

ISSUES/PROGRAM LISTING

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Date of Program	Time & Duration	Type of Program ₃	Issues Addressed by Program ⁴	Narrative Describing How Issue Was Treated
10/5	12PM 1 hour	Public Affairs	Minnesota U.S. Senate Race	The top two candidates in Minnesota's U.S. Senate race debated a variety of issues in a forum organized by the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce and the Duluth News Tribune. The forum aired in its entirety with limited edits due to time constraints.
10/1, 10/2, 10/7, 10/8, 10/10, 10/11, 10/14, 10/15, 10/16, 10/17, 10/21, 10/23, 10/24, 10/25, 10/27, 10/28, 10/30, 11/3, 11/4	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 1 hour, 13 minutes, 10 seconds	News	Minnesota U.S. Senate Race	Ongoing news coverage of the campaign for U.S. Senate in Minnesota included highlights from debates in Duluth and Minneapolis, analysis of claims made in campaign advertising, and reports on campaign events. Additionally, each of the three major-party candidates accepted an offer to make a two-minute statement. The statements aired on three consecutive days, first in a 10 p.m. newscast and then in the following day's 6 a.m. newscast.
10/12	2PM 1 hour	Public Affairs	Minn. 8th Congressional District Race	A forum of three U.S. House candidates in Minnesota's 8th Congressional District was organized by the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce and the Duluth News Tribune. The forum was edited from 90 minutes to 60 minutes to fit time constraints.

¹ Reporting Period: a: January 1-March 31; b: April 1-June 30; c: July 1 – September 30; d: October 1 – December 31.

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³ State whether program was: PSA, Public Affairs, News Feature, etc.

⁴ Report actual issue treated, NOT category of issue.

10/1, 10/7, 10/8, 10/17, 10/18, 10/22, 10/23, 10/24, 10/27, 10/28, 10/29, 10/30, 11/4	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 50 minutes, 18 seconds	News	Minn. 8th Congressional District Race	Continuing news coverage of the campaign for U.S. House in Minnesota's 8th Congressional District included highlights from a debate in Duluth and reports on campaign events, including a rally headlined by Vice President Joe Biden in Hibbing. Additionally, each of the major-party candidates accepted an offer to make a two-minute statement. The statements aired on consecutive days, first in a 10 p.m. newscast and then in the following day's 6 a.m. newscast.
10/27, 10/28, 10/29, 10/30, 10/31	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 11 minutes, 11 seconds	News	Wis. 7th Congressional District Race	News coverage included highlights of a debate in Wausau and reports on campaign events. Additionally, each of the major-party candidates accepted an offer to make a two-minute statement. The statements aired on consecutive days, first in a 6 p.m. newscast and then in the following day's 5 a.m. newscast.
10/18	12PM 1 hour	Public Affairs	Minnesota Gubernatorial Race	The top two candidates in the race for Minnesota governor debated a variety of issues in a forum organized by the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce and the Duluth News Tribune. The forum aired in its entirety with limited edits due to time constraints.
10/1, 10/2, 10/7, 10/9, 10/10, 10/13, 10/14, 10/15, 10/17, 10/20, 10/21, 10/22, 10/23, 10/25, 10/27, 10/29, 10/31, 11/1	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 50 minutes, 26 seconds	News	Minnesota Gubernatorial Race	Continuing news coverage of the race for Minnesota Governor included highlights of several debates, including one in Duluth, and coverage of campaign events. Additionally, each of the three major-party candidates accepted an offer to make a two-minute statement. The statements aired on consecutive days, first in a 6 p.m. newscast and then in the following day's 5 a.m. newscast.
10/19	12PM 1 hour	Public Affairs	Wisconsin Gubernatorial Race	The top two candidates in the race for Wisconsin governor debated a variety of issues in a forum organized by the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association.

10/15, 10/16, 10/17, 10/18, 10/27, 10/29, 10/30, 11/3, 11/4	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 10 minutes, 43 seconds	News	Wisconsin Gubernatorial Race	Continuing news coverage of the race for Wisconsin Governor included highlights of a debate and coverage of campaign events in the Superior area. Additionally, each of the major-party candidates was given an opportunity to make a two-minute statement, but neither accepted the request.
11/1	12PM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Sec. of State Race	The top two candidates in the race for Minnesota Secretary of State debated a variety of issues in a forum organized by KSTP-TV.
10/6, 10/29, 10/30, 10/31, 11/1, 11/3	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 14 minutes, 11 seconds	News	Minnesota Sec. of State Race	News coverage included an interview with a candidate, coverage of campaign events, and reaction of Duluth leaders to statements about Duluth made by one of the candidates. Additionally, two of the three major-party candidates accepted an offer to make a two-minute statement. The statements aired on consecutive days, first in a 6 p.m. newscast and then in the following day's 5 a.m. newscast.
11/1	12:30PM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Auditor's Race	The top two candidates in the race for Minnesota State Auditor debated a variety of issues in a forum organized by KSTP-TV.
10/14, 10/15, 10/16, 10/17, 11/3, 11/4	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 13 minutes, 53 seconds	News	Minnesota Auditor's Race	Each of the three major-party candidates accepted an offer to make a two-minute statement. The statements aired on three consecutive days, first in a 6 p.m. newscast and then in the following day's 5 a.m. newscast. Additional coverage included a news report about a candidate's campaign stop in Duluth.
10/21, 10/22, 10/23	6AM, 10PM 8 minutes	News	Minnesota Attorney General's Race	Two of the three major-party candidates accepted an offer to make a two-minute statement. The statements aired on consecutive days, first in a 10 p.m. newscast and then in the following day's 6 a.m. newscast.
10/14, 10/15, 10/30	5AM, 6PM, 10PM 3 minutes, 25 seconds	News	Minn. House District 3B Race	Highlights of two debates between the two candidates for the Hermantown-area seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives were included in several newscasts.

10/22, 10/23	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 6 minutes, 2 seconds	News	Minn. House District 6A Race	A news report summarized a debate between the two candidates for the Hibbing-area seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives.
10/9, 10/10	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 2 minutes, 45 seconds	News	Minn. House District 7A Race	Highlights of a debate between the three candidates for the East Duluth seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives.
10/7, 10/8	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 5 minutes, 49 seconds	News	Minn. House District 7B Race	Highlights of a debate between the two candidates for the West Duluth seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives.
10/8, 10/9, 10/22, 10/23	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 5 minutes, 2 seconds	News	WI Senate District 25 Race	Coverage of two Superior campaign rallies in the race for Wisconsin's 25th District state Senate seat.
11/2, 11/3	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 10PM 9 minutes, 46 seconds	News	Moose Lake School Referendum	A news report explained arguments for and against a referendum in the Moose Lake School District.
10/12, 10/13, 10/14, 10/31, 12/15, 12/16, 12/17, 12/18	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 29 minutes, 37 seconds	News	2015 Duluth Mayoral Race	Coverage of Mayor Don Ness' decision not to seek re-election in 2015, and coverage of other candidates considering their entry into the race.

10/1, 10/28, 10/29, 12/8, 12/9	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 12 minutes, 37 seconds	News	St. Peter's Church Designation	News reports provided updates on a proposal to designate St. Peter's Church in Duluth as a historical landmark.
10/9, 10/10, 12/10, 12/11	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 15 minutes, 38 seconds	News	Duluth City Golf Courses	News reports explained the City of Duluth's decision to reduce the number of holes at Lester Park golf course and the selection of a new manager to run both the Lester Park and Enger golf courses.
10/27, 10/28, 11/11	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 7 minutes, 17 seconds	News	Duluth Marijuana Ordinance	News coverage of the Duluth City Council's consideration of an ordinance putting a moratorium on potential medical marijuana operations.
11/11, 11/12	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 10PM 7 minutes, 20 seconds	News	Duluth Rental Rules	A news report explained proposals before the Duluth City Council to improve the rental situation in the city.
11/19, 11/20, 12/19	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 7 minutes, 57 seconds	News	Duluth Zoo Future	News reports provided updates on the City of Duluth's ongoing efforts to plan for the future of the Lake Superior Zoo.
12/4, 12/5	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 6 minutes, 17 seconds	News	Duluth Library Future	A news report summarized the options being considered for renovations or replacement of the main Duluth Public Library.

12/4, 12/5, 12/8, 12/9	5AM, 6AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 8 minutes, 21 seconds	News	Duluth Street Light Fee	News reports on the Duluth City Council's consideration of changes to the street lighting fee.
11/21, 12/2, 12/3, 12/4	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 23 minutes, 53 seconds	News	Johnston Investigation	News reports on an investigation into alleged wrongdoing by Duluth School Board member Art Johnston.
11/26, 11/27, 12/29, 12/30	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 17 minutes, 54 seconds	News	Duluth Central High School Sale	News updates on the Duluth School District's sale of Central High School to a developer.
10/15, 10/16, 11/18, 11/19, 12/1, 12/2, 12/3	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 26 minutes, 47 seconds	News	St. Louis County Sales Tax	Continuing news coverage of the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners' consideration of a county sales tax to fund road work.
12/17, 12/18	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 7 minutes, 40 seconds	News	Daycare Smoking Rules	A news report explained a new St. Louis County rule affecting smoking in home daycare facilities.
10/26, 10/27, 11/14	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 10PM 7 minutes, 37 seconds	News	Duluth 4th Street Trees	A news report on citizen concerns about the loss of trees during an upcoming construction project on 4th Street in Duluth.

10/1, 10/2, 10/27, 10/28, 10/29, 11/12, 11/13, 11/15, 11/17, 11/18, 11/19, 11/22, 11/24, 12/2, 12/3, 12/18, 12/19, 12/26, 12/29, 12/30, 12/31	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 44 minutes, 57 seconds	News	MNsure Enrollment	Continuing news reports on enrollment efforts by Minnesota's health insurance exchange, MNsure.
10/1, 10/2, 12/3, 12/4, 12/5	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 21 minutes, 44 seconds	News	MSHSL Transgender Policy	Continuing news coverage of the Minnesota State High School Sports League's consideration of new rules for transgender athletes.
10/1, 10/2, 12/11, 12/12,12/26	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 12 minutes, 40 seconds	News	Essar Steel	Continuing coverage of Essar Steel's construction of a taconite facility in Nashwauk and financial issues surrounding the project.
10/2, 10/3, 11/6, 11/7, 11/17, 11/18, 11/19, 11/20, 12/15, 12/16, 12/19, 12/22, 12/23, 12/30, 12/31	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 25 minutes, 34 seconds	News	U.S. Highway 53 Move	Continuing news coverage of ongoing discussions about relocating U.S. Highway 53 between Eveleth and Virginia to allow Cliffs Natural Resources to mine ore under the existing roadbed.

10/2, 10/3, 10/10	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 7 minutes	News	Fond du Lac Air Quality	A news report explained the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's proposal to designate the Fond du Lac Reservation for class one air quality status.
10/6, 10/7, 10/22, 10/23, 12/27, 12/29	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 21 minutes, 9 seconds	News	Cloquet Animal Shelter	News reports explained financial problems faced by the Friends of the Animals shelter in Cloquet and what was being done to solved the problem.
10/6, 10/7, 11/20, 12/16, 12/17	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 7 minutes, 44 seconds	News	Polymet Mine Proposal	News reports provided updates on the Polymet mine proposal, including the status of an Environmental Impact Statement.
10/6, 10/7	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 9 minutes, 23 seconds	News	Duluth Mail Sorting Facility	A rally in protest of the U.S. Postal Service's plan to close a mail sorting facility in Duluth was covered in a news report.
10/8, 10/9, 10/10, 10/30, 10/31	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 18 minutes	News	Funeral Funding	A news report about how a cut in federal funding could prevent the Honor Guard from attending some military funerals prompted reaction from federal lawmakers.
10/12, 10/13, 10/16, 10/17, 10/19, 10/20, 10/21, 10/22, 10/24, 10/27, 10/28	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 36 minutes, 58 seconds	News	Community Contributions	WDIO-TV worked with the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation to profile the six finalists for the Touchstone Awards, which honor nonprofit groups for their work contributing to the community. A story on each finalist aired on newscasts and was shown during the awards ceremony.

10/14, 10/15, 10/23, 10/24, 11/5, 11/6	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 29 minutes, 24 seconds	News	Domestic Abuse Prevention	News reports included coverage on the "Duluth Model," which is a plan for responding to domestic abuse incidents, winning an international award, resulting in a visit by Vice President Joe Biden to Duluth. Coverage also included a report on why the problem persists and what is being done locally to stop it.
10/15, 10/16	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 6 minutes, 40 seconds	News	Central Iron Range Wastewater Plant	A news report on the ribbon cutting for the Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District explained its importance to the area.
10/20, 10/21, 10/27, 10/28, 10/31, 11/21	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 24 minutes, 59 seconds	News	Superior Officer Investigation	Ongoing news reports on an investigation into a Superior police officer's behavior during a high-profile arrest earlier in the year.
10/27, 10/28, 10/29, 11/19, 12/3, 12/27, 12/29	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 10 minutes, 49 seconds	News	Cliffs Natural Resources Finances	Continuing news coverage of attempts by Cliffs Natural Resources, which operates several major mines in northeastern Minnesota, to improve its financial condition.
10/29, 10/30	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 7 minutes, 20 seconds	News	Tower Harbor project	A news update on an economic development project in Tower, Minn., that has received state assistance.
11/7, 11/9, 12/19	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 8 minutes, 22 seconds	News	Wolf Protections	News reports on the status of wolf protections, including an explanation of a judge's decision to put wolves in the region back on the endangered species list.

11/11, 11/12, 11/13, 12/4, 12/5	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 10PM 15 minutes, 8 seconds	News	Duluth Methadone Clinic	News updates on state investigations into the Lake Superior Treatment Center, a methadone clinic in Duluth.
11/13, 11/14, 11/15	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 39 minutes, 53 seconds	News	Prescription Drug Abuse	A series of reports looked at the medical, social, criminal justice, and public safety implications of prescription drug abuse in the Northland.
11/17, 11/18, 11/19, 11/26, 11/27, 12/3, 12/4	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 16 minutes, 26 seconds	News	Hibbing VA Delays	News reports detailed accusations about falsified records at the Hibbing VA Clinic and response from federal lawmakers.
11/19, 11/20, 12/9, 12/10, 12/13, 12/15, 12/19	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 21 minutes, 46 seconds	News	UW-Superior Budget Deficit	Several news reports provided updates on the effects of UW-Superior's budget deficit, including the layoff of custodial workers, the elimination of academic programs, and the possible end of the winter commencement ceremony.
11/25, 11/26	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 6 minutes, 34 seconds	News	Community- Police Relations	A news report offered highlights of a town hall-style forum about the role of the Duluth Police Department's Citizen's Review Board amid heightened concern about police use of force.
12/1, 12/2, 12/9, 12/11, 12/15, 12/16	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 10 minutes, 53 seconds	News	Duluth Seed Library Dispute	News reports explained why a seed exchange at the Duluth Public Library had run afoul of state law and what was being done to fix the problem.

12/1, 12/2	5AM, 6AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 9 minutes, 50 seconds	News	Taconite Workers Study	A news reports summarized the findings of a long-term health study of miners in northeastern Minnesota that sought to explain a higher incidence of mesothelioma.
12/10, 12/11	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 12 minutes, 46 seconds	News	Greenway High School Race Relations	A news report explained a state investigation about racial discrimination incidents at Greenway High School in Coleraine, Minn., and steps that the school has taken to combat racism.
12/18, 12/19, 12/29, 12/30	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 14 minutes, 22 seconds	News	Duluth Police Body Cameras	News reports provided an update on the use of body cameras by the Duluth Police Department and explained legal questions about the release of video from the cameras.
12/11, 12/12, 12/15, 12/16	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 18 minutes, 34 seconds	News	Enbridge Pipeline Projects	News reports on Enbridge's two proposed pipeline projects in the region, including coverage of an Enbridge open house about the Line 3 project.
12/18, 12/19	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 5 minutes, 21 seconds	News	IRRRB Trust Fund	A news report explained how the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board's vote to create a trust fund could project IRRRB funding from being redirected by state legislators or the governor.
12/22, 12/23	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 8 minutes, 35 seconds	News	Highway 169 Reroute	A news report showed the proposed new route for Highway 169 west of Ely.

10/4, 10/5, 10/11, 10/12, 10/18, 10/19, 10/25, 10/26, 11/1, 11/2, 11/8, 11/9, 11/15, 11/16, 11/22, 11/23, 11/29, 11/30, 12/6, 12/7, 12/13, 12/14, 12/20, 12/21, 12/27, 12/28	10:30 PM 1 hour, 18 minutes	News	Mining industry	A three-minute "This Week in Mining" segment aired Saturday and Sunday nights and summarized the week's developments in the mining industry. (Not included in the total are several repeats of the segment which aired early Sunday morning.)
10/5	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	A report on MNsure rates for 2015; highlights of debates in the campaigns for Governor and U.S. Senator; an interview with U.S. Senate candidate Mike McFadden; a report on University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler's priorities for the next legislative session and the U's decision to drop a controversial ticket bundling policy.
10/12	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Highlights of a gubernatorial debate; an in-studio debate among the candidates for the 8th Congressional District seat; an interview with Gov. Dayton about MNsure rates and legislative issues.
10/19	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Analysis of a poll in the 8th Congressional District race; an interview with 8th District Rep. Rick Nolan.
10/26	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Highlights of campaign rallies featuring Vice President Joe Biden, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and First Lady Michelle Obama; an interview with U.S. Senate candidate Mike McFadden.
11/2	12PM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Coverage of a march in opposition to the "Redskins" name for the Washington D.C. football team; analysis of a poll which shows what Minnesotans think are the most important issues impacting their vote.
11/9	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	A recap of election results; an interview with House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt about his party becoming the majority in the chamber.

11/16	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	A report on the open enrollment period beginning for MNsure; a report on Sen. Amy Klobuchar being named chair of the U.S. Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee.
11/23	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Interviews in Washington, D.C., with Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken; an update on MNsure enrollment.
11/30	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	A summary of Minnesota reaction to a Missouri grand jury's decision not to indict a police officer in the shooting death of Michael Brown; a report on low turnout for midterm elections; an interview with the chairman of the Independence Party and the IP candidate for Governor about the loss of major party status.
12/7	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	A report on the state of Minnesota's projected budget surplus; a report on a Minnesota Campaign Finance Board investigation into a complaint about campaign ads; an interview with 8th District Rep. Rick Nolan about the outside money that went into his tightly contested race.
12/14	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	A report on Congressional approval of a \$1.1 billion spending bill; MNsure's CEO explains Jonathan Gruber's involvement with MNsure after controversial comments by Gruber became public.
12/21	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	An explanation of the Aquatic Invasive Species Training Law taking effect in 2015; an interview with outgoing Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie; a report on a Minnesota mother facing a prison sentence for treating her sick son with marijuana.
12/28	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	A recap of the year's headlines, newsmakers, and great stories.