

## Quarterly Issues and Programs List for Station KSRQ

### October-December 2023

**Weekly, Fridays 11:30 AM (5 minutes)** KSRQ aired “Minnesota Native News,” produced by Ampers. Each week, Minnesota Native News covered social, economic, cultural, and health issues facing Minnesota’s Native American communities.

**October 3, 3:05 PM (7 minutes)** Highland Elementary School (Crookston) Principal Chris Trostad shared details of an artist mural at the school, meant to support students who find themselves in difficult emotional situations.

**October 4, 10:00 PM (28 minutes)** Several acts passed into law this session focused on reproductive health. The PRO Act established a fundamental right to abortion access and reproductive care, including maternity care, family planning and contraception, among others. The Trans Refuge and Reproductive Freedom Acts makes Minnesota a safe haven for out-of-state people seeking abortions and gender-affirming care for minors, among others. Former House Representative and current CEO of Planned Parenthood, Ruth Richardson, joined Counter Stories to talk through these acts and how they affect communities of color, especially health disparities related to access, women’s decisions regarding their bodies, and the birthing death disparities seen in the African American and Indigenous communities.

**October 4, 10:30 PM (28 minutes)** Hosts Leah Lemm (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe) and Dr. Antony Stately Ph.D. (Ojibwe/Oneida) lead a discussion about the evolving landscape of healthcare in Indian Country. They discussed the valuable lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and explored how Native communities are responding and adapting beyond COVID-19. Dr. Stately and Leah were joined by recording artist and musician Reuben Kitto Stately. Reuben is from the Santee Sioux Nation, is a citizen of the Red Lake Nation, and is very passionate about the Dakota language. Reuben was a college student when the pandemic hit, shifting his entire college experience. He drew from his experience of not being able to be social, online school, missing events, inspired the music he created during the height of the pandemic.

**October 11, 10:00 PM (28 minutes)** This session, Minnesota joined a growing list of states enacting the CROWN Act (Creating a Respectful & Open World for Natural Hair). This amendment to the Minnesota Human Rights Act protects individuals from discrimination due to their natural hair. This comes as more and more stories emerge of BIPOC, especially Black, athletes having to cut their hair to participate and the long running concept that natural hair is “unprofessional.” For our conversation on this form of forced assimilation, Counter Stories welcomed two guest co-hosts: Katya Zepeda and Stephanie Williams.

**October 18, 12:04 PM (2 minutes)** Jamie Bakken, director of Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village in Thief River Falls, talked about an exhibit featuring vintage toys donated by area residents.

**October 25, 12:04 PM (4 minutes)** Jamie Bakken, director of Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village in Thief River Falls, discussed an exhibit featuring technology of the 1970s and 1980s.

**November 1, 12:04 PM (5 minutes)** Peder Engelstad Pioneer Village Director Jamie Bakken talked about the Inga Geving Museum, home to a collection of Native American artifacts and many other items. Geving was instrumental in getting a number of historical buildings moved to Englestad Village between 1971 and 1990.

**November 7, 3:05 PM (17 minutes)** Thief River Falls Area Community Theater Executive Director Jane Anderson previewed "An Evening of Short Comedies," presented at the Thief River Falls Eagles Club.

**November 8, 10:00 PM (28 minutes)** When the cost of child care continues to climb, families, especially low-income families, are often left with few options. When this happens, it affects many other parts of our community, including work force and mental health. This year, in order to give some relief, the legislature passed the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program, meant to help families with young children access child care and programs designed to prepare them to begin school.

**November 22, 10:00 PM (28 minutes)** When recreational cannabis became legal to possess and sell (with licenses) on August 1, 2023, the Red Lake Nation was ready. Having already been growing for medicinal use, Red Lake's legal counsel, Joe Plumer, worked alongside legislators to help pass the new law with a focus on tribal provisions. Joe joined Counter Stories to shed some light on the new law and how Red Lake and other tribes have been and continue to navigate through it.

**December 6, 12:04 PM (6 minutes)** The Christmas cookies from Gary's Rainbow Bakery were so tasty that nostalgic customers who moved from Thief River Falls to the East Coast ordered them by mail each year. Gary Bucklin describes what the holiday season was like during his 40 years as a hometown baker.

**December 11-25, twice per hour (20-40 seconds)** Students from St. Bernard's Elementary School in Thief River Falls offered their thoughts on Christmas traditions as part of KSRQ's "North Pole 90" holiday music programming.

**December 12, 3:05 PM (10 minutes)** Julia Brown of the "Playwrights' Center" in Minneapolis offered encouragement and financial support for up-and-coming playwrights across Minnesota.

**December 13, 12:04 PM (7 minutes)** Polk County Historical Society Board Member Steve Hannah is a former Fisher, MN farmer and faculty member at University of Minnesota Crookston. Steve covered the origins of Lake Agassiz and the Red River Valley in this episode of Hometown History.

**December 19, 3:05 PM (9 minutes)** Theresa Sweetland, Executive Director of the St. Paul-based "Forecast Public Art," discussed the supportive roles of the organization for artists of all genres, statewide.

**December 20, 10:30 PM (28 minutes)** In this week's episode of Community Health Conversations, the focus was a Q&A with Dr. Antony Stately. Dr. Stately answered questions about how to keep your family's health a top priority around the holiday season, how to have difficult conversations with loved ones around the topic of COVID, and resources to help keep listeners safe.

**December 27, 10:00 PM (28 minutes)** Beginning in 2026, Minnesota will be the 12th state in the union to offer paid family and medical leave for all Minnesotans working in the state. This means Minnesotans will be eligible for up to 20 weeks paid leave for a serious medical condition or to care for a loved one or newborn. With 75% of Minnesota's workforce unable to access paid leave benefits, this new change is welcomed by Minnesota's working class, but doesn't come without tribulations. Author of the bill in the Senate, Alice Mann, joined Counter Stories to talk about the benefits and challenges of the law.

**Weekdays (90 seconds)** KSRQ aired "MN90" twice daily. Produced by Ampers and the Minnesota Historical Society, the series consisted of vignettes about the history and culture of our state.

**Weekly, Wednesdays – 3:05 PM (5-10 minutes)** Charlotte Helgeson from the East Grand Forks Campbell library visited about new materials and programs available to the public.

**Weekday afternoons (4-5 minutes)** Meteorologists from the National Weather Service in Grand Forks joined KSRQ for a discussion of the day's weather, including threatening conditions.

**Daily, Hourly (2 minutes)** KSRQ aired an hourly news update from Total Traffic and Weather Network, covering U.S. and world news headlines.

**Weekdays, Hourly 5:00 AM – 5:00 PM (1-2 minutes)** KSRQ aired reports from Total Traffic and Weather Network covering sports, business news, technology, and entertainment.

**Wednesdays, 11:00 AM (55 minutes)** Joe Kezar of Kezar Music in Thief River Falls featured recordings of local musical artists, past and present, on "Kezar Music Showroom Presents."