

**Affidavit: North Shore Community Radio**  
**90.7 FM WTIP Grand Marais**  
**89.1 FM WGPO Grand Portage**  
**90.1 FM WKEK Gunflint Lake**

### Issues/Programs List

This is an affidavit of WTIP's broadcast programs that have provided their most significant treatment of community issues for the **First quarter** of **2024**.

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**Health**      **Civic Affairs**      **Environmental**      **Arts/Culture**      **Social Services**  
**Education**      **Technology**      **Public Safety**      **Economy**      **Energy**

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Kalli Hawkins | January 30, 2024

A 2022 project to replace the Stairway Portage wooden staircase in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness has won national recognition.

Superior National Forest officials announced on Tuesday, Jan. 24, that the Stairway Portage Replacement project in the BWCA was awarded the 2023 National Wilderness Award for best use of 'traditional skills and minimal tool leadership.'

Time 18:58 [Link to story](#)

Kirsten Wisniewski | January 23, 2024

The Cook County Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is already off to a busy year. The board met on Jan. 17 and on the agenda were a collection of updates on funding for several of the group's projects. In an interview with WTIP, HRA Director Jason Hale talked about those updates and explained the next steps for the developers of The Heights, planning at Cedar Grove, and the HRA's own efforts to encourage sustainability.

Time 18:07 [Link to story](#)

WTIP Staff | January 22, 2024

"Talking Books" is a monthly feature on North Shore Morning. WTIP checks in with Gwen Danfelt, manager of Drury Lane Books in downtown Grand Marais to see what's 'hot' in the literary world.

Time 17:24 [Link to story](#)

**Kalli Hawkins** | January 17, 2024

The city council held its first meeting of the New Year on Jan. 10. The meeting included a handful of items, including selecting an acting mayor, bonding discussions for the city hall/liquor store, and approving the conditional use permit for a mixed-use commercial building.

Time 21:41 [Link to story](#)

**Kirsten Wisniewski** | February 5, 2024

The Iditarod sled dog race begins officially in Willow, AK on March 3 this year, but on March 2 the mushers and their teams will take part in a ceremonial start in Anchorage. Each year IditaRiders can bid for spots to participate in the ceremonial 11-mile trail by riding with a musher.

Time 8:30 [Link to story](#)

**Kalli Hawkins** | February 16, 2024

The Grand Marais City Hall liquor store will undergo significant changes in the coming months as the city prepares to begin construction on the new city hall/liquor store building, which is slated to start on April 1.

Time 11:30 [Link to story](#)

**Kirsten Wisniewski** | February 20, 2024

As the planned closure of the Superior Landfill in 2026 nears, communities on the North Shore are invited to help shape the future of waste management. The Northeast Renewable Sustainable Development Partnership (RSDP) is working with Lake and Cook Counties, and Grand Portage, to evaluate residents' needs with an eye toward waste reduction and sustainable management through a project called the Northeast Communities Recycling & Composting Collaborative.

**Time 15:32** [Link to story](#)

**Kirsten Wisniewski** | February 26, 2024

With so much focus already on the general elections in November, local races are easily overlooked. Cook County is holding a series of elections this year, and WTIP spoke with Elections Director Cortnee Bernier and Auditor/Treasurer Braidy Powers about what residents should know, whether they are participating as voters, candidates, or election judges.

Time 17:49 [Link to story](#)

Kalli Hawkins | February 28, 2024

Before connecting with Anna Hamilton nearly eight months ago, Kristi Silence, a nurse at the Care Center in Grand Marais, struggled to purchase an affordable home or property in Cook County, as many single-income individuals have.

Time 14:38 [Link to story](#)

Kalli Hawkins | March 4, 2024

On Saturday, 12 Cook County volunteer firefighters participated in training in Cook County. The firefighters began the morning by learning vehicle extrication, and each took turns learning how to use forcible entry tools. Then, the firefighters ventured over to Artist's Point in the afternoon to learn water usage, hose, and hydrant skills.

Time 4:29 [Link to story](#)

Kirsten Wisniewski | March 11, 2024

It's a style of rowing competition that seems like it breaks all the rules. No oars, no boats, no water. Indoor rowing began as a way for rowers to train off of the water, but has become its own field of competition as an eSport.

Time 16:28 [Link to story](#)

**Chuck Olsen** | March 19, 2024

When the iconic Notre Dame Cathedral suffered a devastating fire in 2019, the French government promised to rebuild the structure in a manner faithful to its last known visual state. Grand Marais-based timber frame designer and builder Peter Henrikson was one of the few Americans called to join the traditional rebuild effort in France.

Time 6:50 [Link to story](#)

Kirsten Wisniewski | March 16, 2024

Cook County hosted Minnesota State House Representative Roger Skraba for a legislative day on March 15 at the Grand Portage Lodge and Casino. 36 leaders from 13 different organizations and government groups were in attendance. Both Cook County and the Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council included elected officials and department leaders or specialists.

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# On-going program schedule

## Show Title: Minnesota Native News

**Narrative:** January 1 to March 31, 2024, Fridays, 9:10 a.m. and Tuesdays, 9:10: A news and public affairs program discussing issues pertinent to Native Americans in Minnesota (Civic Affairs/Culture/Environment).

5 minutes.

## Show Title: A Wider Lens News and Views

**Narrative:** January 1 to March 31, 2024, Thursday, 5:00 pm and Sundays, 12:00 pm: Rotating local and regional Minnesota produced, ½ hour shows including Anishinaabe Bizindamoo Makak; Native Lights Podcast and Bearing Witness, discussing issues pertinent to Native Americans in Minnesota (Civic Affairs/Culture/Environment).

60 minutes

## Show Title: National Native News

**Narrative:** January 1 to March 31, 2024, Monday-Friday, 6 p.m.: A nationally-syndicated news and public affairs program discussing issues pertinent to Native Americans (Civic Affairs/Culture/Environment).

5 minutes.

## Show Title: As It Happens

**Narrative:** January 1 to March 31, 2024, Monday-Thursday, 6:05 p.m.: An international news and public affairs program, discussing a wide range of issues relating to North America government, health, environment, education and more.

54 minutes.

## Show Title: Living on Earth

**Narrative:** January 1 to March 31, 2024, Wednesdays, 7 p.m.: A nationally-syndicated environmental news and information program, featuring news, features, interviews and commentary on a broad range of ecological issues.

55 minutes