## **KMOR-FM - Gering, NE**

Quarterly Issues/Programs List July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

Below is a list of some of the significant issues responded to, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period. This list is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Newscasts on KMOR-FM are 1:30 in duration, airing Monday through Friday at :15 after the hour from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Issue	Program	Description of issues addressed/topics covered
Arts and Culture	Newscasts	Oregon Trail Community Foundation makes grant to Theatre West; 100 <sup>th</sup> Oregon Trail Days Celebration a big hit; Chimney Rock Visitor Center official ribbon cutting; Old West Balloon Fest and U-S Nat'l Hot Air Balloon Championships are a big hit; Smithsonian Crossroads debuts in Kimball, traveling exhibit will end next year in Chadron; Studebaker fans hold car show and shine; Area county fairs draw crowds and rave reviews; Valley Voices reorganizing for future performances; Gering working on pickle ball court project; 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual PVC Monument Marathon is a big success, with new records in men's, women's divisions in both full- and half-marathons;
Community	Newscasts	Fewer than 200 property valuation protests in Scotts Bluff Co., much lower than previous years; Annual tradition of sidewalk sales returns to Scottsbluff; United Way kicks of Duck Draw fundraiser, which ends of selling more than 11,000 duck permits for the non-profit; Monument Pathway project is completed; Stuff the Bus a big hit again, with monetary donations instead of supplies; Keno picks back up, will allow resumption of grants; CASA of Scotts Bluff Co. marks 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Tourism in the region rebounds from last year's pandemic; Keep Scottsbluff-Gering Beautiful holds household hazardous waste collection; United Way announces new fundraising goal during Pacesetter kickoff; Gering Senior Center seeks help with meal deliveries; Mitchell businesses, residents express disapproval of Mayor's idea of possibly closing Center Avenue for downtown revitalization; City of Scottsbluff holds first scrap tire collection effort for county residents in about a decade; New Jersey native walks to raise money, awareness for Cozad girl's fight against brain cancer; Scotts Bluff County Veterans Service Officer John Brehm announces retirement date;
Health	Newscasts	With end of Nebraska COVID state of emergency, professionals reminded to make sure their licenses are in order by end of July; Smoke from western wildfires becomes endemic, public advised to keep tabs on conditions; COVID Delta variant becoming more prevalent starting in July; West Nile Virus confirmed in the region; John Stinner honored by Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for his advocacy efforts; RWHS partnership with UCHealth expands to increase access to oncology services locally; Hospital staffing emergency declared; Area residents encouraged not to delay needed surgeries due to COVID concerns; Farm to School program having a positive impact on student health in Gering; Ricketts extends DHM related to hospital staffing emergency;
Public Safety	Newscasts	Goshen Co. institutes partial fire ban; Safe Ride OTD needs volunteer drivers; FBI reports hate crime in NE on rise in recent years; Box Butte Co. picks up after severe storms; Gov. Ricketts sends NSP Troopers to Mexico border, defends position; Chadron man arrested for city's first homicide in more than a decade; Massive wildfires hit the Panhandle, five large ones (Hackberry, Cross, Angora, Vista Trend and Post), reaching nearly 20,000 acres total, stretching firefighters and resources; WNCC purchases simulator for training by local law enforcement; Alliance Police starts 'Criminopoly' as a fun, creative way to improve and increase community policing; Scottsbluff Police investigate West Overland shooting, three teens arrested; A Scottsbluff Police corporal is arrested for domestic assault;

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Politics	Newscasts	Increased lobbying of state lawmakers a concern of watchdog group; Breland Ridenour makes a campaign stop seeking GOP Gubernatorial nomination; Area governments begin and complete work on new fiscal year budgets; Discussions over the effectiveness, need for masking becomes political hot topic; Terry Schaub steps down from Scottsbluff council, replaced by Selina Lerma; Petition drives begin to place \$15 minimum wage, medical marijuana initiatives on the 2022 ballot; Blueprint Nebraska unveils tax modernization framework; Census figure release sets stage for debate on redistricting, which ends with shifts toward eastern NE population centers; Mitchell gets a new Mayor when Dave Curtis steps down, creating vacancy on the panel; Sen. Erdman pans the pick of the Game and Parks Deputy Director as the new Director of the agency;
Education	Newscasts	Local lawmakers join Gov, others opposed to state health education standards including gender, sexual orientation material as Ed. Board pushes back decision; Pillen introduces resolution against critical race theory at NU which fails; State Education Board stops work on health education standards; Area schools hold back to school bashes again; School districts provide back to school safety plans, Goshen Co. goes full mask mandate, Scottsbluff to do so depending on school situation; EWC suffers cyberattack, impacting some aspects of fall semester start; GHS Aviation career pathway takes off; High-profile chefs, including one from Scottsbluff, return to teach culinary skills; GHS loses Justin Reinmuth; GHS launches new Public Safety career academy; Brent Holliday steps down from GPS Board of Education;
Business, Industry and the Economy	Newscasts	Nebraska economy pushes into solid growth territory per Creighton University and UNL as the months progress, shows signs by September of slump in next six months; A Hastings-based organization proposes a horse racetrack and casino for southern edge of Gering; A publicly-traded Minn. Company proposes a resort-like horse racetrack and casino just east of Kimball; Clean Harbors considering expansion of Kimball Co. operation; Rural Workforce Housing Fund ready to help developers build housing for area's workers; Platte Valley Companies and JG Elliott celebrate 25 and 100 years, respectively; Local couple purchasing Powerhouse in Scottsbluff, looking to include restaurant, apartments to current office space; NPPD seeks input on decarbonization efforts; Area banks warn about security, other impacts from proposed Biden IRS data collection on bank accounts; Gering Track/Casino proposal receives conditional use permit from Planning Commission;