

Quarterly Issues/Programs List
MontanaPBS (KUSM-TV Bozeman & KUFM-TV Missoula)

MontanaPBS is committed to providing coverage of major issues and problems in the communities served. The following list represents a sample (no less than five) of significant issues responded to by MontanaPBS along with the most relevant programming treatment of those issues for the **1st quarter of 2023 (January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023)**. This listing is by no means the entire response, and does not include the Learn at Home schedule which was put in place to respond to the needs of Montana students, parents and teachers because of the Coronavirus. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

MontanaPBS HD – Digital Multicast Channel – High Definition

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Dates	Times	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program Segment
Agriculture Challenges	Montana Ag Live – “Pulse Crops”	3/19 3/26	6pm 11am	56 mins	Pulse crops are a type of legume harvested solely for the dry seed. Kevin McPhee, MSU's world-renowned pulse breeder, joins the panel. We'll discuss the role pulses play in Montana's diverse and expanding agricultural landscape, meeting the needs of the pulse industry.
	Montana Ag Live – “Montana Manufacturing Extension Center”	3/26	6pm	56 mins	Did you know that Montana State University offers a statewide manufacturing outreach and assistance center? The Montana Manufacturing Extension Center serves Montana businesses through assessments to help improve manufacturing operations, training and workforce development programs, and leveraging research and technological developments at the University. The Center can help set objectives and priorities, provide cost analysis and financial modeling; they can help improve cybersecurity, provide staff education and compliance techniques; they can help with plant and equipment planning, as well as leadership training and innovation development. MMEC Director, Paddy Fleming, joins the panel to help us learn more about the Center's activities and services, and how they can help Montana producers and our state's agricultural industries add value to their commodities by developing and growing their small and large businesses. In turn, the success of Montana's Ag producers helps to grow Montana's economy across multiple sectors.
	Holstein Dilemma	1/12 1/29	1pm 11am	56 mins	What the heck is a heritage breed, anyway, and why should we all care? What started out as a simple question at a livestock fair inspired filmmakers Rick and Elara Bowman to search for answers across North America, from those who actually do the work and the experts that back it up with science. With interviews from agriculturalists, scientists and personalities to find out more about Heritage Breed livestock, this film explores why diversity is important in today's agricultural model that's based on large volume, fast growth, and the cheapest product possible for the consumer, but little else.

Health Issues	Montana PBS Reports: Impact #106 “STD in Montana”	1/12 1/13 1/14 1/15 1/16	7pm 1pm 4:30pm 10am 2am	26 mins	Over the past year, Montana has experienced a 250-percent increase in cases of syphilis. We talk with public health experts to understand what factors have led up to the unprecedented spread, and we take a look at prevention and treatment efforts in the state's most affected county.
	Montana PBS Reports: Impact #108 “Food Insecurity /Affordable Childcare”	2/9 2/10 2/11 2/12 2/13	7pm 1pm 4:30pm 10am 2am	26 mins.	Montana has one-in-twelve people struggling with food security. Between historic viruses and sky-high inflation rates, Montana PBS checks in with food banks and resource centers that are serving deeply affected communities to learn more about their work and what we all can do to help fewer neighbors go hungry. Plus, accessible and affordable childcare is a rarity in Montana. Sixty percent of Montanans live in "childcare deserts," places where there aren't enough childcare slots for the children and families that need them. We'll examine this issue from the perspective of those who work in the childcare industry, as well as look at the impact this issue has on Montana's economy.
Education Issues	Montana PBS Reports: Impact #107 “Teacher Shortages”	1/26 1/27 1/28 1/29 1/30	7pm 1pm 4:30pm 10am 2am	26 mins	In this episode, school districts across Montana are struggling with a staggering teacher shortage, as the pandemic fallout exacerbates longstanding issues for educators. MONTANA PBS REPORTS: IMPACT examines the issue, and what education officials are doing to turn things around.
Local Government-Politics	Montana PBS Coverage: State of the State Address “January 2023: Governor Gianforte”	1/25	7pm	2 hrs.	MontanaPBS provides coverage of the 2023 State of the State Governor's Address. This is the mid-term State of the State address from Governor Greg Gianforte, presented to a joint session of the Montana Legislature. The live coverage, hosted by MontanaPBS' John Twiggs, includes a response from the Montana Democratic Party, plus interviews with key policy makers, along with in-depth political analysis.
African American History	Hidden Stories: Montana’s Black Past	2/13 2/17 2/19	8pm 1pm 10am	56 mins.	In Spring 1865, eleven-year-old Clarissa Powell stepped from the steamboat Lily Martin near Fort Benton Montana, and learned she was free. Like other formerly enslaved people, she navigated a new reality in an unfamiliar place. For over two centuries, Black Montanans have played an important part in shaping the state's cultural landscape. Hidden Stories: Montana's Black Past chronicles how and why many African Americans came to Montana, as well as the events and policies that influenced their experiences. Documenting individual and family stories over the course of two centuries, the film also provides insight to Black communities' resiliency in the state today.

	Bicycle Corps: America's Black Army on Wheels	2/17 2/19	12Noon 11am	56 mins.	This program tells the story of the 25th Infantry's bicycle trip from Missoula, Montana, to St. Louis, Missouri in 1897. The African American infantry took the trip to test a theory that the bicycle would replace the horse in transporting men for the army. With archival film, photographs and interviews with historians, the program also examines the life of the African American soldier at the turn of the century, in particular First Sergeant Mingo Sanders, the main motivator of the enlisted men.
Native American Culture	Indigenous Business	2/9 2/12 2/13 2/24	7:30pm 10:30am 2:30am 1:30pm	26 mins	INDIGENOUS BUSINESS, explores five unique Native American Made in Montana businesses in Western Montana. From candles to stir-fry, basket weaving, apparel design, to fish keeping, these Native American business owners find ways to channel culture and heritage into trades that sustain themselves, their tribes, and their families. The state of Montana has a vast history of Native American heritage, and with twelve tribes and seven reservations in the state, each tribal nation boasts its own unique culture, language, and identity. Many members of these tribes utilize their cultural heritage, as well as their innate creativity, in business pursuits. Through these businesses, people across the state, country, and world are able to enjoy the rich identity that makes these businesses what they are. The film follows these five Native American Made in Montana businesses: Montana Baskets (Little Shell Band of Chippewa Indians), Big Chief Chinese, LLC (Blackfeet Tribe), Native Fish Keepers, Inc. (Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes), Sunshine Candles (Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes), Iniskimauki Designs (Blackfeet Tribe). These stories document the resilience, creativity, and passion of Indigenous business owners.
Youth Issues	Kids vs. Screens	1/2 1/4	1pm 2:30am	54 mins.	Dan Riskin, a biologist, science journalist and author, explores the latest research to discover how smartphones and other screens can affect children's development, learning abilities and mental health.
Economy	Frontline "Age of Easy Money"	3/14	8pm	2 hrs.	The role of the Federal Reserve's "easy money" policies in the current economic uncertainty. From the Great Recession to the rise in inflation, the ongoing fragility of the financial system and the widening gap between Wall St. and Main St.
	Montana PBS Reports: Impact #105 "Home Ownership:	1/26 1/29 1/30	7:30pm 10:30am 2:30am	26 mins.	Owning a home these days feels out of reach for many Montanans, especially first time buyers. Montana PBS explores the short-term and long-term factors that have contributed to the housing market's supply and demand conundrum.

MontanaPBS Kids – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Early Childhood Learning	Work It Out Wombats!	Starting 2/6	Mon-Sat 9:30am	26 mins.	Work It Out Wombats! follows a playful trio of marsupial siblings -- Malik, Zadie, and Zeke -- who live with their grandmother (named Super!) in a fantastical treehouse apartment complex. The Treeborhood is home to a diverse and quirky community of neighbors who just happen to be wombats, snakes, moose, kangaroos, iguanas, fish, tarsiers, and eagles! Each day drops a new challenge into the Wombats' laps, requiring them to find, debug, fix, order (then re-order) -- and create, test, and re-create when things don't go according to plan. But thanks to their creativity and collaborative spirit, their sense of family, and the role they play within the larger Treeborhood community -- as problem-solvers, friends, and neighbors -- the Wombats always win the day. With an educational focus on computational thinking, Work It Out Wombats! introduces preschoolers to a way of thinking that enables them to solve problems, express themselves, and accomplish tasks using the practices, processes, and ideas at the core of computer science, laying important groundwork for success in school and life.

MontanaPBS Create – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Small Business Economy	Start Up	Fridays starting 3/17	4:30am	26 mins.	This series offers viewers an up-close and personal look into the world of the modern American entrepreneur. As complicated as starting a business may seem, the goal is to demystify the process by sharing the real life experiences of average Americans who are taking control of their own destiny while creating jobs for others. Over 90% of all companies in America are small businesses. Those small businesses employ over 50% of all people working in this country. Today's media rarely focus on the stories of those Americans and their hard work, despite small-businesses being the backbone of the country. "Start Up" is a explores the next generation of American business owners and the dreams that drive them.

MontanaPBS World – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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African American Culture	Bonnie Boswell Presents	2/20 2/21 2/21 2/24 2/24	7pm 12am 8am 3am 9am	29 mins.	<i>Bonnie Boswell Presents: A Conversation with Pastor James Lawson and Attorney Bryan Stevenson</i> is a 30-minute, in-depth conversation with two of the most transformative figures in America. One, Pastor James Lawson, was called the “leading non-violent theorist in the world” by Martin Luther King. The other, Attorney Bryan Stevenson, was named “America’s Mandela,” by South Africa’s Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Though several generations apart, both share an unyielding passion for peace and justice.

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MontanaPBS Capitol Coverage – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Politics/Government	MPAN (Legislative Channel)	1st qtr 2023	24/7	24/7	Repeat airings of gavel to gavel coverage of the 69 th Montana Legislature as well as live coverage of interim legislative committee hearings.