

2006
Third Quarter

ISSUES & PROGRAMS
Report

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Listing of Problems and Needs

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TYPICAL AND ILLUSTRATIVE PROGRAMS IN RESPONSE TO ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

Local

Since **November 28, 1999**, KXLT Television, Inc. licensee of SagamoreHill Broadcasting of Minnesota, has broadcast the following programming in response to the issues and programs need for this quarter.

* **FOX 47 News @ 9**

Locally produced

News @ 9 M-F, Sun 9p-9:30p

Latest information and periodic in-depth background stories, which air during the news. All appear in 9:00 pm news unless otherwise noted, with rebroadcast during the overnight hours, in original or re-edited form, in subsequent reports.

1. Economic & Downtown Development/Jobs/Tourism

- 7-3 Olmsted Medical Center's new leader is not wasting any time rolling up his sleeves. On his first work day as President, Doctor Roy Yawn started planning for the Center's future.
- 7-9 T-C-F Bank will get more than its name on the new Gophers football stadium in exchange for its 35-million dollar donation.
- 7-11 Interested in buying a golf course or a part of it? The Jewel Golf Club is about to announce what's up for grabs during an auction this fall.
- 7-13 Disappointing news today from a group trying to develop Downtown Rochester. A plan to build a five story condominium project in the heart of it has crumbled.
- 7-18 Rochester's I-B-M is observing a half-century of innovations.
- 7-24 City officials remain split on a decision to demolish the Albert Lea Golf Course. City council members decided in a narrow 4 to 3 vote to approve a preliminary plat for a new housing development on the course.
- 7-25 A proposed fourth Graham hockey arena is still alive. Soaring construction costs and interest rates almost put the deal on ice back in May.
- 7-28 Brownsdale's sesquicentennial celebration kicks off tonight with the two main roads into town...Out of service.
- 7-30 Traditional shopping and strip malls, watch out. The latest, greatest retail development is gaining popularity fast. And it's got visitors doing a double take.
- 7-31 Rochester Market Square opened it's doors late last year and is already developing a strong customer base.
- 8-6 New businesses are popping up in downtown Rochester... but not fast enough for a few establishments.
- 8-11 Fairways are taking shape and the greens are being carved at Eastwood Golf Course in Rochester.
- 8-15 Ground breaking began on the construction of Graham Arena Four. The Rochester City Council gave the o-k for construction plans last Monday, after higher-than-expected costs threatened to put the deal on ice.
- 8-24 A successful start has the Diamond Jo Casino cashing in its chips to get bigger and better.
- 8-27 The road construction on highway 63 will be getting worse beginning Monday morning. The Minnesota Department of transportation is planning major traffic shifts.

- 9-9 It was a bittersweet farwell at the Apache Mall this morning. Longtime Midwest department store, Marshall Field's said its goodbyes as it became a part of the national chain...Macy's.
- 9-15 Move lovers will have to find a new place to rent the latest hit d-v-d. Two Blockbuster stores in Winona, and another in Rochester, have closed their doors for good.
- 9-20 Construction is underway on one of the cities most congested intersections. it's a spot that's been causing some safety issues for quite a while..
- 9-21 A new upgrade may help keep downtown parking a smooth experience. The City of Rochester and Republic Parking Systems held a ribbon cutting this morning in celebration of their facility upgrades.
- 9-26 The Albert Lea and Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce is asking residents to nominate this year's best businesses.

2. Political/Governmental

- 7-3 When Austin Mayor Bonnie Rietz announced she wouldn't seek reelection, it meant Austin would be under new leadership for the first time in 10 years.
- 7-4 The state's decision to expand roadways with borrowed money and expected federal funding has led to a cash crunch.
- 7-8 US Senator Norm Coleman says he hopes that an agreement can be reached over the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad's desire to enhance and extend it's line through Rochester.
- 7-12 Voting "no" to a sales tax increase could be a costly decision for Austin residents.
- 7-15 Rochester's Mayor will square off against a familiar face in this fall's election. City council member Pat Carr filed yesterday to get his name on the ballot.
- 7-15 A strong showing against Iowa governor Tom Vilsack brings an outcome at the statehouse not seen in two generations.
- 7-17 A vote on an almost 4-million dollar referendum in Kasson is cancelled, at least for now.
- 7-18 The stage is set for a busy election season in Rochester. The city clerk says this year's filing period generated a little more interest than usual.
- 7-18 The Mayo Clinic is getting help from a high-powered Washington lobbying firm in its fight against the D-M-and-E railroad expansion.
- 8-3 Iowa's democratic candidate for governor chet culver is touting his new 'comprehensive education plan'.
- 8-18 A D-F-L lawsuit against Gutknecht is trying to keep his name *OFF* the September 12th primary ballot.
- 8-23 A "Track the Truth" rally against D-M and E is causing quite a stir in Rochester. The Rochester coalition says the Federal Railroad Administration should protect taxpayer dollars, but companies that use the railroad say it could hurt you, the taxpayer.
- 8-26 One group wants to make sure you know exactly who you are voting for at the upcoming elections. The League of Women Voters of Rochester is giving residents an opportunity to meet and hear from candidates.
- 8-31 Today the Rochester coalition had its turn to sound off about dm&e's efforts to move through Rochester. That's after the company's president Kevin Scheiffer took the podium last week.
- 9-2 The controversy surrounding a D-M-and-E expansion project in Rochester is dragging a leader from one neighboring city into the fold.
- 9-12 Two former Washington insiders will be helping the Mayo Clinic lobby against the D-M-and-E expansion plan.
- 9-19 In seven weeks Minnesotans will choose who will represent them in the United States Congress. Tonight the three candidates vying for the position being vacated by Senator Mark Dayton took questions and squared off in front of a state-wide audience.
- 9-26 Two familiar faces are squaring off again for a Minnesota House seat. And tonight Andy Welti and Bill Kuisle make their sides clear in a public debate.
- 9-27 Politicians met on neutral territory today to give students a first hand lesson on civics. Century high school students got the chance to sit down one on one with local leaders.

3. Health Care Developments

- 7-2 They said she'd never live a normal life again and she proved them wrong. Now a Rochester woman who dedicates her life to helping others has been dealt another life changing blow.
- 7-6 Staying on top of the latest in health care is now just a mouse click away. A new program at "r-c-t-c learn dot net" offers 54 home care and hospice courses online.
- 7-11 A quicker and safer hospital stay is at the tip of your fingers in Albert Lea. Medical Center Employees are installing a new fingerprint registration system.
- 7-12 A new hospital in Rochester is giving patients specialized care closer to home. The hope is that it'll help them get better and on their feet quicker.
- 7-14 Hundreds of cyclists and other volunteers are helping thousands of fellow Minnesotans who are living with HIV and AIDS.
- 7-16 Water is once again flowing freely in Eyota but health officials are saying think twice before drinking it.
- 7-17 Promising news for some who are on a path to Alzheimer's disease. A new study shows brain deterioration can be slowed down with a drug.
- 7-21 Minnesota has its first west Nile death this year. The state Health Department says a Twin Cities woman in her seventies, died after being infected with the mosquito-borne virus.
- 7-23 A new multiple sclerosis or M-S study has some surprising results. Researchers say it shows that =men= are more likely than women to pass it to their kids.
- 7-27 You slather on sunscreen on your arms, legs, torso and face and you think you're ready to go. You think you're safe from the sun's damaging rays, right?
- 7-31 A new plan in Minnesota aims to save you money... by paying physicians more. It's a healthcare plan that Governor Pawlenty thinks will save more than 150-million dollars every year.
- 8-2 Mason City's Mercy Medical Center--North Iowa is being awarded by a national health care information firm.
- 8-16 A famous runner is hoping to help women make strides with their health. Kathrine Switzer was the first woman to enter and run the Boston Marathon back in 1967.
- 8-20 Thousands suffered from it decades ago... and new research is helping doctor's understand how polio affects those that survived it as children.
- 8-21 The city of Austin will soon be the home to a new state-of-the-art research facility for The Hormel Institute.
- 9-1 The cost of health care insurance is on the rise in Minnesota, but monthly premiums are leveling off.
- 9-3 Millions of Americans who go to the drug store or cosmetic counter for remedies to fade skin spots may soon be out of luck.
- 9-7 Researchers at Mayo Clinic are one step closer to finding a cure for the H-I-V virus. Up until now its been unclear how the virus integrates with a healthy cell.

4. Education

- 7-5 Unless you consolidated your student loans before July first, interest rates are going to make them a lot more expensive.
- 7-12 Rochester residents will have a few extra questions on their ballot come November. The Rochester School Board voted UNANIMOUSLY tonight to put a school levy referendum to vote.
- 7-20 Families may find themselves spending more on back to school items this year.
- 7-29 The United Way is hosting its annual fill-the-truck event this weekend in Rochester. Volunteers are collecting donated school supplies for low-income students in nearby schools districts.
- 8-5 The University of Minnesota will offer five new degree programs in Rochester this fall. The programs are part of an effort to expand the university's presence in Rochester.
- 8-7 With the controversy behind them... one local community is inching closer to a brand new addition.
- 8-28 After serving in education for more than 40 years, Rochester Schools Superintendent Jerry Williams is getting ready to call it a career.

8-28 It's a week earlier than the *public school students... but kids in Rochester's Catholic schools are getting a jump start on their year.

9-5 It's the first day of class for most districts... and for students and staff in Byron a lot more is new too.

9-8 Albert Lea schools are looking for ways to collect some cash. Whether or not they get that money is now in the hands of the voters.

9-11 voters in The Kingsland School District heads to the polls tomorrow to vote yes or no to an 11-point-8 million dollar referendum.

9-26 The fifth time could be the charm for a Chatfield School Referendum. Voters in Chatfield will be asked if they want a new elementary school at a cost of 15-point-75 million dollars.

9-28 they're celebrating an educational milestone in the Kingsland school district. 9 fourth-graders and their teacher are celebrating the fact that they are published authors.

5. Crime Prevention & Domestic Violence

7-5 Anxious to get plans for a new justice center rolling, the wait will continue for Mower County. City officials are telling the county they won't comply by an August first deadline to let them know if they're coming along.

7-17 He's aiming to be a police officer in our community. And Lucas Bakken's aspirations appear to be right on target. The 20-year-old just returned from a national law enforcement conference in Arizona with some hardware.

7-24 A sex offender is moving into a Rochester neighborhood. Rochester Police say 48-year old Dale Hodge will be living in the two hundred block of ten and a half street southeast as of this upcoming weekend.

8-1 Neighborhoods across the country will come together tonight in an effort to fight crime. National Night Out block parties will be taking place in communities across America.

8-9 Employees at a local store help catch a sexual predator. 70 year-old Robert Stuve faces two counts of criminal sexual conduct... And up to 2 years in jail.

8-17 It's an annual occurrence... every summer they come up from the south to help you fix your home. But police say beware... because they're knocking on your door to help themselves.

8-22 Dodge County residents rest easy... authorities are stepping up efforts to catch felons in the area.

8-25 A local manhunt for a convicted criminal is getting national attention. Oscar Trevino was working as a school bus driver in Dodge County when he sexually assaulted a 13-year-old girl on several occasions.

8-29 Austin police are cracking down on businesses that don't card for cigarettes.. Today the Mower County Public Health Department released the results of local businesses that sold tobacco to an underage informant.

9-19 Having someone to turn to after a sexual assault can help a victim in their time of need. Victim Services offers a 24 hour sexual assault crisis line... staffed by volunteers during the nights and weekends.

9-21 Four copper thefts in about a week... So, why are there so many... and what are Rochester police doing to investigate?

9-24 Mower County and Austin police get into a high speed pursuit...in a parking lot. Newscaster's Chris Hrapsky explains how small spaces pay big rewards for police training.

9-29 With the latest school shooting in Wisconsin... Making certain students are safe at school is at the front of everyone's mind.

6. Elderly/Handicapped/Minority Groups/Racism

7-1 Forty Minnesota residents can now call themselves Americans... Just in time for the fourth!

7-3 Thousands of athletes headed to Ames, Iowa today to compete in the first special Olympic USA National Games.

7-7 Minnesota's secretary of state is traveling across gopher country to show a new way seniors can vote at the polls.

7-7 A local organization is doing its part to create a welcoming and inclusive community. The Diversity Council is one of the three finalists for an anti-racism award.

7-10 After several years of negotiations a new partnership is a reality for the Mayo Clinic and American Indians. A ceremony at the clinic made the partnership official.

- 7-11 We have an update on a story we brought you a few weeks ago. A local Special Olympic athlete has returned from competition and she came home with some hardware to show-off her hard work.
- 7-13 It's time to help low-income students get a running start on school supplies.
- 7-17 The US Securities and Exchange Commission is sounding the alarm on investment fraud schemes aimed at America's seniors.
- 7-20 A new program is trying to prevent seniors from falling and getting hurt. Statistics show those types of accidents in Olmsted County are among the highest in the nation.
- 7-22 Sunrise Cottages in Rochester hosted the "Sunrise Senior Star" competition, where seniors could show off their hidden dance talents, piano playing skills and even read poetry.
- 8-4 The number of people seeking help to pay their utility bills is increasing. That's according to the Salvation Army's Heat Share Assistance Program.
- 8-8 A local nursing home is getting some poor marks from a national consumer magazine. But the facility's director says they don't tell the whole story.
- 8-9 In order to get a sense of how diversity has changed in Rochester... a local professor is asking for your opinion.
- 8-13 They've won more than 30-thousand dollars in scholarships... and are on a roll winning national competitions for their skills in computer programming. The Black Data Processors Association of Southern Minnesota took home a victory in Los Angeles.
- 8-20 A local group is celebrating 20 years of shedding light on a dark condition. The National Alliance for Mental Illness has been operating in Olmsted County for two decades.
- 8-20 Diversity is something this country was founded on... but it's also created conflict as well. Right here in our area the ever changing landscape of Austin's ethnic makeup has presented it's share of challenges.
- 9-23 Meanwhile... A special reunion brings 12 World War Two veterans together in Rochester. Crew members of the U-S-S Pargo submarine met for their annual get-together at Soldier's field.
- 9-28 When he was 13 years old he went through a devastating loss...now, many years later this Minnesota man is reaching out to the Mayo Clinic in hopes of developing treatment that incorporates the healing of the mind and as well the body.

7. Environment

- 7-1 Gas prices are close to 3 dollars a gallon this holiday weekend, and that's enough pressure for some to change their driving habits.
- 7-14 As a fan at this week's tournament you're going to spend hours and hours outside... and while the pros have been training for this tournament, spectators may not be ready to face this heat.
- 7-17 Rochester Public Utilities customers are being asked to limit their electrical use. The heat in last few days is obviously prompting more people to use air conditioners.
- 7-18 The generosity of a local church is helping to protect one of the worlds most rare plants. The Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior Church in Faribault has sold 8 acres of land to The Nature Conservancy for preservation.
- 7-19 Farmers across the region are breathing a big sigh of relief, thanks to a much-anticipated rainfall.
- 7-23 The recent run of dry weather and scorching temperatures could be deadly for fish.
A D-N-R official says the warmer temperatures slow down water flow which prevents nutrients from getting to fish down river.
- 7-24 Hundreds of property owners are under investigation for destroying Minnesota wetlands.
The state Department of Natural Resources used aerial patrols to investigate the properties.
- 7-26 Because of all the smoke.... officials are warning the air quality in Mason City could be at a dangerous level.
- 7-28 Tom Thompson is building a new house that has passive solar insulation, which helps keep energy costs low by reducing the need for heat.
- 8-13 Warm weather plays an affect on whether your Christmas trees are green or brown.

8-31 Riverland Community College and The University of Minnesota Extension Program organized the 34th Corn Field Plot Field Day. There were presentations on the corn and bean markets, tips on soil management, and an introduction to new farming technology.

9-6 Local farmer's are going back to basics. They're making the choice to switch from conventional ways of producing milk and dairy products to organic means.

9-14 The weather pattern "el Niño" is making a comeback. Officials at "noaa" say "el Niño" patterns are developing in the Pacific Ocean and should last into 2007.

9-22 One group is trying to battle global warming with their bikes. The Global Warming Action Team made stops through Austin as a part of their fifth annual Green Bike Tour.

9-26 With the recent rains...Wild mushrooms are sprouting up with more frequency. Earlier today a 10-year-old twin cities girl died after eating one.

8. Youth

7-12 Some elementary students are going away to camp, but they're only packing their imagination. At camp invention, students learn get the chance to be their own inventor.

7-18 Parents are being reminded to get their childrens' immunization records updated. Otherwise, those kids will not be able to go to school on the first day.

7-22 Asthma can be difficult to deal with, especially when you're a child. But now Kids battling the disease are learning how to build up their self-confidence during a weekend camp.

7-23 The roar of engines fills the air as part of an effort to brighten the lives of children who are in an otherwise dark spot.

7-25 Youth athletic coaches now have more specific ways to keep their players hydrated.

The Minnesota youth soccer association recently sent out new guidelines for coaches about how to make sure their team is getting enough fluids.

8-8 Some local girls are strapping on the skates... trying hockey for the very first time.

8-10 The American Red Cross held a safety camp for children ages eight to ten. The kids were visited by emergency responders, first aid demonstrators and even McGruff the crime dog.

8-12 12 year-old Blake Dungey started racing when he was just four years old. His dad used to race... and that's how he and his two brothers started riding.

8-14 Summer is a great time for kids to take advantage of being active outside. But when school starts it's back to the books... and there isn't as much time for play.

8-19 A Rochester student will be throwing out the first pitch at tomorrow's Twins Game. Ninth grader Eric Williams is practicing his strikes with his assistant principal, Jim Sonju.

8-30 Rochester teens now have a few days they can call their own. Mayor Ardele Brede is proclaiming next weekend as "Extreme Teen Days."

9-9 Hog-loving kids from around the country hit a home run to kick off the world series of swine shows.

9-13 They know the golden rule and they're applying it in their daily lives...Students at Rochester's Holy Spirit School are getting a lesson in loving thy neighbor through sharing.

9-20 Students from around the region are getting out of their classrooms to see history come alive. The Olmsted County Historical Center played host to the annual "Hands-On-History."

9-30 A worldwide day of play brings parents and kids together -- all in name of living a healthy lifestyle.

9. Substance Abuse

7-6 An Austin group is going straight to the city in an effort to get restaurants and bars to clean up their act. They goal is to snuff out smokers.

7-11 Experts predict a single substance will kill a billion people during this century.

7-25 Increased drug use in kids is causing schools to fight back by going after parents. Austin Public Schools have announced a new plan to target parents when they're a captive audience.

7-27 Minnesota has a new tool to fight methamphetamine abuse. Governor Tim Pawlenty today unveiled a new internet-based meth offender registry web-site.

7-29 A new study finds 80 percent of college students drink alcohol...But they're doing it safely.

8-15 Local law enforcement is teaming up to arrest those who drink and drive. From August 18th through September 4th... agencies throughout the state will have extra force out on the streets specifically to catch impaired drivers.

9-18 The war on drugs takes center stage in the race for Olmsted County Attorney. The issue is how best to rehabilitate drug users.

Network Programming

In addition to our locally produced programming specifically designed to respond to the issues and problems of our viewing area, network programs often cover issues relating to our local problems and needs.

- ***FOX News Sunday***

FOX Network

Sundays 10am 60 min

FOX News Sunday is a news program that provides the latest in international and domestic news. They do interviews with newsmakers from the world of politics, business, media, entertainment and sports.

Syndicated Programming

In addition to our locally produced news to respond to the issues and problems of our viewing area, syndicated programs often cover issues relating to our local problems and needs.

None this quarter

Short Form Programming

Local

Advertiser	Title
Ad Council	TV Ratings/Boss of Bad Guys
Alzheimer's Association	Alzheimer's Way We Were
Autism	Autism Speaks
Cornucupia Art Center	Workshops/Gallery
Diversity Council	We are Rochester
Drug Free Iowa	Drug Free Cue Cards
Foundation for a Better Life	Different Friends
Gamehaven Council Boy Scouts	Dan Lyons – Join Scouting
Habitat for Humanity	Habitat Help Build It
Cultural Heritage	Cultural Heritage Fair 2006
Leadership Greater Rochester	Miracle Field
Leukemia/Lymphoma	Goals
March of Dimes	Premature Babies
Minnesota Twins Baseball	Joe Mauer Mentoring
MPAAT	Second Hand Smoke
Mower County Chemical Health	Meth Makeover
Multiple Myeloma	Multiple Myeloma Walk/Run 2006
NAMI of Olmsted County	Mentally Ill Awareness
National Guard	National Guard Parents
LaCrosse Children's Museum	Children's Museum
Olmsted County Child Foster Care	Be a Foster Care Parent
Olmsted County Fair	Fair Events
Olmsted County Public Health	Peers
Possibilities of Southern Minnesota	Help
Prevent Forest Fires	Smokey the Bear
Rochester AIDS Association	Rochester AIDS Walk 2006
Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce	Safe City Tipline

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First Steps

Imagination Library

Be a Y-Mentor