

Issues Programs List

KATQ FM

January 1st to March 31st, 2024

Section I: Issues

The station has identified the following topics as significant issues in Montana this quarter:

- A) **Human Trafficking, Sexual Abuse:** Montana is not insulated from this illegal scourge. Police and social services are working throughout the state to address both parties in this crime, the criminals and the victims.
- B) **Brixtel Distributing:** This ammunition manufacturer has opened a new facility in Glendive, Montana. It is a welcome addition to an economy hurt by the earlier closing of a sugar beet factory in nearby Sidney.
- C) **Agriculture:** Of course, it is among Montana's top economic drivers.
- D) **USS Montana:** The pride of the state is the US Navy's submarine named after Montana. Anytime the officers and crew are in the area is a call for welcome and gratitude.
- E) **Wild Hogs:** Though not in the state yet, it's only a matter of time. Canada is teeming with them.
- F) **Emergency Preparedness:** Whether on individual or collective basis, are we truly prepared for an event?
- G) **Fallen Police:** The murder of a Wyoming officer connects to his Montana home town.

Section II: Responsive Programs

Dates Aired	Time	Duration	Show Name	Related Issues	Description
January 4th	8:40	10 minutes	Montana Talks	Human Sex Trafficking	To highlight Human Trafficking Month, Montana Governor Greg Gianforte announced the new laws officially in effect, and new tools for law enforcement. He also praised the new Lifeguard Group for the support of trafficking survivors.

January 25th	9:07	10 minutes	Montana Talks	Brixtel Distributing	CEO Andy Mansoor praised the state's openness for business. Brixtel conducted a job fair which attracted 65 applicants to the new facility in only two hours.
February 16th	9:08	21 minutes	Montana Talks	Agriculture	National President Rose Tryan joined state leader Meg Foren on the wake of the Montana Ag Women's annual meeting. This year's convention addressed the reduction in ag production and land stewardship on family farms and ranches.
March 12th	8:24	20 minutes	Montana Talks	USS Montana	Commander Quimby and three crew members talked about life on the submarine. Their next port will be Pearl Harbor. Important to maintain resources, and keeping the silence in a naval exercise. Crew knew when their deployment has been extended by the fancy meal they receive.
March 21st	9:08	full hour	Montana Talks	Wild Hogs	Dr. Jared Beaver of MSU Extension explained that wild hogs are opportunistic omnivores, disease carriers and prolific breeders. He revealed the Squeal on Pigs program to monitor and control any infestation. Answering caller questions, he strongly advised against just shooting the animals because they will only scatter and spread themselves out over more territory.

January 17th 8:41 13 minutes Montana Talks Sexual Abuse
 Gallatin County DA Audrey Cromwell provided update on the box of unprocessed sexual assault cases she found upon arrival in office. Sadly, about 40% were beyond the statute of limitations.

January 22nd 8:43 11 minutes Montana Talks Sexual Abuse
 Mother Krista Kolstad revealed the struggle when CPS took her daughter away and out of state to begin gender transitioning medications. This after her school permitted appearance change to a boy without parental notification.

February 16th 8:07 12 minutes Montana Talks Mahlstrom AFB Lockdown

Sheriff Jesse Slaughter reported that his office was not notified of a lockdown and a shooter event that he could have helped deescalate.

February 21st 8:14 17 minutes Montana Talks Emergency Preparedness
Yellowstone County Director of Disaster Services, K.C. Williams pointed out that most individuals are inadequately prepared for an event. In Montana the most imminent threat is from wildfires.

March 4th 7:40 10 minutes Montana Talks Police
Jeremy Shea shared the outpouring of support he and his family saw along the sidewalks during a procession for his fallen brother, Sgt. Krinkee.

March 7th 8:43 10 minutes Montana Talks Guns and Hunting
Rick Schoening explained I-193, an initiative to open tribal land to a special license to hunt.

March 21st 8:14 11 minutes Montana Talks Guns and Hunting
Gun accessory manufacturer Cordova merged with financial firm Public Square for the free enterprise to service gun owners without government or corporate intrusion. "We built our own parallel economy."