

**KKZY-FM  
BEMIDJI, MN 56601  
QUARTERLY "ISSUES PROGRAMMING" LISTING  
JULY-SEPTEMBER, 2021**

Operations Manager Kevin Jackson compiled the list for the third quarter of 2021

**Issues Programs List**

**Quarterly Issues Programs List for KKZY-FM  
July 1 through September 30, 2021  
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**Section I. Issues.**

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

**A. Community Enrichment & Improvement:** Activities and events that enrich and/or improve the lives of community members.

**B. Economy:** Events, programs, and organizations that work to benefit economic growth in the community.

**C. Education:** Area schools, colleges and other organizations that promote and deliver education to the community, as well as issues that affect the educational opportunities in the area.

**D. Health:** Health issues in our region, including education and awareness as well as initiatives taken by health providers, organizations and agencies to make the area a healthier place to live.

**E. Safety:** Safety issues, be it public safety or individual. Topics include fire, crime and victimization and focuses on education and prevention, including agencies and organizations involved in safety and first response.

**F. Youth Enrichment:** Organizations and Activities to provide opportunities and experiences for youth in the community.

**G. Environment:** Events, Organizations, Individuals and Initiatives promoting conservation and environmental enhancement. The environment is an important part of community health, quality of life and the economy.

**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. COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT & IMPROVEMENT**

**KZY Morning Show**---Air Date 7/2/21 at 8:10am

**Topic:** Charlie Pulkrabek of the Mississippi Music Committee was interviewed about the return of Mississippi Music On The Waterfront. The concert series is a great way to introduce people to regional musicians performing original music with a series of free concerts at the waterfront every Wednesday night. He previewed this year's series and why it's important to get out and experience live music and/or theatre. And with it being free, everyone is able to enjoy it.

**Program Length:** 12:14

**"Community Spotlight Program"**---Air Date 7/4/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** Mur Gilman of the Citizen's Committee and John Mason of MN DOT were in to talk about the Highway 197 project. Highway 197, which is a state highway running through Bemidji will have a renovation done on the west side of the city to alleviate car accidents and make it friendlier for pedestrians and bikers. It's a vital commercial corridor with a ton of traffic and needs to be changed. The decision to be made is how. Options and needs were discussed as well as the next steps.

**Program Length:** 17:23

**KZY Morning Show**---Air Date 7/21/21 at 8:10am

**Topic:** Denae Alamano, Executive Director of the United Way of Bemidji Area, was in to promote the United Way Fishing Tournament, the first event of the new campaign. The funds raised during the tournament will go to the United Way's 24 agencies, all of which to strive to better the community and people's lives. It's also a way to showcase the area's natural resources and encourage people to be active in the outdoors.

**Program Length:** 5:54

**"Community Spotlight Program"**---Air Date 8/1/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** Keith Winger & Angela Lyseng discuss the upcoming Beltrami County Fair. The Fair is one of the area's largest events of the year. With the community starting to recover from the pandemic, it will provide a much needed boost economically and socially. With 4-H competitions, it also provides many youth activities and educational opportunities.

**Program Length:** 13:45

**KZY Morning Show**---Air Date 8/4/21 at 8:10am

**Topic:** Denae Alamano, Executive Director of the United Way of Bemidji Area, promoted Sanford Health's Taco Fest as part of Dragon Boat Weekend. Funds from this year's Taco Fest will go to the United Way, which provides programs and funding to help many community non-profit organizations serving disadvantaged citizens in the region.

**Program Length:** 8:23

**KZY Morning Show**---Air Date 8/5/21 at 8:10am

**Topic:** Brian Bissonette of the Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Committee discusses this weekend's festival, coming back after being shut down last year due to Covid-19. The

event is a huge community tradition, bringing thousands of people to town to compete and watch. In addition to providing a great activity for community residents, it is a huge economic boost for the downtown area.

**Program Length:** 11:12

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 8/8/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** Angie Clark and Jordan Lutz discuss BSU’s Extended Learning class on Commuter Options for All Year. They teach residents how they can bike throughout the year, even winter in the area. Not only is it good exercise, it is environmentally friendly as it is a completely carbon free way to travel. They also discuss bike use and rental options throughout the community.

**Program Length:** 17:35

**KZY Morning Show**---Air Date 8/26/21 at 8:10am

**Topic:** Ethan Larson of the Beltrami County AKA promoted the upcoming Beltrami County Dog Show, an official AKA competition. The event will be free for fans who want to watch the event at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds.

**Program Length:** 4:25

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 8/29/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** MN DOT Project Manager Matt Unkran and Communications Director TJ Melcher previewed next year’s Highway 71 reconstruction. They discussed the need for a resurfacing of the roadway which has been rough the last several years. It will also benefit the community with better intersection options that will cut down on the number of accidents at busier intersections.

**Program Length:** 18:10

**KZY Morning Show**---Air Date 9/1/21 at 8:10am

**Topic:** Ethan Larson and Wendy Otness of the Bemidji Rotary Clubs promote the upcoming Rotary Rose Sale. Rotarians sell roses to raise money for their various community projects and donations, which include safe neighborhoods, refurbished parks, and health efforts.

**Program Length:** 5:37

## **B. ECONOMY**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 7/25/21 at 8:27am

**Topic:** Karen Connolly of the IRS joined the show to discuss the expanded Child Tax Credit available for 2021. She discussed who is eligible, how to claim it, and the reasons for the change. The expanded credit should benefit families with children by providing them with additional money for child expenses. It’s particularly helpful as a number of families are dealing with unemployment issues due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Program Length:** 11:04

**KZY Morning Show**---Air Date 8/9/21 at 8:10am

**Topic:** United Way Executive Director Denae Alamano discussed the Non-profit Job and Volunteer Fair at the Boys & Girls Club. Non-profit organizations that are looking to

hire and for volunteers have tables at the fair along with job applications and staff members to help facilitate the hiring process.

**Program Length:** 8:47

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 9/12/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** Angie Clark and Sarah Behrens discuss their Advanced Minnesota Workplace Wellness program which provides customized continuing education to businesses and organizations for workplace wellness opportunities. They point out the economic benefits of wellness programs by keeping employees healthier, more focused and more productive.

**Program Length:** 10:25

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 9/26/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** Geri Hickerson and Seth Kilde of Northwoods Habitat For Humanity are in to update this year’s programs. Two houses are soon to be finished, providing affordable home ownership for two more families. In addition to that, Habitat homes also provide economic benefit for neighborhoods by increasing the value of neighboring homes with new construction in the neighborhood. Also discussed were the upcoming application process for future families.

**Program Length:** 11:55

## **C. EDUCATION**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 8/1/21 at 8:29am

**Topic:** The Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area provide area children with year long learning and activities and are hosting their annual “Night Out” which give kids the chance to experience law enforcement and fire vehicles as well as other community vehicles. They also discuss the upcoming fundraising golf tournament which will provide the club with much needed funds.

**Program Length:** 7:40

**KZY Morning Show**---Air Date 8/10/21 at 8:10am

**Topic:** Headwaters Science Center, which provides STEM based activities and education for students throughout the upper Midwest, was recently named Minnesota’s Best Museum. Executive Director Lee Furuseth discussed the award and the programs that are part of the Headwaters Science Center’s experience for kids and adults.

**Program Length:** 10:42

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 9/12/21 at 8:25am

**Topic:** Headwaters Science Center Director Lee Furuseth returns to preview the upcoming fall programs and opportunities for students and families. The HSC provides science educational activities for students of all ages. He also notes that membership also gives families membership in many other museums around the state and nation, which provides many learning and educational opportunities.

**Program Length:** 22:38

## **D. HEALTH**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 7/11/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** Chris Erle, Lee Torgerson and Jenny Vance of Face It Together discussed their unique addiction recovery program. It is a peer based counseling service. Each of the counselors are recovering addicts. They discussed signs of addiction, ways to get involved in Face It Together. Addiction is a huge issue in the area and this is vital to the health of the community. The addiction program deals with drugs, alcohol, gambling, food or any other addiction. There are serious drug, alcohol and gambling addictions in the area.

**Program Length:** 16:30

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 7/18/21 at 8:31am

**Topic:** Dr. Colleen Swank and Lisa Johnson of Sanford Health’s pediatrics department were in to discuss children’s health issues. They urged kids between 12-18 to get a Covid vaccine. In addition, with school coming up, they discussed the importance to get physicals, especially if they are involved in sports. They also discussed the importance of well child visits and standard vaccinations.

**Program Length:** 15:39

**KZY Morning Show**---Air Date 8/13/21 at 8:10am

**Topic:** Dr. Colleen Swank, Sanford Health of Northern Minnesota Vice President of Clinic, discusses the Delta Variant of Covid-19 and its impacts in the area. She pointed out the preponderance of cases involving unvaccinated residents and reiterated the mitigation strategies including masking and social distancing. She also discussed the safety of the vaccines and the ease in getting them.

**Program Length:** 8:07

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 8/29/21 at 8:33am

**Topic:** Sanford Health of Northern Minnesota Behavioral Health specialists Shannon Seibel and Kristin Kraft discuss suicide prevention. Sanford Health has numerous programs and groups to help depressed and suicidal individuals. Covid-19 and quarantining for a year plus caused a big increase in depression and they discuss ways to cope and counseling and medical options to battle depression

**Program Length:** 13:30

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 9/5/21 at 8:24am

**Topic:** Kate Repko, a member of the Beltrami Senior Center Board and an Occupational Therapist discuss the many health and nutrition programs available at the senior center for older adults in the area and the need for adults to exercise and eat right.

**Program Length:** 9:42

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 9/19/21 at 8:37am

**Topic:** Dr. Johnna Nynes of Sanford Health of Northern Minnesota discussed the Sanford PETAL Program, a support group for parents who suffered a pregnancy loss. The program offers a number of ways to help families process and grieve the loss of a baby.

**Program Length:** 6:05

## **E. SAFETY**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 7/18/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** Engineer Luke Johanneck and Information Director TJ Melcher of MN DOT discuss the latest construction projects in the area. The road construction projects this year are specifically designed to make the roads safer and reduce the number of accidents on the road. They told listeners where the changes are happening and how the new road systems will work.

**Program Length:** 15:39

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 7/25/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** Bemidji Deputy Fire Chief Mike Yavarow was in to discuss the necessity of fire safety in a drought year. Fires are raging throughout the nation and a wildfire was recently in the area. He discussed the need to avoid building fires as much as possible and all necessary steps to make sure the fire is out and does not spread. He also discussed the need for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes, especially as natural gas and propane gain popularity.

**Program Length:** 12:00

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 8/22/21 at 8:25am

**Topic:** Bemidji Fire Chief Justin Sherwood discussed fire safety and danger due to the extreme drought this summer. Justin talked about how dry everything is and the dangers of any type of fire. He reiterated the fire restrictions due to the drought, and all things citizens can do to make sure we don't spark a wildfire in the area. He also discussed general fire safety basics for homes and businesses.

**Program Length:** 12:11

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 9/19/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** Beltrami County Sheriff Ernie Beitels discusses various law enforcement topics in Beltrami County including crime rates, violent crime, staffing issues and programs in place to keep the community safe. In addition, he discusses the Beltrami County Jail and potential construction to expand the jail due to increased occupancy.

**Program Length:** 22:15

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 9/26/21 at 8:27am

**Topic:** TJ Melcher and Traffic Engineer Michelle Rognerud of MN DOT discuss the upcoming Highway 71 project. In particular, safety improvements were discussed. Though somewhat controversial in the area, MN DOT plans on several traffic circles and other unique intersection projects to eliminate crossing traffic and reducing the number of accidents and deaths at some very busy and dangerous intersections along the corridor.

**Program Length:** 21:57

## **F. YOUTH ENRICHMENT**

**KZY Afternoon Show**---Air Date 7/13/21 at 4:20pm

**Topic:** Bemidji High School Choir & Showchoir Director Chris Fettig discussed the upcoming Bemidji Showchoir Camp, a one week day camp that introduces kids from 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Showchoir. Kids will put together a show featuring singing and dancing and will experience vocal and choreography coaching. It's designed to give kids a taste of showchoir if they are interested, or to give kids that are involved in sports during the school year the chance to try out a fine arts program. It's a great opportunity for a new generation to experience the fun of fine arts participation

**Program Length:** 6:55

**"Community Spotlight Program"**---Air Date 8/8/21 at 8:33am

**Topic:** Beltrami County 4-H Educator Hannah Siberg discusses the many options available for kids in the 4-H program. 4-H provides education and activities in diverse programs including livestock, dog training, photography, robotics and shooting sports.

**Program Length:** 17:35

**"Community Spotlight Program"**---Air Date 8/22/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** Ben Kinne of Sanford Power Academy discusses the innovative program for youth and high school hockey players. The Power Academy, housed at Bemidji Community Arena, allows for year round training, skating and expanded skills training. It gives youth more opportunities to exercise and be active.

**Program Length:** 9:45

**KZY Morning Show**---Air Date 9/13/21 at 8:10am

**Topic:** Brad Olson of the Boys Scouts District Office discusses the new year for Scouting. There are a number of open houses scheduled for kids and parents to find out about scouting opportunities and how kids can get involved. He also discussed the affordability for families.

**Program Length:** 11:34

## **G. ENVIRONMENT**

**"Community Spotlight Program"**---Air Date 7/4/21 at 8:32am

**Topic:** Ecologist George Ann Maxim and Environmentalist Jamie Thibodeaux told listeners about the Nielson Spearhead Center, an environmental area owned by the area Audobon Society. It features a lake and no motorized vehicles. It's designed to be an education center and an area that is just nature. The environment and outdoors are vital to the area's economy and quality of life and the Nielson Spearhead Center provides a unique experience for residents and visitors.

**Program Length:** 17:23

**"Community Spotlight Program"**---Air Date 7/11/21 at 8:32am

**Topic:** Beltrami County Solid Waste Administrator Brian Olson and Dan Kern of the Beltrami County Transfer Station discussed garbage disposal and protocols. With the volume of trash, paint, fluorescent bulbs, etc. it is vital that area residents understand the rules of disposal. The Transfer Station has spots throughout the facility for proper disposal of all of those items, as well as recycling, motor oil, and electronics. It will be devastating to the environment people choose not to take the steps necessary for safe disposal.

**Program Length:** 11:24



**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 9/5/21 at 8:15am

**Topic:** DNR Conservation Officer Brice Volbrecht gave an overview of rules and regulations for the upcoming hunting and trapping seasons. There are many different hunting seasons and different rules and Brice pointed out some of the key ones, along with general safety instructions when hunting in the woods where others with guns are also participating.

**Program Length:** 8:35