

**KBUN-FM  
BLACKDUCK, MN 56630  
QUARTERLY "ISSUES PROGRAMMING" LISTING  
APRIL-JUNE, 2023**

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

**Issues Programs List**

**Quarterly Issues Programs List for KBUN-FM**  
**April 1-June 30, 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:** 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.

**H. Arts & Culture:** Arts and culture offerings and educational opportunities for the community.

**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 4/9/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Bemidji Director of Parks and Rec Marsha Larson and Recreation Coordinator Jamie Anderson joined the show to talk about all things parks. Marsha discussed the Strategic plan that has been passed and the coming improvements to many of the area parks and how it will make the park experiences better for everyone. Plus, updates of the many day camps and kids activities for the summer.

**Program Length:** 15:45

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 4/23/23 at 7:16am

**Topic:** Brian Bissonette of the Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Committee was in to promote this year’s event. The Dragon Boat Races draw thousands of competitors and viewers to the Lake Bemidji Water Front and entire community. The event brings dollars into the community, raises funds for a number of non-profits and brings the community together for a fun, healthy event. He discussed how to get a team, deadlines for registration and other associated events.

**Program Length:** 10:48

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 4/30/23 at 7:08am

**Topic:** Ethan Larson and Ashley Stevens of the Bemidji Lions Club were in to promote the Lions upcoming Flapjack Breakfast, one of their two big fundraisers of the year. The Lions use the fundraisers to raise money for their children’s health initiatives which include vision and hearing. The Lions also take part in many other community activities and volunteer initiatives.

**Program Length:** 8:40

## **B. ECONOMY**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 4/2/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Geri Hickerson, Executive Director of Northwoods Habitat For Humanity, discussed getting families into their own homes. Their orientation classes are coming up, where families can find out about the program and if they qualify. Home ownership is a huge factor in family economic health. Habitat homes also benefit neighborhoods and other home values, by either renovating exiting homes or putting new construction in abandoned properties adding to the tax base.

**Program Length:** 11:47

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 4/9/23 at 7:16am

**Topic:** Edward Jones agent Ashley Stevens joined Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Abby Hoffman to discuss the benefits of being part of the Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce and the business climate of Bemidji. She also discussed the financial scene and getting ready for retirement.

**Program Length:** 14:17

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 6/25/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Mike McNeil of Lueken’s Village Foods and Denae Alamano of the United Way discussed Lueken’s partnership with the United Way to help alleviate hunger. One of the keys ways they do that is to provide food and space to the United Way to put together their Backpacks for the Backpack Buddies program that provides food for weekends when school is not in session to students of all ages. In additions, they provide food for the community Thanksgiving dinners delivered on Thanksgiving Day and are regular contributors to the Bemidji Community Food Shelf. This is a huge factor in the economy, because food insecurity is one of the driving forces of poverty.

**Program Length:** 16:26

## **C. EDUCATION**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 5/21/23 at 7:19am

**Topic:** Lee Furuseth, Executive Director of the Headwaters Science Center discusses the importance of the Center to science learning at schools throughout northern Minnesota. There are a ton of buses coming to the science center for field trips this time of year and he shares the presentations made to students. He also previewed some great summer events and activities for kids and families.

**Program Length:** 14:30

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 6/11/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Executive Director of the Deep Portage Learning Center, Lindsay Bjorklund, talked about the Outdoor School For All bill that has been introduced in the Minnesota State Legislature. Deep Portage has joined with other accredited outdoor schools to promote this bill that would guarantee all Minnesota students would have an outdoor learning opportunity between grades 5 and 8.

**Program Length:** 14:10

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 6/18/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Beltrami County Historical Society Executive Director Emily Thebes discusses the Society’s upcoming programs and events celebrating Beltrami County’s Bicentennial. There will be numerous events at the Center and Bemidji Library showcasing and teaching the community about Beltrami County’s history and development.

**Program Length:** 17:47

## **D. HEALTH**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 4/16/23 at 7:12am

**Topic:** Alice Thompson and Linsey McMurrin discussed the Ministry of Caring Caregivers Conference coming to Bemidji. It provides training and resources for professional caregivers as well as training in some of the key issues in the caregiver community. They provided details of the event, how to get registered and the importance of caregivers getting care, too.

**Program Length:** 9:52

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 4/30/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Amy Buckanaga and Beth Nielson of Sanford Health discussed stroke awareness. They talked about signs of a stroke, how to respond, stroke prevention and the area’s stroke support group for victims of stroke and their caregivers.

**Program Length:** 7:30

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 5/28/23 at 7:10am

**Topic:** Denae Alamano of the United Way and Kayla Winkler of Sanford Health discussed the Backpack Buddies program. The United Way program, fully sponsored by Sanford, provides food for the weekends and holidays for area students in need. This helps keep kids healthy and eliminates food insecurity which is a major issue in

education and mental well being. The program also has food pantries at Bemidji High School, Northwest Tech College and Bemidji State University.

**Program Length:** 10:16

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 6/18/23 at 7:22am

**Topic:** With Canadian wildfires causing air quality warnings in our area, Dr. Michael Sabatiom of Sanford Health discussed the need for being careful outdoors. He discussed what poor air quality can mean to your health and why you need to take all precautions to make sure you can.

**Program Length:** 5:37

## **E. SAFETY**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 4/2/23 at 7:12am

**Topic:** Margot Kelsey and KP Suldser of the Northern Minnesota Addiction Wellness Center discussed the dangerous new drugs finding its way into the Bemidji area. They discussed the dangers of the drugs and the deaths associated with them. They also discussed addiction in general and their role in helping people come to terms with their addictions and turning the corner.

**Program Length:** 24:20

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 4/23/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Bemidji Fire Chief Justin Sherwood was in to discuss all things fire. He talked about the importance of being careful and following all the rules with spring burning. Things are dry and the winds are up, so there’s always a danger of wildfires. He also talked about home safety, making sure you have enough detectors, fresh batteries and an escape plan.

**Program Length:** 16:18

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

**Topic:** Northwoods Battered Womens Shelter Executive Director Chris Latzke, Committee Member Kay Mack and United Way Executive Director Denae Alamano discussed the capital campaign for a new facility. They discussed the increased needs, the inadequacy of the current very old facility and the various ways people can contribute to the campaign. The Shelter is the first stop for many victims of domestic abuse and a safe place for them to be, along with advocates to help them through their cases.

**Program Length:** 22:29

## **F. YOUTH ENRICHMENT**

**“Paul Bunyan Country Outdoors Program”**---Air Date 5/25/23 at 4:00pm

**Topic:** Christina Regas of the Take A Kid Fishing Program promoted the upcoming event that gives area youth ages 11-15 in the Bemidji area the opportunity to go fishing with an experienced fishing guide. The program is free to all kids and gives them exposure to a healthy, outdoor activity.

**Program Length:** 6:32

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 5/28/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Tonya Onstad of PLAA was in to discuss their organization and its goal of providing all inclusive playgrounds in all Bemidji area schools. She talked about their fundraising events and grants, the reason and importance of their cause and how important it is for all students to be able to play,

**Program Length:** 10:16

**“Paul Bunyan Country Outdoors Program”**---Air Date 6/8/23 at 4:00pm

**Topic:** Aaron Schmitz of the United Way Fishing Tournament committee discussed the upcoming event. The tournament is geared towards being a family event, using a fishing app to allow people to fish where they want. The United Way encourages adults to fish with kids to give them a fun opportunity and the chance to win some prizes designed to help kids enjoy fishing for a lifetime, including lifetime fishing licenses. The event also raises money that will be used for United Way agencies, many of which are designed to help kids in need and crisis.

**Program Length:** 13:28

## **G. ENVIRONMENT**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 4/16/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Beltrami County Solid Waste Administrator Brian Olson joined the show to discuss all things solid waste. He covered the many options Beltrami Country residents have for recycling and composting as well as the importance of proper disposal of electronics and batteries. All of these things have positive effects on the environment and future generations.

**Program Length:** 11:45

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 5/7/23 at 7:22am

**Topic:** Annie Butler Ricks of Women United and Dr. Anna Carlson, Assistant Professor of Sustainability Studies, discussed the growth of women in science and Anna’s journey into the world of science. They also discussed Sustainability studies and the need for a neutral carbon footprint for environmental health.

**Program Length:** 23:01

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 5/14/23 at 7:16am

**Topic:** Ben Lang and Blair Olson of the Minnesota DNR discussed forests. In particular, they discussed fire safety in the dry spring time to prevent wildfires and the destruction of forests, homes and potentially lives. In addition, they discussed other key things, like ticks, trails, logging and the importance of forests.

**Program Length:** 13:07



## **H. ARTS & CULTURE**

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 5/14/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Kristine Cannon of Bemidji Community Theater and area playwright Barb Lundquist Schlichting discuss the BCT’s production of her play “Corresponding Lives”. They also discussed how Bemidji Community Theatre brings fine arts to the community and gives theatre buffs the opportunity to be part of live theatre productions.

**Program Length:** 15:36

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 5/21/23 at 7:00am

**Topic:** Cate Bellaveu and Shannon Westrum of the Bemidji Area Arts Council discussed the upcoming “Taste of the Arts” tour. Area art patrons will tour various artists workshops and look at their works, along with the art of food, as they share their favorite tasty treats as well. It will feature all aspects of the arts and taste buds.

**Program Length:** 18:41

**“Community Spotlight Program”**---Air Date 6/11/23 at 7:14am

**Topic:** A huge part of the Bemidji area culture is the lakes and “Loop The Lake” is an event that features that important part of the community as well as showcasing area musicians. Organizer Mur Gilman explained the event is a ride around Lake Bemidji that allows residents to experience the entirety of what the lake has to offer. It also features several rest stops that feature area musicians and musical groups performing.

**Program Length:** 14:21