

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 July 1 2022 through September 30, 2022. 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
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	7/1/22	7am, 12p, 5p	3:00	Local law officers are encouraging rural residents not to be reluctant to report suspicious activity. Gage County Sheriff Millard Gustafson, investigators and deputies encourage citizens to take precautions to secure their valuables, vehicles, farm equipment and supplies against theft or damage. Thefts or criminal mischief occur throughout the county and have a higher likelihood of being deterred, or a suspect apprehended if citizens call in suspicious vehicles or persons as soon as possible.
Public Interest	News Story	7/1/22	7am, 12p, 5p	:30	Independence Day weekend will be busy in the sky and on the roads with fireworks and traffic. Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol will be patrolling across the state to help keep the roadways safe and to assist motorists that are in need of help.
Public Interest	News Story	7/5/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:45	A boy has died following a roof collapse at a hotel in southeast Nebraska. York Police officers were called to the Hampton Inn in York Sunday day after receiving reports of a collapsed roof.
Public Interest	News Story	7/7/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Folks in southeast Nebraska are waking up to very wet conditions after storms hit the area overnight. Just before 4:00 a.m. Thursday morning, the National Weather Service issued an Areal Flood Watch for several counties in southeast Nebraska. This includes Jefferson, Gage, Saline, Seward, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee and Richardson counties.
Public Interest	News Story	7/15/22	7am, 12p, 5p	4:00	A two-year-old child was found safe and in good health near Clatonia, following a brief search. Gage County Sheriff's Officers were summoned to a missing child report in a rural area Wednesday afternoon, where the mother of a two-year-old boy indicated he had inadvertently been let out of the house by an older sibling while the mother was busy.
Public Awareness	News Store	7/16/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	People heading to any of the variety of events going on Friday evening in southeast Nebraska and northern Kansas should be prepared to take on the heat. Early Friday afternoon, the National Weather Service issued a Heat Advisory for virtually the entire O' Red 99.5 listening area. Temperatures were in the high 90s with heat indexes expected to hit 105 degrees. The Heat Advisory will be in place until 8 p.m. Friday.
Public Interest	News Story	7/19/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	A town-focused organization in southeast Nebraska is helping teachers and students get ready for the upcoming school year. The Fairbury Community Foundation is beginning its annual Back to School Supply Drive. This is the 4th year they've held the drive.
Public Interest	News Story	7/20/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Exhibits, shows and entertainment are back at the Washington County Fair. "It takes an army to keep this place up and going with all the events we have throughout the year," Fair Board Secretary Todd Lindquist said. Lindquist says activities started Tuesday with several 4-H check ins and static exhibit judging. Those continue through the end of the week, including a new robotics activity.
Public Interest	News Story	7/21/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	A Hebron man is facing multiple charges after a federal grand jury recently indicted him. A release from Acting U.S. Attorney Steven Russell says 22-year-old Joseph Martin was indicted on four total counts including possession and distribution of child pornography.

Public Interest	News Story	7/22/22	7am, 12p, 5p	4:00	The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued a health alert for three lakes in Nebraska. The state issued a health alert for Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB), also known as toxic blue-green algae, at Maple Creek Recreation Area Lake in Colfax County, Duck Creek Lake in Nemaha County, and Iron Horse Trail Lake (WMA) in Pawnee County. The DHHS said that samples taken earlier in the week from these lakes measured above the threshold of 8 parts per billion (ppb) of total microcystin, which is a toxin released by certain strains of blue-green algae.
Public Interest	News Story	7/25/22	7am, 12p, 5p	3:30	A music festival in the capitol city is bringing cultures together, while also raising funds for a good cause. The Lincoln Crossroads Music Festival is going on now through the thirty-first. The music from around the world hopes to bring cultures together, says executive director Olga Smola. "The whole idea of the festival is multicultural fair," Smola said. "We try to build bridges between our Nebraska minority communities and all of us around the world."
Public Interest		7/27/22	10a-11a	1 hour	As families face a tough economy, higher costs and Covid, it's showing up through increased needs one southeast Nebraska agency tries to meet. Blue Valley Community Action Agency CEO Shari Wurtz-Miller says the agency that provides services to people in nine core counties...aims at helping persons to become self-sufficient.
Public Interest	News Story	7/30/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	A Fairbury business is stepping up to support the town's youth sports. Chappell Roofing in Fairbury is donating new roofs to Fairbury baseball and softball. Fairbury Mayor Spencer Brown said they'll replace the roof on the baseball field's concession stand and the main building at the softball complex. Brown announced the donation at the town's most recent city council meeting where he praised the company's generosity.
Public Interest	News Story	8/2/22	7am, 12p, 5p	:45	Safety is the name of the game Tuesday at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. "It's so wonderful to bring it back this year," Progressive Ag Safety Day Coordinator and Jefferson Community Health and Life Public Relations Director Lana Likens said. "Through '20 and '21 with Covid, we just felt it wasn't what we ought to do."
Public Interest	News Story	8/5/22	7am, 12p, 5p	4:00	With school right around the corner, one school district in southeast Nebraska is reviewing its drug testing policy for students. Fairbury's school board will discuss the matter at its meeting August 8th. The board held a retreat in late July to look over Policy 5013, which covers the procedure for students in extra-curricular activities. One of the items on the agenda is considering rescinding the policy altogether.
Public Awareness	News Story	8/8/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	The Fairbury School Board chooses to do away with drug testing for students. The board voted 3-1 Monday to rescind Policy 5013, which subject 7-12th graders in extra-curricular activities to random drug testing and laid out consequences for those who tested positive. Two board members were absent from the meeting. No one from the public commented during the meeting.
Public Awareness	News Story	8/12/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	With continued drought conditions in various stages across the region, law enforcement officials caution producers about the possible hazards from overspray of irrigation water onto roadways. It's mostly an infrequent occurrence but can present a hazard for traffic suddenly encountering wet pavement or a slick non-hard-surfaced road section. Gage County Sheriff Millard Gustafson explains the policy the county uses, in dealing with such situations that can create a liability problem for a producer.
Public Interest	News Story	8/19/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Warnings continue for Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB) in three Nebraska lakes, with one going back on health alert. The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) said the state has issued a health alert for HAB, also known as toxic blue-green algae, at Willow Creek Reservoir in Pierce County, Maskenthine Reservoir in Stanton County, and Iron Horse Lake in Pawnee County.

Public Awareness	News Story	8/24/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	With payoff of a huge federal civil rights judgment on the horizon, Gage County residents will see taxes going down, on two fronts. The Gage County Board Wednesday approved a resolution that will end collection of a half-cent countywide sales tax as of January 1st.....and the newly proposed budget could drop the county's tax rate from 50-cents, to about 45-point-one cents. The 50-cent levy was a requirement in state law allowing the county to enact the half-cent sales tax to pay off the so-called Beatrice Six civil rights judgment.
Public Awareness	News Story	8/26/22	7am, 12p, 5p	3:00	Some preliminary work is underway at the site of a new prekindergarten to fifth grade school in Beatrice District 15. School officials are planning a groundbreaking ceremony in the coming weeks, with Superintendent Jason Alexander telling the school board the date that's been selected.
Public Interest	News Story	9/2/22	7am, 12p, 5p	30 min.	A house fire that took the life of a Clatonia woman has been ruled accidental, by the Nebraska Fire Marshal's Office. No other information has been released on the exact cause of the late Monday night fire, at 300 Jefferson Street. 63-year-old Mary Bauer died in the fire. A 54-year-old brother of the woman was able to escape the fire and was taken to a Lincoln hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation. Clatonia, Cortland, Hallam and Wilber firefighters and rescue personnel responded to the blaze, along with Gage County Sheriff's Officers.
Public Awareness	News Story	9/06/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	NioCorp is beginning testing of rare earth's from the Elk Creek, NE. project. The testing is taking place in Quebec, Canada and is processing samples from Elk Creek. The demonstration plant project is intended to demonstrate that the Company can extract and separate rare earth elements from ore that NioCorp expects to mine from the Project site, subject to receipt of necessary project financing, and that its simplified process for potentially producing niobium, scandium, and titanium is technically and economically feasible.
Public Interest	News Story	9/8/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Residents of one southeast Nebraska town are being told to boil their water. The City of Deshler told its residents Thursday afternoon there was partial or total pressure loss within the Public Water Supply System. As result, people are being asked to boil water before using it. According to the notice, boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes and food prep until the order is lifted.
Public Awareness	News Story	9/9/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Fairbury will again be looking for a new city administrator. On Friday, Fairbury's Mayor Spencer Brown informed City Administrator Jacob Matthews of his termination. Matthews, who came to Fairbury from Denver, has only served as the city administrator since July 13th of this year. When reached for comment from NCN, Fairbury Mayor Spencer Brown said "(Matthews) was just not the correct fit for the city."
Public Interest	News Story	9/14/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:45	Access to roads, the campground, and boat ramp at Burchard Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Pawnee County may be closed for a bit of time this fall due to road repair. The project will work to improve bumpy road conditions and potholes on the interior WMA road, WMA campground road, and to a portion of 615 Avenue from Highway 4 to the WMA. Burchard is closed annually to all access Oct. 15-Jan. 14 except walk-in access for bank fishing along the perimeter of the lake during open water and ice fishing when safe ice exists.
Public Awareness	Interview	9/16/22	7am, 12p, 5p	:45	Crete Police, as well as the Federal Aviation Administration are investigating a Thursday skydiving accident at the Crete Municipal Airport. According to Crete Volunteer Fire and Rescue, at 4:09 PM Thursday, Crete Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Wilber Fire and Rescue, and StarCare Medical Transport were dispatched to the Crete Municipal Airport. They then treated and transported two individuals with "life threatening" injuries.
Public Interest	News Story	9/20/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:30	Parents and community members are being invited to Beatrice High School's Hevelone Center for what's called Standard Response Protocol training.....something schools across the U.S. utilize in the event of any school emergency.

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Public Awareness	Live Call-In Show	9/9/22 & 9/16/22	10a-11:30a	90 Min	Yard & Garden Live – a Live Call-in show with Gage County Extension Agent, Nicole Stoner and a different special guest each week. The fall edition of the show highlights calls from listeners with questions about plants, bugs, critters, lawn amendments, weed control, yards and gardens.
Public Interest	News Story	9/21/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	The Gage County Planning Commission has forwarded a set of regulations to govern solar energy projects, to the county's board of supervisors. Under the proposed regulations there would be three classes of solar installation....small projects up to 100 kilowatts that could received administrative approval....smaller commercial projects of 101 kilowatts to two megawatts.....and larger commercial solar installations of greater than two megawatts. The commercial projects would be approved by permit.
Public Interest	News Story	9/23/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	School safety and keeping and attracting staff members are at the top of mind for several school board candidates in Fairbury. Five candidates for the southeast Nebraska town's school board speaking at a public forum Thursday night.
Public Awareness	News Story	9/26/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:45	The mining company that wants to extract an assortment of rare elements from under the ground in southeast Nebraska has announced a deal that will give it up to \$285 million to help cover the roughly \$1.1 billion cost of building the mine. In addition to the acquisition of a special purchase acquisition company called GX Acquisition Corp. II that NioCorp announced Monday, the Centennial, Colorado-based company also signed letters of intent to borrow up to \$81 million more from Yorkville Advisors Global.
Public Interest	Interview	9/27/22	12:10p	15 min	A county in southeast Nebraska has officially adopted its budget for the next fiscal year. The Jefferson County Commissioners put the final stamp on things Tuesday morning. The overall budget will see an overall increase of about 4.6 percent. Commissioners said at a public hearing earlier this month they believed that was a good mark since inflation had reached levels over 8 percent in recent months.
Public Interest	News Story	9/28/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:10	Students completing their associate's degrees at Southeast Community College now have the option of making a cost-effective, seamless transition into a related bachelor's degree through Doane University. The Associate's to Bachelor's, or "A's to B's", partnership between SCC and Doane allows for new transfers to receive either reduced tuition while attending Doane courses in Lincoln or online, or a grant to attend Doane's residential campus in Crete.
Public Interest	In-Depth News story	9/29/22	7am, 12p, 5p	4 min	The Jefferson County Commissioners put the final stamp on things Tuesday morning. The overall budget will see an overall increase of about 4.6 percent. Commissioners said at a public hearing earlier this month they believed that was a good mark since inflation had reached levels over 8 percent in recent months. The county's property tax levy is increasing about four percent with valuations increasing about two percent. The levy for last year's budget was set at 34.2767 cents per \$100 of property valuation. This year's is set at 35 cents per \$100 in valuation. Jefferson County also is the only county in Nebraska to have an ambulance service funded with a property tax levy. That levy request increased substantially — about 45 percent from 5.37 cents per \$100 in valuation to 7.58 cents per \$100 in valuation.

Public Interest	News Story	9/29/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	After launching their Bachelor's in Engineering Program six years ago, Doane University has earned accreditation for the program. "To finally to be able to go from a, 'We can't really guarantee what's going to happen,' to 'Yes, we are fully accredited,' is really a fantastic opportunity for those students now," Doane's Engineering and Physic Department Chair Dr. Joel TerMaat said.
Public Interest	Interview	9/30/22	8:35a	10 min	Live on-air interview with Jason Luebbe, a member of the Fairbury Concert Association Board. Discussed the upcoming season for the FCA, who will be performing, how tickets work with the cooping between 3 other locations, besides Fairbury and how this is a community event, where everyone is welcome to attend. Season tickets on-sale, and the season begins Oct. 11.
Public Awareness	Public Service Announcements	Current	7:00 am-6:00 pm	Various lengths	Various. Announcements are made throughout the day about upcoming events, along with pertinent announcements including severe weather watches and warnings, or any other event that may endanger the public.