

## Issues Programs List

### KATQ FM

October 1st to December 31st, 2023

#### Section I: Issues

The station has identified the following topics as significant issues in Montana this quarter:

- A) Israel-Hamas War, and Anti-Semitism:** Montana is not insulated from the armed conflict in Gaza, nor from the Pro-Palstinian displays and rallies.
- B) Property Tax:** Open these two words as a topic, and the phone lines light up. Reappraisals have increased owners' taxes, and a dispute between the Governor and County Commissioners have been decided by the courts that the 95 mils must be upheld.
- C) Dam Breaching:** In a seeming contradiction, environmentalists are working with a couple Native nations to removes dams from the Snake River. The dams are hydroelectric generators, providing clean power to western Montana and the Pacific Northwest.
- D) Crime and Gangs:** As the nation goes, so goes Montana. Billings had seen an uptick in violence and property crime by teenagers attracted to the gang lifestyle.
- E) Veterans:** While some Vets parlay into their own businesses, others need support to transition into civilian life. Montanans have responded to the need by donating to agencies who provide the service.
- F) MHP Trooper Returns Home:** After horrendous injuries from a suspect in pursuit, a trooper from the Montana Highway Patrol has returned to his hometown to complete his recovery.
- G) Out of State Hunters:** Property owners in northeast Montana are angry at out-of-state hunters who trespass and damage property on their way to public lands and scarce game. Since these hunters pay the increased license fees and permits and bring economy to the area, the Fish Wildlife and Parks disregard the concerns.

#### Section II: Responsive Programs

Dates Aired	Time	Duration	Show Name	Related Issues	Description
October 3rd	9:08	1 Hour	Montana	Property Tax	St. Rep. Jonathan Karlan of Missoula

			Talks		discussed the property tax increase despite the surplus revenue. The increase affects renters as the tax is raised on the rental property owners
October 12th	9:00	1 hour	Montana Talks	Israel-Hamas War	Soon after the Hamas attack on civilians on October 7th, Attorney General Austin Knudson warned of the Hamas Leaders' calls for global jihad. He notes the Islamic militant group is not honorable, and the further threat from Hezbollah.
October 24th	9:00	23 minutes	Montana Talks	Property Tax	Pollster Evan Wilson of the Moore Information Group reported on a poll that revealed that 60% of Montanans are very Conservative on Property Taxes. He addressed the ongoing debate over replacing property tax with a sales tax.
October 30th	9:13	19 minutes	Montana Talks	Returning MHP Trooper	Trooper Lewis Johnson returned to his MT hometown after months in recovery in a Colorado hospital. Johnson received critical injuries upon being run over by a suspect. He thanks the community for the support, including 100 packages of beef jerky.
November 6th	9:00	1 hour	Montana Talks	Crime & Gangs	Stacy Zinn, retired from the DEA, suggested residents fortify their homes and businesses from the property crimes from wannabe gang members.
November 10th	9:00	1 hour	Montana Talks	Veterans	Dallas Knight announced her new book Shattered Reflections, about her time in Iraq as a female infantry soldier, and on her recovery after service. Cris Lagunas promoted his business 82 Coffee, which began as a coffee shop for troops in Afghanistan.
November 20th	9:14	18 minutes	Montana Talks	Crime & Gangs	Retired Gen. Paul Vallely recommended going on the offensive against the cartels, using a "Lilypad Strategy." He warned of an invisible treason happening in America.
November 27th	9:24	19 minutes	Montana Talks	Homlessness	St. Rep. Jerry Schillinger and St. Sen. Dan Bartel leaked the news of

					available funding for a warming shelter in Lewistown. Local leaders want the money, although the majority of residents are against the project.
November 28th	6:00	4 hours	Montana Talks	Veterans	On Giving Tuesday, KBUL hosted a radiothon for Warriors on Quiet Waters, an organization providing therapy through outdoor recreation. With a matching grant, the fundraiser made over \$20,000 in donations.
November 30th	9:43	12 minutes	Montana Talks	Dam Breaching	Mark Lambrecht of the Montana Electric Cooperative Association explained the impact of breaching the dams on the Snake River to reopen salmon routes upstream. The effect on the power base load will be felt, not only in western Montana, but also in the Pacific Northwest.
December 20th	8:46	30 minutes	Montana Talks	Out of State Hunters	Broadcasting from Malta, residents expressed their anger and frustration with out-of-state hunters trespassing upon and damaging property.