

11th & Grant with Eric Funk: Bad Betty Organ Combo (No. 1002)
The Bad Betty Organ Combo brings the classic soul jazz sound of the 60s and 70s to 11th & Grant. Five energetic, seasoned musicians display their prowess with a blend of groove, blues, and jazz. Appearing in this all-star cast are Buff Brown on harmonica, guitar, and lead vocals, Ryan Montana Matzinger on Alto and Baritone Sax, Chris Cundy on Hammond B3, Mike Gillan on drums, and John Sanders on bass.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Monday, 4/1 at 2am

Rundown with Jackie Coffin: Medicaid Expansion (No. 101)
It’s ideology versus insurance in the Montana Legislature this spring, as legislators decide how to continue health care coverage for nearly 100,000 Montanans. Nearing the end of its two-year trial-run in Montana, Medicaid Expansion has provided federally-funded insurance to tens of thousands of Montanans, added 5,000 new healthcare jobs, and defied lawmakers’ expectations of how many people would fall under the umbrella of its coverage.

But if that’s a good thing, depends who you ask. On one side of the aisle Medicaid Expansion is referred to as an ‘entitlement’ while on the other side it’s called a ‘basic right’. As the clock winds down on the 90-day legislative session and the sunset built into the original expansion looms closer, healthcare providers in the state’s largest and smallest hospitals keep apprehensive eyes on the legislature, afraid that expansion won’t be renewed, and millions of dollars of new revenue and thousands of new patients will be lost.

MontanaPBS – HD: Thursday, 4/4 at 7pm, Sunday, 4/7 at 10am, Monday, 4/8 at 2am

Business: Made in Montana: (No. 2502)
Located in Power, Smoot Honey Company is the home of Montana's Best Honey. The honey is produced just east of the Rocky Mountain Front in North Central Montana. The primary floral sources are yellow sweet clover and alfalfa. The honey produced from these plants is water white, which is the finest grade of honey. Smoot Honey is an all-natural product of Montana, USA. Every drop of honey is packed and produced locally. The honey is packed using minimal heat and is filtered to remove only bits of wax and the occasional bee part, leaving pure, raw, natural Montana honey. The Company produces around 600,000 pounds of honey per year on average. Art Castings of Montana, in Belgrade, is a fine art bronze foundry that casts pieces of art ranging in size from small to monumental. Operating as a full-service foundry, Art Castings’ services include mold making, lost wax casting, patinas, wood and marble basing, photography and shipping. Their mission is to provide artists with the utmost in quality and craftsmanship, recreating their original pieces of art in bronze, all in a professional atmosphere. Art Castings is proud to work with some of the most prominent bronze artists in the world today, most recently with artist from the U.S. and Canada. Yellowstone Agate Jewelry is based in Livingston, on the banks of the Yellowstone River. Yellowstone specializes in hand made jewelry crafted from local stones. Their primary stone is the Montana Agate. Montana Agate is often referred to as "picture agate" due to the unique mineral patterns and inclusions in the stone. This colorful agate is found only in the drainages of the Yellowstone River and has been named a state gemstone in Montana. They also create jewelry using many other local stones and enjoy working on your custom orders.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Thursday, 4/4 at 7:30pm, Sunday, 4/7 at 10:30am, Monday, 4/8 at 2:30am

Backroads of Montana: Not Forgotten (No. 139)
Backroads remembers a DeBorgia man who left behind a legacy on film. He went from western Montana lumberjack to improbable filmmaker and, in the process, provided memories to share. It's not possible to share a tasty artifact from Montana's military past in Miles City - you'll find out why. Did you ever wonder what a cow was thinking? We'll meet a Toston woman who took that a step further and wrote songs about it. Listen in on Judy Williams' entertaining concert and see how her approach to having fun has impacted others. And learn the traditions and family ties that inspire Crow Indian artist Kevin Red Star during visits to his studio in Roberts and family ranch near Pryor.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Saturday, 4/6 at 5pm
Montana Ag Live: Farm to Table: Montana Made - Distillery (No. 5102)
Jeff Droge, owner and president of Dry Hills Distillery located in Four Corners, Montana, discusses how they turn their crops, grown in the Big Sky country, into liquid enjoyment.
Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 4/7 at 11am

Montana Ag Live: Farm to Home: Montana Made - Wool (No. 5103)
John Helle, Dillon Montana, is a sheep and wool producer. How many different ways does he add value to the Montana sheep & wool industry?
Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 4/7 at 6pm, Sunday, 4/14 at 11am

11th & Grant with Eric Funk: Saddle Tramps (No. 403)
A household name in Montana to country-rock fans, Saddle Tramps has been performing around Montana for many years. As America is a melting pot of all cultures, American music is an amalgamation and after-mix of styles. Country music, folk music, and rock music, together in the perfect mix and balance, results in Saddle Tramps.
Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Thursday, 4/11 at 7pm, Saturday, 4/13 at 10pm, Monday, 4/15 at 2am

Backroads of Montana: Making Connections (No. 140)
In this episode, meet Iris Dodge who was inspired to record the vanishing cowboy life in paint and poems. Spend a fun day in Butte at the annual Lineman's Rodeo where professionals and amateurs show off their skills. In Jefferson City, explore the flowers, plants and trees at Tizer Gardens and Arboretum and then visit Kalispell to meet a vibrant 84-year-old woman who still teaches dance classes. William Marcus hosts the program from the annual Creston Fire Department Auction and Country Fair in northwest Montana.
Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Saturday, 4/13 at 5pm

Missouri Compromised
Arguments over Missouri River water management have been spinning for decades, impeded by the river's very infrastructure. Where river engineering birthed a strong recreation industry, it has brought heavy impacts to the ecosystem and unresolved challenges for the navigation industry. This documentary asks whether, after seventy years, industries and interests will continue to make the river conform to infrastructure, or whether people are ready to adjust themselves to what the Missouri River can really offer.
Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 4/14 at 10am

Montana Rx: Unintended Consequences
Explore Montana's unique struggle with prescription drug abuse. A Browning grandmother and Billings student face tragedies that have shaped their lives.
Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 4/14 at 10:30am

Montana Ag Live: Farm to Home: Montana Made - Organic Commodities (No. 5104)
This week our guest is Bob Quinn, who grows and markets organic commodities profitably in Montana.
Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 4/14 at 6pm, Sunday, 4/21 at 11am

Saving the Burg: A Story of Love, Sweat and Beers
Few towns in Montana have undergone a community comeback as striking as that of tiny Philipsburg. A deeply depressed former mining town in the 1980's, "P-burg" has spent three decades restoring its historic downtown and building an enviable reputation as Big Sky Country's "Comeback Kid". Award-winning documentary filmmaker Jim Jenner ["Route 66 - Return to the Road"] was both an eyewitness and early investor in this heartwarming rebirth, buying a vacant building that's now a vibrant historic hotel and retail space. Jenner blends historic and current footage with dozens of interviews of the natives and newcomers who engineered an economic reinvention so profound it has won national recognition. The inside story of how "love, sweat and beers" brought a community back from the brink.
Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Thursday, 4/18 at 7pm, Sunday, 4/21 at 10am, Monday, 4/22 at 2am
**Backroads of Montana: Marking Passages (No. 141)**
We watch the closing of dinosaur-digging season near Bynum, listen to a centenarian bugler pay his respects, follow a Polson man in his quest to raise the state's largest pumpkin and recount one man's efforts to preserve a special rock quarry near Geraldine. William Marcus hosts the program from the 30th annual Hunter's Feed in Ennis.

*Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Saturday, 4/20 at 5pm*

**11th & Grant with Eric Funk: Kenny James Miller Band (No. 1003)**
The powerful Blues-Rock trio, Kenny James Miller Band, brings their all original, high energy music to 11th & Grant. The potency of a large rock band fits into the hands of three accomplished musicians; Ken Sederdahl on lead guitar and vocals, Mark Cornett on bass, and Mark Miller on drums.

*Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Thursday, 4/25 at 7pm, Saturday, 4/27 at 10:22pm, Monday, 4/29 at 2am*

**Backroads of Montana: Sharp Shooters (No. 142)**
Meet a remarkable Great Falls woman with a sharp eye at the pool table and 100 years of stories. In Lincoln, attend a family-run, co-ed basketball tournament that keeps their late father's memory alive. In Alberton, the woman who has patrolled the sidelines at the team's games with her camera for decades has snapped thousands of memories. And in Billings, the "King of the One Armed Bandits” sells and restores antique slot machines. William Marcus hosts the program from the historic M&M Bar in Butte.

*Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Saturday, 4/27 at 5pm*

**Aging Out: Autism in Montana**
Each year, more children are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, but the framework of care drastically changes for them after adolescence. The tidal wave of children transitioning into adulthood leaves many families on a search for help and structure. Follow Montana families as they recognize their fears and explore their options for the future.

*Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 4/28 at 10am*

**Montana Ag Live: If I Eat These, Will I Die? (No. 4910)**
Cathy Cripps, MSU mycologist (mushroom expert), is back talking about the good, the bad and the ugly concerning mushrooms.

*Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 4/28 at 11am*

**Montana Ag Live: Farm to Table: Montana Made - Potatoes (No. 5105)**
Mark Bausch, owner of Bausch Potato in Whitehall Montana, visits with the AG Live panel about producing variety of products from the potates he grows.

*Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 4/28 at 6pm*

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