

KNEB-AM - Scottsbluff, NE
 Quarterly Issues/Programs List
 October 1, 2023 – December 31, 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, the President of WNCC and the Program Manager at West Nebraska Arts Center; Medicare coverage planning with Nebraska SHIP; Updates from Sen. Pete Ricketts (x2); NE Public Media Producer Bill Kelly on a Volunteer Fire documentary centered around Gering Vol. Fire; Forward looks at the new legislative sessions with Sens. Brian Hardin and Steve Erdman; Creation of a Chadron Creative District; A new education-based tourism program involving archaeology and anthropology at Eastern Wyoming College

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Arts and Culture	Newscasts	Several local attractions part of Nebraska Tourism Holiday Passport; Riverside Discovery Center loses AZA accreditation, remains open; Area celebrates with German Harvestfest; Gering Library starts Prime Time Family Reading; Opera based on Willa Cather's 'O Pioneers' takes the stage at Midwest Theater; RDC receives several donations toward big cat enclosure improvements; County Tourism Board approves capital improvement grants to Legacy of the Plains Museum for facilities upgrade, County Ag Society for expansion of seating at fairgrounds; Save A Rack bra auction again raises thousands for Festival of Hope; Nebraska Public Media documentary highlighting volunteer firefighters, including those in Gering, debuts at the Midwest Theater; WNAC hosts several different art shows during the quarter; Trio of sculptures dedicated in Gering Civic Plaza; County Tourism announces new 'Restaurant 21' event coming in January; Ag Society sponsors annual Beef Bash in Mitchell;
Community	Newscasts	Gering conducting electrical distribution study; USA Cycling officials praise Gering for hosting Gravel National Championships; Lane Kizzire named new Scottsbluff Finance Director; KSGB holds annual pharmaceutical take-back event; Local businessman and county commissioner proposes plan to re-open grocery store in Mitchell; Valley Visions group seeks to finalize signs for Valley Pathways; Local officials highlight annual achievements at State of the Valley; Scottsbluff seeking Parks Director; Commercial properties in the county getting complete revaluation next year; Riverstone Bank holds annual Give of Love effort; Samaritan's Purse seeks donations for Operation Christmas Child; Thousands fed in Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner in the Valley events; Bridgeport program that outfits all elementary students with sneakers seeks to expand; Sidney gets CDBG grant for building rehabs; Dan Morford retiring from Scotts Bluff National Monument; Ivan Rush honored by Nebraska Cattlemen Assn.;
Health	Newscasts	Help available for Medicare open enrollment; CAPWN announces 'abortion care' as part of new reproductive health offerings, clarifies what that encompasses several days later; Activities held for Support Citizens with Disabilities Week; NSP sports pink shoulder patches supporting breast cancer; AARP says Nebraska long-term care facilities improved since 2020 in some areas, others need improvement; local health education center gets grant from Women Investing in Nebraska; Regional West Foundation holds Roaring 20s fundraiser; Flu season already underway in December; PPHD offers free health screenings;

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Public Safety	Newscasts	Storm chaser Dan Fitts recognized for record hail stone; Former jail official arrested for sex assault in Wyoming; Scotts Bluff Co. Sheriff's Deputy named Officer of the Year by NE Sheriff's Assn.; Former Deuel Co. Clerk takes plea deal in theft case, ordered to probation and thousands in restitution; Local first responders join SBPS and ESU 13 in annual emergency simulation; NWS upgrades radar at Cheyenne facility; GPD K9 Rosco receives protective vest; Tax evasion case against local businessman dropped; ESU 13 holds autism training for first responders; Minatare-Melbeta Fire receives grain bin rescue tube; Public warned of text scam purporting to be local bank; Gordon teen kills her own newborn, charged with murder; Local pastors honored by FBI for hostage standoff assistance; Scottsbluff Fire get new truck;
Politics	Newscasts	PSC censures two members who deny wrong-doing, including local commission member; Sen. Pete Ricketts critical of leadership for failing to allow votes on issues; Dan Osborn declares as an independent candidate for Senate; NE congressional delegation voice support of Israel following Oct. 7 Hamas attack; Scottsbluff police captain fired after admitting to taking narcotics from evidence lockers; Sen. Fischer critical of US response to Israel-Hamas war; Mitchell city council member says views are ignored and resigns; Proposed utility-scale solar project in southwest Scotts Bluff County raises uproar among Commissioners, public; Committee seeking nominations to fill Banner County Board vacancy; State Sens. Hardin, Erdman discuss bills and outlook on 2024 session; Sec. of State Evnen speaks out against Colorado Supreme Court Trump ballot decision; Fortenberry federal conviction reversed; Racino study released, says Kimball or Gering would produce most tax revenue for state; USPS plan to move Cheyenne processing center to Denver draws opposition;
Education	Newscasts	GHS greenhouse projects receives several large donations; Elementary schools lead the way to health with Walk to School Day; State Education Board visits area for monthly meeting, is impressed by SHS career academies; Several Panhandle schools receive EducationQuest 8 th Grade campus visit awards; WNCC starts process to upgrade to health sciences classrooms; SBPS receives large safety grant; SBPS purchases SWBC building to consolidate early childhood offerings and other programs; GHS construction trades students break ground on new early childhood education center at Northfield Elementary; John Stinner joins WCCA Board; OTCF announces new scholarships; Area schools set initial policies dealing with use of AI; WNCC opens Electrician's course; GHS is Samsung state finalist for seventh time; GHS Mock Trial team is state runner-up;
Business, Industry and the Economy	Newscasts	Creighton and UNL economists see hopeful signs of improvement through the quarter; NE Broadband Office seeks public input on highspeed internet expansion; Southwest Power Pool announces expansion; New franchisee re-opens local Taco Bell; Flyover Brewery receives funding for expansion; Ribbon cut for townhouse project in Scottsbluff; USDA opens up billions in funds for producers impacted by national disasters in 2022; Franchisee unveils plan to bring Dunkin' and Buffalo Wild Wings ToGo to Scottsbluff; Rockstep Capital unveils redevelopment plan for Uptown Mall and recently acquired former Kmart property; NPPD holding rates steady again in 2024; Panhandle Coop and Farmers Cooperative announce merger; Scottsbluff Council gives initial approval to multi-function sports and community events center; Scottsbluff Planning Commission approves projects including new Dollar General, new crematorium for funeral parlor, new lot for recycling company; New EAS contract with SkyWest is approved; City of Gering awards Civic Center management, catering contract to Fort Collins woman and her company; Platte Valley Bank ranks high in USDA Housing loans; WESTCO announces 2023 was a banner year; Nebraska Motor Fuel Tax to go up slightly for first half of 2024; Clean Harbors subsidiary seeking to build housing for sale to meet demand after plant expansion completion;