

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 October 1 2022 through December 31, 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	10/4/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Beatrice elected officials have approved a resolution for a loan to help Beatrice Community Hospital upgrade technology. The city council Monday night approved a rural economic development loan agreement for \$360,000 to help the hospital purchase telemetry monitors. City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer says the project will use a USDA Rural Economic Development program.
Public Interest	News Story	10/4/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Fairbury approved changes to an agreement with Jefferson County about law enforcement coverage, but not without some controversy. The town has paid the county every year for law enforcement services since the Fairbury Police Department was absorbed into the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in 2018. As originally laid out in the contract, the payment the city makes cannot exceed a 3 percent rate increase year-over-year. Tuesday though, the city approved in a 6-2 vote to allow the county to ask for up to a six percent increase in the rate year-over-year for the next three years.
Public Interest	News Story	10/6/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:45	Gage County has updated flood plain areas within its zoning rules. The county planning administrator has been working with J-E-O Consulting firm and the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District. The focus has been on the Little Indian Creek watershed area, north of Beatrice. J-E-O Civil Engineer Jake Miriovsky says the Nebraska Resources Conservation Service has been funding a project in the watershed coinciding with the need to address hazard mitigation.
Public Interest	News Story	10/6/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Influenza vaccinations will be available at special clinics Oct. 7 and 12 at Jefferson Community Health & Life Fairbury Clinic. The CDC recommends influenza vaccinations for everyone 6 months and older. Influenza vaccinations are especially important during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. October is the optimal time to receive your vaccination. Special influenza vaccination clinics will be offered at JCH&L Fairbury Clinic on Friday, Oct. 7, and Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Public Interest	News Story	10/12/22	7am, 12p, 5p	4:00	Sixty-one non-profit entities received their checks Tuesday night from this year's Big Give Gage fundraising drive. Counting donations, matching funds, a grant and other sponsor support, this year's drive brought in \$329,663. President of the Gage County Foundation, Don Vetrovsky says that was barely below the total amount raised in last year's drive.
Public Awareness	News Store	10/12/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	As a southeast Nebraska town and Natural Resources District (NRD) look at the possibility of a new wellfield, local landowners in the area raising concerns. The City of Fairbury and the Little Blue NRD are looking to add new wells in an area south of Daykin to pump water for the city and NRD projects. They're concerned over rising nitrate levels in areas the city currently pumps water from. The two hired Leonard Rice Engineering (LRE) Water to prepare models to show the potential impacts on existing irrigation wells used by area farmers.

Public Interest	News Story	10/13/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Twenty-eight area high school students tried their hand at suturing bananas, giving shots to oranges, taking blood pressures, playing a game as if it was laparoscopic surgery, learning about radiology, and taking blood samples on Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Southeast Community College Career Academy event at Jefferson Community Health & Life in Fairbury. They also learned about medical terminology and health care careers.
Public Interest	News Story	10/17/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	One of the busiest times of the year for Nebraska's biggest industry is coming to an end. Harvest is wrapping up around the state, including southeast Nebraska. Gary Lytle is the location manager at the Plymouth Farmers Cooperative and says while wet corn went well, farmers saw lower yields in soy beans. "Soy beans have probably been a little disappointing," Lytle said. "Irrigated beans were off a little bit which was expected because of the drought, but it's been off this year." Much of Nebraska found themselves in several droughts during the summer and not many thunderstorms with heavy rain made their way into southeast Nebraska. Lytle says this allowed farmers to get a jump on dry land harvest ahead of schedule.
Public Interest	News Story Community Involvement	10/19/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	An annual tradition in southeast Nebraska wrapped up on Wednesday. Fairbury radio station Ol' Red 99.5's Harvest Bonanza has made several stops over the past week. The event hands out meals to farmers in several communities as they work through one of their busiest times of the year. Local FFA chapters also pitch in. This season, 12 locations served hot meals to over 1,600 harvesters.
Public Interest	News Story	10/19/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Local leaders in Jefferson County are looking at their options when it comes to expanding broadband internet access. During a regular meeting, commissioners met with representatives from NextLink Internet via Zoom. The Texas-based company already provides service in southeast Nebraska, but doesn't have a large footprint in Jefferson County. The company recently struck a deal with Gage County to bring its services to its residents.
Public Interest	News Story	10/23/22	7am, 12p, 5p	3:30	The Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management reported on Sunday that there are at least two large grass fires just south of the county that are creating smoky conditions in the southern portion of the county. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management asks individuals who live between 54th and 38th Street and Firth to Olive Creek Road to evacuate the area to the north and east. Individuals in southwest Lancaster County are asked to consider voluntary evacuating to the north and east for the time being.
Public Interest	News Story	10/25/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:30	Two volunteer firefighters from Crete who were helping battle the field and grass fires in rural Lancaster County were injured during the blaze on Sunday. According to Crete Fire Chief Tod Allen, the two firefighters were battling the blaze near Hallam, when the winds shifted blowing the flames back at them. Injured was Brad Elder who received burns to his left hand, calves, and the small of his back requiring skin grafting to repair. Elder, who is also a professor at Doane University is currently at St. Elizabeth Hospital's burn unit with third-degree burns.
Public Interest	News Story	10/27/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	The Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District is planning a spring opening of the Cub Creek Recreation area, southwest of Plymouth...including a public open house next March. The area has been closed since 2020 for work that included removal of sediment, relocation of a swimming beach and the addition of eight electrical camping spots.
Public Interest	Live Interview	10/27/22	8:05am	10 min	Barry Schwab, local Fairbury Volunteer Fire Department was in the studio to talk about the Annual Fundraising event taking place the following Friday evening. Discussed why they hold the fundraiser, and what the money has been used for in the past.

Public Interest	News Story	11/2/22	7am, 12p, 5p	4:00	The City of Wilber and a Beatrice manufacturer have combined efforts to make park improvements at a local lake, in the city. Exmark Manufacturing of Beatrice selected the project as its annual Big Rock effort...in conjunction with the Wilber Pathways to Progress Committee. Last Thursday, October 27th...the Beatrice manufacturing of commercial lawn and turf equipment put on a work day. Four employees from Exmark....Sandy Johnson, Derek Dragoo, Dean Damne and Vincent Cao....joined efforts with Wilber Clatonia Public School industrial arts students, under the guidance of instructor Nick Behring.
Public Awareness	News Story	11/7/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Members of a local police union will again conduct a holiday campaign to benefit needy children in the area. Beatrice Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 84 will hold their "Stuff The Cruiser" drive on November 26th, with a police bus stationed at Walmart, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
Public Awareness	News Story	11/7/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	For the 22nd year in a row Ol' Red 99-5 and KGMT will be providing a free traditional Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving day in Fairbury. The meal will be held at the Fairbury Elks Lodge, 525 G Street, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. It is open to anyone who may be without family, friends, or for anyone who isn't able to prepare it. With the help of many sponsors they are able to serve 300-400 people, and volunteers also deliver to the elderly that normally get meals on wheels.
Public Interest	News Story	11/9/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	As the temperatures begin to change, so do the ways in which fires can start and duties become different for area fire authorities. In Beatrice, and much of southeast Nebraska, firefighters have been kept busy by wildfires, says Chief Brian Daake. With dry conditions still around, those still could be an issue heading into winter.
Public Awareness	News Story	11/15/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	After waiting to determine the status of provisional ballots in the county, Jefferson County now has the results from the County Assessor race. Mary Banahan has won reelection, according to the latest round of results from the county clerk's office. Banahan defeated her challenger Micahel Vocelka by a vote count of 188-183 in a campaign in which both candidates ran as write-ins. When the initial round of results were released the morning after the election, Banahan held a 181-180 lead over Vocelka, but there were still provisional ballots to be counted.
Public Awareness	News Story	11/18/22	7am, 12p, 5p	3:00	A southeast Nebraska economic development organization has awarded grants to childcare providers to help fill a shortage of kids care in the area. Gage Area Growth Enterprise, known as NGage, has approved grants to three Beatrice and Gage County providers to help boost their childcare capacity. NGage Executive Director Rachel Kreikemeier says increasing childcare availability is a critical workforce concern.
Public Interest	News Story	11/21/22	7a, 12p, 5p	1:30.	As of this past weekend the sound of the ringing bells could be heard as you shopped around town. The annual Red Kettle Campaign of the Salvation Army is underway. Captain Hope Burris of the Beatrice Salvation Army says bell ringers will be out at various locations now thru Christmas.
Public Awareness	News Story	11/25/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Ol' Red 99.5 & KGMT along with 17 different sponsors held the 22nd Annual Free Thanksgiving Meal on Thanksgiving Day from 11 to 1. Over 420 meals were served, and 33 meals delivered to those who receive Meals on Wheels. Free will donations were given to BVCA Food Pantry and Hope Crisis Center.
Public Interest	News Story	11/26/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	The annual "Stuff the Cruiser" event sponsored by the Beatrice Police Department is happening today in the Walmart parking lot in Beatrice. Sargent Derrick Hosick of the Beatrice Police Department says this is the seventh year for the event that invites the public to donate toys that will be distributed to families in need for Christmas
Public Awareness	News Story	11/29/22	7am, 12p, 5p	:45	While many worry about how much snow is going to fall, high winds have been making things treacherous for just about everyone in Nebraska, regardless of precipitation. Weather spotters near the capital city were reporting sustained winds as high as 35 mph and gusts as high as 46 mph at midday.

Public Interest	News Story	11/29/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	<p>Giving Tuesday has become a nationwide event to donate to nonprofits working to improve their communities.</p> <p>In southeast Nebraska's Thayer County, Tuesday also marks the end of a two-week effort to raise funds for community groups as they bring Big Give to their county for the first time. "We threw this together fairly quickly," Deshler Community Fund Member Kristi Zucker said. "It was about six months or less when we finally got the final idea and said 'Yep, let's go for it,' and we just really pushed."</p> <p>Zucker is representing one of the groups at this year's Thayer County Big Give.</p>
Public Awareness	News Story	12/1/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:45	<p>Jefferson Community Health & Life staff were notified this week of community members receiving scam phone calls regarding hospital bills from caller IDs that identified JCH&L.</p> <p>"JCH&L will never call you and ask you to give your personal health information. JCH&L may call you about appointments or other information related to a visit. Our billing company also may call you about your bill. If you are suspicious or something doesn't seem right, please hang up and call us directly at 402-729-3351," said Kim Shaddock, JCH&L business office manager. "Please do not give your Medicare number, social security number or other such personal information over the phone."</p>
Public Interest	Interview	12/5/22	8:00 am	8 min	<p>Ellie Livingston, a Fairbury high School senior, and President of JGM was live on-air discussing the latest "needs drive" JEFFS gone MAD are leading. Through December, they're collecting items for Hope Crisis Center, a Fairbury based domestic violence shelter and resource.</p>
Public Awareness	News Story	12/9/22	7 am, 12p, 5p	3:00	<p>Areas of eastern Jefferson and western Gage counties in Nebraska will soon benefit from round two of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program recently announced Dec. 6, 2022. Diller, Neb.-based Diode Communications will be receiving partial grant funding to assist in placement of 60 miles of buried fiber optic facilities to 145 rural homes. The new state of the art fiber will provide high speed broadband capable of gigabit speeds and more.</p>
Public Interest	News Story	12/9/22	7am, 12p, 5p	5:00	<p>A ruptured pipe dumped enough oil this week into a northeastern Kansas creek to nearly fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool, becoming the largest onshore crude pipeline spill in nine years and surpassing all the previous ones on the same pipeline system combined, according to federal data.</p> <p>The Keystone pipeline spill in a creek running through rural pastureland in Washington County, Kansas, about 150 miles (240 kilometers) northwest of Kansas City, also was the biggest in the system's history, according to U.S. Department of Transportation data. The operator, Canada-based TC Energy, said the pipeline that runs from Canada to Oklahomalost about 14,000 barrels, or 588,000 gallons.</p>
Public Interest	News Story	12/13/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	<p>The Fairbury Jeffs are preparing to honor a longtime teacher and coach with an award that's the first of its kind.</p> <p>Don Mahlman will receive the inaugural Pillar of Fairbury Public Schools Award Friday during the Jeffs' basketball games against Crete. Jed Martin, now a teacher in Fairbury, was once coached and taught by Mahlman. He says the idea of the award came around while trying to figure out a way to honor the former educator.</p>
Public Awareness	News Story	12/15/22	7am, 12p, 5p	1:45	<p>TC Energy crews have built a second earthen underflow dam to provide structural relief to the earthen underflow dam that was constructed last week.</p> <p>That follows the spill of oil from the Keystone pipeline northeast of Washington, Kansas. Environmental Protection Agency officials say there have been no additional oil impacts or oil migrations in recent days.</p>
Public Interest	News Story	12/16/22	7am, 12p, 5p	3:30	<p>Because of record low fall groundwater levels, the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District has imposed an immediate, 180-day moratorium on the construction of new wells.</p> <p>The NRD Board of Directors action taken December 8th also includes a stay on the increase of irrigated acres within the district.</p>

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Public Interest	News Story	12/21/22	7a, 12p, 5p	2:10	<p>As mother nature prepares to send temperatures plunging, ranchers are getting their cattle ready for the frigid temperatures.</p> <p>With wind chills set to hit 40 below, University of Nebraska Extension Educator Darci Pesek says weather from the summer could play a factor now.</p> <p>"Some of our cattle were skinny this year coming off of summer because of the drought," Pesek said. "They're going to have a lot more trouble maintaining their body heat during this cold snap compared to the ones that have more cover or insulation."</p>
Public Interest	News Story	12/29/22	7a, 12p, 5p	10 min	<p>Gage County residents will stop paying a half-cent of local sales tax as of January 1st. That tax, enacted through a state law to assist Gage County in paying off a massive civil rights judgment, was one of the revenue sources used.</p> <p>"That's the first stage of the Beatrice Six payments going away. We'll keep receiving those sales tax dollars for another couple of months yet...they're usually a couple months behind. But, it's nice to drop the half-cent sales tax off."</p> <p>Gage County Board Chairman Erich Tiemann...speaking on KWBE's Ask the Mayor program Thursday....said the county is still on schedule to make the final payments of the judgment to six wrongfully convicted persons or their estates, this spring.</p>
Public Interest	News Story	12/29/22	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	<p>About three weeks after a rupture to an oil pipeline in northeastern Kansas shut down the line, the pipeline's operator has completed a "controlled restart" of the affected section.</p> <p>Canada-based T.C. Energy announced Thursday it has completed repairs, inspections and testing and has reopened the section of pipeline that runs from Steele City, Neb. to Cushing, Okla. The section, known to the company as the Cushing Extension has been shut down since rupturing in Washington County, Kan. on December 7.</p>
Public Interest	Interview	12/30/22	7am, 12p, 5p	3:00	<p>Something to dread looking forward in 2023.....the very real prospect of higher local property valuations. The reason?...high sales prices for homes and agriculture land.</p> <p>Those prices make up the market used over a three-year period to determine property valuations, under state law. Gage County Assessor Patti Milligan describes the early statistics as "awful". She and her office staff are beginning to work on the setting of property valuations for the coming year.</p> <p>"I've never seen our values this bad for a long time...what it's selling for, and what we've got it valued at. We have to be in that range of 92-to-100-percent on residential."</p>
Public Awareness	Public Service Announcements	Current	7:00 am-6:00 pm	Various lengths	<p>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.</p>