

KNEB-AM - Scottsbluff, NE

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

July 1, 2023 – Sept. 30, 2023

Below is a list of some of the significant issues responded to, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period. This list is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Newscasts on KNEB-AM air Monday through Friday at the following times and durations: 5:00 in length at 6:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:35 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 12:35 p.m., and 4:00 p.m., plus a news brief 1:30 in length at 5:40 p.m.

Our extended news program, News Extra, airs Monday through Friday between 7:50 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., and covered a variety of topics: Monthly updates from Gering and Scottsbluff Public Schools Superintendents; Monthly updates from West Nebraska Arts Center; New WNCC President Greg Dart; Sen. Steve Erdman on the EPIC Option Tax; WNCC Construction Trades; Joslyn Parks Benefit; Opportunity Scholarship Act; NPNRD Water Expo; United Way Stuff the Bus and Duck Draw Fundraisers; SB Co. Fair Events; USA Cycling Gravel National Championships; Horizon Music Festival; PPHD Safety and Wellness Conference; Monument Marathon updates; YMCA Campaign Kickoff; Miss Nebraska Morgan Baird of Gering;

Issue	Program	Description of issues addressed/topics covered
Arts and Culture	Newscasts	RDC names new calf; Oregon Trail Days is another success with more than two days of events; Players warned to be responsible as lottery jackpots hit stratospheric heights; Two baby zebras delivered at RDC zoo; Old West Balloon Fest still a hit without national ballooning championship; Zoo loses two more animals, bringing in two hyenas; Gering welcomes the 'Rut Nuts' (Oregon-California Trails Association annual meeting); Scottsbluff native Randy Meisner of the Eagles passes; Annual Parks permit prices increasing; Bands on Broadway extended due to rainouts; Horizon Music Festival draws thousands to Five Rocks; WNAC welcomes 'Colorblind Experience'; Habitat for Humanity working on latest house; Legacy of the Plains Museum gets Capital Improvement grant from County; Gering hosts USA Cycling Gravel National Championships; Monument Marathon adds Corporate Challenge to half-marathon relay; Wildcat Hills Shooting Complex adds tomahawk throwing; Miss Nebraska Morgan Baird has busy first three months, pushes civic engagement among youth as she prepares for Miss America contest; Inaugural Harvest Hoe-Down being held in Mitchell;
Community	Newscasts	TCD celebrates opening of Northfield Haven for developmentally disabled adults; Rawnda Pierce retires from TCD; Quilts of Valor conferred on area veterans during several ceremonies; Former Terrytown Mayor among those taking recent Honor Flight to Washington D.C.; MonumentAUL project in Gering moves through planning process; County receives new DAV vehicle for veteran transport; Mitchell hires new city administrator new to city gov't; Scottsbluff to undertake roadway project for 20 th Street; Gering honors community greenhouse volunteers; Finance Director for Scottsbluff, Gering leaves; Gering opens new pickle ball courts; Gering woman who lost brother's ashes when van is stolen gets both back following KNEB story; New conditional use permit approved for proposed 'racino' in Gering;
Health	Newscasts	Abortions up in Nebraska in 2022; Cooler at Mitchell Care Center failing, places residents health at risk due to elevated temperatures; West Nile Virus makes appearance in Panhandle, leads to one related human death in region; Snake bite incident on local golf course prompts warnings from health officials; Regional West Health Services suffers multi-million dollar loss in 2022, bonds downgraded two steps, McNea conducting complete overhaul of culture, financial and administrative structure; RWHS closes immunization clinic; Regional West ALS to take over county ambulance services contract from Valley Ambulance; CAPWN starts telehealth services;

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Public Safety	Newscasts	Gering man arrested for 1978 murder in Germany; George Liakos takes plea deal in fraud case; Joyce Mick sentenced for theft from cemetery district; Gering Police K9 get protective vest; Gregory Moore gets 90 yrs. to life for 2 nd degree murder; Defendant in Sheridan Sale Barn Shooting acquitted; Fire damages UNL Panhandle Research Center auditorium; Alliance Police Chief Resigns; Morrill loses PD sergeant, residents say they want to keep local department; 911 outage hits area, part of statewide problem due to single vendor; Box Butte Co. Public Defender facing recall, possible sanctions submits resignation; Constitutional Carry law takes effect; Cheree Fisher retires from Morrill Co. Sheriff's Office; Another Supreme Court rejection of a Jeff Boppre appeal; NDOT seeking grant to study ways to reduce vehicle collisions with Bighorn sheep in Wildcat Hills; Bone found in river in 2021 determined to from man missing since 2016; 29-hour standoff with hostages in Gering draws local, state and FBI law enforcement response, ends with hostages ok and suspect arrested;
Politics	Newscasts	Sen. Brian Hardin comes out against referendum on Opportunity Scholarship Act; Dan Smith resigns from Gering Council, replaced by Rebecca Shields; Property owners upset with dramatic rise in property values, leads to 700+ valuation protests; Lawmakers discuss challenges presented by AI; Dawes Co. Commissioner survives recall attempt; Sen. Pete Ricketts using Nebraska methods on public benefit programs as templates for related bills on federal level; All local gov't subdivisions dealing with higher insurance costs in budgeting; Political subdivisions grapple with budgets and effort to reign in property tax asking; Pete Ricketts announces plan to run for Senate seat he was appointed to; Opportunity Scholarship Act opponents turn in signatures for referendum vote; Medical marijuana supporters taking third shot at petition drive;
Education	Newscasts	WNCC Board has to fill three vacancies; Goshen Co. School District moving to four-day school week this coming school year; Former Gering High Principal takes similar post with Minatare Public Schools; Gering High Greenhouse gets large donations; New UNL Chancellor visits Panhandle Research Center; Alliance student wins Mike Rowe scholarship; Civil award against Chadron State for alleged Title IX violation is reversed; Ted Carter leaving NU; Scottsbluff School Board lowers property tax asking due to increased state aid, while Gering Schools increases property tax asking for coming school year; CSC President Patterson conducting listening tour; Kiwanis donates supplies to SBPS; SHS construction trades students to work completing interiors of MonumentAUL container homes; Fall WNCC enrollment down slightly, but full-time count is up;
Business, Industry and the Economy	Newscasts	Economic indicators by Creighton University and UNL trend negative as quarter progresses, pointing to slowing economy; Glass companies swamped with hail storm replacements; Gas prices fall early in the quarter, start rising again in Sept.; Shari's Restaurant Closes; Area Lodging booked solid most of the summer; Kimball Co. Transit launches service between Kimball and Scottsbluff, Sidney; Local family starts hydroponic food production business; State Sales and Use Tax revenues start to consistently fall below projections; Scottsbluff dealership looks to consolidate locations; Karen Anderson retires from Chamber of Commerce; Qdoba opens doors; New franchisee remodeling and taking over Taco Bell; Kimball Co. sells High Point Welcome center to company for development of new travel center; NPPD wholesale rates to remain steady; WNRA main runway closes for rehab project; Repairs to Landers Soccer Complex solar array expected to be complete by end of year;