

Below is a list of significant issues responded by KQSK 97.5 FM and KCNB 94.7 FM in Chadron, Nebraska along with significant programming treatment on those issues for the First Quarter April 1 - June 30, 2022

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**Mobile food pantry to be held in Crawford...May 2...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)**

Northwest Community Action Partnership and Food Bank for the Heartland will be having a drive-through mobile food pantry on April 12 in Crawford. The event will start at 5pm at 1005 1st Street in Crawford.

**City of Crawford to hold clean-up day at information booth...May 12...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)**

Volunteer Clean-up Day at the Crawford Tourist Information Booth will be held on May 14. The clean-up will start at 8 a.m. "We'll work on raking, painting and general repairs," City of Crawford Clerk Jane Dailey said. "Come with a pair of work gloves and we'll get the area spruced up for the season."

**Chadron police reminds community to mow, trim property...May 18...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)**

Spring looks to be upon us and with the recent needed moisture, the grass is turning green and flowers are starting to bloom. We would like to offer a friendly reminder to mow, trim or spray your property or properties, and to trim branches encroaching on sidewalks, alleys and roadways early and on a regularly basis. City of Chadron Ordinances §11-304, §11-305, §11-307, §13-114 and §13-119 are all available for review at the City of Chadron website, <https://www.chadron-nebraska.com/>

The City of Chadron realizes that at times it is difficult to trim around some corners or obstacles in yards or on other property on a regular basis, whether that be from lack of trimming equipment, weather conditions, or time and other factors. To that end, we primarily focus on the majority of the yard for enforcement of City Ordinance §11-304. While any growth in excess of twelve inches is enforceable by City Ordinance, we trust that pride in our community and cooperation with current City Ordinances will prevent necessary enforcement of excessive growth left for extended periods of time. Low hanging branches or excessive growth of bushes or trees, in alleyways and around sidewalks pose safety issues for pedestrians and our waste management personnel. We ask all residents to check these areas on their properties.

**PPHD: Wastewater surveillance shows uptick of COVID in the Panhandle...May 24...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)**

Wastewater surveillance at the Scottsbluff collection site shows an uptick of COVID virus in the area. Wastewater surveillance can provide an early warning of COVID's spread in communities. People infected with COVID can shed the virus in their feces, even if they don't have symptoms.

The virus can then be detected in wastewater, enabling wastewater surveillance to capture presence of COVID shed by people with and without symptoms. This allows wastewater surveillance to serve as an early warning that COVID is spreading in a community and communities can act quickly to prevent the spread of COVID. Now is a good time to get up-to-date on your COVID vaccination.

**Solar lights to be installed in Chadron's Wilson Park...May 25...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)**

At the May 16 Chadron City Council meeting, the council approved a resolution for the Chadron Parks Foundation for solar lights to be installed in Wilson Park. "We have a number of those lights in Memorial Park already, they've been performing well, and providing a very nice ambient light there during the night time hours," Chadron City Manager John Sutherland said. "We're going to do a similar installation in Wilson Park." Sutherland said the City of Chadron will be using community development funds to install the solar lights. One of the many benefits of installing the lights will be to help with vandalism. "It also assists a little bit with vandalism and it helps minimize anything that might be going on out there in the park late at night," Sutherland said. "Maybe some things that the dark of night would otherwise disguise; now we'll have the daylight out there provided by solar lighting." Sutherland said the city parks have had a "disappointing amount of vandalism."

**Gordon pull-ups drive to benefit NCAP Diaper Bank Network...April 12...6am, 7am,, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)**

The NCAP Diaper Bank Network provides free diapers, pull ups and wipes to low income families in Chadron, Crawford, Gordon and Alliance. Our program serves more than 300 infants and toddlers on a monthly basis. 1 in 3 American families struggle to afford diapers and have to make challenging choices in order to overcome this need. Some families report cutting back on other essentials such as food or utilities in order to afford diapers or pull ups. You cannot purchase these items with food stamps or WIC, so without the assistance of local diaper banks these families would have nowhere to turn. The NCAP Diaper Bank was started in Chadron a little over 4 years ago and has since expanded to Crawford, Gordon and Alliance. This program works closely with some of NCAP's other programs such as Head Start, Early Head Start and Community Services. In addition, our Diaper Bank program partners with Western Community Health Resources and their WIC program. It is through these collaborative partnerships that we are able to assist families in need. Throughout the month of March the Gordon Head Start Parent group took the lead on a Pull Ups drive to assist with restocking our supply of Pull Ups to benefit the families we serve in Sheridan County.

**Chadron police have successful 'U Text. U Drive. U Pay' campaign...April 14...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)**

Local law enforcement officers in Chadron made 67 stops during the national U Drive. U Text. U Pay. high-visibility enforcement campaign that ran April 4-10. The campaign aimed to raise

awareness of the dangers of Distracted Driving in Nebraska. Of those stops, 11 motorists were issued citations for various offenses including speeding, stop signal violations, driving while revoked, and vehicle registration violations. Eight officers with the Chadron Police Department participated in the campaign.

**Chadron Public Transportation sees new changes...April 16...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)**

The City of Chadron is seeing upgrades to Chadron Public Transportation with Julie Lawrence stepping into the supervisor position. "That is a spot that we needed to have filled for some time," Chadron City Manager John Sutherland said. "The program has just been kind of self managing with oversight from the police department, interestingly enough, for a number of years. And over the course of the last few years, it's become apparent that there's a greater demand for the service than the system that we were using could handle. And so with the support of the state funding agencies and federal funding agencies, we've got more funding to do some expanded services. We needed to have a leadership person in that group that could take it forward and pursue those improvements to their success. We've added a staff person [Lawrence] who will be the supervisor for that group."

"This is a great group of people to work with at the city," Lawrence said. "Let the fun and challenges begin."

**Gov. Ricketts to host 'Legislative Wrap-Up' Town Halls in Chadron, Lexington...June 3...6am, 7am, 8am 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)**

Today, Governor Pete Ricketts announced that he will host town halls in Chadron and Lexington on Wednesday, June 8th. At the town halls, Gov. Ricketts will discuss the historic accomplishments of the 2022 Legislative Session. Among other successes, the Governor worked with the Unicameral to pass the largest tax relief package in Nebraska history, enhance public safety, and strengthen Nebraska's water resources. Gov. Ricketts and others will give remarks before taking questions. The town hall events are open to the public.

**Stream renovation underway at Bordeaux Creek WMA near Chadron...June 21...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)**

Workers have begun a project to improve a stream and its banks at Bordeaux Creek Wildlife Management Area near Chadron. Brett Roberg, a Nebraska Game and Parks Commission fisheries biologist, said the project on Big Bordeaux Creek is expected to increase stream-angling opportunities, provide cleaner water and increase resilience to drought and flooding. The project's primary goal is to regrade a floodplain along the creek to safeguard the active stream channel during times of high water and improve recreational access for anglers. Rocks, trees and other natural materials will be positioned in the stream to diversify habitat for both trout and native fish.

"Given the limited number of cool-water streams that fall on public lands in Nebraska, our project team recognized the need for enhancing and conserving the diversity of habitats found

at Bordeaux Creek WMA," Roberg said. "Stream access and high-quality habitats had been previously limited by the vertical stream banks and elevated erosion, causing a decrease in water quality and a reduction in the desirable habitats for fish."

**BNSF to close down road near Crawford...June 23...6am, 7am, 8am, 12 noon news (Approx. 30 sec.)**

BNSF Railway will be closing down a road south of Crawford for track repair. The Sawlog Road crossing, four miles south of Crawford, will be closed on June 28 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. "We are just doing some maintenance to the crossing," BNSF Road Master (Butte Sub.) Jason Dye said. "I did tell the Dawes County Sheriff [Karl Dailey]. He let all the emergency services people know too."