

Quarterly Issues/Programs List
MontanaPBS (KUSM-TV Bozeman & KUFM-TV Missoula)

MontanaPBS is committed to providing coverage of major issues and problems in the communities served. The following list represents a sample (no less than five) of significant issues responded to by MontanaPBS along with the most relevant programming treatment of those issues for the **4th quarter of 2022 (October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022)**. This listing is by no means the entire response, and does not include the Learn at Home schedule which was put in place to respond to the needs of Montana students, parents and teachers because of the Coronavirus. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

MontanaPBS HD – Digital Multicast Channel – High Definition

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Dates	Times	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program Segment
Agriculture Challenges	Montana Ag Live – “Growing a Sustainable Operation”	10/9 10/16	6pm 11am	56 mins	What do we mean by sustainable ag production? It includes maintaining and increasing efficiency, adapting to changing market conditions and consumer demands, along with incorporating new technology and production methods. It might also include creating defensible spaces, updated living spaces and increasing accessibility and connectivity to the outside world. It might include new models for ownership, labor, and management. Certainly, keeping the land itself healthy and productive is the foundation upon which sustainability is built. Longtime producer, Kent Wasson from Phillips County, joins the panel this week to share his experiences in creating a long-term sustainable operation. Kent has been actively involved with sustainability programs for years, and is a huge proponent of soil health, which improves the long-term viability of his operation. Whether it's being used for crops, livestock, wetlands or shelterbelt, the soil, and its water, plants, insects, and animals must be carefully managed for success in both the short and long term.
	Montana Ag Live – “Coal Seam Fires: Hidden Danger from Below”	10/23 10/30	6pm 11am	56 mins	Coal seam fires threaten the sustainability of ag operations in much of eastern Montana, including the Powder River Basin. Cory Cheguis, fire warden for Custer County, joins the panel to discuss the threat of grassland and timber fires started from unseen, but smoldering, seams of coal.
	Montana Ag Live – “Carbon Capture & Credits”	11/6 11/13	6pm 11am	56 mins	Carbon Capture & Carbon Credits will be the topics under discussion when the panel is joined by Chris Mehus, Program Director for the Western Sustainability Exchange Program. We take an in-depth look at how these things work, and how they might help limit climate change.

Women's Rights/History	The Story of Us: The Women Who Shaped Montana	11/24	7pm	30 mins	This documentary examines the extraordinary lives of three women who came from humble beginnings and achieved incredible feats despite obstacles and tragedies along the way. Women have always played important developmental roles in the history of Montana, but often have their contributions overshadowed. The stories of Sarah Bickford, Maggie Smith Hathaway, and Susie Walking Bear Yellowtail are individually unique, but all feature a strong Montana woman aspiring to do better and be better. It is time to celebrate their achievements, understand their faults, be inspired by their determination, and applaud the spirit that drove them to help change and shape Montana.
Health Issues	In a Different Key	12/13 12/15	8pm 4am	2 hrs.	A mother tracks down the first person diagnosed with autism to learn if his life holds promise for her own autistic son. She documents both cruelty and kindness, but also hope that more of us are learning to have the backs of those who are different.
Local Government-Politics	Montana PBS Reports: Debate Night "Race for the Eastern District 2 U.S. House" Montana PBS Reports: Impact #103 "U.S. House District 1 Candidates" Montana PBS Reports: Impact #104 "Montana Supreme Court Candidates"	10/6 10/7 10/8 10/9 10/10 11/1 10/13 10/16 10/17 10/27 10/30 10/31	7pm 12pm 4pm 10am 2am 7pm 7pm 10am 2am 7pm 10am 2am	56 mins. 26 mins. 26 mins.	Republican incumbent Matt Rosendale seeks a second term in Montana's U.S. House (Eastern) District 2. He is challenged by Democrat Penny Ronning of Billings, as well as Independent candidate, Gary Buchanan, also of Billings. These three qualifying candidates will debate the issues and answer questions from Montana PBS journalists, John Twiggs and Anna Rau. This episode profiles the candidates for Montana's U.S. House (Western) District 1. For the first time in 30 years, Montana has a Western District in the U.S. House of Representatives, and an easy Republican win isn't a foregone conclusion. Republican Ryan Zinke and Democrat Monica Tranel are both fighters. Each has earned a reputation as a maverick by carving out positions and paths that have run counter to their respective parties. How will their varied and sometimes controversial pasts impact the way voters see them? And what is Libertarian John Lamb hoping to accomplish as a third-party candidate in the race? In this episode, Montana voters will choose to retain or replace two Montana Supreme Court Justices in nonpartisan statewide elections this fall. But from the get-go, one of these races has taken on an unusually partisan tenor. Ingrid Gustafson is trying to retain her seat on the court, but is getting a strong challenge from the former head of the Montana Public Service Commission, James Brown. We'll learn about the race and what political experts have to say.

Native American Culture	Montana PBS Reports: Impact #105	11/17 11/20 11/21	7pm 10am 2am	26 mins	Montana PBS is committed to strong News/Public Affairs reporting for our viewers. We are proud to offer in-depth stories on issues important to Montanans. In this episode, a century ago, boarding schools for Native American children were part of a federal policy to eliminate indigenous languages and cultural practices. As Congress weighs legislation aimed at righting some of those wrongs, we'll look into what truth, justice, and healing look like. We'll also hear from today's cultural educators, who are working hard to ensure these vibrant, once-forbidden cultures and languages flourish in future generations.
Challenges to Our Democracy	January 6 Hearings	10/13 12/19	11am 11am	3 hours 2 hours	Live coverage of the public hearings held by the 'Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol.' Judy Woodruff anchors the PBS NewsHour coverage with contributions from NewsHour correspondents and expert analysis from guests.
Gun Violence	Ricochet: An American Trauma	10/5	9pm	56 mins.	Examine the U.S. gun violence crisis and the people it impacts with NewsHour correspondent William Brangham. Understand deeply personal stories from shooting victims and their loved ones, community leaders, gun owners and frontline health workers.
Climate Change	Earthshot Prize 2022	12/14	7pm	56 mins.	Celebrate the annual ceremony of Prince William's prestigious environmental award: The Earthshot Prize. The star-studded event honors this year's five winners and their innovative solutions to help repair our planet.
	The Letter: A Message for Our Earth	12/21	7:00pm	90 mins	This feature film documents a completely original set of events about a contemporary game-changing "call to action" that features unprecedented access from one of the world's most iconic leaders: Pope Francis. The storyline interweaves the lives of 5 principal characters on a voyage of discovery; which is both an adventure of the mind as well as the body. These life changing experiences raises questions about how science and spirituality are vital to solving perhaps the biggest globally defining issue of our time: climate change.

MontanaPBS Kids – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Early Childhood Learning	Rosie’s Rules	Starting 10/3	Mon-Sat 8:30am	26 mins.	Rosie's Rules is a new preschool family sitcom about a little girl just beginning to learn about the fascinating, baffling, thrilling world beyond her family walls. And it doesn't always go smoothly. In her resilient quest to make sense of the world's most mystifying concepts, she often plows her way into comic chaos. It's "learning-by-doing" and she usually does it a little bit wrong before she gets it right.

MontanaPBS Create – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Art and Culture	Culture Quest	Tuesdays starting 10/11	4:30am	26 mins.	Culture Quest is a series that looks at life through the lens of the world's artists, artisans and keepers of culture. It's through that lens that we not only look at the day-to-day struggles and successes of the individual people we are spending time with, but also look at the larger issues that are affecting the places they call home. Culture Quest is a chance to see modern life through human expression that can range from ancient and traditional to modern and reactive. Looking at life through the lens of art, artisanship and traditional culture is a perfect way to hold up the mirror to the wide spectrum of struggles and successes that people around the planet go through each and every day of their lives.

MontanaPBS World – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Native American Culture	America Reframed #907 “Sisters Rising”	11/10 11/10 11/11 11/11	6pm 11pm 7am 1pm	56 mins.	Native American women are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault than all other American women, and 86% of the offenses are committed by non-Native men. SISTERS RISING follows six women who refuse to let this pattern of violence continue in the shadows. Their stories shine an unflinching light on righting injustice on both an individual and systemic level.
	America Reframed “Blood Memory”	11/24 11/24 11/25 11/25 11/26	6pm 10pm 6am 1pm 8pm	56 mins.	Generations of Native American children have been estranged from their ancestry and culture through boarding schools and forced adoption programs. See how one survivor of this system is determined to offer healing for her community

MontanaPBS Capitol Coverage – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Politics/Government	MPAN (Legislative Channel)	4th qtr 2022	24/7	24/7	Repeat airings of gavel to gavel coverage of the 68 th Montana Legislature as well as live coverage of interim legislative committee hearings.