

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 April 1 2023 through June 30, 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
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	4/3/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Recreation areas in the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District are opening to vehicle traffic today, for the 2023 season. Nine of ten recreation areas managed by the district are reopening for the new season. Only Cub Creek Recreation area northwest of Jansen is closed and will reopen in mid-May, once renovation work there is completed.
Public Interest	News Story	4/5/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	The Gage County Board Wednesday conducted an hour-long public hearing on proposed solar energy regulations, recently sent to the supervisors by the Gage County Planning Commission. The proposed regulations, if approved, would cover four classes of solar installations....smaller residential projects, and three classes of commercial operations. Norris Public Power District is working with an Arkansas-based firm, Today's Power Inc., to establish six solar installations in the district's service area....two in Gage County. One site is north of the Homestead National Historical Park and the other would be near Diller. Director of Engineering Jerry Enns says Norris would draw a portion of its power from those installations, through a long-term contract locking in low, consistent rates.
Public Interest	News Story	4/7/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:40	As southeast Nebraska grapples with dry conditions, the Fairbury Rural Fire Department has put a burn ban in place. The FRFD says they will not allow any burn permits to be activated on Friday, April 7. Although conditions may seem favorable in the morning, humidity levels are expected to drop fast and winds will pick up before noon, according to the department. The Fire Chief has discretion to issue burn bans, and many do when an area is in Red Flag conditions.
Public Interest	News Story	4/7/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Nearly a year after construction started on a memorial to armed service veterans in Jefferson County, people can see significant progress being made to the monument. As the Memorial Day dedication comes closer, workers have began installing the wall of bricks going in as a backdrop to the memorial. Several of the bricks have names of those from Jefferson County who have served in the military. Organizer of the project Mick Suey said in a social media post the bricks with the veterans' names will remain covered until the dedication ceremony. The bricks were engraved by Endicott Clay Products.
Public Interest	News Story	4/10/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Dry conditions are keeping firefighters in southeast Nebraska on their toes. Monday afternoon multiple fire departments battled grass fires in Jefferson County near Steele City and Endicott. Jefferson County Emergency Manager John Mckee says there were multiple fires going at the same time Monday afternoon and into the evening. He told NCN his office assisted firefighters by flying drones to identify hot spots. The fire he was at — along Highway 8 near Endicott — reached a heavily wooded area and was near homes.
Public Awareness	News Store	4/11/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	The Jefferson and Saline County Emergency Management (JSEM) is calling it one of the largest wildfires in years in the county. JSEM estimates 2,600 acres burned in the blaze Tuesday near Endicott and Rock Creek State Historical Park. Numerous homes and buildings at the park have been threatened by the flames, but it is unclear if any have been

					damaged. Officials are asking to stay clear of the area. Multiple departments from the area responded Tuesday and 12 are expected to be in the area Wednesday as operations continue. The State Fire Marshal's Office's Wildland Incident Response and Assistance Team is helping coordinate.
Public Interest	News Story	4/12/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Officials in southeast Nebraska are working to turn the tide against a large wildfire. Jefferson and Saline County Emergency Manager John McKee says much of Wednesday's focus is dousing remaining hot spots. That's a shift from yesterday when firefighters were working to save homes and structures at Rock Creek Station Historical Park. "They did an excellent job with Rock Creek Station saving the buildings they had rebuilt quite a few years ago," McKee said. "We've been fortunate. I know yesterday, they were protecting 11 structures, which were homes. They've got pumpers set up that are protecting [those homes] in case things take off. They burned area is around 2,600-2,700 acres as of late Wednesday morning, according to McKee.
Public Interest	News Story	4/13/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	A small town in north central Kansas has reportedly been evacuated and multiple try to slow down a wildfire in Washington County. A fire south of Haddam, Kansas was reported Thursday. Multiple reports indicate the town has been evacuated as strong southerly winds push the flames toward the town. The amount of acres burned is unknown and the fire is 0 percent contained, according to the Kansas Forest Service. The Kansas Forest Service says reports are early but it appears to be a "major incident."
Public Interest	News Story	4/14/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	According to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Rock Creek Fire burning southeast of Fairbury is nearly fully contained. The latest report puts the blaze at 90 percent contained. That's up from 65 percent reported Thursday. After the Nebraska State Patrol's drone flight yesterday, the new estimate for acreage burned is 1,800 — down from the initially estimated 2,600.
Public Interest	News Story	4/17/23	7am, 12p, 5p	:45	A southeast Nebraska county is releasing results to a recent campaign to curb distracted driving in the area. In the week of April 3-9, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office performed a special mobilization enforcement as officers in Johnson County performed additional saturation patrol in efforts to curb distracted driving.
Public Interest	News Story	4/17/23	7am, 12p, 5p	3:30	The Nebraska Arts Council has granted Main Street Beatrice a Creative District designation in the downtown area. That makes possible future grant access and an initial award of \$10,000 as part of the Nebraska Arts Council Certification program. The Nebraska Creative District Program utilizes the arts as an economic driver to support communities in Nebraska by telling their stories and elevating the value of the arts. Main Street Beatrice has partnered with the City of Beatrice, Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce and Gage County Tourism, Community Players, the Beatrice Public Library, and other interested members. Morgan Fox, Main Street's Events and Marketing Coordinator, has been named as the District Administrator.
Public Interest	News Story	4/18/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:45	Beatrice residents got a chance to learn a bit more about a new vehicle on its city streets. Councilman Tim Fralin held a question and answer session on Tuesday evening at the Beatrice City Auditorium on the use of Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV's). "It was brought up by a few constituents at a city council meeting to put up some poster boards and answer some questions and post the general rules that apply to about the use of UTV's on the roads and highways in the city of Beatrice and where it's legal, not legal," Fralin said. "We brought a few display vehicles so we can show people around, show them how they work, headlights, tail lights."
Public Interest	News Story	4/24/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	The Fairbury Rural Fire Department is extending its burn ban to May 1. According to department personnel, No open burning permits will be issued until at least that time, and any permits previously issued are recalled. Barry Schwab with the Fairbury Rural Fire Department reminds residents that this burn ban

					applies only to the Fairbury Rural Fire District. "We don't have any say over what other fire districts do, nor are we typically kept apprised of their decisions, so information about current open burning policies in those other fire districts will have to be obtained from them."
Public Interest	News Story	4/23/23	7am, 12p, 5p	:45	A material delivery delay has pushed back the completion date for downtown Beatrice water main replacement work. The Board of Public Works Wednesday recommended the city extend the completion date for Myers Construction, Inc. until November 30th....about two or three months later than first expected.
Public Interest	News Story	4/27/23	7am, 12p, 5p	4:00	In southeast Nebraska and northeast Kansas, listeners of NCN Radio Station Ol' Red 99.5 are stepping up in a big way for St. Jude. "Honestly I'm blown away," Ol' Red 99.5 Operations Manager Trevor Steinmeyer said. "The highest we've done up to this point was \$77,000 and our total this year \$95,494 — so close to \$96,000 — I'm fully confident next year we'll make it to six digits and be over \$100,000.
Public Interest	News Story	4/28/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Students of southeast Nebraska are getting an opportunity to get their foot in the door with a number of local businesses. On Friday, Beatrice High School held a career fair for students with the goal of providing them a way of making connections and possible leads to opportunities in the future. Jake Bartecki, KWBE Sports Director was on-hand with a booth answering questions about the broadcasting industry.
Public Awareness	News Story	4/30/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	A police department in southeast Nebraska is asking the public's help in identifying a hit and run suspect. The Beatrice Police Department is investigating a hit and run that occurred on April 2 near 19th and Court St. On a security camera from a nearby bank, a white pickup truck, believed to be a GMC, can be seen colliding with a bicyclist. The pickup truck was turning north on to 19th. The crash occurred just before 4:30 pm.
Public Awareness	News Story	5/3/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:30	Four fallen firefighters will be added to a national memorial, which honors the sacrifice of first responders across the country, this weekend. Captain Christopher Parker of the Fairbury Rural Fire District, Chief Darren Krull of the Elwood Fire Department, James Bissonette of the Broken Bow Fire Department and Assistant Chief Michael Moody of the Purdum Rural Fire District will be among the 144 names added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.
Public Interest	News Story	5/15/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Downtown Fairbury businesses have a great opportunity to make improvements or upgrades to their buildings with the help of a new grant the city is offering. Fairbury received about \$400,000 from the state of Nebraska for the downtown revitalization program. The grant would help with improvements to things like brick repair or restoration, awning, signage, lighting, windows, doors, and code compliance issues. Fairbury Development Services Director Laura Bedlan says this is a great opportunity to save some money while upgrading or repairing buildings.
Public Awareness	News Story	5/18/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:45	TC Energy, the owner of the Keystone Pipeline, announced the company has completed its in-creek recovery after an accident that spilled approximately 12,000 barrels of oil spilled into Mill Creek in Washington County TC Energy says it will continue restoration activities along the creek shoreline and monitoring the environment. According to the statement, the company expects to be on-site until fall of this year to continue monitoring the environment.
Public Awareness	News Story	5/22/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Investigators have confirmed that concerned parents alerted the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office about a Norris High School teacher's alleged relationship with a male student. On Friday, LSO arrested 23-year-old Lillie Bowman on suspicion of sexual abuse by a school employee. LSO Chief Deputy Ben Houchin said Monday that concerned parents, not connected to the victim, reached out to LSO on Wednesday with concerns about Bowman and a 17-year-old boy.

Public Interest	News Story	5/23/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	A southeast Nebraska town is looking to help area businesses while also shining a light on its history. The town of Hebron in Thayer County is currently working on a historic walking trail. Hebron City Clerk Jana Tietjen and a number of committee members met with News Channel Nebraska to discuss the project. "The idea originated from a tour of the town I did, when I realized a lot of our history disappeared 70 years ago in the 1953 tornado," David Cording, committee member for the trail, said. "So we have to capture what we can, with older people in town who may remember these things."
Public Awareness	Interview	5/25/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:45	Jefferson County and Fairbury are getting ready for a fitting event for a Memorial Day celebration. On Monday afternoon, the town is set to unveil their new veterans memorial in the city park. Fairbury City Museum President Mick Suey has sponsored the project, that's been in works for about a year. "We will have local honor and color-guard presenting," Suey said. "I've got two veterans who will help me put the program on and then we will do the unveiling of the wall and veterans statue." Suey tells News Channel Nebraska he got the idea for the memorial from his time at the museum as well as inspiration from other monuments and memorials across the state.
Public Interest	News Story	6/1/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:30	The last piece of structural steel has been raised on the a new southeast Nebraska prekindergarten to elementary school. In a beam-raising ceremony Thursday morning, the new Beatrice Public Schools pre-K to fifth grade facility was celebrated. BPS Superintendent Jason Alexander says the ceremony marks a milestone in the construction process...completing the first phase of the project.
Public Interest	News Story	6/5/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	It has been problematic from east to west and north to south, as all 93 Nebraska counties have been in some form of drought to start the summer. Last week, several Southeast Nebraska counties were added to the "exceptional drought" category, leaving area farmers praying for rain. Over the weekend, that rain did come, but was it enough and did it come in the right form? Gary Lytle, Location Manager of the Plymouth Framers Cooperative, explains.
Public Awareness	News Story	6/6/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	A moratorium on new irrigation wells has been extended by a southeast Nebraska natural resources district. The Board of the Lower Big Blue NRD voted to extend the restriction, which initially was for a 180-day period. Concerns over the sustainability of groundwater supplies for crop irrigation, domestic use and livestock resulted in the moratorium following a review late last year of fall groundwater measurements in the district.
Public Interest	News Story	6/9/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	The Department of Health and Human Services said the state of Nebraska has issued a health alert for Bluestem Lake and Big Indian Lake. DHHS said the health alert has been issued for Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB), also known as toxic blue-green algae. The two lakes are Bluestem Lake located in Lancaster County and Big Indian Lake located in Gage County. DHHS said that after being on alert last week, Pawnee Lake in Lancaster County has been removed from health alert.
Public Awareness	News Story	6/13/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:45	One of the oldest summer festivities in Southeast Nebraska is back in action this weekend. The Jefferson County town of Diller and organizer Shelley Smith are ready for the 126th Diller Picnic. "We have a lot of stuff going on," Smith said. "Kids, adults, everybody should be able to have really good time." The festivities kick off on Thursday with Thursday, Friday, and Saturday all having headliner events. Thursday features a tractor pull, bull riding takes places on Friday, and the Diller Picnic parade is set for Saturday night. Smith says one of the key elements to continued success for the Diller Picnic is having activities for all ages.
Public Interest	News Story	6/15/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:30	Not every organization, business, or event can say they've reached their 50th year, but a Washington County, KS. event is set to meet that milestone this weekend. A summer tradition in the northeast Kansas town is the Washington County Rodeo

					which began in the early 1970's. Now, the event is set for the big 5-0. Rachel Footit is the Marketing Coordinator for the rodeo and says the event is going all out for the milestone. "We're going to take a lot of pride and show off a lot of new things this weekend to be able to support or western heritage and show off the rodeo world," Footit said. "We're going to bring this community together and have a great weekend with a lot of fun."
Public Interest	News Story	6/19/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	The state of Nebraska has named an area lake to the alert list for water quality, while another has been removed. A health alert for toxic blue-green algae had been put in place for Bluestem Lake in Lancaster County....and it remains on alert for the second consecutive week. State officials say Big Indian Lake in southern Gage County has now been removed from the alert list. Samples taken at Bluestem Lake 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	6/20/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	A couple of highway maintenance projects will be starting soon in the Fairbury and Diller areas. Weather permitting, a chip seal project will start June 26th, on Nebraska Highway 15 in Fairbury, according to the Nebraska Department of Transportation. State maintenance forces will be performing a chip seal over a short stretch of the highway and the work is anticipated to take one day to finish. One-lane traffic will occur with the use of a pilot car and flaggers.
Public Interest	News Story	6/26/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:45	A crucial part of everyday life 2023, is being connected — particularly, with good service. Diode Technologies of Southeast Nebraska has made it a priority to give residents of the region, that very ability. On Monday morning, members of the Diode team celebrated the completion of their latest venture, the West Ellis Project. The project was a part of Diode's Nebraska Broadband Bridge 2 grant. Now, 43 rural homes have fiber service. Diode President Randy Sandman says it's a proud day for the company.
Public Interest	News Story	6/27/23	7am, 12p, 5p	:45	Some highway maintenance work near Beatrice will get underway following the July 4th Holiday period. Weather permitting, a chip seal project is scheduled to start July 5th on Nebraska Highway 4 between Beatrice and Plymouth, for nearly 13 miles. The Nebraska Department of Transportation says one-lane traffic will be maintained with a pilot car and flaggers. The work is expected to take three days. Several chip seal maintenance projects....using asphalt and aggregate....are being done this summer across southeast Nebraska.
LIVE Call-In Show	Yard & Garden Live	4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/4, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30	10:00-11:30am	90 min	A Live 90-minute Call-In Show with Gage County Extension Educator, Nicole Stoner. Questions range from yard to garden, weeds to grass, and insects and birds. Soil types, planting temperatures and all of the problems that arise due to early spring conditions were covered.
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.