

Quarterly Issues/Programs List
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Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program Segment
Agriculture – Education in Rural Schools	Montana Ag Live: Ag Education in Rural Montana Schools	3/26/2006	7pm	60min.	Do you wonder about the current status of agricultural education in Montana schools? Join the panel as they begin this season of Montana AG Live with Christina Stoddard, Assistant Professor, MSU Department of Agricultural Economics, who will be talking about retaining teachers in Montana's rural public school system. Produced by Chris Seifert for KUSM, MontanaPBS, MSU-Bozeman, (406) 994-3437.
Aging Issues & Community Health	Independent Lens: Almost Home	2/21/2006 2/26/2006	8pm 10pm	30min.	Shot on location in a nursing home, ALMOST HOME tells the real stories of aging: couples both bonded and divided by disability, children torn between caring for their parents and their children, nursing assistants doing unsavory work for poverty wages, healthy elders fearful of moving to the dreaded nursing home and a visionary nursing home director committed to changes that would shuck the nursing home stigma and alleviate such dread.
Social Welfare – Economic	Montana Focus: Cutting the Deficit	2/9/2006 2/11/2006 2/12/2006	7pm 5pm 8:30am	30min.	Montana Focus' Gene Brodeur examines the impact of the nearly 40 billion dollar congressional deficit reduction plan on Montana's social welfare programs. Also, Lee Newspapers' Capitol Reporter Mike Dennison joins us in our Opinion segment. Finally, Karl Birckeland of the National Avalanche Center, looks at the increase of snowmobiling in avalanche terrain and the accompanying risks. Produced by Gene Brodeur and Scott Sterling for KUSM/MontanaPBS, MSU Bozeman.
Education Funding	Montana Focus: Special Session	1/12/2006 1/14/2006 1/15/2006	7pm 5pm 8:30am	30min.	Governor Schweitzer called lawmakers back to Helena in December to "finish the job" on funding K-12 education. Montana Focus looks at the tension between Republicans and Democrats over coming up with a court ordered formula for funding public education that led up to the session. Veteran capitol reporter Mike Dennison, who covered the school funding issue, joins Gene Brodeur in the Opinion segment for an analysis of the accomplishments and shortcomings of the Special Session. Produced by Gene Brodeur and Scott Sterling for KUSM/MontanaPBS, MSU Bozeman.
Land Use, Growth, Planning	Montana Journal: Growing Pains?	1/19/2006 1/21/2006 1/22/2006	7pm 5pm 8:30am	30 min.	A proposed ski resort near a small town south of Missoula raises difficult questions: How do prospering Montana towns handle issues of growth, planning and the environment? Western Montana citizens and business owners discuss the possible changes in store for their communities. Produced by students of the Radio-TV Department, The University of Montana, faculty advisor John Twigg.
Environment/Wildlife – Natural Resources Conservation	Rising From the Shadows	2/2/2006 2/4/2006 2/5/2006	7pm 5pm 8:30am	30min.	Journey into an underwater world and discover one of the West's oldest wild animals first discovered and named on the Lewis and Clark expedition. "Rising from the Shadows" uses breathtaking underwater imagery to reveal the dramatic world of the Cutthroat Trout as they encounter fierce predators, changing habitat and the threat of hybridization with other species. Viewers will meet the scientists, anglers and artists who are making an unprecedented historic attempt to help the Cutthroat rise from the shadows of decline. Directed by Justin Lubke and produced by David Scheer for KUSM/MontanaPBS, MSU Bozeman.

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Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program Segment
Agriculture – Food Safety	Montana Ag Live: Food Safety	4/2/2006	7pm	60min.	Have people stopped coming to your house for dinner? Have your kids spent more time with the doctor (due to food poisoning) than with you? You just might want to tune in when Lynn Paul, Extension Food and Nutrition Specialist, brings us up to date on food safety and food biosecurity. Produced in spring 2006 by Chris Selfert for KUSM-MontanaPBS, MSU-Bozeman, (406) 994-3437.
Health – brain injury survivors & the arts	Making of the Puzzle Club: Brain Injury Survivors – A Support Group Playwriting Project	4/1/2006 4/2/2006 4/4/2006 6/1/7/2006 6/1/8/2006	5pm 8:30am 12:30pm 5pm 8:30am	30min.	This documentary shares the story of a group of brain injury survivors from Montana who collaborated with a professor of drama and a group of actors to create a play about their experiences living with brain injury. Produced by Jiljian Campara for The University of Montana Department of Drama/Dance. Presented by KUFM-TV/Montana PBS, UM Missoula.
Economic – Public Lands	Montana Focus: For Sale – Public Lands	4/13/2006 4/15/2006 4/16/2006 5/25/2006 5/27/2006 5/28/2006	7pm 5pm 8:30am 7pm 5pm 8:30am	30min.	The Bush administration wants to sell off public land parcels to make up for an \$800 million dollar shortfall in rural education funding. Montana Focus looks at what's up for grabs in our state, who's for it, and who is opposed. Bozeman Daily Chronicle editor Bob Gibson weighs in on the public lands sale debate and the faith-based group Family Promise lends a helping hand to homeless families. Produced by Gene Brodeur and Scott Sterling for KUSM-MontanaPBS, MSU Bozeman.
Energy Policy in Montana	Montana's Energy Puzzle	5/23/2006 5/31/2006	8pm 12pm	60min.	The pieces are there, but can Montana join old and new energy resources to generate an affordable energy future? The award-winning University of Montana Student Documentary Unit examines current high-priced energy and how it's distributed, and reports on alternative ways to create electricity, home heating and automobile fuel. Presented by KUFM-TV/MontanaPBS, UM Missoula. Faculty Advisor Bill Knowles.
Political	MontanaPBS Election Coverage: Primary Election Night 2006	6/6/2006	7:55pm 8:54pm 9:54pm 10:28pm	4 segments 2-5min. each	On Tuesday, June 6th Montana voters will take an important first step towards the 2006 Mid-term elections. Democrat and Republican voters will narrow the field for the November ballot. Join Montana PBS for live Primary Night coverage. Just before the top of each hour, we'll provide updates and analysis of the major races. Montana PBS' John Twiggs and former Bozeman mayor Steve Kirchoff will have the latest results from the U.S. Senate and U.S. House primaries.
Environment – Natural Resources	Lewis and Clark and Us	6/22/2006 6/24/2006 6/25/2006	7pm 5pm 8:30am	30min.	Two hundred years after Lewis and Clark explored the west, many of their assumptions and attitudes continue to shape the way Americans continue to think about land and natural resources. This film looks at some people who know and love the land -- Native Americans, scientists, scholars and "regular folks", and explores the ideas and the ideals of America's frontier as they are today. Produced by George Sibley, Gale Force Films.

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Healthcare – Insurance	Montana Focus: RX for Health Care	7/13/2006 7/15/2006 7/16/2006 8/17/2006	7pm 5pm 8:30am 7:30pm	30min.	One out of every five Montanans has no health insurance. Montana Focus' Gene Brodeur looks at the steady climb in health insurance premiums against a backdrop of a growing number of residents who can't afford basic health care. Lee Newspaper's Capitol Bureau Chief, Chuck Johnson, assesses the key races leading up to the November election and war veterans and their families talk about sacrifice and homecoming. Produced by Gene Brodeur and Scott Sterling for KUSM/MontanaPBS, MSU Bozeman.
Conservation – Native American Issues	Sacred Salmon: A Gift to Sustain Life	8/26/2006 8/27/2006	5pm 8:30am	30min.	The Mighty Columbia isn't so mighty these days. The river's flow is checked by 28 dams, and some 40 industrial facilities pollute its waters. This documentary combines traditional viewpoints and contemporary science; it augments observations by Native Americans with, for example, the findings of surveys that measure contamination of the river's fish. Produced by Chris Walsh and Lori Lambert with funding from the National Institute of Environmental Health Science, Yakama Tribal Fisheries and Salish Kootenai College.
Energy Policy in Montana	Montana's Energy Puzzle	8/3/2006	7pm	60min.	The pieces are there, but can Montana join old and new energy resources to generate an affordable energy future? The award-winning University of Montana Student Documentary Unit examines current high-priced energy and how it's distributed, and reports on alternative ways to create electricity, home heating and automobile fuel. Presented by KUFM-TV/MontanaPBS, UM Missoula, Faculty Advisor Bill Knowles.
Private Schools for Troubled Youth	Who's Watching the Kids?	9/14/2006 9/16/2006 9/17/2006	7pm 4:30pm 8:30am	30min.	There are more than 30 privately run schools for troubled youth operating in the state of Montana. They employ more than 600 people and pump an estimated 4 million into the state income taxes. It's an exploding industry, but strangely, most Montanans have no idea the schools even exist. In this hour-long documentary, MontanaPBS explores a lucrative industry praised for its novel approach to reforming youth, yet shrouded in disturbing allegations of abuse and neglect.
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Agriculture	Montana Ag Live: Governor Schweitzer on Agriculture	10/22/2006 10/29/2006	7pm 11am	60min.	Gov. Brian Schweitzer will bring his own agricultural background, and his plans for the future of agriculture in Montana, to the Montana AG Live table. So, now's your chance to get answers to the questions you may not have been able to directly ask him before. Hear what he has to say about biodiesel, ethanol plants, supporting young farmers, transportation costs, the cattle industry, and more. It is a rare pleasure to have a sitting Governor join us, and to be able to have him talk about this particular industry, so join us for a special Montana Ag Live. Produced by Chris Seifert for KUSM-MontanaPBS, MSU-Bozeman, (406) 994-3437.
Political	Montana Focus: Ramping Up: Montana's U.S. Senate Race	10/19/2006 10/21/2006 10/22/2006 11/22/2006	7pm 5pm 8:30am 7pm	30min.	The U.S. Senate race between incumbent Conrad Burns (R) and challenger Jon Tester (D) is one of the hottest political contests in the November election. Montana Focus spends a day on the campaign trail with these two candidates to find out which issues are of concern to Montana voters, and to examine the candidates' interaction with their constituents. Produced by Gene Brodeur and Scott Sterling for KUSM-MontanaPBS, MSU-Bozeman, (406) 994-3437.
Political	MontanaPBS Election Coverage: Nov. 7, 2006	11/7/2006	8pm – 12:30am	4.5hrs	MontanaPBS presents live coverage of the Montana election. John Twigg anchors the program with live reports from Republican and Democrat gatherings around the state. Analysis will join Twigg to discuss the evening's events.
Political	MontanaPBS Debate Night: Race for the U.S. Senate – Fall 2006	10/9/2006 10/15/2006	7pm 5pm	60min.	United States Senator Conrad Burns (R), Mr. Stan Jones (L), and Montana Senator Jon Tester (D) face off in a live debate on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman, Mont. Sponsored by Montana State University - Bozeman, the Associated Students of MSU, the Burton K. Wheeler Center, the MSU Leadership Institute, and the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. Produced by KUSM-TV/MontanaPBS.
Private Schools for Troubled Youth	Who's Watching the Kids?	11/14/2006	8pm	60min.	There are more than 30 privately run schools for troubled youth operating in the state of Montana. They employ more than 600 people and pump an estimated 4 million into the state income taxes. It's an exploding industry, but strangely, most Montanans have no idea the schools even exist. In this hour-long documentary, MontanaPBS explores a lucrative industry praised for its novel approach to reforming youth, yet shrouded in disturbing allegations of abuse and neglect.
Cultural - Arts	Kicking the Loose Gravel Home: Richard Hugo	10/5/2006 10/7/2006 10/8/2006	7pm 4:30pm 8:30am	30min.	Filmed on location in Montana and Washington State, this 1976 biography of poet and teacher Richard Hugo features readings of some of his most famous poems as well as interviews with his family and friends. Produced by Annick Smith.
Environmental - Wildlife Management	Terra: Terrabytes: Wolves	11/6/2006 12/14/2006 12/18/2006	11:30am 7:30pm 11:30am	30min.	This "Terrabytes" episode showcases wolves from three very unique perspectives. First, have the wolves in Yellowstone National Park become too popular for their own good? Wolf-watchers and biologists sound off. Next, on the other side of the world, we look at the role wolves have played in Japanese history -- what brought about the transformation from revered deities to cursed villains? And, finally, we investigate the complex and sometimes competitive relationship between wolves, elk and hunters in the state of Montana. Produced by Tracy Graziano, Jen Shoemaker and Monica Pinzon.