

# 1ST QUARTER 2021/ FCC ISSUES REPORT

KTIC AM/FM West Point, Nebraska  
FCC 1st Quarter Issues  
January/February/March 2021

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West Point, Nebraskas' KTIC AM 840 and 107.9 FM were very focused on two, large community and area concerns during the first quarter of 2021:

1. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the early stages of vaccinations which started in March.

Both stations carried daily information provided by Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department in newscasts, PSA's and interviews. This was supplemented by national information from the CDC and area hospitals, including West Point.

Area health care professionals and some teachers were inoculated earlier than that. Then, middle aged and elderly citizens were getting shots.

The coronavirus cases began to level off in February , only to begin increasing again in late March.

Vaccinations had opened up for area residents age 18 and older in West Point and neighboring towns as of March 26th.

KTIC AM/FM broadcast this and other daily information regarding the pandemic and the vaccines during the 1st quarter, as well as on social media and our website.

2. A series of record-setting winter storms which threatened the well-being of local and area residents. This included a mid-February blast of

Arctic air which plunged temperatures to 30 below zero and caused rolling power outages in our communities. Wind-chills were at -55 at times.

In addition to the above two issues, KTIC and The Bull addressed other West Point issues including:

- The ongoing progress of water quality in the community.
- Business
- Education
- Agriculture
- Health
- Local Government

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KTIC-AM addresses the economic impact of Agriculture daily, as this is the primary industry. We have daily reports at 10-minutes past each hour and additional updates at 4-past, along with numerous features every hour.

KTIC provides two local news updates hourly, along with CBS Radio world news, which became even more vital during the pandemic.

FM 107.9 KTIC provides similar Agriculture and local news reports hourly.

### Community Involvement

KTIC General Manager Dwight Lane continues to serve on the Board of Directors for the West Point Chamber of Commerce.

This gives the radio stations perspective in being able to better understand and react to the needs of local businesses, especially during the pandemic.

Many KTIC staff are involved in various community organizations.

Tammie Harrington is a volunteer with the Cuming County Area Relay for Life, which benefits the American Cancer Society.

We currently have two volunteers who are youth mentors in the TeamMates Program, established by former Nebraska football coach , Dr. Tom Osborne.

Along with issues KTIC AM/FM addressed, they were also covered on our KTIC Translators, FM 98.3 in West Point and 98.7FM in Norfolk.

We also addressed winter weather challenges in the Norfolk area via KTIC AM Translator FM 98.7.

All of our guests and interviews were posted as podcasts on our website, KTIC [radio.com](http://radio.com). Our social media was also included in daily updates on the pressing challenges of COVID-19 and winter storms.

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Here are guest-interviews with guests in the first quarter. Many of these were via phone, as our offices have remained closed due to the pandemic, with few exceptions.

Many were done on-site, including West Point school board and City Council meetings, which our news reporters regularly attend.

These air on both KTIC-AM and FM as five-minute features in each hour, generally between 6AM and 5pm weekdays and are repeated on-air when possible, including weekends.

## JANUARY

- 6th. West Point City Council meeting interview  
City Administrator Tom Goulette on the water treatment plant progress.  
The city has had a water quality problem for the past couple of years.

6. Nellie Urban of Farm Credit Services regarding upcoming crop insurance deadlines
8. Greg Wagner, Nebraska Game and Parks Winter fishing and area parks.
16. KTIC donated money to the West Point Fire Department through Community Serve for children's education material on fires.
19. Kate Hagemann from Guardian Angels Central Catholic School, West Point. Pandemic measures and upcoming events.
19. Brendan Callahan of West Point-Beemer Schools, events and pandemic measures.
21. Tom Goulette, West Point city administrator on water quality.
22. Greg Wagner, Nebraska Game and Parks.
23. David Widmar, Ag Economic Insights on business outlooks in farming.
25. High school coach Ray Berg on former West Point-Beemer athlete Joe Burke, competing recently in Olympic tryouts.
25. Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts was on KTIC-AM from 2pm to 3 , addressing many topics in cooperation with Nebraska Broadcasters Association.
- 25; A major winter storm impacted eastern Nebraska with heavy snow and blizzard conditions. This was covered with special updates on road conditions, school closings and forecast information for three days.
26. Carly Salak, volunteer with West Point Blooms of Hope, a Cancer Society fundraising effort.

26. Paula Peatrowsky of GACC,  
West Point and West Point-Beemer  
Athletic Director Andy Lewis in an  
education update on schools.
29. Ag Economics Insights co-owner  
David Widmar on impacts  
to agriculture in the new year.

## FEBRUARY

- 3rd: West Point City council meeting  
interview with Mayor Bruce Schlecht  
done by KTIC's Jeff Axtell.
4. Greg Wagner, Nebraska Game and Parks.
5. Kris Bousket of Nebraska State Dairy Association  
talked with KTIC Farm Director Chad Moyer.
8. Another monthly installment of Nebraska  
Governor Pete Ricketts Call-In Show  
aired on KTIC-AM. Among the topics  
were the latest COVID-19 vaccination  
plans, and the states' economy.  
The program aired "live" on KTIC-AM  
from 2pm to 3, in cooperation with the  
Nebraska Broadcasters Association.
9. Julie Dorsey of H &R Block in  
West Point on tax preparation season.
10. Bill McCallister, West Point-Beemer  
Schools Superintendent on pandemic  
impact: budgets and many school events.
10. Chris Peatrowsky of West Point,  
Schmitts Clothing on downtown business.
11. Marilyn Parr of Flower and Gift  
Gallery regarding business in  
downtown West Point.
11. Greg Wagner, Nebraska Game and  
Parks: Bird migration starting in our  
area and across Nebraska.

12. Lana Minton of Lana A Boutique  
on downtown business in West Point
13. David Widmar, Ag Economic Insights  
with market prices and forecasts.
14. Mike Bohem of the Institute of  
Agriculture and Natural Resources  
at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
on the impact of Extension programs in our area.
15. Sherri Johnson of Wisner, Nebraska  
"Just Be Therapeutic Massage."  
Health Benefits of massage  
especially in these high-stress times.
15. Oakland-Craig Schools senior  
student-athlete Josie Richards on  
attending and playing volleyball  
later this year at Midland University in  
Fremont, 30 miles away.
16. Jenna Bartja of Nebraska Tourism  
on one of the worlds' larger bird  
migrations going on now in central  
and eastern Nebraska, bringing  
tourists and revenue.
- 17: A series of scheduled,  
major rolling power outages hit  
West Point and other area  
communities, due to a polar air mass.  
his was a dangerous situation with  
air temps of 30-below zero in our area  
and wind-chills of -55. safety information  
was broadcast about frostbite, travel,  
and safety at home and work.  
  
KTIC News interviewed Chet McWhorter  
of Cuming County Public Power  
District in West Point.
18. Greg Wagner of Nebraska Games  
and Parks. Arctic air danger  
to humans and animals.
20. Mike Bohem if IANR at UNL on  
power outages and effects on rural areas.

25. Greg Wagner of Nebraska Game and Parks on flood dangers in parks and on rivers due to a sudden warm-up melting a lot of snow in this area.
- 26: A series of Flood Warnings were issued for the West Point area and the nearby Elk Horn River as warmer temps continued. KTIC AM/FM covered this event.
27. Mike Bohem of IANR at UNL on Extension programs slated for March.

### MARCH

- 1st: Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts Monthly Call-In Show aired "live" on KTIC-AM from 2pm to 3 in cooperation with the Nebraska Broadcasters Association. Much of the show and calls dealt with increased COVID-19 vaccination plans.
3. 107.9 FM KTIC began carrying games from the Nebraska Girl's' State Basketball Tournament. West Point GACC and several other local schools were represented.
3. Tom Goulette West Point City Administrator on water quality issues and progress.
4. Elizabeth Valla of Scribner, Nebraska's' Economic Development Department.
5. Greg Wagner, Nebraska Game and Parks. Ice fishing danger due to thin ice, with KTIC's JD Gibbs.
6. Karen Palmer, business owner on downtown West Points' Creative X-Pressions store and COVID-19's impact.

9. Bill McAllister, WPB Superintendent on budgets and COVID vaccinations
10. 107.9 FM KTIC began airing games from the Nebraska Boys' State Basketball Tournament, as several local schools were represented.
11. ELVPHD Health officials updated KTIC News on COVID-19 vaccination clinics including here in West Point starting on the 12th.
14. Major wind-storm caused area power outages. Downed power line dangers with NPPD's Grant Otten
16. School update from GACC's Kate Hageman with KTIC-FM's Doug Anderson. This focused on COVID-19 information and school events.
17. Greg Wagner. Bird Migration ending soon.
23. Erin Johnson of Bevrasha Game and Parks. Virtual meeting regarding the nearby Dead Timber State Park.
24. 11AM--- NWS STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILL AND TEST IN NEBRASKA AND IOWA. KTIC AM/FM had aired information for the previous two weeks on Spring and Summer severe weather safety.
25. Megan Weaver of Wakefield, Nebraska on rural housing funding project.
29. Wisner Nebraska City Auditorium hosting COVID-19 vaccinations. KTIC General Manager Dwight Lane was on-site for this vaccination event.
- 29: For the last three days of March, both stations carried information on the local and regional threat of wildfires, due to dryness and high winds up to 55 mph.

30: KTIC-FM's Doug Anderson talked with Paula Peatrowsky of West Points' Guardian Angels Central Catholic about pandemic safety and Holy Week activities at the school.

31st; KTIC Farm Director Chad Moyer interviewed area farmer Craig Franzen, who is with the Nebraska Soybean Association, about soybeans and bio-deisel and "going green."

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840 KTIC and 107.9 FM 'The Bull also airs daily ;30 free, public service announcements for non-profits and other organizations and efforts.

These include: Tobacco-Free Nebraska, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, "Do Right-Right Now"( about wearing masks due to COVID-19), the American Cancer Society, the West Point Community Foundation, Future Farmers of America, 4-H and the American Red Cross. Local blood drives are mentioned frequently Through each year on KTIC AM/FM.

Each hour, both stations air "live" announcements about community and local area events---including these from a sample page of our 'Daily Programming Prep Sheet,' which our on-air team uses every day of the year:

#### LOCAL EVENTS

West Point Knights of Columbus Drive Thru Fish Fry Friday, from 5pm to 8pm at the GACC Cafeteria. This is a drive thru only.

South Sioux City Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Drive Thru Friday, from 5pm to 7:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in South Sioux City.

Bancroft Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, at 1pm at the Bancroft Football Field in Bancroft. Rain date Saturday, April 10th. Adult egg hunt to follow.

St. Joseph's Hillside Villa Easter Egg Hunt Saturday,  
at 2pm at St. Joseph's Hillside Villa in West Point.  
For ages 8 years old and under. Sponsored by St. Joseph's Elder  
Services, Grace Lutheran Church, Trinity Church & Franciscan Healthcare.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, from  
12pm to 6pm at the Nielsen  
Community Center in West Point. Schedule an  
appointment with Nancy at 402-372-2180  
or go online to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Appointments only.

Wisner VFW #5767 Auxiliary Taco Night Monday,  
April 5th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the  
VFW Building in Wisner. Free will offering.  
Carry outs welcome!

Beemer American Legion & Auxiliary Meeting  
Wednesday, April 7th at 7:30pm  
at the Beemer American Legion Building in Beemer.

West Point Joint High School Musical "Beauty & the  
Beast" Friday, April 9th, Saturday, April  
10th at 7pm and Sunday, April 11th at 2pm at the  
West Point Community Theatre in West Point.  
9th Annual Rib Fest Saturday, April 10th with doors  
open at 4pm, Bar-B-Q served from 5:30pm  
to 7:30pm along with silent & live auctions and live  
music by Justin Kane from 9:30pm to 12:30pm  
at the Oakland Golf Club in Oakland. \$20 per person.  
Open to the public.

Wisner VFW #5767 Fish Fry Thursday, April 15th  
from 5:30 pm till 7:30pm at the VFW building  
in Wisner. Buffet Style is Open Now or Carry Outs.

TeamMates Mentoring Program One Hour Walk:  
Making a Difference in Youth Friday, April 16th from  
6pm to 7pm at the Wisner-Pilger Track in Wisner.  
Registration will begin at 5:30pm, with the Walk  
starting at 6pm. For additional information call  
Staci Jensen at 529-3338.

F&M Bank Free Community Shred Day Tuesday,  
April 20th from 4pm to 6pm at the Nielsen Community  
Center in West Point. Cooper Family Community  
Center Fish Fry Saturday, April 24th starting at 5pm  
at the Cooper Family Community Center in Pilger.  
Free will donation. Split the pot & cash bar.

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