

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 2024 through March 31, 2024. 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	1/7/24	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	It appears the eastern two-thirds of Nebraska and parts of three other Midwestern states are about to get the first big blast of snowy weather, in the winter of 2024. The National Weather Service upgraded a winter storm watch to a storm warning over the weekend. For eastern Nebraska, the warning will be in effect from 6 a.m. Monday, through Noon on Tuesday. Forecasters say heavy snow is expected, ranging from four to eight inches, driven by winds gusting as high as 35-miles-per-hour. That will lead to drifting snow and difficult travel conditions...in some places, hazardous.
Public Interest	News Story	1/8/24	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Norris Public Power District which serves Gage, Lancaster, Saline, Seward, Thayer, and Jefferson Counties is reporting several power outages across the area. As of 1:30 PM Monday, according to their outage map, 150 Thayer County customers are without power. There are 14 in Seward, 14 in Saline, 11 in Jefferson and 1 Gage County customer is currently reporting a power outage. NPPD line crews are working to restore power to those customers, but with forecasted winds tonight up to 45 mph, and the wet snow sticking to branches and power lines, more outages are expected.
Public Interest	News Story	1/10/24	7am, 12p, 5p	1:45	Truck plow and grader operators had a battle on their hands this week, trying to keep rural roads clear of snow and ice in Gage County. County Highway Superintendent Mark Kuhnke says high winds on Tuesdays made it difficult to keep a pathway clear. "After our guys were plowing through most roads or running the patrol down roads...there was a thirty-to-sixty-minute window that most of the roads filled back in, from the wind. I did check several areas yesterday and I know the guys went down those roads...and it looked like we never made it down." Along with trouble in the county, most cities in the listening area have declared snow emergencies – and have urged the public not to travel.
Public Interest	News Story	1/11/24	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Areas of northeastern Jefferson County in Nebraska will soon benefit from round three of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program recently announced on January 9th. Diode Communications, based in Diller, will be receiving partial grant funding to assist in the placement of 50 miles of buried fiber optic facilities to 98 rural homes. The new state-of-the-art fiber will provide high-speed broadband capable of gigabit speeds and more. A public-private partnership is being established between Diode Communications and Jefferson County using American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds, earmarked for broadband expansion. Jefferson County Commissioner Board Member, Mark Schoenrock said that the county is excited to partner with Diode to help bring fiber to 98 underserved homes in Jefferson County.
Public Interest	News Story	1/15/24	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	It's been a long week for operators of snowplow trucks or graders in southeast Nebraska. A major storm a week ago dropping heavy wet snow was followed by bitterly cold temperatures and a more powder-like shot of snow at the end of the week. A lot of residential streets had deeper snow and the wind and drifting made for a longer period to clear the entire city. Crews were focusing on plowing alleys at the start of this week. Moore says a lot of hours over the weekend followed on top of two long days to end the workweek.

Public Awareness	News Store	1/22/24	7am, 12p, 5p	4:00	The BCH Women's and Children's Clinic is partnering with the Shrine Club and Shriner's Hospitals for Children, offering free screenings for muscle, bone or joint problems. Pediatrician Dr. Marilou Reyes will perform screenings which will help determine if a child would benefit from seeing a pediatric orthopedic specialist at the Shriners Children's Hospital in Woodbury, Minnesota. Transportation would be provided at no cost. The free screening will be this Saturday, January 27th, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the Women and Children's Clinic, inside BCH. You can use entrance A at the clinic.
Public Interest	News Story	1/24/24	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Gage County Board members got to meet the new Police Chief of Wymore today. Bobby Martinez took the job this past year in early August.... leading a department that has struggled with staffing issues and retaining leadership in the southern Gage County town. "I got some guy I'm getting ready to hire so hopefully I'll get another person down there to help me out...because I like to sleep sometimes. It's hard to sleep when I'm the only one in town...but Gus (Sheriff Millard Gustafson) gives me a lot of help."
Public Interest	News Story	1/29/24	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Jefferson Community Health and Life in Fairbury is scheduling Men's and Women's Health Days, while prioritizing mental health. The Men's Health Days are set for specific days each month. The days focus on not only physical problems, but mental problems too. For the Women's Health Days, the clinic provides physical checkups and mental screening with results being available on the same day.
Public Interest	News Story	1/30/24	7am, 12p, 5p	4:00	Multiple new proposed bills from the state government are putting county commissioners all over the state in "tough situations." One of the proposed bills, fought for by Gov. Jim Pillen, is the Property Tax Relief Act, which decreases the state property tax by 40%. Jefferson County Commissioner Mark Schoenrock said he conditionally supports Pillen's act, but wonders where the lost revenue for the county will come from. "So, we as county boards, we have three choices," Schoenrock said. "We either have to increase the levy to make up for that, or we have to cut services, or we have to have a source of revenue from somewhere else. We can't print money like the federal government does."
Public Interest	News Story	2/6/24	7am, 12p, 5p	1:30	Around 60 Veterans and community members showed up to show their respects at the funeral of a Korean War Veteran without any surviving friends or family. Robert W. Minto passed away on January 10th at the age of 86 in Beatrice. After learning that Minto, an Air Force Veteran, who served in the Korean War, would depart with few by his side, the Fairbury VFW put out a call on Facebook inviting people to attend. The post called to veterans, service members, and the community to ensure Robert was not alone on his final journey, embodying our nation's pledge that no hero is left behind or forgotten.
Public Interest	News Story	2/8/24	7am, 12p, 5p	3:30	The St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva hosted a soup supper to support the Bryce Erb family. The church made soup and allowed for free will donations which would support the family, after Bryce Erb was killed due to an accident in the fall. "We are raising money tonight to benefit the Bryce Erb family," said Jenny Hoarty, Soup Supper Chairperson. "They are members in our Shickley sister church and he was killed this fall in an accident and so, all of the proceeds are going to go to their family." The church anticipated more visitors than usual due to Geneva and Shickley residents stopping by to show their support.
Public Interest	News Story	2/13/24	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	. A former University of Illinois professor and now weather expert for Nutrien Ag Solutions says we might do well... not to buy the latest alarm bells about what's ahead for the growing season. Eric Snodgrass gave a presentation at the SCC Beatrice Campus Academic Excellence Center....prefacing his remarks with this. "If you think predicting the weather is hard...I certainly do. I wake up every day humbled by the atmosphere telling me how wrong I was. Predicting where market prices are going to go, is infinitely more challenging." Snodgrass said agriculture is unlike any other industry, because it doesn't have the ability to deflect risk....or pass that risk along to others. Snodgrass calls this time of the year, the "itching ear" phase.

Public Interest	News Story	2/20/24	7am, 12p, 5p	1:45	Volunteers in Odell came together Monday to create 60,000 packaged meals for families in need across the world. Volunteers from all around the area, including teachers and students from local schools helped in the process. Odell did this event in late November and created 42,000 bags. This time they are gunning for 60,000 meals, after making 7,000 meals in just the first hour alone. Meals get a big scoop of rice, soy, dried vegetables and a measured tablespoon of chicken flavoring, with four different stations and lines working to create a steady flow of meals.
Public Interest	News Story	2/21/24	7am, 12p, 5p	2:30	After a 2023 spring blaze burned over 2600 acres of Jefferson County, Emergency Manager John McKee is monitoring conditions. "Well the risk is for sure there," McKee said. "We can still have the large outbreaks and the wind driving it and making it worse. Some of the dry vegetation is there in the CRP grasses. Some of the pastures are still grubbed down, they weren't able to come back."
Public Awareness	News Story	2/28/24	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Nebraska's Smoke Advisory System has been activated for this year. Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services officials began implementing the public smoke advisory system in 2018. Smoke advisories will be issued when it's likely that the smoke from prescribed burning or wildfires could significantly affect air quality in parts of the state. The prescribed burning season is underway in Kansas, Oklahoma and other states in the region, including Nebraska. Smoke from wildfires in the west and Canada, which have occurred often in the recent past, also can compromise the air quality in Nebraska.
Public Awareness	News Story	3/1/24	7am, 12p, 5p	3:30	Brian Barjenbruch, Science and Operations Manager for the National Weather Service in Valley, gave a weather spotter training session Thursday night...along with Meteorologist, Michaela Wood. Gage, Jefferson and Saline Counties Emergency Management put on the session attended by about 60 at the Homestead National Historical Park Education Center, west of Beatrice.
Public Interest	News Story	3/5/24	7am, 12p, 5p	2:30	The city of Fairbury will host a five-week program for new entrepreneurs and current small businesses, on Thursday, March 7. The city will work with Grow Nebraska to run the program, which is called the Business Blueprint Series. The sessions will provide instruction on marketing strategies, legalities of small businesses, business plans and grant/funding opportunities that may become available. The program is funded by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, the Small Business Administration and Grow Nebraska who are helped by the Small Business Assistance Act.
Public Awareness	News Story	3/13/24	7am, 12p, 5p	1:45	The First United Presbyterian Church in Fairbury hosted a housing panel Tuesday evening at its church building. The panel saw a good turnout from the community and was focused on discussing rental options for families, home ownership, and other housing related topics. Members from Blue Valley Community Action, Southeast Nebraska Collaborative, the Housing Authority and others came to give the public answers to some important housing questions.
Public Awareness	News Story	3/18/24	7am, 12p, 5p	:45	Bridge work is scheduled to begin about a mile west of Reynolds, in Jefferson County. The Nebraska Department of Transportation says if the weather allows, work will start March 25th on Nebraska Highway 8, with United Contractors, Inc. of Johnston, Iowa, the main contractor on the project. Work includes construction of a new bridge that will be built in phases, accompanied by additional grading, concrete paving, guardrail and seeding work. The bridge is over Rose Creek.
Public Interest	News Story	3/19/24	7 am, 12p, 5p	3:00	Construction on the PWF Road has been approved after Jefferson County received funds for the operation. The process had began three years ago to fix the Endicott Clay Road, PWF Road and Steele City Road, but has taken some time to finalize deals. It was confirmed that Jefferson County would get \$8.5 million from federal funds to use, with the additional \$4.3 million having to be paid for by the county. County Commissioner Mark Schoenrock said the county has been working with Sen. Fischer and Congressman Smith to get a federal appropriation to finish the road. Schoenrock said the roads have been bad and hard to travel on for a long time and he is happy to get it finalized.

Public Interest	News Story	3/20/24	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Gage County is getting a major federal appropriation through Congress that will fund two paving projects. County Supervisor Emily Haxby, who's been doing extensive work on researching and preparing grant applications, made the announcement at Wednesday's county board meeting on an appropriation sought through Representative Adrian Smith's office. "It was for \$5.4 million for milling and overlaying the Odell Road and the Christ Lutheran Road....and that ended up coming out one-hundred percent funded." The money will go toward resurfacing nearly 18 miles of roadway. Gage County Board member Terry Jurgens says he was floored by the news. "I've never seen anything like it...I mean, unbelievable. I was never much in favor of grants, but I am now."
Public Awareness	Interview	3/21/24	8:10am	10:00	4 Fairbury High School Theater performers were in-studio talking about their upcoming Theater production of "The Wizard of Oz". the actors talked about how they worked on the production and even did a small skit from the production.
Public Interest	News Story	3/25/24	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Jefferson Community Health and Life has reminded community members to protect themselves from scams and fraud. JCH&L said there are many reports of fraud and scams, and some are targeted at Medicare recipients. JCH&L said a recent scam attempt has affected area residents in southeast Nebraska.
Public Awareness	News Story	3/26/24	7am, 12p, 5p	1:10	The Rock Island Railroad Depot's roof has been repaired after a hail storm damaged it and caused a leak. After the roof was damaged in late June, the Jefferson County Historical Society approached Prellwitz Exteriors to fix the roof and stop the leak. Eric Prellwitz, the Owner of Prellwitz Exteriors, reached out to Executive Exteriors out of Dallas, Texas to fix the clay tile roof, which needed over five certifications and qualifications to work on. After a year of gathering materials, the roof was completed and fixed after just a month.
Public Interest	News Story	3/28/24	7am, 12p, 5p	1:30	Crystal Springs Campground in Fairbury is adding more equipment to its playground this spring. The new equipment features a rock climbing wall, a slide, monkey bars, and much more. As for the current equipment, the old slide will be removed but the swings and other equipment will stay. The new equipment will go south of the current play set.
Public Awareness		3/29/24	8:10 am	2:00	Baseball players at Diller-Odell High School may soon be able to play for the Beatrice Orangemen. Pending action by the Beatrice School Board, a co-op arrangement could soon be finalized. BHS Athletic and Activities Director Gus Brown says Beatrice was contacted by Diller-Odell a few months ago. Beatrice Public Schools currently has other co-op arrangements for sports with other districts..... Freeman Public on girl's wrestling....and Freeman, Norris and Fairbury for swimming.
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.