

KNEB-AM - Scottsbluff, NE

Quarterly Issues/Programs List
January 1, 2023 – March 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 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; An extended two-part conversation with Adrian Smith on the latest activity in Washington D.C.; An update on the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial in LaVista; Programs available through the North Platte NRD; Changes coming to the Medicaid system and eligibility; The need for Foster Grandparents in the region; Our first extended conversation with Sen. Pete Ricketts on his goals after his appointment; Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers on crime, drugs in Nebraska and some of the legal fights with the Biden Administration; UNL Opera tour of La Traviata is presented at the Midwest Theater.

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Arts and Culture	Newscasts	Cause of death for multiple animals at the Riverside Discovery Center are pinpointed; WNAC welcomes new show with an Alliance artist in January, the IMAGE show in February and the Open Skies exhibit by a rural Gering artist in March; New specialty plate to raise educational funding for History Nebraska; Sandhills Byway highlighted in as a national scenic byway; Panhandle organizations receive grants toward tourism; Polar Plunge raises thousands for Special Olympics Nebraska; Interim Riverside Discovery Center Director fired and replaced with new interim director; Theater West announces summer repertory season; John and Rita Stinner bring UNL Opera production of La Traviata to the Midwest Theater; USA Cycling to hold inaugural Gravel National Championships centered around Gering;
Community	Newscasts	Regional West welcomes their New Year’s baby; New executive director takes over at the Midwest Theater; Missi lasillo leaving the Catpack weekend food backpack program; Scottsbluff Economic Development Director Starr Lehl honored as she steps down; Scottsbluff moves to monthly utility billing; Cities of Scottsbluff, Gering approve vehicle purchases; Riverstone Bank launches fundraising effort to help weekend food backpack programs; Scotts Bluff County gets match funding for bridge repair; Scotts Bluff County approves new five-year contract with Keno operator; Town Halls held on upcoming Sentinel project in Kimball County; KNEB Radiothon raises thousands for United Way; Gering seeks help developing master plan for Five Rocks Amphitheater; Sharaya Toof named Scottsbluff Economic Development Director; Bridgeport hires new city administrator; Gering elementary students pitch in ‘Change for a Change’ to weekend food backpack programs; John and Rita Stinner honored with Distinguished NEBRASKAlander awards; Homes for Our Troops presents keys to new customized home to Army Staff Sgt. Tim Kramer and his family; Kevin Spencer honored with award; Mitchell City Administrator announces resignation; Terrytown considers purchasing Terry’s Lake; 21 st Habitat for Humanity home;
Health	Newscasts	UNMC launches their Nursing Rural Advantage program aimed to increase staffing in rural areas of the state; Scottsbluff Schools receives five-year \$6.3 million grant for school-based mental health services; Gov. Pillen conducts Governor’s Walk to promote health habits; Medicaid recipients reminded of of eligibility reviews coming this year; State lawmakers consider bill that would force firearms dealers to provide information on suicide prevention and 988 hotline; Banner Health contributes \$375,000 for Eastern Wyoming College nursing and health care program; New report issued on knowledge, use of Narcan;

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Public Safety	Newscasts	State Patrol's latest class begins, including several Panhandle recruits; Saddle Rock Trail at the Scotts Bluff National Monument closed due to potential rockslide; Cheyenne man arrested for attempted murder; Outgoing Banner Co. Sheriff Stan McKnight honored for decades of law enforcement service; Mitchell Police Chief Kevin Krzyzanowski is fired, replaced a month later by Todd Holcomb; Lisa Peden from DOVES on Human Trafficking Awareness month; Fire claims home northwest of Scottsbluff; Scotts Bluff County offers free alert system aimed at helping combat property fraud and identity theft; Gering man sentenced in several arson cases; Goshen County Fire Warden Bill Law honored for 60 years service; Tax evasion case against local businessman and his wife delayed; Gering High School the target of a false school shooter 'swatting' hoax;
Politics	Newscasts	New Dist. 48 Sen. Brian Hardin on his goals for the session; Jim Pillen sworn in as Governor, addresses lawmakers; Bills on abortion limits and addressing gender-identity issues facing backlash among some lawmakers; Omaha Senators Machaela Cavanaugh and Megan Hunt filibuster session over abortion, trans-youth healthcare bills; Hardin comments on impact of filibusters conducted in the state; Scotts Bluff County continues efforts to sell former DHHS building; Pillen unveils legislative package, with property tax relief, school funding changes and cuts to income tax rates; Kimball voters to consider two half-cent sales tax proposals in June;
Education	Newscasts	Jodi Benson to step down as Bearcub Preschool Principal at the end of the school year; GHS STEM students again selected as a state finalist in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest; Scottsbluff High Math Teacher Shelby Aabers honored with national distinguished math teaching award; WNCC unveils five-year strategic plan; Scottsbluff Schools begins five-year strategic planning process; Goshen County School District considering four-day week; Scottsbluff Schools enters agreement for electrician training with local business; Scottsbluff High students take top honors at state Prostart Culinary competition; George Schlothauer named new Bridgeport Schools Superintendent; Riley Ibero, SHS Senior, named National Merit Scholarship Finalist; WNCC presidential search committee narrows down candidate list, three to be interviewed for the post; Gering Schools holds expo for pre-school, kindergarten registration; Both Gering and Scottsbluff Schools offering special stipends or retention bonuses for educators, staff; GHS is Class B Speech Champs; Chuck Lambert and his wife leaving Bridgeport Public Schools for new district job in Kansas;
Business, Industry and the Economy	Newscasts	Economic forecasts from Creighton and UNL both point toward recession in January; Scottsbluff High hosts job fair to help local employers find much-needed staff; Alliance approves economic development assistance for Heartland Flats mixed-use development; Scottsbluff Airport passenger numbers down from 2021 but enough to qualify for AIP funding; Multiple updates on SkyWest Charter's efforts to win approval to provide EAS, ultimately end with rejection of EAS bid but service forced to continue; Kmart property sold to Rockstep Capital subsidiary with company officials hoping to redevelop over the next few years; Gering approves blighted and substandard designation for southeast portion of the city; Owen Palm, Todd Lewis and Shanna Halstead honored with Chamber Awards; Scottsbluff airport wins state airport project of the year award; NPPD settles on final route for second Scottsbluff substation transmission line; Twin Cities Development seeks funds for additional grants to Rural Workforce Housing fund; Aulick brothers unveil plans for planned container home development, single-family homes and commercial district in southeast Gering;