

Minnesota Matters is a public affairs production of the Minnesota News Network. It is 30 Minutes in length and airs at 7:30am on KEYL-AM.

MNN 2015 “MN Matters” Topics and Guests

MN Matters Guest/Topics 2015

January 3, 2015

Topic: 2014 Sports Year in Review

Host: Mike Grimm

January 10, 2015

Topic: MN Legislative Session

Host: Bill Werner

Guest: Carleton College Political Prof. Steven Schier

January 17, 2015

Topic: 2015 St. Paul Winter Carnival and MN Science Museum Omnifest

Host: Tasha Redel

Guests: Pres. Of St. Paul Festival and Heritage Rosanne Bump and Science Museum Senior VP Mike Day

January 24, 2015

Topic: Alzheimers

Host: Scott Peterson

Guest: Jan Mueller MN Assoc. VP of public affairs

January 31, 2014

Topic: MN Cannabis Program

Host: Brent Palm

Guests: Asst. State Health Commissioner Manny Munson-Regala

February 7, 2015

Topic: Measles and Vaccinations

Host: Annette Weston

Guest: Dr. Mark Schlacke Univ. of MN Division Director of Pediatric Infectious Diseases

February 14, 2015

Topic: Legislative Update

Host: Bill Werner

Guests: Various Lawmakers

February 21, 2015

Topic: MN Job Outlook

Host: Tasha Redel

Guest: Steve Hein Dept. of Employment and Economic Development and
SCSU Prof. Economist King Bannion

February 28, 2015

Topic: Twins Season Preview

Host: Brent Palm

Guest: Twins President Dave St. Peter

March 7, 2015

Topic: Homeland Security

Host: Scott Peterson

Guests: Hennepin County Sherriff Rich Staneck

March 14, 2015

Topic: March Food Drive

Host: Tasha Redel

Guests: Susan Shatila MN Food Share, Exec. Dir Channel 1 Food Bank
Jennifer Woodford

March 21, 2015

Topic: MN Fire Danger

Host: Annette Weston

Guest: Minnetonka Fire Chief John Vance

March 28, 2015

Topic: Legislative Update

Host: Bill Werner

Guest: (GOP) David Hann , (DFL) Teri Bonoff

April 4, 2015

Topic: Tax Returns

Host: Tasha Redel

Guests: Asst. Comm. Dept. of Revenue Terry Steamlaw and USPS MN
Spokesman Pete Nowacki

April 11, 2015

Topic: Key MN Political Issues / US Steel Layoffs, College Affordability, Rail Safety

Host: Scott Peterson

Guests: Senator Al Franken

April 18, 2015

Topic: MN Avian Flu Devastation

Host: Bill Werner

Guests: Dr. Beth Thompson, MN Board of Animal Health

Steve Olson, Executive Director of MN Turkey Association

John Zimmerman, P & J Products Co/Northfield / MN Turkey Producer

Dr. Michelle Carstensen, Wildlife Health Program Supervisor / MN DNR

April 25, 2015

Topic: National Donate Life Month

Host: Annette Weston

Guests: Mayo Clinic Transplant Cardiologist, Dr. Brooks Edwards

Two personal stories from organ transplant recipients

May 2, 2015

Topic: MN Governor's Fishing Opener

Host: Tasha Redel

Guests: John Edmund, Director of Explore Minnesota

Debbie Munson Badini, DNR Boat & Water Safety Education Coordinator

May 9, 2015

Topic: Mental Health Month in MN

Host: Tasha Redel

Guest: Jennifer DeCubellis, Asst. Commissioner, DHS

Senator Al Franken

Sue Abderholden, NAMI MN

May 16, 2015

Topic: MN Entertainment / Spotlight Musical Theatre Program

Host: Scott Peterson

Guest: Eagan Native, Laura Osnes, Tony Award Winning Actress/Singer

May 23, 2015

Topic: 2015 Legislative Session Wrap Up

Host: Bill Werner

Guests: Steven Schier, Carleton College Political Science Professor

May 30, 2015

Topic: Employer Health Insurance Study

Host: Annette Weston

Guest: Carolyn Pare, MN Health Action Group

June 6, 2015

Topic: MN Camping / Fishing / Aquatic Invasive Species / Lyme Disease

Host: Tasha Redel & Bill Werner

Guest: Amy Barrett, DNR Parks & Trails Information Officer

Dave Nietzel, MN DHS State Epidemiologist

Heidi Wolf, MN DNR

June 13, 2015

Topic: Child Abuse & Intimate Partner Violence

Host: Annette Weston

Guests: Amy Russell, Gunderson national Child Protection Training Center,
Winona, MN

June 20, 2015

Topic: 2015 Special Legislative Session Recap

Host: Bill Werner

Guests: Steve Schier, Political Science Professor at Carleton College

June 27, 2015

Topic: Economic Inequality in MN

Host: Annette Weston

Guests: Tom Lang, Retired Professor, U of MN Carlson School of Mgmt.

July 4, 2015

Topic: 4th of July Safety

Host: Tasha Redel

Guests: Jen Longacher, Department of Public Safety; John Gaken, Twin
Cities Burn Surgeon; DNR's Pat Arndt

July 11, 2015

Topic: Deadly Year on MN Roads

Host: Scott Peterson

Guests: State Patrol Lt. Tiffani Nielson; Motorcycle Safety Trainer Bill Shaffer

July 18, 2015

Topic: Severe Weather in Brainerd Lakes Area and Beyond

Host: Tasha Redel

Guests: Todd Krause, National Weather Service; Brian Killian, President of Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce

July 25, 2015

Topic: MN Fringe Festival

Host: Scott Peterson

Guests: Jeff Larson, Executive Director Fringe Festival

August 1, 2015

Topic: Fishing on Lake Mille Lacs/Big Adventure Part II

Host: Bill Werner

Guests: State Rep. Dale Lueck, State Senator Tom Bakk

August 8, 2015

Topic: MN Sex Offender Treatment Program/Walleye Update

Host: Bill Werner

Guests: Jean Ronaine, Executive Director MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Chuck Samuelson, ACLU

August 15, 2015

Topic: Mr. Franken Goes to Washington

Host: Scott Peterson

Guests: Senator Al Franken

August 22, 2015

Topic: MN State Fair

Host: Tasha Redel

Guests: Brienna Schuette, MN State Fair Marketing Manager

August 29, 2015

Topic: Politics, ERA, State Fair

Host: Bill Werner

Guests: Steve Schier, State Rep. Betty Folliard, Amy Kay Kerber, DNR

September 5, 2015

Topic: New School Year/Dylan Mural

Host: Scott Peterson

Guests: Brenda Casselius, MN Ed. Commissioner; Eduardo Kobra, Brazilian Artist

September 11, 2015

Topic: Iran Nuke Deal; Syrian Humanitarian Crisis; Suicide Awareness Month

Host: Tasha Redel

Guests: Clifford Demay, President-Foundation of Defense for Democracies; Daniel Wordsworth, President-American Refugee Committee; Dr. Dan Reidenberger, Executive Director SAVE

September 18, 2015

Topics: Red Baron Flights, Sen. Klobuchar's Memoir, Clean Power Plan Impact on MN, Interim U of M AD

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Bill Werner, Tasha Redel, Mike Grimm

Guests: Sen. Amy Klobuchar; U of M A-D Beth Goetz; State Rep. Pat Garafolo; Jay Drake Hamilton, Fresh Energy; Tracy Flieschacker Quigley, Schwann Food Company

September 25, 2015

Topics: MN Adventure; U of M Homecoming, Big Star's Third Show; Pope Francis' Visit

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mike Grimm

Guests: Dr. Charles Reid, St. Thomas Professor; Dave and Amy Freeman, Adventurers; the late Roy Griak, Gopher Coach Steve Placentia; Musicians Dave Pirner, Jody Stephens, Chris Stamey, Ken Stringfellow

October 3, 2015

Topics: Bird Flu, Amy Klobuchar and VW Car Troubles, Hazeltine Ryder Cup, Pixar's Pete Docter

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mike Grimm

Guests: Steve Olson, MN Turkey Growers Assoc.; Sen. Amy Klobuchar; Pete Docter; Davis Love III, USA Team Captain

October 10, 2015

Topics: Gun Violence, MN Wild, New Foods at Xcel Energy, Mille Lacs Ice Fishing

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mike Grimm

Guests: Gov. Dayton; Heather Martens, Protect MN; Rob Doar, MN Gun Alliance; Mike Yeo

October 17, 2015

Topics: Domestic Violence, State College in Schools program, U of M Athletic Facilities, State's Largest Candy Store

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mike Grimm

October 24, 2015

Topics: Deputy Sandberg, Homelessness, Bullying Prevention, Fall harvest

Hosts: Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mark Dorenkamp

October 31, 2015

Topics: Jacob Wetterling Updates, Flip Saunders and Jerry Kill, Dayton and Polymet

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mike Grimm

November 6, 2015

Topics: Latest on Jacob Wetterling, Election Analysis, MN Doesn't Get College Football Championship, Peanuts Movie Opens

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mike Grimm

November 13, 2015

Topics: Target OCD Sweater Controversy, Tracy Claeys, Christmas Creep, Moorhead Actor Becky Gulsvig

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mike Grimm

November 20, 2015

Topics: Jamar Clark, Syrian Refugees, New Hamline U President, Bluebird Foundation Holiday Music CD

Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Bick Smith

November 27, 2015

Topics: Bird Flu, Salvation Army, Holiday Shopping, Surfin Bird Book
Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mark Dorenkamp

December 5, 2015

Topics: Intractable pain/medical cannabis, Rep. Nolan's steel ban bill,
Patrick Reusse's Turkey column, record-breaking Salvation Army gift
Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mike Grimm

December 12, 2015

Topics: New DHS Commish, Mental Health Reform in MN, Gophers in
Quick Lane Bowl, Holiday Movie Classics
Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mike Grimm

December 19, 2015

Topics: Hillary Clinton's Counter-terrorism speech, Sen. Franken on
Climate agreement, Clay Matvick, giving season update

December 26, 2015

Topics: Xmas Memories of Dayton's, Lutefisk—a MN tradition, Gopher
Football player doing good in the community, popular holiday music
Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mike Grimm

January 2, 2016

Topics: Year in Review, Preview of politics 2016, MN Ag. Commish trip to
Cuba, New Year's resolutions
Hosts: Scott Peterson, Tasha Redel, Bill Werner, Mark Dorenkamp