Hi Rick, This is Rob Heverling, News Director at WDIO in Duluth, MN. I resigned from my job a couple weeks ago. I will be here until September 7th. After 33 years in the TV News business I'm going to try something else out.

I came here two years ago quite suddenly. I was the News Director at WKBW in Buffalo. My mom had a devastating stroke (ultimately she didn't survive) and my dad was slipping into dementia. They both lived in the Midwest, so, my wife and I decided to move quickly to get closer to my parent to support them. I needed a job. It just so happened that WDIO had a News Director at that time. Duluth was the first market I became a News Director 22 years ago at KDLH-TV. Deb Messer was my boss back then. She is now the GM here at WDIO.

At 55-years-old I'm making kind of a dramatic a career change. I'm not leaving WDIO or Duluth because I am not happy here. I am an ordained minister and have accepted a job pastoring a church in the Omaha/Council Bluffs metro. I've been feeling the pull to a potential fulltime ministry for the last five years. And now I have that opportunity.

Plus, Compared to Duluth (and certainly Buffalo) Omaha/Council Bluffs is considerably closer to our adult son and daughter and grandkids who live in Kansas City. Ready to be more present in their lives.
I always enjoy reading your newsletter!

Sincerely,

Rob Heverling, News Director, WDIO-TV (for three more weeks)