

2017
Problems and Needs Report
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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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1. Economic & Downtown Development/Jobs/Tourism

4-6 A new indoor gun range, the Heartland Gun Club, is in the works for southwest Rochester. However neighbors aren't too thrilled, citing many concerns but especially its proximity.

4-10 There's a revised proposal for what *would be* the largest re-development project in Rochester history. Bloom International Realty -- a developer from United Arab Emirates -- proposed last year to build a 2-tower condominium complex along the Zumbro River -- from Second to Fourth Streets Southeast. The company then wanted to build a third tower -- featuring apartments for seniors. But after deciding that 3 towers would be too expensive, Bloom sent a revised proposal to the City of Rochester a week ago saying it's going back to 2 towers.

4-13 A California developer is unveiling plans for a 12 story hotel, and what he hopes will be the future site of the Rochester American Legion.

4-14 Massive changes happening at Miracle Mile in Rochester. The demolition process is expected to wrap up next week, but it's causing some confusion for customers.

4-18 Leaders discuss the future of transportation in the Med City --- as Destination Medical Center takes shape.

4-19 A Celebration of Renovation today at Rochester International Airport. It was the ceremonial groundbreaking of the 12-million dollar project to improve a large portion of the facility.

4-20 14 of the best places to work in Southeast Minnesota are receiving recognition tonight. This year marks the 8th year Workforce Development Incorporated has brought about this honor.

4-25 It's been a fixture in downtown Rochester for many years. The Hotel Carlton is now nominated to receive a 'landmark designation'... that means it requires preservation due to historic significance. But the process is causing some headaches. NewsCenter's Alanna Martella heard from local leaders today, and joins us live in the newsroom with all the differing opinions.

5-1 Conversations continue about what to do with the historic Chateau Theatre in downtown Rochester.

5-3 Construction crews are getting ready for a big project in one small Iowa town. A new hotel in Riceville is set to open in a few months.

5-3 Ground breaking has begun for a 12-million dollar expansion to Mason City's Cargill innovative cooked egg facility.

5-5 The "future" 55th Street Northwest bridge over the Zumbro River is making some good progress. The massive bridge support beams made it to the construction site this afternoon.

5-12 A new trade deal between China and the U-S---- signals a possible business boom for beef producers. The deal lifts the 2003 ban on beef and opens up the world's second largest beef buyer to producers in Minnesota.

5-16 The home sales market is bubbling in southeastern Minnesota. Not boiling...but pretty active. The latest data from the Southeast Minnesota Realtors shows the median sales price is now 179-thousand-900 dollars. That's up nearly nine percent from last April. Average days on

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the market for a home that sold in April-- 76 days. That is down sharply from the colder months, meaning the market is heating up, but the market is still not as hot as last summer.

5-18 We're learning more about plans for the apartment community, going up as part of the Miracle Mile development. It's called "Avani Living." It's a 107-unit metro complex, and includes features like a wellness center, group workspaces, a rooftop terrace, and a putting green. Developers say it's an urban community that promotes healthy lifestyles.

5-21 Residents in Preston are ready to get hooked this weekend for the 20-17 Trout Days! The event officially kicked off today with garage sales throughout the town... followed by the Preston Ambulance fundraiser steak dinner, happening now.

5-23 The Zumbro River Brand is planning to build a new food grade warehouse. The new facility is expected to create more than 20 jobs.

5-23 The historic Rosie Belle is no more, as crews demolish the building. Originally built in the late 1800s, a local resident bought the downtown building in 2008 with hopes of turning it into a visual and performing arts center.

5-24 A more *open* approach to life in the office. Today is the official grand opening of IBM's agile workspace-- after 9 months of planning. IBM says the new layout encourages collaboration. IBM Rochester is one of many IBM locations around the world introducing this kind of workspace as part of the company's way of working....which emphasizes deep thinking, speed, and teamwork.

6-13 The housing market in the Rochester metro area continues to be healthier and stronger as time goes on... greatly improved from ten years ago.

6-16 One of the major road construction projects of the summer is going full-steam ahead across northern Rochester. From North Broadway--you can see the action off in the distance as construction crews are now putting down the surface of the new roadways. You can see the progress much better from the KTTC DroneCam rising high in the air over North Broadway near 48th Street Northeast. When you go back to the west side of the Zumbro River---you can see the teams pouring the concrete as they finish the westbound lane near to the bridge.

6-19 Today, the Rochester City Council Board narrowed down the five proposals for the Armory Building down to two. At the Committee of the Whole meeting this afternoon... the board decided to move forward with The Castle Community Group and Entourage Events Group / Fine Line Cafe proposals. The Castle Community Group would transform the Amory into an arts and community center... Entourage Events envisions a space for live entertainment.

6-26 More changes are coming down the flight path for Rochester International Airport. RST Executive Director John Reed says the recent addition of United Airlines to the market has increased the desire to fly in and out of the airport, giving people more options, especially with the FlyLocal Initiative.

6-27 World-class art... flexibility... and a wide range of retail -- designers have big plans for the Heart of the City project in downtown Rochester.

6-28 The new "Discovery Square" project in downtown Rochester... has its first three tenants and all three are work groups from inside Mayo Clinic. Today we are learning from developer Mortenson Construction of Minneapolis that Mayo has committed to moving three units to 30-thousand square feet in the new building.

2. Political/Governmental

4-5 The Iowa House has passed a bill that would ban most abortions in the state at 20 weeks of pregnancy.

4-7 Senators from Minnesota and Iowa urge President Trump to open up Chinese markets to U.S. beef. Senators Franken and Klobuchar from Minnesota as well as Senators Grassley and Ernst were part of a bipartisan group asking President Trump to make sending U.S. Beef to Chinese markets a priority.

4-18 A candid Q&A between Congressman Tim Walz and his constituents this evening. The U.S. Representative and gubernatorial candidate hosted a town hall at Winona State University just hours ago.

4-20 Gov. Mark Dayton says he's open to a transportation funding deal *without* a gas tax increase. The governor and lawmakers have debated for years on how to pay for a major road and bridge funding package. Democrats have pushed for a 10-cent gas tax hike. But Republicans say the budget surplus and existing tax revenues are enough.

4-25 The upper Midwest timber industry is welcoming the Trump Administration's announcement that it's imposing tariffs averaging 20 percent on softwood lumber entering the United States from Canada.

5-1 Sunday liquor sales -- first, the governor gave the okay. And tonight -- the Rochester City Council followed suit.

5-3 Minnesota's legislative leaders plan to start negotiations on a couple of less controversial budget bills before tackling some of the session's larger debates over health care and taxes.

5-11 The fate of the session remains in limbo in St. Paul, after Rochester Senator Carla Nelson had to leave the Senate floor for a family emergency, reportedly to be with her dying father in Rochester. She is unable to make it back to the Senate Floor.... so the Senate will *not* be voting on the remaining budget bills tonight.

5-15 A major development tonight... in the five-year-long legal battle over Rochester's city bus system. An appeals court panel rules that there was an "appearance of bias" last year in how the City of Rochester awarded the bid for running the city bus system.

5-22 As the clock ticks closer to midnight, the chances of a new state budget making deadline is becoming more unlikely.

5-23 The fate of a house with rich ties to the Kutzky community is up for discussion at tonight's Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting. The Kutzky House has a long history---even physically moving about three years ago. Soon, it might be destroyed, altogether.

5-24 Lawmakers' bonding bill to fund capital projects across Minnesota... takes form early this morning. Here are projects that would be funded in our area... if the bill passes.

5-26 After four days, the Minnesota legislature's special session finally draws to a close. But just because the house and senate passed bills - doesn't mean all the work is officially over.

5-30 Avoiding a government shutdown, the governor signs the legislature's bills that go into the state's 46-billion dollar budget. But the struggles between the DFL governor and a Republican controlled legislature are far from over.

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- 6-1 Legal action *could be* imminent against Gov. Mark Dayton. Lawmakers say they're considering suing the governor -- after he vetoed funding for the state legislature. And during a visit to Rochester today -- they did not mince words. FOX 47's Chris Yu has the story.
- 6-6 Governor Mark Dayton spent his morning in Rochester defending his controversial line item veto. And he's inviting lawmakers to sit down with him. The governor was joined by Rochester Representatives Tina Liebling and Duane Sauke. Liebling says the Republicans placed a booby trap in the state government bill -- forcing Dayton to sign it in order to save the Department of Revenue.
- 6-9 Gov. Mark Dayton is cranking up the heat on Minnesota lawmakers to undo tax breaks for cigarettes and cigars. Dayton signed a \$650 million tax bill last month that would cut taxes on premium cigars and freeze the state's cigarette taxes in place after a 2013 hike. The governor called on lawmakers today to remove those provisions, which he says are costly and would reverse reductions in youth smoking rates. It's wrapped into an ongoing legal dispute between the Democratic governor and Republican Legislature.
- 6-13 Minnesota's Legislature is suing Gov. Mark Dayton over his veto of lawmakers' funding. The legal dispute goes back to the messy end of a special session in which lawmakers delivered a \$46 billion budget. Dayton signed most of the budget in late May but zeroed out nearly \$130 million in funding for the House and Senate for the next two years. Dayton wants lawmakers to agree to remove big tax breaks for tobacco products and wealthy estate owners. But Republicans called it a clearly unconstitutional act and vowed legal action.
- 6-16 Another Minnesota DFL'er announced he's running for Governor yesterday... and today Paul Thissen took the campaign trail to Rochester.
- 6-22 With the fate of the historic Kutzky House on the line, the Heritage Preservation Commission met tonight to see what can be done. City council tasked them with offering their recommendation on whether or not to demolish the building.
- 6-26 Gov. Mark Dayton and the Minnesota Legislature had their first day in court. A judge is considering whether Dayton's veto of the Legislature's funding was unconstitutional.
- 6-27 Minnesota women are making state history. On July first...for the first time ever....five of the state's ten chief judges will be women. The fifth female chief judge will be Jodi Williamson who will serve the Third Judicial District which covers eleven counties--- including Olmsted, Mower, and Wabasha.
- 6-28 Sports gambling may one day be allowed in Minnesota. State Representative Pat Garofalo says he plans to introduce legislation that will regulate and legalize sports gambling in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. This comes after yesterday's announcement that the Supreme Court would hear the state of New Jersey's appeal to legalize sports gambling.

3. Health Care Developments

- 4-3 Reinsurance: a word you may have heard this legislative session. House File 5 - or the reinsurance bill - made its way to Governor Dayton's desk on Friday. But on Monday, he announced he wouldn't sign or veto it -- meaning it will become law Tuesday at 12:01 a.m. The bill will subsidize insurance companies with high-risk customers -- helping them pay for claims higher than \$50,000.

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4-20 A new report is showing that sexually transmitted infections are on the rise for certain Minnesotans. The rise was in people who use drugs... particularly heroin, prescription opiates and methamphetamine.

4-24 Minnesota health officials say an outbreak of measles has grown to 20 cases. The Minnesota Department of Health confirmed eight new infections today. The cases have all occurred within the Somali-American community in Hennepin County.

4-25 Mayo Clinic is making a big investment in Albert Lea. Mayo is partnering with Gold Cross to build a multi-million dollar ambulance facility.

4-25 Not long after the Minnesota Department of Health reports a "concerning rise" in sexually transmitted infections in 2016 compared to 2015... today is STI Testing Day in Minnesota. The Family Planning Community Clinic is offering *free testing at Riverland Community College in Albert Lea.

5-3 Imagine being in constant pain all over your body. That's what many suffering from EDS go through. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur spoke to one Preston family who say this is their reality, Francisco?

5-9 A new home for music therapy in Rochester. The music therapy organization has been in Rochester for the past four years, but this is the first time it's had an actual location. Healing Rhythms uses music to help people young and old deal with conditions like Alzheimer's, acute and chronic pain and Parkinson's.

5-17 Mayo Clinic hosted an event this morning to honor its nurses -- for all they do to help improve the lives and health of patients.

5-21 For 12 years, Mayo Clinic has promoted research for melanoma and other forms of skin cancer with its Stay Out of the Sun Run. That continued tonight. All of the proceeds from this year's run at Lourdes High School are going to skin cancer research.

5-26 And with many people spending time at the campgrounds, experts say ticks are popping up earlier than expected. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, recent research indicates that there were nearly 12 hundred reported cases of Lyme disease throughout the state in 2015, which is the most common tick-borne illness to date.

6-7 Doctors at Mayo Clinic say it's one of the worst cases they've seen. A baby born with a genetic disorder is in urgent need of a heart transplant. Tonight, her family is sharing what they're going through -- to get their daughter the help she needs.

6-8 It may soon be easier for veterans to get the right medical care after returning home from service. Monday, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced that they will be discontinuing their electronic health record system and start using the same system the Department of Defense uses. This will allow veterans records to be transferred more easily from the D-o-d's system to the V-A system after they leave the military.

6-9 Earlier this week we shared with you the story of a woman who gave birth in her home-- she wanted so much to thank the police officer who responded to her family's 9-1-1 call. It was quite the surprise and it all turned out well... because she went to the hospital but it wasn't time yet... so she was sent home. Doctor Hoffmann at OMC Women's Health Pavilion says there are couple of things that need to be determined once an expecting mother comes in. They do a triage to see whether a patient is in labor or having uterine contractions. Doctor Hoffmann says do their best to try and anticipate changes in the labor process, but it's not always easy.

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6-13 Mayo Clinic Health System in Albert Lea has decided to move some of its services to Austin, citing staffing shortages and rising costs. The announcement today had some nurses feeling stunned. Mayo Clinic Health System in Albert Lea will 'consolidate' its I-C-U, major surgery and childbirth services to the Austin campus, providing the services in one location instead of two.

6-15 A new report shows fewer teenagers are getting pregnant in Minnesota, but the number of sexually transmitted infections is increasing. University of Minnesota adolescent sexual health director Jill Farris authored the report. She says that pregnancy rates among 15 to 19 year olds has dropped 70 percent since 1990. However, teen rates of gonorrhea have increased 40 percent and chlamydia is up 15 percent.

6-21 Change is in the works for Saint Elizabeth's In Wabasha. Saint Elizabeth's has announced it is leaving the umbrella of Mayo Clinic Health System and is opening its own primary care clinic. We're told the newly formed clinic will operate as a department of Saint Elizabeth's Medical Center and, in time will apply for federal designation to operate as a Rural Health Clinic. The clinic will open in July with 3 providers: one primary care physician and two nurse practitioners.

6-29 They want clear answers. That was the message people were sending the Mayo Clinic Health System at Thursday night's public forum. The forum was to give concerned citizens the chance to voice their concerns over Mayo Clinic Health System's decision to move some of their services from the Albert Lea location to the Austin location.

4. Education

4-5 Every year, Minnesota State College Southeast gathers its musicians for a variety showcase. However, this year, it's not only college students taking the stage. One band is featuring a high school freshman. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur sat down with the band members to see why they enjoy playing together-- and how age doesn't make a difference on the mic.

4-18 Riverland Community College is kicking off a new program--- that offers advanced learning opportunities for Austin High School students. The students can take part in a three-part stimulation that includes investigating, radiography, and surgery.

5-2 Tens of thousands of square feet...that's how much one Rochester Public School will be expanding in the near future. it's been unanimously decided that Hoover Elementary School will be getting a major addition in the next year. The School will be on the receiving end of a 35,000 square foot expansion for an Early Childhood (or pre-kindergarten) wing.

5-8 She was in her high school Spanish class when she collapsed. That was when three staff members sprang into action. Tonight -- they are honored for helping save the student's life.

5-11 Graduation season continues across the state as droves of college grads prepare to face the world. And tonight, it's students from Rochester Community and Technical College crossing the stage and receiving those diplomas.

5-12 Rochester Catholic Schools announces today---its Director of Schools is leaving his position for a new career opportunity.

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5-16 Some big changes are coming to one Rochester elementary school. Leaders expect construction to start this this fall to add a preschool addition to Hoover Elementary School.

5-18 Longtime chancellor of University of Minnesota Rochester is stepping down this summer. Stephen Lehmkuhle says he'll retire August first. He's served as UMR chancellor since its founding ten years ago and is widely credited with creating the campus from scratch. As he prepares to retire, UMR is set to welcome its largest ever incoming class this fall.

5-23 A local tutoring program continues to grow thanks to community support. Rochester Reading Champions provides free, one-on-one tutoring to struggling readers in Olmsted County. The Rochester Public Library, in conjunction with community partners, developed the program in 2014. Tonight, the library hosted an open house to raise awareness about the program's mission.

5-31 From students by day to ninjas by night! It's Family Ninja Night for at Franklin Elementary school-- all about fun and engagement.

6-1 A tradition continues today at Lewiston-Altura High School. It's Drive Your Tractor to School Day!

6-8 Every kid's favorite season is finally upon us...summer! It's the last day of school for Rochester Public Schools. NewsCenter's Alanna Martella was at a few schools just as they let out this afternoon and joins us live in the newsroom with more.

6-9 Senator Amy Klobuchar is a major proponent for education and job creation---in Minnesota--- and nationwide. Today, she took a tour of the Career and Technical Education Center at RCTC's Heintz building to see steps the school is taking to fill open jobs.

6-15 Mayo Clinic School of Medicine is one of seven schools chosen to help transform medical education in the United States! the Kern Institute is running the initiative. The group already focuses on trying to lower the cost of medical visits and with the help from the medical schools, the Kern Institute will drive a national movement to change medical education by focusing on the Triple Aim for Medical Education. The Triple Aim focuses on character, competence and caring.

6-21 The University of Minnesota will raise tuition at its Twin Cities campus this fall. According to reports the university's board voted yesterday to approve university President Eric Kaler's recommended budget, which will raise tuition by 2 percent for Minnesota residents and 12-point-five percent for non-residents at the Twin Cities campus.

6-27 Are students of color *still being disciplined more in Rochester Schools? Rochester Public School officials tackled that issue in a special study session today. They're comparing the number of students disciplined this school year...to last. NewsCenter's Alanna Martella was at the study session this evening and joins us live in the newsroom with what was discussed, Alanna?

5. Crime Prevention & Domestic Violence

4-4 Rochester police say a man is lucky to be alive after an ambush-style attack in a northwest Rochester neighborhood.

4-10 Crime was down slightly in Rochester last year. But serious offenses and drug crimes involving heroin use are up. Rochester Police Chief Roger Peterson shared the stats with City Council members this afternoon in a look-back at 2016.

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4-18 A judge tosses out a lawsuit filed against Wabasha County's "Safe Driving Class" program... ruling that the people filing the claim could not prove they were ever harmed... so they cannot get their money back.

4-19 The manhunt for a career criminal comes to an end this afternoon. The Olmsted County Sheriff's Office confirms the arrest of Aaron Anderson, who they say fired shots "near or at a person" at a home in rural Mazeppa last night.

4-28 One man is in custody in Rochester for an attempted murder in Miami-Dade County in Florida. Earlier today, U.S. Marshals requested the help of the Olmsted County Sheriff's office to serve a fugitive arrest warrant. The man was in the Extended Stay America hotel on the 42-hundred block of West Frontage Road.

5-3 A federal judge has 'stayed' further proceedings in a class-action lawsuit over Minnesota's sex offender treatment program while lawyers for the offenders ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review an appeals court finding that the program is constitutional.

5-11 Tonight--- an update to a story we brought you last November. That's when we investigated how domestic abusers were able to take advantage of loopholes in Olmsted County's criminal justice system... enabling them to offend again. For the past 13 months, Olmsted County has been undergoing a voluntary evaluation to make its system better. This afternoon... we were able to get the results of that review.

6-1 Last March Rochester resident Zahra Zamiri narrowly escaped death after her ex-husband shot her. Since then, her recovery has been an uphill battle--- but she's *finally able to walk. She says the love from her neighbors has kept her going.

6-2 A warning from Rochester Police after an assault in Northwest Rochester. A 25-year-old woman says she was standing outside her home on 7th Street Northwest around 2:40 this morning---when a man approached her and hit her in the head. She was able to get away and provide police a limited description of her attacker - a white man in his mid-30's or 40's.

6-9 Rochester police are investigating a "significant person of interest" in connection to three alleged late-night assaults on women within a week's time.

6-21 At a time when deadly force is making headlines, some Winona County deputies are training on the shooting range. Others used an advanced simulation to hone their skills.

6-27 A four hour standoff ends in one arrest at a southeast Rochester apartment complex. Authorities took 37-year-old Jessie Devriendt into custody after a domestic dispute at Sutton Place Apartments last night. He faces domestic assault, strangulation, and terroristic threat charges.

6-28 A warning for snapchat users: a new Snapchat update may compromise your safety. Snapchat's most recent update includes a tracker allowing users to view your exact location, including the area, town, and street layout. The Fillmore County Sheriff's Office encourages all Snapchat users to set their location to Ghost Mode to keep this information private.

6-30 After a wild man-hunt that lasted for hours Thursday night, a fugitive is now behind bars - to the relief of law enforcement agencies across the region. The latest and perhaps final chapter in the search for fugitive Brent Espenson involved a hunt both on land and in the water. Thursday, after reports of daytime burglaries in Millville, sheriff's deputies located a man and began questioning him. Wabasha County Sheriff Bartsh said that's when the man, who turned out to be Espenson, jumped into the Zumbro river in an attempt to evade capture.

6. Elderly/Handicapped/Minority Groups/Racism

4-4 The lawyer for an Indiana teacher who has won a federal appeals court ruling protecting LGBT employees from workplace discrimination says the decision is a "game changer" for lesbian and gay workers.

4-10 Nearly 70 people lost their lives in Syria last Tuesday after a chemical bombing turned a rebel-held area into a toxic kill zone. Syrian refugees across the United States have shared their thoughts on the attack. Shannon Rousseau sat down with one refugee today, who's living here in Minnesota.

4-12 Retired veterans living in Minnesota are getting a big break on this year's taxes. That's because Minnesota's Legislature approved a measure last year that exempted military pension payments from the state income tax.

4-19 Memories of the "good old days" -- and the fashions that went along with them--- are center stage at the Harmony Community Center today. Though vintage clothing, hats, and more were at the forefront, it was the ladies who put it all together who stole the show. Betty Dowe and her pals in Harmony's Golden Happenings senior citizen group believe growing old is a gift that should be celebrated...not feared.

4-19 Austin is one of the most diverse cities in Minnesota, with 47 different languages spoken in schools. But with so many different cultures, the Austin Human Rights Commission says there's work to do to be inclusive to all.

4-28 New data from the federal government shows immigration arrests in Minnesota and surrounding states increased about 80 percent since President Trump took office, compared to the same time in 2016.

5-4 With the refugee crisis we see now in Syria, you can sometimes forget that it's been an issue for years. One Rochester man has been waiting for his family since 2013.

5-10 New details are emerging in an alleged racist incident at St. Olaf College. According to the president of the university, the note that was left on an African-American woman's car was fabricated and not a genuine threat.

5-17 Hundreds of immigrants here in Minnesota will soon have to leave the country. In 2014 when the Ebola virus struck, the Homeland Security Department granted temporary protected status to about five thousand west Africans from Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone. This allowed them to come live and work in the U.S. legally until the outbreak was contained. On Sunday, these immigrants will lose that status. The Executive Director of African Immigrant Services in Brooklyn Park says about 300-500 of those immigrants live in Minnesota... about ten in Rochester.

5-18 As the demand for senior living in Rochester increases, one community celebrates its growth. It's a symptom of a growing population trend. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur has the details on seniors in Olmsted County.

5-22 An incident at a nursing home... leads to the death of a resident. The Minnesota Department of Health investigated and found that the death in January of a woman at Lake Winona Manor was related to a fall in her room a few days earlier.

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5-24 A dollar fifty a day--that's how much three Rochester adults are spending on food this week----to try to get an understanding of what it's like to live in poverty.

5-25 Now, a look into the lives of refugees in Rochester-- and one organization---helping them transition to life here. An Ethiopian family spent 10 years at a refugee camp in Kenya to escape genocide in their home country. Now, they live here. NewsCenter's Ala Errebhi visited the family at the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association where they've been getting help with paperwork and job searches.

5-29 On this Memorial Day -- we honor the men and women who died while serving this country. And we recognize the importance of bringing them home -- no matter how long it takes. Tonight -- the story of a small-town veteran with dreams of changing the world, and how he returned to Minnesota more than 75 years after his passing.

5-31 Graduating from high school is an important time in any student's life. But for Rochester's American Indian students, today's graduation ceremony had even more meaning. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur has more on the special tradition from their elders.

6-14 The Miracle Field League's Adaptive Summer Ball Program is now in full swing. And when players take the field -- it's not about the score. Instead, it's about life lessons -- like building confidence... camaraderie... and sportsmanship.

6-22 Twin Cities Pride Parade organizers have asked police to minimize their participation in Sunday's event in downtown Minneapolis -- citing tensions over the police shooting of Philando Castile.

6-26 Some of you may have spotted them in Steele County... in Dodge County... and now in Olmsted County. A train of horse-drawn wagons is slowly making its way through southeast Minnesota. The Friendship Wagon Train is an annual trek across our area that raises money -- so that children and adults with developmental disabilities can attend Camp Winnebago near Caledonia.

6-29 One Minnesota artist is bringing the conversation about refugees to Rochester. This documentary experience shows the stories of refugees for people to get a personal view of what refugees face. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur is live in RCTC with why this art exhibit is so important, Francisco?

7. Environment

4-6 Minnesota landowners have some new options for complying with the state's buffer strips law. Today the Board of Water and Soil Resources released a six-pack of options to help landowners and soil and water conservation districts do that. The 2015 law requires buffer strips of perennial vegetation between farm fields and waterways to filter out nitrogen, phosphorous and sediment.

4-6 This evening, a group of new-bees gathered at Assisi Heights to learn more about bee-keeping. Bees are at risk of falling on the U.S. Endangered Species List but tonight, people interested in keeping bees came together for the Southeastern Minnesota Beekeepers Association meeting.

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4-17 If you happened to drive near Oronoco today, you might have seen some interesting action in the skies. A helicopter dropping loads of what looked like dirt near lake shady. The helicopter was hard at work dropping seed and straw around Lake Shady and the Zumbro River, as part of the restoration project. This project stems from the devastation brought about in the floods of 20-10...but now, some good is coming out of catastrophe.

4-21 With Earth Day coming up tomorrow, many people are thinking about how they can be "greener" for the day. But one Rochester couple is working on being green for *life. The Idso's have gutted their 1890s home and updated it to make it as close to a net zero home as possible. A net zero building is a building with zero net energy consumption, meaning the total amount of energy used by the building is roughly the same as the amount of renewable energy created on site.

5-23 Due to recent rains in southeast Minnesota, parts of the Mississippi River are under a flood warning. Minor flooding is starting to impact some areas along the river in Winona.

5-31 Many believe it's a unique, natural wonder of the world...the monarch butterfly migration. And one woman has made it her mission, to join the butterflies in this fascinating phenomenon-- and warn of the threats these creatures face. Sara Dykman says she loves animals...all animals, to be exact...but especially the monarch butterfly. That's why she's making it her mission to be *one with the monarchs*, and ride her ButterBike along their migration path.

6-6 The governor also announced that Minnesota will join the United States Climate Alliance. The Climate Alliance is committed to upholding the Paris Accord, with the goal of reducing emissions 26 to 28 percent from the 2005 levels and meeting or exceeding the targets of the federal clean power plan. Minnesota is one of the ten new states to join. This comes after President Trump withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Accord late last week.

6-6 The Army Corps of Engineers has drafted a new plan to manage dredged material from the Upper Mississippi River. But some are concerned about losing their land... While others worry about the impact to their communities. The Army Corps of Engineers has drafted a plan to manage dredged material from the Upper Mississippi -- extending from Chippewa River to Lock and Dam 4 near Alma, Wisconsin. That plan calls for establishing new sites to place nearly 11 million cubic yards of dredged material over the next 40 years.

6-9 A bow angler lands the largest invasive carp ever recorded in Minnesota. The DNR says the bighead carp was caught Sunday in a private gravel pit near Redwood Falls. The fish measured 47.5 inches long and weighed 61.7 pounds. The carp was captured about 80 miles upstream from the only other bighead carp captured in the Minnesota River.

6-15 A new report says climate change is having a significant impact on Minnesota. According to the Inter-agency Climate Adaptation Team... The state has been experiencing *substantial* warming during winters and nights for several decades. There has also been increased precipitation -- especially from larger and more frequent rainstorms. As a result -- buildings and infrastructure have been damaged... growing seasons have changed... and water quality has been affected. Climate change is expected to accelerate.

6-15 The Army Corps of Engineers is looking to expand its dredging operations along the Mississippi River. However their proposed deposit location has many opposing the plans.

6-22 Top state leaders are getting involved in a controversial dredging project along the Mississippi River. As we've been reporting, there's been an outpouring of alarm for the farm families that could end up with 11-million cubic yards of dredged river sand on their land.

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6-23 Wind power is providing not only “green energy” in Mower County -- it's also putting a lot of green into their wallets. This morning, representatives from the wind industry presented a ceremonial check to Mower County officials...representing more than 2-point-3 million in wind energy tax revenue for 2016.

8. Youth

4-6 Prom Week is an occasion for fun and celebration --- but also to remember the importance of safe driving. That's why Kasson-Mantorville High School is hosting a mock crash to show students just how bad things can get if they're not careful.

4-10 Stranded in New York City -- 24 Rochester middle school students are finally heading home -- after being stuck in the Big Apple since Thursday. Severe weather caused them to stay there for the past 4 days. But as of 10 this morning - they're headed home.

4-11 Parents, prepare to pay up. Athletic and Activity fees for Rochester Public School students will be slightly higher in the near future.

4-28 The Olmsted County Sheriff's office is investigating a major case of vandalism at Byron High School after spray paint was used to deface school property.

5-5 The community is honoring some exceptional musicians tonight. The Rochester Music Guild's Winners Recital featured 23 outstanding students who competed in the 53-rd Annual Scholarship Competition in March.

5-10 Two teens are facing felony terroristic threats charges -- after a scare at century High School. It stemmed from a threatening social media post, going around just before 8 yesterday morning.

5-11 The Olmsted County Sheriff's Office says ten Byron students are facing felony charges for their roles in vandalism at the high school. The vandalism happened on April 28th and involved parts of the school getting tagged with red, green, white and black graffiti... and eggs.

5-22 Some Byron students are showing off a very special student production today--a movie they created themselves. Students with special needs from the Zumbro Education District South Campus created their very own rendition of "The Gingerbread Girl."

5-25 They call themselves “butt kickers.” Students from John Adams Middle School are scouring downtown Rochester for cigarette butts in an effort to clean up the city.

5-31 After caring for about 100 trout eggs for months--- eighth graders at Charles City Middle School in Iowa are setting them free. The eighth graders' responsibility was to grow and take care of about 100 trout eggs, making observations of changes as they grew.

6-1 The road to a spelling bee title--- for a Rochester boy--- comes to an end. Thomas York from Saint Francis of Assisi Heights made it to the *top 17* after starting with 291 competitors. He spelled four words correctly. York made the 6th round this afternoon and spelled "Carrara" incorrectly, ending his journey.

6-9 Two area kindergarteners thought their stuffed animals were gone for good. someone stole them from the school's kindergarten zoo project-- a giraffe and a leopard.

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But thanks to a kind fourth grader, they have new stuffed animals. Tyler Bergler bought the toys using his own money.

6-12 One Mantorville teen is not letting her age or gender define her. Annabelle Hardwick just graduated from high school and is spending her summer vacation training to be a firefighter. For the last year, Annabelle has been an "Explorer" with the Mantorville Fire Department.

6-19 It was a wreck that claimed the lives of 5 young people. But family members hope others can learn from the tragedy.

6-21 For the past couple of days, we've been telling you all about those who are recipients of this year's 10 who make a difference awards. Earlier today all recipients got their awards...but we still have a few more to introduce to you. Karen and John Edmonds reach out to the youth of Rochester who might need a little extra help. The Edmonds' work with Project Legacy, a group that provides support for youth of color ages 17 to 24. They help refugees, homeless and formerly gang involved or recently incarcerated youth to turn their lives around.

6-28 Eleven teens die each day due to texting while driving. One team of Rochester high schoolers, sponsored by the award-winning organization Black Data Processing Associates, is working on an app to help save lives. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur spoke with the team about their app, "VIA."

6-29 Seven teens, including four juveniles, are facing charges--- after the discovery of vandalism at Byron High School in late April.

9. Substance Abuse

4-3 More than 20 thousand dollars worth of meth is now off the streets after a traffic stop in Mason City.

4-7 An drug bust in Rochester results in hundreds of prescription meds, thousands of dollars and firearms---inside a Rochester home---just across the street from Riverside Elementary.

4-14 Health officials are trying to spread the word about a law that allows Minnesotans to purchase an opioid antidote *without a prescription.

4-25 If you collect litter alongside roads and ditches, be careful what you pick up. Because a certain item that seems harmless -- may lead to serious injury. If you find a capped soda or sports drink bottle with an unusual-looking substance inside... or if the bottle has a straw in the cap -- be "extremely cautious." That bottle may have been used by someone to make meth -- in what's known as the "shake and bake" method.

4-27 Tonight, we're remembering the lives of those lost by drunk drivers in Olmsted County. Every year, the county's chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving hosts a victim plaque ceremony with special music and speakers. Tonight, we read the names of 57 people killed by drunk drivers, and remembered a few of the victims, including a young woman from Plainview who was killed by a drunk driver on her wedding day. The mission of MADD is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking.

5-1 Sunday liquor sales -- first, the governor gave the okay. And tonight -- the Rochester City Council followed suit.

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5-4 A Republican lawmaker wants to bump up Minnesota's smoking age to 21 in an effort to lower the number teenage smokers.

5-10 The use of nicotine-containing products like e-cigarettes continues to surge among youth. That's according to the 20-16 Minnesota Student Survey, which finds e-cig use among 11th graders is more than double that of the use of cigarettes.

5-18 The Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge helps people gain freedom from chemical addictions. The men's program has been in Rochester for more than 3 years. During that time nearly 1-thousand men have completed the program. NewsCenter's Shannon Rousseau introduces us to one man close to graduating.

5-21 The Hennepin County medical examiner is attributing five additional overdose deaths to the powerful drug car-fentanil.

5-22 An 11th person in Hennepin County has died after overdosing on the powerful opioid carfentanil. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office says the 63-year-old man from Brooklyn Park died April 26 from a mix of carfentanil and trazadone.

5-23 Fifteen adults are now receiving help in the Dodge County Adult Drug Court. Today, leaders gave an update on the program at the Dodge County Board of Commissioners Meeting.

6-2 Local law enforcement is sharing how quick actions recently saved the lives of three people. The Olmsted County Sheriff's Office received a call from Chester Woods Park on Highway 14 south-east. A 20-year-old woman was experiencing a heroin overdose. She was unconscious and had trouble breathing when deputies arrived. It took two doses of NARCAN and rescue breaths with a mask--- for the woman to regain consciousness. Rochester police administered NARCAN to a second person when officers responded to the 2300 block of Haling Court NW this morning.

6-22 Police catch a Rochester man with drugs in a car with his 16-year-old son. Rochester police received a report of drug use inside a car outside a home in the 1100 block of 4th street Southeast. Officers found four people inside the car, along with a bag of marijuana on the center console. A search also led police to a bag containing less than two grams of crack cocaine.

6-28 Rochester police arrest a Rochester man after the discovery of more than nine pounds of synthetic marijuana. Police say a Rochester homeowner discovered a duffel bag filled with 153 ounces of K-2 Synthetic Marijuana in her garage Monday night. K-2 is a synthetic marijuana that often includes uncontrolled chemicals that can be very dangerous. The woman believed the bag belonged to her ex-boyfriend and called his probation officer, who then contacted police.

6-30 The start of July means new laws take effect all across Minnesota. This year, it's headlined by the start of Sunday Liquor Sales... a key piece of legislation passed in this year's legislative session. The law allows stores to sell alcohol between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Some liquor stores are marking the occasion with celebrations, other liquor store owners have questioned whether the move will benefit sales.

LOCALLY/QMI 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.

2017 Around Town 2nd Quarter Schedule

- April 1 – Rochester Youth Bash; Fools Five Race
- April 8 – “Wine & Roses,” PossAbilities; Rochester Figure Skating Club Ice Show
- April 15 – Olmsted County 4-H Hog Roast; Timmay 5k Run
- April 22 – World Festival, Rochester; LGR Mobile Parks Project
- April 29 – “Midsummer Night’s Dream” Once & Future Classics; Assisi Heights Immigration Program

- May 6 – Kids Cup; PossAbilities Ice Cream Social, Rochesterfest
- May 13 – Power of the Purse, United Way of Olmsted County; Stay Out of the Sun Run to prevent cancer
- May 20 – Garden Fair for homeless youth; Pine Island Cheese Festival
- May 27 – Ability Building Center Golf Tournament, Rochester; “Uncorked” Event benefitting Camp Companion

- June 3 – Relay for Life of Olmsted County; Apraxia Awareness fundraiser
- June 10 – Peterson Gammel Dag Fest; WWII Hangar Dance, Rochesterfest
- June 17 – Kiwanis Club’s Golf Ball Drop, Samaritan Bethany Golf Classic
- June 24 – Peterson Summer Concerts; “Burn the Mortgage” campaign by Paws & Claws Humane Society

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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 2nd quarter of 2017

Second Quarter 2017 – KTTC Television

<u>Advertiser</u>	<u>Title</u>
Ability Building Center	60 th Anniversary / Golf Tournament
American Cancer Society	Relay for Life of Olmsted County
Blessings in a Backpack	Blessings
Brighter Tomorrows	Go For the Gold 5K Race
Catholic Charities	Locks of Compassion
Center City Housing	Empowerment Center/Gage East Apartments

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Elder Network	Image / Spring Fever
Family Service Rochester	Meals on Wheels
FCC Report Location	FCC
Garden Fair	Garden Fair 2017
Got Your Six	Got Your Six/Behind Every Great/Backs
Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association	Walk Around the World 2017
KTTC Amazing Woman	Amazing Woman Award
KTTC Community Calendar	Community Calendar
KTTC Young Leader	Young Leader Award
KTTC Weather Academy	Seasons/Sun Dogs/Wind Chill
Kiwanis Club	Kids Need / Last Straw / Picking
Laketrails Base Camp	Lake of the Woods Teen Camp
Leadership Greater Rochester	May 5 th event / Donate to Building
Blocks	
Lions International	Airport/Safari Hunting/District 5M1
MADD	Austin Melville "Don't Drink & Drive"/ Marcus Sherels / Drunk Driving & Me
Make-A-Wish	Wishes in Flight Miles Drive
Minnesota Department of Public Safety	DeeJay Texting
Minnesota National Guard	Storm/Fire/Flood
Multiple Sclerosis Society	Walk MS
National Alliance of Mental Illness	The Lighthouse
National Association of Broadcasters	We are Broadcasters
NBC "More You Know"	Digital Literacy/Children's Health Environment/Health/Diversity/Educatio n

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Paws & Claws Humane Society

PossAbilities of Southeaster Minnesota

RNeighbors

Rochester Downtown Alliance

Rochester Fire Department

Rochester International Association

Rochester Public Library

Rochester Repertory Theatre

Rochesterfest

Ronald McDonald House

Text to Speech

The Arc of Southeastern Minnesota

United Way of Olmsted County

Pet Walk 2017

Join the Club

A Litter Bit Better 2017

Thursdays on 1st & 3rd

Clock Tower

WorldFest 2017

Connect

Wedding Bells

Family Fun / Youth Sports / Karaoke /

Parade / Party in the Park

Donate / Beatles Benefit /

Capital Campaign

Text to Speech

TMYK

Give. Advocate. Volunteer

Live United/Campaign/ 10 Who Make A

Difference