chamber of Commerce. It's just off West Circle Drive. The center decided to move when its old location wasn't big enough to keep up with growing demand.

6-21 We're learning more about legislation designed to help families struggling with the high cost of insulin. U.S. Senator Tina Smith held a news conference at a community health center in Minneapolis to announce the legislation intended to hold manufacturers accountable for excessive price increases. The hope is that Americans with diabetes won't be forced into dangerous practices of rationing their doses.

4. Education

4-9 A nearly 25-million-dollar bond referendum does not pass in a special election in Austin today. Only 194 votes separated the yes and no votes. The money would have been used to renovate and expand the Woodson Kindergarten Center for Early Childhood Programs along with other minor facilities modifications.

4-9 The ever-increasing cost of post-high school education is driving many prospective students to reconsider plans for traditional four-year schools. According to school websites, the estimated cost for a year at the University of Minnesota is more than 28-thousand-dollars-per-year whereas Minnesota State College Southeast in Winona is just more than 55-hundred dollars per year.

4-17 The Chatfield High School S.T.E.M. club earned itself a big title just a few weekends ago. The team competed in the National Rube Goldberg Machine contest in Lawrenceburg, Indiana... and won! FOX 47's Beret Leone joins us live in the studio after meeting the national champions... and learning about how they came home with the title.

4-29 Students and parents got into some hands-on projects and activities at I-J Holton Intermediate School in Austin. Family STEAM Night gives families a chance to learn more about the school's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts

and Math... or "STEAM" education offerings. Tonight's activities were designed to challenge students and let their creative side out, the idea is to get students to have fun learning.

5-1 Every month FOX 47 features someone in our community who is making a difference and we honor them with a Jefferson Award. Our May winner volunteers to help ensure high school students have fun activities to enjoy outside the classroom. Here's her story.

5-9 Stewartville high school teacher is charged with hitting a student in his class. The incident happened last September but the complaint was just filed in Olmsted County Court Friday.

5-10 It's not often you get to hear an author read his or her own book.. but that's exactly what happened for 2nd graders at Gage Elementary today. Dr. Artika Tyner read her book, "Justice Makes a Difference: Miss Freedom Fighter, Esquire"... to wrap up the "DC Mangum Literacy Festival." The 2nd graders watched eagerly as Dr. Tyner wore a red cape much like the main character in the book. That character is actually her.

5-12 A Decorah, Iowa grade school is closing its doors after 55 years due to a decline in students. Nancy Sojka came to North Winneshiek Community School in 1976. After 27 years of teaching... she started to notice the dwindling number of children in her classes. She knew the school would have to eventually make cuts... and it did. The first came in 2002 when the K through 12 school got rid of the high school. Seventeen years later... the entire school is shutting down due to enrollment. Saturday -- current and former students met at Winneshiek North to walk through the halls one last time.

5-15 Voters in Owatonna said "no" at the polls Tuesday---to a 116-million-dollar referendum to build a new high school. The difference between yes and no votes: about one percent! Voters in the Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public School district also voted down plans to upgrade schools, failing to pass a nearly 50-million-dollar bond issue. 983 people voted yes. But 11-hundred-59 people said no.

5-17 Student with the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science are celebrating today as they graduated after years of hard work. The Mayo Clinic boasts a medical school that is one of the top ten in the country with one of the nation's most competitive selection processes. The executive dean believes this year's class can lead positive change in medicine and research in the future.

5-23 Students and staff members are mourning a Rochester teacher who died Monday morning in a classroom. 52-year-old Jill Hilleshiem taught special education at Gibbs Elementary School. She passed away after experiencing a medical emergency in a classroom at the school.

5-26 Downtown Rochester was filled with excitement Saturday afternoon as seniors from all three of Rochester Public High Schools graduated.

5-28 School board members are getting a first look at the proposed Rochester Public Schools budget for the 2019-2020 school year. The budget calls for a 3-point-4 percent spending increase from the year before. Superintendent Michael Munoz says one of the biggest challenges in the budget was dealing with the increasing costs of employee salaries and school bus services. He also says there's an increased focus on mental health in schools, with plans for additional elementary counselors, social workers, and student resiliency specialists.

5-31 Summer is here! It was the last day of school for many students here in Rochester. FOX 47's Beret Leone checked out some of the festivities at Folwell Elementary as their year came to a close.

6-3 Rochester School Board members are learning new details tonight about radon testing in school buildings. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. Medical research suggests that children are especially vulnerable. The district tests for the radioactive gas in each school once every five years. This year's results show high radon levels in storage rooms at Churchill Elementary and Willow Creek Middle School.

6-5 Rochester Public School's Summer Meal Program kicks off this morning -- which is giving area kids a nutritious start to their summer day. Sunset Terrace was one of three schools hosting hundreds of kids for the free breakfast and lunch meal program. Gage and Franklin Elementary schools also kicked off the program's start which will soon include ten total schools-- and two mobile sites.

6-11 The Rochester Public School board tonight debated changing the way they evaluate the superintendent.

6-21 Getting kids interested in Science, Technology, Math and Engineering can be tough -- even more so on summer break. Combatting that: the "STEM Comes Alive Boot Camp"... a collaboration between Hormel and Riverland Community College. It's a free week-long program for high school students that emphasizes environmental and societal issues along with a STEM focus. FOX 47's Alex Tejada checked in on the camp for us today as students wrapped up an exciting week.

6-24 While many here in the med-city know jobs in health care span a wide range... it's not always clear to prospective students what those jobs entail or how to get on the right educational track. FOX 47's Sarah Gannon checked out a program at Mayo Clinic today... aimed at clearing some of that confusion.

5. Crime Prevention & Domestic Violence

4-5 A church leader and registered sex offender in Kasson is facing two criminal sexual conduct charges after what began as a traffic stop. According to the criminal complaint, Michael Adam Davis was pulled over on a routine traffic stop on March 4th for not wearing a seat belt. It was during that traffic stop that a Dodge County Sheriff's deputy learned Davis is a registered sex offender for a prior conviction in Utah... with a juvenile male. During the traffic stop, a boy was also in the car with Davis.

4-6 Reaction tonight from church leaders in Kasson after a man connected with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is arrested on two criminal sexual conduct charges.

4-17 An Olmsted county deputy draws his gun on a man threatening him with a hammer. It happened during a mental health scare near Rochester.

4-24 A Rochester father is arrested after his daughter's school reported a case of malicious punishment.

4-26 The Minnesota National Guard says it's received 90 reports of sexual assault in the past five years. The assaults range from inappropriate touching to rape. Guard leaders shared the information at the Arden Hills armory Thursday to discuss providing a safe work environment.

5-23 More than a year after David Riess was shot and killed, his wife Lois has been charged with his murder in Dodge County District Court. The body of David Riess was found in their home outside of Blooming Prairie--he had been shot to death. You'll remember that his wife Lois was almost immediately considered a suspect and she led investigators to Ft. Myers, Florida where she's been charged with be-friending and then killing a woman that looked like her. Lois Riess assumed her identity and was eventually arrested on Padre Island in south Texas.

5-24 The man who kidnapped Jayme Closs and murdered her parents in front of her will spend the rest of his life in prison. Jayme Closs says she wants to see the man who kidnapped her and killed her parents "locked up forever" and Judge James Babler agreed.

5-29 The investigation continues this afternoon after a woman was stabbed four times at Mayo Clinic Saint Marys today. We have been following this shocking story all day... and FOX 47's Linda Ha joins us live from the hospital with the latest. 57-year-old Augustino Nasona of Rochester is in custody at the Olmsted County Adult Detention Center. He's facing an attempted first degree murder charge but may face additional counts. Police say the victim is the Nasona's wife... but they've been estranged for about a year.

5-30 A Rochester man is in jail today.. facing charges of criminal sexual conduct involving two young teens. FOX 47's Ubah Ali spoke with the Olmsted County Sheriff's office and joins us with more on the former soccer coach.

6-6 Shock coming to a rural southeastern Minnesota community today. An employee at Lewiston Altura High School--arrested on child pornography charges. FOX 47's Alex Tejada is following developments in the case.

6-7 An Eyota man who worked at Lewiston-Altura High School has been charged with *four* felonies in a child pornography investigation.

6-8 A longtime Rochester tennis coach is sentenced following an internet child enticement investigation. Kevin Rust pleaded guilty in February on two counts: Child Enticement-Sexual Contact and 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of Child --- the result of a undercover police sting operation. He got six years on the first count, ten on the second, but is only ordered to be in prison for the first three years with extended supervision after that. The sentences are to be served concurrently. Rust coached tennis at Lourdes High School for nearly 30 years.

6-14 Two Albert Lea police officers have been cleared of any wrongdoing... in the shooting death of a man back on January 3rd. Officer Jesus Cantu and Lt. Darin Palmer were called to Court Street in Albert Lea and encountered Joseph Roberts carrying a large knife. The Olmsted County Attorney's office reviewed what happened next... and concluded that deadly force was necessary in the situation. Officer Cantu fired his gun at Roberts when he came at him swinging the knife.

6-14 We start with an arrest in an Olmsted County homicide investigation--- after the discovery of a man dead in the middle of a rural road. It's the first update in the case in months. While one suspect is behind bars in the case, investigators are still collecting information from witnesses. FOX 47's Ubah Ali spoke with County Attorney Mark Ostrem about the investigation he's calling "incredibly complex" and joins us live in the studio with that part of the story.

6-24 RPD Chief Jim Franklin says that this weekend alone there were several negative incidents in Rochester's skyway system. The first ordinance would close skyways for a certain period of time overnight. Another would restrict sitting or sleeping in the skyway system. The final option would ban panhandling downtown. To help the department deal with them... three proposed rule changes are now in front of city leaders.

6. Elderly/Handicapped/Minority Groups/Racism

4-2 Earlier this year, a group of parents issued a list of changes they want Rochester public schools to make when it comes to Native American students. This is a live look in at the Rochester school board meeting...where the district will officially respond to the nine recommendations from the American Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee. The group wants the district to add a second American Indian liaison, but the district claims the current staffer can handle the needs of the 86 students who identify as American Indian. The parents also want American Indian students to get a free A-C-T testing opportunity.

4-10 Farmers helping farmers is a familiar theme across southeastern Minnesota. That's the point of a gathering today in Lake City to help a woman close out a chapter in her life. It has been an overwhelming couple of months for Marjorie Danckwart following the death of her husband. But today she took a major step in coping with that loss.

4-21 One of Rochester's high schools... John Marshall... put on a Pow Wow. The pow wow is held for graduating American Indian Students. John Marshall's American Indian Liaison says its an important milestone for students to complete high school... adding that nationally-- American Indian student graduation rates lack more than any other race. She says the problem has to do with cultural differences within the schools. One student says things are getting better as people start to understand her culture.

4-21 Are you interested in taking a trip around the world without getting on a plane? Then Rochester's Mayo High School was the place for you. The Rochester International Association held its 44th annual World Festival Saturday afternoon. The event attracted more than 100 people to experience different cultures from around the globe. Things to do included dancing, tasting exotic foods, and walking through an art exhibit. The president of the association says events like this are crucial to showcase the diversity in the community.

4-26 Having a playground everyone can enjoy... that's the goal of Houston Mission 66, a goal that's on the verge of becoming an accomplishment. The playground will be built entirely by volunteers and will include ramps and wheelchair safe surfaces. An integral part of planning the park includes the liberty swing... which is a swing designed for wheelchairs.

5-1 Thousands around the globe are marching in solidarity with immigrants in honor of International Workers Day today. That included a rally in downtown Rochester this evening. Earlier this evening "Communities United for Rochester Empowerment" took to the streets in support of immigrant rights. They believe that immigrants are marginalized and living in fear in American society and wanted today's march to remind folks about the importance of international workers.

5-24 A pharmacy chain with outlets across our region is taking a stand against high drug costs for senior citizens. Alex Tejada has more in Austin on what HyVee is doing to battle these rising prescription costs.

6-3 Muslims celebrated Eid-al-Fitr today which marks the end of Ramadan. Ramadan is when Muslims do not eat from sunup to sundown for one month to recognize those less fortunate in the world. Today, Rochester Mosque board members put together a picnic for families to enjoy at Slatterly Park.

6-6 A Faribault man is accused of spraying a Somali American teenager and her siblings with a garden hose while yelling racial slurs.

6-17 A 94-year-old World War Two veteran from Rochester is honored for his service today. Volunteers from Mayo Hospice stopped by the home of Kenneth Dobson today for a special pinning ceremony.

6-25 Those phone calls where no one is on the other line.. robocalls... asking for personal information or demanding payments. According to the Federal Communications Commission, robocalls to Minnesotans doubled in 2018 over the previous year. FOX 47's Ubah Ali spent the afternoon with FCC experts and joins us live with what she learned as they provided information to seniors.

7. Environment

4-9 While it may not help crop prices right now, there's some good news for corn farmers. A new study that shows ethanol is more environmentally friendly than first thought. The new U.S. Department of Agriculture data shows ethanol use actually reduces greenhouse gas emissions by about 40 percent compared to gasoline... meaning a smaller carbon footprint.

4-9 Rochester Parks, Recreation and Forestry board is asking for your help! It's looking for volunteers to keep a close eye on trees in their neighborhood.. looking for potential threats.

4-28 Nearly 600 trees are removed from Rochester every year because of disease or damage. So Saturday, volunteers helped plant 150 back into the community. Rochester Park and Rec partners with R-neighbors to plant trees twice a year. Since 2004, more than six-thousand volunteers have planted 72-hundred boulevard trees.

4-27 Earthfest events have been going on all week in Rochester--ranging from green building to a wetlands tour. The week-long festivities capped off today with an expo. The 5th annual Earthfest Expo featured Rochester businesses, non-profits, and community leaders who explained how to become more environmentally friendly. Several key speakers also took to the stage to share their stories on environmental sustainability.

5-3 Students at Century High School walk out of class this morning to show their concerns for climate change. About 25 students gathered outside to stand in silence for 11 minutes--symbolizing how many years are left until some experts say the damage from climate change is irreversible.

5-5 A project decades in the making is finally becoming a reality. For years we've told you about efforts to dredge Lake Zumbro. Mud and other material has slowly built up on the lake bottom for nearly a century. But this weekend--the dredges will start removing the sediment to a site two miles away. FOX 47's Ubah Ali shows us how some celebrated the beginning of what they hope will be an improved lake.

5-22 In the 50s and 60s..whether it be fishing or water skiing, the hot spot in Olmsted County.... was Lake Zumbro. That has since changed, with sediment in the lake slowly building over the last century making it harder to enjoy any summer activities. FOX 47's Beret Leone joins us from the lake to give us an update on the project we've been following to change that.

5-31 Lake Zumbro is one of the few boatable lakes in our area... but mud and sand have limited where those boats can go. But that issue is finally getting resolved as dredges are in place removing mud and sand that have built up on the lake bottom for nearly a century. Work to remove the sediment started last Tuesday.

6-4 Strong storms rolled through southeastern Minnesota today bringing damaging hail, strong winds...and power outages. Communities across southeastern Minnesota were affected, from Dodge Center through Rochester, and out to the Rushford, Peterson area... and we're not done just yet.

6-5 Many across southeastern Minnesota are dealing with the aftermath of yesterday's violent weather. Golf-ball and even baseball-sized hail wreaked havoc on homes and vehicles across the county. We stopped by two auto body shops that are swamped with customers looking to see how much this storm will cost them.

6-6 The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has set dredging operations in motion... for three places along the Mississippi River in southeast Minnesota. The dredging operations are critical in keeping the nine-foot deep channel open so that barge traffic can make it up and down the Mississippi during the shipping season. This year, the Dredge Goetz crew at Crats Island near Wabasha is ready to go... so is a contracted mechanical dredging crew at Fisher Island near Alma, Wisconsin.

6-7 Three days after an E-F one tornado tore through southwest Rochester... the cleanup continues. The tornado brought powerful wind speeds of up to 107 miles per hour... damaging some homes and knocking over trees. FOX 47's Shannon Rousseau has more with where people are in the cleanup process.

6-14 The proposal of future wastewater treatment facility in Lanesboro has proven to be controversial. Now, city leaders are trying to alleviate concerns from residents.

6-21 The Cedar River Watershed District is moving forward with four new projects this summer to help prevent flooding and improve water quality in the Dobbins Creek area of Mower County.

6-25 Food and water--our most basic needs. But in Minnesota... we have become keenly aware that *how* farmers produce food crops has been impacting how clean our water is. Minnesota's new Groundwater Protection Rule is now in place, designed to help keep nitrates out of our drinking water and groundwater. FOX 47's Alex Tejada has more on with what this means for the farmers of southeastern Minnesota.

6-28 Some of the heaviest rains lead to significant flooding near Byron this morning. The Zumbro River's current was so strong, it swept dozens of cows away. Many residents were awakened by thunder this morning... only to find their basements flooded and their yards underwater.

8. Youth

4-5 A competition brought high school students together in Albert Lea today.... a welding competition. Sparks were flying everywhere... and the competition was intense. There were about 80 young men and women trying to out-do each other with a welding torch in Albert Lea.

4-12 Rochester students got to enjoy a special exclusive performance this morning from the Rochester Dance Company. More than 40 youth dancers along with 2 professional guest artists put on a condensed showing of the Sleeping Beauty Ballet.

5-2 It was an exciting weekend for some Future Farmers of America--students from the Plainview Elgin Millville chapter came back from the Minnesota State F-F-A convention with a lot of recognition.

5-9 All hands are on deck in Houston, Minnesota... as the community works together to build a playground everyone can enjoy. However, this playground differs than most in some special ways. FOX 47's Shannon Rousseau reports.

5-22 A local High school student is trying to make a difference one shoe at a time. FOX 47's Ubah Ali caught up with her and her continuing efforts to help those less fortunate. It's not so much about the shoes... but what they prevent. In Haiti, there is a dangerous parasite called "jiggers" that can go into someone's feet if they have no shoes on--a common problem for the country ravaged by poverty.

5-31 Louie Schneider just turned 10 on Monday. His wish? For everyone to display an act of kindness. Schneider has a terminal illness and has been fighting for his life since December.

6-2 A Rochester organization is introducing kids to fishing while also promoting the outdoors. Zumbro Valley Bass Masters held their 8th annual youth fishing tournament. More than 150 youth anglers met at Whistle Binkies on the lake Saturday. The children were able to learn more about fishing and fish conservation.

6-7 Sunshine and warm temperatures kicked off the finale of Cub Scout Day-Camp in Pine Island. This week, six to nine-year-old Cub Scouts enjoyed five days of fun activities set in King Arthur's Court--following the "Knight's Code."

6-16 Saturday morning at the Austin Regional Airport, the Young Eagles Program gave kids a high-flying experience. Run by the local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the program introduces aviation to kids between the ages of 8 and 17. Local pilots come out and donate their time and aircraft to give free rides to kids.

6-24 Rochester kids who love soccer are learning from some of the best this week. Their coaches have come all the way from Brazil and the UK. More than 100 kids packed the fields at Calvary Baptist Church in Rochester today.

6-28 While some students are heading off to sports or religious camps this summer... others are going to the Moon--as in Camp Moon Hwa. The Camp is a Korean culture experience--a chance for children to celebrate and share Korean heritage, meet old and new friends, and have fun.

9. Substance Abuse

4-3 A cracked windshield and windows that seemed too dark... led an officer to make a traffic stop, and ultimately, a drug arrest. Police say it happened a little after midnight this morning where East Center Street meets 9th Avenue Northeast. Once the officer pulled the vehicle over, he noticed a marijuana pipe inside... and conducted a more thorough search.

4-15 A man turns himself into authorities when he thought he had an active warrant... only for authorities to arrest him on drug charges instead. 36-year-old Chris Field walked into the Olmsted County Government Center and said he had a small amount of meth on him.

4-24 Several people are facing federal charges after an extensive narcotics investigation by Rochester Police.

4-28 Saturday was National Prescription Drug Take Back Day... when you can get rid of unused or expired prescription drugs in a safe and responsible way. Mayo Clinic teamed up with other organizations to sponsor a local Drug Take Back Day. The Gonda Building entrance transformed into a drop-off location for any unwanted meds.

4-29 A Rochester man is behind bars in Goodhue County after a crash that took the life of his passenger. Goodhue County deputies arrested 34-year-old Dustin Hicks at the scene early Saturday morning. Hicks is being held in the Goodhue County Jail on charges of Criminal Vehicular Homicide, Driving After Cancellation, and third degree DWI.

5-9 A sheriff's deputy arrests a Goodview woman on a drug charge after recognizing a strong odor of marijuana during a traffic stop.

5-22 Winnebago County Supervisor Mike Stensrud is facing misdemeanor charges after police say he showed up drunk and armed to a board meeting last night.

5-31 A crash in the early hours of February 16th left a man and his passengers injured and destroyed the Saigon Far East Oriental Market on 18th Avenue Northwest in Rochester. Since then, the driver has been charged with felonies and misdemeanors for his role in the accident. This afternoon... he spoke with FOX 47's Alex Tejada about that night. Justin Kelly-Lysne says he picked up a friend and waited with her for her boyfriend to get off work. While they were waiting, he says they went to a bar and had a couple drinks. When the three were heading home, Kelly-Lysne says his car hit a patch of ice and went airborne.

6-14 Rochester Police hosted Congressman Jim Hagedorn this morning. The First District Republican visited RPD's North Station to voice his support for designating Olmsted County as a high intensity drug trafficking area. That's a federal grant program that gives law enforcement greater resources to address illegal drugs.

6-24 Police arrest a man after they say he tried to rob a Casey's General Store in northwest Rochester with a plastic gun. 61-year-old Rodolfo Maldonado allegedly walked into the store on 7th Street Northwest with a fake gun in his waistband around 6-30 Sunday morning. He asked an employee for money, but then said "just kidding, I'm drunk"-- before asking for some matches.

6-25 The man convicted in a deadly head-on crash on New Year's Eve 2016 receives his sentence. Jordan Wilde--now 22-years-old--got a 4-year prison term for the crash that killed 60-year-old Daniel Pyfferoen of rural Byron. Investigating the case, the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office says Wilde crossed the center-line on Valleyhigh Road Northwest that night. Wilde reportedly admitted to smoking marijuana prior to getting behind the wheel.

Station Sponsored Events

April 23 United Way Celebration of Giving & Caring, ran spots on air 4/6-4/22

April 27 Elder Network Spring Fever Gala, ran spots on air 3/15-4/26

April 27 Boulder Options Spring Classic, ran spots on air 3/22-4/26

April 27-May 5 A Litter Bit Better Campaign to get people to volunteer to help clean up our city, ran spots 3/22-4/26

May 3 American Heart Association Go Red For Women ran spots on air 3/30-5/2

June 22 - Boulder Options Tailgate Sportacular ran spots from 4/25/19-6/21/19
Naomi emceed the event

June 22-30 RochesterFest sponsored and had station employees at various events around town. Also had a float in the parade.

Network Programming

In addition to our locally produced programming specifically designed to respond to the issues and problems of our viewing area, network programs often cover issues relating to our local problems and needs.

- **FOX News Sunday**

FOX Network

Sundays 8am 60 min

Syndicated Programming

In addition to our locally produced news to respond to the issues and problems of our viewing area, syndicated programs often cover issues relating to our local problems and needs.

KXLT airs Children's E/I Programming Monday – Sunday 7am.

X-Ploration: Awesome Planet the host and experts explore the most spectacular places on earth and learn how it all came to be. Some of the places explored are bubbling volcanoes, rafting magnificent glacial lakes, hike canyons and dive in the oceans.

X-Ploration: Outer Limits the host collaborates with NASA to entertain and educate with stories such as floating in zero gravity, how to wash your hair in space, is there life beyond Earth?, and space weather.

X-Ploration: Earth 2050 tries to show where the world will be in the year 2050 by exploring advancements in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. From personal jet packs to self driving cars, the show explores these ideas and more with technology gurus, science fiction writers and creative thinkers.

Into the Outdoors is a show that is hosted by an adventure team of kids discovering the fun of exploring science and nature. This half-hour program takes viewers from the highs of flying over glacial features to the lows of exploring vast caverns underground, and whether it's probing active bear dens or diving under water with sturgeon, the show decodes some of nature's most curious mysteries using cutting-edge science. The show is also supported by an online educational network that delivers scores of serious science videos and lesson activities into the classroom where teachers and students can expand their hands-on learning. *Into the Outdoors* entertains and educates while helping excite our next generation of scientists and explorers.

Xploration FabLab brings the world of science, technology, and innovation to life. The series is designed to be fast paced and exciting, with each episode consisting of multiple, short-story segments based on a central topic. Featuring fun, young hosts that will keep the pace tight and energy high. Star power will be used to supercharge the storylines. Each episode will include a relevant celebrity with a science and tech background. All *Xploration FabLab* episodes will focus on a relevant global issue and what's being done to solve it. Using real-life examples, *FabLab* will illustrate how all the STEM disciplines work together to improve our lives and make the world better.

Daily Mail.TV - a syndicated show hosted by Jesse Palmer bringing the [DailyMail.com](https://www.dailymail.com) to life on television. With exclusive stories, breaking news, showbiz, politics, crime, health, science and technology.

Matter of Fact with Soledad O'Brein is a syndicated show hosted by Soledad O'Brien that offers a fresh take on political news, and covers emerging national issues.

Short Form Programming

KXLT demonstrates a strong commitment to our community by broadcasting public service announcements (PSA's) for many area non-profit organizations. The PSA's are listed below which aired during the quarter. Specific dates/times are not given here, but are available on request.

KXLT also ran their Partners in Positivity campaign in which we produced spots highlighting the work of local non-profits on air and on our website.

2nd Quarter non-profits profiled
 Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack
 One Vision
 Channel One Food Bank
 Paws and Claws Humane society

Advertiser	Title
AARP	Caregiver
Adopt US Kids	Adopt Teens
	Adopt Teens/Cat
Ad Foundation	Suicide Prevention
American Humane Society	Kindness101.org
Assisi Heights	Trafficking Awareness
Bolder Options	Be the Bridge Mentor
	Sportacular

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Cerro Gordo Public Health	New Address
Channel One	Partners in Positivity
Closed Captioning	Closed Captioning
DNR	Seeds for Tomorrow
Elder Network	Elder Network/KXLT
Feed My Starving Children	Partners in Positivity
Finish Your Diploma.org	High School Equivalency
FOX 47 FOXfiles	Community Calendar
Gift of Life	Golf Tourney
Humane Society of the United States	Adopt Dogs Maxie
	Adopt Dogs Jake
	Adopt
	Adopt Dogs Bentley
	Adopt Cats
MN National Guard	Benefits/Careers/STEM/Heart/Greater
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	Text and Drive Deer
	Text and Drive Penguin
	Drunk Driving

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National Park Service	Discover the Forest
NHTSA	Distracted Driving
	Playplace
One Vision	Partners in Positivity
Paws and Claws	Partners in Positivity
Ronald McDonald House	Pop Tabs
	A Heartwarming Party “Thank You”
	Generic
Roosters Baseball	June 8 th
	June 16 th
	June 30 th
RTAAF	Golf Tourney
United Way Olmsted County	2-1-1/Bold Campaign
	Problems
	Kid-splain
	Celebration of Caring and Giving
Veteran and Emergency Services	Hangar Dance