

Issues Programs List

Station(s): KIKN-FM, KKLS-FM, KKRC-FM, KSOO AM/FM, KXRB AM/FM, KYBB-FM

January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024

Section I. Issues

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

- A. Childcare:** Securing reliable Childcare Services is quickly becoming a challenge for many people throughout the Sioux Falls area. We discussed that issue.
- B. Community/Activism Programs:** We addressed a few different ways Sioux Falls residents can get involved in activism programs to help others worldwide.
- C. Religious Programs:** There are several different religious programs offered throughout the Sioux Falls area, we delved into one offered at this time by the Catholic Diocese.
- D. Community/Homelessness:** Sioux Falls continues to support efforts to provide resources for homeless families. We discussed a few options on Sunday Focus.
- E. Health/Community:** We discussed the importance of remaining active to help prevent heart disease during Heart Month in February on Sunday Focus.
- F. Community Outreach:** The Sunday Focus addressed a few of the outreach programs happening in the community to help combat the homeless problem in the Sioux Falls area.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Sunday Focus is a 30-minute locally produced program that airs every Sunday throughout the quarter on all Sioux Falls stations as follows:

KKLS/KKRC/KYBB 6:00 AM

KIKN/KSOO-FM 6:30 AM

KSOO-AM 9:30 AM

KXRB AM/FM 7:00 AM

Date Aired	Duration (Minutes)	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
1.7.24	29 Minutes	Childcare: It's been a challenging time for parents and guardians around the Sioux Empire when it comes to childcare. Recently, the Apple Tree Children's Centers announced all locations were set to close. This shocking announcement just highlights the growing concern for childcare needs in the Sioux Empire and South Dakota. Two organizations that stepped up to help the Apple Tree Children's Centers were EmBe and the Boys & Girls Club of the Sioux Empire. Despite the difficult childcare needs in our area, there are great resources like Tea Trailblazers and Gimme-A-Break that are ready to help families and kids. Kerri Tietgen with EmBe, Stacy Jones with the Boys & Girls Club of the Sioux Empire, and Amanda McGregor from Gimme-A-Break all join Sunday Focus to discuss the South Dakota Childcare crisis and ways they are helping families navigate these challenges.
1.14.24	29 Minutes	Community/Activism Programs: We're always encouraged to make the world a better place and do good deeds for others. But sometimes we don't know where to start. One local man named Bruce Blumer decided to act in a big way. Bruce was in studio to discuss his part in 'Haiti Alive,' a local non-profit organization that helps the people of Haiti. Blumer joined Sunday

		Focus host Christine Manika who learns not only is Bruce an activist for 'Haiti Alive,' but he is also an author of a book called It's Not My Problem...Or Is It? From Nudge to Nonprofit.
1.21.24	27 Minutes	Religious Programs: Sometimes life is full of wonderful surprises and unexpected challenges. We're used to a certain routine, and then it changes. Some Catholics in the Sioux Empire are currently experiencing these different patterns through the Set Ablaze initiative. Even if you're not Catholic, you've probably heard about the Set Ablaze initiative and are curious what this all means. Fr. Andrew Dickinson discusses the Set Ablaze Initiative with host Christine Manika of Sunday Focus, and what it means for the community and other changes around the diocese.
1.28.24	29 Minutes	Community/Homeless: The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House is known to serve as a day and overnight shelter for those in need. Their mission is to serve others and help them get back on their feet. They are at capacity every single night. That's why they are embarking on a new journey and opening a new facility for families at 409 N. Western Avenue in Sioux Falls. Their goal is to have the new family location open by January or February of 2024. Madeline Shields of BDHH joins Sunday Focus to tell us about the project and how to donate.
2.4.24	29 Minutes	Health/Community: Health is essential in our everyday lives. We're always told to get off the couch, get moving, eat healthier, and more importantly be your own advocate when it comes to your body. But during February, healthy takes on a whole new meaning for the American Heart Association. It's Heart Month! A time to emphasize the importance of heart health and how you can stay on top of it. Joining us this episode to tell us more about our heart health, Heart Month, and the Go Red for Women event is Chrissy Meyer with the American Heart Association.
2.11.24	28 Minutes	Childcare: There are great organizations that focus on childcare and the well-being of kids across the Sioux Empire. Stacy Jones from the Boys & Girls Club was back in as a guest on Sunday Focus to talk about their mission is to nurture, educate, and enrich children and youth for lifelong success. For nearly 70 years, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire have positively impacted kids and families throughout the Sioux Falls area. Stacy detailed how the organization continues to impact the community.
2.18.24	29 Minutes	Community Outreach: The City of Sioux Falls is growing by the day and there are people in our community experiencing homelessness. One organization helping others start a new chapter in life is the Union Gospel Mission of Sioux Falls. People who come to the Union Gospel Mission get food, shelter, clothing, and a new beginning. The CEO of the Union Gospel Mission of Sioux Falls Eric Weber joins Sunday Focus to talk about the organization, how the Union Gospel Mission is responding to the city's growth, and how the community can get involved.
2.25.24	29 Minutes	Arts, Entertainment: Music can be someone's escape from the world. It inspires us to feel emotions at any moment like happiness, anger, and sadness. The South Dakota Symphony Orchestra welcomes everyone to engage and enjoy nights of wonderful music every year. They're excited about the new season and can't wait to share the programs with you. Music Director and Conductor Delta David Gier outlines the season with Sunday Focus host Christine Manika and shares the 2024-2025 season at the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra.
3.3.24	29 Minutes	Community/Activism Programs: Bruce Blumer was a guest once again on Sunday Focus to discuss the "Haiti Alive" project. A non-profit project designed to encourage Sioux Falls residents to volunteer time and donate resources to help out the people of Haiti.

3.10.24	29 Minutes	Outdoor Entertainment: The Sioux Empire weather has been unusual. One minute it's sunny and 75 degrees; the next it's snowing, and the wind is blowing. So, when the Sioux Empire Sportsmen's Show rolls into town, it gets people excited about warmer weather, outdoor activities, vacations, boating, and more. This year's Sioux Empire Sportsmen's Show will help people get ready to possibly go outside early. This year's show takes place Thursday, March 14th until Sunday, March 17th.
3.17.24	29 Minutes	Theater, Entertainment: In Sioux Falls, we're lucky to have amazing performance venues to watch shows, like the Orpheum Theater. But the best shows in town are the ones produced by local talent. The Premiere Playhouse highlights Sioux Empire stars and puts their own twists on iconic shows. Their season is underway, and they have lots of exciting shows in store for you. Oliver Mayes talks with host Christine Manika on Sunday Focus. There's even a chance to volunteer with the company and Oliver Mayes joins the program to tell us more.
3.24.24	29 Minutes	Religious Programs: Fr. Andrew Dickinson from the Sioux Falls Catholic Diocese was back in studio on Sunday Focus to discuss the church's "Set Ablaze Initiative." He detailed the many ways Catholics and non-Catholics can get involved in a project that benefits many residents throughout the greater Sioux Falls area.
3.31.24	29 Minutes	Childcare: The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire is to nurture, educate, and enrich children and youth for lifelong success. Every child is important in the eyes of the Sioux Empire Boys & Girls Clubs. Teen & Outreach Director Bradyn Medrano, and Teen Club Member Kellyawna joined Sunday Focus host Christine Manika to share how this organization continues to impact the children of the Sioux Falls community.