

**Issues Programs List**

**Quarterly Issues Programs List**

**Station(s): KPEL-FM, KROF-AM, KPEL-AM, KMDL-FM, KTDY-FM, KHXT-FM**

**January 1, 2023 through April 10, 2023**

**Section I. Issues**

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Fire Safety:** There have been several fatalities in our area due to fire during January and February. Lafayette Fire Chief Robert Benoit is working to educate people on how to prevent fires.
- B. **Impoverished Children:** The Gifting Grace Project is a group that helps families in Acadiana who are experiencing homelessness. The Acadiana Regional Coalition on Homelessness and Housing says some 1700 people in our Acadiana area have experienced homeless each year.
- C. **Litter Abatement:** Officials with Lafayette Consolidated Government’s Environmental Division reports that litter costs businesses money, clogs water ways and is expensive to clean up. According to Keep Louisiana Beautiful says litter costs taxpayers \$40 million a year.
- D. **Veterans:** Multiple laws concerning veterans’ benefits have changed, and Veterans’ Administration directors are working to educate veterans and dependents about what has change.
- E. **Heart Attacks and Strokes:** Cardiovascular disease kills more women than all forms of cancer combined, but only 44% of women understand that cardiovascular disease is their greatest health issue.

**Section II. Responsive Programs**

<b>Date(s) Aired</b>	<b>Time(s) aired</b>	<b>Duration (Minutes)</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Related Issue</b>	<b>Description of Program &amp; Issue Discussed</b>
01/14/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Impoverish Children, Homeless, Hunger, Human Services	What resources are available in Southern Louisiana to assist homeless children in regard to education and medical care? Mark Pope spoke with David Owens, Founder and President of “Gifting Grace Project”. The group helps families in need especially families who are experiencing homelessness. They work to help impoverished children and their guardians with homelessness and food insecurity.
01/21/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Education, Animals, Litter Abatement, Nature	What efforts have been made by conservationists to protect and foster Louisiana’s migratory bird and water fowl population? And what educational resources are available for the general public to assist in this endeavor. Mark Pope spoke with Julie Rabalais who is a bird rehabilitator with the group “For the Birds of Acadiana”. The group helps to rehabilitate birds and other animals that otherwise would perish.
01/28/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Health, Heart Attacks and Strokes	Louisiana leads the nation in heart disease and death by stroke what preventive measures should people take and what resources are available to help residents lead a healthier lifestyle? Mark Pope spoke with Nicole

					Cockerham, Executive Director of the Southern District of the American Heart Association about how to help women understand their heightened risk for heart attacks and strokes. They spoke about how help women understand their risk and recognize signs of a heart attack and stroke.
02/04/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Personal Investments, Public Safety	Studies show Louisiana residents spend more on car maintenance than any other state in the union, what can residents do to protect their investments and maintain a safe road ready vehicle for their personal transportation needs. Mark Pope spoke with the owner of Stan's Automotive Repair, Stan Cospier about how to help people maintain their vehicles while saving money.
02/11/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Winter Weather, Public Safety, Fire Safety	What precautions should South Louisiana residents take to protect their homes and families during prolonged periods of cold weather and what is the safest way to properly heat a dwelling and reduce the risk of fire? Mark Pope spoke Lafayette Fire Chief Robert Benoit about how to prevent fires in your home during cold weather. He gave types about the correct way to use a portable heater. He also spoke about other fire safety tips.
02/18/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Litter Abatement, Recycling, Environment	What is being done about South Louisiana's growing litter problem and what can residents do to help curtail the practice of trashing our streets. Mark Pope spoke with Brianne Hendricks and Chuck LaGrange, officers with the group Parish Proud, a litter abatement group. Through their organization's donation, any person or group can organize and then conduct a litter abatement activity anywhere in Acadiana.
02/25/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Litter Abatement, Environment	How can people report those who break Louisiana's litter and illegal dumping statutes and what rights do property owners have concerning those who litter on their property. Mark spoke again with Brianne Hendricks and Chuck LaGrange, officers with the group Parish Proud, a litter abatement group. Through their organization's donation, any person or group can organize and then conduct a litter abatement activity anywhere in Acadiana.
03/04/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Education, Disabilities, Community Resources, Human Services	What programs, both vocational and educational, are available in South Louisiana to individuals with special needs? Mark Pope spoke with Colt Patin, founder of Heartstrings and Angel Wings. The group helps families who have special needs babies.
03/11/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Education, Literacy	What is being done to improve Literacy rates in Louisiana and where can those interested in improving their reading skills find assistance? Mark Pope spoke with Greg and Ellen Mullen co-founders of Books Along the Teche Literary Festival. The festival promotes literacy for everyone in Acadiana with resources for all.
03/18/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Veterans, Education, Employment	What programs, medical, vocational, educational, and psychological, are available for South Louisiana residents who served in the United States military? And how do you apply for those benefits? Mark Pope with Pam Veillon who is the regional coordinator for the

					Veterans Administration. She spoke about how they work to educate veterans on the variety of different services available to veterans after new changes in several laws. She spoke about resources that are available. The organization also works to help employ veterans.
03/25/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Hunger, Nutrition, Poverty, Impoverished Children	What programs are available to South Louisiana residents who are experiencing food insecurity? What programs are available for school children who are lacking in their daily nutrition? Mark Pope spoke with Paul Scelfo, the regional director for Second Harvest Food Bank about how one in seven people do not have food to eat.
04/01/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Education	How has horticulture turned into an economic engine in South Louisiana and what opportunities are available for those interested in the field? Mark Pope spoke with Mary Courville with Festival Des Fleurs about how their program aims to educate those in Acadiana interested in working with flowers.
04/08/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Employment, Disabilities, Community Resources	What programs are available for South Louisiana residents with special needs who are seeking gainful employment. What training and placement programs are available. Mark Pope spoke with Donelle Watkins with the Dreams Foundation. They work to help employee people have special needs.