

Local Face the State for 3rd Quarter 2007

7/1 KTVQ

Host: Jay Kohn

Guest: Karen Sanford Gall. Big Sky State Games

Karen explained the history of the Big Sky State games and talked about some of the new events that have been added such as Brazilian Jujitsu. She talked about the countless opportunities for participation for all age groups. The Big Sky State Games are held in Billings in July and have become a favorite summer event for Montanans across the state.

7/8 KRTV

Host: Jerry Howard

Guest: U.S. Senator Jon Tester

This edition of "Face the State" is a one-on-one discussion with Montana's new U.S. Senator Jon Tester. The Big Sandy farmer talked about his Senate experiences to date since his January inauguration. The main topic involved Tester's proposal this week as

part of the nation's war in Iraq. The proposed legislation would require the U.S. redirect its military efforts in the Middle East from Iraq to Afghanistan, to make sure the troops are adequately trained and appropriately rested for tours of duty, and to require the President to justify to Congress continued troop deployments to Iraq. The other half of the program reviewed the Senator's work to date in the Senate on topics he considers the main issues in Congress this year, including the federal budget, energy policy, and veteran's affairs.

7/15 KPAX

Host: Ian Marquand

Guest: Chuck Keegan

The Stimson Wood Mill in Bonner, MT was closed recently, leaving hundreds of long time employees without jobs. Montana has lost a source of plywood as well as other wood products. Mr. Keegan believes the mill's closing leaves great business opportunities for some smaller businesses in Montana.

7/22 KXLF

Host: Alyson Savastano

Guest: Laura Ziener-Trout Unlimited

With higher temperatures becoming more of the norm in Montana this year, Montana's waterways are drying up. Ranchers are forced to choose between watering their cattle and crops or conserving water for the fish in the waters and streams. "Against the Current is a documentary showing the fight for water preservation.

7/29 KTVQ

Host: Jay Kohn

Guests: John Polasky-Northern Ag Network Weather

Gary Hammond & Doug Habermann MT. Dept. Fish Wildlife & Parks

Montana's ongoing drought situation was discussed today. John Polasky explained that drought is a part of life in Montana and he explained the different types of drought. Gary Hammond and Doug Habermann with the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks talked about the drought's impact on wildlife and fisheries and explained some of the specific new restrictions in place due to the searing temperatures. Stage 2 fire restrictions were also explained.

8/5 KRTV

Host: Ryan Wilson

Guests: Bill Ogg, Montana State Fair General Manager
Russ Pepper, State Fair Advisory Board Member

This program recorded on-site during the Montana State Fair in Great Falls, discusses how agriculture is a part of the State's heritage and culture. Guests site ways the Fair reflects Montana's farming and ranching and how it provides a way of preserving that lifestyle and legacy while maintaining relevance for both rural and urban Montanans.

8/12 KPAX

Host: Ian Marquand

Guests: Various

Ian did a series of investigative reports on the liquor licensing system in Montana. The reports explored the outdated quota system, the ongoing battle people face trying to obtain a new license and how the state can make things work in growing communities like Billings. A liquor license can cost close to a million dollars.

8/19 KXLF

Host: Mike Heard

Guest: Gene Petrescu & Peter Felsch
National Weather Service

The massive heat wave that hit Montana this past July was the topic of discussion today. Mike explained that an unusually large ridge of high pressure was to blame. Numerous Montana towns broke all time high temperature records this year. The high temperatures coupled with the lack of moisture have set the stage for the great number of wildfires burning across the state.

8/26 N/A Children's Programming

9/2 N/A Children's Programming

9/9 N/A Children's Programming

9/16 N/A Children's Programming

9/23	KTVQ	Host:	Jay Kohn	
		Guests:	Sheila Stearns	Commissioner of Higher Ed
			Todd Buchanan	Regents Board Member
			Dr. Janine Pease	Regents Board Member

Three members of the Board of Regents talked about the Montana University system. Topics covered included tuition and fee hikes, student enrollment, and recruitment efforts. They also talked about retaining student enrollment and the transferability of credits within the university system.

9/30	KRTV	Host:	Terri Knapp	
		Guest:	George Parisot	Montana Lottery Director

The program reviews the operations and performance of the Montana State Lottery. It discusses the original purpose of the lottery and whether it is meeting its intended function as a revenue source for Montana's education. It also looks at gambling issues, including addiction, lottery games, and Montana's participation in a multi-state lottery.

10/7 KPAX

10/14 KXLF