

- 12-4 LINDA SIMPSON WITH THE SOUTHERN UNIT OF RICE COUNTY GOODFELLOWS DISCUSSED SOME OF THEIR CURRENT NEEDS FOR THEIR HOLIDAY DISTRIBUTION AND HOW THEY IDENTIFY RECIPIENTS OF GIFTS. REV. HENRY BLICKHAM FROM OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH DISCUSSED STREETS OF BETHLEHEM, AN INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION OF THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS SURROUNDING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST. (NOTE – THE SOUTHERN GOODFELLOWS UNIT SERVES THE COMMUNITIES OF STERLING, ALDEN AND RAYMOND AND SOUTHERN RICE COUNTY. THE REST OF RICE COUNTY INCLUDING LYONS, CHASE, LITTLE RIVER, BUSHTON AND GENESEO IS SERVED BY THE NORTHERN UNIT WHOSE PROGRAM DIFFERS SLIGHTLY FROM THE SOUTH UNIT... SEE THE 12-11 LISTING FOR MORE)
- 12-11 HUTCHINSON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JANA MCCARRON TALKED ABOUT AN ONGOING PROJECT TO FORMULATE A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY, AND CHANGES BEING MADE IN THE PLAN THAT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN FUTURE LAND USE PROJECTIONS AND OTHER NEEDS FOR HUTCHINSON DURING THE NEXT 20 YEARS. KAY MCMILLIN OF NORTHERN RICE COUNTY GOODFELLOWS TALKED ABOUT NEEDS FOR THEIR HOLIDAY PROGRAM WHICH ALSO PROVIDES FOOD FOR CHILDREN TO GET THEM THROUGH THE TWO WEEK PERIOD WHEN SCHOOL ISN'T IN SESSION.
- 12-18 KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT EXPERT ELIZABETH KISS TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL HEALTH, WHICH COMBINED CAN HAVE LONG TERM POSITIVE EFFECTS BY TAKING SMALL STEPS TO BE HEALTHIER.
- 12-24 (PROGRAM WAS CHANGED TO SATURDAY DUE TO CHRISTMAS DAY, AIRED AT 6:35 AM)  
DONNA DAVIS AND LISA HAYES FROM THE SEXUAL ASSAULT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER DISCUSSED THINGS PEOPLE SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHEN IT COMES TO THE SIGNS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED FUNDING ISSUES THEY ARE ENCOUNTERING, INCLUDING FUNDING FROM RICE COUNTY WHICH WAS LEFT OUT OF THAT COUNTY'S 2017 BUDGET.