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Quarterly Listing of Problems/Needs

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KTVQ has identified 5 major areas of needs in our community. They are changes in business and industry, civic events and activities, the environment and energy, education and health. These areas of need were addressed on our various news programs, Montana This Morning (MTM) our 5:30 and 10:00 News programs and through community outreach events.

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Programming in response to changes in business and industry in our area.

Issue	Program	DATE AIRED	TIME AIRED	DURATION	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Business & Industry	MTM	4/1/2019	6:25am	2:26	Russell Nemetz reports on a bill that will double the amount of the current maximum cap MT farmers can be charged for the wheat and barley check-off. The bill has been signed into law by Governor Bullock. MT. Rep. Ross Fitzgerald explained it is a voluntary assessment needed for survival. The growers need to continually improve on their products to get a better yield. The other benefit is the marketing it provides. Since we are now in a global market Fitzgerald says we need to develop relationships around the world. Lola Raska MT. Grain Growers Association Executive Vice-President said that since 80% of our wheat is exported the market development funds are crucial to educating consumers in other countries. HB151 does not increase the assessment only the current cap.
Business & Industry	MTM	4/3/2019 4/4/2019	10:09pm 6:11am	2:15	Lane Nordlund reports on how President Trump's threat to close the border with Mexico could impact agricultural trade between the two nations. Kent Baucal the senior director of international trade and market access for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association says that they have serious concerns about closing the border. Mexico is a billion dollar export market for us and we need to keep the free flow of commerce open. The disruption of trade could also impact wheat growers since Mexico imports a lot of malt barley. The impact of a border closure will be felt by farmers, ranchers and consumers.
Business & Industry	MTM	4/5/2019	6:45am	3:00	Victoria Hill interviewed Republican Senator Steve Daines about several important issues including the problem of missing and murdered indigenous women. The rates among Native American women are 10 times higher than the general public. Daines first got involved with the case of Hannah Harris, a young mother from Lame Deer who was murdered. Daines will take part in a walk to raise awareness. Another issue is the flooding and water issues on the Crow reservation. Daines has been working to get a response from the BIA to help those people. Daines is also working on helping the keep the Colstrip power plants from being closed because he feels we need a varied portfolio of options to ensure our power needs are met.
& Industry	MTM	4/18/2019	6:25am	2:00	Victoria Hill interviewed Karen Baumgart Director of Billings Works about Better Off in Billings, their annual state of the work place event. Last year they partnered with community development to make this a strategic event that will cover work force development, talent attraction and talent retention. The guest speaker is Ethan Kent from Projects for Public Spaces. He is promoting the community take over public spaces and make them gathering places that will attract people to our community. We need to understand that talent development and retention is hand in hand with community development. When you have a strong community, you will have a strong work force. Everyone can attend and the event is free to the public.
Business & Industry	5:30PM	4/18/2019	5:30pm	5:17	Andrea Lutz reports on the massive MRL capital spending plan which will be the largest in history. MRL will invest \$95 million in 2019 for new technology upgrades and safety modifications. Chief Communications Officer for Montana Rail Link, Ross Lane said MRL is set to install a Positive Train Control which can overpower a train remotely and even stop it automatically before a crash occurs. The Centralized Train Control will allow a dispatcher in Missoula to see what is happening in Billings on a computer screen and be able to just click with a mouse to align switches. General Forman Mark Turner demonstrated how he uses a remote to move big locomotives with the ease of his thumb. There are 24 trains a day into Laurel, twelve head east and twelve head west. Trains are cost effective.
Business & Industry	5:30pm 10:00pm	5/22/2019	5:40pm 10:10pm	1:00	David Jay reports that two federal government agencies have come together to help small businesses in eastern Montana. The Small Business Administration now has a satellite office with the Dept. of Agriculture. The agencies choose Billings because 99 percent of businesses in Montana are small. Charles Robison State Director for USDA Rural Development said that every rural community is driven by small business. We're bringing these services to the business owners.
Business & Industry	5:30pm MTM	5/23/2019 5/24/2019	5:34pm 6:10am	2:45	Russell Nemetz reports on the second round of assistance the Trump Administration announced today. US Farmers are struggling under the strain of lost export markets. Lyle Benjamin MT Grain Growers Association President said farmers like him would rather have higher market prices instead of government payments. Benjamin said it's nice the president recognizes the significant damage the trade wars are causing, what farmers really want is the trade deals to open back up and the markets to flow unhindered.
Business & Industry	MTM	6/3/2019	6:12am	1:30	Lane Nordlund reports on the importance of the upcoming USDA July cattle survey. The survey will include 17,000 cattle operations and will help them make timely business decisions about herd expansion or reduction. Eric Sommer the State Statistician USDA NASS said this survey gives a baseline number of how the cattle herds wintered. The numbers are also used by the Farm Service Agency for livestock loss programs like the Livestock Indemnity Program. They look to this report to determine which areas need help. It is important to get accurate numbers from producers. The survey is confidential.
Business & Industry	MTM	6/13/2019	6:13am	2:00	Russell Nemetz report on the US Cattlemen's Association conference in Washington DC this week. The representatives of the cattle industry are meeting with lawmakers and especially concerned with the driving rule. Whitney Klasna US Cattlemen's Association National Secretary explained that most of the

					cattle raised in Montana is transported out of state. They support the bipartisan Transporting Livestock Across America Safely Act that is also supported by US Senator Jon Tester and US Senator Steve Daines. Tester said it doesn't make any sense that ranchers get halfway or three quarters of the way to market and have to unload the livestock. It puts additional stress on the animals. The law needs to be changed to allow some flexibility. The bill is especially timely because the current extension for livestock haulers will expire on September 30, 2019.
Business & Industry	MTM	6/14/2019	6:30am	2:00	Victoria Hill interviewed Todd Preston from D.A. Davidson about the changes in the stock market this week. The DOW had a rally this week and actually closed up, DOW as up 102 the NASDAQ was up 42 and the S&P was up 11 points. Oil prices have been at a 5 month low, but they showed some upward movement but gas prices won't be impacted because of summer driving and summer demand. The market is ignoring the talk of trade wars. Not a lot of new news so nothing to make a difference. The jobless rate is holding. There may be an interest rate increase by year end.
Business & Industry	MTM	6/20/2019	6:30am	2:00	Victoria Hill interviews Chad Lippert from D.A. Davidson in the weekly stock market report. The DOW was up 249 points, the S & P 500 also closed at an all time high yesterday. They believe this is in part because investors believe the Fed will lower interest rates next month. Today the market is opening a little lower due to concern with geo political risks with Iran. Lippert also used a chart to explain market volatility. The chart was produced by JP Morgan and dates back to 1980. It shows the largest drop in the market during that year, as well as the overall finish. Investors and the market can experience drops during the year, but still finish over all in a positive position.
Business & Industry	MTM	6/13/2019	6:13am	2:00	Market Transparency and true market price discovery are two important priorities of the US Cattlemen's Association. Russell Nemetz interviewed Justin Tupper U.S. Cattlemen's Association board member from St. Onge, S.D. who said they are working on some changes to the CME and they would like to see the grading system changed because our cattle have gotten a lot better. On the price reporting side they would like to see a label for non-native cattle. That would enable them to hold out for a higher price for better cattle rather than take the same price as that offered for non-native cattle. Mandatory price reporting is very important to ensuring transparency and price discovery. They think they made their point when they were in Washington DC and met with President Trump and members of congress. And cattle producers are watching what higher corn prices will mean for their bottom line.
Business & Industry	5:30pm 10:00pm	6/19/2019	5:35pm 10:12pm	1:00	Rimrock Mall is adding several new tenants, including a brewery and a tattoo studio. Freefall Brewery will occupy a long vacant space and offer food from Audrey's Pizza and Monster Subs. Mainstreet Menswear will open and offer high end men's clothing and Shockwave Tattoo will open next to Dillard's.

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Issue	Program	DATE AIRED	TIME AIRED	DURATION	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	4/3/2019	6:25am	2:00	Ed McIntosh interviewed Jamie Clark of Cnetury 21 about the upcoming Comedy beCAUSE event that that will be held on April 6th. These natioanly known comics will be here to support the St. Jude Children's Hospital. The event has taken place the last 8 years to support charity. The tickets are \$40 for both the pre-party and the comedy event. They will also have live and silent auctions to help Tom Paxinos who was recently injured in a bad accident.
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	4/4/2019	6:25am	2:00	Victoria Hill interviewed Brian Brown this year's Relay for Life Chairman about the upcoming Relay for Life events. The event will be held on Friday July 12th at the West High track. The event will not go overnight this year, but will end with fireworks at midnight. The public is encouraged to form teams now to start fundraising for the fight against cancer. Teams can hold fund raising events up to and including the day of the event. All monies raised go to the American Cancer Society.
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	5/31/2019	6:32am		Victoria Hill interviews Congressman Greg Gianforte about the speculation he will run for Governor of Montana. Gianforte said he wants to figure out where he and his business skills will do the most good for the people of Montana. Gianforte said he believes the trade relationships are critically important to our local farmers. Nobody wins a trade war. We have had some good news when Japan lifted import tarriffs whih will allow for the export of beef. Also the talks with Canada and Mexico with the steel tariffs. We do more exports with Cacdada and Mexico. He also said he Mueller report is complete and the Democarts need to let go of it and move on.
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	6/4/2019	6:29am	3:00	Victoria Hill interviews Lindsey Richardson Downtown Billings Alliance Events Director about the upcoming summer events that are happening downtwon. A new event added this year is the First Friday event which involves most of the downtown businesses, such as retail, restrurants and others. Each Friday has a theme, June is Cultivating Culture, July is America's Birthday Party, and August is Savor the Flavor. Other summer events inclue Strawberry Festival in June 8th, which will have 132 vendors invloved this year. Thursdays throughtout the summer they will host Alive After Five at various locations through the end of August. Everyone is invited to attend these free evetns
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	6/6/2019	6-7am	various	Victoria Hill and Ed McIntosh reported from the new Family Service locatoin and held a baby drive for young families in our community that are in need. Family Service provides food, clothing and helps needy families with rent and utility costs when needed. The Montana This Morning program originated from their new location and they asked viewers to dontae any new and gently used baby items throughout the show. Viewers dropped off disposable diapers, infant and toddler clothing, as well as new and used baby toys and furniture. They explained the need in our community and how viewers can help the Family Service organization going forward.
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	6/10/2019	6:14am	2:00	Lane Nordlund reports on the 2019 Young Cattlemen's Conference. He interviewed Chisholm Christensen a Hinsdale MT racnher and Jakes Feddes Manhattan Montana rancher. The conference prepares men for a leadership roles in the cattle industry.. The ten day conference teaches ranchers everything from pasture, to plate to policy. Feddes encouraged everyone to get invloved with the program because the experience and what you learn is invaluable. Christensen said he had no idea the background and politics invloved in promoting ranching until he visited Capital Hill. More than 60 ranchers from around the US attended.
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	6/11/2019	6:18am	2:00	Victoria Hill interviewed Renee Critelli from the Breakfast Exchange Club about the upcoming Food Truck Battle on the Yellowstone. One of the Exchange Clubs programs of service is patriotism, so the proceeds from the event will support homeless veterans in our area and try to get them into housing. They will have a wide variety of food trucks at the event and many of them will be offering samples so attendees can try a variety of different foods. Those attedning will have the oppourtunity to vote on their favorite for the People's Choice Award. 27 food trucks will be at the event and they have over 8,000 people have indicated they are interested via Facebook.
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	6/17/2019	6:32am	2:00	Victoria Hill interviewed Austin Knudsen currently a County Prosecutor who is running for the Attorney General of Montana. Knudsen has ten years experience in private practice representing farmers and ranchers. He also has court room experience acting as a prosecutor for the county. He feels the current attorney general's office is missing this experience. He also said the current attorney general's office is lacking fiscal responsibility. The attorney general's budget has increaed 20 million dollars, but we have not seen any tangible results in fighting crime. He believes the monies have gone to support the buracracy.
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	6/18/2019	6:28am	2:00	Ed McIntosh interviews Margie Prokop Director of Community Events for St. John's United about the summer concert series they offer at St. John's campus. The program has been offered for the past 22 years and bring free live music to the public in an outdoor setting. It is a real family event. They offer

					a wide variety of music styles from country to rock. They expect over 2,000 people to attend the concerts. They will offer concerts in the heights and Laurel as well as the main campus in Billings Westend. The concerts take place from June 20th through August 8th.
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	6/20/2019	6:30am	2:00	Jenny Fick interviews Anne Herrigan Music Director of the Billings Symphony and Ignacio Barron Viela Executive Director of the Billings Symphony. They were here to talk about Symphony in the Park. This is the 47th year the Billings Symphony has had a concert in the park. The event draws approximately ten thousand people. Barron Viela said it is a great event for the community and Anne has done a great job planning the music for the community to make it more accessible. Every year they try to choose music that is current and will appeal to everyone. They also have activities for children to get them involved and get them interested in music.
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	6/21/2019	6:15am	2:00	Jenny Fick interviewed Quincy Walter the Director of the Institute for Peace Studies about the annual Festival of Cultures. The Festival is a day long celebration to have everyone interact with others from various backgrounds. They use music, food and arts and crafts for all ages to encourage everyone to experience new things. People from all backgrounds come to the festival from around the state to share their history and cultural experiences.
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	6/25/2019	6:31am	2:30	Ed McIntosh interviews Mindy Patterson of the Cavalry Group about an upcoming seminar in which they will discuss the difference between animal rights and animal welfare. Patterson said animal rights is an ideology that is eroding the American view of animal ownership in animal related businesses such as agriculture. They want to educate the public about the difference between the two philosophies. They want people to understand that animal rights has a political agenda that has nefarious intentions for animal owners in our country. They are encouraging animal welfare to ensure that animals are cared for, that their needs are taken care of by those that raise breed and care for animals. The animal rights ideology is impacting everyone even those that don't own animals.
Civic Events & Activities	MTM	6/26/2019	6:29am	2:00	Victoria Hill interviews Liana Susott Big Sky State Games about the statewide games that will be held on July 19th, 20th and 21st. Susott talked about some of the new events added this year, such as corn hole, and skate boarding. People have asked that these popular events be added to the games. She went on to say there are 36 sports this year open to all ages and all abilities. This year's special guest athlete is Marty Milloy. In addition to kicking off the games she will do a clinic after the judo competition on Saturday. Athletes must register by July 1st to be guaranteed a t-shirt and they can register online. The opening ceremonies are on Friday July 19th at 5:30pm

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Environment & Energy	MTM	4/15/2019	6:10am	2:00	Jaosn Laird reports on the snow pack we have experianced this year and how it is beneficial to crops in the region. In addition to the moisture it bring, it also insulates the plants according to John Miller, a scientist from the Western Triangle Research Center. He explained that without the insulation the winter wheat crops didn't do as well last year. Dr. Gadi Reddy Entomoligst with the Western Trianlge Research Cneter said if a plant grows slowly it doesn't produce flowers and some insect populations will decline because of their inability to feed and lay eggs. The bottom line is the harsh conditions can bring great benefits.
Environment & Energy	MTM	5/15/2019	5:30pm 10:00pm	5:40pm 10:10pm	Andrea Lutz reported on a 20 megawatt solar project located just west of Billings that will go online in 2021 and power as many as 4,900homes. Lutz interviewed developer Mark Klein and he said he is building the project because of its low enviromental impact, low engineering impact and because solar as a resource is good. Klein said there are several reasons why Yellowstone County is a good partner, including easy access to transimission just outside of Billings that makes connecting to the electric grid cost effective. He said 7 million will go directly into the states economy for construction of the facility. Klein has plans to build two additional solar projects in Broadview.
Environment	MTM	6/7/2019	6:12am	3:00	Jenny Fick reports on Central High junior Dylan Wichman who has created a program called FASTCAT.

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 Programming in response to education in our area.

Issue	Program	DATE AIRED	TIME AIRED	DURATION	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Education	MTM	4/2/2019	6:10am	3:00	Victoria Hill interviewed Lisa McDaniel Communications and Campaign Coordinator for United Way of Yellowstone County about the Best Beginnings program. This program is already offered in many communities and offers parents and caregivers tips and resources for children prenatal to 5 years old. The tips are delivered via text message and suggest fun and easy activities along with positive parenting resources to aid in a child's early development. Any parents and caregivers can sign up for the information and they will receive 2-5 text messages per week.
Education	MTM	4/8/2019	6:10am	1:55	Russell Nemetz explains the importance of the line 69c on the long tax forms or 18c on the EZ form to continue ag education in our schools. When you check those lines on your tax form you are making a donation. Rikki Swant from the Montana Farm Bureau Federation says that it is more important than ever since more American generations are removed from the farm. It is important to teach children about our largest industry. This voluntary donation will ensure that kids will learn about the ag industry no matter where they live. It is important that kids understand what is going on around them.
Education	MTM	4/8/2019	6:20am	6:55	Victoria Hill and Ed McIntosh interviewed Billings High Science teacher Craig Beals who demonstrated several tricks and asked the question "Is it science or is it magic? He was able to blow up a long plastic bag, but Victoria and Ed couldn't do it when they tried. Beals demonstrated how he used the air in the room to blow it up. He used two dowels to demonstrate how the vibration made them turn in circles when he rubbed them together and how they changed direction by moving his thumb. The third trick involved a chain and a ring that used gravity to make the chain grab the ring when he dropped the ring down the length of the chain. Gravity made the continuous loop chain "grab the ring" as a reaction to the movement of the ring.
Education	MTM	4/17/2019	6:23am	2:30	Victoria Hill interviewed Billings School District Superintendent Greg Upham. They talked about how education has changed since the shooting at Columbine High school twenty years ago. Upham was a teacher at the time and said we lost our innocence from that incident. He said in addition to the physical changes like locks on the doors he has seen a great change in communication with students and parents, encouraging students if they "see something, say something". Upham also said that they have empowered teachers to act in the best interest of their students to keep them safe.
Education	MTM	4/13/2019	6:25am	4:15	Victoria Hill and Ed McIntosh interview Billings Senior High Science teacher Craig Beals. This month Beals is explaining how smoke detectors work. He demonstrated the concept by lighting paper on fire and putting it in a large test tube. He then put the smoke detector on the top of the tube and explained as the fire burns it releases smoke particles that interfere with the radiation alpha particles with two protons and two neutrons. He explained that the smoke gets in between the radiation and sets off the alarm. The radiation will not hurt you. It is less radiation than you would get from eating one banana
Education	MTM	4/26/2019	10:12pm	1:00	David Jay report on the Read, Win Race program that encourages kids to read. Canyon Creek, Elision and Trinity Lutheran schools competed in the competition. Dale Sekora organizer for the program said it's a great reading program. Kids were inspired to read, knowing the prize at the end was being able to attend the drag race between the three principals. The program provided motivation for many students.
Education	MTM	6/5/2019	6:17am 6:30am	2:00 3:00	Victoria Hill interviews Jeff Elwelt Zoo Montana Executive Director. This month Victoria visited the zoo to go behind the scenes in the Red Panda Exhibit. Elwelt explained that one of the red pandas is 21 years old. He is the oldest red panda in North America. The longevity of these animals is due in large part to the care they get at the zoo. During the second segment Jeff showed Victoria the baby porcupine, Lander, who lives at the zoo. The animal was found with its mother, however the mother had passed away. The zoo will raise her and keep her since she is imprinted on people and can't be released into the wild. She will be an exhibit animal as well as a trained education animal. They showed the babies habitat and Jeff explained the biggest challenge with a baby animal is replacing the mother's milk. The quills are hidden under her fur and on her tail. He said she will run backward if threatened and swipe her tails at you to imbed the quills in you. It takes ten pounds of pressure to get the quills out of you. Porcupine are rodents.
Education	MTM	6/18/2019	6:15am	2:00	Jenny Ficks reports on the summer reading program Reading Rocks. The summer program is aimed at increasing literacy and keeping kids reading during the summer months. Guest reader and author Rodney Gottula explained that the program piggy backs on the free lunch program offered in the parks during the summer so they make sure kids get proper nutrition and have the opportunity to read and take home a free book. Gottula read his children's story "Double, Not Half" about a mixed race child

					that is bilingual. It encourages kids to take pride in who they are and their cultural heritage. It also includes pictures of Billings and a character that is a Native American child from the Crow tribe.
Education	MTM	6/24/2019	6:26am	1:30	Ed McIntosh interviewed NASA scientist Dr. Barbara Cohen about the upcoming celebration of 50th anniversary of the moon landing of Apollo 19. There were thousands of scientists that made that it happen. 400,000 people across the US worked on the Apollo program. And millions across the world watched the landing and the first steps on the Moon. They are asking people to upload their remembrances of the moon landing at NASA.GOV/APOLLOSTORIES . The public will be able to click around an interactive map and see the stories of people around the world. NASA is working on mapping the moon to plan where they will land next.

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 Programming in response to health issues viewers face in our area.

Issue	Program	DATE AIRED	TIME AIRED	DURATION	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Health	MTM	4/5/2019	6:10am	3:00	Victoria Hill interviewed Dr. Sean Demars about the upcoming free oral, head and neck cancer screening that will be held on April 10th. There has been an increase of these types of cancers especially with HPV becoming so prevalent. It is important for people to get screened since early detection is key to successful treatment. The screening is open to anyone but appointments are necessary so call in advance.
Health	MTM	4/12/2019	6:12am	2:20	Victoria Hill interviewed Tarra Thomas, mother of a child with special needs and Dr. Patricia Notario from the Billings Clinic about the upcoming Special Needs and Resource Fair. Thomas explained that when parents are caring for special needs children it is often easy for them to feel alone and isolated. Many organizations, such as St. Vincent Healthcare, STEP, Early Childhood Intervention, Riverstone Health and the Department of Health & Human Services will be at the fair to help parents understand the resources available to local families. Admission is free and gas vouchers of \$25 will be available for families traveling more than 25 miles to attend.
Health	MTM	4/18/2019	6:40am	2:00	Joey Traywick interviews Kayla George from XO Fitness Studio. George said she wanted to create a small space that women could get together to work out and try new physical activities that they might not otherwise try on their own. She demonstrated a rebounder trampoline that takes the impact off your joints so you strain the joints less. They also help with balance and help people get more fit overall.
Health	5:30 & 10pm	4/19/2019	5:35pm 10:05pm	2:30	Andrea Lutz interviewed Dr. Kathleen Davis with the Billings Clinic about seasonal allergies. The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America says warmer temperatures in the US have caused pollen seasons to be nearly 27 days longer. Dr. Davis said the water vapor and the temperatures stimulate the plants to grow and with more growth comes more pollen. Allergies in the US have skyrocketed. Lacey Anderson, mom of an 8 year old said allergies kept her son inside most of the summer months. He is now on allergy medication and can enjoy time outdoors. Allergy season hits at different times dependent on the weather. See your doctor if you are experiencing symptoms.
Health	5:30pm	4/10/2019	5:40PM	1:35	Jeanelle Salde reports that there is still time to sign up for the Montana Women's Run. Pam Harder MT Women's Run Registration Coordinator said the weather looks good this year and the run supports women's health and fitness. Harder also said they have men register to support the women in their lives. You can register online or at the race headquarters. They expect 7,000-8,000 participants this year.
Health	MTM	5/31/2019	6:13am	3:00	Victoria Hill interviewed Dr. Cheryl Cook from Velum Skin and Laser center about sunscreen and the measures you should take when you are out in the sun. Cook suggests packing a bag with the necessary items so you are always ready because the damage from one sunburn will be with you a lifetime. First item should be sunscreen with a 30-50 SPF protection, then she said look at the first ingredient, it should be zinc oxide. Sunscreen doesn't work if it gets too hot or cold. Powder sunscreen is better. You can also use clothing, hats, long sleeved shirts and buffs.
Health	MTM	6/13/2019 6/14/2019	6:28am 6:14am	2:30 2:00	Victoria Hill interviews Dr. Erica Bruen from Saint Vincent Healthcare about the HELP Flight program. HELP stands for Helicopter Emergency Livesaving Program. It applies to both the helicopter and a fixed wing aircraft used to serve the people of this region. Bruen said the helicopter is used for medical emergencies within a 150 mile radius of Billings. The fixed wing airplane is used to transport patients to other medical facilities out of our region, such as Denver or Salt Lake. In a medical emergency every minute counts so they have to weigh out how fast they can transport with ground transportation VS air transport and decide which option is safer. This weekend the crew members will be at Dehler Park with the helicopter and the public can view it and talk to the crew. In a follow up story Smanatha Sullivan interviewed the HELP Flight crew. Whitney Jacobs, Flight Paramedic said she was used to the small spaces of an ambulance, however this is much smaller. You can't stand up or move around in the aircraft. Flight Nurse Tim Hawkins said this job affords him a unique opportunity to help people. Jacobs said she wanted to be a paramedic since the HELP flight helicopter visited her school when she was younger. She likes the chance to help others.