

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, 2020 through December 31, 2020. 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	Better Health	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 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.
News Story	Public Interest	10/2/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	1:15	On Friday, Public Health Solutions released their weekly report on new covid-19 cases for last week. They report 52 new cases in Gage County, 36 in Saline, 5 new cases in Jefferson County, 3 in Fillmore and 2 new cases in Thayer County. That's a total of 1,152 of cases for the PHS district last week with a one-week positivity rate of 15%.
Interview	Public Interest	10/5/20	12:20 pm	5:00	Interviewed Jefferson County Extension Educator, Darcy Pesek about 4-H Week, and what the attributes are for youth and young adults to join this ag-related organization.
News Story	Public Interest	10/7/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	2:45	The former principal of St. Joseph Catholic School in Beatrice is facing a federal charge of producing child pornography, according to a statement from the Archdiocese of Omaha. Marlan Burki of Tecumseh appeared in federal court on Friday and remains in federal custody. He has been charged with one count of producing child porn. If convicted, he could face 15 to 30 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.
News Story	Public Interest	10/6/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	2:30	After Contact tracers were investigating a positive COVID-19 test at Fairbury Public Schools, Superintendent Stephen Grizzle announced Tuesday that the staff member that had tested positive for the virus, now is confirmed negative after additional testing.
News Story	Public Interest	10/7/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	4:05	The Gage County Board has approved a six-month extension of a moratorium on new wind energy projects in the county. That gives more time to the county's planning and zoning commission to study possible revisions to regulations governing wind farms. The board voted 5-0, with two members absent Wednesday, to extend the moratorium through next April 15th. County Zoning Administrator Lisa Wiegand says that extra time will be needed to thoroughly consider various issues.
News Story	Public Interest	10/8/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	1:50	Five southeast Nebraska agencies are working together to fight opioid abuse thanks to funding from a new grant. The Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska at the University of Nebraska Medical Center recently received a \$200,000 grant from the federal government. The Center says the grant will address barriers to access related to substance use disorder in Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline and Thayer counties.
News Story	Public Interest	10/8/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	2:17	Jefferson County's largest employer will get a new road and entrance thanks to a federal grant. The U.S Department of Commerce announced this week that it awarded a \$2.6 million grant to Jefferson County to improve access to Endicott Clay Products. The Nebraska Department of Transportation previously committed \$350,000 to the project. Jefferson County and Endicott are splitting the remaining approximately \$300,000.

News Story	Public Interest	10/16/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	1:10	Beatrice Public Schools apparently is seeing some upward movement in Covid-19 positive tests in the district. According to the School District 15 Covid-19 dashboard, BPS as of Thursday had six active cases of the disease caused by the coronavirus.
News Story	Public Interest	10/16/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	47 min	Governor Pete Ricketts Press Conference regarding the current pandemic. Talked about changing health directives as of October 21 st . Discussed how hospitals are at near capacity.
News Story	Public Interest	10/16/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	1:45	Tighter COVID-19 restrictions are coming back. Smaller crowds, fewer people at tables in restaurants and bars and more money for the state's hospitals are all part of a new statewide push to slow the spread of the pandemic.
News Story	Public Interest	10/17/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	3:30	Health officials say the volume of southeast Nebraska residents testing positive for COVID-19 is at its highest point since the spring. Public Health Solutions covers Gage, Saline, Jefferson, Fillmore and Thayer counties. The health department reported that 112 residents tested positive for the virus over the last week. That's 25 more than the previous week. It's the highest weekly total since 210 cases were reported in the first eight days of May.
News Story	Public Interest	10/19/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	2:00	Construction is underway for a new healthcare facility in southeast Nebraska. Jefferson Community Health and Life broke ground on a new clinic attached to its Fairbury hospital on Monday. The new clinic will replace the existing one, which is across the street from the hospital's Cedarwood Assisted Living Center.
News Story	Public Interest	10/20/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	2:45	More southeast Nebraskans will soon have access to faster internet speeds thanks to government grants. Earlier this month, the state awarded just over \$1 million to Diode Communications of Diller through a rural broadband grant program. The grants are funding the installation of fiber lines to Holmesville, the Pioneer Acres development near Beatrice and a rural area southwest of Beatrice.
News Story	Public Interest	10/20/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	3:30	Fairbury Public Schools is adjusting its health and safety measures as the district's COVID-19 risk dial ticks up. Superintendent Stephen Grizzle announced Tuesday that schools in the district will not move to a 50 percent attendance policy. The hybrid plan was originally supposed to be triggered when the risk dial went to the 'elevated' category.
News Story	Public Interest	10/29/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	2:45	Construction of a new bridge associated with the South Lincoln Beltway project will get underway November 3rd, weather permitting. Nebraska Department of Transportation officials say the bridge construction will require closing South 25th Street between Saltillo Road and Bennet Road.
News Story	Public Interest	10/28/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	1:30	A company that provides painting and coating services for municipal water tanks says a southeast Nebraska Community was a finalist in its annual contest. Tnemec Company, Inc., a provider of high-performance coatings, has announced 11 finalists and winner of its 2020 Tank of the Year competition. It is the 15th year of the competition that highlights creative water tank paintings from around the U.S. and Canada
News Story	Public Interest	10/30/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	1:10	Public Health Solutions Health District reports today the district has received news of four COVID-related deaths over the past two weeks..... two reported in Fillmore County, one in Saline, and one in Jefferson. That makes a total of thirteen COVID-related deaths within the five-county district.
News Story	Public Interest	11/2/20	10:00a- 11:00a	1 hour	Governor Pete Ricketts Press Conference talking about the rising number of covid cases, along with hospital beds, ICU units and a possible withholding of elective surgeries which include cancer surgeries.
News Story	Public Interest	11/2/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	2:45	There was an explosion, fire or some type of incident at the Aurora Cooperative in Superior on Saturday. According to the Superior Fire Department, the incident happened right around 4 p.m. at its east 2nd Street location, but firefighters were on the scene for more than 5 hours. The department said they were concerned about other explosions

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News Story	Public Interest	11/13/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	1 hour	Press Conference with Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts recapping the capacity of which hospitals are now deemed full with COVID patients, and elective surgeries will be put on hold if numbers continue to trend upwards.
News Story	Public Interest	11/11/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	1:45	Precast walls are going up at the site of the new Beatrice Fire and Rescue headquarters. It's being constructed off the east side of the US Highway 77 near downtown. Fire trucks and rescue vehicles will enter and exit via the highway.
News Story	Public Interest	11/19/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	2:00	It may have fewer than 4,000 residents, but Fairbury is joining the likes of the biggest cities in the state in enacting a mask mandate. With one member absent, the city's health board voted 3-0 this morning to pass the ordinance. Board member Ed Friesen says the decision was one that needed to be made whether or not he or the public liked it.
News Story	Public Interest	11/25/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	3:30	This holiday weekend, Beatrice police will conduct their annual Stuff the Cruiser event at Walmart.....Friday through Sunday....where people can donate toys for needy children this holiday season. Beatrice Police Chief Bruce Lang says, "There will be a drop box. Customers who choose to participate and help us out....they can put their item in that cart and leave. After they're gone, an officer will then move those things into the bus or cruiser."
News Story	Public Interest	11/30/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	2:30	Hundreds of southeast Nebraskans have full bellies thanks to an annual effort from the local radio station. KUTT in Fairbury hosted its 20th annual free Thanksgiving meal on Thursday. Normally, area residents fill the Elks Lodge dining room for a social Thanksgiving feast. Even with COVID-19 cases rising, organizers like Promotions Manager Nichole Scholl found a way for the event to happen...with a Drive Thru.
News Story	Public Interest	11/30/20	10a-11a	1 hour	Press Conference with Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts recapping the capacity of which hospitals are now deemed full with COVID patients, and elective surgeries will be put on hold if numbers continue to trend upwards.
News Story	Public Interest	12/1/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	1:30	A Test Nebraska site at the Gage County Fairgrounds continues to test about 70-to-100 people a day for Covid-19.
News Story	Public Interest	12/7/20 12/9/20 12/11/20 12/14/20 12/16/20 12/18/20 12/21/20 12/23/20	10a-11a 10a-11a 10a-11a 10a-11a 9a-10a 10a-11a 10a-11a	1 Hour	Press Conference with Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts recapping the capacity of which hospitals are now deemed full with COVID patients, and elective surgeries will be put on hold if numbers continue to trend upwards.
News Story	Public Interest	12/9/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	4:00	A southeast Nebraska non-profit is getting a boost thanks to local radio stations. Ol' Red 99-5 and KWBE donated \$2,500 to the Blue Valley Community Action Partnership on Wednesday. The money came from the stations' Flood Communications CARES Fund of the Nebraska Community Foundation. The funds were raised through public donations in the spring.

News Story	Public Interest	12/11/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	1:30	A Beatrice local health board has voted 4-0, with one abstention to extend the mask mandate in the city through January 15th. The board took that action by video and phone conference meeting Friday, after hearing from six opponents who spoke against the rule enacted on November 17th. Several other people were connected to the meeting held by the board and some submitted written comments ahead of time.
News Story	Public Interest	12/14/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	:90	The Fairbury Board of Health voted unanimously Monday morning not to renew the city's mask mandate, which expires after Tuesday. Instead, officials will draft a recommendation encouraging residents to wear face coverings.
News Story	Public Interest	12/22/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	2:10	Frontline doctors and nurses directly caring for Covid-19 patients at Beatrice Community Hospital were the first in Gage County to receive their coronavirus vaccine, Tuesday. The hospital received 500 doses of the two-shot Moderna vaccine.
News Story	Public Interest	12/22/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	:45	The Nebraska Legislature's new session is scheduled to begin January 6th and some state agencies are in contact with individual lawmakers about budget issues and increased workload that they've had during the coronavirus pandemic.
News Story	Public Interest	12/23/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	1:30	Jefferson Community Health and Life is reopening its fitness center. The Fairbury hospital closed the Burkley Fitness Center on November 17 as COVID-19 cases spiked in Nebraska. With virus hospitalizations declining, JCH&L is reopening the facility but keeping a close watch on county COVID-19 numbers.
News Story	Public Interest	10/29/20	7:00am, 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	2:00	The winter storm is creating difficult driving conditions in southeast Nebraska. Forecasters say the region could see as much as six inches of snow and a tenth of an inch of ice by the time the storm moves on. John McKee is the Emergency Manager for Jefferson and Saline Counties. Part of his job is communicating the conditions to local agencies and the public. He says the possibility of mixed precipitation with this storm could make things extra slick.
Public Service Announcements	Public interest	Various	Various	Various	Announcements of local events, updated DHM's, and public interest and/or safety announcements.