

ISSUES-PROGRAM LIST FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2023

REGIONAL NEWS AIRED THIS QUARTER

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

CITY OF FARGO DOWNTOWN TREE FARM EMBRACING “URBAN CANOPY”

Prairie Public Broadcasting- by Danielle Webster

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The City of Fargo is moving about 30 trees from a tree nursery located just north of its downtown Main Library as part of its efforts to enhance its “urban canopy.”

City forester Scott Liudahl says the nursery consists of about 75 saplings that include elm, maple and ginkgo trees. He says today, the trees are being moves to a location at 4th Avenue and 2nd Street.

With the confirmed arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer to Moorhead earlier this year, Liudahl says the decade-plus efforts to diversify tree populations within the community are ongoing.

The Emerald Ash Borer, of EAD, is an invasive beetle that is fatal to ash trees.

ORGAN DONATION

TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA HOSTS ORGAN DONATION EVENT

Prairie Public Broadcasting- by Katie David

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The “Let’s Celebrate & Educate” event falls on the one-year anniversary of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa becoming the first tribe in the country to add organ donation to their tribal identification documents.

Joan Azure, member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, says there aren’t enough organs to meet the need. Only about 20 percent of people who identify as Native American say “yes” do donation when approached in the hospital, compared to 60 percent of people who identify as White.

HEALTH CARE/IMMUNIZATION

RSV VACCINES AVAILABLE FOR THE ELDERLY/INFANTS

Prairie Public Broadcasting- Danielle Webster

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As the holidays approach, so do common colds, flu and covid. This year, vaccines are available for another prolific winter illness- RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus. Molly Howell, immunization director for the North Dakota Department of Health says this marks the first year that vaccines are available for RSV, and they are available to populations most at risk: the elderly and children. She says parents can ask their health care providers about RSV vaccines for their kids. She says RSV is the most common illness requiring hospitalization for infants in the country.

STATE GOVERNMENT/TRIBAL VOTING RIGHTS

THE LEGISLATURE WILL INTERVENE IN SUIT OVER ND'S REDISTRICTING PLAN

Prairie Public Broadcasting- Dave Thompson

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Two North Dakota tribes- The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and the Spirit Lake Nation- brought suit in federal court, saying the state hasn't done enough in its plan to guarantee Native representation in the Legislature. Federal district judge Peter Welte found in favor of the Tribes, saying the plan diluted Native voting rights and ordered the Legislature to come up with a new plan by Dec 22nd.

ND Secretary of State Michael Howe filed an appeal, after the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in an unrelated case, that only the federal government could bring legal action on the federal Voting Rights Act.

NPR PIECES AIRED BETWEEN 6 and 8am

ENVIRONMENT/CLIMATE CHAGE

MORNING EDITION 10/03/2023 05:31:00 Making cities “spongy” could help fight flooding by steering the water underground. Cities & Towns/Floods/Area Planning

ENERGY

MORNING EDITION 10/12/23 01:55:00 ExxonMobil makes a \$60 billion oil deal, doubling down on fossil fuels. Agriculture & the Environment

AGRICULTURE

MORNING EDITION 11/09/23 03:44:00- Farmers want more money for crop support programs included in the farm bill. Business/Economics and Finance

MISSING & MURDERED NATIVE AMERICANS

MORNING EDITION 11/14/23 04:28:00 Native Americans are facing a crisis of abduction and murders. Crime & Law Enforcement

AGING AND HEALTH

MORNING EDITION 11/21/2023 06:51:00 US life expectancy starts to recover after experience sharp pandemic decline. Documentaries & Retirement