

1. Economy
2. Agriculture
3. Government (Local/State/Federal)
4. Education
5. Health Care
6. Social Issues
7. Miscellaneous

Description of Programs:

- A. **Insight** – Daily local public affairs program (3 minutes) with interviews and discussion of issues relevant to the community. Format involves interview and discussion with one or more persons. Programs air at 11:45 a.m. and again at 5:45 p.m. Monday-Friday and all programs are updated daily. Weekend programs are a recap of the previous week’s issues and interviews. Insight airs at 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.
- B. **Montana Job Service Report** - Summary of various local employment opportunities in the area (1 minute). Programs air at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day, Monday-Friday, and are updated daily.
- C. **Legislative Reports** – Reports from local area State legislators on issues of importance to residents in our listening area (3 ½ minutes). Reports are incorporated into daily newscasts at 7, 8 and 9 a.m. and again at 3, 4, and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday during regular legislative sessions for the State of Montana and any special legislative sessions that may arise during year.
- D. **Outlook** – Special long form public affairs program (10 minutes) scheduled as needed to address local issues. Format involves interview and discussion with one or more persons. The additional time allotted to this special program allows for more in depth discussion when needed.

Although only ‘Insight’ reflects in detail the subject matter, programs B through F were aired (as described in the ‘Description of Programs’ page) on station KOJM. The subject matter for these programs is clearly described by the title of the program.

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01/01/2024—Continuing discussion with Jesse Laslovich, regarding the six hundred thousand dollars to keep juveniles out of the criminal justice system. A cause of juveniles being in the justice system is family disfunction along with alcohol and drug abuse.

01/02/2024—Addie Slanger, Communications Chairperson and Co-Founder of the Montana Transparency Project, shares the reason for the creation of the project. The Montana Transparency Project came about as a tool to assist on the front end of information requests.

01/03/2024—Addie provides the long-term goals of the Montana Transparency Project. They hope to become an established resource for submission of public information requests.

1/4/2024 - We continue our conversation with Addie Slanger, Communications Chair and Co-Founder of the Montana Transparency Project, as she describes where the hang-ups in public inquiry tend to lie and why it feels inaccessible to most.

1/5/2024 – Finally, Addie Slanger describes why she thinks that the public has a gap in knowledge when it comes to their "right to know" laws in Montana, and where the Montana Transparency Project fits into that gap.

1/6/2024 - Box Elder Public Schools Superintendent, Jeremy MacDonald talks about the large grant the school system received, what they plan to put the money towards, and how students in their community disconnected from their culture.

1/7/2024 - Jeremy Macdonald further explains the cultural impact the school systems expects from Box Elder Public Schools' upcoming Cree Language Program, as well gives some historical context to the areas' strained relationship with the American Education System.

1/8/2024 –Colleen Pegar of the Hill County Extension Office explains more about this year's Golden Triangle Cropping seminar.

1/9/2024 –National Weather Service Meteorologist, Matthew Ludwig, details the severity of low temperatures and the risks as the Hi-Line prepares to face its coldest temperatures this season.

1/10/2024 –Rachel Prevost, Membership Services and Government Affairs Director with Montana Farmers Union, provides information on what they have in store this year's Women's Conferences.

1/11/2024 – Michael Wolff, Associate Director of the Veterans Upward Bound program speaks about what the program is and what they do, as well as how they are getting the word out this year for their upcoming classes.

1/12/2024 –Library Director Sarah Velk provides details on their coat drive which is running until February 2nd.

1/13/2024 –Dave Marten, Mountain Manager with Bear Paw Ski Bowl, to discuss the new upgrades to their 2-person ski lift and what that means for their customers.

1/14/2024 –Anthony Burke, spokesperson with the IRS, talks about how an IRS employee does their taxes.

1/15/2024 –Greg Kegel, Chancellor of MSU Northern, discusses being the guest keynote speaker for the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting.

1/16/2024 –Matt Rains, Chief of Staff at Montana Farmers Union, provides information regarding MFU's meat science scholarship available at MSU Northern.

1/17/2024 – MSU graduated some of the lowest amount of teachers ever this past school year, and that trend is reflected in some local schools with Chinook Public Schools Superintendent Fred Hofman telling us that while they aren't on a shortage of teachers yet, they're set up to have a shortage come next school year.

1/18/2024 – University of Montana graduate student Maddy Jackson recently spearheaded a project to digitize museum pieces from Yellowstone and make them available to anyone online, New Media Broadcasters spoke with her to ask for more details.

1/19/2024 – Maddy Jackson continues the discussion about how her digitizing project started, what the main goal of the project is, and what impacts it might have on the public.

1/20/2024 -- Phil Hofman explains why the recent trend of Philippine nationals coming to the US as teachers is not a permanent solution for Chinook Public Schools.

1/21/2024 – Superintendent of Chinook Public Schools Phil Hofman tells us more about their staffing shortages as well as gives us a little insight as to what they are doing to compete with the larger schools in the region.

1/22/2024 –Executive Director of Salvation Army of Havre's Emergency Services office, Trina Crawford, about the exhaustion of the lodging money for the month of January, and how last year's Red Kettle Campaign might have contributed.

1/23/2024 – Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen talks Montana's renewed efforts to combat human trafficking in the state.

1/24/2024 – Bullhook Community Health Center's 3rd annual Guppy Derby is coming up, and New Media Broadcasters spoke with Board Chair of Bullhook Community Health Center Mike Rappold to find out what the proceeds for this event are going towards.

1/25/2024 – Jeff Dibblee tells us more about the Milk River Gobblers, what they do in the community, and the history of their organization.

1/26/2024 – Rebecca Lewis, Communications Specialist with the Great Plains Veterans Service Center, tells us more about their free transportation program that they offer to vets in seventeen counties.

1/27/2024 – Trevor Mork, director of Havre Public Works, explains why Havre does not use a primarily salt solution on their roads.

1/28/2024 – Native Americans face higher suicide rates than any other ethnic group. New Media Broadcasters spoke with Joseph Gone, who is a Professor of Anthropology and of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard University and a Fort Belknap native, to ask about why these people face this burden.

1/29/2024 – Joseph Gone, Professor of Anthropology and Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard University addresses mental health and suicide rates among tribal members. Fort Belknap is going to receive a new mental health center through the Veterans Administration to provide access to services.

1/30/2024 – Continued discussion with Joseph Gone in which he provides information on the cultural issues that lead to mental health issues and suicide rates among native tribal members. Reintroduction of Native American traditions and cultures into schools is an investment in well-being of the native descendants.

1/31/2024 – Lorraine Verploegen explains the purpose of the Demin and Diamonds Gala for Plant a Seed, Read program. Proceeds will go to the Play to Learn Pre-School Museum which will increase the learning in children birth to 5 years old.

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2/2/2024 – N/A

2/3/2024 – N/A

2/4/2024 – The Fergus County Sheriff's office is running a new series of town halls, hosting two this upcoming week. One is in Roy on Monday, February 5th and the second is in Denton on Tuesday, February 6th. Fergus County Sheriff, Ryan Peterson, information on what inspired the new round of town halls.

2/5/2024 –Sam French, Executive Director of Blaine County Museum, provided more details on the off-season speaker series and why they decided to start it.

2/6/2024 – Sentencing is still on going for three individuals arrested for distributing both meth and fentanyl in the Havre community, with one of the individuals already having been handed an 8-year prison sentence. US Attorney Jesse Laslovich talks about this as a federally prosecuted case, which he said could not have done it without Havre Police.

2/7/2024 –Havre's Feed My Sheep soup kitchen has seen an increase in meals served compared to last year says director Scott Shepp, who estimates that they are preparing and serving around 20 percent more meals than they were around this time in 2023.

2/8/2024 – Mayor Doug Kaercher explains what a city government review is and what changes it could make in Havre.

2/9/2024 – Havre may be undergoing a city review if the public votes for it in June, and Daniel Clark is the director of MSU Bozeman's Local Government Center will be doing the reviewing. Clark explains more about the effects of the review, and how it has affected Havre in the past.

2/10/2024 – The Salvation Army are offering Easter Food Baskets for needy/low-income families, with applications opening February 12th. Trina Crawford, Executive Director for Salvation Army Emergency Services Center in Havre provided more information.

2/11/2024 – During the February 8th Commissioners meeting, the commissioners took the time to discuss the Dairy Queens removal of favorites from the menu, as well as to reminisce about the Dairy Queen's presence in Havre.

2/12/2024 – Jenn Swanson, Agricultural extension agent in Teton County, Montana, spoke with her about MSU's Calving and Cow-Calf Nutrition workshop in Choteau.

2/13/2024 – Rylee Sommers-Flanagan an attorney with Upper Seven Law, representing a collection of plaintiffs filing against the state to challenge House Bill 562 explains the actions that are taking place.

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2/18/2024 – Committee chair for the Hi-Line Ducks Unlimited Branch James Bachini tells us more about their upcoming banquet in Havre, who the money benefits from that banquet, and a little about the history of the organization.

2/19/2024 – While the event is still over a month away, the Boy Scouts of America's Chili Cookoff is always popular in Havre. Dan Hair, Hi-Line District Executive with Boy Scouts of America, talks more on the event.

2/20/2024 – Rylee Sommers-Flanagan is an attorney with Upper Seven Law, who are representing a collection of plaintiffs filing against the state to challenge House Bill 562, continues to describe ways that her team claims that the bill is unconstitutional, and explains all those reasons in brief.

2/21/2024 – Cory Swanson is a County Attorney in Broadwater County and a candidate for chief justice on the Montana Supreme Court, he explains why we have an election for our justices in Montana as well as gives his opinion on House Bill 562.

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3/2/2024 – Rylee Sommers-Flanagan is the Executive Director and Founder of Upper Seven Law firm. In this episode of Insight, she continues to explain the controversy surrounding SB 442 as well as her team’s stance in the legal proceedings.

3/3/2024 – Rylee Sommers-Flanagan is the Executive Director and Founder of Upper Seven Law firm. In this episode of Insight, she breaks down why SB 442 had controversy at all.

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3/5/2024 – A Lewis and Clark County Judge recently held that the current Public Service Commission district map is likely an illegal partisan gerrymander. Constance Van Kley explains what gerrymandering is.

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3/7/2024 – A Lewis and Clark County Judge recently held that the current Public Service Commission district map was likely an illegal partisan gerrymander. Constance Van Kley explains what the public should look out for in this case and what effects this case has on the public.

3/8/2024 – Senate Bill 442 is a bill that would alter the way marijuana taxes are spent in Montana, specifically to give more to the road department. Gianforte was ruled against early this year, and now his motion for a stay has been declined, we followed up with Rylee Sommers-Flanagan of Upper Seven Law who represented the plaintiffs in this case.

3/9/2024 – Senate Bill 442 is a bill that would alter the way marijuana taxes are spent in Montana, specifically to give more to the road department. Rylee Sommers Flanagan of Upper Seven law gives us more context on why these proceedings affect everyday Montanans.

3/10/2024 – Rylee Sommers-Flanagan is a co-founder of Upper Seven Law; she explains the concept of justiciability as it pertains to the legal proceedings that took place surrounding Senate Bill 442

3/11/2024 – Paul Rasmussen is the chair of the Montana Seed Show Committee, New Media Broadcasters caught up with him to find out how this year's 74th annual Montana Seed Show went compared to previous years.

3/12/2024 – The Salvation Army's RISP program is designed to help those struggling with addiction to get integrated back into society. Executive Director Trina Crawford told us of an opportunity for the program to secure 20,000 dollars, with help from the community.

3/13/2024 – US Attorney Jesse Laslovich and his team recently got two convictions against meth traffickers affecting Hill County, Laslovich explains which groups are being targeted the most and why.

3/14/2024 – Havre's housing shortage is a multi-faceted issue. Local experts explain what might be causing this historic shortage.

3/15/2024 –US Attorney Jesse Laslovich explains more on why Native American Reservations may be particularly vulnerable to drug trafficking and what might motivate someone to be complicit in a trafficking operation.

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3/18/2024 – Chris Coats is a woman from near Billings Montana that is need of a kidney donor. Coats has type O blood, complicating things further. She says those interested can contact her via Facebook, which is Chris Coats, or by dialing her phone number: 406 740 0076.

3/19/2024 – When drug trafficking rings reach 30, 40, or even 50 people or more, what are the odds of them staying out of the eyes of the law for an extended period? US Attorney Jesse Laslovich provides insight.

3/20/2024 – The last time we interviewed Attorney General Austin Knudsen, he told us about sex trafficking in Montana as well as the new penalties the state was introducing to crack down on the activity, commenting that "99.9% of all prostitution cases are people being trafficked". Today, we talked with US Attorney Jesse Laslovich to get the perspective from a federal law point of view.

3/21/2024 -- US Attorney Jesse Laslovich gives more information on the efforts of the federal government, at least in the Montana sector, to help treat victims of addiction that get caught up in the legal system.

3/22/2024 – For months, the COPS grant has been a hot button topic for the Havre Public Schools Board of Trustees meetings, and in the most recent meeting the board finally picked a company to cement the planning process and finally put the plan into motion. Brian Gum, Havre Public School Superintendent details the specifics of the grant.

3/23/2024 – Brian Gum, Havre Public School Superintendent explains about how students will be affected by the COPS grant and what parents can look forward to.

3/24/2024 – The office of US Attorney Jesse Laslovich recently warned the public of a new, more potent, pink colored fentanyl in the streets of Billings. He gives us more details on the drug itself.

3/25/2024 – The office of US Attorney Jesse Laslovich goes on to discuss how typical blue fentanyl is already several factors more potent than heroin, this new one even more potent than that, and Laslovich says the odds of this coming to Hill County is “not just a possibility, it’s a certainty.”

3/26/2024 – Jesse Laslovich says that the new, more potent pink colored Fentanyl will "certainly" be coming to rural areas like Hill County. Laslovich says that the work to keep towns safe is already being done by officers of the law: both seen and unseen.

3/27/2024 – US Attorney Jesse Laslovich's office recently warned the public about a new, more potent pink colored fentanyl hitting the streets of Billings and Missoula, in this episode Laslovich remarks on what the future might hold for the Fentanyl epidemic in Montana.

3/28/2024 – It is being touted as a big decision in favor of Indigenous voters in Montana. A Supreme Court ruling marked four laws as unconstitutional. The court says each of them interferes with fundamental voting rights. One plaintiff representative, Alex Rate of American Civil Liberties Union of Montana, says that these bills harmed those in Indigenous and native American communities in particular.

3/29/2024 – Following a Montana Supreme Court decision ruling four laws as unconstitutionally violating Montanans' right to vote, comments from all sides have sparked. Rylee Sommers-Flanagan of Upper Seven Law, who represented the plaintiffs in this case, gives more context to this ruling.

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Special Public Affairs Programs KOJM 1st Quarter 2024

03/07/2023—President Biden addressed the nation with the State of the Union Address. The program aired from 7:15 pm MST to 9:15 pm MST.