

Below is a list of significant issues responded by KQSK 97.5 FM and KCNB 94.7 FM in Chadron, Nebraska along with significant programming treatment on those issues for the first quarter January 1 - March 31, 2021.

City of Gordon re-opens front doors to offices...Jan. 5...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

The City of Gordon has re-opened its front doors to city offices at the Community Building. "With COVID cases in decline it is much more convenient for our customers and staff to have the doors unlocked," said Glen Spaugh, Gordon City Manager. "The restrooms and gym will remain closed to the public."

Nebraska officials warn about virus vaccine scams...Jan. 6...6am, 7am, 8am, 12noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

Nebraska officials are warning people to watch out for scams related to coronavirus vaccines. State Attorney General Doug Peterson said Nebraskans should be wary about unsolicited offers to provide the vaccine, especially if they ask for credit card numbers or other personal information. The COVID-19 vaccine is being provided free.

Chadron Police Chief Tim Lordino resigns...Jan. 13...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

The City of Chadron's Police Chief has resigned. According to a press release from the city, Police Chief Tim Lordino tendered his resignation effective Feb. 10. Chief Lordino has been with the Chadron Police Department for 13 years. Chief Lordino started his position with the City of Chadron on Aug. 13, 2007. He previously worked for the Gering Police Department for 16 years. "The City of Chadron wishes Chief Lordino well in his new endeavors," said Milo Rust, Interim City Manager.

CSC facilities reopening to the public Monday...Jan. 22...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

After being closed to the public since Nov. 18, 2020, Chadron State College will reopen select facilities to the community beginning Monday, Jan. 25. The buildings reopening to the public are the Nelson Physical Activity Center, the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Crites Hall, King Library, Memorial Hall, and the Chicoine Center. Anyone attending an event or using a CSC facility must follow the college's Face Covering Policy, wear a mask, and maintain social distance.

Chadron Public Schools launch 'blogspot' for community...Jan. 26...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

Chadron Public Schools Foundation is proud to announce a blogspot to inform the public of

actions and activities. The site is: cpsfoundation.blogspot.com The CPS Foundation is a non-profit corporation dedicated to developing and maintaining programs that are in the best interest of the Chadron Public Schools District and surrounding community.

Chadron police seize counterfeit money at a local business...Feb. 2...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

The Chadron Police Department recently found counterfeit money.

On Feb. 1 the Chadron Police Department received a call from a local business that someone had attempted to purchase items with counterfeit money. The business identified the money as fake and did not accept it. The money was confiscated and handed over to the Chadron Police Department for further investigation. The bill seized was a realistic looking fifty dollar bill with significant flaws. The bill did not have the normal security features of US currency. It had the words "For Motion Picture Purposes" on the top right side. "We would like to remind everyone to be careful when dealing with cash transactions and ensure the cash money you are taking in is real," said Rick Hickstein, Chadron Police Lieutenant.

Chadron Public Library continues to reopen services with precautions...Feb. 8...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

The Chadron Public Library continues to reopen services. The library will still have restrictions and will be adopting a few precautions.

Starting Monday, Feb. 8 hours of operation will be as follows: Monday through Friday 10:00 to

11:00 open, 11:00 to 11:15 closed for cleaning

11:15 to 12:15 open, 12:15 to 12:30 closed for cleaning

12:30 to 1:30 open, 1:30 to 1:45 closed for cleaning

1:45 to 2:45 open, 2:45 to 3:00 closed for cleaning

3:00 to 4:00 open, 4:00 to 4:15 closed for cleaning

4:15 to 4:45 open, 4:45 closed for the day

Fort Robinson State Park expanding campsites for RVs...Feb. 9...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

There will be more happy campers at Fort Robinson State Park. Or, at least there will be room for them.

The park is adding 42 new pads to the Red Cloud Campground, which serves visitors seeking full hookups for their recreational vehicles and campers. Each pad will have connections for 50-amp electricity, water and sewage. The expansion will more than double the size of the campground, which has 32 pads.

PPHD: 3 additional locations to receive vaccine including Chadron, Alliance...Feb. 11...6am, 7am, 8am, 12noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

The Federal Pharmacy Program announced they will include three locations in the Panhandle. Alliance Community Pharmacy and Walmart in Chadron and Scottsbluff will be receiving the

COVID vaccine. This is in addition to the current vaccine providers that have been offering COVID vaccines in the Panhandle.

They will be following the same vaccine timeline issued by Governor Ricketts with current eligibility being health care personnel, long-term care, and individuals 65 and older.

"We encourage all Panhandle residents over the age of 18 that have not registered yet to please do so at vaccinate.ne.gov. Each new opportunity to expand access to residents getting the COVID vaccine is the goal but we want people to remain patient as new systems are underway," said Kim Engel, Panhandle Public Health District Director.

Chadron police remind residents about changes to city snow ordinance...Feb. 12...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

The City of Chadron and Chadron Police Department are reminding citizens about recent changes to the city snow ordinance.

"Winter is making its presence known with bitter cold temperatures and precipitation in the form of snow and ice," Chadron Police Lt. Rick Hickstein said. "The streets and the sidewalks are becoming covered and we want to take a moment to remind our community members of some new changes to the city ordinance that were passed a few months ago in reference to the removal of snow and ice."

Dawes County Sheriff convicted of official misconduct...March 8...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

This week, Dawes County Court Judge Randin Roland found Dawes County Sheriff Karl Dailey guilty of Official Misconduct (a Class II misdemeanor) for refusing to receive a man into the Dawes County Jail.

The man was arrested and wanted out of South Dakota for kidnapping and sexually assault.

The two-day bench trial on the matter was held in January.

Sentencing will be set at a date yet to be determined.

City of Crawford declares snow emergency...March 10...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

As per the winter storm warning, a Snow Emergency has been declared for the City of Crawford from 12:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, once accumulations reach 3 inches, through 5:00 p.m. Wednesday evening.

In reference to City Ordinances, a snow emergency means that motor vehicles, boats, trailers etc. CANNOT be parked on the street during the indicated time period along the emergency snow routes. Vehicles, trailers or obstructions remaining on the routes may be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense.

CPD asking residents not to travel...March 15...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30

sec.)

With the winter storm hitting Chadron, streets inside the city limits are becoming difficult to navigate. Over the last hour, our dispatch center has received several calls of motorists becoming stuck and going off the roadways. All highways leading in and out of Chadron are closed. We would like to ask everyone to not travel unless you have an emergency or it is absolutely necessary. The City of Chadron does have the plows out and are working hard to get the streets of Chadron cleared.

Post Playhouse Board of Directors cancels 2021 season...March 18...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)

At its March meeting, the Post Playhouse Board of Directors, in consultation with Producing Artistic Director Tom Ossowski, voted unanimously to cancel the 2021 theatrical season due to the ongoing pandemic and out of concern for the health and safety of the production team, performers, and audience members.

“While there are many positives as we anticipate an end to the pandemic, the organization cannot reasonably predict full audience attendance for a 2021 season,” Ossowski said.

Funds used to purchase tickets for the canceled 2020 season that were previously transferred to 2021 will now transfer to 2022.