

2015
Problems and Needs Report
Fourth Quarter
KTTC

KTTC airs many broadcasts that contain stories dealing with the problems and important issues of the communities we serve. Listed below, by problem and need category, are topics of those stories that were broadcast during this quarter

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2015 4th Quarter Issues and Programs Report - KTTC NewsCenter

1. Economic & Downtown Development/Jobs/Tourism

10-5 Ground is broken on a new bank going up on West Circle Drive in Rochester. The owners of West Bank, out of Iowa, and other business leaders held the ceremony at their two acre lot this afternoon. The Rochester location is West Bank's first venture into Minnesota, and their building is expected to be completed by next year. West Bank specializes in business banking, but their CEO says because they're not a typical bank, the building won't be typical, either.

10-12 Rochester City Council members are considering the possibility of a new arena and hockey team. A proposal to replace Taylor Arena was brought before Rochester City Council, but the project comes with a hefty cost...and no clear way to pay for it all. NewsCenter's Taj Simmons is live in Rochester with more.

10-19 It's a big deal for the community in Austin. The Oak Park Mall deal is finished... and Hy-Vee is taking over. The Austin Port Authority signed the documents this morning for the purchase and sale of Oak Park Mall.

10-22 Neighbors in southwest Rochester get a look at plans for a corridor of 2nd Street Southwest aimed at giving pedestrians more options to walk from Saint Marys to nearby locations.

10-26 One of Rochester's most traveled roads could be in line to receive a massive makeover. It's no longer officially known as Highway 63, but Broadway is still just as important as ever to the city of Rochester. While cars have long enjoyed one of the Med City's main arteries, a 15-year renovation could make traffic flow better for everyone on the road.

10-28 The 500 farmers who own a part of the Al-Corn Clean Fuel ethanol plant in Claremont... have turned down a proposal to expand the operation.

11-2 For three years, Rochester Parks and Forestry has been waging a war against the crows which once took over downtown. Today the head of the crowhunt gave an update to Rochester City Council, and the results have been promising. Rochester Parks and Forestry head Michael Nigbur said Rochester was home to 15 to 20,000 crows a night in 2012. Since then, Rochester Parks and Forestry and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have used lasers and flares to scare them away. The crows have largely stayed away from downtown since the operation started.

11-9 Rochester is a city full of historical sights to see, as the Med City has 11 locations listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A local commission has been fighting to protect the city's architecture and presented an ordinance proposal to the Rochester Committee of the Whole this afternoon.

11-16 While Destination Medical Center has set the bar high for its eventual development in Rochester, very few projects have actually broken ground. Councilmembers hope D-M-C will finally spring to life in 2016, and once again put their confidence in the plan by approving their budget for next year.

11-19 It's no secret Rochester is growing... and there's a man in town who has seen it from a whole different perspective. The best part -- he's capturing it all for the world to see. NewsCenter's Devin Bartolotta joins us live to introduce us to the "man upstairs."

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11-23 "The Hubcap House." You may have noticed it in Rochester. It's that house near the intersection of 25th Street and Simpson Road Southeast... that is adorned with over fifty hubcaps that many people refer to as the house with the hubcaps.

12-9 Rochester business man Javon Bea already has a large influence in downtown Rochester, but is looking to expand his reach into the northwest part of the city. We are now beginning to learn his plans for a large piece of land on the outskirts of the city.

12-14 A plan to build a state-of-the-art hotel across the street from Saint Marys hangs in limbo after tonight's Rochester Committee of the Whole meeting. The proposal hinges on whether D-M-C funds will be used for the project, and councilmembers remained unconvinced with pieces of the plan.

12-17 A plan of potentially transforming a parking lot across from Saint Marys into a hotel is being pushed back for the time being. DMCC board members say there are just too many questions surrounding the project and how it will be funded.

12-24 The corn farmers who own the Al-Corn Clean Fuel ethanol plant in Claremont have given the green light for a major 145-million-dollar expansion.

12-25 Opposition grows in southeast Minnesota to the proposed high-speed rail line that would connect Rochester to Minneapolis. A grassroots group called Citizens Concerned about Rail Line is opposing any form of high-speed rail along the Highway 52 corridor. Members are worried about potential loss of farm land and taxable land. Rochester civic leaders see the proposed rail as a way to draw thousands of new workers to Mayo Clinic and other big employers.

2. Political/Governmental

10-7 The Rochester Police Policy Oversight commission held a public forum tonight to let the community get a firsthand look at police body cameras on the verge of hitting the streets. They are meant to be an act of transparency, but their usage is causing concerns for both sides.

10-15 The Rochester Fire Department is unveiling its newest station to the public. The open house at Station number two began around 5 o'clock tonight, and featured a number of prominent city officials.

10-27 The Capital Investment Committee's third regional bonding tour of the season wound its way through Welch, Red Wing, Wabasha and Whitewater State Park today - and ended tonight with a stop at Winona State University.

10-28 The Capital Investment Committee continued its tour today of possible bond projects in southeast Minnesota. At the top of the list was re-construction of the Lanesboro Dam, which city officials say is nearly at its breaking point.

11-3 The governor is asking federal authorities to extend a deadline that allows the state more time to comply with Real ID requirements.

11-9 A Republican presidential hopeful made a quick visit to the Med City this evening, stopping at the Rochester Eagles Club. It was Senator Rand Paul's third stop in Minnesota today... hoping to energize voters in the Upper Midwest.

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11-11 Senator Al Franken is re-introducing legislation that would ban smartphone apps that supposedly enable stalking. The legislation would also require companies to get consumer permission before collecting location data off smartphones and tablets.

11-16 Democratic Presidential Candidate Martin O'Malley stops in Decorah, Iowa for an intimate encounter with voters. O'Malley's stump speech today was delivered from a coffee shop bench to a packed house. He focused largely on domestic issues, citing his successes as Baltimore Mayor and Maryland Governor. He says in five years, he can institute debt-free college, and supports a \$15 minimum wage.

11-17 People who work for Olmsted County will now be making more of an effort to fly out of the Rochester International Airport. Today, the Olmsted County Board approved the "Fly Local" initiative at their board meeting. The plan encourages all elected and non-elected county officials to book a flight through R-S-T when traveling for work.

11-24 Waseca officials involved in John Ladue's case hope state authorities will consider making changes to 'attempt laws'-- that's when an individual has an actual intent to commit a crime. Ladue is the Waseca teen who wasn't tried after being accused of plotting to kill his family and bomb his high school.

12-3 A budget forecast released today shows Minnesota's budget surplus could grow to nearly 1-point-9 billion dollars... the highest level ever. The surplus this year is thanks to spending that was below projections - specifically in healthcare. Now there's talk of how to spend the surplus. Some want to give money back to the people. Others want to use it on programs like education and transportation.

12-15 Mower County commissioners approved a \$19.25 million tax levy today to help address issues like crime and poverty.

12-15 Olmsted County settles on a budget for next year as well. Commissioners approved the 236 million dollar budget for 2016 today. And some good news for tax-payers--the overall tax levy increase proposal has been lowered. The adopted tax levy is now 4.79 percent.

12-16 Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has been making her rounds on the campaign circuit, especially in the Midwest. Just yesterday she spoke to a crowd at University of Minnesota, and today she had two town hall meetings in Iowa. At her Mason City "Fighting for Us" Town hall meeting, around 300 people gathered to hear Clinton speak, some with the hopes of having a their most pressing questions answered.

12-21 Rochester City Council met for the last time of the year tonight, and councilmembers ended 2015 by considering a number of projects and requests. However, the most important facet of tonight's meeting was the approval of next year's budget and the approval of a multimillion dollar tax levy. NewsCenter's Taj Simmons was there and is live in our newsroom with more.

12-23 Governor Mark Dayton says state lawmakers will have to take action... or else Minnesotans will no longer be able to use state driver's licenses to get past airport checkpoints. The Department of Homeland Security has denied the governor's request for more time to meet the federal government's demand to upgrade to REAL I-D... a security-enhanced license.

3. Health Care Developments

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10-8 Mayo Clinic researchers are responsible for many military technologies, from the G-suit to the first human centrifuge. This week, Mayo is honoring their military-history while keeping an eye on developing the next big thing. Dr. Michael Yaszemski presented Mayo's use of regenerative medicine on Monday. He said regenerative treatments, which replace damaged cells, have been used on patients with burns, gunshot wounds, and spinal cord injuries.

10-26 A Mayo Clinic team Has created a device that helps treat Parkinson's. The device, named WIN-C-S Harmony, helps improve Deep Brain Stimulation. D-B-S delivers electric pulses to the brain, which reduces motor tremors that are a result of Parkinson's.

10-28 Health issues push Minnesota Gopher Head Football Coach Jerry Kill to retire from the sport he loves. Coach Kill has epilepsy... and after suffering two seizures before practice yesterday... his doctor advised him to step down or face serious health risks. Coach Kill is one of nearly 3 million people in this country with epilepsy. Of course every case and it's severity can change from person to person. Ryan Lais has been seizure free for nearly 5 years...achieving what he says is a successful life. Lais has a Master's degree....a full time job...and a family. This isn't the end...that's his message to people with dealing with epilepsy...you can still have a good life.

11-10 Minnesota's health commissioner is considering what the public has to say about expanding the state's medical marijuana program to include patients suffering intense pain. Dr. Edward Ehlinger led a hearing today in West Saint Paul for those who believe medical marijuana is the only hope of pain relief for suffering patients.

11-16 Two middle aged Iowa men have now died from the flu. The Iowa Department of Public Health says both men were from Central Iowa and between the ages of 41 and 60 years old. The I-D-P-H report says right now Iowa has one of the highest levels of flu in the country... along with Oregon and Rhode Island.

11-17 One strong teenage boy in Rochester is fighting the battle of his life...a battle that has a zero percent survival rate. Isaac Palone was diagnosed with Grade Three DIPG... a brain tumor with no chance of survival. An athlete, natural-born leader, and scholar... to Isaac, the hardest part of his diagnosis is not being able to go to school.

12-1 Is playing contact sports in school more dangerous than first thought? A new Mayo Clinic study says -- yes. It found that those who'd played in youth sports -- appear to have a *higher* chance of developing C-T-E. That's a degenerative brain disorder caused by repeated blows to the head.

12-2 Health officials have decided to allow residents with chronic pain to buy medical marijuana starting in August. Health Commissioner Ed Ehlinger announced the decision at a news conference this morning. Ehlinger calls it "the right and compassionate choice" to give new hope to suffering patients.

12-9 A lot can be said about the power of touch. That's right -- and that power can extend as far as healing those who are sick. NewsCenter's Alanna Martella joins us live in the newsroom with the details.

12-10 CTE -- is caused by repeated blows to the head resulting in concussions. A Mayo Clinic study suggests athletes involved in contact sports-- even at a young age may be at risk. We talked with Dr. Brad Boeve who was involved in that study--out of the 47-hundred brains research in the Mayo Clinic Brain Bank, they identified 66 men who had played contact sports during their youth. About a-third of them had signs of CTE in their brains during autopsy.

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12-21 A new drug is now being used at the Mayo Clinic that can help fight advanced forms of melanoma. Keytruda is an FDA approved immuno-therapy drug that enhances a patient's immune system to help fight the cancer. It's mainly been used to fight advanced forms of melanoma, but it's also been effective in patients with lung and kidney cancer. The Mayo Clinic was among the first to use the drug in clinical trials and now hundreds of Mayo patients have received the treatment. It's the same drug that former President Jimmy Carter was administered to fight his melanoma.

4. Education

10-6 A big night with some big numbers for Rochester Public Schools. The school board passes a preliminary \$40 point 7 million maximum property tax levy for 2016-2017.

10-19 The Alliance for Strong Rochester Public Schools is tirelessly working to get the word out about the Rochester Public Schools referendum vote.

11-3 They have the real power -- and tonight, the voters have spoken! School superintendents... school boards... and teachers across southeastern Minnesota now know what their future holds. Tonight.. there are "Yes" votes for higher taxes for schools in Hayfield... Owatonna and Southland... but it's looking like "No" in Rochester... and a definite "No" in Caledonia.

11-4 A late night in Rochester results in the first tax levy increase for the Rochester Public School district in years. A ten percent levy increase was approved by a razor thin margin of 239 votes. If it had not passed, R-P-S would have faced a 3-point-8 million dollar budget deficit.

11-5 It's been a hot topic of debate for around a year and a half---the future of the Wykoff School building in the Kingsland School District. Tonight's meeting was lead by the "Citizens United For Kingsland"... a group that formed over concerns that the Intermediate School in Wykoff could close. The group also shares concern that Wykoff's 4th through 6th grade students could be moved to the Spring Valley facility, which houses 7th through 12th graders.

11-9 The Austin School Board gives a thumbs-up to a proposed teacher's contract.

11-12 The school year isn't even half over yet... but parents sending their kids off to kindergarten in Rochester next year are already preparing. Tonight was the annual "Kickoff to Kindergarten" night in the cafeteria at Mayo High School. It's a free resource night for parents where they can get all of their questions answered in one place.

11-12 Riverland Community College is working with community members in Austin to help elementary schoolers with science projects. Fourth graders at Neveln Elementary went to Riverland today for the Science Project Mentorship Program. They took part in some fun experiments led by Riverland professors.

11-22 The Kingsland school board tonight faced a controversial decision on whether to close the intermediate school in Wykoff. Concerned citizens packed inside Kingsland High School while the school board voted on their ultimatum.

11-25 A local school is getting national honors. Plainview-Elgin-Millville Elementary for fourth through sixth grade has been given the National Blue Ribbon Award.

11-25 Tension stirring for several months finally boil over in the form of a complaint, condemning R-C-T-C's President Leslie McClellon's leadership. Yesterday, a letter was sent to

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the Minnesota state colleges and universities that listed a variety of complaints, ranging from her hiring practices and spending to a possible loss of accreditation for R-C-T-C. It was signed by the local chapters of the Minnesota State College Faculty Union, and the Minnesota State College Student Association.

11-30 A new development in the relations between RCTC students and administration. A letter was sent to MnSCU's chancellor today (from concerned R-C-T-C students)... calling for the immediate removal of college president Leslie McClellon.

12-2 The controversy surrounding Rochester Community and Technical College President Leslie McClellon has grown in the past two weeks, with several associations on campus calling for her removal. This week, MnSCU officials took a big step to try and resolve the situation.

12-8 Last month, Rochester voters narrowly approved a multimillion dollar property tax levy to keep Public Schools at budget for the next five years. However, after an action taken tonight by the R-P-S board, the amount of money taxpayers are obligated to pay will be nearly a million dollars less than first thought.

12-10 Rochester Public School officials discuss disparities within the disciplinary measures taken at their schools -- particularly when it comes to race. According to Civil Rights data gathered by the U.S. Department of Education, Rochester's black and Hispanic students are disciplined at a higher rate than their white counterparts. 64% of Rochester students are white, 14% black, and 9% Hispanic. But the civil rights data shows in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions and office referrals of black and Hispanic students are at much higher rates.

12-14 Listos Preschool and Childcare in Rochester will soon be opening its doors to older students. Right now the dual-language preschool is seeing if there's community interest in having after-school Spanish classes for kindergartners and first graders.

12-16 Gage Elementary in Rochester will become a full-service community school after the state awards it thousands in grant money. Gage will hire a site coordinator for their program, described as a hub of information and resources with help from community members.

12-17 Some students at the University of Minnesota in Rochester got a little therapeutic surprise while they were studying for finals today. Meet therapy dog Gracie. She stopped by UMR today to give students a break from studying.

12-17 After receiving much criticism from staff and students--RCTC University President Leslie McClellon is resigning from her position. In a statement, McClellon said "I believe it is in the best interest of the college for me to step down so the staff and students can move forward focused solely on achieving the mission of RCTC." The controversy around McClellon has grown in the past month. Several have taken complaints to the head of Minnesota state colleges and universities asking for McClellon to be terminated.

5. Crime Prevention & Domestic Violence

10-8 October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, and tonight the Freeborn County Crime Victims Crisis Center honored both victims and survivors in its 11th annual candlelight vigil in Albert Lea. NewsCenter's Ali Killam was there tonight and joins us live in our newsroom with more.

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10-13 A West Concord man accused of molesting juveniles and his ex-wife pleads guilty... but won't serve jail time. 33-year-old Mark Ott pleaded guilty to 2nd and 4th degree criminal sexual conduct charges with victims under the age of 13. However, under an Alford plea deal, Ott will not go to jail. So why exactly is Ott avoiding trial and instead walking away free through a plea agreement? That's the question one victim's father is wondering, and a decision attorneys are defending. NewsCenter's Ali Killam Digs Deeper tonight to find out.

10-21 It's a green light for police body cams in Rochester. Last night the Rochester police policy oversight commission concluded its four-month review of a body camera policy.

10-29 It was last week when bullets from an AK-47 peppered a home in Northwest Rochester. Tonight, neighbors meet at Resurrection Lutheran Church... just up the street from where that incident happened... to discuss the recent crime in their neighborhood.

10-29 As we hear about crime in Rochester on a daily basis... keep in mind that in April, the Rochester Police Department announced crime in this city hit a 40-year-low. But does that mean people really feel safer? NewsCenter's Devin Bartolotta has been digging deeper into this for weeks... and joins us live with more.

10-29 Jacob Wetterling was 11-years-old when he was abducted from his hometown of St. Joseph back in 1989. Today it was announced that this man, 52-year-old Daniel Heinrich of Annandale is a person of interest in Wetterling's case.

11-4 It's a completely different scene tonight at the Crossroads Plaza in Rochester but earlier today it was a frightening ordeal after a potential bomb threat shut down parts of Broadway.

11-5 Law enforcement tell us more about the man at the center of explosive scare at Crossroads Shopping Center in Rochester yesterday. The 46-year-old man from Shorewood is getting psychological help at Saint Marys Hospital. Police say he allegedly made bomb threats yesterday morning near M-S-P International Airport.

11-12 Here in Minnesota... there are more than three-thousand rape kits... or sexual assault evidence collected... that have not been tested for their corresponding investigations. A new report today is showing us where those kits are. Rochester is part of a group making up half the untested kits.

11-17 From cameras owned by businesses to cameras owned by the government, Rochester has an expansive network of surveillance. This week, the Rochester Police Department begins a partnership with a private company to get to those cameras faster when a crime is caught on tape.

11-18 A Rochester business owner impacted by burglaries is supporting the Securo-Net program the Rochester police department is partnering with.

11-18 Minnesota's Safe Harbor Law went into effect last year, in an effort to stop sex trafficking. Yesterday, the law's first year evaluation overview was released. The Safe Harbor Law aims to ensure that minors sold for sex trafficking are treated as victims instead of delinquents. It also makes sure they are given assistance through a number of services statewide. The year review shows minors ranging from 9 to 17-years-old received services through the program.

11-30 The man believed responsible for many of the 100 Rochester area business burglaries in the first half of the year learns how long he will spend in prison.

12-10 This scenario has played itself out over and over in Lake City, where a so-called "package stalker" has been stealing from people's porches. The Lake City Police Department

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says at least 5 packages were stolen or ransacked just yesterday alone. The LC-PD notified all delivery services in the area about the string of thefts, and says delivery personnel have made changes to protect their packages.

12-14 Gun ownership is on a dramatic rise in Olmsted County. The number of permits issued has jumped more than 250 percent from last November to this November. This stack of permit applications on the desk of the Olmsted County Detention Center is immense...and this is just from the last six days. In November of 2014, 58 permits to purchase were issued. In November of this year, they issued 146. Some people today filling out applications tell us that recent mass shootings have influenced their decision, as well as talk about gun control.

12-15 A suspected bank robber holds up the same Rochester bank two days in a row. He allegedly robbed Sterling State Bank for the second time this afternoon... but today... he wasn't so lucky as he was caught by law enforcement.

12-17 Police say a driver hit and killed a woman in Albert Lea last night then stood next to officers, watching without saying a word as they tried to revive her. It was all caught on video.

12-28 A woman is behind bars after a stabbing in Albert Lea over the weekend. On Saturday morning, police found a 27-year-old man stabbed in the stomach. Albert Lea Police say officers were immediately led to his ex-girlfriend, 22-year-old Ashley Randall. She was arrested and is now charged with domestic assault and assault with a weapon.

6. Elderly/Handicapped/Minority Groups/Racism

10-1 The Freeborn County Sheriff is pleading with the kids of a small community to stop vandalizing the home of an elderly woman... and he's getting a much bigger reaction than expected.

10-13 Rochester's first ever special Olympics flag footballs teams are headed to state! This is the first year that flag football is being recognized as a special Olympic sport. Rochester's teams...the Sunday and Tuesday Night Flyers are both competing in the competition. 15 players make up the Tuesday Night flyers league and their disabilities vary.

11-11 A group of Veterans, community leaders, and community members gathered today for a special ceremony. This afternoon's pinning ceremony was held to honor Veterans who serve through Senior Corps' Retired & Senior Volunteer Program.

11-22 Hidden within the fabric of Mayo Clinic is a pretty unique group of workers...the oil that helps make the whole machine work more smoothly. These men and women are part of PossAbilities, an organization catering to children and adults living with disabilities.

11-23 Speaking comes second nature to most people. One local man, who is a resident of Hiawatha Homes shows us that a voice should never be taken for granted. Darin Koster is bound to a wheelchair and unable to speak due to cerebral palsy. His main way of communication is through a special box, that gives him a voice.

11-25 On this Thanksgiving eve... a local church invited those from different faiths to come together and give thanks. Christ United Methodist Church wrapped up their Thanksgiving celebration just about an hour ago. All were welcome to the celebration, be it Muslims, Catholics, Jews, Episcopaleons, Lutherans, and more.

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11-26 It's a tradition for many families to gather together on Thanksgiving - and yet there are so many who have nowhere to go. And it's for them, that the Lanesboro United Methodist Church cooked up a free Thanksgiving dinner.

11-30 The men accused of shooting Black Lives Matters protesters last week in Minneapolis are charged in court.

12-1 It's a program that helps to find and keep safe those with disabilities who tend to wander. This afternoon, members of the Project Lifesaver Search Team met up in Rochester for their quarterly training. NewsCenter's Alanna Martella tagged along on the training and joins us live in the newsroom with what they do.

12-2 A new resource for single moms could be coming to Rochester. It's called the Jeremiah Program. It's a nonprofit that helps move single moms and their kids from poverty to prosperity by equipping them with tools to live a successful life. In most instances, the women and children in the program move to safe housing where they receive training and life skills while they work and go to school.

12-8 Muslims in Rochester appear united when it comes to Donald Trump's idea... saying if he wants to do something to get votes, he may want to try something different. Members of the community came to our news team at the Mosque in downtown Rochester, saying the attacks in California have nothing to do with the Muslim religion. They say the tragedy goes against the fundamental beliefs of their religion. There's a buzz word going around called Islamo-phobia... but community members we spoke to say they haven't felt any discrimination.

12-9 Grand Forks authorities confirm the fire at a Somalian-owned coffee shop yesterday was an act of arson.

12-10 A 6-foot Grand Menorah now lights up Rochester's Peace Plaza. It was lit earlier this evening to celebrate Chanukah's fifth night.

12-16 There's now a new home in Rochester for people in need of memory care. The Benedict House is a newly constructed building on the Madonna Towers Campus on 19th Avenue Northwest. The approximately two million dollar building will house 16 senior citizens who need assisted living memory care.

12-21 Black Lives Matter protesters are planning another Mall of America protest for Wednesday in protest of the Minneapolis police shooting of Jamar Clark. But mall officials are taking legal action in an attempt to keep protesters out.

12-22 As Christmas draws nearer, many parents are finally checking off the last boxes on their holiday shopping list. However, there are some parents who are unable to afford a gift at all... but the Salvation Army is providing a holiday miracle for many children in need of a gift.

12-22 The judge makes her decision. Three people will be barred from attending an upcoming Black Lives Matter protest at the Mall of America planned for tomorrow.

12-25 The Rochester Salvation Army served hundreds with a Christmas meal today. There was some good food, but for the guests it was about *so much more* than what was on the menu.

7. Environment

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10-6 Today marks a new chapter in the Lake Shady and Zumbro River restoration. Olmsted County Commissioners unanimously voted to award the Lake Shady dam removal contract to Veit and Company Incorporated...giving the project the go ahead. The need to remove the dam came after the 2010 floods that both destroyed the lake and the dam that created it. Here is a look at Lake Shady back in 2007 as many like to remember it where two branches of the Zumbro River met. Once considered an active watering hole for the community the lake turned into dead zone filled with sediment. This new restoration project may not bring Lake Shady back, but it's attempting to do the next best thing.

10-22 Governor Mark Dayton is asking railroad inspectors to speed up safety inspections for tracks where more crude oil cars are moving through.

10-27 Governor Mark Dayton was in South Dakota today... checking out cleanup efforts of a former gold mine. The visit is meant to determine if he should allow a new precious mining project to move forward here in Minnesota. The project Dayton is considering is the PolyMet project... which would put a copper-nickel mine near Hoyt Lakes on the Iron Range.

10-28 The Minnesota DNR is starting to plan for implementing the governor's buffer strip law that was passed in the last legislative session. The law requires vegetation buffers of up to 50 feet along rivers, streams and ditches. It's supposed to help filter out phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediment.

11-9 Crews have worked around the clock to clean up an area of the Mississippi River near Alma, Wisconsin following this weekend's train derailment. Today crews had the derailed cars back on the tracks. 25 of them went off the tracks Saturday morning... some of them leaking ethanol into the Mississippi. So far, B-N-S-F officials monitoring the water quality have not found any environmental impacts.

11-12 Federal investigators continue their work on the Mississippi in Alma, Wisconsin, 6 days after 32 train cars derailed. Today, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service managers told us the spill area is a National Wildlife Refuge for waterfowl.... a refuge that now has up to 20 thousand gallons of denatured alcohol mixed into it.

12-1 New Renewable Fuel Standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency call for far less ethanol than original projections. The new standard of 18-point-11 billion gallons of ethanol being put into gasoline is more than the first proposal of 17-point-4 billion. The very first projections set in 2007 called for 22-point-25 billion gallons of ethanol to be added next year. Plants like Poet in Preston see themselves as part of the solution. They say ethanol is produced on a smaller environmental foot print than fossil fuels. They say the EPA's choice puzzles them as its main goal is environmental protection.

12-23 It's still unclear what caused a massive fish kill in late July in the Whitewater River. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources says an investigation near Altura was unable to pinpoint a cause. This was the scene there July 31st where more than 10-thousand fish were killed in the south branch of the Whitewater. The DNR now says no toxic levels of ammonia, pesticides or metals were found in water samples.

8. Youth

10-13 Middle Schoolers in Kasson-Mantorville just learned how good giving back feels, after spending the day doing good deeds for their annual Community Service Day.

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10-15 As part of Whitewater State Park's cave tours, adventurers strapped on their headlamps and explored the inside of one of nature's oldest dwellings. One 11-year-old had so much fun on today's excursion that he's already planning way ahead to include caves in his future.

10-19 John LaDue, the Waseca teen accused of plotting to bomb his high school and kill his family, has received his sentence. LaDue will be sent to a facility to be treated for his Autism Spectrum Disorder.

10-29 A company looking to turn the former Lewiston Villa Assisted Living home into a Children's Residential Facility is getting pushback. Incidents at one of the company's prior locations have neighbors concerned about the project.

11-4 It appears the company planning to bring a Children's Residential Facility into Lewiston is pulling out. Clinicare Corporation wanted to open the facility for troubled youth in the Lewiston Villa Assisted Living home. But a spotty history at some of Clinicare's other locations drew Lewiston residents out last week... voicing their concerns.

11-10 A core principle of being a Cub Scout is giving back to the community. And one Pack from Lake City is doing just that, by making bracelets for a special cause.

11-18 Mayo High School students are taking one last shot tonight before they perform their much anticipated production of "Chicago." The students acted, sang and danced their hearts out tonight during their final dress rehearsal.

11-18 Chatfield police say they are investigating a case of threats made toward a group of about nine students at Chatfield High School. Chief Shane Fox says police are taking it seriously, juveniles are involved and he says it remains an open investigation. A parent says after initial reports of drug activity - a list of nine names was circulated... apparently teens who were marked for possible retaliation.

12-3 When you're in high school... you get a special letter for your jacket when you do well in things like sports and band. But a new partnership in Rochester is recognizing and rewarding high schoolers for something else... volunteering. NewsCenter's Alanna Martella shares with us what this means to the students.

12-3 First -- his poem was published in a critically-acclaimed book. Now - it's being made into a film... all to show support for his mom as she battles cancer. NewsCenter's Chris Yu spoke with the young poet in Austin.

12-7 They call themselves "dudes and chicks" but you might know them better as John Marshall students. They're parked out at Hy-Vee Barlow in Spirit Rocket vans until 6 a.m. This will be the order of business for them all week. It's all to raise money for Christmas Anonymous, an organization that helps families in need have a brighter holiday.

12-9 An investigation on the Hillsboro School district - just outside of Fargo - could be a warning to parents everywhere: Be aware of what your child is doing-- especially on their phones.. Hillsboro police and the B-C-I are looking into allegations made against some of Hillsboro High school's football players. One of the players allegedly recorded video of his underage girlfriend performing sexual acts and then sending that video to other team members.

12-22 Students return to class at Triton High School for the first time since their classmate lost his life in a Friday evening car crash. Today students and staff took advantage of counselors brought in from other schools, as well as local clergy.

Four Triton High students were in a car accident on Friday in Dodge County.

18-year-old Logan Maas, who was also a volunteer firefighter, was killed in the crash.

9. Substance Abuse

10-5 A Rochester man is arrested after police say he was found with stolen property and drugs.

10-22 Police investigating the drive-by shooting in northwest Rochester earlier this week - uncover a synthetic marijuana manufacturing operation.

10-23 Express Diagnostics in Blue Earth produces high quality drug and alcohol tests that are used worldwide. With growing demand, this small company is making a move overseas, while keeping Minnesota on its mind.

11-24 The California man arrested for bringing meth from Mexico into Rochester says he knew police were on to him. Police found 127-thousand dollars' worth of meth was inside of a suspicious package at the Fed-Ex Shipping Center on Friday. It was delivered to its destination at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester in a controlled delivery. Jose Rojas picked it up and was arrested on scene.

12-2 The streets of Mason City are a bit cleaner tonight, after the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's office makes 16 drug busts. It took months to investigate, but just two days to track the suspects down.

12-8 Alcohol could be banned at two Rochester parks. Today the Rochester Police Department brought a recommendation to the Rochester Parks Board to ban alcohol at Slatterly Park and Kutzky Park.

12-16 A Rochester man is sentenced two months after leading police on a wild chase that ended in a crash. 30-year-old Andrew Berndt pleaded guilty in October to charges of fleeing a peace officer and drug possession.

12-21 An investigation into a Winona murder unfolds with new details, as a grand jury indicts seven people in connection with the murder of Adam Tyler two months ago. Today, three of them faced the judge. Kayla Clay, Richard Deppe, and Cornelius Dunnigan all appeared in court this morning. Clay and Deppe were charged with aiding and abetting murder in the 1st and second degrees while Dunnigan and Deppe face charges of conspiracy to sell marijuana.

12-23 Should drug offenders get less time in prison? Supporters say it will allow addicts to get better treatment... and reunite families. But critics say public safety would be at risk. This afternoon there was a public hearing in St. Paul for both sides to weigh in. NewsCenter's Chris Yu was there.

12-23 A Blooming Prairie man is facing charges of manslaughter and felony child endangerment in the death of his infant son last July. 30-year-old Cory Stucky was sleeping on a couch with the baby on July 18th while his girlfriend was at work. Authorities say when she got home she woke Stucky up, screaming that the baby wasn't breathing -- the infant was later pronounced dead at a hospital emergency room. Investigators say the girlfriend told them Stucky drank at least 24 beers the day before... then went to a bar drinking with friends.

LOCALLY/ONI PRODUCED PROGRAMMING

KTTC-TV is very community-oriented and interested in community problems and issues. It devotes a considerable amount of its news time to the coverage of significant problems, needs and issues facing the community. KTTC has broadcast the following programming in response to the issues and programs during this quarter.

- KTTC Newscenter “Around Town”
Saturday 7:26am, 7:56am, 8:26am, 8:56am
Sunday 7:26am
“Around Town” is a 1:56 minute segment that has interviews with individuals in the community. These interviews provide information and discussion of events in the area, usually by non-profit organizations.

2015 Around Town 4th Quarter Schedule

- October 3 – Art Bash; The Fete
- October 10 – Mission 21; Paws & Claws Annual Auction
- October 17 – Spooktacular Fun Run; Reading Center
- October 24 – Red Carpet Recovery; RCTC Fall Play
- October 31 – Spring Valley’s Masquerade Charity Ball for Playground;
Deck the Tables, Decorah

- November 7 – NAMI Choir; Feast! Local Foods Marketplace Foodie Fest
- November 14 – Small Business Saturday; Red Kettle Campaign
- November 21 – Festival of Trees for Hiawatha Homes Foundation;
Morning Pride Lions Christmas Tree Sale
- November 28 – KTTC Drive-by Toy Drive for Christmas Anonymous;
Christmas in the City, West Concord

- December 5 – Cookie Classic for Bear Creek Services; Rochester Male
Chorus Christmas Concert
- December 12 – Rochester Firefighters Bolder Options Fundraiser; Santa
to a Senior, Rochester Senior Center
- December 19 – Kiwanis Hockey Festival, Rochester; Visually Impaired
Outreach Group
- December 26 – Spartan Mini-Spirits Dance Camp; PossAbilities STARS
Program, Rochester

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KTTC NewsCenter

NewsCenter Today	Monday-Friday	5:00-7:00am
NewsCenter at Noon	Monday-Friday	12:00-12:30pm
NewsCenter at Five	Monday-Friday	5:00-5:30pm
NewsCenter at Five	Sunday	5:00-5:30pm
NewsCenter at Six	Monday-Saturday	6:00-6:30pm
NewsCenter at Ten	Sunday-Friday	10:00-10:35pm
NewsCenter at Ten	Saturday	10:00-10:30pm

SYNDICATED PROGRAMMING

KTTC-TV has broadcast the following syndicated programming material in response to the problems and needs of our viewing area-

- Ag Day Monday-Friday 4:00-4:30am

Daily syndicated program of agriculturally related topics.

NETWORK (NBC) PROGRAMMING

KTTC has broadcast the following network programming which addresses many of the problems and needs of our viewing area.

- Early Today Monday – Friday 4:30-5:00am
As the first broadcast of the day on the NBC Network, “Early Today” provides a comprehensive look at the news that occurred overnight as well as previewing the day’s upcoming events

- Today Show Monday – Friday 7:00-11:00am
Saturday 7:00-9:00am
Sunday 7:00-8:00am

A news program that provides the latest in international and domestic news, weather reports and interviews with newsmakers from the world of politics, business, media, entertainment and sports.

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- Meet The Press Sunday 8:00-9:00am

NBC moderator interviews top newsmakers from the week

- NBC Nightly News Monday-Sunday 5:30-6:00pm

Provides reports and analysis of the day's most newsworthy national and international events.

- Dateline Various dates/times

Prime-time news magazine program that comprises segments on a wide range of topics, including investigative reports, human-interest stories and newsmaker profiles.

SHORT FORM PROGRAMMING

KTTC 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.

The following PSA's ran during the 3rd quarter of 2015

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<u>Advertiser</u>	<u>Title</u>
Art Center of Rochester	ArtBash 2015
Boy Scouts of America	Food Drive
Children's Health Fund	Children's Health Fund
Christmas Anonymous	Toy Drive 2015
Diocese of Winona	Catholic Charities
Eagles Club 5 th District	Telethon Auditions

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Family Service Rochester

Gary Sinise Foundation

Got Your Six

Healthiest State Walk

Hiawatha Homes Foundation

KTTC Amazing Woman

KTTC Community Calendar

KTTC Weather Academy

Lanesboro Art Center

Laketrails Base Camp

Lions International

MADD

Minnesota National Guard

NAB Congressional Campaign

NBC "More You Know"

QUBO FCC Report Location

Project Roadblock

Rochester Area Builders

KTTC/KTTC-DT
Television
Rochester, Minnesota

Senior Assistance

Those Who Serve / Who Help Heroes

Got Your Six/Behind Every Great/Backs

Hy-Vee Healthiest State Walk 2015

Festival of Trees

Amazing Woman Award

Community Calendar

Green Screen / Sleet Freezing Rain /
Snow

Density / Wind Chill

Swingsation 2015

Lake of the Woods Teen Camp

Airport/Safari Hunting/District 5M1

Austin Melville "Don't Drink & Drive"/
Marcus Sherels

Storm/Fire/Flood

Bring Change 2 Mind/Glenn Close

We Are Broadcasters/Blum Ready.gov

Grassley iKeep Safe/ King Support Our
Troops/ Kline Jumpstart

Digital Literacy/Children's Health

Environment/Health/Diversity/Educatio
n

QUBO FCC

Signs / Doors / Viral

Winterization

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Rochester Area Foundation	We Give 365 / 70 Years
Rochester Male Chorus	Christmas Concert
Ronald McDonald House	Donate 2015
SAGE/MN Cancer Alliance	Colorectal Cancer/Jimmy Smits
Salvation Army	Red Kettle Campaign 2015
ScamAwareness.org	Online Safety
Seasons Hospice	Live & Love Affair 2015
Shoplifting (Tangerine)	Sara
Team Detroit	Futures Without Violence
Text to Speech	Text to Speech
The ARC Southeastern Minnesota	The ARC SE-MN "Adrian"
The Bully Project	Bus
TvB	We Get Voters
United Way of Olmsted County	Give. Advocate. Volunteer
Understood for Learning & Attention Issues	Understood