

## **ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST**

### **Quarterly Issues Programs List for KTMY-FM**

**Coon Rapids, MN**

**October 1st – December 31st, 2023**

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#### **Section I. Issues**

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. Health issues**
- B. LGBTQ+ issues**
- C. Community issues**
- D. Sexual Awareness issues**
- E. Children's issues**
- F. Women's issues**

#### **Section II. Responsive Programs**

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

##### **A. Health issues**

**Jason and Alexis**

**12/19/23**

**7:15am, 5 min**

**CELINE DION AND STIFF PERSONS SYNDROME**

Alexis shares an update given by singer Celine Dion's sister about Dion's Stiff Person Syndrome. This is a rare, incurable autoimmune neurological disorder that affects people's ability to move – it also attacks a person's vocal cords and heart. There's not a lot of research on this and very little information currently available. Dion is not doing well with the diagnosis and is unable to perform as a result. However, Dion herself remains hopeful that she will be strong enough to perform onstage again.

**Donna and Steve**

**11/13/23**

**9:43am, 5 min**

**RSV (RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS) ON THE RISE IN MINNESOTA**

Donna and Matt Belanger (filling-in for Steve) give a warning to caregivers of children that RSV cases are on the rise. They discuss the severity of the issue and how RSV affects young children. Donna and Matt share that a new RSV vaccine was created earlier this year, however there is currently a shortage of supply.

**Lori and Julia**

**10/12/23**

**3:30pm, 28 min**

**INTERVIEW: ERICH MISCHE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAVE AND DR. LESLI PREUSS**

Lori and Julia interview Erich Mische, Executive Director, SAVE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education) and clinical psychologist, SAVE board member, and suicide loss survivor, Dr. Lesli Preuss. SAVE is a local non-profit dedicated to raising awareness and prevention of suicide through education and community resources. Dr. Preuss speaks to how SAVE helped her through her own experience with suicide loss. Mische and Dr. Preuss share advice and resources for those who are experiencing suicide ideation. They also discuss SAVE's resources for suicide loss survivors and share ways for listeners to get involved in the organization.

## **B. LGBTQ+ issues**

**Jason and Alexis**

**10/11/23**

**6:30am, 10 min**

### **JASON'S LGBTQ+ CHALLENGES WHILE VOLUNTEERING**

Jason shares his story about facing challenges as an LGBTQ+ person looking to volunteer with the community. In the early 2000s, Jason was looking to volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters – there was no issue with his sexuality within the organization. However, he faced challenges from parents on being paired with a child to mentor. Many parents passed over is gay, but he eventually was paired with a young boy. He and his little son remain in contact to this day.

**Bradley and Dawn**

**10/6/23**

**1:13pm, 9 min**

### **TELL-ALL MEMOIR FROM HUGH JACKMAN: WILL IT ADDRESS LGBTQ+ IDENTITY?**

Bradley and Paul McGuire Grimes (filling-in for Dawn) discuss the potential tell-all memoir from actor Hugh Jackman. They analyze the language used in the announcement and they discuss the long-standing rumors about Jackman's sexuality. They also discuss whether or not the language used in this press release implies that Jackman will come out after his recent divorce announcement. Bradley and McGuire Grimes also talk about Jackman's biggest roles and his ties to the LGBTQ+ community.

**Lori and Julia**

**10/17/23**

**5:45 pm, 8 min**

### **INTERVIEW: CHAD KAMPE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLIP PHONE EVENTS**

Lori and Julia interview Chad Kampe, Executive Director, Flip Phone Events. Flip Phone Events is a Minnesota-based company that produces drag events across the country, including drag brunches and LGBTQ+-friendly events. They discuss various drag brunches taking place across

Minneapolis/St. Paul, with themes including Taylor Swift and Halloween. Lori and Julia provide listeners with information about how to attend these brunches.

## **C. Community issues**

**Jason and Alexis**

**10/6/23**

**8:05am, 10 min**

### **INTERVIEW: JATIN SETIA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TWIN CITIES FILM FEST**

Jason and Alexis interview Jatin Setia, Executive Director, Twin Cities Film Fest. Twin Cities Film fest is a non-profit organization that supports the art of filmmaking through exhibition, production, distribution, education, and networking opportunities, with an emphasis on serving the local Twin Cities filmmaking community. The 2023 Twin Cities Film Fest is taking place October 19 - 28 and Jason, Alexis, and Jatin discuss the slate of films, how listeners can participate, and how going to the Film Fest will support local artists.

**Bradley and Dawn**

**10/13/23**

**2:04pm, 10 min**

### **INTERVIEW: JUSTIN GRUENWALD, BRAVE LIKE GABE**

Bradley and Dawn interview Justin Gruenwald, co-creator of local non-profit Brave Like Gabe. The mission of Brave Like Gabe is to support rare cancer research. Gruenwald's wife and co-founder of Brave Like Gabe, Gabriele, was a professional runner and died from adenoid cystic carcinoma in 2019. Bradley, Dawn, and Justin discuss how Brave Like Gabe works to keep people physically and mentally motivated when diagnosed with a rare cancer. Brave Like Gabe works with both children and adults with a rare cancer diagnosis.

**Lori and Julia**

**10/23/23**

**3:45 pm, 8 min**

## **INTERVIEW: SHELETTA BRUNDIDGE ON JOB FAIR FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM**

Lori and Julia interview local media personality Sheletta Brundidge to raise awareness for Disability Employment Awareness Month. Brundidge, who has three children on the autism spectrum, is hosting a job fair for adults with autism. Sheletta's production company, Sheletta Makes Me Laugh, is inviting adults on the autism spectrum to attend the job fair on Thursday, Oct. 26. Attendees can receive resume assistance, interview preparation coaching, and apply for jobs. Companies and organizations like Bremer Bank, Minneapolis Police Department, and local schools will have booths at the event. Lori, Julia and Sheletta gave listeners info about the Job Fair for Adults with Autism and linked up the website to their show page.

## **D. Sexual Awareness issues**

**Bradley and Dawn**

**11/27/23**

**1:14pm, 9 min**

### **SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SEAN "DIDDY" COMBS**

Bradley and Dawn discuss sexual assault allegations that have been leveled against hip-hop mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs. Cassie Ventura, Combs' former girlfriend and singer on his Bad Boy Records label, has accused Combs of years of abuse, including rape and physical abuse. Bradley and Dawn share details of the lawsuit and predict that Ventura's lawsuit could lead to more public allegations of abuse against Combs.

**Lori and Juila**

**10/2/23**

**5:30 pm, 7 min**

### **STUDY: STATES WITH THE HIGHEST RATES OF STDs**

Lori and Julia discuss a new study from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revealing the top states where residents face the highest rate of STDs. The study found Mississippi topped the list with more than 1,260 STDs per 100,000 persons. In Mississippi, there is one sexually transmitted disease for about every 79 people. Mississippi is also one of five states on the CDC's list where STD rates exceed 1,000 cases per 100,000 persons. The data reinforces public health experts' concerns that America is in the midst of an epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases.

Most STDs in the US occur in young people aged 15 to 24, a demographic possibly impacted by lack of informative sex education access. Lori and Julia stressed the importance of using protection and being open about your sex life to prevent further spread of STDs. They emphasized the importance of using contraceptives while engaging in intercourse or any sexual activity.

**Lori and Julia**

**10/16/23**

**5:30 pm 5 min**

**STUDY: MENTAL HEALTH AND SEX LIFE**

Julia discusses a new study on how mental health can affect one's sex life. Good mental health can provide an intimacy boost. Tips on cultivating a positive bedroom experience include focusing on taking deep, slow breath, trying different positions with a partner to better understand sexual preferences. A reduction in consuming porn is also cited as positive for personal sex behavior, as it sets unrealistic performance expectations. Julia ended the conversation by encouraging all listeners to put themselves first and don't be afraid to ask for what you like in the bedroom.

**E. Children's issues**

**Jason and Alexis**

**12/14/23**

**7:45am, 10 min**

**INTERVIEW: SANDY BOREN-BARRET, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CEO, STAGES THEATER COMPANY**

Jason and Alexis interview Sandy Boren-Barret, Artistic Director and CEO of Stages Theater Company about their production of "Beauty and the Beast." Stages Theater Company is a local non-profit whose mission is the enrichment and education of children and youth in a professional theater environment that stimulates artistic excellence and personal growth. Boren-Barret shares details about their latest production, discusses the child-centered cast, and tells listeners how they can purchase tickets.

**Donna and Steve**

**10/13/23**

**11:03am, 8 min**

**INTERVIEW: SPECIAL OLYMPICS MINNESTOA ATHLETE, ABBY**

Donna and Steve interview Abby, a Special Olympics Minnesota athlete. Special Olympics Minnesota is a non-profit organization that offers children with intellectual disabilities year-round sports training and competitions. Abby shares the eight different sports she competes in year-round and she discusses how Special Olympics Minnesota has given her many opportunities to stay healthy, active, and competitive. She encourages anyone who is thinking about joining Special Olympics Minnesota to do it. Donna and Steve share that Minnesota will host the 2026 Special Olympics USA games.

**Lori and Julia**

**10/26/23**

**5:30 pm, 4 min**

**STUDY: CHILDREN WHO ARE CLOSE TO PARENTS ARE HELPFUL ADULTS**

Lori and Julia discuss a study from the University of Cambridge that shows kids who are closer to their parents become kinder and more helpful adults. The study finds that kids who reported having a loving, strong bond with their parents around age three tended to be more kind, empathetic, and generous by adolescence. Lori and Julia discuss how researchers say parents should do their best to cultivate a meaningful and close relationship with their children as early as possible during their lives together, and emphasize that close parent-child relationships are incredibly important in adolescent development. Lori and Julia provided examples of how to best cultivate close relationships with children and stress that it's never too early to start spreading the love in your household.

**F. Women's issues**

**Jason and Alexis**

**10/16/23**

**7:15am, 10 min**

**SUZANNE SOMERS: CHAMPION OF FEMALE PAY EQUITY**

Actor and entrepreneur Suzanne Somers has died at the age of 76 from breast cancer. Jason, Alexis, and Holly remember her legacy as both an actor and advocate for female health – through female hormone replacement therapy. They also talk about how Somers was a pioneer for female pay equity in the workplace. When she starred on the television show “Three’s Company” in the 1970s and 80s, Somers demanded that she be paid equally to John Ritter, her male co-star on the series. Because of her demands, she was treated cruelly by executives because she dared to ask for parity with Ritter. She was eventually fired because of her ask, but Jason, Alexis, and Holly celebrate Somers for efforts.

**Donna and Steve**

**12/21/23**

**11:08am, 6 min**

**TARAJI P. HENSON ON MISTREATMENT OF WOMEN IN HOLLYWOOD**

Donna and Steve discuss actor Taraji P. Henson’s comments about the mistreatment of actors in Hollywood. Henson, who is an Academy Award-nominated actress and starred in her own TV series “Empire,” says she still struggles in the entertainment industry to be valued for her worth. Henson also made comments about not only facing discrimination in Hollywood because she is female, but how others who are from underrepresented groups and background are also seeking equity in the business.

**Lori and Julia**

**12/5/23**

**4:00pm, 10 min**

**INTERVIEW: AMY SEAMAN AND 12 MOMS OF CHRISTMAS CHARITY INITIATIVE**

Lori and Julia interview local fashion expert Amy Seaman to promote the “12 Moms of Christmas” charitable initiative. This event is sponsored by local car dealerships and was started by local non-profit, Newgate School. Newgate School teaches novice auto mechanics skills that prepare them for employment through a tuition-free program. 12 Moms of Christmas helps single mothers with needs during the holiday season by gifting twelve cars to moms who need the vehicles. To be eligible, moms must be the head of the household with one or more dependents, an income of 35k or less, and do not currently own or have access to a vehicle. In addition, cars are filled with gifts and necessities. The deadline to donate for 12 Moms of Christmas is December 10th and information is provided for listeners on how to get involved.



