

Quarterly Issues/Programs List
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Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program Segment
Political/Government	MontanaPBS Coverage "State of the State Address: Governor Schweitzer"	1/26/2011	7pm	90min.	MontanaPBS provided live coverage and analysis of Governor Brian Schweitzer's State of the State Address. This speech, delivered before the joint chambers of the Montana Legislature, comes as Schweitzer reaches the mid-point of his second term. The live coverage included a response from the Montana Republican Party and analysis.
Medical Marijuana	Clearing the Smoke: The Science of Cannabis	2/28/2011 3/2/2011 3/3/2011	8pm 1am 7pm & 12Noon	1hr	Montana's Medical Marijuana law has been the subject of intense controversy and criticism. While the media has covered the social issues well, there has been little discussion about the science. MontanaPBS' new documentary reveals how cannabis acts on the brain and in the body to treat nausea, pain, epilepsy and potentially even cancer. Extensive interviews with patients, doctors, researchers and skeptics detail the promises and the limitations of medicinal cannabis.
Public Safety	Montana Journal "Patrolling the Big Sky"	2/15/2011 2/17/2011 2/19/2011 2/20/2011 2/21/2011	5:30am, 2:30am 7pm 5pm 10:30am 2:06am	30min.	"Montana Journal" features news about Montana for Montanans. The series is produced by the students of the School of Journalism and the Department of Radio-TV at The University of Montana, Missoula. In this we ride along with the men and women of the Montana Highway Patrol as they watch over some of the deadliest roads in the country. "Patrolling the Big Sky" travels to Wolf Point, where one trooper covers hundreds of miles of open road, mostly alone. In the Bitterroot Valley, explore a female trooper's dream of being in law enforcement. You'll even fly with the MHP's aviation department who patrol the roads from the Big Sky via helicopter and fixed-wing plane. And in Kalispell, meet the wife of a fallen trooper who is working to change DUI laws across the state.
Arts/Culture/Humanities	Without Words	2/10/2011 2/12/2011 2/14/2011 2/16/2011 2/27/2011	7pm 10:10pm 2:08am 12Noon 3pm	60min.	"Without Words" is a documentary film portrait of a groundbreaking collaboration between American and Vietnamese music students. It follows talented young scholars from both nations eager to share ideas and creativity in a land opening its doors to the rest of the world for the first time; a part of the world tightly censored and closed for generations. Music, both as an academic discipline and a common language, is the creative heart and soul that drives the Montana State University Orchestra's humanistic mission. Through music, we discover common ground that lifts all people of the world toward something more promising. Through a juxtaposition of cultures that can only now take place, the musical dialogue leads to deeper understanding through experiencing one another completely, without words.
Business	Montana Journal "Death, Inc."	3/24/2011 3/26/2011 3/27/2011 3/28/2011	7pm 5pm 10:30am 2am	30min.	Death often leaves many questions, and the decisions we make after the passing of a loved one can be among the most challenging we will face. "Death Inc." gives viewers an inside look into the unique lives and stories of fellow Montanans who assist us with those choices. In this episode we will visit a Red Lodge coffin maker, Lewis and Clark County's coroner and other Montana businesses that work in the death industry. "Montana Journal" is produced by Seniors at the University of Montana, in the School of Journalism's Radio-Television Department.

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Natural Resources/Wildlife	Facing the Storm: Story of the American Bison	4/28/2011 5/2/2011	7pm 3:30am	90min.	Facing the Storm documents the complete history of human relations with the largest land mammal on the continent. From the first North Americans who relied on bison for food, shelter and clothing for at least 10,000 years, to modern wildlife conservationists, Facing the Storm explores a rich history of human sustenance, exploitation, conservation, and spiritual relations with the ultimate icon of wild America.
Medical Marijuana	Clearing the Smoke: The Science of Cannabis	4/12/2011 4/14/2011 4/18/2011 5/31/2011	8pm 2 & 5am 4am 9pm	1hr	Montana's Medical Marijuana law has been the subject of intense controversy and criticism. While the media has covered the social issues well, there has been little discussion about the science. MontanaPBS' new documentary reveals how cannabis acts on the brain and in the body to treat nausea, pain, epilepsy and potentially even cancer. Extensive interviews with patients, doctors, researchers and skeptics detail the promises and the limitations of medicinal cannabis.
Communications	Connecting the 406	5/24/2011 5/26/2011 5/28/2011 6/2/2011	8pm 2am 4:30pm 12pm	1hr	This program connects to the sometimes hidden world that is driving Montana at an increasingly fast rate. The show examines the vast infrastructure that presents new opportunities, connections and concerns to our once "isolated" state. Follow businessmen, teachers, daters, and "second lifers" as they discover the future of the Big Sky while navigating the internet frontier.
Arts/Culture/Humanities	Without Words	4/24/2011	7pm	60min.	"Without Words" is a documentary film portrait of a groundbreaking collaboration between American and Vietnamese music students. It follows talented young scholars from both nations eager to share ideas and creativity in a land opening its doors to the rest of the world for the first time; a part of the world tightly censored and closed for generations. Music, both as an academic discipline and a common language, is the creative heart and soul that drives the Montana State University Orchestra's humanistic mission. Through music, we discover a common ground that lifts all people of the world toward something more promising. Through a juxtaposition of cultures that can only now take place, the musical dialogue leads to deeper understanding through experiencing one another completely, without words.
Business	Montana Journal "Death, Inc."	5/7/2011 5/8/2011	5pm 10:30am	30min.	Death often leaves many questions, and the decisions we make after the passing of a loved one can be among the most challenging we will face. "Death Inc." gives viewers an inside look into the unique lives and stories of fellow Montanans who assist us with those choices. In this episode we will visit a Red Lodge coffin maker, Lewis and Clark County's coroner and other Montana businesses that work in the death industry. "Montana Journal" is produced by Seniors at the University of Montana, in the School of Journalism's Radio-Television Department.

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Natural Resources/Wildlife	Feeding the Problem	7/14/2011 7/16/2011 7/17/2011 7/18/2011 9/29/2011	7pm 5pm 10:30am 3am 7:30pm	26min.	What began in 1912 as a gracious effort to save the Jackson Hole elk herd from harsh winters, shrinking habitat and dwindling forage, has morphed into a century-long feeding program on the National Elk Refuge and 22 other State-run feed grounds. This biological experiment has created a petri dish for wildlife disease, and is now one of the most contentious and fiercely debated issues in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. "Feeding the Problem" is a balanced and in-depth exploration of this unique conservation dilemma.
Medical Marijuana	Clearing the Smoke: The Science of Cannabis	9/22/11 9/24/11 9/25/11 9/26/11	7pm 4:30pm 10am 4am	1hr	Montana's Medical Marijuana law has been the subject of intense controversy and criticism. While the media has covered the social issues well, there has been little discussion about the science. MontanaPBS' new documentary reveals how cannabis acts on the brain and in the body to treat nausea, pain, epilepsy and potentially even cancer. Extensive interviews with patients, doctors, researchers and skeptics detail the promises and the limitations of medicinal cannabis.
Communications	Connecting the 406	8/4/2011	7PM	1hr	This program connects to the sometimes hidden world that is driving Montana at an increasing fast rate. The show examines the vast infrastructure that presents new opportunities, connections and concerns to our once "isolated" state. Follow businessmen, teachers, daters, and "second lifers" as they discover the future of the Big Sky while navigating the internet frontier.
Agriculture	Montana Ag Live "Bees in Montana"	9/25/11	6pm	60min.	A regular call-in information program dealing with agricultural and gardening issues in Montana. Presented by MontanaPBS in association with Montana State University Extension, this program invites experts onto the panel to discuss everything from pesticide use, and large-scale agricultural techniques to backyard gardening questions and even which mushroom to pick in the woods. In this episode David Baumbauer, Manager of the Plant Growth Center at MSU-Bozeman, joins the panel. He is our resident bee expert, so the place will be abuzz with great information.
Education/Homelessness	Montana Focus "Homeless Schooling"	7/2/11 7/3/11 7/14/11 7/18/11 7/23/11 7/24/11 8/27/11 8/28/11	5pm 10:30am 7:30pm 3:30am 5pm 10:30am 5pm 10:30am	30min.	They're not as visible as homeless populations in large metropolitan areas of the country, but the growing number of homeless families in Montana face the same challenges of finding food and shelter. More often than not, homeless kids don't have a place to study or sleep. They show up for school hungry and are expected to compete for higher grades with students who are much better off financially. Montana Focus introduces us to homeless students around the state and documents their struggles and successes. How prepared will they be to complete K through 12, get a diploma and attend the university or college of their choosing? You might be surprised

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Natural Resources/Wildlife	Feeding the Problem	10/1/2011	5pm	26min.	What began in 1912 as a gracious effort to save the Jackson Hole elk herd from harsh winters, shrinking habitat and dwindling forage, has morphed into a century-long feeding program on the National Elk Refuge and 22 other State-run feed grounds. This biological experiment has created a petri dish for wildlife disease, and is now one of the most contentious and fiercely debated issues in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. "Feeding the Problem" is a balanced and in-depth exploration of this unique conservation dilemma.
Montana Wilderness	3 Miles an Hour	11/22/11 11/24/11 11/29/11 12/1/11 12/11/11 12/29/11 12/31/11	7pm 3am 7:45pm 4am & 1:45am 6:30pm 7pm 4:30pm	1hr	It is the speed of a horse and some folks say the best way to see and savor a life well lived. This is the story of retired back-country outfitter Smoke Elser. His vision of wilderness has always included people. This program takes you into the Bob Marshall wilderness as Elser shares his history, passion and connection to the outdoors.
Communications	Connecting the 406	10/13/2011 10/16/2011	7pm 2am	1hr	This program connects to the sometimes hidden world that is driving Montana at an increasingly fast rate. The show examines the vast infrastructure that presents new opportunities, connections and concerns to our once "isolated" state. Follow businessmen, teachers, daters, and "second lifers", as they discover the future of the Big Sky while navigating the internet frontier.
Agriculture	Montana Ag Live "Bees in Montana"	11/13/11	11am	60min.	A regular call-in information program dealing with agricultural and gardening issues in Montana. Presented by MontanaPBS in association with Montana State University Extension, this program invites experts onto the panel to discuss everything from pesticide use, and large-scale agricultural techniques to backyard gardening questions and even which mushroom to pick in the woods. In this episode David Baumbauer, Manager of the Plant Growth Center at MSU-Bozeman, joins the panel. He is our resident bee expert, so the place will be abuzz with great information.
Local Food Businesses	Montana Journal "Home Grown"	12/15/2011 12/17/2011 12/18/2011 12/19/2011	7pm 5pm 10:30am 3am	30min.	Most people associate the local food movement with smaller businesses and farmer's markets. Can this concept work on a larger scale? This program examines two Montana local businesses and two Montana public institutions to see how they incorporate local food into their operations.