

**KBUN-FM  
BLACKDUCK, MN 56630  
QUARTERLY "ISSUES PROGRAMMING" LISTING  
OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2023**

Operations Manager Kevin Jackson compiled the list for the fourth quarter of 2023

**Issues Programs List**

**Quarterly Issues Programs List for KBUN-FM  
October 1-December 31, 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. 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, programs and events designed to enhance the lives, education and health of youth in our area.

**G. Environment:** Programs, organizations and agencies dedicated to maintaining and improving the area's environment and natural resources

**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**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/1/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Amy Martin discussed Sanford Health’s Walk To Remember, a walk to remember children and infants who have died in the past year. Amy also discussed the many support groups and other resources Sanford has to help parents deal with the loss of a child.

**Program Length:** 9:53

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/1/23 at 7:10am

**Topic:** Donelle Anderson discussed the First Annual Autumn Hoopla For The United Way. It is a craft and artisan sale at the Bemidji Eagles Club to help raised funds for the United Way’s Fall Campaign. The event also gives area artisans a venue to sell their products and make the community aware of their services.

**Program Length:** 7:16

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/8/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Denae Alamano of the United Way of Bemidji Area was in to preview United Way Restaurant Week. It’s a week where many area restaurants, bars and cafes donate a portion of their sales to the United Way as part of their fall campaign. It also helps increase traffic in area eateries as well.

**Program Length:** 14:35

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/22/23 at 7:18am

**Topic:** Michelle Nelson of Northwoods Caregivers discussed Senior Cleanup Day, a day in which community volunteers take care of fall lawn and garent chores for area seniors. She also talked about the need for volunteers and how to get involved.

**Program Length:** 9:08

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/29/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Jamie Anderson and Marcia Larson of Bemidji Parks & Rec updated the many events coming up throughout the fall and into winter. It includes enrichment classes and projects for kids, races and fun runs and they also previewed planned park improvements and their five year plan..

**Program Length:** 17:38

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 11/19/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Josh Peterson, Director of the First City Of Lights Foundation, previewed the upcoming “Night We Light” celebration, which kicks off the Holiday season on Black Friday. He discusses how central the event has become to the area’s holiday season, the many new lights and displays and of course the parade.

**Program Length:** 11:49

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 12/10/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Ruth Sherman, Executive Director of Community Resource Connections, discussed how CRC helps people in need connect with the many services and organizations available to help them receive needed assistance to help them with basic needs and services to help them economically. They also assist in health and hunger needs.

**Program Length:** 16:59

## **B. ECONOMY**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/1/23 at 7:17am

**Topic:** Brandon Mustfal of the Northwoods Chapter of Habitat For Humanity was in to update the important work of Habitat. He discussed the huge economic benefits to families who have their own home and the benefit to neighborhoods when new homes are added and empty lots or dilapidated buildings are eliminated. He also talked about volunteering with the organization.

**Program Length:** 14:46

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/29/23 at 7:18am

**Topic:** Brandon Granmo of Marketplace Foods and Bemidji Community Food Shelf Executive Director Mike Olson discussed the Stuff A Truck drive in which Bemidji area schools and community members donate food and money to the Food Shelf to prepare for a very busy time. They discuss the importance of good nutrition but also how important food security is for a household’s economic situation. Especially with food costs way up, families in need are having a hard time keeping up, thus the need for a strong Food Shelf.

**Program Length:** 9:17

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 11/5/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Bemidji Fire Department Captain Chris Loeb discussed employment opportunities with the department. They have several paid on call staff positions available. These are positions that enhance people’s economic picture by providing another stream of income. Plus there is a retirement benefit as well and it’s important and valuable work.

**Program Length:** 12:49

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 11/19/23 at 7:32am

**Topic:** Erin Echternach discussed Sanford Health’s plans for an on campus child care facility for Sanford employees. She talked about the severe shortage of qualified child care and how it negatively affects family economics and employment challenges in the community.

**Program Length:** 10:50

## **C. EDUCATION**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/8/23 at 7:33am

**Topic:** Bemidji Schools Superintendent Jeremy Olson discussed the start of a new school year and how things are going a month or so into the year. He also discussed the five year plan and goals, and the challenges to the district for the upcoming years.

**Program Length:** 23:03

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 11/12/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Bemidji Schools Superintendent Jeremy Olson checked back in to discuss the latest in School District 31. He updated the contract negotiations with teachers and other bargaining units, the School Board’s goal of transparency in all issues, the continuing quest to balance the budget.

**Program Length:** 21:45

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 11/26/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Lee Furuseth, Executive Director of the Headwaters Science Center, previewed new exhibits and new projects coming to the science center. He also discussed family memberships and the many great educational opportunities available to youth interested in STEAM.

**Program Length:** 19:46

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 12/31/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Another visit with Headwaters Science Center Executive Director Lee Furuseth. He discussed the progress on new projects at the science center, how the center works with schools to enhance STEAM education, and previewed HSC’s major fundraiser coming up in February, e-Cubed, “The Elevated Epicurean Experience” and this year’s theme, “The Science of Love”.

**Program Length:** 12:58

## **D. HEALTH**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/22/23 at 7:27am

**Topic:** Sanford Pharmacist Sam Dwyer discussed the importance of getting fall vaccinations for the latest flu and Covid variants. He also talked about the importance of older and people with health challenges to get the vaccines and where to get them.

**Program Length:** 10:28

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 11/5/23 at 7:31am

**Topic:** Dr. Peter Fliss of Sanford Health discussed pain management. He talked about the steps to take to determine a course of action, the importance of pain management and how it affects life and activity. He also discussed the importance of meeting with health professionals to make sure whatever steps are taken are safe and will actually address the underlying issues.

**Program Length:** 10:56

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 12/17/23 at 7:19am

**Topic:** Kayla Winkler of Sanford Health discussed their Community Health Assessment. They do it every three years and use it as a tool to plan out how to address the health care needs of the community for the next three years. She urged people to take assessment and how to do it.

**Program Length:** 12:30

## **E. SAFETY**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/8/23 at 7:15am

**Topic:** Bemidji Firefighter Alexis Joyce previewed the upcoming Grand Opening of a new fire station north of Bemidji. She talked about the importance of the new station, the daily duties of a fire fighter and the number of fires and life saving missions they go on every year.

**Program Length:** 17:35

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/29/23 at 7:27am

**Topic:** Evergreen Youth & Family Services Executive Director Ebony Warren and Caitlin Orgon discuss the tragedy of human trafficking. They discuss the devastating effects on those trafficked, the different types of trafficking, what to look for and the work being done to turn the tide.

**Program Length:** 20:11

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 11/12/23 at 7:22am

**Topic:** Beltrami County Sheriffs Investigator Bill Thompson and Crime Tech Heather Ebbighausen talked about the process of investigating and solving crimes. They corrected assumptions based on watching cop shows on TV and why the job is so rewarding.

**Program Length:** 31:10

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 11/26/23 at 7:20am

**Topic:** Bemidji Fire Department Chief Justin Sherwood joined the show to talk about what’s happening at the Fire Department. He discussed the goal of hiring two more full time fire fighters, the many public safety crises the BFD is involved in (far more than just fires) and what you can do to be more fire safe.

**Program Length:** 19:52

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 12/24/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Beltrami County Sheriff Jason Riggs discussed winter safety. In particular, with a very mild winter, there have been a number of incidents on area lakes, particularly Red Lake, that have required rescue personnel to get anglers to safety. He discussed the importance of being patient during ice fishing season, the need for thicker ice and the fact that ice is never 100% safe, In addition, he talked about driving safety as roads get icy.

**Program Length:** 20:15

## **F. YOUTH ENRICHMENT**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/15/23 at 7:24am

**Topic:** Executive Director Ebony Warren and New Shelter Director Jennifer Aakre of Evergreen Youth And Family Services discussed the organization’s many programs to help and protect youth and families. They talked about the reason kids need the shelter and their many programs to help reunite families.

**Program Length:** 11:51

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/22/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Hannah Chandler of Sanford Health informed area students about Sanford Health classes for high school students designed to make kids aware of the many

career opportunities in health care. She discussed how to get involved and what students will learn.

**Program Length:** 17:38

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 11/19/23 at 7:12am

**Topic:** Beltrami County Social Worker Amber Fuller and North Homes Children & Family Services Social Worker Megan Lokken discuss the importance of foster care. It's needed to get children out of dangerous home situations. They discussed the need for long term foster parents, emergency foster parents and even those who can give respite for long term foster parents. They also discussed the many services available to help foster parents.

**Program Length:** 20:18

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 12/17/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Boys & Girls Club of Bemidji Area Executive Director Andrea Kent discussed the end of year campaign. She noted that due to a number of generous donors, all donations would be doubled through December 31. She also updated the programs going on at the club, the number of kids served and the goals each year.

**Program Length:** 18:58

## **G. ENVIRONMENT**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 10/15/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Beltrami County Solid Waste Director Brian Olson was in to discuss ways to help keep the area cleaner and healthier. He discussed the importance of proper disposal of light bulbs, batteries and electronics, as well as the proper steps for recycling and the many benefits of composting.

**Program Length:** 23:50

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 12/3/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Beltrami Solid Waste Director Brian Olson and Coordinator Jerid Davidson were in to discuss upcoming projects and additions to waste management in the county. They discussed additional facilities coming in 2024 and a new state law that will require a new landfill.

**Program Length:** 16:31

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 12/24/23 at 7:20am

**Topic:** Beltrami County Solid Waste Director Brian Olson discussed the changes in hours for the various waste sites in the county due to Christmas and New Years holidays. In addition, he discussed the challenges of solid waste volume. In addition to the ton of paper and boxes, most of which can be recycled, there is a ton of food waste this time of year as well as batteries. He also discussed future plans for solid waste disposal in the county.

**Program Length:** 13:30