

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 2023 through September 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	7/3/23	7am, 12p, 5p	3:00	A major bridge replacement project is expected to get underway south of Fairbury, Monday, July 10th. The Nebraska Department of Transportation says a Johnston, Iowa construction company has been selected to build a new bridge over the Little Blue River...along Nebraska Highway 8 and 15. United Contractors Inc. will be removing the old bridge, building a new structure, doing grading and concrete paving, installing guardrail and seeding the area. Traffic will be maintained with one-lane closures handled in phases, and temporary traffic signals will be used during the construction of the new bridge. A 12-foot width restriction will be in effect. NDOT expects the project to be completed in December of 2024.
Public Interest	News Story	7/10/23	7am, 12p, 5p	:30	A southeast Nebraska body of water is on the alert list for toxic blue-green algae. The state of Nebraska issued a health alert Friday for Kirkman's Cove Lake in Richardson County. Samples taken earlier last week at the lake measured above the threshold of 8 parts per billion (ppb) of total microcystin....a toxin released by certain strains of blue-green algae. Caution signs are posted and designated swimming beaches are closed during such alerts.
Public Interest	News Story	7/11/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:45	Discussions of ambulance and EMS services continued at Tuesday's Jefferson County Commissioners meeting. Before the meeting began, commissioner Mark Schoenrock explained the commissioners' devotion to quality ambulance services as members of the department filled the room to attend the meeting. The meeting included a briefing from Ryan Hamburger, CEO of South Central EMS, from Fillmore County. One of the points of emphasis for Hamburger was the importance of reimbursement.
Public Interest	News Story	7/12/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	Authorities have provided additional information on a bank robbery in southeast Nebraska. On Tuesday afternoon, a man walked into Heartland Bank in Geneva and presented a note to the teller asking for money and said "this is for real, give me your money." The man then fled the bank with a "significant amount" of cash. The man then left in a dark colored Chevy Traverse, last seen at 8th and G streets in Geneva heading west. He is described as having a stocky build, about 5'8" tall, partial round chin with a beard and mustache. He was wearing a black shirt, glasses, and a tannish/orange baseball hat. The incident is under investigation by the FBI and the Fillmore County Sheriff's department. Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect is asked to contact the Lincoln, Nebraska FBI, the Fillmore County Sheriff, Nebraska State Patrol, or your local law enforcement agency.
Public Interest	News Story	7/17/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	County and district courtrooms will be getting an audio-visual upgrade over the next couple of weeks, in Gage County. It's part of a Nebraska Justice initiative to upgrade technology in all of Nebraska's courts. Some \$160,000 of improvements, paid through state funding, will be done in Beatrice. District Court Judge Rick Schreiner says the work includes a new sound system, TV monitors for the gallery, counsel tables and the judge's bench along with a control module the judge has access to.

Public Awareness	News Store	7/17/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	A sign on the Fairbury Public Library front door reads "CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE". According to Fairbury Mayor Spencer Brown "an incident happened over the weekend that requires it to be closed." The mayor went on to say that they hope to reopen the library to the public on Wednesday. The Jefferson County Sheriff has yet to comment on the situation.
Public Interest	News Story	7/19/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	A sheriff's office in southeast Nebraska is warning citizens about a string of recent scam calls. According to the Gage County Sheriff's Office, several citizens have called the department saying they've received phone calls from a suspect claiming to be a Gage County deputy, telling people they have a warrant. The suspect allegedly uses the name of an on duty officer and may have background information on those they call. The sheriff's office warns to not make any payments for any reason and to hang up and call Southeast Communications to be connected to an on duty officer.
Public Interest	News Story	7/25/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	The Nebraska Department of Transportation will be accepting hay harvesting permit applications by the public beginning July 30 at 12:01 a.m. CDT. The online applications will be processed in the order they are received during normal business hours beginning Monday, July 31, 2023. Persons must have a permit to harvest hay on State Right of Way. Hay harvesting permits may be purchased online from July 30th through September 15th on a first-come, first-served basis. Each permit covers up to five miles of roadside hay for private use only and only one permit is allowed per person.
Public Interest	News Story	7/29/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	ALLO Fiber will be starting construction in Crete on July 31. The 100% fiber-optic network will have a groundbreaking ceremony with Crete's mayor and city officials. This will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Crete City Hall. This project starts after working closely with the city to complete the necessary agreements, and ALLO has partnered with local contractors to build the fiber-optic network. The press release said that teams will starting constructing ALLO's fiber infrastructure throughout Crete. Residents and businesses will get an advanced notice of necessary work in yards and easements through the mail. ALLO teams may also knock on doors to explain the process and answer any questions.
Public Interest	News Story	8/1/23	7am, 12p, 5p	4:00	The operator of a 99-turbine wind farm in Saline County is seeking temporary and permanent injunctions against the Saline County Board of Adjustment, for creating a sound limit on its wind turbines, after the fact. When the permit for the Milligan 1 project was approved in Saline County in October of 2016, there was no wind turbine noise limit that applied to utility-grade projects in the county....not until July, of 2021. Attorneys for the wind farm contend the Saline County Board of Adjustment used a "meritless citizen complaint to invent and enforce a sound limit that was not a part of its original conditional permit". They say the county's zoning administrator said the wind farm received its permit before there was any sound limit...and that the wind farm has continued to operate legally.
Public Interest	News Story	8/4/23	7am, 12p, 5p	3:30	As congress continues their August recess, politicians make the rounds in their home state, just as Sen. Deb Fischer is doing in Nebraska. Fischer stopped by the Beatrice office of News Channel Nebraska to discuss broadband, several projects in the works around the state, and the state of the republican party heading into another presidential primary." I'm just really excited to be back in the state," Fischer said. "We're on August recess. So I'm back traveling the state of Nebraska."
Public Interest		8/9/23	10a-11a	1 hour	Gage County's Planning and Zoning department has set the public hearing on another concentrated animal feeding operation proposed by Summit Pork. It involves a proposed site in section 25 of Island Grove Township....just north of Liberty, Nebraska near the Gage-Pawnee County line. Planning and Zoning Administrator Lisa Wiegand said the hearing on a permit will be held Tuesday, August 29th...at 6:45 p.m., at the courthouse board room.

					"This particular application is in the state's review process. It's more than likely the outcome of the state's yes or no on the state permitting process should be in place by the time P-and-Z has their hearing."
Public Interest	News Story	8/14/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	The Crete Public School Board hosted a meeting Monday with a full crowd to discuss a recently adopted policy. Parents and staff members attended the event and were given the opportunity to ask questions and show their displeasure toward a new policy implementing randomized student drug testing for grades six through 12. Superintendent Josh McDowell says the drug testing will create a safer and more comfortable environment at school for students.
Public Interest	News Story	8/17/23	7am, 12p, 5p	:45	The Saline County Board has filed an answer to a court action brought against the county and its board of adjustment in a dispute with Milligan 1 LLC, which operates a 99-turbine wind farm in Saline County. The answer, filed with the Saline County District court by the county board, admits that the Board of Adjustment doesn't have authority to enact zoning ordinances and cannot retroactively apply wind turbine sound limits on the Milligan 1 operation, after it had already received a conditional use permit.
Public Interest	News Story	8/22/23	7am, 12p, 5p	4:00	A public forum to discuss ambulance District #33 will take place Thursday at the Jefferson County Courthouse. The meeting will commence at 7 p.m. to discuss the most cost efficient way to provide 24/7 advanced life support ambulance service in the county. The public is invited to speak about the matter during the forum. Mark Schoenrock, Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, believes that the more people who talk about the subject, the better ideas you can come up with.
Public Awareness	News Story	8/25/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	A few years ago, Beatrice Public School implemented a drug testing policy for students involved in activities and athletics. Now, school officials are wondering if it's worth continuing. BHS Athletic and Activities Director Gus Brown says in the two years he's been with the district, only a few positive drug tests have been registered. "I don't know if it's a deterrent, or what. We're spending about four or five thousand dollars a year on random drug testing, and in my two years here, we have had four test positive...and the interesting thing about those, two were not even involved in activities. So, the way the policy is written is that when they come in and are involved in activities, they have to sign a sheet of paper consenting that they are going to be tested."
Public Awareness	News Story	9/6/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Fairbury's TeamMates Mentoring Program hosted its school year kickoff event Wednesday with food and games for students and adults at the city park. "It's our kickoff today," said Jill Davis, Program Director for TeamMates at Fairbury Public Schools. "We have a wonderful board and they wanted to have a kickoff event. So today, they just had a meal, got out of school and now they are playing some games here in the city park and they are reconnecting. So it's great."
Public Interest	News Story	9/7/23	7am, 12p, 5p	2:00	For several decades, it served as a fire department headquarters. Now, it's the new home of the Community Food Pantry and Emergency Services in Beatrice. Thanks to space provided by the City of Beatrice and a lot of donated materials and labor, the pantry has started operating in the lower level of the Beatrice Municipal Auditorium. After 51 years in operation at St. John Lutheran Church, the pantry is now serving the public out of its new headquarters....all on one level.
Public Awareness	News Story	9/11/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	A revitalization project of a Beatrice landmark is nearing completion. After three weeks of work the Chautauqua Park waterfall restoration is beginning to flow like it did, over 90 years ago. Royce Koehler and his crew at Sticks and Stones Hardscapes led the work.

					“They contacted me last year about bringing this historic waterfall back to life,” Koehler said. “We’ve got quite a bit of experience with waterfalls and it’s been such a special project seeing this waterfall come back to life.”
Public Awareness	News Story	9/13/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Steele City is celebrating 150 years of the town by combining the celebration with the 53rd annual Tractors and Treasures Show. The celebration takes place all day Sept. 16 and 17 and is free for all attendees, with free activities. The event will feature a tractor show, pull on the hill by the old schoolhouse, and a tractor parade, Sunday at 3:15 p.m.
Public Interest	News Story	9/14/23	7am, 12p, 5p	30	The Fillmore County Extension Office is hosting after school activities for students. The programs span all across the county, from Shickley to Exeter-Milligan and Geneva. Alexis Schmidt, the 4-H Extension Assistant for Fillmore County, said it is a safe space for kids to learn after school.
Public Awareness	News Story	9/20/23	7am, 12p, 5p	4:00	Public Health Solutions hosted a community health summit Wednesday at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds. The summit focused on discussing data received from a recent survey on how to make the community a better place. “So the community health assessment was a survey process that we did back in March this year,” said Megan Garcia, Public Information Officer for Public Health Solutions. “So that’s where we collected all of the data and PIE helped us collect the secondary data that’s already available.” Garcia hopes that the discussion to better the community will not stop once the summit ends.
Public Interest	News Story	9/22/23	7am, 12p, 5p	3:00	Medica and News Channel Nebraska are encouraging good health and well-being across the state with Stretch Across Nebraska. The program is set up for people of all ages to send in a video or photo of their healthy activity and they could win a donation made, in their name, of \$500 to the school of their choice. Karie Buchli of Alexandria was the first Stretch Across Nebraska winner. Buchli says that staying active is very important to her. “I’ve had a kidney transplant, and I’m three years out, and it’s very important to keep myself active, in order to keep my organ healthy.” When Buchli saw the contest, she thought it was a really neat idea to promote physical fitness, and shared a photo right away of her family participating in the Rally For Life 2023 in Omaha, which brings awareness to organ recipients and donors.
Public Awareness	News Story	9/26/23	7am, 12p, 5p	1:00	Jefferson Community Health & Life is offering influenza shots as the flu season approaches. Flu season spans from December to February with symptoms including headaches, body aches, cold symptoms and a high fever. Ashley Norden, a nurse at the community hospital, said the vaccine can reduce serious illness.
Public Awareness	Live Call-In Show	9/8 & 9/15	10a-11:30a	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.