

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAY/DATE</u>	<u>TIME/DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE/TYPE</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>
REGIONAL	THURSDAY, 10/1/15	8:55 AM/4MIN.	L/PA	MANUFACTURING TOUR
CONTENT: OUR GUESTS THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT WERE PAT BAKER AND GREG THOMAS. THEY WERE HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO TAKE PART IN THE TOUR OF MANUFACTURING. THE ANNUAL EVENT GIVES ATTENDEES A CHANCE TO SEE HOW LOCAL MANUFACTURING BUSINESSES OPERATE, TO ASK QUESTIONS AND EVEN HEAR ABOUT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.				
REGIONAL	FRIDAY, 10/2/15	8:55 AM/4MIN.	L/PA	PHEASANT HUNTING
CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING WAS SCOTT ROEMHILDT WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. SCOTT WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE UPCOMING MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S PHEASANT HUNTING OPENER THAT WILL BE HELD IN MANKATO. THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO A BANQUET THE NIGHT BEFORE HUNTING BEGINS. THE OPENER WILL DRAW IN HUNDREDS OF HUNTERS TO THE MANKATO AREA, SHOWCASING THE COMMUNITY TO THE REST OF THE STATE.				
REGIONAL	MONDAY, 10/5/15	8:55 AM/4MIN.	L/PA	LOCAL ARTISAN FAIR
CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING WERE TAMI BETO AND KAREN DIRKX WITH THE MAKER FAIR MINNESOTA HELD IN GARDEN CITY. THE FAIR DRAWS HOMEMADE CRAFT VENDORS FROM AROUND THE REGION AS WELL AS ATTENDEES. THE FAIR FEATURES MANY HOMEMADE ARTS, CRAFTS AND NATURAL PRODUCTS.				
REGIONAL	TUESDAY, 10/6/15	8:55 AM/4MIN.	L/PA	4-H ENROLLMENT
CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING WAS KATIE JOHNSON WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. KATIE WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE NEW BEGINNING OF THE 4-H YEAR, AS PART OF NATIONAL 4-H WEEK. 4-H GIVES STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE AGRICULTURE AND COMPLETE A PROJECT FROM START TO FINISH.				
REGIONAL	WEDNESDAY, 10/7/15	8:55 AM/4MIN.	L/PA	COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM
CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT WS ANNE MURRAY, PRESIDENT OF CLOVE, A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM ADVOCACY GROUP. ANNE WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT CLOVE AND THE DIFFERENT GROUPS AND BUSINESSES THAT ARE A PART OF IT. ANNE ALSO TALKED ABOUT OPPORUNITIES FOR MORE GROUPS AND BUSINESSES TO JOIN AND THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING.				
REGIONAL	THURSDAY, 10/8/15	8:55 AM/4MIN.	L/PA	SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNIGN IS SARA BUECHMANN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MANKATO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. SHE WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE MSO'S UPCOMING PEFORMANCE OF PASSION AND ROMANCE AT MANKATO WEST HIGH SCHOOL. SARA ALSO TALKED ABOUT SOME UPCOMING PERFORMANCES FOR THE ORCHESTRA'S 66 TH SEASON AND HOW THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ORCHESTRA COULD DO SO.				
REGIONAL	THURSDAY, 10/9/15	8:55 AM/4MIN.	L/PA	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT WAS RENITA ROBINSON WITH THE COMMITTEE AGAINST DOMESTIC ASSAULT. RENITA WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE VARIOUS EVENTS COMING UP IN OCTOBER, WHICH ARE				

PART OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH. THE CADA HOUSE IN MANKATO SERVES A 9 COUNTY REGION AND SUPPORTS THOSE IN VIOLENT SITUATIONS.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 10/12/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA COMMUNITY THEATER

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT IS TRAVIS CARPENTER, THE NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR FOR THE MERELY PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATER. TRAVIS TALKED ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND AND THE UPCOMING SEASON OF PERFORMANCES FOR THE MERELY PLAYERS. TRAVIS ALSO TOLD VIEWERS HOW THEY CAN GET INVOLVED WITH THE MERELY PLAYERS.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 10/13/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA PERSONAL FINANCE CLASSES

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT IS ANTONIO ALBA WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. ANTONIO WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT A SERIES OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL EDUCATION COURSES OFFERED THROUGH THE U OF M EXTENSION. THE CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH AND COVER BASIC PERSONAL FINANCE, LIKE CHECKBOOKS TO COMPLEX ISSUES SUCH AS INVESTING AND RETIRMENT.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 10/14/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA MANKATO MARATHON

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT ARE ANNA THILL AND CHRIS WILLAERT WITH VISIT MANKATO TO TALK ABOUT THE UPCOMING ANNUAL MANKATO MARATHON. THEY TALKED ABOUT THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE COMING INTO THE COMMUNITY FOR RACE WEEKEND AND THE BOOST IT MEANS TO THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS TO GET INVOLVED IN RACE ACTIVITIES.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 10/15/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE BARB DORN AND KATE LOGING WITH THE MANKATO YWCA TO TALK ABOUT THE UPCOMING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. THE CONFERENCE ALLOWS ATTENDEES TO HEAR FROM NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKERS WITHOUT HAVING TO TRAVEL FAR. THE CONFERENCE DRAW HUNDREDS OF ATTENDEES TO THE MANKATO AREA EACH YEAR.

REGIONAL FRIDAY, 10/16/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA GHOST TOWN HISTORY

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT IS JESSICA POTTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. SHE WAS HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO A SPECIAL PRESENTATION CALLED GHOSTS FROM THE PAST, WHICH IS A LOOK AT TOWNS OF THE COUNTY THAT ARE NO LONGER AROUND. THE EVENT WILL TALK ABOUT THE TOWNS AND WHAT CAUSED THEM TO DISAPPEAR FROM THE MAP.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 10/19/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA LOCAL MUSIC-BELL RINGING

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT ARE WENDY GREINER AND ANN STEWART WITH THE RIVERBEND BELLS ENSEMBLE. THEY WERE HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO ATTEND THEIR ANNUAL HAND BELL CONCERT. THEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE ENSEMBLE AND HOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED CAN JOIN.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 10/20/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT IS BRIGID TUCK WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. SHE WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT A SERVICE THE EXTENSION OFFERS TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES. THEY ARE EMERGENCY ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS. THESE ARE DONE WHEN A MAJOR EMPLOYER ANNOUNCES A CLOSURE SO THE COMMUNITY KNOWS THE POSSIBLE IMPACTS THAT COULD RESULT, SUCH AS JOB LOSS AND ANY TRICKLE DOWN EFFECTS.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 10/21/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA HEALTH INSURANCE HELP

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT WAS LISA HOFFMAN WOJCIK WITH THE OPEN DOOR HEALTH CLINIC. LISA WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT ASSISTANCE THEY OFFER TO ANYONE ENROLLING IN HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH MINNESOTA'S HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE. LISA ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE HEALTH SERVICES THEY OFFER THAT ARE OPEN TO ANYONE, REGARDLESS OF INSURANCE STATUS.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 10/22/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA DOWNTOWN RENAISSANCE

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT ARE MEGAN FLANAGAN, THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CITY CENTER PARTNERSHIP AND JONATHAN ZIERDT, PRESIDENT OF GREATER MANKATO GROWTH. MEGAN WAS HERE TO INTRODUCE HERSELF TO VIEWERS AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CCP. JONATHAN TALKED ABOUT SOME OF THE NEW INITIATIVES THEY WILL BE WORKING ON IN THE FUTURE AS MEGAN BEGINS HER ROLL.

REGIONAL FRIDAY, 10/23/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT ARE BARB KAUS AND CORALYN MUSSER WITH THE GREATER MANKATO AREA UNITED WAY. THEY WERE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE 2016 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN AND HOW BUSINESSES CAN GET THEIR EMPLOYEES INVOLVED BY HOSTING RALLIES. THEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THAT RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH THE UNITED WAY.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 10/26/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT IS SHANNON GULLICKSON WITH THE ANNUAL KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN SIBLEY PARK. SHANNON TALKED ABOUT THE NEW DISPLAYS THIS YEAR AND HOW THIS GROWING ANNUAL EVENT IS HELPING LOCAL FOOD SHELVES AND NON PROFIT GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE LIGHTS WILL BE ON EACH NIGHT IN SIBLEY PARK FROM THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING THROUGH NEW YEARS EVE.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 10/27/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA LAND RENT INFORMATION

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT IS DIANE DEWITTE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. DIANE WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT A SERIES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR FARMERS AND LAND OWNERS TO ATTEND. NOT ALL FARMERS OWN THE LAND THEY FARM, SO IT IS IMPORTANT FOR BOTH SIDES TO ATTEND AS THIS IS A WAY TO LEARN ABOUT TRENDS IN LAND RENTING PRICES AS WELL AS A WAY FOR INPUT COSTS TO BE BUDGETED.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 10/28/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA DANCE AND PERFORMANCE

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT IS JONAS NISSEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE FAIRMONT OPERA HOUSE. JONAS WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE UPCOMING PERFORMANCE OF FLEMENCE DANCE

AT THE OPERA HOUSE. THIS IS A NEW TYPE OF SHOW AND THEY ARE HOPING VIEWERS WILL CHECK IT OUT. HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT HOW VIEWERS COULD GET SEASON TICKETS TO PERFORMANCES AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 10/29/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA HUMAINE SOCIETY GALA

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT IS GERALD WOODLEY WITH THE BROWN COUNTY HUMAINE SOCIETY. HE WAS HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO THE 10TH ANNUAL TASTING GALA, A FUNDRAISER FOR THE SOCIETY. THERE WILL BE SAMPLES AS WELL AS SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. ALL THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CARE OF THE ANIMALS AS ALL WORKERS ARE VOLUNTEERS.

REGIONAL FRIDAY, 10/30/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA FASHION SHOW

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE SARA PIERCE FROM THE ZONTA CLUB AND DOUG JAEGER, CEO OF THE OPEN DOOR HEALTH CENTER. THEY WERE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE UPCOMING ZONTA CLUB FASHION SHOW, WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO THE OPEN DOOR HEALTH CENTER. THE ANNUAL EVENT IS A FUNDRAISER PUT ON BY ZONTA.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 11/2/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA ROBOTICS COMPETITION

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE SAMUEL MANSFIELD AND LUCAS BASTON WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE MANKATO EAST AND WEST VEX ROBOTICS TEAMS. THEY WILL BE COMPETING IN AN UPCOMING JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS COMPETITION, BEING HELD AT MANKATO EAST HIGH SCHOOL, THAT WILL DRAW PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM AROUND THE STATE. THEY ALSO INVITED VIEWERS TO COME AND WATCH THE COMPETITION.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 11/3/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA ORGANIC FARMING

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS JILL SACKETT EBERHART WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. SHE WAS HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO AN ORGANIC WARMING WORKSHOP SHE IS TEACHING. THE WORKSHOP WILL SHOW FARMERS AND GARDNERS HOW THEY CAN USE SIMPLE TECHNIQUES TO TRANSITION TO ORGANIC CROP PRODUCTION, WHICH IS A QUICKLY GROWING TREND.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 11/4/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE SUE OSTENDORF AND ARLIN PENNER WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA. THEY WERE HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO THEIR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. FUNDS RAISED HELP BUILD HOMES FOR PEOPLE IN NEED IN SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA. THEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORUNITIES WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 11/5/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS SARA BUECHMANN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MANKATO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. SHE WAS HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO THE MUSIC ON THE HILL SERIES, HELD IN THE CHAPEL AT GOOD COUNCIL HILL. SARA ALSO TALKED ABOUT SEASON TICKETS TO SYMPHONY CONCERTS AND THEIR UPCOMING HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE.

REGIONAL FRIDAY, 11/6/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA SALVATION ARMY KETTLES

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS CAPTAIN MIKE PARKER FROM THE MANKATO SALVATION ARMY. CAPTAIN PARKER WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE ANNUAL RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN AND THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THAT SERVE HUNDREDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE AT THE SALVATION ARMY THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY THE FUNDS RAISED DURING THE CAMPAIGN. CAPTAIN PARKER ALSO ENCOURAGED VIEWERS TO SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT TO RING THE BELLS.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 11/9/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA HOLIDAY SHARING TREE

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS LIZ THIESSE, PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE HOLIDAY SHARING TREE, WHICH IS IN ITS 30TH YEAR OF GIVING IN BLUE EARTH AND NICOLLET COUNTIES. THE GIFTS DONATED DURING THE CAMPAIGN ARE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED IN THE LOCAL AREA. THESE GIFTS ARE GENERALLY EVERYDAY CARE ITEMS, SUCH AS A SHIRT OR SHOES.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 11/10/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA LAND RENT INFORMATION

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT IS GARY HACKFELD WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. DIANE WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT A SERIES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR FARMERS AND LAND OWNERS TO ATTEND. NOT ALL FARMERS OWN THE LAND THEY FARM, SO IT IS IMPORTANT FOR BOTH SIDES TO ATTEND AS THIS IS A WAY TO LEARN ABOUT TRENDS IN LAND RENTING PRICES AS WELL AS A WAY FOR INPUT COSTS TO BE BUDGETED.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 11/11/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA BUSINESS AWARDS

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT IS AMY LINDE FROM GREATER MANKATO GROWTH. AMY WAS HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO THE ANNUAL GREATER MANKATO GROWTH BUSINESS AWARDS AND HALL OF FAME. THE ANNUAL EVENT RECOGNIZES BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 11/12/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA HOLIDAY SHARING TREE

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS LIZ THIESSE, PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE HOLIDAY SHARING TREE, WHICH IS IN ITS 30TH YEAR OF GIVING IN BLUE EARTH AND NICOLLET COUNTIES. THE GIFTS DONATED DURING THE CAMPAIGN ARE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED IN THE LOCAL AREA. THESE GIFTS ARE GENERALLY EVERYDAY CARE ITEMS, SUCH AS A SHIRT OR SHOES.

REGIONAL FRIDAY, 11/13/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA DREAM CLOSET SHOPPING

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE KAM CONE AND ALLI THEIS FROM DREAM CLOSET, A MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY-MANKATO STUDENT ORGANIZATION. DREAM CLOSET IS A FREE SHOPPING EVENT OPEN TO ANYONE THAT USES DONATED ITEMS FROM THE COMMUNITY. THEY ARE HOPING THIS CAN ALSO SERVE AS A SHOPPING EVENT FOR KIDS TO GET A HOLIDAY GIFT FOR THEIR PARENTS.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 11/16/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA ILLUSIONS PERFORMANCE

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS JONAS NISSEN FROM THE FAIRMONT OPERA HOUSE. JONAS WAS HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO THE UPCOMING PERFORMANCE OF NELSON ILLUSIONS, WHICH IS A MAGIC AND ILLUSIONS SHOW. THIS IS PART OF THEIR 2015-16 PERFORMANCE SERIES. JONAS ALSO TALKED ABOUT PURCHASING TICKETS AS A HOLIDAY GIFT.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 11/17/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA SAFE FOOD HANDLING

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS KELLY KUNKEL FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. KELLY WAS HERE TO OFFER SAFE FOOD HANDLING TIPS AHEAD OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. SHE OFFERED VIEWERS TIPS OF PREPARING AND COOKING A TURKEY AS WELL AS STORING LEFTOVERS.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 11/18/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA TOYS FOR TOTS KICK OFF

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE JESS MCGRAW FROM DIGITY RADIO AND BERNIE THOMPSON FROM THE US MARINE CORPS TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM. THEY WERE HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO THE KICK OFF OF THE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM AT THE SOUTHERN MINNESOTA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL. THE LOCAL TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM HELPS CHILDREN IN NEED IN BLUE EARTH, NICOLLET, WASECA AND WATONWAN COUNTIES.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 11/19/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS MEGAN FLANAGAN WITH THE CITY CENTER PARTNERSHIP. MEGAN WAS HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO TAKE PART IN SHOP SMALL SATURDAY, A NATIONAL PROGRAM THAT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO SHOP AT SMALL, LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES. THE CITY CENTER PARTNERSHIP AND LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A FUN ATMOSPHERE FOR SHOP SMALL SATURDAY, BY OFFERING PRIZES AND MORE.

REGIONAL FRIDAY, 11/20/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS ERIC SLETTEN WITH THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF NORTH MANKATO. ERIC WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT A NEW WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE THEY ARE FORMING THIS WINTER. THE LEAGUE WILL OFFER A TEAM SPORT TO EVERYONE. ERIC ALSO TALKED ABOUT A NEW PLAY GROUDN THEY WILL BE BUILDING IN NORTH MANKATO THAT IS ZERO BARRIER, ALLOWING ANYONE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 11/23/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA FIRE & ICE BALL FUNDRAISER

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS BARB KAUS, PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER MANKATO AREA UNITED WAY. BARB WAS HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO THEIR FIRST FIRE AND ICE BALL FUNDRAISER. FUNDS RAISED THROUGH TICKET SALES AND SILENT AUCTIONS ITEMS WILL GO INTO HELPING FUND THE OVER 50 ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVE SOME OR ALL OF THEIR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED WAY.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 11/24/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA HOMEMADE HOLIDAY DÉCOR

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS BARB MAHER, A MASTER GARDNER WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. BARB WAS HERE TO SHOW VIEWERS HOW THEY CAN TAKE THINGS FROM THEIR YARD OR GARDEN AND MAKE EASY HOLIDAY DECORATIONS FOR FREE OR CHEAP.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 11/25/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE SCOTT WOJCIK OF THE KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND KELSEY SPLINTER FROM THE MANKATO AREA DERBY GIRLS. THEY WERE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE KICK OFF OF THE 4TH ANNUAL KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND PARADE, WHICH IS BEING LED BY THE DERBY GIRLS. THE KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS DRAWS THOUSANDS OF VISITORS TO THE MANKATO AREA EACH YEAR AND HELPS RAISES FUNDS AND FOODS FOR AREA NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND FOOD SHELVES.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 11/26/15 7:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE SESAME GLACKLER-RIQUELME AND LINDA HACHFELD. THEY WERE HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO TAKE PART IN A FREE SHOPPING EVENT FOR KIDS TO GET A FREE GIFT FOR THE ADULT IN THEIR LIFE. SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS WAS STARTED A COUPLE YEARS AGO BY SESAME WHEN HER FATHER WAS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS. THE GIFTS ARE PROVIDED BY DONATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

REGIONAL FRIDAY, 11/27/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE SCOTT WOJCIK OF THE KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND KELSEY SPLINTER FROM THE MANKATO AREA DERBY GIRLS. THEY WERE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE KICK OFF OF THE 4TH ANNUAL KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND PARADE, WHICH IS BEING LED BY THE DERBY GIRLS. THE KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS DRAWS THOUSANDS OF VISITORS TO THE MANKATO AREA EACH YEAR AND HELPS RAISES FUNDS AND FOODS FOR AREA NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND FOOD SHELVES.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 11/30/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE SESAME GLACKLER-RIQUELME AND LINDA HACHFELD. THEY WERE HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO TAKE PART IN A FREE SHOPPING EVENT FOR KIDS TO GET A FREE GIFT FOR THE ADULT IN THEIR LIFE. SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS WAS STARTED A COUPLE YEARS AGO BY SESAME WHEN HER FATHER WAS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS. THE GIFTS ARE PROVIDED BY DONATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 12/1/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA NITROGEN MANAGEMENT

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS BRAD CARLSON FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. BRAD WAS HERE TO SHARE SOME NEW INFORMATION AND RESEARCH WITH VIEWERS ON BEST PRACTICES FOR NITROGEN APPLICATION TO FARM FIELDS AND EVEN GARDENS. BETTER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ALSO MEANS IMPROVED WATER QUALITY FOR ALL.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 12/2/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS TIMOTHY BERRY FROM CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN MANKATO. HE WAS HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO AN UPCOMING PERFORMANCE OF "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN" AT THE CHURCH. SALES OF TICKETS WILL GO TO BENEFIT THE BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES NUTRITIOUS SNACKS AND MEALS TO STUDENTS IN NEED OVER THE WEEKEND AND DURING SCHOOL BREAKS IN THE GREATER MANKATO AREA.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 12/3/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS JESSICA POTTER OF THE BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. SHE WAS HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO STEP BACK IN TIME AND EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS IN THE VICTORIAN ERA AT THE HISTORIC MANKATO HUBBARD HOUSE. THE HOME WILL BE DECORATED IN THE VICTORIAN STYLE, GIVING ATTENDEES A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE THE PAST.

REGIONAL FRIDAY, 12/4/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA MERELY PLAYERS THEATER

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE SUSAN OLSON AD JOEL CHINDVALL WITH THE MERELY PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATER. THEY WERE HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO THEIR UPCOMING PERFORMANCES OF "A MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET." THE MERELY PLAYERS PERFORMANCES ARE PUT ON A BY A NUMBER OF LOCAL ACTORS, SINGERS , DIRECTORS AND MORE.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 12/7/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA WINTER SOLISTICE CONCERT

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS AMY KORTUEM, A LOCAL MUSICAN AND HARPISIT. SHE WAS HERE TO INVITE VIEWERS TO HER ANNUAL WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT. AMY HAS BEEN PLAYING THE HARP FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND LOVES TO SHARE HER LOVE OF MUSIC WITH LOCAL CONCERT GOERS.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 12/8/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA BUFFER STRIP LAW

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING WAS GARY WYATT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. GARY WAS HERE TO OFFER HELPFUL TIPS TO OUR VIEWERS ABOUT THE NEWLY ENACTED BUFFER STRIP LAW THAT IS INTENDED TO HELP IMPROVE WATER QUALITY. GARY ALSO TALKED ABOUT TREE AND SHRUB PRUNING IN THE WINTER MONTHS.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 12/9/10 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA EVENT PLANNING HELP

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE ANNA THILL AND CHRIS WILLAERT WITH VISIT MANKATO. THEY WERE HERE TO TALK ABOUT EVENT PLANNING HELP THAT VISIT MANKATO CAN OFFER TO BUSINESSES OR CONFERENCES INTERESTED IN HOLDING AN EVENT IN MANKATO. MANKATO IS SEEING AN INCREASE IN CONFERENCES AND EVENTS AND VISIT MANKATO HOPES TO HELP THAT CONTINUE.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 12/10/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA HOLIDAY CONCERT

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS JONAS NISSEN FROM THE FAIRMONT OPERA HOUSE. JONAS WAS HERE TO TELL VIEWERS ABOUT AN UPCOMING HOLIDAY CONCERT AT THE OPERA HOUSE. THE UNIQUE CONCERT WILL HAVE A BIG BAND FEEL. JONAS ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE GROWING CONCERT CALENDAR AT THE OPERA HOUSE THAT IS DRAWING IN ATTENDEES FROM AROUND THE REGION.

REGIONAL FRIDAY, 12/11/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS MELINDA WEDZINA FROM THE BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM. SHE WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE UPCOMING CLIMB TO FEED KIDS, WHICH IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM GIVES SNACKS AND MEALS TO KIDS IN NEED IN BLUE EARTH COUNTY FOR THE WEEKEND AND SCHOOL BREAKS. THE PROGRAM HOPES TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE SCHOOLS IT SERVES.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 12/14/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA ICE CARVING KIWANIS LIGHTS

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE SCOTT WOJCIK WITH THE KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHT AND NOELLE LAWTON FROM THE TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS. THEY WERE HERE TO TELL VIEWERS ABOUT A NEW EVENT AT THE KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS WHICH WILL FEATURE A 30 FOOT LONG ICE SCULPTURE

WHICH WILL BE A REPLICA OF A NEW DISPLAY AT THE LIGHTS THIS YEAR. THE HOPE OF THE ICE SCULPTURE IS TO CONTINUE TO DRAW NEW AND RECURRING VISITORS TO THE ANNUAL KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN MANKATO'S SIBLEY PARK.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 12/15/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA WINTER CROP DAYS

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS DIANE DEWITTE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. DIANE WAS HERE TO TELL OUR VIEWERS ABOUT THE UPCOMING WINTER CROP DAYS WHICH IS A SERIES OF SEMINARS FOR FARMERS TO TAKE PART IN THAT TALK ABOUT NEW FARMING AND CONSERVATION PRACTICES. THE SEMINARS ARE HELD IN THE WINTER AND AROUND THE REGION, WHICH OPENS TO DOOR FOR MORE PEOPLE TO ATTEND.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 12/16/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA VOLUNTEERING UNITED WAY

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS TRICIA STENBERG FROM THE GREATER MANKATO AREA UNITED WAY. TRICIA WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT VARIOUS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE UNITED WAY. THE UNITED WAY HELPS OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITH THEIR NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, WHETHER IT IS ORGANIZING EVENTS, HELPING IN AN OFFICE OR PAINTING.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 12/17/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA CITY ART PROGRAM

CONTENT: OUR GUESTS FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING ARE MEGAN FLANAGAN FROM THE CITY CENTER PARTNERSHIP AND NOELLE LAWTON WITH THE TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS. THEY WERE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE GROWING CITY ART PROGRAM AND THE NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS. THE PROGRAM PLACES PUBLIC ART THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, SUCH AS THE CITY ART WALKING SCULPTURE TOUR. THE PROGRAM IS LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO GROW THE PROGRAM TO BRING MORE PUBLIC ART TO THE COMMUNITY.

REGIONAL FRIDAY, 12/18/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS BARB KAUS, PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER MANKATO AREA UNITED WAY. BARB WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE FINAL DAYS OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND THEIR HOPE OF EXCEEDING THEIR GOAL OF \$1.95 MILLION. 99% OF THE FUNDS RAISED STAY LOCAL AND WILL OVER 50 ORGANIZATIONS AND 32 PROGRAMS IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT SUPPORT HEALTH AND LEARNING.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 12/21/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS VANESSA STEFFL FROM THE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM. VANESSA WAS HERE TO TELL OUR VIEWERS ABOUT VOLUNTEER DRIVER OPPORTUNITIES. THEY ARE VERY FLEXIBLE IN THEIR SCHEDULES AND THE TIME COMMITMENT IS ONLY ONE HOUR. THE MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM SERVES HUNDREDS OF SENIORS IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY EACH DAY.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 12/22/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA WINTER CROP DAYS

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS JASON ERTL FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. DIANE WAS HERE TO TELL OUR VIEWERS ABOUT THE UPCOMING WINTER CROP DAYS WHICH IS A SERIES OF SEMINARS FOR FARMERS TO TAKE PART IN THAT TALK ABOUT NEW FARMING AND CONSERVATION PRACTICES. THE SEMINARS ARE HELD IN THE WINTER AND AROUND THE REGION, WHICH OPENS TO DOOR FOR MORE PEOPLE TO ATTEND.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 12/23/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA MINNESOTA HISTORY

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS JESSICA POTTER WITH THE BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. SHE WAS HERE TO TELL VIEWERS ABOUT THE FINAL DAYS OF A COUPLE EXHIBITS AT THE SOCEITY. ONE OF THEM SHOWCASES PICTURES FROM A LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB, SHOWCASING THE BEAUTY OF OUR LOCAL AREA. THE OTHER IS A HISTORIC TRAVELING EXHIBIT SHOWING OLD MAPS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AS WELL AS HISTORIC LOCAL MAPS.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 12/24/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS MELINDA WEDZINA FROM THE BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM. SHE WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE UPCOMING CLIMB TO FEED KIDS, WHICH IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM GIVES SNACKS AND MEALS TO KIDS IN NEED IN BLUE EARTH COUNTY FOR THE WEEKEND AND SCHOOL BREAKS. THE PROGRAM HOPES TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE SCHOOLS IT SERVES.

REGIONAL MONDAY, 12/28/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS BARB KAUS, PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER MANKATO AREA UNITED WAY. BARB WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE FINAL DAYS OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND THEIR HOPE OF EXCEEDING THEIR GOAL OF \$1.95 MILLION. 99% OF THE FUNDS RAISED STAY LOCAL AND WILL OVER 50 ORGANIZATIONS AND 32 PROGRAMS IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT SUPPORT HEALTH AND LEARNING.

REGIONAL TUESDAY, 12/29/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA 4-H EDUCATION

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING WAS KATIE JOHNSON WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION. KATIE WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT ENROLLMENT IN 4-H. 4-H GIVES STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE AGRICULTURE AND COMPLETE A PROJECT FROM START TO FINISH. MANY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 4-H FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN A ROW, GROWING FRIENDS AND BUILDING PARTNERSHIP SKILLS.

REGIONAL WEDNESDAY, 12/30/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA LOCAL WEATHER HISTORY

CONTENT: OUR GUEST THIS MORNING FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT WAS JESSICA POTTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. JESSICA WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1965 FLOOD, THAT DEVISTATED MUCH OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA, INCLUDING THE MANKATO AREA. JESSICA TALKED ABOUT THE WEATHER CONDITIONS THAT CREATED THE FLOOD, HOW THE COMMUNITY RESPONDED TO THE RISING WATER AND CAME TOGETHER AFTER TO CLEAN-UP AND THE RESPONSE TO PREVENT FUTURE FLOODING.

REGIONAL THURSDAY, 12/31/15 8:55 AM/4MIN. L/PA BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

CONTENT: OUR GUEST FOR REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT THIS MORNING IS MELINDA WEDZINA FROM THE BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM. SHE WAS HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE UPCOMING CLIMB TO FEED KIDS, WHICH IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM GIVES SNACKS AND MEALS TO KIDS IN NEED IN BLUE EARTH COUNTY FOR THE WEEKEND AND SCHOOL BREAKS. THE PROGRAM HOPES TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE SCHOOLS IT SERVES.