



KDKE October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

**QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAM REVIEW REPORT / INTERVIEWS/
COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND NEEDS**

Community Problems, Needs and Programming to Meet Those Community Problems and Needs:

In our ongoing effort to serve the public interest, Station KDKE programs responsive to the issues of concern to Duluth, MN /Superior, WI that also includes northwestern Wisconsin and the Iron Range of northeastern Minnesota and to the listening public. Even though the station is primarily automated - without live announcers, a significant presence of public service announcements and special public service programming addresses the station's community obligations. The following is a brief description of those issues, and the station's most significant programming treatment of them:

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND NEEDS

- A – Education
- B – Crime
- C – Drug Abuse
- D – Economy/Employment/Unemployment
- E – Politics/Political education
- F – Minority Business Development
- G – Local Arts and Activities
- H – Civic infrastructure
- I – Minority organizations/Minority Youth
- J – Health
- K – Youth & Families
- L – Tax reform
- M – Entertainment
- N – Military issues

News and Public Programming

(A), (B), (C), (D), (G), (I)

10-1 thru 12-31 KDKE airs weekday local newscasts (from CBS-3 in Duluth) hourly from 6:00 AM to 9AM and again at 4:30pm and 5:30pm (5 daily total). In addition, the station is dedicated to news, weather, and public affairs detailing local news events and bulletins including local government, community, health and education issues.

(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (I), (J)

10-1 thru 12-31 **MINNESOTA MATTERS PROGRAMS IN 4th QUARTER 2023 (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N)** KDKE airs the 30-minute public affairs program Minnesota Matters hosted by Bill Werner and others at Minnesota News Network every Sunday morning covering a wide variety of subjects important to Minnesotans:

October 8th, 2023 MN-DOT plans to replace Blatnik Bridge in Duluth/Superior - Engineer Pat Huston (Bill Werner) Kari Dziejdzic (DFL), MN Senate Majority Leader, \$330M Investment Into MN Childcare Industry (Ashley Walker) Anoka Social District program, Anoka Community Development Director Doug Borgland (Brent Palm) Veteran Deaths by Suicide on the Rise, Kristi Stites, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (Tasha Redel)

October 15th, 2023 Broadway Musical Girl From the North Country, Actor Jay Russell from Minnetonka, (Brent Palm) Mike Bryant, Local Defense Attorney, Legal Expert, Backlog of Sexual Assault Cases in MN (Brent Palm) Gopher basketball coach Ben Johnson previews the upcoming season (Mike Grimm) Bullying Prevention Month, Julie Hertzog executive director of Pacer National Bullying Prevention Center (Tasha Redel)

October 22nd, 2023 HWY 35 cannabis project in Grand Rapids, MN investment partner John Hyde, (Brent Palm) US House speaker/Emmer, Justice Amy Coney Barrett visit/protests, Israel/Gaza - various guests and sound clips (Bill Werner) Minnesota Non-Profits Rebounding Following COVID, Kari Annestad Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (Tasha Redel)

October 29th, 2023 Medicare open enrollment - Brian Eck, Vice President of Sales at UCare in Minneapolis, and Joe Fering, financial advisor (Bill Werner) Tribes work to combat CWD on reservations, U of M College of Veterinary Medicine Professor Tiffany Wolf, (Brent Palm) Travis Gienger, Anoka County Technical College Horticulture Teacher, World's Biggest Pumpkin (Ashley Walker)

November 5th, 2023 Biden visits MN farm, MN Supreme Court hears oral arguments on a petition to keep Trump off 2024 ballot – various guests and sound clips (Bill Werner) Office of Cannabis Management rules and regs, Office of Cannabis Management interim director Charlene Briner (Brent Palm) Firearms Deer Season Opener, DNR Commissioner Sara Strommen (Tasha Redel) Gopher football brothers Tyler and Jordan Nubin on their big week against Michigan State (Mike Grimm)

November 12th, 2023 Veterans Day Ceremony, Interim Veterans Affairs Commissioner Brad Lindsay (Brent Palm) Mid-term election highlights, MN Supreme Court denies petition in Trump ballot case -

various guests and sound clips (Bill Werner) Give to the Max Day 2023, Jenna Ray GiveMN (Tasha Redel) Gopher golf coach Justin Smith on former Gopher winning a PGA event in honor of another former teammate who is dying from cancer (Mike Grimm)

November 19th, 2023 Toward Zero Deaths" conference - Mike Hanson, director of the state Office of Traffic Safety (Bill Werner) Minnesota First District Congressman Brad Finstad on Farm Bill voting (Mark Dorenkamp) New Eagle Cam season, DNR Wildlife information officer Lori Naumann (Brent Palm) Minnesota Chamber Annual Business Outlook, Beth Kadoun Minnesota Chamber (Jake Griffith)

November 26th, 2023 Christmas season begins, Minnesota Christmas Tree Association VP John Krueger,(Brent Palm) Mindful Tips and Tricks for Holiday Eating, Dr. Mary Jo Kreitzer, Director of the University of Minnesota's Bakken Center for Spirituality and Healing, (Ashley Walker) Rosalynn Carter memorial - various guests and sound clips (Bill Werner)

December 3rd, 2023 Commission considers new state flag and seal - Anita Gaul, vice chair of the State Emblems Redesign Commission (Bill Werner) JFK's first-known interview from 1940 on KROC - News director Andy Brownell and archival audio (Bill Werner) Deer season CWD prevention, DNR Wildlife health supervisor Erik Hildebrand(Brent Palm) State Cannabis Office adds new Delivery Method, David Rock (Tasha Redel)

December 10th, 2023 Medical Cannabis director leaving, director Chris Tholkes (Brent Palm) Twins broadcaster Cory Provus on his new role as TV voice (Mike Grimm) Budget forecast, Sandra Day O'Connor memorial - various guests and sound clips (Bill Werner) Anne Meyer, Minnesota Department of Transportation, 4th Annual MnDOT Name a Snowplow Contest (Ashley Walker)

December 17th, 2023 Anna McGinn, Great North Innocence Project (GNIP) Attorney, GNIP Gains Attention After Helping Release Marvin Haynes After 20 Years in Prison for Wrongful Conviction (Ashley Walker) St. Paul College cannabis education certificates, program manager Brady Malecha (Brent Palm) Risks of Youth Gambling, Susan Sheridan Tucker, Minnesota executive director of the Minnesota Alliance for Problem Gambling(Tasha Redel) I Am Betty" musical about Betty Crocker - Cast member Anna Hashizume (Bill Werner)

December 24th, 2023 Holiday Scams, Bao Vang, Minnesota Better Business Bureau (Ashley Walker) Holiday Travel Projections Up, Mike Hanson State Office of Traffic Safety (Tasha Redel) Brown Christmas in Minnesota, Assistant State Climatologist Pete Boulay(Brent Palm) Salvation Army Toy Drive, Austin Major Jim Strickler (Bill Werner)

December 31st, 2023 Minnesota 2023 Year in Review (MNN Team)