

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station KGMT/KUTT, Fairbury, Nebraska, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of January 1 2023 through March 31, 2023. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

| Description of Issue | Program/Segment | Date | Time | Duration | Narration of Type and description of Program |
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| General Health | Healthy Living | Mon-Fri | 12:40 pm | 1:30 min | This is a pre-recorded program that covers all areas of health, including cancer, influenza, aging, etc. |
| Local Interest | Community Calendar | Mon-Fri | 12:30 pm | 2-4 min | Daily rundown of public service announcements and community events happening throughout our coverage area. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 1/4/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 2:00 | The Saline County Sheriff's department participated in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Mobilization Campaign from late December to the new year and are calling it a success. The initiative, was launched to decrease alcohol violations and reduce traffic injuries and fatalities. During the enforcement period, the Saline County Sheriff's Office responded to 4 accidents with no fatalities or serious injuries, and none of the reported accidents were alcohol related. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 1/5/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 1:00 | Jefferson County has officially agreed to a contract with its county attorney. The Jefferson County Commissioners and County Attorney Joe Casson signed the deal at this week's meeting Tuesday morning. That contract went into effect Thursday, the same day everyone who was elected to Jefferson County positions took office. Casson had served as Jefferson County's Attorney for the prior term. In last year's election, though, he ran and won the position in Thayer County instead of running for reelection in Jefferson County. Nobody ran in Jefferson County for the position. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 1/5/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 1:45 | The Mayor of Beatrice is urging residents to voice their opinions on the proposal of changing 7th and 8th streets in Beatrice from one-way streets to two-way streets. Speaking on K-W-B-E's "Ask The Mayor" program Thursday morning, Mayor Bob Morgan urged residents to contact their city council representative and share their thoughts about the idea of changing the streets. Morgan said "On January 16th we are going to vote and one of things I would ask the constituents of Beatrice is to reach out to your councilman if you have an opinion so we get a good count of .."you think it's a good idea" or "you think it's a bad idea". I would urge the public to reach out to us cause I think on either side of the issue what the public thinks is important because the public is the one that voted us in and we are representing the public". The change from one-way to two-way is at the recommendation of the city's traffic committee which studied the streets last summer. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 1/9/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 2:00 | The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance announced Peggy Galloway, Director of Jefferson County Diversion and Pretrial Services in Fairbury was chosen to be part of a select group of fellows in a new rural leadership program. It's called Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions. Program fellows will learn how to adopt bold solutions to the persistent challenge of substance use in rural communities. They'll work closely with innovators who have established successful programs in other rural communities. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 1/10/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 2:00 | The Environmental Protection Agency announced Monday that it has reached an agreement with a pipeline operator to clean up a spill that dumped 14,000 bathtubs' worth of crude oil into a rural Kansas creek. The agency said in a news release that the Dec. 7 rupture of the Keystone pipeline affected 3 1/2 miles of a creek as it flows through rural pastureland in Washington County, about 150 miles northwest of Kansas City. The order requires TC Oil Pipeline Operations Inc. to recover oil and oil-contaminated soil and vegetation and contain the further spread of oil in the creek. Meg McCollister, an EPA regional administrator, said in a statement that the federal government and the state are "committed to a thorough cleanup and restoration." |

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| Public Awareness | News Store | 1/13/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 4:00 | About 130 people attended a Jefferson County Planning and Zoning meeting Thursday night, as officials continue to discuss proposed wind energy regulations. NextEra Energy Resources wants permission to build a second wind farm in the county in the Jansen and Plymouth areas, with up to 90 wind turbines. Currently, Jefferson County has a moratorium on wind permits while regulations are finalized. Planning Commission attorney Greg Kratz says the goal is coming up with a set of regulations that are equitable that protects the health, safety and welfare of residents. "I believe it encourages discussion, cooperation among neighbors, among the wind company, landowners and residents....everyone in that affected area. I believe its a lot less restrictive than those rules that have been passed in other counties that have been passed in the last five years, but strong enough to protect the citizens and landowners, alike." |
| Public Interest | News Story | 1/16/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 1:00 | Fairbury Public Schools Superintendent Stephen Grizzle is moving on. "I felt like we're in a good spot here and the all the timing and the circumstances just kind of aligned." Grizzle let the staff know of his impending resignation during a meeting Monday — a professional development day for staff and a day off for students. His last day will be June 30th. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 1/18/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 2:00 | Having missed most of the snow so far this winter season, southeast Nebraska was getting a combination of rain, freezing rain and sleet early Monday afternoon. An electric utility's worst winter enemy?. "Ice.....I'll take the snow". Beatrice Electric Superintendent Pat Feist said no outages, power loss or voltage problems had happened as of mid-afternoon Wednesday. "I've been through a couple in the 90s...not real big ice storms, but enough that we worked quite a few extra hours on them." |
| Public Interest | News Story | 1/20/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 2:00 | Two organizations in Crete are coming together to help one of their own. "You know, we maybe help him raise a little money, pay for some bills and help get some things taken care of around his house." Crete Volunteer Fire and Rescue and Doane University are partnering up to raise money for Brad Elder. A near-four year member of the department and Doane professor, Elder was injured while battling grass fires in October. He suffered severe burns to about 20 percent of his body. Crete Rescue Lieutenant Nikki Wells says he's undergone multiple skin graft surgeries and is still rehabbing in Lincoln. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 1/21/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 1:30 | The Fairbury School Board moved quickly hiring from within for next years Superintendent. The board held a special meeting Saturday morning approving a contract on a 5-0 vote to name their High School Principal Sean Molloy as Superintendent starting next school year. The move comes after Fairbury's current Superintendent, Stephen Grizzle accepted an interim superintendent position at South Central Nebraska Unified School District #5. Grizzle will be helping Sandy Creek and Lawrence-Nelson schools split into separate districts in 2024, before retiring. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 1/25/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 3:30 | As the Fairbury City Council continues its quest to locate a new water source for the town, the group took the next step at its latest meeting. The Fairbury City Council unanimously approved putting no more than \$10,000 toward collecting water samples from Crystal Springs. The town already has wells at Crystal Springs, but they haven't been used since 2021 due to biofilm buildup in the wells. The hope is the water sampling gathers more information to help combat that issue as well as provide more data on nitrate levels in the area. Councilman John Ebke says the initial round of testing should not cost more than \$4,000, but additional rounds of testing may be needed. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 1/31/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 2:00 | Students and staff at a southeast Nebraska school district will continue to not go to school as authorities investigate a threat made against the district late last week. Thayer Central Community Schools has announced on its social media they will not have classes Wednesday. It's the third-day in a row the district has called off school after reporting they received a |

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| | | | | | threat Friday, Jan. 27. The school's administration maintains the decision was made out of an abundance of caution for students and staff. An investigation into the matter is ongoing. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 2/6/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | :45 | Fairbury honoring some of its own this weekend at the annual Fairbury Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The night saw people pack the town's Elks Lodge dressed up for the Prom Night theme here to celebrate one another and raise money for a local camp. Fairbury City Councilman Brian Schmidt received the big honor of the night — the Community Service Award. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 2/7/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 2:30 | A school district in southeast Nebraska is taking an additional security step after a threat was reported late last month. Thayer Central Community Schools announced they have contracted with Nesbitt and Associates to provide security on campus for the next "several weeks." "We wanted to keep you informed of the steps that we are taking moving forward to ensure a safe and secure school environment," the administration said in a letter to students and parents. |
| Public Awareness | News Story | 2/8/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 2:00 | Landowners in the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District (NRD) may be entitled to cost-share assistance. Landowners planning to install terraces, tile outlets, grassed waterways, or other conservation practices will have the opportunity to apply for cost-share assistance from now until March 10, at their local NRCS office. Offices are located in Beatrice, Fairbury, Wilber, and Pawnee City. |
| Public Awareness | News Story | 2/10/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 3:30 | The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee now has its full list of recommendations for the county commissioners on wind farm regulations. The board held another meeting Thursday night. They've been tasked with reviewing and taking public input on regulations for potential wind energy projects. Last night, the board voted to set a one-mile setback from schools, churches, incorporated towns and state-owned recreation areas. This is not addressed in the current regulations and was added by the county commissioners for the planning and zoning committee's consideration. Previously only participating and non-participating landowners as well as right of ways from highways, roads and railroads had specific setback limits concerning wind turbines. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 2/20/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 1:00 | The Southeast Community College Student Food Pantry is seeking help to replenish low stocks. Safety and Security Coordinator at the SCC-Beatrice Campus, Mark Meints says the pantry helps fill a food gap when some of the college's roughly 900 full-time students can't go home over a break, or the campus cafeteria may not be open. |
| Public Awareness | News Story | 2/21/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 1:45 | For the eighth time in 10 years, Jefferson Community Health & Life has been named a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "Jefferson Community Health & Life scored in the top 100 of critical access hospitals (CAHs) on the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX™ for 2023, and previously in 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015, and 2014. The annual Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals award is based on the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX® from iVantage Health Analytics, and is regarded as one of the industry's most significant designations of performance excellence. |
| Public Awareness | News Story | 2/27/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | :45 | The Gage, Jefferson, and Saline County Emergency Management Agencies are inviting the public to a storm Spotter's training to be held at 7PM, this Tuesday, at the Homestead National Historical Park Education Center in Beatrice. The class provides a basic understanding of thunderstorm structure, spotting techniques, reporting criteria, safety information and procedures. John McKee, who is the Emergency Management Director for Jefferson and Saline county said this is the first in person training for the public since the pandemic began. Training will be provided by the National Weather Service out of Omaha. |

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| Public Interest | News Story | 3/3/23 | 7 am, 12p, 5p | 3:00 | A rural Adams farmer's permit for a 6,200 head swine feeder-to-finish operation midway between Adams and Filley brought support and opposition, before the Gage County Planning Commission, Thursday night...in a three-hour public hearing. Dean Otto's family farm would use liquid manure from the operation to inject into his fields, for fertilizer. Otto is working with Summit Pork, an Iowa-based company seeking its first such operation in Nebraska. He wants to sell some of his land for the operation in section 11 of Hanover Township, along South 82nd Road. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 3/8/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 2:00 | Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission will have a public hearing over its proposed changes Thursday. The sole purpose for the meeting is to hold a public hearing over the committee's proposed changes to Jefferson County's wind energy zoning regulations. The regulations were originally adopted in 2013 and are the regulations the Steele Flats wind farm abide by. That wind farm will be grandfathered in with the old regulations and will not have abide by any new regulations passed. |
| Public Awareness | Interview | 3/10/23 | 8:30a | 10:00 | Live, In-Studio interview with Fairbury Public School Vocal & Band Instructors along with a high school theater student. They promoted and discussed the upcoming Musical – a first to happen at the school – since the pandemic. They're performing the Addams Family Musical March 17, 18 & 19, 2023. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 3/10/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 2:00 | Rural ambulance services across Nebraska will be getting \$25 million in funding to assist them in buying needed equipment and replacing ambulances. The State of Nebraska announced the funding Wednesday, which comes from the American Rescue Plan Act. Senator Myron Dorn, of Adams...last year proposed legislation appropriating funds for the rural services. An application process for the money followed. Dorn said most of the grants will help replace ambulances, including Adams Fire and Rescue...where Dorn volunteers. |
| Public Awareness | News Story | 3/16/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 1:10 | The time until a final decision is made on commercial wind farm regulations in Jefferson County is quickly approaching. The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee will present its recommendations to the Jefferson County Commissioners during their meeting on Tuesday, March 21. The county commissioners will not vote on the regulations Tuesday, however. The vote will not come until after the county commissioners have had a chance to hear from the public on the matter. A public hearing on the regulations with the commissioners is set for Thursday, March 23 at the 4H building at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds to accommodate a larger audience. |
| Public Interest | News Story | 3/24/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 1:30 | After an over year-long process, Jefferson County has new wind turbine zoning regulations. Jefferson county commissioners made their final decisions what regulations to put in place. "Unfortunately, the three of us are already aware this issue has divided neighbors, it's divided friends and it's divided families," Commissioner Chairman Mark Schoenrock said while addressing the crowd at the start of the meeting. "Please do not let that happen." Thirty-one people addressed the commissioners before they voted. NextEra Energy representative Matthew Jones told the board the company believes the proposed solutions from the planning and zoning board were too strict. |
| Public Awareness | | 3/29/23 | 8:10 am | 2:00 | The City of Fairbury is getting a big boost in aid to help with certain projects in the community. Fairbury has been awarded \$1.75 million in grant funds from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED). The money comes from the American Rescue Plan Act and was distributed through the Qualified Census Tract (QCT) Recovery Grant Program of Great Nebraska. "Awarded projects will help revitalize public spaces in Greater Nebraska's QCTs, create innovative housing solutions, and help multiple Greater Nebraska QCTs attract, retain and develop a diverse and highly qualified workforce," the DED wrote in a statement. |

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| Public Interest | News Story | 3/29/23 | 7am, 12p, 5p | 2:00 | <p>Just days before a Monday night open house on downtown redevelopment ideas, the City of Beatrice learned it will receive a grant of \$400,000 through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, that could aid the downtown project.</p> <p>City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer says the city applied for \$3 million dollars for downtown improvements, and \$1.5 million for a sewer lift station project.</p> <p>Tempelmeyer says the \$400,000 will be used for downtown beautification on off-highway streets....knowing that a decision could be made to shift heavy truck traffic a block south.</p> |
| Public Awareness | Public Service Announcements | Current | 7:00 am-6:00 pm | Various lengths | |