

KNEB-AM - Scottsbluff, NE

Quarterly Issues/Programs List
July 1, 2022 – September 30, 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: Monthly updates from the Superintendents of Scottsbluff and Gering Public Schools, covering a variety of topics; details on new rough-stock rodeo event at Scotts Bluff Co. Fair; Diabetes Workshop; Theatre West Summer Rep Season; New Scottsbluff Fire Prevention Officer; Interview with new EWC President; Crossing Guards Needed; Veterans' Officer working to bring together vets of all areas for events like golf; 11th Monument Marathon; Alzheimers information for caregivers; WNAC art shows monthly with program manager; Promotion of National Night Out; Truth in Taxation public hearings; Interviews with gubernatorial candidates Jim Pillen and Carol Blood; Sen. Deb Fischer; Congressman Adrian Smith; Flags for Heroes event; Shine a Light on Domestic Violence; Red Cross Bootcamp for volunteer training; Supporters of Vote Yes for Scottsbluff Aquatics (LB357 ballot question).

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Arts and Culture	Newscasts	Midwest Theater marquee is removed for repairs and renovations; 101 st Oregon Trails Days a hit despite lower attendance numbers; Survey shows National Monument visitors are older, seeking out landmarks and generally stay just one night; Tom Southard inducted into NE newspaper hall of fame; The inaugural veterans golf tournament sells out, a hit with veterans; Community comes together for annual National Night Out; Champion's Challenge Rough Stock Rodeo at SB Co. Fair is a hit, sells 4k tickets; Old West Balloon Fest, and last year of local National Hot Air Balloon Championship a big success again; Buckboard Academy celebrates 25 th year; Billy Estes, Midwest Theater part ways; Kids enjoy free rides during Airport Appreciation Day; Beer and Wine Fest at new location inside Gering's Oregon Trail Park Stadium is a hit; 11 th Monument Marathon doesn't see new records, but plenty of happy runners;
Community	Newscasts	Pandemic emergency rental assistance funds remain available; Gering officials look for downtown improvements to attract more people to the city center; Scottsbluff to conduct water service and rate study; Habitat for Humanity begins 21 st home build; Scottsbluff, Gering officials express concerns as projected costs for start of new landfill rise; Gering loses another HR Director; Bayard Rural Fire District officials taken to task for mistaken use of funds for personal items; Riverside Discovery Center upgrades splash pad; Airport to undertake rehabilitation of main runway next year; State Tourism Commission says it's a good tourism season despite fuel prices; United Way kicks off new fundraising campaign, sells more than 8,000 ducks in Duck Draw fundraiser; NDOT holds open house to show public options for the future expansion of roadway between Minatare and Angora Hill from two to four lanes; New trail trek booklet to help tourism officials attract more tourist in future; Preliminary study info says Scotts Bluff Co. competitive on wages, benefits; Local non-denominational ministry that runs thrift stores to generate funds seeks help as inflation hits hard; Pastor's Pantry food distributions end; Gering Keno endowment fund to provide major funding for pickleball courts project; County Tourism fund kicks in money for Cleveland Field upgrades;

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Health	Newscasts	GHS gets grant for Auto Tech Career Pathway; UNMC officials talk about 'COVID cough'; Ricketts and mental health officials highlight 988 helpline; Regional West Foundations receives a number of large donations toward linear accelerator for cancer treatment; Regional West Medical Center gets Medicare accreditation; WNCC seeking people to be 'patients' for nursing simulations; Red Cross distributes 70+ smoke alarms in the community; Western wildfire smoke prompts warnings of poor air quality in our region; Local group organized to help provide peer-to-peer support for local first responders suffering mental distress; Executive Orders tied to Hospital workforce emergency extended to end of year;
Public Safety	Newscasts	Scotts Bluff Co. Board considers, then approves handling dispatching services for Box Butte County Sheriff; Alliance Police create online dashboard for current crime statistics and trends; Benefits of State Patrol drone program touted by officials; Cheyenne Co. Deputy Sheriff honored for saving woman's life; Scotts Bluff Co. Jail gets clean Jail Standards inspection; Dry-lightning strikes ignite blaze in the hills of Cedar and Carter Canyons, burns over 15,000 acres; Fugitive Lance Gibbons finally apprehended after two close calls; Fire on west edge of Scottsbluff burns many acres due to high winds in the area; Gering man arrested for attempted murder for shooting a relative in a grocery store parking lot; Broadwater man accused of fatally shooting his father; Teen takes plea deal tied to West Overland shooting; K9 Duke gets his protective vest, and one is on order for K9 Frodo; Highway safety official encourage drivers to put down phones and buckle up as highway death rate is up; Local County officials told of license plate shortage, likelihood of duplicate plates on the roadway through 2023; Gering man arrested for arson in fire that displaces seven from former church building; WESTCO makes large donation to Alliance Fire Department; Smokey Fire burns more than 4,200 acres in Banner Co. hills south of Melbeta;
Politics	Newscasts	Medical marijuana petition drive falters without benefactors, falls short of making the November ballot; Embattled former Banner Co. Treasurer takes name off ballot; Property valuations fewer than expected; No criminal charges against former North Platte state senator; Members of Vote Yes for Scottsbluff Aquatics ramp up education efforts to pass LB357 half-cent sales tax increase; Scotts Bluff Co. Board puts former DHHS building up for sale; Kimball officials consider placing LB357 issue on Nov. ballot; Carol Blood calls out Jim Pillen for his refusal to take part in debates; Sen. Deb Fischer critical of divisive Biden address in front of Independence Hall; Both Blood and Pillen make 'town hall' appearances locally; Finalists named in Scottsbluff City Manager search; Very first 'Truth in Taxes' public hearings take place;
Education	Newscasts	GHS gets grant for Auto Tech Career Pathway; Gering, Scottsbluff Schools see very modest meal price increases next school year; American Solar Challenge makes a stop in the Panhandle; Minatare Schools to provide free meals to all through USDA program; Crossing guard in high demand and short supply; Nebraska Education Association pushes for more funding for school safety; Pumpkin Creek Meat Co. gets TIF financing and redevelopment plan approval for small processing facility; Scottsbluff Schools get \$100k grant to help address workforce shortage; Gov. Ricketts says definition changes in Title IX by Biden Administration will have serious impact on girls and women; GHS Aviation Career Pathway finally gets flight simulator; SHS Senior Riley Ibero named National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist;

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Business, Industry and the Economy	Newscasts	A canal breach west of Lingle damages cropland, threatens the town and reduces water deliveries for ag producers; Gov. Ricketts decides not to call special session without enough support for abortion ban bill; NPPD looking at generation mix while keeping rates, reliability in line; Northfield Retirement expansion; Skywest Charter and Air Line Pilots Assn union trade barbs in federal filings on SWC application to US DOT; Global Gaming Nebraska bails out of Racino proposals for Gering, North Platte; Economic reports from UNL and Creighton show growth continuing in the region but slowing as the quarter progresses; Ricketts touts value of trade discussions during mission to UK, Ireland; Airport sets up resources to allow more flight diversions from Denver, which generates revenue for the facility; NPPD seeking to build second transmission line between substations serving Scottsbluff to improve reliability; Gov. Ricketts urges property owners to take advantage of refundable income tax credit for taxes paid to K-12 schools; Gering ok's process for homes built out of shipping containers;