

# Quarterly Issues/Programs List

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## 3rd Quarter July 2023 – September 2023

KOOQ-AM, M-F Newscasts at 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 9:30am, 12:30pm, 4:30pm

KELN-FM, Newscasts at 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 12:30pm, 4:30pm

KNPQ-FM, Newscasts at 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 9:30am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm

KZTL-FM, M-F Newscasts at 7:20am, 12:10pm and 5:10pm

KRNP-FM, M-F Newscasts at 6:20am, 7:20am & 8:20am

### Description of Programing

“Eagle Radio Community Issues” is a over the air weekly program dedicated to local and state events and issues. These local interviews air Sundays between 6a and 8a on KRNP-FM, KZTL-FM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM & KOOQ-AM

News Stories that aired on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM over the course of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

### July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Cambridge, Ne - Early Sunday morning, (July 2, 2023) at approximately 2:05 am, the Frontier County Sheriff’s office received a reported sighting of Noah Koch, who had been missing since early Friday morning north of Cambridge near Medicine Creek Reservoir. Law Enforcement from multiple areas were dispatched to the location near the intersection of Road 728 and Road 402. Furnas County Deputy Huntley arrived on scene first and was able to make contact with Noah. Deputy Huntley transported Noah to his home where he was reunited with his family safe and unharmed.

Koch's family along with emergency management had organized a search party on Saturday morning after they had found water bottles believed to have been with Noah.

The Frontier County Sheriff's office released this statement via their Facebook page earlier today. "This has been a long search which ended with the best possible outcome. A huge thanks to all those involved who dedicated their time, effort, equipment and supplies including: Alma Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Oxford Fire and Rescue, Arapaho Fire and Rescue, Elwood Fire and Rescue, Beaver City Volunteer Fire Department, Wilsonville-Hendley Volunteer Fire Department, Farnam Volunteer Fire Department, Franklin Volunteer Fire Department, Cambridge Fire and Reacue, Indianola Fire and Rescue, Sides Aerial Application, Nebraska State Patrol, Nebraska Game and Parks, Furnas County Sheriff's Office, Nance County Sheriff's Office, The American Red Cross, Emergency Management and the hundreds of other volunteers and supporters!"

The story was reported on air on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM throughout the day on newscast.

## **July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

NORTH PLATTE, NEB - The July 5th North Platte City Council meeting has officially gone by and there were a handful of different discussion points on the agenda. The meeting took place Wednesday due to the 4th of July falling on a Tuesday. Some of the highlighted discussion points include extraterrestrial line which has been discussed the past few weeks about extending the city out, deacons point development, and New Haven housing on west A.

The final reading of ordinance 4129 took place yesterday at the city council meeting and the extraterritorial line has been extended. "The final reading of the ordinance that extended the extraterritorial line for zoning here in North Platte and now we have extended that line out to the southwest area of North Platte," said North Platte Mayor Brandon Kelliher. "It goes a little further to the southwest to cover that potential housing development we have going on out there so the houses that are built out in that area will be required to follow city zoning."

If you want to learn more from Mayor Kelleher's thoughts from the city council meeting, listen to the podcast above. If you would like to watch the July 5th, North Platte city council meeting, [click here](#).

Post News Director Canon Rath interviewed North Platte Mayor Brandon Kelliher. Sound bytes from this interview were used on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM throughout the day.

## **July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

NORTH PLATTE, NEB – The 41st Governor of Nebraska Jim Pillen made a stop in North Platte Thursday morning alongside with new members of his cabinet. The governor made an appearance at the North Platte-Lee Bird Regional Airport and the event was held in the Lee Bird Airport Conference room. Members of his cabinet that was with him included Nebraska Department of Transportation Director Vicki Kramer, newly appointed State Broadband Director Patrick Haggerty, and new Department of Economic Development Director K.C. Belitz.

Governor Pillen opened remarks about how blessed he is to be the 41st Governor of Nebraska. Governor Pillen was sworn in on January 5th, 2023, as he replaced former Governor Pete Ricketts. "Just one, I am extraordinarily privileged to be the 41st governor of Nebraska, I still get choked up and get goosebumps when I try to express it's a privilege beyond words," said Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen. "There's a number of extraordinarily moments and experiences in first 9 months since the election." After making his opening remarks, Pillen then transitioned towards different issues that are going on in the state of Nebraska.

During his remarks about issues going on in the state, the governor talked about property taxes, road conditions, infrastructures, improving mental health are just a few that he talked about. He also went in more depth about his three new 5 star recruits he calls and what each Individual can bring to their position. Newly appointed State Broadband Director Patrick Haggerty hasn't officially started his new position but was traveling with Pillen and the team during the fly around event. "This gives me an opportunity to come back home, not on the job yet but I have been working with this federal program the office has been created around for some time now on the private side," said State Broadband Director Patrick Haggerty. "I think I bring a lot of experience and I've worked in multiple states so I can bring models but were going to do what's best for Nebraska."

K.C. Belitz, who is the new Department of Economic Development Director, has only been on the job since Wednesday, and wants to bring the state together as a team. "We need to be doing more as a team, so I want you all to know that your state government and this cabinet Team Pillen is interested in doing work together," said Department of Economic Development Director K.C. Belitz. "Us Nebraskans, we love our silos, but we are going to create a few less here with state government and that's a big deal."

Lastly, Nebraska Department of Transportation Director Vicki Kramer who was also in attendance today has been working on the job for 6 months now with Governor Pillen. Kramer, who is a Nebraska native has worked in public service for a long time and uses Nebraska roads to travel. "Spent my career in Nebraska and traveling the roads and knowing the system and working from federal to state government," said Nebraska Department of Transportation Vicki Kramer. "I know highway 83 is a big topic here and it will finally get some work done, working through these projects that matter to the communities is what we are focus on."

After all Governor Pillen and his three cabinet members were done with their introduction, they opened the floor to questions from the attendees at the event. The group answered all the questions that were asked. North Platte was stop #2 for Governor Jim Pillen and his team on Thursday for his connecting Nebraska state fly around event. The governor stopped at five cites and ended his day in Wahoo.

Parts of story were aired on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM throughout the day on newscast.

## July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

OGALLALA, NEB – Hayden Outdoors Real Estate officially opened a brand-new location just north of Lake McConaughy. The grand opening of the location welcomed residents from area towns in Keith County, the Keith County Chamber of Commerce, and many members from the Hayden Outdoors Real Estate team. Rick Kusel will be the agent at the Lake McConaughy location.

Hayden Outdoors currently operates in over 30 states and has over 200 brokers and agents that work for the company. This is Hayden Outdoors's second Nebraska location with the other location in Imperial but have agents throughout the state. The company opened its doors in 1976 and their headquarters are in Windsor, Colorado.

Hayden Outdoors focuses on farm, ranch, and recreational land but has been in Nebraska for a long time with their office in Imperial, but also having agents throughout the state. "We have been in Nebraska for a long time, but we are proud of our office on the north side of the dam at McConaughy and to be a part of the Ogallala community," said Managing Partner Dax Hayden. "We are excited about everything and the business in this part of the country."

The agent that will be running the business at the Hayden Outdoors Ogallala Lake Mac location will be Rick Kusel. One of the main objectives the company has for the Lake McConaughy location is that they want to focus on farm and ranch land for the region. "My expertise is in the farm and ranch side and that's what we're trying to build out here in western, central Nebraska. "We just want to let folks know we're here to help them market or buy farms, ranches, and recreational properties in the area," said Hayden Outdoor Agent Rick Kusel.

Since 2011, Hayden Outdoors has been named one of the "Best Brokerages" by the Land Report Magazine and recently was also recognized by the Inc. 500 Fastest Growing Private Companies. Hayden Outdoors also hosts a TV show called Life on the Land. Agent Allen Treadwell is the host of the show and travels the county discussing different properties. For more information about Life on the Land, [click here](#).

The office is located at 105 Inland Seas Ct, Lemoyne, NE 69146 just north of the dam on Lake McConaughy. If you would like to learn more information about Hayden Outdoors Real Estate, [click here](#).

Post News Director Canon Rath used sound bytes from this story that aired on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM throughout the day on newscast.

## August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

NEBRASKAland DAYS will be transitioning leadership during its upcoming fiscal year. The group announced today that Executive Director David Fudge will retire from the Festival shortly after the conclusion of the 2024 Event. "We're grateful for all the years the Fudge family has dedicated to our organization," said incoming Board President Travis Covey. "We'll go to work on launching an extensive

search for David's replacement so we can continue to operate at the highest level possible for our community."

Fudge joined the Board of Directors for the 2005 Celebration, then transitioned to the role of Executive Director a few months after his final Board year in 2011. 2024 will mark his 20th Celebration with the organization. "I'm so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this organization," said Fudge. "I don't know that I could have ever dreamed that my time here would be so rewarding. We've made lifelong friends with people we may have never had the opportunity to meet without this place."

The organization has perhaps never been stronger. Facilities have been upgraded to keep pace with the demands of the 21st century, while more projects to upgrade older structures are in the planning phases. "The organization has done a wonderful job positioning itself for the next 20 years," said recently retired Buffalo Bill Rodeo Committee Chairman Jack Morris. "The Board and the Committee's have come together to make sure everyone is on the same page working towards putting the best product we can."

NEBRASKAland DAYS is Nebraska's Official State Celebration. Originally held in Lincoln in the summer of 1965, it was moved to North Platte in 1968. 2024 will mark its 60th year. It now regularly hosts nearly 100,000 visitors from all corners of the country who attend its events, which include the PRCA Hall of Fame Buffalo Bill Rodeo and the Viaero Summer Jam Concert Series, which hosts some of the biggest names in country music.

Parts of the story were aired on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM throughout the day on newscasts.

## **August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

NORTH PLATTE, NEB - The August 15th North Platte City Council meeting has officially come and gone and there were different discussion points from the meeting. From the latest city council meeting, there were different agenda the council talked about. A few of the different agenda topics were 4 grant applications, a quality growth fund for 2 new business, interlocal agreements for 911 services and resource officers in schools were just a few from the agenda list.

A big part of the meeting was requesting permission from the council to apply for 4 different grants. "The initial 4 were applications to the federal government, 4 grants in millions I think total amount was \$70 million or so we are requesting," said North Platte Mayor Brandon Kelliher. "It's highly unlikely we would get all that money granted to the city of North Platte but its primary for infrastructure projects so streets, water/sewer, repaving areas or expanding."

If you want to hear more of the agenda the two discussed, check out the podcast above. If you would like to watch the August 15th, North Platte city council meeting, [click here](#).

Post News Director Canon Rath played the interview on Good Morning North Platte FM 98.1/AM 1410 and used clips for newscast that aired on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM

## **August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

NORTH PLATTE, NEB. - Summer heat making a late round in August as the surrounding region is in a heat advisor. According to the National Weather Service, the following counties are in a heat advisory: Lincoln, Keith, Logan, Custer, Arthur, McPherson, Perkins, Chase, Hayes, and Frontier.

Temperatures can reach in anywhere from 100 to 105 degrees during the heat wave according to the National Weather Service. The advisory is in effect until 10 pm central/9 pm mountain time on Wednesday. Hot temperatures mixed with humidity can cause for potential danger heat illnesses to occur. Stay hydrated during this time and also to stay in a cool area. Also wear sunscreen when outside in the heat.

During a massive heat wave in late August, the heat wave was used in newscast that aired on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM

## **September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A man who killed six members of a Nebraska family nearly 50 years ago has died after complaining about chest pain.

Erwin Charles Simants, who was 77, died Thursday at a Lincoln hospital, his attorney, Robert Lindemeier, told the Lincoln Journal Star.

Simants initially was sentenced to die in the electric chair for shooting Henry and Audrey Kellie, along with their son, David, and three of their grandchildren in 1975. He had been hired to do odd jobs for the family at their home in Sutherland, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of North Platte. Two of the victims also were sexually assaulted.

But that sentence was overturned in 1979, when the Nebraska Supreme Court ordered a new trial because the sheriff, a trial witness, played cards with some of the jurors while they were sequestered. At retrial he was found not responsible by reason of insanity. He was diagnosed as schizophrenic and spent the rest of his life at a state psychiatric hospital.

The second insanity verdict prompted changes to Nebraska's insanity law. The changes were part of a national movement in the legal world that gained prominence when John Hinckley was acquitted by reason of insanity for shooting President Ronald Reagan.

Those changes shifted the burden of proof from the prosecution to the defense and gave judges — not mental health boards — authority to decide when to release patients found not responsible by reason of insanity.

In Simants' last competency evaluation in December, a judge ruled that he was still considered mentally ill and dangerous.

Audrey Brown, the only surviving Kellie sibling who had moved to Colorado just weeks before Simants' 1975 attack, died in 2018. She had driven to Lincoln for Simants' annual review hearings each year for more than three decades.

"I think the courts need to recognize, and the public needs to recognize, there was a real family involved in this, and somebody still loves them and cares about them," she said in 2013.

A grand jury will convene to investigate Simants' death.

An AP story about a killer who murdered a family in Sutherland, Ne, 20 miles west of North Platte died. Story was summarized and aired on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM on newscast.

## **September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **ALERT: PLEASE AVOID THE AREA**

RAILCAR FIRE near Hershey.

Highway 30 is closed east and west bound. Hershey residents between Front and Splinter Roads along Highway 30 and North are to evacuate. Those east of the fire may travel to the Salvation Army. Those west of the fire may travel to the Legion Hall. A rail car has caught fire near Hershey. Please avoid the area at this time. We will update as more information becomes available.

IF YOU NEED A SHELTER TO EVACUATE TO PLEASE CONTACT SALVATION ARMY BUILDING IN NORTH PLATTE OR THE LEGION IN HERSHEY

A railcar exploded at the Bailey Yard outside of North Platte and breaking news coverage was aired on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM and also aired on newscast on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM

## **September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An explosion inside a shipping container at the world's largest railyard prompted evacuations in western Nebraska Thursday because of the toxic smoke generated when one of the chemicals aboard caught fire. Officials lifted the evacuation order just before 6p.m. CDT.

Around noon, an explosion occurred inside an intermodal container on a railcar at Union Pacific's Bailey Yard in North Platte, though it wasn't clear what caused the explosion, railroad spokeswoman Robynn Tysver said. No one was injured, and no cars derailed.

Authorities evacuated everyone within a one-mile radius of the explosion in the western end of the railyard because of the smoke, and U.S. Highway 30 was closed between North Platte and Hershey.

Interstate 80 wasn't affected by the smoke. It wasn't immediately clear how many homes were included in the mostly rural area that was evacuated on the edge of the city. North Platte, which is about 230 miles east of Denver and about 250 miles west of Omaha, has a population of about 23,000.

The railroad said the fire had been extinguished by 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Earlier, the North Platte Fire Department said in a post on X the evacuations were done because of the fire at the railyard involved "heavy toxic smoke."

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At about 12 p.m. CDT, an explosion occurred inside a container at Union Pacific's Bailey Yard in North Platte, Nebraska, resulting in several cars catching on fire. There was no derailment and the car had been stationary in the yard for a couple hours.

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ne of the containers involved in the incident contains perchloric acid, a hazardous material, used for a number of things, including food, drug and biocidal products, as well as explosives.

The North Platte Fire Department is evacuating people within a four-mile radius around the explosion. A hotline is available for those impacted with immediate needs. They can call 877-877-2567, Option 1.

No Union Pacific personnel were injured, and our employees have been safely evacuated.

Union Pacific's hazmat team is also responding.  
The cause is under investigation.

An official statement from Union Pacific and an AP story were combined and parts from both were used on newscast that aired on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM.

## **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

UPDATE: 9:30am - The suspect in the stolen car pursuit this morning has been apprehended. The car actually crashed near North Bicentennial near Nebraska Truck Center. More details will be released soon. The Lincoln County Sheriffs Office is conducting the investigation.

NORTH PLATTE, Nebr - Around 8:30am North Platte law enforcement were involved in a pursuit of what is currently believed to be a stolen vehicle. Scanner traffic indicated the pursuit went down Burlington Avenue east bound. Police and other law enforcement also began searching for this vehicle. A few minutes later the car that was being pursued crashed near 2505 East 4th street near Carhart Kitchen and Bath.

No more information is available as of this posting. The Post will continue to monitor the situation. Traffic is discouraged in this area.

A vehicle was stolen and crashed in a early morning pursuit in North Platte. Breaking news was aired on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM. After the pursuit and more details were released,



parts of the story aired on KOOQ-AM, KELN-FM, KNPQ-FM, KZTL-FM & KRNP-FM throughout the day on newscast.

**SEVERE WEATHER updates** – All 5 radio stations interrupted regular programming multiple times over the quarter to give updates on Severe Weather that was impacting the area. Counties included Duell, Garden, Keith, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Lincoln, Dawson, Frontier, Hayes, Perkins and Chase Counties.

**CRIMESTOPPERS** - The Crimestoppers Crime of the Week runs six times per week on all five stations.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** - On-air personalities promote events from our [www.NorthPlattePost.com](http://www.NorthPlattePost.com) Community Calendar daily during on-air shifts.