

KNEB-AM - Scottsbluff, NE

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020

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: 6:00 a.m., 4:00 in length; 7:00 a.m., 5:00; 8:00 a.m., 5:00; 11:35 a.m., 5:00; 12:35 p.m., 5:00; 4:00 p.m., 5:00; 5:40 p.m., 1:50.

News Extra, Monday through Friday between 7:50 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.: From May 1 through June 5, our News Extra program aired a COVID-19 daily update of 4:00 to 10:00 minutes in length Monday through Friday provided by Panhandle COVID Unified Command with the latest on case statistics, recommendations and guidance for protecting personal safety and that of others, as well as recommendations to businesses, governments and other entities seeking to protect their staff, customers and the general public. This continued as Governor Pete Ricketts relaxed restrictions in the Directed Health Measures, with public health officials discussing guidance for various business, non-profit and educational entities as they evolved. Following June 5, we resumed a more 'normal' round of coverage during the program. With still an occasional Panhandle COVID Unified Command update, we also covered topics including Monument Marathon planners needing sponsors, vendors and volunteers; Calibraska Arts Initiative returns, but online only; Scotts Bluff County Fair a 'go' with some modifications; United Way of Western Nebraska starts Stuff the Bus school supply drive early, but with monetary donations only; local Kiwanis Club celebrating 90th anniversary; Bands on Broadway starting back up; Fireworks shows will take place; Fire officials talking about safety during fire season; and the Lied Scottsbluff Library using 'bingo' for their summer reading program.

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Arts and Culture	Newscasts	Visionaries art exhibit at West Nebraska Arts Center showcasing student art goes virtual; Alliance Sunken Gardens/Pillars in the Park project gets \$400,000+ grant from state; Father's Day Classic Car Show cancelled this year; Legacy of the Plains holds virtual fundraiser; Documentary producers finish production on local TV newsmen; Scottsbluff Zoo reopens on limited basis; Local officials highlight the impact of travel and tourism with virtual events this year; Midwest Theater announces the start of SkyView Drive-In adjacent to airport, allowing movies with social distancing in vehicles; Alliance taking bids on Sunken Gardens project;
Community	Newscasts	United Way of Western Nebraska starts a COVID Community Compassion Fund to help non-profits addressing food insecurity; Restaurants allowed to begin selling their supplies retail; Oregon Trail Community Foundation makes grants to organizations providing food assistance; Yarn donation to Scotts Bluff County Jail leads to donation of crocheted items to area non-profits; Restaurants re-open early May with limited seating; All-school prom night planned for early June, but restrictions may not allow; Communities to take different paths on opening swimming pools or leave them closed; PPHD highlights importance of using masks at community gatherings; TCD developing apartments for adults with disabilities; SBNM not opening up soon;
Health	Newscasts	Recommendations of public health officials for combating COVID-19 continue to change and evolve; Gering Fire Department develops N95 mask disinfection box w/help from local businesses, Gering High teacher Justin Reinmuth; COVID-19 testing for first responders, symptomatic individuals takes place in Panhandle for first time; TestNebraska finally comes to the Panhandle; Virtual healthcare visits expand; Elective surgeries resume locally in June; Public health officials unveil survey to be used for approval of event plans;

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Public Safety	Newscasts	NDOT road construction projects to continue as scheduled as essential services; Rural Gering family loses home to Easter Day fire; Local authorities warn of COVID-related text scams; Severe weather spotter training moves online; Coronavirus has impact on criminal justice system, Scotts Bluff County Jail sees 44% reduction in local detainees; Torrington Wy. officials name new police chief to take over June 15; Trooper Jerry Smith honored during National Law Enforcement Memorial Week; Scotts Bluff Detention Center pays back money borrowed from other county funds;
Politics	Newscasts	Gering and Scottsbluff continue pressing Scotts Bluff County to remit Allo franchise fees sent to the county in error over several years; Appropriations Committee Chair John Stinner says tough to predict impact of COVID on state finances; Early balloting hits record in local, state primary election; Alliance voters reject ½ cent sales tax increase for infrastructure; Cities prepare to resume in-person services; Keno gaming, receipts down, but still taking place; Wyoming facing budget cuts; Agland and rural residential property values jump, prompting investigation by state tax commissioner; Bayard to seek ½ sales tax increase for infrastructure; June report on April sales taxes show a mixed bag for cities;
Education	Newscasts	Panhandle Schools to stay online instruction only through end of school year; Minatare Elementary School educators keep in touch with students with a 'Drive and Wave'; Gering, Scottsbluff Schools expand and modify their 'Grab and Go' meals for students; Area schools postpone graduation ceremonies; EWC partially reopens campus in mid-May; Secondary, post-secondary education institutions discussing reopening plans in May; First apprentice in GHS program with local business signs to take part in program; Schools hold local socially-distanced graduation ceremonies; WNCC and Bellevue University team up with program for WNCC grads seeking credit and price breaks for a four-year under-graduate degree
Business, Industry and the Economy	Newscasts	Local businessman Owen Palm named to lead Platte Institute; Area banking institutions see huge interest in Paycheck Protection Program; Tri-City Roadrunner to reconfigure routes to provide more coverage once pandemic eases; Airport officials support continued subsidies for SkyWest in light of pandemic impact on passenger numbers; Fuel prices plummet as crude oil demand craters; Crossroads Cooperative gets green light for expansion plans; Roofing and construction one area of economy that continues to be robust; Gering finalizing zoning code revamp;