

KNEB-AM - Scottsbluff, NE

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

April 1, 2023 – June 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 the Superintendents of Scottsbluff and Gering Public Schools, covering a variety of topics; Monthly updates on new artist shows and offerings at West Nebraska Arts Center; Brett Holliday with details on a new Christian Music Festival planned for Five Rocks later this year; Medicare classes for new enrollees; Updates on the coming Monument Marathon; Changes coming with the Catpack weekend food backpack program; Union Pacific Big Boy steam locomotive stopping in Gering; NSEA officials on the kickoff of the referendum petition drive to place the Opportunity Scholarship Act on the November 2024 ballot; NE Chamber President Bryan Slone on the recently completed legislative session; State Sen. Brian Hardin on the end of legislative session; U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer on various topics, including the launch of her re-election bid.

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| Arts and Culture | Newscasts | Downtown Scottsbluff Assn. hosts Cinco de Mayo event; Midwest Theater marquee pieces reinstalled, with re-lighting scheduled in July; Scottsbluff couple to open a fondue restaurant in Gering; Volunteers toss colored dry paint marking United Way Color Dash, which ends up with about 200 runners; Plans underway for Horizon Music Festival in Gering; Robidoux Trading Post permanently closed due to structural deficiencies, future to be determined; Tourism officials unveil new tourism booklet; Desire Drane-Davison named new RDC Director; Creative Beet, the Scottsbluff Creative District, is approved; Theatre West kicks off Summer Repertory season; Local area scores decently in sports tourism index, roadmap unveiled for improvement; Ribbon cut for finalized 18 th Street Downtown Plaza; Funds sought to bring 3 sculptures to Gering Civic Plaza; Morgan Baird of Gering wins Miss Nebraska; Weather delays Pony Express Re-ride; |
| Community | Newscasts | SB Nat'l Mon. holds Junior Ranger Career Day; Tourism officials launch comprehensive calendar for community events; Local events mark Public Transportation Week; Wildlife interests push for passage of Recovering America's Wildlife Act; 1057 th MP Team 2 returns, lands at Western Nebraska Regional Airport; SB Co. Board approves \$60,000 toward USA Cycling Gravel National Championships; Keep Scottsbluff-Gering Beautiful marks Earth Day with several events; New pavilion dedicated during Memorial Day ceremony at Gering's West Lawn Cemetery; Family Fun Day organized to help local girl; Nebraska Game and Parks looking for youth fishing instructors; NGPC holds inaugural Birding Bowl; Container home project in Gering progresses thru city commissions; Terrytown seeks to purchase Terry's Lake; Todd Filipi honored with State Forester's Award; Bridgeport City Administrator resigns after just two months; Former DHHS building in Gering sold; Scottsbluff names new library director; Gering landfill permit renewal underway for final few years of facility life; Gering makes plan on how to use lodging tax revenues; Non-profits also face staffing shortages; |

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| Health | Newscasts | April marked as Child Abuse Prevention Month; Water Assistance from the state available for low-income residents; Gov. Pillen marks Public Health Week; Torrington Community Hospital holds open house for expanded facility and services; Impact of organ donation highlighted by the Governor; Leadership Scottsbluff class 33 donates \$22,000 to Kyle's Day Foundation, which provides peer mental health support for first responders; Area workers encouraged to walk more with Walk at Lunch Day; Local public health official wins health equity award; Regional West CFO leaving; Morrill Co. Comm. Hospital takes over ambulance services for Sidney, Cheyenne Co.; West Nebraska Blood Center is moving; Sidney Regional Medical Center breaks ground on expansion; Mental health awareness promoted by Cirrus House; Regional West to end contract to run Garden County Health facilities; |
| Public Safety | Newscasts | School 'swatting' hoaxes continue in the area, this time in Torrington; Tim Newman honored with NE Assn. of Emergency Mgt. President's award; Scotts Bluff Co. to repair N. Platte River Bridge spans; Gregory Moore found guilty of second-degree murder; 2022 a busy year per Gering Fire annual report; Numerous wildfires in eastern, central NE prompt Governor to issue statewide burn ban; Permit-less concealed carry bill passes, signed into law; Driver in fatal Box Butte County crash no-shows for sentencing; Kimball Police chief resigns, is charged with official misconduct regarding staff activity and training records, new chief is hired; April alcohol compliance check comes in at 100% in Scotts Bluff Co.; Severe storms pummel area starting June 23 with tornadoes, large heavy hail, damaging hundreds of vehicles, buildings and other structures; |
| Politics | Newscasts | Filibustering in the Legislature continues, at times making strange bedfellows; Sen. Pete Ricketts opens Scottsbluff office; Goins steps down from NE Econ. Development Department; Nebraska politicians and ag interests applaud injunction against Biden WOTUS rules; Six-week abortion ban dies in state legislature, but 12-week gestational ban is attached to bill banning transgender surgeries for minors, which passes and is signed; Opportunities Scholarship Act providing income tax credits for donations toward private school scholarships passes, prompting referendum petition drive by Nebraska State Education Association; Supporters of medicinal cannabis to try petition drive again; Residential valuations sky-rocket, prompting backlash from property owners; EPIC Option consumption tax supporters hold town halls; Sen. Deb Fischer announces re-election bid; AG Hilgers, politicians react to victory in suit against Biden student debt forgiveness plan; |
| Education | Newscasts | WNCC hosts three finalists for new President, ultimately culminating in the naming of Mr. Greg Dart to fill the post; Ralph Paez steps down from Scottsbluff School Board, replaced with Robert Polk; Bridgeport Public Schools to offer pre-school program next year; Dr. Ron Patterson named as new Chadron State President; Gering Public Schools offering a new summer day camp for all kids, offered at same time as summer school; NU President Ted Carter says budget deficit won't be balanced on backs of students with large tuition increase; WNCC math and science chair honored by NSEA; Roosevelt Elementary 2 nd grade teachers use guest mystery readers to encourage kids to read more; Gering High celebrates first dual graduate with WNCC; Scottsbluff Schools develop 5-year strategic plan; New food service vendor for SBPS; |

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| Business, Industry and the Economy | Newscasts | <p>Economic forecasts from Creighton and UNL now both pointing toward continued growth in the state and regional economies, but at a regressively slower rate into the end of the year; Gering upgrading solar panel system; Gas prices in the region fall; Gov. Pillen highlights financial education with proclamation signing; Feds approve main runway upgrade project at Scottsbluff Airport, to start in June; Open Trails Transit ribbon cutting for new regional transport hub in Alliance; Effort to provide state funds to assist with infrastructure in Kimball for Sentinel project passed, then vetoed by Governor; 21st Century takes over 4Rivers Equipment Ag division; Qdoba restaurant coming to new Essential Fuels facility in Scottsbluff; Gering requires new license for contractors doing any work requiring building permit; Local Rural Workforce Housing Funds gets additional grant monies; Final route determined for 2nd Scottsbluff NPPD transmission line; New grocery store opens in Bayard; Racino proposed for Ogallala that would be tied to similar facility proposed for Gering;</p> |