

2018
Problems and Needs Report
First Quarter
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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

1-13 Take out your ice tools and get ready to climb! A new ice park in Winona is giving adventure-seeking tourists the thrill of scaling the city's iconic bluffs. NewsCenter's Shannon Rousseau made the trek to the ice park -- and shows us the adventure that awaits those at the top.

1-17 Rochester may soon be seeing two new additions to downtown. While there are still more negotiations that need to happen, the Bloom Riverfront Towers might soon become a reality. What originally began as three towers is now going to be two towers built in different phases. The company behind the project -- Bloom International Realty -- first set foot in Rochester with the seven million dollar purchase of the Associated Bank building in 2013.

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1-18 A new addition could be coming to Rochester's skyline. KROC is looking to build a new transmission tower on its property.

1-24 A bi-partisan group from farm states is rising up... to warn against pulling out of NAFTA... the North American Free Trade Agreement.

1-26 Downtown Rochester is on the verge of another big change. The Wells Fargo Bank building on the Peace Plaza... has been sold to a developer. Wells Fargo has had this major property for sale for about a year. Now--Ryan Companies of Minneapolis has signed a purchase agreement for the six-story building covered in modernistic glass panels. Wells Fargo is mimicking IBM's strategy here---it is going to lease back 20-thousand square feet of office space to continue its bank operations there.

1-30 Hormel Foods is on the path forward. The company hosted its annual meeting of stockholders tonight in Austin-- as it looks to the future.

2-6 A big shutdown for Austin tonight... as Bellisio Foods, Inc. is closing operations there. The closing will affect about one-hundred employees. The company began operations in Austin in 2013 after buying the Austin Packaging Company. The facility there currently manufactures frozen food products for retail, restaurant, and foodservice companies.

2-8 Southern Minnesota might get a little greener thanks to a new wind farm proposal. If it passes, big things may be on the horizon for the area. The Freeborn County Wind Energy Project would bring 100 wind turbines to Freeborn County in southern Minnesota and Worth County in northern Iowa. It would be built on 40-thousand-acres just east of Glenville. Advocates say the project will benefit Freeborn County economically in many ways.

2-14 A major development in Rochester passes its first big hurdle. The Bloom Towers project got the thumbs up from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

2-20 Residents in Southern Minnesota voiced their opinions about a proposed wind farm in Freeborn County earlier today. The Issues in the public hearing ranged from green energy to economics to noise, safety and even TV and radio signals have all been mentioned.

2-23 Construction crews are making headway on the planned Generose building expansion on the Mayo Clinic-Saint Marys Campus. This is all part of a plan to double the height of what was originally a three-story tall building. This was originally announced back in March of 2017 when the Mayo Board of Trustees approved \$217 million for modernization of the campus.

2-23 A large real estate development and investment firm has finalized its purchase of IBM's Rochester Campus. Industrial Realty Group-- or IRG-- says its plan for the site envisions a dynamic, mixed-use campus which will bring businesses and job opportunities to Rochester.

3-13 A worldwide cardboard packaging company has decided to close its plant in Rochester. A spokesman says it is part of a consolidation of facilities for WestRock.

3-13 A new residence hall at Saint Mary's University in Winona will honor an influential figure for the school. The University broke ground on the building today-- set to be named Brother William Hall, after the university's outgoing president Brother William Mann.

3-20 Truck driving is a tough job -- and experts say not enough people are willing to take on the challenge. According to the American Trucking Association, 900-thousand more drivers need to be hired across the country to meet growing demand. With dozens of job listings for truck

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drivers in Southeast Minnesota, one trucking company in Goodhue says it's been waiting years to fill its three vacant positions.

3-22 The four blocks between Soldiers Field and Mayo Clinic-- from 6th Street Southwest to 2nd Street Southwest-- could become a green space. Discovery Walk is a feature that was introduced to the Destination Medical Center Corporation board at today's meeting. The proposed project would cost between 11 and 14 million dollars.

3-26 Some 84-million dollars later... the Mayo Civic Center expansion and renovation in Rochester was expected to draw bigger and flashier events to town, bringing in revenue and helping position Rochester as the medical destination. But at today's City Council Committee of the Whole meeting...members weren't so optimistic about that happening. The Civic Center is indeed getting used... but according to the latest 5 year budget forecast, the events at this venue are not making enough money. Expenses are projected to outweigh revenue, meaning the Civic Center cannot support itself without some help.

3-30 It's been years in the planning. Now--Titan's latest project called "Urban on 1st" is entering the construction phase. The 38-million dollar apartment complex is part of Destination Medical Center's Discovery Square. It will go up in the 400 block of 1st Avenue Southwest bordering Broadway on the east.

2. Political/Governmental

1-11 There's a new challenge for the State Legislature... in efforts to expand high speed internet across Minnesota. This past year rural areas near Lanesboro were on the list to get broadband, breaking ground on a new project. The Governor's Task Force on Broadband has two recommendations on getting the job done in the future.

1-18 A candidate for Minnesota's First Congressional District plans to go around his party and chart his own path to the nomination. DFL candidate Johnny Akzam announced at a press conference tonight that he plans to skip the party's convention endorsement process and move on to the public primary August 14th.

1-20 Nearly 180 women were at the Peace Plaza this afternoon for the 'Winter is Coming Women's March.' They were there to stand for all women who feel victimized all over again, to encourage people to vote, and for the impeachment of President Trump. Women wore their pink hats and brought handmade signs with them that said things like "Make America Kind Again."

1-24 It's cold outside-- but the race for Tim Walz's congressional seat is certainly heating up. Currently there are seven candidates just on the DFL side, but that is expected to drop once the caucus rolls around next month. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur was at the DFL Candidate forum tonight-- and is back with what he heard from candidates.

1-30 First tonight -- President Donald Trump delivered his first State of the Union address tonight on Capitol Hill. He opened the speech with a call to "seek out common ground" and summon unity. President Trump was trying to appeal to a fiercely-divided Congress. NewsCenter's Linda Ha spoke with people in our area today... about what they're thinking.

2-6 Tonight is the first major step in deciding the candidates who will run in November. A busy night for the DFL and GOP alike. State Senator Carla Nelson of Rochester announced yesterday that no matter the outcome of tonight, she will not abide by the decisions made at these precinct caucuses but will regardless go to the primary August election. Aaron Miller, chair of the

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Olmsted county Republican Party says it's unfortunate and candidates should abide by the endorsements, however it's not uncommon.

2-20 The Minnesota lawmaking session is officially underway. In St. Paul today, with less time than normal and a full agenda, state lawmakers had to hit the ground running.

2-22 Eight days after the deadly school shooting at a Florida high school, the debate about where to go from here continues across the country. Today, hundreds gathered at the State Capitol in St. Paul to protest gun violence. "Protect Minnesota" is a state-based gun violence prevention group. It organized the event and wants four bills to pass this year.

2-23 People from the White House all the way to local politicians are talking about guns asking the question: how do we solve the issue of gun violence? Chris Stafford is from Stewartville. He's a lifetime N-R-A member - having joined 30 years ago. He believes those affected in Florida should be outraged by what happened but says they should take their outrage and put it to a useful solution instead of painting all gun owners the same.

2-26 Republican Kenneth Bush kicks off his campaign today to challenge the incumbent Duane Sauke for the House District 25B seat in Rochester.

3-1 What do we do about guns? That was the question at the State Capitol today -- where the Public Safety committee took up two gun-related bills. Hundreds flooded the state capitol today -- both gun supporters and those who want stricter gun laws. One bill would expand background checks to all gun sales and transfers. Another would give family members a legal way to temporarily restrict a loved one's firearm access.

3-5 The candidate field for Rochester mayor is now one person bigger. Former State Representative Kim Norton is officially getting into the race to fill the seat being left vacant by current mayor Ardelle Brede.

3-8 A huge gathering at the State Capitol this morning for International Women's Day. The groups who showed up are calling for lawmakers to add the equal rights amendment to Minnesota's Constitution.

3-14 For the eighth and final time, Governor Mark Dayton delivers his State of the State Address to a joint session of the Minnesota Legislature tonight. Dayton laid out his policy priorities and reflected on his time in office. We've got team coverage up in St. Paul for the big event. NewsCenter's Linda Ha is looking into the Governor's key policy points... and Francisco Almenara-Dumur is checking out lawmaker reaction.

3-15 There's a renewed effort at the State Capitol to find a way to revoke someone's license for life if they get enough DWI's.

3-20 The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission was a huge target this past year... for lobbyists. Enbridge Energy Partners LP--working to secure permission to build a crude oil pipeline across northern Minnesota--spent more money than anyone in efforts to lobby the P-U-C, more than five-point-three million dollars. The second highest lobbying organization was the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, which spent nearly two-point-two million trying to influence members of the Minnesota Legislature.

3-20 The League of Women Voters in Rochester hosted a "Voter Voices" series tonight -- this time with city council members and the mayor. The evening began with thoughts from members of the council about the city's top issues.

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3-22 The group---Save Our Hospital--- went to the State Capitol today to ask legislators to fight to bring hospital services back to the Freeborn County area.

3-22 A man now working as a Security Intelligence Specialist for Mayo Clinic... says he is running for Mayor of Rochester. Charles O'Connell says after serving in the Minnesota National Guard for 29 years... now with the rank of Lt. Colonel... he's ready to lead and guide Rochester to grow and change.

3-26 It's a move that some say is a step in the right direction, but still needs work. State lawmakers moved to make it a crime to abuse the system when it comes to service animals.

3-27 An Albert Lea lawmaker is looking to keep foster youth connected with their siblings. Representative Peggy Bennett presents foster care legislation today at a meeting of the House Health and Human Services Reform Committee... and there's a lot to it. Often, children in the child welfare system get separated from their siblings. This bill would help siblings stay connected, whether that's through social media or face-to-face visits.

3-28 While driverless vehicles get tested across the country... some Minnesota state senators, concerned about safety, want to prevent testing here.

3-28 At the State Capitol, the house is advancing a Republican-backed bill that would hold protest organizers financially and criminally liable if their event leads to property damage.

3. Health Care Developments

1-11 The Minnesota Department of Health's weekly Influenza Activity Report shows the flu is now widespread. And on Sunday, it claimed the life of a Claremont man.

1-13 Spring training is still a couple months away... but the Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine Department is gearing up early for the season... hosting a baseball and softball summit to delve into overuse injuries among players.

1-18 Flu season is here...and it's ugly. The Centers for Disease Control says influenza is peaking virtually at the same time across the country. NewsCenter's Linda Ha is live in Rochester ...and explains why doctors say it's not too late to get vaccinated.

1-22 A new piece of equipment at Mayo Clinic could give new hope to people with undiagnosed diseases. Mayo Clinic is unveiling its new "7-Tesla" M-R-I scanner this week.

1-24 Dogs around the country are literally getting "sick as a dog." And the flu is to blame. Canine influenza is a highly contagious viral infection among dogs and it's very easy to catch and easy to spread. According to data collected by scientists at Cornell... the canine-influenza has spread to more than half the country.

2-8 A new weapon to protect against shingles. Mayo Clinic says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending for adults 50 and older a new two-dose, inactivated vaccine called Shingrix to prevent shingles.

2-8 Experts are calling it "groundbreaking research." New findings from the Hormel Institute in Austin could lead to an entirely new way to treat cancers.

2-14 As efforts go on to patch up the relationship over transferring services to Austin... Mayo Clinic Health System is reaching out to the Albert Lea community with new technology. Their

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latest project is part of a multi-million-dollar investment that will bring enhanced imaging capabilities to Radiology.

2-16 Mayo Clinic's consolidation of services is hitting another small town. Mayo Clinic says it is closing the Adams Clinic in May, only months after closing its clinic in Le Roy.

2-19 Health experts strongly recommend more young people get a vaccination against human papillomavirus, or HPV. The HPV vaccine was first introduced in 2007, but a new study reveals just one third of adolescents get it by age 13.

2-20 Mayo Clinic President and CEO Dr. John Noseworthy plans to retire at the end of this year. Dr. Noseworthy has been with Mayo for 28 years, nine of those years as President and CEO.

2-22 Last year in Minnesota hospitals and medical centers, 12 people died and 103 were seriously injured in so-called "adverse health events." Those are serious things that were not supposed to happen when people went to the hospital. In 2017, there were more fall-related deaths ... a decrease in pressure ulcer reports... but an increase in wrong-site surgical-invasive procedure events.

2-27 A new place to get health care without an appointment opens today in Rochester. MedExpress Urgent Care is opening its first location in the city and celebrated with an open house and ribbon cutting this afternoon.

3-8 Until recently, families of newborn children diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy had little hope... and available treatments were merely supportive. It's a rare condition but it can be lethal. To help protect those little bundles of joy, Minnesota is now conducting universal screening of newborn babies for SMA.

3-15 Type 2 diabetes and heart disease affect millions of Americans. Doctors say a change in diet can make a big difference in preventing the illnesses from getting worse.

3-15 Maybe you've seen it. A joyful video---at a piano at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Two doctors with special skills outside the operating room. One playing the piano... the other belting out a tune! NewsCenter's Linda Ha is here to tell us who they are... and how this video wound up going viral.

3-19 A Hayfield mother is preparing to bury her 10-year-old son... after he didn't wake up Sunday morning. Today, Anthony Reid's family is trying to understand how the seemingly healthy boy died in his sleep. NewsCenter's Shannon Rousseau spoke with his mom who is still in shock.

3-26 After an accident or an active shooter situation, bystanders are usually the first ones to help the injured before first-responders can arrive. That's why staff from Mayo Clinic's Trauma Center taught a bleeding control course today for Mayo employees.

3-30 Malaria is a disease that disproportionately affects parts of the world that don't have access to the best medical technology. That's why one Rushford company is designing a test to make identifying the disease much easier. The company, Rushford NanoBiomedical Instruments, has been working with carbon nanotubes to streamline other medical tests.

4. Education

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1-8 The superintendent of Austin Public Schools is sticking around for another few years. The Austin school board voted tonight to extend David Krenz's contract for three years.

1-17 Tonight-- an act of kindness-- from some of our younger community members. Last night, we brought you the story about a 10-year-old boy visiting Mayo Clinic from North Dakota. Landon Solberg's medical team at Mayo performed a biopsy today to confirm their suspicions of a midline glioma. Now, a fourth-grade classroom in Rochester wants to send Landon Solberg a message.

1-22 Most kids rejoice when they find out they're getting a snow day... and schools across Minnesota were closed today due to all of the snow. But as we found out today for kids in the Grand Meadow school district... a snow day didn't put a halt to their learning.

1-23 Rochester students are using Legos to get in touch with their creative -- and competitive -- sides. The local chapter of The National Association of Women in Construction organized the annual Block Kids contest tonight for 2nd and 3rd graders at Gage Elementary. The students were tasked with creating any kind of structure out of Legos, poster board, tin foil, and string. People from the construction industry served as judges.

2-1 The ongoing controversy about the future of some schools in Winona continues. While the district has proposed to close some schools in the area, one group is offering a proposal to keep the schools open.

2-13 Rochester schools are beginning to get crowded, and Rochester Public Schools is asking parents, is drawing new boundaries the right way to go? The response we're hearing is a resounding no. As we've reported, this is being met with widespread pushback.

2-20 Growing enrollment challenges within the Rochester Public School District have been a topic of discussion over the past two years. The school board met today to continue that conversation and how to combat overcrowding.

3-5 Pine Island High School's Theatre Department is getting a 10-thousand dollar grant from NBC. It's a part of grant program inspired by NBC's upcoming drama "Rise." Pine Island is one of 50 schools to get a grant. More than 1-thousand schools applied... and Pine Island is the only school in Minnesota to be recognized.

3-6 Hundreds of Rochester students and teachers rally outside the Edison Building during today's school board meeting--their fight? Better protection in class, and wage increases.

3-14 Despite getting rejected earlier... it's still a possibility that some Rochester students will need to switch schools this fall. The Rochester School Board met with Superintendent Michael Munoz today at a special study session to discuss changing school boundaries for upcoming school years. The proposed changes are in response to overcrowding at certain schools.

3-21 Extra police officers were on hand at Red Wing High School today... after a security scare. A student informed red wing police around midnight...about a shared threatening message on Snapchat. Police Chief Roger Pohlman says officers captured the threat with a screen grab--but the number had been "spoofed" so the investigation stalled. As a precaution, officers patrolled the school as classes remained in session.

3-22 The University of Minnesota Board of Regents was touring the UMR Campus this morning, visiting with students, faculty and staff. The tour is an event before their formal board meeting on Friday, which aims to emphasize items of particular importance to the University of Minnesota-Rochester.

3-22 The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board announced this week that Dr. Jeffery Boyd is the new President-designate at R-C-T-C.

3-23 Students in Austin are learning about other cultures today. Neveln Elementary's Culture Day is a day for kids to gain knowledge through experiences with different languages, food, celebrations and art from around the world. Culture Day organizers say knowing about so many different cultures is something everyone in southeast Minnesota can benefit from.

3-26 In the small town of Waldorf, Minnesota, this morning--a big announcement. At the site of the former Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton school... there will soon be a new K-12 public charter school! And it will be called East West International Education Academy... and be ready to open by the fall of 2019.

3-29 Last fall we brought you the story of what parents say was "school lunch shaming" in Stewartville. "Lunch Shaming" is a term given to a practice of denying meals or punishing students who have school lunch debt. Minnesota House and Senate education committees considered taking a stronger stand against lunch shaming in our schools. Critics of the practice say children who fear being shamed won't request lunches and end up eating nothing.

3-29 Winona area school leaders make difficult decisions tonight to try and help pull the district out of the red. They made more than a million dollars in cuts and dealt with the proposal to close schools. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur was at the special school board meeting and is live with the details.

5. Crime Prevention & Domestic Violence

1-10 A porch bandit is hitting neighborhoods of Rochester. Police say they have an active investigation going. The thief had no way of knowing that the homeowner--Nick Dibble--is savvy about security and had a doorbell that records video.

1-14 17-year-old is dead after he was shot in the chest on Rochester's north east side. Authorities say a car accident led to a confrontation in the street -- which then led to the shooting.

1-21 A Stewartville man pleaded guilty to Criminal Sexual Conduct charge this past week. Court documents show 38-year-old Adam Pyfferoen entered the guilty plea to CSC Third Degree Force or Coercion as part of a plea agreement with the prosecutor. He was one of two men accused in an assault in September of 2013 in Kasson.

1-25 A man is sentenced to a year in jail after he entered his ex-girlfriend's bedroom and threatened her with a knife last September.

1-25 With Super Bowl tickets going at a premium, the Better Business Bureau continues to warn fans to take every precaution to assure tickets they find are legitimate.

2-7 When big events like the Super Bowl come to the state... law enforcement officials say there's also an increase in human trafficking and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is watching closely. Investigators set up a sting operation in the week leading up to the big game. Undercover agents spoke with potential suspects... then arrested those suspects at arranged meeting places. Most are from the Twin Cities area. In all... 36 people were booked for solicitation of a minor. Seven arrested for sex trafficking, promotion of prostitution. And fourteen women were rescued from trafficking situations.

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2-12 A heart-broken community comes together to remember a Winona woman who died last July. Jaida Hoffman was a 2000 graduate of Arcadia High School... killed in a domestic violence incident. The police report says it happened during a fight with a man that ended with a gunshot wound to the head. Jaida's mother says there was no struggle with a gun, and that she was murdered.

2-23 A gruesome crime in Austin. A man there is facing a homicide charge for allegedly stabbing-- and killing-- his mother. 35-year-old Russell Spoor is facing a 2nd degree murder charge after allegedly stabbing Susan Spoor at least three times last night.

3-6 Many in the West Concord community come together tonight for a difficult topic that's generating some talk around town. Authorities invited residents to learn about a level three sex offender moving back to town.

3-7 A guilty plea today from a St. Charles man to a charge of 3rd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct. 38-year-old Jeremy Olson is accused of a sexual assault at the County Fairgrounds in Kasson on September 6, 2013, one of two men who have now both admitted assaulting a woman in a pickup truck after the Big Iron Classic Truck Show.

3-8 Many doctors in Minnesota are speaking out about gun violence. The Minnesota Medical Association says gun violence is a "public health crisis" in this country and something has to be done. NewsCenter's Linda Ha has the story.

3-10 A Waseca man will spend 12 years in prison... after he sexually assaulted and took pictures of an 11-year-old girl a year and a half ago.

3-13 Rochester's second homicide of the year claims the life of a 40-year-old man. Shortly after nine o'clock last night police found the victim... Ahmed Muafaq Al Naddf of Rochester.. an immigrant from Iraq.. unresponsive on the sidewalk in the 2800 block of Charles Court Northwest. He had a gunshot wound to the chest.

3-23 The Rochester Police Department put out a notice today about the release of a level-three sex offender. The sentence for 36-year-old Hervey Dunn is now over. According to the notice, Dunn has a history of sexual contact with girls aged 15 to 16.

3-29 There is an active arrest warrant out for the woman being sought in the Blooming Prairie murder case. Authorities found the body of 54-year-old David Riess on Friday. They're looking for his wife... 56-year-old Lois Ann Riess.. as a person of interest in the case.

6. Elderly/Handicapped/Minority Groups/Racism

1-10 It's a platonic kind of speed dating -- a new event in Rochester aims to help adults make new friends. A librarian from the Rochester Public Library organized the "speed friending" event at Forager Brewery tonight after seeing it done in another city. People were matched up one-on-one for three minute conversations, then rotated around the room.

1-15 On this Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Albert Lea community gathers to show there's still so much to fight for. Every year, community members gather to highlight a cause that embodies Dr. King's ideals. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur reports that this year---- the focus is on immigrants.

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1-15 Rochester's Sisters of Saint Francis are taking this Martin Luther King Junior Day to speak out against racism going on in the world.

1-25 The White House has unveiled a proposal that provides a pathway to citizenship for nearly two million young immigrants living in the country without documents. But it comes with a catch. An exchange for new restrictions on legal immigration and \$25 billion in border security.

1-29 A military commendation given to a Gulf War veteran is now for sale on E-Bay. A Rochester woman and her network of veterans on social media are fighting to get the award back in the soldier's hands.

2-1 Today marks the first day of Black History Month. An exhibit in Minneapolis is highlighting the historic plight African Americans have faced. It's supported in part by the NFL Foundation. The "Testify" exhibit was put together by former Minnesota Vikings player Alan Page. Some of the items were more than a hundred years old.

2-12 A veterans home is a place for veterans to go and receive round the clock care, like at a nursing home. However there are none within the recommended distance of southeast Minnesota. Veterans groups in Fillmore County have a proposal to benefit their area.

2-27 It has been seen by audiences all around the globe --in fact, in 32 countries. A documentary play called "Seven" written by seven award-winning playwrights and tells the true stories of seven women who faced life-threatening obstacles. Tomorrow, an Austin community college is taking the documentary play into its own hands. Seventy years ago...the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights... and the director says despite that act... there's a long way to go for rights and equality.

3-4 World-renowned oud player Ramy Adly performed a benefit concert at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rochester. You're probably asking yourself...what is an oud? It's an ancient instrument similar to a guitar... with six strings and no frets. The goal of the concert was to raise awareness of the People of the Book Lutheran Outreach or POBLO. The organization runs the International Friendship Center... where volunteers help immigrants in the Rochester area with things like English classes and support services. Adly lives in Washington D-C now, but he's an immigrant from Egypt - which is why he wanted to come to Rochester to perform.

3-12 We've been keeping track of it for a year now... the disparity of discipline in public schools between white students and students of color. That's something Rochester Public schools has been working to improve. We spoke with Superintendent Muñoz today and learned that R-P-S has created an extensive plan to lessen the disparities gap. The plan involves rewriting the discipline handbook... professional development training for teachers and staff... and creating a student school board.

3-25 Providing for those in need is what brings one unique Rochester group together every Sunday outside the Public Library. The group..."A Ministry of Good Works" is primarily made up of ex-cons... drug dealers... addicts... and others that have spent time in jail and prison, but had their lives changed. They say the change in their lives came from the love of God... and they decided they wanted to do something to give back to the community after they say they took so much from it. Providing food for those in need.. while spreading their love and experiences was the best way for them to do that.

3-28 The White House announced a policy last Friday that bans most transgender people from serving in the military - the second attempt to do so in less than a year. This means thousands of service men and women may never get a chance to put on the uniform, a move seen as another

slight against that community. NewsCenter's Linda Ha sat down with a Rochester transgender woman who walks us through her experience grappling with gender identity.

7. Environment

1-4 It's been years in the making... now a major lake-dredging project in Albert Lea is at last moving forward. The final permit was granted for dredging at Fountain Lake today. That means officials are ready to go forward with the bid process for dredging.

1-23 Yesterday's storm was the heaviest in southeast Minnesota so far this season.. and areas to the north and west of Rochester got hit hardest. Owatonna was a sight to see as yards were piled high with snow and the road medians were just a frozen wall waiting to be removed. Residents were armed with shovels and snow blowers trying to clean up the 17 inches of snow that fell yesterday. City workers were also hard at work this morning to remove snow for the city streets using an industrial size snow blower.

2-5 Some Oronoco residents are fighting tooth and nail to stop a smelting operation from taking root in their neighborhood.

2-14 Olmsted County recently approved a place to put sediment from the future Lake Zumbro dredging project. It's an 80 acre piece of land one-and-a-half miles from the lake.

2-18 Puerto Rico remains in recovery mode from the devastation that came when Hurricane Maria ravaged the U.S. territory nearly five months ago. The hurricane destroyed homes and left behind a myriad of other damages. Two local women, Sarah Kirk-Maass and Renee Baily joined forces to help hurricane victims in Puerto Rico.

2-21 Many are still taking advantage of Minnesota's frozen lakes-- especially when it comes to ice fishing. But many others can't wait to get the ice out of here-- and put boats in the open water. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers--- taking measurements on Lake Pepin--- to give a better idea of when the Mississippi will be open again.

3-5 Some Republican lawmakers are concerned about the state's recent settlement with 3-M over toxic groundwater waste.

3-18 A highly contagious and deadly disease in wild deer has spread in Fillmore County. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources found 17 deer there with Chronic Wasting Disease over the past two years. CWD is fatal neurological disease first detected in 2016. The D-N-R kick-started a new deer movement study last Monday. As NewsCenter's Linda Ha shows us, they're continuing the project today by taking to the skies.

3-19 It's going to be "catch-and-release" all summer... and no walleye fishing at night. That's the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources plan for walleye fishing for Lake Mille Lacs this summer. The D-N-R has been trying to build up the walleye population on Mille Lacs for two years... and it's been a struggle.

3-29 A new bio-degradable product could revolutionize hazardous spill cleanup. Oil-absorbent granules made from corn stalks are the first of a kind. NewsCenter's Linda Ha met with a West Concord manufacturer behind the development.

3-30 It's undeniable that some of the most scenic views in the state can be found right here in southeastern Minnesota... bluff country. For over two decades the Zephyr Valley Community

Cooperative has been working to preserve the bluff land. The Zephyr Valley Community Cooperative has been around since the mid-90s... and originally began by entering into a conservation agreement to protect the wetlands on their 500 acre property... regardless of who might own the land in the future. Most recently, they protected 155 acres of forest and prairie land from future development through a similar agreement.

8. Youth

1-9 They're called the Glitter Athletics Cheer Program... 21 girls from Canton are flying to Orlando this spring with hopes of claiming gold at an international cheerleading competition.

1-19 Teachers from the Triton School District are teaching their students an important lesson... in a bowling alley. That lesson is to build relationships between teachers and students outside of the classroom. Hosted by the Triton School district for the first time... today was Bowl With Your Teacher Day... featuring free pizza.

1-28 Forget the toboggans and snow tubes... cardboard sleds will work just fine, as dozens of Rochester kids proved today. The fifth annual "Great Cardboard Sled Race" pitted 19 teams of four against one another to see whose sled could slide down the hills of Rochester's Golf and Country Club the farthest and the fastest. Judges also gave out awards for best sled design.

2-5 Tragedy strikes a small town in southeast Minnesota. The community of Mabel-Canton is grieving a horrible loss tonight. Two of the school's young people were killed in a car crash on slippery roads. NewsCenter's Linda Ha was at the accident scene near Hesper, Iowa.

2-7 Boys and Girls Club board members are taking a new approach to job skills development for Rochester youth. Today, their ice cream parlor staff made up of the teen members welcomed ice cream enthusiasts during the soft opening of The Chocolate Twist.

2-19 Facing a blood shortage, a Minnesota high school student is stepping up to the plate to help her community. Kayce Redican is a student at Triton High School who decided to partner with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive in her town.

2-21 It was just a week ago today that a gunman stole the lives of 17 students and teachers at a Parkland, Florida high school. The alleged gunman--a 19-year-old who was expelled from the school--used a semi-automatic rifle in the attack. In response, students across the country are conducting walkouts, demanding tougher gun laws. Here in Rochester, three high schools joined the protest.

2-26 The internet is a very powerful tool for students -- but if you're not careful, it can also be very dangerous. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur went to Austin for a presentation to help parents and community members keep kids safe.

2-27 Top students square off at The 2018 Southeast Minnesota Spelling Bee Final in Rochester today. The Grand Champion--8th grader Ava Becken of Northfield.

3-14 March 14 marks one month since the attack in Parkland, Florida. At least 70 schools in Minnesota committed to being a part of this morning's demonstration. That includes here in Rochester where about one-hundred students walked out of class at Mayo High School. They too sat in silence for 17 minutes before returning back to class. A similar scene at Century High as well... where more than one-hundred students gathered at the school's entrance. Students at John Marshall also participating this morning... the seventeen minute walkout included a minute of silence... and powerful statements from students.

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3-15 Move over, Gordon Ramsay! There are several new chefs heating up the kitchen. Some Triton Middle School students are brushing up on their cooking skills in a new competition.

3-21 A sixth grader at Kellogg Middle School is getting ready to represent Minnesota at a national math competition in Washington, D.C. NewsCenter's Linda Ha takes us to meet a Rochester kid who does some pretty dazzling things with numbers.

3-26 We're following up on research done by the Center for Rural Policy and Development found that rural areas of Minnesota are struggling with a shortage in day care options. Our crews spent the afternoon with day care owners in Harmony... who are working to fight that shortage. Umbelina and Steve Cremer opened up The Harmony Kids Learning Center less than two years ago after seeing a need in their community, as well as in the surrounding area.

3-28 Minnesota Wild star Jason Zucker and his wife Carly are so touched by the fundraising efforts of a 7-year-old in Eyota... that they came from Minneapolis to her school to thank her and all the other kids who took part.

9. Substance Abuse

1-10 An evening of awareness in Stewartville, to teach community members just what to look out for with drugs and addiction. It was an opportunity to bring people together, and get them working to better their area. NewsCenter's Francisco Almenara-Dumur was at Stewartville High School for the Olmsted County Sheriff's Community Drug Awareness and Trends meeting.

1-26 Two Rochester men facing felony-level drug charges are due in court---after officers arrest them Wednesday.

2-7 Charges for a Forest City man accused of selling and shipping drugs to students in Ohio using bitcoin and the dark web. 42-year-old Anthony Scott Boeckholt was arrested on January 29th at his home. He is charged with Engaging in a pattern of Corrupt Activity.

2-14 Two people are arrested after Rochester police seized narcotics after serving a warrant. The Criminal Interdiction Unit served the warrant around 8:30 yesterday morning at 915 4th Street Southeast in Rochester. Their search turned up about two ounces of K2, a synthetic drug with effects similar to marijuana. Police say evidence of distribution includes several empty baggies and ledgers to keep track of sales.

2-15 Two Mason City men receive federal prison sentences for their roles in a methamphetamine distribution conspiracy.

3-19 Police say the man they believe is responsible for the deadly stabbings Saturday night at Castleview Apartments in downtown Rochester had been drinking. Police arrested 53-year-old Glenn Johnson. He is in the Olmsted County Jail on two counts of Second degree murder.

3-27 Five people-- who police arrested for a shots fired incident in Austin---- are released. It all started with a reported bar fight around one o'clock Sunday morning. Witnesses say at least three shots rang out. Officers on the scene checked an SUV parked nearby, where they found a small amount of marijuana and a .38-special revolver.

3-30 A case of littering in Stewartville leads to a drug arrest. And it started with a woman who confronted two young men for littering.

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.

2018 Around Town 1st Quarter Schedule

- January 6 – Learning is Forever; “Wit, Wisdom & Wine”
- January 13 – The Great Cardboard Sled Race benefiting Minnesota Children’s Museum, Rochester; Eagles Cancer Telethon
- January 20 – Rochester Chamber of Commerce Celebration; “Hearts and Diamonds”
- January 27 – That 70’s Party; Chorale Arts Ensemble’s “A Singing Valentine”

- February 3 – SocialICE in downtown Rochester; Festival of Music, First Presbyterian Church, Rochester
- February 10 – RCTC Theatre; “A Chair Affair” benefiting Rochester Boys and Girls Club
- February 17 – Wines of the World; Zumbro Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines
- February 24 – Stewartville Community Theatre; World Day of Prayer

- March 3 – Rochester’s Day at the Capitol, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce; Cabin Fever
- March 10 – Cabin Fever Bean Bag Tournament; Children’s Dance Theatre
- March 17 – Dodge County Expo; March for Meals, Rochester
- March 24 – Rochester Community Band; Gardening for Health
- March 31 – Oxbow Park Fundraiser, Timmay 5k

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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
- Early Today Sunday 3:00a-4:00a

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

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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 1st quarter of 2018

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<u>Advertiser</u>	<u>Title</u>
Ability Building Center	Dan/Eric/Katrina/Mariann/Sewing
American Cancer Society	Daffodil Days
Boys & Girls Club of Rochester	A Chair Affair/Harlem Globetrotters
City of Lewiston	Fools Five Road Race
Closed Captioning	Closed Captioning
Drunk Driving	Austin/Christopher
Eagles Club	Telethon/Kickoff Dinner/Thank You
Elder Network	Spring Fever 2018
Iowa Gambling	Bets Off
Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation	Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation
Kiwanis Club	Kids Need/Last Straw/Picking
KTTC Community Calendar	Community Calendar
Meals on Wheels	March for Meals
Minnesota National Guard	Benefits/Careers/STEM/Heart/Greater

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Project Roadblock
Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce
Rochester Downtown Alliance
RNeighbors
Rochester Repertory Theatre
Ronald McDonald House
United Way of Olmsted County
Weather Academy
Winterfest

Roads/Doors
MLK Breakfast/Day at the Capitol
Social Ice 2018
A Litter Bit Better
Memory of Water/The Last Five Years
Capital Campaign 2017/Donate/Pop Tabs
2-1-1
Tour
Rochester Winterfest 2018