

KNEB-AM - Scottsbluff, NE

Quarterly Issues/Programs List
January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022

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: Governor Pete Ricketts multiple times on a variety of subjects; the latest session of the Ancova Empowerment Project; GHS and SHS Superintendents monthly updates; Billy Estes on several of the performing arts events this quarter; Water issues facing the state with Speaker Hilgers; Several of the District 48 legislative candidates; a variety of local fundraisers for many worthy causes; Pre-K and K registration at local schools; 10 years for Firefighter Ministry; Severe Weather Awareness Week; Heart Month; Volunteers needed for Buckboard Therapeutic Riding Academy; Teammates impact with CEO DeMoine Adams.

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Arts and Culture	Newscasts	Midwest Theater gearing up for busy in-person winter performing arts season; Winter Farmers Market forced to move to new location; Large donations roll in for Midwest Theater marquee restoration project; RDC names new orphaned puma cubs; RDC officials say attendance hit record in 2021; Producers for American Pickers announce cast will swing through Nebraska in April; Legacy of the Plains Museum launches 2 nd part of capital campaign, focusing on upgrades on museum grounds; WNCC hosts inaugural Leadership Conference, with NE Volleyball coach John Cook as featured speaker; Scottsbluff seeking new Library Director with Erin Aschenbrenner resignation; Summer baseball at Oregon Trial Park Stadium in doubt as Western Nebraska Pioneers and six other teams battle in court with Expedition League over teams' departure at end of 2021; Nebraskans take part in first in the nation virtual effort to bridge political differences in Unify Challenge; City of Scottsbluff looking to form a Creative District;
Community	Newscasts	Bricks for the Bluffs paver fundraiser launched to raise funds for final upgrades to 18 th St downtown Scottsbluff plaza; Veterans Service Office John Brehm Retires; Karen Benzel selected to lead United Way of Western Nebraska as Steph Black retires; Lied Scottsbluff Library adds new informational signs; Westmoor school kids launch fundraiser for downtown plaza; Rural Radio Radiothon raises thousands for United Way; City of Mitchell upgrading office space; Nebraska Homeowner Assistance Fund launched; Home for Our Troops kicks off effort to build home for disabled Minatare veteran; Keno wagering in Scotts Bluff Co. rebounds in 2021; Local communities sharing \$28 million in USDA Rural Development grants; Polar Plunge to raise funds for Special Olympics Nebraska returns, raises thousands locally; environmental groups in the Panhandle receive recycling grants from NDEE; Bayard residents moving forward plans toward cooperative grocery store; United Way wraps campaign, raises nearly \$378,000; Scottsbluff officials exercise exploration lease with option to purchase possible aquatics site; OTCF launches fundraising effort for Ukrainian relief aid;
Health	Newscasts	Gov. Ricketts encourages people to get health to start the new year; PPHD sponsoring virtual presentations on how to handle grief; Kimball Health Services Foundation kicks off fundraising toward new hospital; Covid cases on increase with Omicron; SHS junior Riley Ibero aces the ACT; State officials encourage residents to take stock of their mental health; Covid cases, hospitalizations begin to fall dramatically in early February; Covid hospital staffing emergency allowed to expire as hospitalizations fall; Hot Springs VA possibly on the chopping block again;

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Public Safety	Newscasts	Kimball man facing homicide charges; 2021 traffic fatalities lower than previous year; Two die in Hemingford fatality accident; Law enforcement, prosecutors highlight Human Trafficking month; Torrington Volunteer Fire Department takes delivery of a new tower truck; DEA/FBI join state, local law enforcement in information sharing and training to combat scourge of methamphetamine; Law enforcement, railroads launch annual Operation Lifesaver effort; Thefts of and from vehicles spike in Scottsbluff over last two months; Fire claims home of rural Bayard family; Gering man arrested after showing up at Scottsbluff Public Safety building threatening to kill officers; Scottsbluff man convicted on felonies walks away from Lincoln prison, found about a month later back in Scottsbluff; Firefighters from five Panhandle departments help battle blaze south of North Platte; Banner Co. Treasurer, Assessor and Co. employee charged for trust in county courtroom; Minatare Police officer arrested for theft and sale of guns belonging to the department;
Politics	Newscasts	Hilgers says millions to be spend during new legislative session; State Senators prep for busy session; Lawmakers have various ideas on how to spend fed ARPA funds; Politicians file for various offices locally, with many candidates for Gering School Board, Scotts Bluff Co. Board, Scottsbluff City Council; Gering Mayor Tony Kaufman not running; Gering places ½ cent infrastructure sales tax increase on ballot; Salaries increased for Scotts Bluff Co. elected officials except commissioners; Scottsbluff on the hunt for a new city manager as Dustin Rief is fired; Three of the top four candidates for the GOP gubernatorial nomination take part in a local candidate’s forum;
Education	Newscasts	Local businesses donate big \$ toward Ag Education Complex in Morrill; Gering High receives \$500,000 federal grant to expand Aviation Career pathway; Two Leyton School Board members survive recall attempt, Superintendent suspended ahead of firing; WNCC interim President John Marrin contract extended one year; Dr. Laura Barrett named new administrator for ESU #13; Platte Institute unveils plan to expand broadband throughout state; Water line break at Hemingford Schools prompts temporary closure; Platte Valley Companies makes large donation toward Scottsbluff elementary school playground upgrades; State lawmakers begin efforts to ensure parents have access to school officials and ability to get involved in decisions impacting education of their children; Mario Chavez named new GHS principal; Travis Miller leaving Bayard Schools to be Hemingford superintendent; WNCC officials launch listening tour to impact new strategic plan ahead of presidential search; SHS junior Sara Imhof a National Merit Scholarship Program finalist; Finalists for EWC president announced;
Business, Industry and the Economy	Newscasts	Economists for UNL and Creighton say Nebraska economy continues to expand, but facing headwinds of higher inflation, supply chain disruptions and threat of higher interest rates; NE Chamber unveils their ideas to cut taxes to boost economy; Plans submitted for further development of Five Oaks subdivision in Scottsbluff; Shaggy Buffalo Car Wash, new fuel station both break ground; Coffee house owners buy old Gering bank owned by the County; Jordan Diedrich leaves City of Scottsbluff to take over as executive director of Twin Cities Development; Kendra Feather, Lisa Weborg and Mike Moravec honored with awards at Chamber annual banquet; Banner and Lusk, WY banks announce merger; Clean Harbors moves forward with application to expand Kimball incinerator; Ricketts announces UK/Ireland trade mission in August; Former Gering HR Director purchases stake in Backaracks; Scotts Bluff Co. lodging tax receipts and Scottsbluff City Sales Tax receipts hit records for calendar 2021; New Kimball Ace Hardware opens after delays; Skywest gives 90-day notice of terminating air service to Scottsbluff, many other NE communities; 2 nd civil suit settled involving Michael Klein, Scotts Bluff Country Club; Prime Metal Products seeks funding for expansion;