

Public File Channel 977 (97.7 FM/1020AM/KJJK-AM) - 2018 Quarter 2:

1. Monday, April 2, 2018:

-Dean Monke from the Fergus Falls public schools came in to discuss "Otter News." He talked about the end of the school year coming up. There are only 40 days left. Dean Monke also mentioned the success of the Auto Department at a competition at M-State Moorhead, congratulated two students who were awarded the AAA Award (academics, athletics and arts), and discussed the most recent band concert (4:20am).

-April is National Stress Awareness Month. Mentioned how stress can lead to a range of illnesses from headaches and stomach disorders to depression. Making sure to understand and manage stress is important. Recommended people participate in things like taking a walk, reading a book and going for a run in order to help avoid stress. (3:15pm).

2. Tuesday April 3, 2018:

-Talked about how April is Autism Awareness Month. Mentioned that one out of four children in the U.S. have some form of Autism. Suggested doing research and helping out people with Autism during this month and/or any month. (3:10pm).

- April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The idea behind the month is to eliminate preventable deaths from distracted driving. In 2016 and 2017 there were roughly 40,000 deaths because of people being on their cell phones, eating, etc. Brought up these points and what you should and should not be doing in a car (drivers and passengers). (4:40pm).

3. Wednesday, April 04, 2018:

-April is National Volunteer Month. Told listeners about the purpose of the month (dedicated to people who volunteer and encourage people to volunteer). Also, gave a couple of suggestions of places (United Way of Otter Tail and Wadena Counties, Salvation Army, etc.) that they could spend time at to volunteer. (4:10pm).

4. Thursday, April 05, 2018:

-Talked about the city of Fergus Falls searching for judges to help out with primary elections on August 14<sup>th</sup> and the general election on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Directed people to the city's Facebook page for more details and information on how to help. (3:15pm).

5. Friday, April 06, 2018:

- This week Fergus Falls Mayor Ben Schierer delivered his "State of the City" address. He talked about a number of issues including the closing of the local Target and the importance of the historic downtown Fergus Falls area and Otter Tail River. Directed people to kbrfradio.com for a full interview with Mayor Schierer and more details regarding the address. (2:30pm)

6. Monday, April 9, 2018:

-Scott Colbeck from the Fergus Falls public schools came in to discuss "Otter News." It's Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota and there will be practice drills happening at the local schools on Thursday. He talked about keeping healthy and properly clothed for the unpredictable April weather. Mr. Colbeck also mentioned fun run fundraiser that is going on. (4:20am).

- It's important to be prepared in case of dangerous weather and this week is Severe Weather Awareness Week in the state of Minnesota. Told listeners about where they can get information, including an article and interview with Otter Tail County Emergency Services Director Patrick Waletzko at kbrfradio.com. (3:15pm).

7. Tuesday, April 10, 2018:

- This week is Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week. Mentioned to listeners the importance of acting in response to watches, warnings and advisories. Also, told people to check out kbrfradio.com for information regarding all of this (2:30pm).

- Told people about National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which is in April. According to a 2014 report from the National Department of Health and Human Services, 646,000 children were victims of neglect or child abuse. During this time people are encouraged to support families and take positive action to promote child and family well-being (5:10pm).

8. Wednesday, April 11, 2018:

-Continued conversation about Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week. Brought up the idea of flooding and tips associated with it. Directed people to an article on kbrfradio.com featuring an interview with Otter Tail County Emergency Services Director Patrick Waletzko. (3:10pm).

9. Thursday, April 12, 2018:

-Today's main topic for Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is tornados. Mentioned how many counties throughout the state are participating in drills and that now is a good time to review you and your family's preparedness when a situation occurs. (5:10pm).

10. Monday, April 16, 2018:

- April is National Volunteer Month. Told listeners about the purpose of the month (dedicated to people who volunteer and encourage people to volunteer). Recommended that they take advantage of the month and give back in any way that they can through any of the great local organizations. (2:30pm).

11. Tuesday, April 17, 2018:

-April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and in honor of that there will be extra patrols on Otter Tail County roads for the next several days. It's important not to participate in things that would distract you while behind the wheel (eating, being on the phone, etc.). (4:30pm).

12. Thursday, April 19, 2018:

- Congratulated Dr. Carrie Brimhall on being named the next president of Minnesota State and Technical College. She will take over for Peggy Kennedy who has served as president since 2012 and is retiring. Dr. Brimhall will officially take over on July 1<sup>st</sup>. (2:30pm).

13. Friday, April 20, 2018:

- Mentioned the unofficial survey that the Fergus Falls Area Chamber of Commerce did about new businesses and renovated businesses in the past five years. It is estimated that around 130 places have moved or updated during this time. Referred listeners to an article and interview about all of this on [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com). (2:40pm).

14. Monday, April 23, 2018:

- Dean Monke from the Fergus Falls public schools came in to discuss "Otter News." He talked about spring activities and the importance of looking at the district calendar. There will be a high school orchestra concert tonight at 7pm. He also congratulated k-4 students and the PTO, who raised over \$29,000 at a recent fundraising event, to fund additional activities for the kids. Dean Monke also mentioned the Spring Synchronized Swim Show going on April 27-29 at the pool and the all-school band concert on Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> (4:20am).

- Mentioned the Internet Safety and Human Trafficking presentation going on at M-State this week. It's on Wednesday night from 6pm-8pm and free to the public with a light dinner provided. (3:40pm).

- Talked about construction on the Fergus Falls City Hall Building. The city is removing the rubber roof membrane around the bell tower. Directed people to [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for more information (5:10pm).

15. Tuesday, April 24, 2018:

- Talked about an Internet Safety and Human Trafficking presentation going on at M-State this week. It's on Wednesday night from 6pm-8pm and free to the public with a light dinner provided. (4:10pm).

16. Wednesday, April 25, 2018:

- Talked about an Internet Safety and Human Trafficking presentation going on at M-State in Fergus Falls. It's tomorrow night from 6pm-8pm and free to the public with a light dinner provided. (2:30pm).

- Mentioned a discussion that Jim Sturgeon and Jim Allen from the news department of our sister station AM 1250 KBRF will be doing on Thursday and Friday night. They will be talking to an Otter Tail County Child Protection worker and a sergeant with the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office about the process of child protection. This is in light of recent events in the area surrounding the death of a six year old due to alleged malicious punishment. (4:15pm).

17. Thursday, April 26, 2018:

- Mentioned a two part discussion that Jim Sturgeon and Jim Allen from the news department of our sister station AM 1250 KBRF will be doing tonight (Thursday, April 26th) and Friday night. They will be talking to an Otter Tail County Child Protection worker and a sergeant with the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office about the process of child protection. This is in light of recent

events in the area surrounding the death of a six year old due to alleged malicious punishment. (3:10pm).

18. Friday, April 27, 2018:

- Mentioned the continuation of a two part discussion that Jim Sturgeon and Jim Allen from the news department of our sister station AM 1250 KBRF will be doing tonight (Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>). They will be talking to an Otter Tail County Child Protection worker and a sergeant with the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office about the process of child protection. This is in light of recent events in the area surrounding the death of a six year old due to alleged malicious punishment. (2:30pm).

19. Monday, April 30, 2018:

- Played "Otter News" presented by Scott Colbeck. He talked about the annual fourth grade orchestra tour that goes around the schools in the area. Mr. Colbeck also mentioned an informative event for parents and students to attend regarding joining band. He also brought up the "boosterthon fundraiser" ran by the PTO. They were able to raise over \$25,000 for the organization. (4:20am).

- Congratulated Bill Kalar on retiring as Otter Tail County's longest running Land and Resources Director. He served 38 years. Directed listeners to kbrfradio.com for more information. (2:40pm).

- Talked about upcoming construction happening on I-94 (between Evansville and Garfield exits) that will take effect on Wednesday (5/2/18) and go through mid-November. There will be resurfacing in both directions, as well as repairing of decks and bridges. (3:10pm).

- Mentioned the month of April being Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Reminded people to be careful when on the road and how just one second of attention can change a life forever. Texting, eating, etc. are all things to avoid while behind the wheel. (4:15pm).

20. Tuesday, May 01, 2018:

- Talked about the rumors of ticks being a major issue in the area and even though it's not true, the Minnesota Department of Health says that we shouldn't let our guards down. They say if you do find a tick to get rid of it as soon as possible. The best way is to remove it with tweezers or fingers to grab it by its head and pull it out slowly, gently and steadily. Once it's taken out, it's a good idea to wash the area with soap and water. Directed people to kbrfradio.com for more information (3:30pm).

21. Wednesday, May 02, 2018:

- Reminded listeners about the upcoming construction happening on I-94 (between Evansville and Garfield exits) that will take effect today (5/2/18) and go through mid-November. There will be resurfacing in both directions, as well as repairing of decks and bridges. (3:30pm).

22. Thursday, May 03, 2018:

- Told listeners about the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources restricting open burning in 30 counties, which includes Otter Tail County. The state will not issue burning permits for brush or yard waste in designated counties until the ban is lifted. Instructed people to visit [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for more information. (3:30pm).

23. Monday, May 07, 2018:

- Played Otter News presented by Tindi Rund. She mentioned the Senior Class Recognition event at Kennedy Secondary School that is happening tonight and congratulated the graduating class of 2018. Tindi also brought up that Wednesday is National School Nurses Day and the importance of nurses to students. Also, she talked about the upcoming school play and band concerts. (4:20am).

- Told listeners about National Bike Month, which happens in May. It began in 1956 and celebrates the many benefits of biking and encourages people to give it a try. (3:10pm).

24. Tuesday, May 08, 2018:

- This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week and today is National Appreciation Day. Teachers do a lot for students including giving extra help, boosting confidence, etc. Thanked the area teachers for all that they do. (2:30pm).

25. Wednesday, May 09, 2018:

- The fishing opener is coming up and on May 12<sup>th</sup> there will be new Northern Pike regulations. North Central, Northeast and South zones provide protection for different sizes of pike. Directed people to [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for more information. (2:30pm).

26. Thursday, May 10, 2018:

- There is a romaine lettuce multi-state E. coli outbreak that has sickened 28 more people in four more states. Ten cases have been linked/identified in Minnesota. There's an article on [kbrfradioc.com](http://kbrfradioc.com) about how it's affecting Otter Tail County/general area. The Minnesota Department of Health is asking people not to eat, buy or sell romaine lettuce unless they can confirm it is not from the Yuma growing region. (2:40pm).

- Outstanding Otter Tail County Traffic Safety Awards were handed out yesterday by the Otter County Safe Communities Coalition. Congratulated Mark Ebeling of the Perham area EMS, OTC Hwy Department lead Sign Technician Rick Swanberg, Underwood Public Schools and others awarded. Told people to check out details at [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com). (3:10pm).

27. Monday, May 14, 2018:

- Played "Otter News" presented by Dean Monke. He talked about this Wednesday's high school band concert, Thursday's middle school band concert, next Monday's all-school orchestra concert, next Wednesday's high school choir concert and next Thursday's middle school choir concert. Dean Monke also talked about the fine arts festival at the school next week. Lastly, he mentioned the brand new Fergus Falls Otter fishing team. (4:20am).

- The Fergus Falls Police Department has gotten a number of complaints dealing with a scam call or voicemail claiming to be the IRS or other government agency giving people 24 hours to settle

a supposed debt or officer's arrest. This is not something the department would do and people receiving this call or voicemail are advised not to call back or hang up. Directed people to [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for more information. (3:10pm).

- This week is National Correctional Officers and Employees Week. It's a great time to recognize Otter Tail County's Correctional Officers and employees at the Otter Tail County Jail. Told listeners to visit [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for an article posted about this. (4:30pm).

28. Tuesday, May 15, 2018:

- Mentioned "Movies in the Park," which is an annual event where people in the community can go see films at Roosevelt Park in Fergus Falls throughout the spring/summer for free. (2:30pm).

- May is Military Appreciation Month. The purpose of this is to recognize, celebrate and raise awareness for those who serve and have served the United States. Thanked local men and women who are serving/have served. (5:40pm).

29. Wednesday, May 16, 2018:

- Congratulated firefighters Dan Lipson and Cody Lehman who were both awarded certifications earlier this week at the Fergus Falls Firefighters Association meeting. Told listeners to check out the Fergus Falls Fire Department Facebook page for pictures and more details. (4:15pm).

30. Friday, May 18, 2018:

- Mentioned that Fergus Falls residents who want to use fire pits or fire bowls can now do so. The burning restrictions that were in place have been lifted. Directed people to [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for more information. (4:30pm).

31. Monday, May 21, 2018:

- Played "Otter News" presented by Scott Colbeck. He talked about a bunch of upcoming events including the all-school orchestra concert, high school choir concert, Blondeau Fine Arts Festival, McKinley Elementary first grade students hosting their spring sing and McKinley students participating in Field Day. Lastly, he reminded everyone that there is no school on Memorial Day. (4:20am).

- May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month. There are over 5 million cases diagnosed in America every year. Talked about the importance of raising awareness and encouraging sun safe habits. (4:15pm).

32. Tuesday, May 22, 2018

- Congratulated city workers Kristy Love-Anderson and Keith Stafford, who just announced that they are retiring, both after 30 plus years. The official date of retirement is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Directed people to article on [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for more information. (3:30pm).

- The Fergus Falls City Council wants more opportunities when it comes to who can serve on committees/not exclude people from serving. Told people that they can read more about their wanted plans including things like removing any reference to having to live in the city. (4:15pm).

33. Wednesday, May 23, 2018:

- Otter Tail County is going to be enforcing a new dock and lift ordinance and instructed people to visit [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for an article about this. Also, suggested calling the OTC Land and Resource Office if people had questions so they did not wind up with problems or issues that could have been avoided. (2:30pm).

34. Thursday, May 24, 2018:

- Mentioned the month of May being National Stroke Awareness Month. The idea is to promote awareness and reduce incidents of strokes in the US. Eighty percent of strokes are caused by lifestyle, so they are largely preventable. (4:40pm).

35. Monday, June 4, 2018

- Played Otter News presented by Dean Monkee. He talked about the end of the school year/graduation and what is going on during the summer months (ie summer school). Dean Monkee congratulated all the retiring teachers as well. Also, he mentioned registration for next year. (4:20am).

36. Tuesday, June 05, 2018:

- The month of June is National Safety Month. Talked about the idea behind this being to reduce the leading causes of unintentional injury and death at work, on the roads, in homes, etc. The theme for this year is "No 1 Gets Hurt." Each week is dedicated to a different topic like emergency preparedness. (3:10pm).

37. Wednesday, June 06, 2018:

- The filing period for Otter Tail County government offices closed on Monday. Directed people to [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) and an article up there for more information. (4:30pm).

- Talked about the Fergus Falls Police Department warning people not to leave pets in hot vehicles during the warmer months of the year. They say it can also be risky to leave air conditioning running while going somewhere and letting pets sit in a vehicle because it gives thieves an easy opportunity to steal. (5:30pm).

38. Monday, June 11, 2018:

- Otter Tail County has been recognized for excellence in workplace safety. The county was one of 279 public and private sector employers to be honored at the annual Minnesota Safety Conference. Directed listeners to [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for an article with more information. (2:30pm).

39. Tuesday, June 12, 2018:

- On Monday, June, 11, 2018 there was a Fergus Falls School District Board meeting and lot was discussed, including the success of a new attendance policy, which has been well received by students and parents. Directed people to [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for details. (2:40pm).

40. Wednesday, June 13, 2018:

- Over the last several years blood donation in the state of Minnesota and around the US has fallen off gradually. Currently, there is a big need for all types of blood and there is a campaign by the Red Cross to encourage people to help. Told people to visit [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for more information. (3:15pm).

41. Thursday, June 14, 2018:

- The Fergus Falls City Council is thinking about giving its members and the mayor a raise that would go in to affect in 2019. Council salaries would go from \$650 per month to \$800 and the mayor salary would go from \$1,075 to \$1,300 per month. Directed listeners to an article on [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for more information. (4:15pm).

42. Monday, June 18, 2018:

- The Otter Tail County Board has passed an ordinance called “The Animal Bit and Dangerous Dog Ordinance” It does many things including defining what the Sheriff’s Office does to enforce Minnesota Statutes dealing with dangerous dogs or potentially dangerous dogs. Told listeners to visit [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for more information. (3:15pm).

43. Tuesday, June 19, 2018:

- There will be no pay raise for the Fergus Falls City Council or mayor. The city council voted 7-1 against a pay raise last night. Directed listeners to [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for the details. (3:30pm).

44. Monday, June 25, 2018:

- This week is Lightning Safety Awareness Week. Lightning strikes the U.S. approximately 25 million times a year, most of it happening in the summer. Told listeners to visit [weather.gov](http://weather.gov) for some important information and safety tips. (2:30pm).

45. Tuesday, June 26, 2018:

- I-94 around Alexandria, after 9:30pm tonight, will have the eastbound lane closed and traffic will be detoured to Highway 114 and Highway 27 due to overnight maintenance. It is expected to last three hours. Directed listeners to [kbrfradio.com](http://kbrfradio.com) for more information (3:40pm).