

2016
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

10-12 Now an update to the controversial Miracle Mile development plan that city and neighbors have been considering for months. Tonight, plans for the project came before the Rochester Planning and Zoning Commission for a third time. First proposed in July, plans for a new development have been modified a number of times based on community feedback. At tonight's meeting in a decision in favor of moving the project forward, four to three, the Miracle Mile Project has only one more barrier to becoming a reality... Rochester City Council approval.

10-18 A major change is coming to one of Austin's most distinctive buildings. The old Austin Municipal Plant will officially become the city's first rec center and that means a major transformation. NewsCenter's Taj Simmons was in Austin today, after last night's city council vote, and is live in the newsroom with more.

11-2 Home prices in Rochester have gone up more than eight percent from one year ago. That's from a price analysis from property information firm CoreLogic. The data analytics firm says from September 2015 to September of this year... home prices went up eight-point-two percent... in line with a recovery of housing "wealth" nationwide since the recession years.

11-2 Some Stewartville residents are concerned about a sand quarry possibly coming to town. Noise, dust, and decreased property value are just a few of their worries. Last night at the High Forest Township board meeting, the board discussed a land owner's request to rezone about 36 acres of his property to allow for the digging of sand, and then down the road develop that land.

11-9 Rochester could be getting more housing if a proposed building plan gets the go ahead. According to the Rochester Planning and Zoning Commission, the proposed plan would build a six story, 149 unit apartment building. The building would be located along the north side of East Center Street just east of the Zumbro River and south of Mayo Field.

11-16 It's global entrepreneurship week, which means people worldwide are engaging n entrepreneurial activities and launch events to show off their creations. One of those launch events is happening right here in Rochester... with an invention sure to "up the game" in football.

11-21 The Miracle Mile development project was once again the hot topic at tonight's Rochester City Council meeting. But some residents continue to oppose it.

11-21 Another major topic of discussion at City Hall today--- the reuse of the historic Chateau Theatre. The biggest concern is the cost. A report details a desire to transform the Chateau Theatre into a performing arts center-- that's as flexible and adaptable as possible. This means being able to change the seating and stage arrangement depending on the type of event.

12-1 Labor economists say businesses in southeastern Minnesota will have to outbid other potential employers to get the workers needed to meet demand. a recent survey found nearly 500 construction positions and 8,000 total jobs open in southeastern Minnesota, a region with a 2.4 percent unemployment rate. Area businesses are begging for skilled trade and service workers to help build Rochester both for the present and the future. The problem is likely to get much worse with a downtown medical center project expected to add 30,000 more jobs over the next two decades.

12-1 Downtown Wabasha might look a little different by next year. A new hotel on the waterfront could be the town's latest addition. And this Tuesday, the city council will take a vote that will determine if the land is sold for one dollar.

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12-14 A proposed 17-story tower in downtown Rochester is once again the topic of discussion in tonight's City Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The "Heart of the City North Project" would construct the 17-story tower on the corner of West Center Street and 1st Avenue Northwest. It would feature shops and restaurants... five floors of hotel rooms... six floor of apartments... and hundreds of parking spaces within the building. The Days Inn and Pannekoken restaurant--- already at the location--- would be demolished.

12-15 A major development for downtown Rochester goes before the Destination Medical Center Corporation Board and it gets the "green light." The Alatus project will move forward to the next phase.

12-19 Will a major development project in Rochester receive public funding? The City Council *may* decide on that tonight. In a meeting happening *right now* -- council members are discussing the plans of the 13-story "Alatus Tower."

12-22 The Mississippi River helped bring Winona to life back in the day. Now as a part of restoration efforts, the Winona riverfront will be getting new life. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur went down to Levee Park to get the new bird's eye view.

12-23 A towering 19-story skysrise now has the green light for downtown Rochester. The project called "Broadway at Center" is back on track with new financing now in place. Crews will begin construction next week on the 19-story tower. Six months ago it was to cost 145-million dollars... but plans to include some luxury apartments have since been dropped. The tower will be an upscale Hilton hotel featuring 264 rooms... along with ballrooms and conference rooms and connected to the skyway system.

12-28 As promised last week... building demolition is underway at the site of the new Titan skysrise in downtown Rochester. The heavy equipment arrived today and the KTTC DroneCam captured the site preparation work for the "Broadway at Center" Hilton hotel project. It was quite the site for passersby. The Hilton will be 19 stories tall and connected to the downtown Skyway system.

2. Political/Governmental

10-12 It's possible that Rochester City Council's dinner meetings could end *for good*.. after several question public accessability. Mayor Brede has argued these public meetings bring council members and residents together in a transparent environment... but yesterday... called off these meetings for the rest of the year. A couple council members believe the meetings are in violation of the spirit of Minnesota's Open Meeting law.

10-17 Rochester is one step closer to bringing ride-sharing service Uber to our city.

10-19 The race for Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley's seat is also taking center stage tonight. Our Tom Overlie was on the panel of moderators in Sioux City...KTTC aired it live tonight. Grassley, who has now held office for 36 years, faces former Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge, the Democratic challenger. The two went head to head on major issues like immigration, refugees, and the delay in the Supreme Court nomination.

10-19 While the two major parties faced off tonight's presidential debate, some voters are looking for another option. Winona residents gathered to support Jill Stein and the Green Party today.

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10-20 As the MNsure open enrollment period approaches, the high cost of insurance is reigniting debate at the State Capitol. Senate and House Democrats are calling on Governor Dayton to set things in motion to save folks money on health insurance.

10-24 Many of Rochester's candidates for state government shared their views at a forum this evening. The number 25 was in the spotlight, as Minnesota House and Senate candidates from districts with a 25 in the name were front and center at the forum.

11-1 Now, a first look inside a brand new Rochester apartment building opening in just few months. This afternoon, we joined a hard hat tour of the Lofts at Mayo Park. The 9 and half million dollar apartment complex is located in Destination Medical Center's Waterfront District and borders Mayo Memorial Park and the Zumbro River. The 29 unit apartment building will offer 14 short term furnished apartments for people looking for somewhere to stay for at least 30 days. The project is D-M-C approved.

11-7 The race for the White House is now down to its final hours. And tonight, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are delivering their closing statements to America.

11-7 Many local races were heating up before Election Day, as well. One of those big races is in Iowa, where Iowa senator Charles Grassley is battling against Patty Judge. Tonight, Sen. Grassley held several meet and greets across the state. This is from his event in Mason City. There, Sen. Grassley talked about how creating jobs, wind energy, and ISIS.

11-7 A familiar face is again running against U-S Congressman Tim Walz... to represent the 1st Congressional District. Republican Jim Hagedorn is optimistic about his second try. But Walz is confident he'll win his sixth term. NewsCenter's Chris Yu reports.

11-8 It was a wild campaign that seemed to last forever. And when people got a chance to weigh in on things... they sure did! In huge numbers. Thanks for joining us tonight on KTTC for "Decision 2016"--! The big takeaways so far tonight:
-- early voting really helped make sure everyone got a chance to vote... no snarls at the polling places we could find.
-- there was a big surge in new registrations in northwest Rochester... people took advantage of same-day registration.

11-9 It's the day after the election so pretty much everyone's social media feeds are jam-packed with facts, statistics, and opinions on last night's ultimate outcome. Whether in favor of Donald Trump or not, Americans are letting their thoughts be heard.

11-9 We're hearing of hundreds of Trump protestors chanting in the streets of St. Paul. A large group of people are marching in St. Paul right now, protesting the President-elect Donald Trump. The demonstration started at the state capitol early this evening. The group then made its way through city streets, blocking traffic and light rail lines at times. An estimated 200 - 300 people are taking part in the protest.

11-14 As talks of bringing the ride sharing company Uber to Rochester continue, it's leaving those in the cab business scrambling for ways to stay afloat. At today's Rochester City Council Committee of the Whole meeting, an investor in the cab business shared the taxi cab community's concerns.

11-15 Your electric bill may be going up higher than expected next year. Back in 2014, the Rochester Public Utilities Board approved an electric rate increase for three years.

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For 2017, the rate was supposed to go up 1.7 percent... but this evening the board unanimously approved a rate increase of 3.7 percent. The increase will help fund the earlier construction of the West Side Energy Station.

11-23 Gov. Dayton is giving the Minnesota House Republicans an ultimatum when it comes to healthcare. In a letter to four GOP house representatives, Gov. Dayton outlines how his proposed legislation would provide a one-year, 25 percent reduction of 2017 health insurance premiums for Minnesotans.

12-5 Big issues on the city council agenda tonight... including the possibility of bringing Uber to Rochester... and ways to combat lengthy city meetings.

12-12 Ride sharing companies are getting the green light in Rochester. And taxi cab companies want some changes made to the policy they operate under to make them more competitive.

12-13 Gov. Mark Dayton is now challenging legislative leaders to agree on a special session to offset health insurance rate hikes.

12-15 With sky rocketing health insurance costs still on the minds of many -- Congressman Tim Walz led a bi-partisan roundtable discussion in Rochester this afternoon-- to discuss concerns.

12-15 Many drivers wind up getting a parking ticket at some point...but do they read the fine print? One Rochester woman noticed on a recent parking ticket that the fine print on the back didn't match the fines and due dates on the front.

12-19 With Christmas and the New Year just around the corner... Rochester-area lawmakers are coming together to look in the rear-view mirror.

12-19 Tonight's Rochester City Council meeting is the last for Ward 6 Council Member, Sandra Means... as the longtime council member is retiring. Mayor Ardele Brede presented Means with a certificate honoring her 13-and-a-half years of service... while her fellow council members talked about her kindness and compassion -- calling her a "moral compass."

3. Health Care Developments

10-10 New regulations within the Minnesota beauty business, designed to dramatically bring down the number of infections within salons. There are more than 500 new laws in total, and cosmetologists learned about them all during a town hall this afternoon.

10-13 A Rochester woman is home from the hospital today, after suffering from a heart attack. And if it weren't for her coworkers... she might not have made it. Joan Ojanen and her coworkers at an oral surgery office were just sitting down for lunch on Monday when the attack hit. She died for 4 minutes and this is how those crucial minutes went by, in their own words.

10-13 Mayo Clinic researchers have developed a way to detect prostate cancer recurrence *much* sooner.

10-27 With all the health insurance premium increases Minnesotans are facing, Governor Dayton has unveiled a plan to get things moving in the right direction. Newscenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur spoke with Greg Davis, co-chair of the MNsure oversight committee about where leaders can go next.

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10-28 A jury rules that Johnson and Johnson failed to inform the public about a possible link between ovarian cancer and its signature product... Talcum Baby Powder.

11-1 Open enrollment begins today. But some business owners worry about the rising cost of health insurance. We spoke with a Rochester business owner about his concerns today.

11-10 Olmsted County health officials say they've been *overwhelmed* with reports of illnesses -- consistent with norovirus.

11-10 Open heart surgery is a risky procedure. It is now coming out that one of the machines used in the surgery could be adding even more risk. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur went over to the Mayo Clinic to find out more about this risk and what they're doing to fix it.

11-10 More Minnesotans have shopped early and enrolled in comprehensive health care coverage though MNsure than ever before.

11-21 It can be tough at times for patients at the Mayo Clinic to cope with their situations, especially during a lengthy stay. The good news is they can get a unique therapy a couple times a week-- that we're told can make a major difference, petting and hanging out with dogs. Caring Canines became an official program offered by Mayo Clinic Volunteer Services in 2004. Volunteers bring in their pets to interact with patients that are staying at the clinic.

12-1 All public housing properties in Minnesota will soon be smoke free. The purpose of the rule is to reduce second-hand smoke exposure, fire risks, and maintenance costs.

12-1 Patients facing a certain medical issue will soon have access to medical marijuana. Nine new conditions were considered this year. But in the end -- only one made it. Beginning August 1st next year -- patients with post-traumatic stress disorder will be eligible to receive medical cannabis... provided they have advance certification from a state health care provider. With the addition of P-T-S-D... the state's medical cannabis program now has *11* qualifying conditions.

12-12 Today is the grand opening of a human milk collection depot at Mayo Family Clinic Southeast. A mother's milk is the primary source of nutrition for newborns and infants, and studies show there are benefits to feeding babies with breast milk over formula. As part of the Mother's Milk Bank of Iowa, which is a network that collects, processes, and distributes milk, the depot will accept donated breast milk from approved donors for babies that are vulnerable or at-risk.

12-13 A Winona hospital will soon offer mental health care electronically. Telepsychiatry will be offered at Winona Health later this month. The service will allow patients to get care without actually being in the same room as the provider. Instead, they will communicate through a video system...sort of like Facetime or Skype.

12-16 A new report looks at health care costs across the state, comparing different procedures--and even different hospitals.

12-19 This morning, pediatric patients at Mayo Clinic got a big dose of holiday cheer. When Hy-Vee staff stopped by with a very colorful surprise--as they count down the days until Christmas. Hy-Vee arranged their largest balloon brigade initiative ever adding up to about 15-hundred balloons delivered to the pediatric patients at Mayo Clinic, Saint Marys and the Ronald McDonald house. The kids were able to take a break from the stress of treatments and enjoy a room full of holiday cheer.

12-21 When you go on vacation, you're generally hoping for some rest and relaxation.

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The last thing you'd expect is to wind up in a foreign hospital. Now that they're back in the country, the Clareys are seeing their health with new eyes.

4. Education

10-13 Today was the 2nd Annual Genealogy Fair at the History Center of Olmsted County. People interested in learning where they come from came to get tips on how to investigate their family history. The Olmsted County Genealogical Society set up various displays, sharing how *they* find out more information on their families. One of the board members says they look at census records, old newspapers, even trace their DNA.

11-1 Making sure kids get the most out of their time in the classroom, something the Rochester Public Schools continues to explore. The district already has one school on a special schedule that essentially keeps students year-round, with breaks built in. School leaders continue to kick around the idea of expanding the schedule to more schools.

11-3 Next Tuesday--voters in some southeastern Minnesota communities will vote on much more than their choice for President... Congress... or State Legislature. There are controversial public school bond issues and operating levy referendums in a number of districts causing a real stir. NewsCenter's Justin McKee has two examples tonight--the questions for voters in the Kingsland and Le Roy-Ostrander Public School Districts.

11-15 Discussions of expanding the 45/15 school calendar have been on the table for some time now. That's the schedule where students have class for 45 days... then have 15 days off. Tonight at the Rochester Public School Board Meeting, leaders finally reached a decision.

11-28 A Minnesota teacher is getting nearly two years in prison for videotaping students in the locker room. Zach Roberts will be going to prison for 21 months after pleading guilty to four felony sex-related crimes against minors.

12-12 The fate of a long-time teacher at Plainview-Elgin-Millville High School is sealed, following a recent cursing incident. The teacher had been suspended following the incident, and tonight the school board discussed the ultimate consequence at its meeting. NewsCenter's Alanna Martella was at the PEM school board meeting tonight for the decision, and joins us live in the newsroom with details, Alanna?

12-13 In Rochester, some elementary school students are learning Spanish as a second language... by diving in headfirst, in a way. So far there are 120 students, but as the years go on, that number is expected to grow. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur went over to Gage Elementary to learn more about the immersion program there.

12-13 The clock is ticking for Globe University and Minnesota School of Business. The U-S Department of Education says they will be cut off from federal student aid funding -- at the end of this month. That's because a court ruled the colleges practiced consumer fraud and deception. But school officials say the punishment is more severe than necessary.

12-14 Riverland Community College hosts a send-off for two visiting professors from China. They've been in Austin since November 11th, working with many people in the business department to develop a partnership between their school and Riverland.

12-14 The superintendent of Byron Public Schools is taking a new job. The Owatonna Public School District has announced that Jeff Elstad will be their next superintendent.

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Elstad has been leading Byron Public Schools as superintendent since 2012.

12-20 With a *decreasing* student population and an *increasing* budget shortfall -- the Winona School Board votes to close 3 elementary schools. But the public has a say in this too. NewsCenter's Chris Yu joins us live from the studio to explain, Chris?

5. Crime Prevention & Domestic Violence

10-5 A practical joke, or real? Either way, the "creepy clown" craze is sweeping across the nation.... you can check out the background info on our website. But tonight, we're telling you about how it's found its way into Minnesota. Social media has blowing up with photos and claims of these "clown sightings" right here in Rochester

10-21 For years...police had no suspects and very few clues into the murder of an elderly Pennsylvania woman. But tonight--a Minnesota man is behind bars after federal investigators were able to link him to the 25-year-old case. 61-year-old Charles Cook is facing a criminal homicide charge in the death of 76-year-old Myrtle McGill. She was found shot to death in her Pennsylvania home in December of 1991. They were able to link Cook through D-N-A off a cigarette butt found inside McGill's car. Investigators say it was an important piece of evidence because it matched D-N-A which was already in the data base.

10-27 Just about every day--we listen to police being sent to help someone being attacked in their own home. It never stops... and there's a reason. More than half of the people who commit domestic assault in Olmsted County do it again....and again.... getting more violent each time. NewsCenter's Niala Charles has been "digging deeper" into this--to find out *why* no one steps in to stop it.

10-27 Police in Winona rushed to help someone after an alleged domestic assault last night. 25-year-old Jacob Laite is jailed on three domestic assault charges... including felony level assault by strangulation.

11-3 A former Wisconsin police officer--and convicted killer--made his first appearance in Olmsted County District Court today for a disturbing crime. 54-year-old Steven Zelich is accused of killing 37-year-old Laura Simonson of Farmington in 2013. Zelich told investigators he accidentally choked Simonson while having sex at the Microtel Inn and Suites in Northwest Rochester.

11-3 The Olmsted County Sheriff's Office hopes surveillance video will help find the suspect who burglarized the Eyota American Legion. This video--released today--shows the suspect walking out of the American Legion on October 2nd. The suspect took an empty safe as well as an A-T-M.

11-4 New numbers show many victims of sexual assault in Minnesota...just aren't getting the help they may need. Only one in five is going to the hospital for treatment. Now, state officials are calling for more support for victims.

11-21 A man is behind bars... after allegedly threatening a woman and her children with a Samurai sword. A 33-year-old Rochester woman was coming home from work Friday night when she received an angry phone call. According to police, 38-year-old Cam Wong demanded the woman come home immediately, or he'd line up her children and kill them one by one with a knife.

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11-23 A community is coming together to help a child after she was the victim of abuse and malicious punishment. As of right now, officials have arrested a man and a woman -- and moved their children to foster care. The couple is facing at least eight felony charges *each* including neglect of a child and third degree assault.

11-29 The Olmsted County Sheriff's Office is looking for someone impersonating an officer. The sheriff's office says on Sunday, a driver of a dark car with flashing lights pulled over a 17 year old girl. It happened at the intersection of County Roads 6 and 8 near Stewartville. In light of this threat, we asked a local official how drivers can protect themselves if something like this happens. NewsCenter's Alanna Martella joins us live in the newsroom with some very helpful tips, Alanna?

12-7 The Rochester Police Department is requesting a 72-thousand dollar drone program. Included in that amount is the drone itself, as well as supported equipment like recorders, software, data storage, and more.

12-12 Students at Riverside Central Elementary in Rochester are safe... after a police standoff with a man threatening a shootout just a block away from the school. the man called dispatch this morning-- saying he wanted to engage in a shootout with police.

12-19 A man is arrested after allegedly assaulting a woman and re-opening a knife wound he allegedly gave her the week before. Deputies arrested 41-year-old Scott Hartmark on possible charges of Domestic Assault, Assault, and False Imprisonment Friday night.

12-19 It's a somber day in Lake City. Five years ago today, a Lake City Police Officer was shot in the line of duty. Back, in 20-11, 32-year-old Shawn Schneider was responding to a domestic dispute at 618 Lyon Avenue in Lake City with another officer when 25-year-old Alan Sylte Jr. shot him in the head. Officers and deputies from all over southeastern Minnesota were on scene for more than 10 hours in a standoff with Sylte until he killed himself.

12-23 A small white house that belonged to Jacob Wetterling's killer comes crashing down. Real estate developer Tim Thone bought the former home of Danny Heinrich specifically to destroy it. While Heinrich is now in prison, his empty house was a distressing reminder to the central Minnesota community of Annandale that the man who killed 11-year-old Jacob in 1989 had lived among them.

12-28 Winona police are on high alert for someone passing counterfeit bills. Tonight, the Winona police have posted two photos on the department's Facebook page, asking for help from the public in identifying two shoppers.

6. Elderly/Handicapped/Minority Groups/Racism

10-10 It's a controversial, re-occurring issue... religion verses state. In Fillmore County, there's an ongoing battle between the Amish and the government, stemming from their steadfast religious beliefs. Approximately 22 Amish families in Fillmore County are being affected by a disagreement with the county and state about installing septic systems on their property.

10-24 Tonight-- a look inside the much anticipated senior center--125 Live--it's set to open in about a week. The 60-thousand square foot facility is designed to focus on the diverse needs of senior citizens with state-of-the-art equipment and amenities. 125 Live has a lot to offer, including word-working classes, a basketball court, a spa among others. Staff say the most

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important aspect is the facility's goal, which is to help seniors age successfully and to evoke members to be electrified, charged, and active.

11-3 Does the court system treat Rochester minorities fairly? It's something the Minnesota Judicial Branch has been looking into for months after public concern.. And tonight--we learn potential changes could be on the horizon.

11-4 A taste of Norway tonight at East St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Rock Dell. Lutefisk and other classic Norwegian staples were on the table. lutefisk IS dried whitefish treated with lye. This is the 88th year of this event ---and it took twelve hundred pounds of fish to make it happen.

11-10 According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every year, millions of people ages 65 and over fall. Aging is a natural part of life...however, falling is not a natural part of aging. In 20-14, 29 million seniors took a fall, nationwide...but on a local level, falls seem to happen even more frequently. So what measures can people take to keep themselves from taking a fall?

11-15 As Native Americans protest the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline, many from across the country are standing with them in solidarity. In Winona, hundreds of people took to the streets, hoping to bring attention to the issue. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur was there to hear what they had to say.

11-17 More than a week has passed since the election, some are wondering if the president-elect will live up to some of his campaign promises. One of those promises, placing immigrants from Muslim countries on a registry NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur spoke with folks in the community to hear what they had to say.

11-24 At the Thanksgiving meal prepared in Rochester this morning, 40 volunteers came together to help setup, prepare and serve the food. The Salvation Army says there were around two hundred to three hundred people who showed up. Many guests were Mayo Clinic patients or people experiencing homelessness.

11-24 There was also another Thanksgiving event today...this one held by the group, Rochester International Association. It hosted its annual International Thanksgiving this morning. The group tells us it's been hosting the event for more than 40 years. The group invites international guests and residents to celebrate a traditional U.S. meal.

12-7 We are learning more about the Rochester man who died in a crash on highway 52 last Thursday. His family remembers Mican Thach as a Vietnam veteran with the "U.S. Allies Mike Forces." He dedicated his life to Freedom Fighters. Thach was a loved father of 8 and grandfather of 12. He came to Rochester from Cambodia in 1985. He helped build the Buddhist Support Society Temple of Rochester.

12-8 After more than 2 decades apart -- a Rochester woman is finally reunited with her mother from Africa. Yesterday afternoon, Didummu Omot's mother landed at Minneapolis -St. Paul International Airport -- where they embraced for the first time in 22 years. In 1994, Omot fled with her family from the violence in Ethiopia. But Omot's mother could not go with them. The family eventually settled in Minnesota -- and now lives in Rochester. But Omot's mother remained in Africa.

12-8 New statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau show Minnesota's overall population is getting older and slightly more diverse.

12-21 It was more than just a friendly game of softball at the R-C-T-C Dome this morning. Members of "Rochester Minnesota Senior Softball" held another "Go to Bat" fundraiser. Dozens

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of players -- along with the " Thrivent Financial Action Team" -- took part in the game... with all money raised going to the Salvation Army.

12-21 Rochester residents Leroy and Lois McCullough are celebrating their tremendous love story today-- on their 70th wedding anniversary. Leroy met Lois while he was in the Navy, and wrote to her every day.

12-26 This holiday weekend was not just about celebrating Christmas. Today is the first day of Kwanzaa.. the celebration is primarily recognized by the African-American community and honors a different principle each day for a week. Hanukkah celebrations are also going on today.

7. Environment

10-11 Oil pipeline protestors near Clearbrook, Minnesota might have done more harm than good for the environment today. Picketers posted their actions live on Facebook from a control valve station, near Enbridge Pipeline's distribution center, 30 miles northwest of Bemidji. They climbed the fence, cut a chain locking the control valve and started turning it off. What protestors apparently did not take into consideration is that the crude oil is pumped at extremely high pressure through the pipelines. Officials say losing a valve could have extreme consequences..like potentially causing an explosion.

10-20 Having too much carp in Minnesota has been causing water quality problems. So local officials are tracking the fish -- to help control their populations. The Shell Rock River Watershed District is working with the company -- Carp Solutions -- to tag the fish in Fountain and Albert Lea Lakes. First, by applying electric current to the water -- boat crews can scoop up the carp with ease. Then, they bring the fish to shore -- and implant radio transmitters inside them... before releasing them back into the water. The transmitters allow officials to follow the fish-- and keep their numbers in check.

10-28 North Dakota police are clashing with protesters along the controversial oil pipeline construction. Officers say the six-hour standoff ended with 142 arrests. Protesters are upset with the new pipeline - saying the pipeline could harm cultural sites and drinking water.

11-10 Junior High students make a big discovery while out on a field trip. The students discovered that a park in Winona County is infested with the Emerald Ash Borer.

11-16 If you've driven on Highway 14 to or from Byron recently, you might have noticed some construction creeping up. a sea of silicon, solar panels looking to give folks a renewable way to provide power to their homes.

11-22 The Winona County Board of Commissioners voted tonight to pass a ban on any new frac sand mining, processing, storage or transport operations in the southeastern Minnesota county's jurisdiction.

11-23 Federal regulators are raising the percentage of ethanol and biofuels that fuel producers must blend into the nation's gasoline and diesel supplies next year. The overall levels will be raised from 18-point-11 billion gallons of renewable fuel per year to 19-point-28 billion gallons, most of which will be met through the use of ethanol.

11-29 This fall's warmer temps are delaying tundra swans' journey south... and is causing fewer to land in our area at a time.

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12-5 Minnesotans in seven counties can now apply for federal help--- after devastating September flooding. Today, the first disaster recovery center is up and running in Waseca County. NewsCenter's Shannon Rousseau met with FEMA officials and affected residents-- who even months later-- cannot believe the damage.

12-12 A draft environmental report card warns that as global temperatures warm, Minnesotans need to prepare for increases in catastrophic "mega-rains." And a greater spread of tick-borne illnesses like Lyme disease.

12-15 The company that lost its mineral rights leases for a proposed copper-nickel mine in northeastern Minnesota says it's committed to pressing forward. Twin Metals Minnesota says it's "greatly disappointed" in the Interior and Agriculture Department decisions not to renew its longstanding leases and to start actions to withdraw nearby federal lands from minerals development. The company says that if the decisions stand, they'll have a devastating effect on the economy of the Iron Range and northeastern Minnesota.

12-16 With the cold temperatures and heavy snow we are experiencing--ice is forming on lakes throughout the area. Before outdoor lovers head out on the water... make sure that the ice is thick enough to support the proper weight. The Minnesota D-N-R says when it comes to ice weight limits, four inch thickness is the minimum for ice fishing or other activities on foot, while it's five inches for a snow mobile or A-T-V, eight to 12 inches for a car or small pick-up, and 12 to 15 inches for a medium size truck.

12-28 If you've been slipping and sliding on the ice... this story might be for you. we asked a local expert about the best ways to select ice melt--- to tidy up your property. There isn't necessarily a type that's the best, it just depends upon what's best for your yard's needs.

12-28 The Federal Railroad Administration says fatigue may be a factor in last year's massive train derailment near Alma, Wisconsin. It states the engineer and conductor had more than 13 hours of rest before they started their shift. One tanker released around 18-thousand gallons of ethanol into the Mississippi during the crash...four other tankers released an estimated five to 500 gallons.

8. Youth

10-11 One Winona student wasn't allowed to attend the homecoming festivities this past weekend-- but not because she was in trouble. School officials say it was for her safety. Her father says she should have been allowed to go anyway. Haven Dulek has struggled with fainting since the school year started, and has been in a homebound class for the past two weeks.

10-20 Hundreds of figure skaters from across the area--- take to the ice in Rochester. It's the first time Rochester's hosted this Regional Championship Competition. Hosted by the Rochester Figure Skating Club, this year marks the first time Rochester has ever hosted the Upper Great Lakes Regional Championships, which this year, has drawn in nearly 800 competitors, ages eight through high school.

10-25 Students at Friedell Middle School are standing together this week in honor of National Bullying Prevention month. The students stood out in front of their school with their homemade signs aiming to garner honks for support.

10-28 Some Rochester youngsters got an early taste of Halloween tonight. The Boys and Girls Club of Rochester hosted its annual fright night--- to kick off the holiday in a safe and fun way.

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10-28 Cows, pirates, racecar drivers, and more took over Longfellow Elementary this afternoon. Sort of. It was the annual Halloween costume parade, which is long-standing tradition at the school. Parents got to visit as their kids paraded around campus.

11-1 Today, hundreds of Stewartville middle-schoolers take to the polls. Using booths borrowed from the city -- the students cast their ballots for the presidential race in a mock election. They chose from Democrat Hillary Clinton... Republican Donald Trump... Libertarian Candidate Gary Johnson... Green Party nominee Jill Stein... and Independent Candidate Evan McMullin.

11-15 For nearly a decade..the annual STEM Summit has encouraged students to pursue certain careers. Today..several middle school and high school students met with people to learn about the opportunities they can have in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. Several booths showed students different equipment common in certain careers.

11-15 The students at Folwell Elementary got a chance to try something new today, building toolboxes. This 'kids build' event let them apply their classroom skills in a different kind of way.

11-22 Prosecutors are charging a St. Paul woman with leaving a handgun where her 7-year-old nephew found it and brought it to school... where the gun went off.

12-5 Byron students have been hard at work, raising money for a great cause over the last few weeks. The Minnesota-based organization Wishes and More--- grants wishes to children with terminal and life-threatening illnesses around the state. Byron Primary and Intermediate Schools have held donation campaigns for 3 years now to help out.

12-5 From jumps to the dressage -- R-C-T-C students showed off their horsebacking riding skills today during an open house in Elgin.

12-6 It's an exciting day for many students--- after months of working to create lego robots. From September up until now, IBM volunteers in an Outreach Program have been working in about 25 regional schools talking about engineering, technology and more... and midway through that, a long-term project was introduced to students involved in the program. Students have to develop a program...in the form of lego robots... to solve a problem and they're judged on how well they do.

12-7 Christmas is the season of giving. And for the last 20 years, the Salvation Army of Rochester has been working to ensure everyone gets a gift under the tree-- and children have an opportunity to give--- with its Kids Shopping Trip.

12-20 Students in the Rushford-Peterson school district are taking an important lesson to the hallways-- in a festive way. in an effort to combat bullying--- Each month at Rushford-Peterson Schools, there is a different theme relating to the idea that "kindness is cool." This month, the bullying committee decided to hold a door-decorating contest---each door decorated in winter themes.

12-21 Three Rochester schools battled it out to see who's drum line is king. Mayo, John Marshall and Century were all taking part in the battle. The goal was not only to find the best drumline, but to also raise money for local charities.

12-23 They might have the day off from school, but students from Pine Island are still hard at work. Nearly 400 students were packing clothes for the less fortunate, and backpacks with school supplies. The goodies are going to kids in Honduras.

9. Substance Abuse

10-12 There's a new disturbing binge drinking trend starting to make its way around college campuses. Drunk-o-rexia is when a person will skip meals, workout very hard and then take laxatives or vomit before they start drinking heavily. The reasons - to get drunk faster and cheaper or avoid gaining weight.

10-21 Olmsted County Drug Court is one of a handful in the state getting a substantial amount of money from the federal government.

10-25 A Rochester man at the center of a horrific drunk driving crash--that left a child dead and another paralyzed--owes millions of dollars to the victims' family. In September of 20-14, 57-year-old Gerald Mohs of Rochester was driving the wrong direction on Highway 14 in Rochester, while more than double the legal alcohol limit. He was sentenced to nearly 5 years in prison for the crime. Late last week, an Olmsted County judge awarded 15-million dollars to the victims' family--half from Mohs and half from the three bars that served him drinks.

10-27 A Rochester man is behind bars tonight after an ongoing drug investigation. 25-year-old Andre Dee was taken into custody around 9:20 Wednesday morning. Police say officers carried out a search warrant at an apartment on 13th Avenue Southeast. Police found 4 thousand dollars in cash and marijuana inside the home. Dee doesn't live in the house, but investigators believe he deals drugs out of it. The home is located near St. Francis Church and is in a school zone.

11-17 The triggerman in the murder of Adam Fort-- of Winona--- one year ago... sentenced today to 30 years in prison. Lonnie Hudson pleaded guilty to a second degree murder charge and two assault charges in a plea deal. Hudson admitted going with 18-year-old Reginald Burnett to Adam Fort's home to buy marijuana on October 18th of last year... and shooting and killing Fort... then fleeing to Illinois where they were later caught.

11-23 The Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson is recommending changes to the way drugs are prescribed in the state. The hope is to reduce the number of deaths from prescription painkillers.

11-23 The Olmsted County Sheriff's office used NARCAN for the first time yesterday, saving a life of a heroin overdose victim. A deputy responded to the 67-hundred block of Meadowbrook Street Southeast in Chester a little after 2:30 in the morning..... to find a 48-year-old man passed out, pale, and having trouble breathing. The Sheriff's office says he was "near death." A 19 year old woman in the house said he'd taken heroin.

11-24 With many people spending time with their family for the holidays, the Albert Lea Police reminds people to make smart decisions behind the wheel. According to the Albert Lea Police, Christmas has the second highest percentage of drunk driving related fatalities during a major holiday tallying 35-point-three percent. In third place is Thanksgiving, with 33-point-three percent.

12-12 Tonight -- an emotional discussion at Austin High School... where mothers who lost children to drug addiction -- shared their stories. And addiction survivors themselves -- discussed how they are recovering today. NewsCenter's Chris Yu joins us live from the Austin newsroom with more.

12-14 A search warrant related to counterfeit cash ends in a drug arrest and the discovery of stolen property. Police say during the arrest, they found 100 grams of marijuana packaged for sale in Chad Brehmer's home in southeast Rochester.

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12-16 10 people are facing charges and four juveniles are referred following search warrants by an Iowa sheriff's office. The majority of those adults are facing drug charges. The Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office made the arrests yesterday evening in Fort Atkinson, Iowa.

12-19 An assault investigation leads to a drug arrest. And it happened near a Rochester Elementary School.

12-23 Police who monitor drug trade in Rochester stumble into something big. The Rochester Police Department recovers tens of thousands of dollars in cash after officers arrest a man for the sale of marijuana. Rochester police found 50 thousand dollars hidden in the central vacuum system of a home in Southwest Rochester--after arresting 25-year-old Cody Hunsley of Rochester.

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.

2016 Around Town 4th Quarter Schedule

October 1 – Stewartville's Pets in the Park; Bright Stars, Reading Center

October 8 – Paws & Claws Charity Auction; Good Earth Village Gala

October 15 – Spook for a Cure; BooFest, Rochester Public Schools Foundation

October 22 – Monster Bash, Fillmore Central Public Schools Band Program Benefit, Harmony; Children's Dance Theater

October 29 – A Capella Fest; Deck the Tables, Decorah

November 5 – National Hospice Month; Reading Center's 65th Anniversary

November 12 – Kasson-Mantorville High School's "Sound of Music,"

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Umbrian Christmas at Assisi Heights, Rochester
November 19 – Festival of Trees for Hiawatha Homes Foundation;
Lions Christmas Tree Sale
November 26 – KTTC Drive-by Toy Drive for Christmas Anonymous;
Christmas in the City, West Concord

December 3 – Be a Santa to a Senior; Wit, Wisdom & Wine, Rochester
Public Library
December 10 – Rochester Male Chorus Christmas Concert, Heart and
Diamonds, Ronald McDonald House, Rochester
December 17 – Holiday Wrap for Habitat for Humanity
December 24 – Kiwanis Hockey Tournament; Grand Menorah Lighting on
the Peace Plaza, Rochester
December 31 – Rochester Art Center's Family Day; Eagles Cancer
Telethon for Mayo Clinic, Hormel Institute, University of Minnesota

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

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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.

- 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 4th quarter of 2016

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<u>Advertiser</u>	<u>Title</u>
Ability Building Center	60 th Anniversary
American Diabetes Association	Pre-diabetes Test
Art Center of Rochester	ArtBash 2016
Center City Housing	Empowerment Center/Gage East Apartments
Channel One Food Shelf	Boys Scouts Food Drive
Christmas Anonymous	Toy Drive
Diocese of Winona	Catholic Charities
Eagles Cancer Telethon	Telethon Auditions
Elder Network	Image
FCC Report Location	FCC
Gary Sinise Foundation	Those Who Serve / Who Help Heroes
Got Your Six	Got Your Six/Behind Every Great/Backs
Hiawatha Homes Foundation	Festival of Trees
Kiwanis Club	Hockey Festival
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
Laketrails Base Camp	Lake of the Woods Teen Camp
Lanesboro Arts Center	Swingsation
Lions International	Airport/Safari Hunting/District 5M1

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MADD

Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Minnesota National Guard

Minnesota Secretary of State

NAACP

NBC "More You Know"

PossAbilities of Southeaster Minnesota

Project Roadblock

Rochester Arts Council

Rochester Public Library

Rochester Repertory Theatre

Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale

Ronald McDonald House

ScamAwareness.org

Seasons Hospice

Text to Speech

The Arc of Southeastern Minnesota

TvB

United Way of Olmsted County

Austin Melville "Don't Drink & Drive"/

Marcus Sherels / Drunk Driving & Me

DeeJay Texting

Storm/Fire/Flood

MNVotes.org

Freedom Fund Banquet

Digital Literacy/Children's Health

Environment/Health/Diversity/Educatio
n

Join the Club

Doors/Viral

Fete 2016

Connect

33rd Annual Season/Realistic Joneses

November Concert

Donate

Online Safety

Live & Love Affair Gala

Text to Speech

Golfers Choice Golf Tournament

We Get Voters

Give. Advocate. Volunteer

Live United/Campaign