

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

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

April 1, 2023, through June 18, 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

Date(s) Aired	Time(s) aired	Duration (Minutes)	Program Name	Related Issue	Description of Program & Issue Discussed
04.02.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Poverty, Impoverished Children, Food Insecurity	What programs are available to support homeless children in South Louisiana? 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.
04.09.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Birds, Animal Population, Animal Welfare	There are reports that migratory birds who fly through Louisiana are in decline. Why is that happening and what is being done to replenish their numbers? 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.
04.16.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Health, Education, Public Awareness, Women’s Health	Louisiana is among the nation’s leaders in heart attack and strokes, what are the signs of these malady’s and what is being done to educate the population about the dangers? 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.
04.23.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Severe Weather, Automobile Issues	Excessive Heat is taking its toll on cars and trucks in South Louisiana, what can people do to make sure their vehicle is safe and reliable for the road during these times of excessive heat? Mark Pope spoke with the owner of Stan's Automotive Repair, Stan Cosper about how to help people maintain their vehicles while saving money.
02/11/23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Fire Safety, Severe Weather, Public Safety	Dry conditions have prompted burn bans across South Louisiana. Lafayette's fire chief explained the reason for these kinds of restrictions across the region. 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.
04.30.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Litter Abatement, Environment, Community	Litter abatement has been identified as a catalyst for economic development in the Lafayette area. What can you do to help keep our community clean? 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.
05.07.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Environment, Littering	What items can be tossed in a landfill and what cannot? What should South Louisiana residents do with hazardous waste that collects around their homes including computers and electronics? 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.
05.14.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Special Needs, Family Issues, Family Assistance, Community	What programs are available for parents of Special Needs Children in South Louisiana? Mark Pope spoke with Colt Patin, founder of Heartstrings and Angel Wings. The group helps families who have special needs babies.
05.21.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Literacy, Education	Louisiana's reading level is below the national average, what is being done in South Louisiana to improve those reading scores and bring our students up to the national norm? 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.
05.28.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Veteran Issues, Public Assistance,	South Louisiana is home to thousands of veterans, many of whom are not fully aware of

				Education, Resources	the benefits their service to our country has earned them. Here's what programs are available to assist veterans in South Louisiana. 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.
06.4.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Hunger, Poverty, Food Insecurity, Public Assistance	Nearly one in seven people in South Louisiana do not know where their next meal is coming from. What programs are available to help the hungry and how can residents support this initiative. 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.
06.11.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Agriculture, Education	South Louisiana garden centers and nurseries supply the nation with a variety of plants and flowers. Here's what you can do to improve your garden or grow your own food for your family. 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.
06.18.23	7-8 a.m.	42	Savez-Vous	Special Needs, Employment, Public Assistance	What programs are available in South Louisiana that help put adults with special needs to work? Mark Pope spoke with Donelle Watkins with the Dreams Foundation. They work to help employee people have special needs.