

**KVBR-AM
Brainerd MN
Quarterly “Issues- Programming” Listing
January 1- March 31, 2024**

This list for the first quarter of 2024 was compiled by
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KVBR-AM Issue-Responsive Programming

Issues Programs List

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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:** Health issues and initiatives, in our area.
- B. Wellbeing:** Efforts by local agencies and individuals to enhance the wellbeing of our community including housing and hunger.
- C. Education.** The efforts of the community to educate.
- D. Enrichment.** The efforts of the community to enrich lives through education, events and participation.
- E. Community Events.** Community and non-profit fundraising events in the area.
- F: Government/Safety.** Area government and its effects on our citizens.

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:

“In Touch Program”- Air 2/4/24 5:20 AM. Program Duration 10:44.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From Brainerd Blast – Nick Miller and Shawnda and DeVilliares. The topic was Soccer and the programs that are available for kids year-round. Some of the programs included foots all, youth soccer, summer teams, travel aspects of the program, age range of participation, how to incorporate the family in these programs and the league play throughout the year.

“In Touch Program”- Air 3/10/24 5:20 AM. Program Duration 13:34.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From the Lakes Area Food Shelf – Abby Holshier and Jean Craft. The topic was Food Share Month including an overview of food shelves and how the public can be involved in the various ways of giving to the food shelf in their neighborhood. The discussion included what upgrades were made in a recent food shelf remodel. Listeners were encouraged to drop off nonperishable food items or make monetary donations.

“In Touch Program”- Air 3/24/24 5:35 AM. Program Duration 14:11.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From Crow Wing Energized – Kelly Johnson and Lowell Johnson. The topic was the recent re-think your drink team competition, 3 events approaching including end of life planning, Hope on Purpose, Hope Hard, and 5 K for mental health awareness. Other items included discussion about a recent interview process that yielded stories of people from Crow Wing County that have had endured and overcome. The book is called Bold Yet Seldom Told Crow Wing Community Stories. The book launch is April 14th.

B. Wellbeing:

“In Touch Program”- Air 1/28/24 5:20 AM. Program Duration 13:06.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From the Relationship Safety Alliance – Jill Mackenzie and Alex Dominguez. The topics included the stats from 2023, including the loss of life in the violent crime within families and who were impacted the lakes. The discussion also included the season of giving that supported the Alliance, a diaper drive, fund raising at Taco Johns, programs that are in play at the Relationship Safety Alliance, and education for students and families.

“In Touch Program”- Air 1/28/24 5:35 AM. Program Duration 13:23.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From East Central Safe Harbour – Kate LaPage. The topics included a look at human trafficking and what it looks like in our communities. The discussion also centered on the outreach of the various programs that are impacting teens and young adults before the trafficking can start. The Sex trafficking team was talked about and an overview of how the team interacts and is working to stem the tide.

“In Touch Program”- Air 2/11/24 5:35 AM. Program Duration 12:01.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From the Lakes Area United Way – John Auga. The topics included funding the programs supported by the United Way and the process of being selected as a partner program, the vision council and

how the selection process works, fundraising events, the United Way in the community of Aitkin, and the Dueling Pianos fundraising event.

“In Touch Program”- Air 3/10/24 5:35 AM. Program Duration 14:20.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From Lakes Area United Way – John Auga and Tammy Larson. The topics included the lakes area food shelf and the support of the United Way in the recent remodel and sustainable funding, and local farmers that are growing especially for the food shelf. Various education efforts about food and the process was discussed and the higher numbers of people that have be frequenting the food shelf.

C. Education:

“In Touch Program”- Air 2/4/24 5:35 AM. Program Duration 13:39.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From Central Lakes College – Ken Doles and Mark Barnabee. The topic was the Northstar Promise Scholarship, the criteria, the tuition and reduced cost, the income range, and the various schools that are being impacted with the financial aid. They also talked about other programs that may assist with going to college or returning to college.

“In Touch Program”- Air 3/17/24 5:20 AM. Program Duration 14:40.

Local public affairs program. Interview. Education – Lindsey Riffle, Cassidy Rice, and Allison Larson in various roles of education. The topics included the Innovative Schools Project, Teacher of the Year program and the winners including John Koenig of Royalton, and Lake Matthison also of Royalton. The Sourcewell funded celebration of the program was also talked about.

“In Touch Program”- Air 3/24/24 5:20 AM. Program Duration 14:00.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From the Brainerd Public School’s Distinguished Hall of Fame – Kathy Hegstrom and Shelly Delahunt. The topic included the winning of the award plus winning the Brainerd Citizen of the Year in the same year. Joey Halvorson was awarded both honors without the other organization knowing. Following the announcements the groups came together to create a joint celebration. The overview of each prize was discussed and how the award celebration will proceed.

D. Enrichment:

“In Touch Program”- Air 1/21/24 5:20 AM. Program Duration 14:31.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From Kinship Partners – Tiffany Stengline and Heather Cortariu. The topics included mentoring in general during this

national mentoring month, the program of Kinship Partners and how they are impacting the lives of those being mentored. The discussion also covered the need for mentors in the program and how simple the process can be in how the mentor and mentee can come together. Also programs including lunch buddies was covered.

“In Touch Program”- Air 1/21/24 5:35 AM. Program Duration 12:52.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From Brainerd Family YMCA – Shane Riffle. The topics included the renovation of the new childcare facility, the relationship with 1st Lutheran Church, the various partners in the expansion process for child care facilities in the area, and the need for financial assistance for daycare. The look ahead to the camping season included info on training for leaders and when and where the camps will be running this summer.

“In Touch Program”- Air 3/31/24 5:35 AM. Program Duration 13:19.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From Stage North Theater – Gary Hirsch and Kennedy Niska. The topic was the upcoming presentation of the play “Oliver”. The overview of the plotline was included and a description of the characters and the various actors that will be part of this presentation. The public was encouraged to attend.

E. Community Events:

“In Touch Program”- Air 2/11/24 5:20 AM. Program Duration 11:22.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From Happy Dancing Turtle – Michelle Hoefs and Nora Woodworth. The topic was the 18th annual back to basics sustainable living event. The discussion included an overview of the event and the basic categories of energy to food sources, the last minute chance to register, the parts of the weekend that are free, the vendor fair and the keynote speaker. The public was invited and the costs for attending.

“In Touch Program”- Air 3/17/24 5:35 AM. Program Duration 11:00.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From the Breezy Point Figure Skating Club – Mariah Hines and Anna Gilson. The topics included the upcoming show called Mystical Wonderland. An overview of the event and the preparation for the skaters that will perform was talked about along with the ancillary events that are fundraiser that support the program.

“In Touch Program”- Air 3/31/24 5:20 AM. Program Duration 11:00.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From the Brainerd Sports Boosters – Nate Olson and Joel Clow. The topic was the upcoming Tapped and Corked event that is a fundraiser for the Brainerd Sports Boosters and their efforts in

helping kids in the community. The overview included the logistics of the event itself and who might be there to serve and how the public can attend and have fun with their friends at this community social.

F. Government/Safety:

“In Touch Program”- Air 1/14/24 5:20 AM. Program Duration 12:58.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From Crow Wing County – Tim Houle and Krista Jones. The topics included an overview of Krista’s job as Crow Wing County Community Corrections Manager, and how things have changed over the years. There was also discussion regarding those that are working through addiction recovery and how the county agents engage clients and how they are working through their various issues.

“In Touch Program”- Air 1/14/24 5:35 AM. Program Duration 13:26.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From the City of Brainerd Patrick Wussow and Fire Chief Tim Holmes. The subjects included the move of the City Council meeting and the pursuit of the new City Administrator, the process of interviewing and the meet the candidate steps look. The topics also included the overview of the fire department and how the number of calls has gone up. The coverage of the department and the community service that takes place from day to day was also discussed.

“In Touch Program”- Air 2/18/24 5:20 AM. Program Duration 13:48.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From City of Baxter – Community Development Director Josh Doty. The topics included the parks of the city and the possible parks. Oscar Christopherson Park and a possible redesign and a possible dog park were talked about and the opportunity for feedback from the community.

“In Touch Program”- Air 2/18/24 5:35 AM. Program Duration 10:19.

Local public affairs program. Interview. From Camp Ripley – Tony Housey and Sgt Jordan Nubanks. The topics included the Norwegian exchange program called Norex, the vehicles and the upgrades and retirement of the Humvee, winter underwater diving and cold weather survival training.