

KYRS Quarterly Report for the 1st Quarter of 2024

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KYRS has identified the following as significant issues in our community for the quarter:

- Public Health
- Environmental Issues
- Diversity, Youth, & Culture
- The Arts
- Community Issues

KYRS programs addressing these issues are described below:

Issue: Public Health

Program Addressing the Issue: This Won't Hurt a Bit

Date: 1/14/2024

Broadcast Time: 10:00 AM PST

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: On today's TWHAB, Mark and Erika welcomed Joanne Bae and Lizzie Schjelderup from the Spokane area Health Equity Circle Harm Reduction Action Team. The Harm Reduction Action Team is teaming up with Compassionate Addiction Treatment, Jewels Helping Hands and other other local organizations to assist with serving Spokane's homeless population during the region's recent cold snap.

Issue: Public Health

Program Addressing the Issue: This Won't Hurt a Bit

Date: 2/11/2024

Broadcast Time: 10:00 AM PST

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: On today's TWHAB, National Heart Month continues. Mark and Erika interviewed Megan Anders (DJ SparksAlot), Clinical Device Specialist, and learned all about pacemakers and defibrillators.

Issue: Public Health

Program Addressing the Issue: This Won't Hurt a Bit

Date: 3/10/2024

Broadcast Time: 10:00 PM PST

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Cholera has been endemic around the world for hundreds of years. Mostly eradicated since the late 19th century in the western world, it did take its toll on America earlier... and continues to cause misery and death in many parts of the world today. On today's TWHAB, Mark and Erika discuss cholera and the lack of vaccine to deal with the current surges of cholera today.

Issue: Environmental Issues

Program Addressing the Issue: Earth Matters Now

Date: 1/20/2024

Broadcast Time: 12:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Laura and Mike did stories on ants and biodiversity, frogs and their songs, a failure by WA DNR to protect tribal cultural sites in eastern Washington, seed catalogs, impacts and future of fires in Canada, and Alaska killing brown bears for little reason.

Issue: Environmental Issues

Program Addressing the Issue: Earth Matters Now

Date: 2/20/2024

Broadcast Time: 12:00 Pacific

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Laura and Mike did stories on grassland organisms, AI mistakes in peer reviewed journals, polar bears at huge risk, World Whale Day, microorganisms and humans after they die, extreme weather breaking records, the West Plains PFAS problem, a biomass project raising concerns in Washington and an update of Biden-Harris environmental gains.

Issue: Environmental Issues

Program Addressing the Issue: Earth Matters Now

Date: 3/19/2024

Broadcast Time: 12:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Laura and Mike interviewed Daniel Curry as our guest today. He is the founder of Project GRIPH and is a range rider. He works with ranchers to try and keep wolves and livestock safe and has a program that could change the shape of grazing on public lands.

Issue: Diversity, Youth & Culture

Program Addressing the Issue: Out & About

Date: 1/30/2024

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Did you know that Spokane has a thriving Haitian community? Neither did I! But thanks to Katia Jasmin, and her dad, Luc from Creole Resources, I was enlightened to this fact. I had so many questions about what it is like to be a refugee from Haiti coming to Spokane, what kind of stories they bring with them, SNOW, etc. I also found out that there will be Haitian restaurant coming to Spokane in the near future. My questions about voodoo and zombies were even answered.

Issue: Diversity, Youth & Culture

Program Addressing the Issue: Out & About

Date: 2/27/2024

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration:1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: An interview with cast, crew and director of SFCC's Charlotte's Web. We talked about the lessons that Charlotte's Web teaches and why today that message is needed more than ever. We also talked about the technical aspects of the show and how disabilities can inform one's acting.

Issue: Diversity, Youth & Culture

Program Addressing the Issue: Dragonflies on Thin Air

Date: 1/20/2024

Broadcast Time: 3:00 PM Pacific

Duration:1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Dragonflies on Thin Air is a youth produced radio show on KYRS. This week DJs Marigold (12) and Lily (11) spent time talking about favorite music artists and sharing some lo-fi and indie and oldies rock tunes they enjoy. They spent some time talking about weekends and upcoming school activities as well as why they selected their tunes.

Issue: Diversity, Youth & Culture

Program Addressing the Issue: Dragonflies on Thin Air

Date: 2/25/2024

Broadcast Time: 3:00 PM Pacific

Duration:1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Dragonflies on Thin Air is an Elementary aged student production by pupils at Spokane Public Montessori. This week DJs Marigold (12), Lily (11) and Sean (10) talked about Spring, music and spent a lot of time on trivia. While nobody is excited about Spring cleaning, they are looking forward to the change of seasons. They reviewed common facts, dispelled myths and had some fun talking about their favorites.

Issue: The Arts

Program Addressing the Issue: Out & About

Date: 3/5/2024

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: A great conversation with folks from Bright Comet's Hamlet – Taylor Cummings (Hamlet) and Elisheva Miller

(Ophelia) and director Dominique Betz plus a little Hamlet music. We discussed what Shakespeare's Hamlet has to say about the world we live in today, and transcending traditional casting in ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation.

Issue: The Arts

Program Addressing the Issue: Spokane Open Poetry

Date: 2/3/2024

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Stephen Pitters read his poetry for Black History Month and music made from his poems will also be played.

Issue: Community Issues

Program Addressing the Issue: Out & About

Date: 2/20/2024

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: Talked with Spokane Pride Executive Director Matt Danielson about this year's Pride activities.

Issue: Community Issues

Program Addressing the Issue: Solidarity Spokane

Date: 3/12/2024

Broadcast Time: 4:00 PM Pacific

Duration: 1 Hour

Narrative of Issue and how programs addressed the issue: A very interesting and informative conversation with Jeff Ferguson – climate activist, Spokane Tribal member, photographer/videographer, Executive Director of Elk Soup, and, organizer for the Expo74 50-year anniversary celebration.