

AM950 KTNF Community Issues List

Year: 2023

Quarter 4: October, November, and December

Issues identified of interest to the community discussed during our local shows weekdays:

The Matt McNeil show airs from 3pm-5pm weekdays; Native Roots Radio airs from 5p-6p weekdays and Saturdays from 1pm-2pm and both takes calls from the community to facilitate conversations that are relevant to the listeners. Also interviews local non-profits around voting and other community related issues. Matt and AM950 focused on the statewide and national issues.

Issues that were talked about in Q4 2023:

- Native American COVID updates
- Booster shot information and updates
- Native American health issues and conversations
- Interviews with Missing and Murdered indigenous woman coalition
- Mental health information and resources
- Local weather updates for severe weather
- Information for listeners about the new laws that went into place in MN on January 1st 2024 and their impacts.
- Coverage of the local city council and other municipality elections.
- Interviews with local and state elected officials

Minnesota Matters Aairs Sundays from 6:30am-7am and the community topics discussed each week are below.

October 6th, 2023

MN-DOT plans to replace Blatnik Bridge in Duluth/Superior - Engineer Pat Huston (Bill Werner)
Kari Dziedzic (DFL), MN Senate Majority Leader, \$330M Investment Into MN Childcare Industry (Ashley Walker)
Anoka Social District program, Anoka Community Development Director Doug Borgland (Brent Palm)
Veteran Deaths by Suicide on the Rise, Kristi Stites, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (Tasha Redel)

October 13th, 2023

Broadway Musical Girl From the North Country, Actor Jay Russell from Minnetonka, (Brent Palm)
Mike Bryant, Local Defense Attorney, Legal Expert, Backlog of Sexual Assault Cases in MN (Brent Palm)
Gopher basketball coach Ben Johnson previews the upcoming season (Mike Grimm)
Bullying Prevention Month, Julie Hertzog executive director of Pacer National Bullying Prevention Center (Tasha Redel)

October 20th, 2023

HWY 35 cannabis project in Grand Rapids, MN investment partner John Hyduke, (Brent Palm)

US House speaker/Emmer, Justice Amy Coney Barrett visit/protests, Israel/Gaza - various guests and sound clips (Bill Werner)
Minnesota Non-Profits Rebounding Following COVID, Kari Annestad Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (Tasha Redel)

October 27th, 2023

Medicare open enrollment - Brian Eck, Vice President of Sales at UCare in Minneapolis, and Joe Fering, financial advisor (Bill Werner)
Tribes work to combat CWD on reservations, U of M College of Veterinary Medicine Professor Tiffany Wolf, (Brent Palm)
Travis Gienger, Anoka County Technical College Horticulture Teacher, World's Biggest Pumpkin (Ashley Walker)

November 3rd, 2023

Biden visits MN farm, MN Supreme Court hears oral arguments on a petition to keep Trump off 2024 ballot - various guests and sound clips (Bill Werner)
Office of Cannabis Management rules and regs, Office of Cannabis Management interim director Charlene Briner (Brent Palm)
Firearms Deer Season Opener, DNR Commissioner Sara Strommen (Tasha Redel)
Gopher football brothers Tyler and Jordan Nubin on their big week against Michigan State (Mike Grimm)

November 10th, 2023

Veterans Day Ceremony, Interim Veterans Affairs Commissioner Brad Lindsay (Brent Palm)
Mid-term election highlights, MN Supreme Court denies petition in Trump ballot case - various guests and sound clips (Bill Werner)
Give to the Max Day 2023, Jenna Ray GiveMN (Tasha Redel)
Gopher golf coach Justin Smith on former Gopher winning a PGA event in honor of another former teammate who is dying from cancer (Mike Grimm)

November 17th, 2023

Toward Zero Deaths" conference - Mike Hanson, director of the state Office of Traffic Safety (Bill Werner)
Minnesota First District Congressman Brad Finstad on Farm Bill voting (Mark Dorenkamp)
New Eagle Cam season, DNR Wildlife information officer Lori Naumann (Brent Palm)
Minnesota Chamber Annual Business Outlook, Beth Kadoun Minnesota Chamber (Jake Griffith)

November 24th, 2023

Christmas season begins, Minnesota Christmas Tree Association VP John Krueger,(Brent Palm)
Mindful Tips and Tricks for Holiday Eating, Dr. Mary Jo Kreitzer, Director of the University of Minnesota's Bakken Center for Spirituality and Healing, (Ashley Walker)
Rosalynn Carter memorial - various guests and sound clips (Bill Werner)

December 1st, 2023

Commission considers new state flag and seal - Anita Gaul, vice chair of the State Emblems Redesign Commission (Bill Werner)
JFK's first-known interview from 1940 on KROC - News director Andy Brownell and archival audio (Bill Werner)
Deer season CWD prevention, DNR Wildlife health supervisor Erik Hildebrand(Brent Palm)

State Cannabis Office adds new Delivery Method, David Rock (Tasha Redel)

December 8th, 2023

Medical Cannabis director leaving, director Chris Tholkes (Brent Palm)

Twins broadcaster Cory Provus on his new role as TV voice (Mike Grimm)

Budget forecast, Sandra Day O'Connor memorial - various guests and sound clips (Bill Werner)

Anne Meyer, Minnesota Department of Transportation, 4th Annual MnDOT Name a Snowplow Contest (Ashley Walker)

December 15th, 2023

Anna McGinn, Great North Innocence Project (GNIP) Attorney, GNIP Gains Attention After Helping Release Marvin

Haynes After 20 Years in Prison for Wrongful Conviction (Ashley Walker)

St. Paul College cannabis education certificates, program manager Brady Malecha (Brent Palm)

Risks of Youth Gambling, Susan Sheridan Tucker, Minnesota executive director of the Minnesota Alliance for Problem

Gambling(Tasha Redel)

"I Am Betty" musical about Betty Crocker - Cast member Anna Hashizume (Bill Werner)

December 22nd, 2023

Holiday Scams, Bao Vang, Minnesota Better Business Bureau (Ashley Walker)

Holiday Travel Projections Up, Mike Hanson State Office of Traffic Safety (Tasha Redel)

Brown Christmas in Minnesota, Assistant State Climatologist Pete Boulay(Brent Palm)

Salvation Army Toy Drive, Austin Major Jim Strickler (Bill Werner)

December 29th, 2023

Minnesota 2023 Year in Review (MNN Team)