



**KNOP-TV
KIIT-TV (KNOP DT2)**

**QUARTERLY LIST OF PROGRAMMING PROVIDING
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**KNOP TV & KIIT TV
(KIIT simulcast on KNOP DT2)
Gray Television Licensee, LLC.
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**2nd Quarter 2021
Issues Programming**

PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

On KNOP

NEWS 2 SUNRISE

7:00a

Monday thru Friday 6:00-

NEWS 2 MIDDAY

NEWS 2 AT 6PM

6:00-6:30p

Monday thru Friday 11:30a-12:00p

Monday thru Saturday

NEWS 2 AT 10PM

10:35p

Monday thru Sunday 10:00-

All of the above programs are locally produced News programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related Feature stories. Issue-responsive program segments are usually one to three minutes in duration unless otherwise indicated.

Webchannel/Mobile/Streaming/Aps: North Platte Nebraska has a place to go for local news and information online and on the go. As more people turn to alternative means for information on a daily basis, people can count on KNOP-TV (KNOPNews2.com) to be the local news and information leader on all platforms. KNOP News2's website is an important source of local news stories of all kinds, emergency information, severe weather, amber alerts, community information, public service, and other resources. News2's various digital platforms also feature live streaming throughout the day whether a scheduled newscast, or breaking news or weather of local importance, and also meet online closed captioning requirements.

Regular NBC Network News Programs Carried by KNOP:

EARLY TODAY

TODAY SHOW

Friday 7:00-11:00am

Monday thru Friday 5:30-6:00am

Monday thru

NBC NIGHTLY NEW

Sunday 5:00-5:30pm

Monday thru

SATURDAY TODAY SHOW

9:00am

Saturdays

7:00-

SUNDAY TODAY SHOW

8:00am

Sundays

7:00-

MEET THE PRESS

Sundays

8:00-9:00am

On KIIT (KNOP DT2)

News 2 @ 10pm (Repeat)

12:30am

Sundays

Pure Nebraska

9:30-10:00am

Monday thru Friday 12:00-

Regular FOX Network and Syndicated News/Information Programs Carried by KIIT:

FOX NEWS SUNDAY

9:00am

Sundays

8:00-

US FARM REPORT

Sundays

7:00-8:00am

All of the above programs are network news programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related Feature stories.

All KNOP and KIIT Newscasts are closed captioned for the hearing impaired. Station conducts all weekly random EAS tests as well as monthly scheduled test in preparation of needed emergency announcements. Station airs Public File and Children's Programming Report spots as required.

Examples of stories providing treatment of significant community issues this Quarter.

ALCOHOL & DRUGS

Alcohol Inspections Held in Lincoln County :30

04/05/21 News2 Midday Monday

Investigators with the Nebraska State Patrol conducted alcohol inspections in Lincoln County during the evening hours of Friday, April 2. In total, 16 businesses were inspected. Three of those businesses sold alcohol to a minor for a non-compliance rate of 19 percent. Only one of the businesses failed to check the minor's identification. The businesses included liquor stores, convenience stores, restaurants, and bars. This project was supported in whole or part by grant #93.959 under the SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Region II Human Services, and the Nebraska DHHS Division of Behavioral Health.

Legal Marijuana Now-Now Recognized as a Party in Nebraska :30

04/22/21 News2 6am Thursday

A political party focused on legalizing marijuana can now run candidates and claim registered voters in Nebraska after it gained official state recognition. Secretary of State Bob Evnen says the Legal Marijuana NOW Party has met the requirements to qualify as a political party. The designation allows voters to register with the party, and party officials can nominate candidates for partisan offices. Activists Mark Elworth Jr. and Krystal Gabel, who frequently run for public office, say they collected more than 10,000 signatures over four years to gain party status. Approximately 6,800 signatures were needed.

Stickers Bring Awareness for Alcohol Awareness Month :30

04/22/21 News2 Midday Thursday

April is Alcohol Awareness Month and Community Connection of North Platte is teaming up with area mentors and mentees and the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (SAP) to remind others of the dangers of alcohol, especially among the nation's youth. The groups are working with area businesses by placing special stickers, designed and printed by Community Connection, on the containers and boxes of alcohol. The goal, they say, is to remind people to help keep alcohol out of the possession of kids.

College Student Drinking Down During Pandemic :30

04/22/21 News2 Midday Thursday

A new survey from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln shows college students' drinking rates dropped during the pandemic — contrary to popular belief. Distress, boredom and the widespread promotion of increased drinking during the pandemic on social media could have been a recipe for a disaster in the form of college student alcohol use. But findings from a Husker research team show the influx of students moving back in with their parents actually contributed to a substantial drop in college students' alcohol use.

Troopers Locate Over 400 lbs of Marijuana Hidden Inside ATMS :30
05/03/21 News2 Midday Monday

According to NSP, a trooper observed a Mercedes Sprinter Van fail to signal a turn while exiting Interstate 80 at the Giltner Interchange, at mile marker 324 at around 10 a.m. During the traffic stop, an NSP K9 detected the presence of a controlled substance inside the vehicle. Troopers searched the vehicle and located a plastic tote containing packages of marijuana. There were also 14 ATMs and a large safe inside the van. With the assistance of the Grand Island Fire Department, all 14 ATMs and the safe were opened, revealing that they were full of packages of marijuana. The total weight of the marijuana was 426 pounds.

Alcohol Inspections Held in Keith County :30
05/07/21 News2 6pm Friday

During the evening hours of Wednesday, May 5, investigators with the Nebraska State Patrol conducted alcohol inspections in Keith County. In total, 15 businesses were inspected. One business sold alcohol to a minor for a non-compliance rate of 7 percent. All businesses checked the minor's ID. The businesses included liquor stores, convenience stores, restaurants, and bars. Businesses that fail the inspections are referred to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Clerks who sell alcohol to a minor are cited for procuring alcohol for a minor. This project was supported in whole or part by grant #93.959 under the SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Region II Human Services, and the Nebraska DHHS Division of Behavioral Health.

Troopers Arrest Two Locate 186 Pounds of Marijuana :30
05/17/21 News2 6pm Monday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol have arrested two people after locating more than 180 pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop Saturday. At approximately 7:45 a.m. Saturday, a trooper observed a Dodge Charger fail to signal a turn and drive on the shoulder while exiting Interstate 80 at mile marker 324, in Hamilton County. During the traffic stop, an NSP K9 detected the odor of a controlled substance inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed 186 pounds of marijuana contained in heat sealed packages.

Carry Out Alcohol from Restaurants Becomes Permanently Legal :30
05/26/21 News2 10pm Wednesday

Nebraska restaurants can now offer carry-out alcohol permanently under a new state law inspired by Gov. Pete Ricketts' efforts to help struggling businesses during the pandemic. Ricketts announced Wednesday that he signed the measure into law. It went into effect immediately. The governor issued an executive order to allow carry-out alcohol in March 2020 to aid restaurants that were struggling financially because of the pandemic and mandatory social distancing restrictions.

Troopers Arrest 16 Impaired Drivers to Kick off 100 Days of Summer :30
06/02/21 News2 5pm Tuesday

The summer travel season is officially underway, and the Nebraska State Patrol is reminding motorists to buckle up and put the phone down to help keep the roads safe. Memorial Day

Weekend marked the start of NSP's annual "100 Days of Summer" initiative. From Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, troopers across Nebraska will be working special enforcement and education campaigns in an effort to reduce serious injury or fatality crashes. Those efforts may include enforcement campaigns related to exhibition speeding, impaired driving, recreation area safety, community outreach and more. Over Memorial Day Weekend, troopers arrested 16 drivers for impairing driving, issued 297 citations for speeding, and responded to several crashes.

Two Arrested After Incident at Wood River Interchange :30

06/03/21 News2 Midday Thursday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol have arrested two people after an incident at the Wood River interchange of Interstate 80. At approximately 7:40 p.m. Wednesday, troopers responded to a report of a fight at a truck stop at the Wood River interchange, at mile marker 300. Upon arrival, troopers located the people believed to be involved in the incident. During the investigation, an NSP K9 detected the odor of a controlled substance coming from inside one subject's vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, troopers located suspected methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and a machete. A search of another vehicle involved in the incident led to the location of additional methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Troopers Find 55 LBS of Cocaine In Cozad :30

06/04/21 News2 Midday Friday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol arrested an Arizona man following the discovery of 55 pounds of cocaine in a vehicle in Cozad. The incident occurred at approximately 1 p.m. Thursday, when a trooper contacted a driver at the Cozad interchange off Interstate 80. During the encounter, the trooper became suspicious of criminal activity. Troopers searched the vehicle and found 55 pounds of cocaine hidden in floor compartments of the vehicle. There was also a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was accompanied by an adult female passenger and a small child.

ANIMAL WELFARE/ PET SAFETY

"Newsmakers/ Pets For Adoption" (On-going Series)

News 2 Midday -First Tuesday Of Every Month

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"Sunrise/ Pets For Adoption" (On-going Series)

News 2 Sunrise-Every Wednesday Morning

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Gray Wolf Found in Nebraska :30

04/14/21 News2 Midday Wednesday

Genetic testing results recently confirmed a large canine killed Jan. 28, 2021, near Uehling, was a gray wolf. The female wolf had been legally shot by coyote hunters, who contacted the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Genetic testing showed the animal originated from a population of wolves found in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

A Special Delivery :30**05/11/21 News2 Midday Tuesday**

It's a very special delivery out at the Buffalo Bill State Historical Park. It's a little - not so little - bundle of joy, born Monday morning around 9:00 a.m. The staff at the park say they are pretty sure the brand new baby bison is a girl, but mom, P.J. is not letting anyone get too close to be completely sure, just yet. And just like when any baby is born, the baby bison now needs a name. The Park Superintendent is opening up a contest soon, so be thinking of the perfect name for this little gal. Adam Jones says he did not name the parents (P.J. and Taco), and he is looking for something "much better" for their baby. So he wants your input. There was a hint of a prize for the winning name, but those details are not finalized yet.

Voting Open for Bison Naming :30**05/18/21 News2 Midday Tuesday**

The baby bison at Buffalo Bill State Historical Park is ready for a name, and the staff at the Nebraska Game and Parks are closer to giving him one. Originally announced as a "girl" bison, the park is realizing after closer inspection that she is actually a he. And "he" needs a name. Since his May 10 birth there have been many name suggestions floating around on social media. The park opened up an opportunity for folks to share their ideas on the Nebraska Game and Parks Facebook page for the son of P.B. and Taco. Now the suggestions are narrowed down to five options. The options are: Billie, Cody, Mocha, Scout, and Oakley. And everyone has the chance to vote until May 26.

Minnesota Barn Fire Kills an Estimated 12000 Pigs :30**05/18/21 News2 6pm Tuesday**

A hog barn fire killed an estimated 12,000 pigs Sunday night, according to the Waseca Police Department. Fire Chief Jason Forshee says crews were dispatched to Woodville Pork around 10:30 p.m. Sunday after two large buildings erupted with flames. "Upon arrival, we had a building that was mostly engulfed. We ended up paging out a total of, we had nine departments on scene," Forshee said. Those nine departments supplied more than 20 tankers to combat the blaze. Crews were able to spare a third nearby building using a fire break. Forshee stated, "Our estimates on numbers right now is an estimate that 9,000 piglets were lost and 3,000 sows for a total of 12,000." Firefighters remained on scene extinguishing the flames and hot spots until 2 p.m. Monday. The fire's cause is still undetermined, but local farming experts say the lack of rain and high winds are a major contributor to farm facility fires.

Paws on the Platte is Back :30**05/21/21 News2 6pm Friday**

A unique way to raise money for PAWS-itive Partners began on Thursday. If you love dogs then you will love what some local artists are creating. Paws on the Platte is back and News 2 is here to tell you where you can find the statues. After spending more than two months creating these pieces, the artists finally shared their work with the public. After ten days, the statues will appear in various locations around town. Keep your eyes out during the Nebraskaland Days Parade, the dogs just might make an appearance. Without the support of the community, Paws on the Platte would not have been possible.

CONSUMER PROTECTION**Company Targets Homeowners for Free Water Testing :30****04/23/21 News2 10pm Friday**

North Platte's Municipal Light and Water is sending a warning to homeowners in regards to a Colorado company scheming people out of their money. Chris Holley is the water protection specialist for Municipal Light and Water and has worked for the water department for five years. And just when he thought he'd seen about everything, a flier was brought to his attention. The city department said they do extensive testing throughout the year. If customers want their water tested or have questions or concerns they encourage them to call the office.

How to Save Money at the Pump :30

05/07/21 News2 6pm Friday

On Friday, drivers had the opportunity to pay less at the pump. May is Renewable Fuels Month and the Nebraska Corn Board taught drivers about their car's ethanol abilities. One local Kwik Stop hosted an event in honor of Renewable Fuels Month. The event allowed drivers to fill up their cars with ethanol-based products at a very cheap cost. Experts on ethanol taught drivers which ethanol works best for them. Curtis Harms the Director of Communications for Nebraska Corn Board explained that ethanol products can be used by more than just Flex-Fuel cars.

Hacking Infrastructure in a Digital Age :30

05/14/21 News2 10pm Friday

The recent cyberattack on the Colonial Pipeline caused widespread panic in some states leading to a shortage of resources. As more information is being gathered about the Colonial Pipeline cyber attack, there are other cyber security questions arising. Utility companies are only one aspect of infrastructure, but as people in the midwest and beyond experienced from a weather-related incident involving rolling blackouts in February, electricity is something everyone arguably depends on nearly as much as oxygen. These utilities have necessary systems in place to fight against persons, and entities, that would seek to harm them.

CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

Buffalo County Sheriffs Office Responds to Robbery at Gas Station :30

04/11/21 News2 5pm Sunday

The Buffalo County Sheriff's Office responded to a strong-armed robbery at a gas station around six miles east of Kearney off at the mile marker 279 interchange of I-80 on Sunday. According to preliminary information, a lone adult male jumped behind the counter, pushed past a clerk and removed money from the cash register. The subject then exited the store and fled westbound on I-80 in a silver Chevrolet four-door car with no license plates. Authorities were contacted, and a short time later the suspect vehicle was spotted on I-80 several miles west of Kearney. The vehicle was stopped by a trooper with the Nebraska State Patrol and the suspect taken into custody.

Former Husker Found Not Guilty on Sexual Assault Charges :30

04/15/21 News2 Midday Thursday

Former Husker football player Katerian LeGrone was found not guilty of first-degree sexual assault on Thursday. LeGrone was being charged with sexual assault stemming from an incident on August 25, 2019. Another former Husker, Andre Hunt, was also accused of the crime but testified in the trial as part of a plea deal. According to the probable cause affidavit, the victim showed up at Hunt's apartment on August 25. Soon, they were in the bedroom where the woman says she felt forced into sexual contact by LeGrone and Hunt.

Two Killed in Crash Near Holdrege :30

04/28/21 News2 Midday Wednesday

At approximately 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, a Chevrolet Silverado was traveling westbound on Highway 6, four miles west of Holdrege, when it crossed the center line and struck an eastbound Dodge Grand Caravan. The Silverado's lone occupant, Dylan Skeen, 29, of Holdrege, was transported to CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, where he was pronounced deceased. The driver of the Grand Caravan, Kerri Bernstrauch, 36, Holdrege, was pronounced deceased at the scene. A child passenger in the Grand Caravan was also transported to CHI Health Good Samaritan and then flown to Omaha for further treatment of serious injuries.

Pursuit Manhunt Lead to Two Arrests Near Big Springs :30

05/03/21 News2 6pm Monday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol have arrested two people following a pursuit and manhunt overnight near Big Springs. At approximately 12:50 a.m. MT Monday, a trooper observed an eastbound Acura RL sedan speeding on Interstate 80 near Sunol at mile marker 67. The trooper attempted a traffic stop, but the vehicle accelerated and fled eastbound. The trooper initiated a pursuit. During the pursuit, the trooper observed the two occupants of the vehicle throwing something out of the car, which was later recovered and found to be a handgun. The suspect vehicle reached speeds in excess of 130 miles per hour.

Former Minden School Board Member Charged :30

05/06/21 News2 6pm Thursday

The former Minden school board member who refused to wear a mask in school now faces criminal charges. Katie Sinsel, 42, was charged this week and has pleaded not guilty to two misdemeanor charges of 2nd degree trespassing and disturbing the peace. Sinsel was removed from an April 12 Minden school board meeting because she refused to wear a mask as a COVID precaution. She was then removed from the school board meeting by the Minden Police Chief. A special board meeting was held on April 26 where Sinsel was removed from the board.

Two People Die and Two Others Injured in Fiery Crash :30

05/09/21 News2 10pm Sunday

Two people died and two others were hurt in a fiery crash about 7 miles south of Valley in eastern Nebraska Saturday. Chief Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Wayne Hudson said the an eastbound van collided with a westbound truck around 4 p.m. Saturday on West Center Road near the Platte River, and one of the vehicles caught fire. The sheriff's office said the van was trying to pass another vehicle just before it collided with the truck. The driver of the van and one person in the pickup truck died, but their names were not immediately available Sunday.

Sunday Collision :30

05/09/21 News2 10pm Sunday

First responders caught word at 12:01 p.m., Sunday of a two-car collision at E and Jeffers in North Platte. Both vehicles sustained extensive damage. There were no serious injuries. Officials say one car ran a red light before striking the other. Medical personnel was called to help those involved but no one was taken to the hospital. Debris littered the roadway as the NPPD and Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies needed to guide traffic for nearly an hour as the cars were towed away and the wreckage cleaned off the street.

Former State Trooper Arrested on Child Enticement Charges :30
05/18/21 News2 Midday Tuesday

A former Nebraska State Patrol trooper has been arrested on suspicion of child enticement and possessing child pornography. The Nebraska State Patrol said 24-year-old Brandon Dolezal was arrested early Saturday. The criminal investigation began after a teen told a school resource officer at Gering High School that he was concerned because two girls he knew were messaging with an older man on Snapchat. Court documents said interviews with the girls and a search of Snapchat records revealed that one of the girls had sent explicit photos to Dolezal and the conversations were sexual in nature.

NSP Investigating Incident Cass County :30
06/08/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

Deputies with the Cass County Sheriff's Office were attempting to serve multiple arrest warrants at a residence at 9901 Adams Street in rural Cass County at around 9:30 p.m. As deputies were attempting to make contact with the subject, they heard an apparent gunshot come from inside the residence. Deputies then heard a person call for help. Deputies entered the residence and located a female with an apparent gunshot wound. Deputies attempted live-saving measures, but the woman passed away at the scene. There were two people in the residence at the time of the incident. The Cass County Sheriff's Office has requested that the Nebraska State Patrol conduct the investigation, which will be conducted as an in-custody death investigation.

Three Judge Panel Sentences Murderer Aubrey Trail :30
06/09/21 News2 Midday Wednesday

A three-judge panel announced the sentencing for convicted murderer Aubrey Trail on Wednesday, giving him the death penalty for the 2017 killing of Sydney Loofe. Trail, as well as his co-defendant Bailey Boswell, were found guilty of first-degree murder for the killing of the 24-year-old. The panel heard arguments in March, as the prosecution attempted to prove there were aggravating circumstances involved in the murder. There are nine different definitions of aggravating circumstances, but the three-judge panel only had to determine if Loofe's murder contained one.

NSP Identifies Victims Killed Along Tri-County :30
06/10/21 News2 10pm Thursday

Two people were killed Thursday after their vehicle crashed into a canal near Maxwell, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. According to LCSO Chief Deputy Roland Kramer, the driver of the Chevrolet pickup lost control as it was approaching the curve near the intersection of State Farm Road and Box Elder Road before rolling into the canal. The truck was 80 percent submerged in the water when law enforcement arrived at the scene. A male was pulled from the vehicle. A female was also recovered by the Lincoln County Dive Team. Both occupants, Alex Sanchez, 74, of North Platte and Kimberly McCarter, 52, of Papillion were pronounced dead.

Nebraska Court Rejects Inmates Request New Murder Trial :30
06/12/21 News2 6pm Saturday

A man serving a life sentence for murdering an Omaha woman in 1999 failed to win a new trial despite his claims that follow-up DNA testing exonerated him. The Nebraska Supreme

Court upheld the first-degree murder conviction of Daryle Duncan. Duncan was convicted in 2001 of fatally stabbing of one of his neighbors, Lucille Bennett. He also was sentenced to up to 20 years in prison for use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony. Duncan argued in his appeal that new DNA evidence found on two billfolds should have cleared his name.

Sheriffs Office 2 Drowned Crash into Nebraska Canal :30

06/14/21 News2 6pm Monday

A western Nebraska sheriff's office says two people drowned last week when the pickup truck they were in rolled into a water-filled canal. The North Platte Telegraph reports that the crash happened Thursday afternoon when the truck lost control on a rural road and went into the Tri-County Canal near Fort McPherson National Cemetery. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office says by the time first responders arrived, workers with the Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District had already jumped into the water and pulled out 74-year-old Alex Sanchez, of North Platte, who died at the scene. A county dive team later recovered the body of 52-year-old Kimberly McCarter, of Papillion.

Central Nebraska Man Convicted of Killing His Stepmother :30

06/19/21 News2 6pm Saturday

A 45-year-old central Nebraska man has been convicted of killing his stepmother last year. A jury on Friday found Trent Esch guilty of first-degree murder in the death of 62-year-old Crystal Esch north of Broken Bow. He was also convicted of use of a weapon and possession of a firearm by a felon. Crystal Esch was found shot to death in her home last July. She had a protection order against her stepson for threatening behavior and messages.

Nebraska Teen Charged an Adult Death of 6 Month Old Daughter :30

06/20/21 News2 10pm Sunday

A Nebraska teen has been charged as an adult in the death of his 6-month-old daughter. The Omaha World-Herald reports that 17-year-old Alejandro Flores, of Omaha, was ordered held this week on \$225,000 bail on a charge of intentional child abuse in the death of Ruby Flores-Martinez. She wasn't breathing when police responded to an apartment on June 3. Flores rode in the ambulance to the hospital as medics performed CPR on the baby. She died two days later. The police report said he initially didn't know what happened but later confessed to injuring the girl.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / JOBS / MONEY MATTERS

Consignment Boutique Closing 34 Years :30

04/08/21 News2 6pm Thursday

After thirty-four years, a local boutique is closing its doors. Once More With Style located in downtown North Platte is hosting its retirement sale. They have items for men, women, and children including shirts, outerwear, accessories, and shoes. People are able to find clothing at affordable prices with all the markdowns and additional discounts during their retirement sale. There are some items 50 percent off. Through the years, Once More With Style employees and customers have built relationships with one another.

First Black Woman Union Pacific Locomotive Engineer :30

04/19/21 News2 6pm Monday

The first Black Woman to be a train engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad is releasing a new autobiography about her career. Edwina "Curlie" Justus has written "Union Pacific Engineer," about her 22-year career with the railroad at North Platte. In her book, Justus shares her efforts to become the first African-American woman to work as a train engineer for Union

Pacific during the 1970s, at a time when such a career field was still dominated by men. Both Edwina and her former husband, the late Art Justus, became train engineers for Union Pacific. They lived in North Platte with their family while operating trains to cities such as Cheyenne, Gering and Marysville, Kan.

North Platte Offers Unique Entertainment with the Vault :30

04/21/21 News2 6pm Wednesday

Nearly 2,000 people have tried out North Platte's escape rooms at The Vault down on the bricks. The unique entertainment option isn't new, but something you may not have tried yet. The Vault contains two different escape rooms that can change at any given time. Staff members create the puzzles and ideas all on their own. Each room takes about an hour to complete and range in level of difficulty. Inside each room participants will find multiple clues to help them solve the puzzles and escape the room.

McDonalds Looks to Hire Around 2100 Workers Across America :30

04/26/21 News2 6pm Monday

Local McDonald's restaurants are looking to hire around 2,100 workers across Nebraska, including around 770 in Lincoln this summer. According to a McDonald's PR representative, this is to meet demand as customers are welcomed back to a safe dining environment. Job seekers will have the chance to apply and take part in on-the-spot interviews at participating restaurants. McDonald's offers benefits like flexible hours, job training and opportunities in career advancement.

Advocating for Tourism Growth :30

04/26/21 News2 10pm Monday

During the Lincoln County Commissioners meeting, the Advisory Committee of the North Platte/Lincoln County Visitors Bureau asked for separation from being a division of the county government. The advisory committee is looking to becoming a 501-C6. The separation would open avenues for other funding opportunities. Currently, money is generated from event sales tax from people staying in hotels. This creates an economic impact throughout North Platte. Over 1,000 jobs are supported by tourism.

NP Planning Commission Advances Occupancy Tax :30

04/27/21 News2 Midday Tuesday

The North Platte Planning Commission advanced a proposal to implement the temporary use of occupancy tax to rehab the Platte River Mall. The request is part of REV Development's plan to convert the mall into a strip mall using a 1.95 percent occupation tax on top of the city's 7 percent sales tax on non-grocery purchases. The designation would be restricted to the mall district and could generate between four to seven million dollars over a 20 year period and create between 450 and 600 jobs. Golden Ticket Cinemas and Dunham's sports will be opening their doors later this year. Other retailers that have been contacted are Target, HyVee, Old Navy, Old Chicago, Freddie's and Panda Express just to name a few.

Celebrating a New Local Store :30

04/30/21 News2 Midday Friday

A Botanical Dream celebrated with the public their ribbon cutting on Friday. Although the shop has been open since January Friday was their official opening celebration. Due to the pandemic, the store never got a chance to celebrate with the public. The owner of the shop shares why decided to open A Botanical Dream. "I worry about my health and one of the reasons I wanted to open up this CBD store is to offer a different alternative for pain management. One of the best ways I researched that is out there is CBD because it's a natural medication for the human body."

Changes to Milk Pricing for Producers not Consumers :30

05/03/21 News2 6pm Monday

The Nebraska State Dairy Association is the voice of Nebraska Dairy Farmers. The NSDA is working to promote growth, success and sustainability for the dairy industry in Nebraska. Dairy farmer groups are proposing Class III Plus for better milk pricing plans. Compared to other dairy industries, dairy farmers are not compensated equally. Last year, advanced pricing caused a negative producer price differential (PPD). This new proposal is more equitable among farmers, processors and customers. Class III Plus also creates stability for farmers, including protection from PPD and better risk management ability.

North Platte Businesses Win Awards From Nebraska Main Street Network :30**05/10/21 News2 10pm Monday**

Businesses across the state are recognized for their efforts to improve their downtown area, including North Platte. Nebraska Main Street Network presented the awards Monday evening. The awards are based off the city's projects to enhance and revitalize the Canteen District. The Volunteer of the Year was given to the Downtown Association, Double Dips won the Interior Improvement Commercial Award and the Cedar Room won the Business of the Year Award. A total of 16 business and organizations received awards or honorable mentions.

Shot in the Arm Phase 3 Shots in the Arm Phase Three Housing Incentive :30**05/11/21 News2 Midday Tuesday**

The North Platte Area Chamber & Development Corporation will be accepting applications from housing developers until June 1, 2021 for the third round of the 'Shot in the Arm' housing incentive funds. The Chamber & Development Corporation was successful in securing \$500,000 from the Nebraska Rural Workforce Housing Fund distributed by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to be matched with \$550,000 of local funding from the City of North Platte's Quality Growth Fund, Great Plains Health, and the Chamber's Economic Incentive Partners. All housing projects must be within the City of North Platte zoning jurisdiction.

JBS to Announce Pay Increases in Grand Island :30**05/19/21 News2 6pm Wednesday**

Employees for one of Grand Island's largest employers will be seeing a pay increase. JBS said it is struggling to hire and retain employees as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic so they are increasing wages to help grow their workforce. The company is raising pay for all employees. This includes union workers, managerial staff and salaried employees. Before the increase, base pay for employees was \$18.25 an hour with an ability to earn up to \$24.75. Now after raising wages, employees in the production department make \$21.50 an hour with the possibility to make up to \$28. Maintenance workers are also getting a financial boost. They will get \$25.50 an hour with a possible increase of up to \$32.

One Business Down on the Bricks Receives a Proper Welcome :30**05/20/21 News2 6pm Thursday**

A familiar business received a proper welcome on Thursday. Down on the bricks, the North Platte Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting for the Bow and Arrow Boutique. The store sells a large selection of clothing from dresses to Nebraska t-shirts and hats. Bow and Arrow celebrated a year and a half after opening their doors to the public. Starting the store in the middle of a pandemic had its challenges.

KM Tire Distribution Center to Build Distribution Center in North Platte :30**05/20/21 News2 Midday Friday**

A Ohio based tire distribution center announcing Thursday it has chosen North Platte for its new distribution center. Construction on the 50,000 square-foot distribution center will begin this month and be located in the Twin Rivers Business Park. The new facility plans to hire up to ten warehouse/driver positions. While the new distribution center will be set up for will calls and daily deliveries to local customers, it will also serve as a warehousing and cross docking location for other K&M Tire Distribution centers as well.

New Hydraulics Center Opens Up :30

06/11/21 News2 6pm Friday

RS Hydraulics Solutions LLC opened Friday in North Platte with a ribbon ceremony. The festivities included a lunch and refreshments, free giveaways to the Garth Brooks tickets and more. This is a two family owned business and the owners are excited and ready to embrace the North Platte community.

Dentist Kids :30

06/11/21 News2 6pm Friday

Pediatric Dental Specialists relocated Friday in North Platte. The company is celebrating the occasion by unveiling their new building with a ribbon cutting. Food and refreshments, a tour, and a meet and greet of staff were all part of the ceremony. The owner and employees are very happy they are able have a place where kids can come to the dentist and have a fun and child-friendly environment.

ENVIRONMENT/NATURAL DISASTER/WEATHER SAFETY

Nebraska Outdoors (On-Going Series)

News 2 at 6, Wednesday

This report, is developed with information from the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission about varies activities of the outdoor verity. Highlighting hunting, fishing, camping and general safely while outdoors.

KNOP News2 Weather (On-Going, Daily)

The KNOP News & Weather team provides round the clock information on weather for the North Platte area, especially when it can turn severe. The Weather team issues Weather Alert Days to keep viewers safely ahead of the storms and informed; including Tornado Warnings, Severe Thunderstorm Warnings, Blizzard Warning, Fog, Ice, Flooding, High Winds and other Travel advisories. After the storms hit, the News/Weather team informs the viewers with power outage information, downed trees/limbs, dangerous driving conditions, closed roadways and other helpful emergency information in times of need, and how to help in the aftermath.

Updates on North Platte River Water Supply :30

04/09/21 News2 10pm Friday

On April 9, the Bureau of Reclamation- Wyoming office presented information about the North Platte River water supply and the Glendo reservoir. There is incoming snowmelt. The Bureau of Wyoming shared that the reservoirs have additional storage and preparation that they are holding water for the incoming drought season. If there are no additional storms, there could be less water in the reservoirs. As we are entering into the runoff season, we could see more water stored during this time.

State Farm Arbor Day Foundation Partner in Tree Planting :30

04/14/21 News 5pm Wednesday

Last year alone, an estimated 1 million trees were destroyed in the U.S. due to natural disasters. To help address the impact of tree loss on communities across the country, State Farm and the Arbor Day Foundation are announcing a new collaboration to replant trees and help build more resilience in disaster-impacted areas. State Farm is committing \$1 million to the Arbor Day Foundation in support of tree planting and reforestation projects throughout the remainder of 2021.

Weather Alert Day April Snowstorm :30

04/15/21 News2 Midday Thursday

A good old fashioned April snowstorm is expected to impact the area as we head through Thursday and into the day on Friday as areas of snow and potentially some heavy snow will be possible across parts of western Nebraska. Winter Storm Warnings and Winter Weather Advisories are in place across the coverage area through Thursday night and into Friday evening.

Teens Explore Teaching Teens about the Weather :30

04/16/21 News2 6pm Friday

It may have snowed on Friday, but severe weather season is here. Meteorologist Jessica Raney spent the day at the North Platte Public Library teaching teens about the weather. Students learned more than just what a meteorologist is and what it takes to become one, but also what types of clouds there are and how they form. A couple of the students shared what they learned through the lesson. Teens created a cloud chart made out of cotton balls, construction paper and glue. They also made a cloud spotter wheel to help identify types of clouds when they are outside.

Two Earthquakes Recorded in Northern Nebraska :30

06/04/21 News2 6pm Friday

Two earthquakes were recorded in Northern Nebraska near the South Dakota border Friday. The United States Geological Survey recorded a 3.7 magnitude earthquake at 10:25 a.m. and a 3.1 magnitude earthquake at 5:50 p.m. about 5 miles north of Anoka in Boyd County. Robert Vesely who lives in Spencer was able to capture what he believes is the sound of the earthquake from a camera inside his garage Friday morning. Although you can't see any movement, a quake-like sound is audible.

Missouri River Expected to See Lower Flows this Year :30

06/06/21 News2 10pm Sunday

Two years after Missouri River flooding ravaged parts of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri, officials are now dealing with what's shaping up to be one of the river's driest years. The Norfolk (Nebraska) Daily News reports that significantly less water is expected to flow into the river this year because conditions remain so dry and snowpack is below normal levels. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says its forecast from last month hasn't changed. The Corps estimated Thursday that 17.9 million acre feet of water will flow into the river this year.

Nebraska Offer Additional Payments 2019 Flood Relief :30

06/19/21 News2 6pm Saturday

Nebraska will pay out public assistance beyond what it normally offers to local governments hit by the 2019 floods. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency says Gov. Pete Ricketts has approved the payments for the state's share of disaster relief. The money will go to Nebraska's power, irrigation and natural resources districts, which don't usually receive that form of assistance from the state. The agency says Ricketts approved the state share because of the extent of flood, wind, and winter storm damage. Ricketts' decision

follows President Joe Biden's move to increase the federal cost share from the normal 75% of the cost to 90%.

FAMILY / EDUCATION / YOUTH SAFETY & SUPPORT

"Newsmakers" (On-going Series)

News 2 Midday - Daily

Newsmakers is an ongoing interview segment, hosted Monday through Friday by Jacque Harms. She interviews at least one set of guests about the events, celebrations, news, and issues that are important to the people in Western Nebraska. The interviews include a variety of people with issues targeting several demographics: from women, to the elderly, youth and minority groups.

MomsEveryday: The Series (On-Going Series)

Weekly 30 minute program, Sundays at 700am.

MomsEveryday features personal stories from moms at all ages and stages of parenting, trending information to help moms stay on top of their game. MomsEveryday is a TV show produced entirely by a staff of Moms with an intended audience of Moms. We cover important topics for moms and families including legislation in the nation's capital, moms who have gone viral on the internet, the need for things like paid sick leave, and breastfeeding stations in public places, the challenges of multi-tasking as a working mom and the issues facing stay-at-home moms.

Improving Childcare Quality and Accessibility :30

04/12/21 News2 10pm Monday

One local organization is working to improve the quality and capacity of childcare in North Platte. For about two years, Community for Kids has been finding ways to make childcare better for our youngest residents. The organization is receiving grant money to make initiatives in North Platte possible. By identifying key factors in our community, the organization can focus on accessibility as the city continues to expand.

NPCC Prepares to Open the Curtains :30

04/15/21 News2 10pm Thursday

A unique performance is being put on next week by The North Platte Community College (NPCC) Theater Program. The cast put the finishing touches on their performance Thursday evening with a dress rehearsal. It is not your average play. Although there are over twenty characters, there are only two students making up the entire cast for the play entitled, "Popcorn Falls." Each actor is performing the role of more than ten different characters. The story is all about how one community is trying to save their town by putting on a play for the first time. But if you want to find out what happens then you will have to catch the show next week.

First National Bank of Omaha Donates \$100,000 to NPCC :30

04/19/21 News2 Midday Monday

North Platte Community College's Health and Science Center expansion project received a major boost this week thanks to First National Bank of Omaha. FNBO contributed \$100,000 toward the project Monday during a check presentation at the college. NPCC President Ryan Purdy said the NPCC Health and Science Center expansion would not be possible without the generosity and support of the Mid-Plains Community College area.

Kid Raises Money for Homeless Shelter :30**04/24/21 News2 10pm Saturday**

A North Platte kid used his school assignment to raise money for the homeless community. Kyen Schroeder hosted a lemonade stand and bake sale. Many people stopped by to show their support and donate to the cause. Schroeder used his school project to make a difference in the community. Schroeder raised over \$700 throughout the day. All the money will be donated to the Connection Homeless Shelter.

Environmental Club Cleans Up Local Parks :30**04/25/21 News2 6pm Monday**

The North Platte High School environmental club is cleaning up our local parks. The group worked with Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful on Sunday to make Iron Horse Park cleaner for its many users. Many of the club's members have personal reasons why they chose to join the club.

McDaid elementary Dare Graduation :30**04/28/21 News2 10pm Wednesday**

More than 20 students at McDaid Elementary successfully graduated from the D.A.R.E. program. In fact, they're the only students in Lincoln County to graduate from the program this year due to school districts' COVID-19 restrictions. The students spent the last ten weeks gaining the tools to say "no" and incorporating the decision-making model. A total of 23 sixth grade students graduated from the program. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) was founded in Los Angeles, California in 1983.

Girl Scouts Helping Others with Food and Clothing Drive :30**05/01/21 News2 6pm Saturday**

A local Girl Scout troop is trying to do what they can to help others in the community. On May 1, members of troop 18145 hosted a food and clothing drive in front of Rock Church. The troop plans to donate the food to the North Platte High School Pantry. The clothes will be donated to various organizations such as Rape, Domestic Abuse Program, Debra's Legacy and the Foster Closet. The troop holds many events throughout the year. In the upcoming months, Troop 18145 hopes to host another food and clothing drive, build a free library and plant a tree in the community.

Buffalo Bill Kiwanis Renamed Local Playground :30**05/02/21 News2 10pm Sunday**

The playground at Iron Horse Park is officially the Buffalo Bill Kiwanis's playground. Some many organizations and businesses helped make this possible. On May 2, Mayor Brandon Kelliher along with members of the chamber and others in the community gathered for the ribbon-cutting for the playground. The playground means more to Buffalo Bill Kiwanis President Bob Lindemeier as one of the benches is dedicated to his parents. A unique feature of the playground is its inclusiveness. There is a swing for disabled children.

NP Catholic Schools to Benefit From Giving Day :30**05/03/21 News2 10pm Monday**

North Platte Catholic Schools is one of more than 70 non-profits who will benefit from this year's Giving Day. Funds from the 24-hour fundraising campaign, will go to benefit the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment-Trust Great Teaching Fund. The fund provides financial support to teachers who are working on a master's degree and advanced certifications. The fund has granted 272 teacher requests totaling nearly \$125,000 in the last 32 years.

Eisenhower Principal Awarded May Staff Person :30**05/10/21 News2 6pm Monday**

Mrs. Lyndsey Douglas was recognized as May Staff Person of the Month at North Platte Public Schools. Mrs. Douglas has been with the NPPS District since 2008. She started teaching 2nd grade at Jefferson Elementary and then 4th grade at McDonald Elementary School. In 2018 she was named principal at Eisenhower. She has also been a HAL Leader and Middle School Volleyball Coach. She earned her Masters of Education Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 2013 and will transition to her new district position of Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning in June 2021.

Face Coverings at North Platte Public Schools :30

05/11/21 News2 Midday Tuesday

Requirements for wearing a face-covering at North Platte Public Schools are changing on Wednesday - slightly. Officials with the school district say the restrictions are being lifted starting May 12 and for the last few days of the school year from "required," to "highly recommended." The school district is encouraging students, staff, and families to continue wearing face-coverings if there are any uncertainties or underlying health conditions, if a person is participating in ongoing spring sports, or are if anyone is uncomfortable sending kids to school without them.

NSAA Voted Unanimously to Make Girls Wrestling a Sanctioned Sport :30

05/19/21 News2 Midday Wednesday

On Wednesday, the NSAA Board of Directors voted 8-0 for sanctioning girls wrestling starting the 2021-2022 school year. In May 2020, the NSAA Board of Directors added girls wrestling as an emerging sport, but not a sanctioned sport. Girls wrestling was added as a winter sports season for the 2020 - 2021 NSAA calendar year. The plan allowed girls the option of participating in both their school's boys and girls lineup during the regular season contests only. This period was used to determine if numbers grew enough to support a girls vs girls only season.

Summer Food and Nutrition Program :30

05/19/21 News2 Midday Wednesday

The North Platte Public School District Food & Nutrition Services program will provide an opportunity for our community families to drive through and pick up breakfast and lunch meals for the children in their families. Meal pick-up will be available at Adams Middle School during the month of June. Meals are available for children 1 year to 18 years of age at no charge, children do not have to be enrolled at NPPSD.

McDaid Elementary End of Year Celebration :30

05/20/21 News2 Midday Thursday

Many schools across the state are celebrating their last day this week. At McDaid Elementary, it's the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) saying, 'thank you' to teachers, faculty and staff. The organization hosted an end of the school year celebration for students Thursday. Students taking turns playing carnival games. Organizers say they felt the need to something special for the school especially during a trying year where parents and teachers really stepped up.

Kicking Off the 2021 Noon Program Series :30

05/20/21 News2 6pm Thursday

The 2021 Noon Program launched its series on Thursday at the North Platte Public Library. Starting the series with a piano/violin duo concert by the Cheng's of Central City. They demonstrated a wide array of selections from Irish to Patriotic songs. The Cheng's say they are passionate about touching souls with music. The couple has over a decade of experience, but this is only their third year performing together.

Opening Ceremony Miss Nebraska Competition :30

06/06/21 News2 5pm Sunday

On June 6, the opening ceremony for the Miss Nebraska Competition was held at the Platte River Mall. Young ladies, in this year's competition, came from various parts of the state. Each of them had the opportunity to introduce themselves and showcase their personalities. Each of the contestants has a social impact initiative which that focuses on implementing positive change. During the week of the Miss Nebraska competition, the contestants will be taking their passions and talents to the stage. The competition highlights more than the beauty and brains of each contestant. It shows how each young woman is being an inspiration to others.

Eagle Scout Uses Project Bloom Happiness :30**06/11/21 News2 10pm Friday**

A local Eagle Scout is using his Eagle Scout project to bring happiness to residents of Linden Court. Lathan Welch created a garden in the outdoor meeting space for Linden Court residents and their families. On June 11, a garden dedication was held to commemorate the occasion. Welch spent 130 hours planning and working to make his project a success. This project is to become an Eagle Scout so he can acquire new responsibilities.

HEALTH & FITNESS / HEALTHCARE**"Prescription Health" (On-Going Series)****News 2 at 6, Tuesdays**

Ongoing new series, giving weekly reports on local medical advice and studies. With interviews with local medical professions.

"Ask UNMC" (On-Going Series)**News 2 Midday -Ever Thursday**

This report is developed with information from University of Nebraska Medical Center on a variety of medical issues affecting Nebraskan and people nationwide.

Nebraska to Pause Johnson Johnson Covid Vaccine :30**04/13/21 Local4 6am Tuesday**

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is pausing administration of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, following CDC and FDA recommendations. On April 8, DHHS, the Douglas County Health Department, and Nebraska Medicine consulted with CDC and FDA about a rare and severe type of blood clot diagnosed in a Nebraska resident. On April 13, CDC and FDA released a joint statement recommending a pause on Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccinations nationwide while more investigation is completed.

Live on Nebraska Share Importance of Organ Donation :30**04/15/21 News2 6pm Thursday**

April is Donate Life Month. Right now, there are 300 people across the state that are in need of a life-saving transplant. In 2020, Live On Nebraska reports having over 1,000 donors including 670 tissue donors, 264 birth tissue donors and 72 organ donors. This year, their efforts have been spent raising awareness and educating others during Donate Life Month. Some reservations people may have when it comes to organ donations are assuming they are too old or unhealthy.

Blue Hill is Second Nebraska Town to Outlaw Abortion in City Limits :30**04/15/21 News2 Midday Thursday**

The City of Blue Hill, Nebraska (population 941) has become the 25th city in the nation, and the second city in Nebraska, to pass an enforceable ordinance outlawing abortion within their city limits. The vote of the Blue Hill City Council was a unanimous 3-0 vote. Blue Hill City Council member say the vote lives up to the phrase on the official seal of the City of Blue Hill, which reads, "Preserving Our Heritage for Future Generations."

Preserving Eye Health with Technology Usage :30

04/16/21 News2 6pm Friday

Over the past year, the use of technology in people's daily and professional lives has increased. With zoom meetings and remote working/learning, people have potentially doubled their screen time. Experts say that the increased use of our electronic devices may cause temporary discomforts such as headaches, eye strain, watery eyes and blurry vision. There is speculation that blue light emitted from our electronic devices can create problems with our eye health. Blue light can interfere with sleep patterns if someone is using their device before bed. Various things can be done to help one's eyes.

Hy-Vee Pharmacies Now Offering Free Covid-19 Vaccines without Appointments :30

04/28/21 Local4 5pm Wednesday

Hy-Vee announced Wednesday that all its pharmacy locations now offer free COVID-19 vaccines with no appointment. For those who prefer to make a vaccine appointment in advance, that option is still available by visiting www.hy-vee.com/covidvaccine, selecting "Find Appointments" and completing the digital vaccine informed consent form and appointment selection. COVID-19 vaccines are free for everyone, regardless of whether they have insurance or Medicare Part B coverage.

Nebraska Resumes Johnson-Johnson Vaccines :30

04/26/21 News2 Midday Monday

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has announced the resumption of offering the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine. Appropriate providers should resume administering doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, according to state officials. Nebraska is following Friday's recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in lifting the pause. The two federal agencies had earlier recommended a pause in using Johnson & Johnson doses. The safety and effectiveness of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine has been confirmed by the CDC and the FDA. Nebraska providers who have a current supply of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should resume using those doses, according to state officials.

FDA Authorizes Pfizers Covid 19 Vaccine for Children 12 to 15 :30

05/10/21 News2 6pm Monday

U.S. regulators on Monday expanded the use of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine to children as young as 12, offering a way to protect the nation's adolescents before they head back to school in the fall and paving the way for them to return to more normal activities. Shots could begin as soon as Thursday, after a federal vaccine advisory committee issues recommendation for using the two-dose vaccine in 12- to 15-year-olds. An announcement is expected Wednesday. Most COVID-19 vaccines worldwide have been authorized for adults. Pfizer's vaccine is being used in multiple countries for teens as young as 16, and Canada recently became the first to expand use to 12 and up.

Delivering Letters To Help Children's Mental Health :30

05/20/21 News2 6pm Friday

On Thursday, one group came together using the tradition of the Pony Express at Cody Park. The Ride Across Nebraska group gathered letters from across the state supporting children's

mental health. Families First Partnership, Guardian Light Family Services and Community Members met with the riders on Thursday to support children's mental health. The riders will Advocate the Nebraska Legislature for financial support for mental health programs. The group travels from Scottsbluff to The State Capitol making over 13 stops to collect letters.

Encouraging Community Get Vaccinated :30

06/09/21 News2 6pm Wednesday

The communities that make up the six counties that are contained within the West Central District Health Department are some of the lowest by percentage in vaccine rates, and highest in positivity rates, in not only the state but the country right now, according to published comparisons. And the WCDHD's Executive Director Shannon Vanderheiden says she is hearing from all over the country and internationally about it.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

North Platte Receives Special Award from the Governor :30

04/06/21 News2 Midday Tuesday

This week, Governor Pete Ricketts signed a proclamation declaring April 5-9, 2021, as Community Development Week (CD Week) in the state of Nebraska. The Gov. also named the City of North Platte as the recipient of 2021's "Governor's Showcase Community Award" for outstanding achievements in economic development and the impactful use of state and federal funds.

Updates on the Lincoln County Jail Remodeling Project :30

04/12/21 News2 10pm Monday

New cells were added to the Lincoln County Jail as a part of the remodeling project on Monday. The Lincoln County Jail is going to house federal inmates as well as inmates from neighboring counties and the state of Nebraska. Other agencies pay to house inmates at the Lincoln County jail. The jail collects roughly \$30,000 a week. That money will fund the remodeling project once the remodeling is completed. The money will not come from Lincoln County taxpayers. As a part of the project, the booking area is being updated to add more observation rooms for mentally ill patients. The full renovation project is scheduled to be completed around November 2021.

Expanded Consumer Firework Sales Bill Advances in the Legislature :30

04/14/21 News2 10pm Wednesday

After a 34-2 vote Wednesday, legislation to expand consumer fireworks in Nebraska has passed to the next stage in the Unicameral. Local firework businesses say it's a good first step, but there's work to be done. Firework stores in Nebraska said there was a boom in business last year after firework shows were canceled. Missouri made \$51 million in firework sales in 2019. Nebraska made \$6.6 million. Even with the possibility of expanded firework sales, local businesses say safety plays a big role. The current bill, LB 152, gives the final say to the state fire marshal to determine what are safe and unsafe fireworks.

Nebraska Advances Phaseout of Social Security Income Taxes :30

04/27/21 News2 Sunrise Tuesday

Nebraska has taken a big step toward phasing out taxes on Social Security income, but lawmakers say they might limit the benefit for higher earners. Lawmakers gave initial approval, 47-0, to a bill that would eliminate the tax over 10 years. Two additional votes are required before the proposal heads to Gov. Pete Ricketts. Nebraska has roughly 320,000 residents that rely on some form of Social Security, either as a retirement, disability, or survivor benefit.

Sheriff's Adding New Cameras to Patrol Vehicles :30**05/03/21 News2 6pm Monday**

The Lincoln County Sheriff Office is purchasing new cameras for their patrol vehicles. The current car cameras are outdated and between 11 to 12 years old. Lieutenant Newton went before the Lincoln County Commissioners for final approval to purchase the cameras on May 3. The cameras will be bought through a state of Nebraska contract. The price is a little over \$150,000. The sheriff's office will purchase 20 cameras and 26 radios.

Lawmakers Approve Casino Regulations :30**05/20/21 News2 6pm Thursday**

Nebraska lawmakers have passed a bill that would implement provisions of a constitutional gaming amendment approved last year. Nebraska voters legalized all forms of games of chance at licensed horse racetracks through an initiative petition drive last November. Senator Tom Briese introduced [LB561](#), providing the regulatory framework necessary to implement that constitutional amendment.

Second Annual First Responders Picnic :30**05/23/21 News2 5pm Sunday**

On May 23, residents gathered in Cody Park for the second annual First Responders Picnic. Members from North Platte's Fire and Rescue Department and North Platte Police Department were socializing with kids and parents. "I love these things. I am a people person. I enjoy people asking questions and talking to them," said Deputy Fire Marshall Mike McConnell. People were able to meet local first responders in uniform in a non-emergency situation. Attendees of the picnic could also explore an ambulance, fire truck and police patrol vehicle. The departments plan on hosting another picnic in May of 2022.

Officials Push Nebraska Complete Long Delayed Expressways :30**06/14/21 News2 Sunrise Monday**

Officials in northeast Nebraska continue to press the state to complete its long-delayed system of four-lane expressways to connect every community larger than 15,000 people to an Interstate. About 178 miles of the 600-mile system remains undone 33 years after the expressway system was launched back in 1988. Concerns about the projects prompted a group of state senators and a lobbying group of area businesses and cities, called 4 Lanes 4 Nebraska, to push for progress in the Legislature this spring. Transportation Department officials say progress is being made even if it's not coming as fast as some want.

Parents of Three Girls Killed in 2019 Crash Sue Sarpy County :30**06/14/21 News2 Midday Monday**

The parents of three girls killed in a [traffic crash in 2019](#) are suing Sarpy County. The lawsuit claims the design of the road where the girls were killed was deficient. The families want the county to fix Platteview Road and other parts of the county's southern thoroughfare. The lawsuit also challenges Nebraska's \$5 million cap on judgments against government entities. The lawsuit was filed by the families of 16-year-old Abigail Barth; 15-year-old Alexandria Minardi; and 16-year-old Addisyn Pfeifer, all of Gretna. The families of a fourth girl who was killed and another who was injured did not join the lawsuit.

Body Scanners Inbound :30**06/14/21 News2 Midday Monday**

The Lincoln County Jail is getting safer. During the daily Lincoln County Commissioners meeting today, the Lincoln County Commissioners are discussing legislation about new body scanners at the Lincoln County Jail. These measures are after an increase in security problems at the jail. Not only the employees are going to be in a better environment at the jail, but the prisoners too.

Buffalo County Employees Get Friday Off :30**06/17/21 News2 6pm Thursday**

Buffalo County workers will benefit from the newly declared federal holiday. President Biden Thursday signed a bill passed by both the House and Senate which establishes June 19 or "Juneteenth" as a national holiday. It commemorates June 19, 1865, when Texas slaves were informed of freedom by Union soldiers two months after the Civil War ended and 2 1/2 years after the Emancipation Proclamation. On Thursday afternoon, Governor Ricketts notified state workers that they would get Friday, June 18, as a holiday in concert with the federal holiday.

VOLUNTEERISM/ COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/DIVERSITY***Hometown Hero"****News 2 Sundays**

'Hometown Heroes' is a segment where KNOP honors someone who helps serve the community. They are nominated by viewers.

Pure Nebraska (On-Going Series)**Weekly 30 minute program, Sundays at 930am.****& 1011now.com web and mobile**

Pure Nebraska is a program focused on the states #1 industry Agriculture, and the rural Nebraska lifestyle. Host Jon Vanderford tours the state interviewing those who live, work and legislate the business of agriculture, including farmers, ranchers, businessman and lawmakers. Interviews also include how people help each other out in rural communities, whether through volunteerism, fund raising, or youth involvement like 4H or FFA

Recap Fifth Annual Tank Races :30**04/05/21 News2 6pm Monday**

People came from cities across Nebraska to participate in the spring 2021 Annual Tank Races on Saturday. There were racers from Valentine, North Platte and Virginia Beach. Each team decorated their tank and dressed up in costumes to bring their themes to life down the Platte River. Some of the themes for the tanks including flamingoes, knights in shining amour, COVID busters, jaws and the zoo.

Quilts of Valor :30**04/09/21 News2 Sunrise Friday**

Local Vietnam Veterans were recognized on Thursday with a special gift. Bringing the number of total Quilts of Valor to North Platte to 46, the National Quilts of Valor Foundation and the local Heartland Nebraska Quilts of Valor are on a mission. They seek to cover service members and veterans with comfort and healing. The Quilt of Valor is the "civilian equivalent of a purple heart," according to the organization. They say it is all about saying thank you to the recipients for their service, sacrifice, and valor.

RDAP Partners with Bridge of Hope Hosts Drive Through Clinic :30**04/09/21 News2 6pm Friday**

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. On April 9, RDAP hosted a drive-through event to hand out bags with self-care information and resources. Bridge of Hope Advocacy Center assisted with the event to spread awareness about support in our community. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, every 73 seconds, an American is sexually

assaulted. For every 9 minutes, that victim is a child. Meanwhile, only 5 out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison.

An Event For Breakfast Lovers :30

04/09/21 News2 6pm Friday

Sunday in Sutherland is sure to be a hit for anyone who loves breakfast. The Sutherland Chamber of Commerce is hosting a community breakfast, hoping to raise funds to add a Veterans Memorial in Sutherland's Anchor Memorial Park. Donations of \$6 per person for the meal are suggested but the group hopes that hungry guests give generously. Children under the age of six eat for free. Every second Sunday of the month the Sutherland chamber of commerce sponsors the community breakfast, but each month there is a different host fundraising.

Wild West Arena Foundation Recognizing Extraordinary Contributions :30

04/12/21 News2 Midday Monday

The Wild West Arena Foundation has launched a new fund and a corresponding fundraising drive to recognize those who have made extraordinary contributions to NEBRASKA and DAYS, the Buffalo Bill Rodeo, and the organization's legacy. The first honoree sets the bar very high. The Foundation has teamed up with Hyannis area artist Jake Hebbert to create a bust of the legendary Hadley Barrett who anchored the Buffalo Bill Rodeo as its announcer for over 50 years until his death in 2017.

Women Honored in North Platte Monday :30

04/13/21 News2 10pm Tuesday

Many local women were nominated for their achievements, Monday at a luncheon in North Platte. It was the Women of Achievement event, with women being recognized for their work in education, government, medical, volunteer, business, cultural arts, and social services.

North Platte Pickleball Offers Fun for All Ages :30

04/14/21 News2 10pm Wednesday

Pickleball is a relatively new sport that is quickly growing in popularity. Here in North Platte, the fast-paced game has found a home. North Platte Pickleball has expanded rapidly since its inception, growing from twelve members to now over sixty. It's a good thing too, because the group has big plans for the future. In addition to several health benefits, the sport is easy to learn, and NP Pickleball provides everything needed for play. The group takes the court five days a week, and their members would not want it any other way.

Buffalo Bill Mansion Opens to the Public

04/14/21 News2 6pm Wednesday

The Buffalo Bill Mansion is open for the season with new items on display for 2021. Upon entering the park, you will notice a few renovations that have been done to the mansion. Employees have been working hard for over a year, changing many of their displays in the mansion and the barn. They have also updated the signs on the displays, making it easier for everyone to understand what each item is. Exploring The Mansion is an inexpensive yet educational activity that everyone can enjoy.

The North Platte Noon Rotary is Hosting 18th Annual Blood Drive :30

04/16/21 News2 6pm Friday

The North Platte Noon Rotary is hosting their 18th annual blood drive next week. April is proving to be a difficult month to collect blood and The American Red Cross is wanting at least 71 pints of blood from this drive. As of Friday, only 35 people are signed up to donate. You can roll up your sleeve to help save a life Wednesday, April 21 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Ramada on South Jeffers Street. Face masks are required.

Local Church Clean Up Community :30**04/19/21 News2 6pm Monday**

A local church is continuing its six-week series aiming to unite the community and partner with local organizations. The North Platte Baptist Church hosted their Community Sunday series outside at the various parks in the community on Sunday, April 18. Groups were at Cody Park, Centennial Park and Memorial Park cleaning up the areas. The organization "Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful" partnered with the church and provide materials.

Making a Difference in the Community :30**04/23/21 News2 Midday Friday**

A young man is hosting a lemonade stand, lunch, and bake sale on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 808 West Philip, North Platte. Kyen Schroeder of North Platte is holding the event to help raise money as part of a community project with the High Ability Learners (HAL) group at his school. The lemonade stand project is benefiting The Connection homeless shelter in North Platte, with all proceeds going to the shelter.

Local Church Brings Families Together for Family Fun Day :30**04/25/21 News2 6pm Monday**

On April 25, North Platte Baptist Church (NPBC) hosted a Family Fun day to conclude their series of Community Sundays. The series began with the recognition of our healthcare heroes. Each week, the church partnered with an organization to make a difference in the community. The church provided a variety of activities such as face painting along with inflatable slides and bounce houses. The goal of community Sundays is to promote unity throughout North Platte.

NP Mayor Commemorates 140 Years of the NP Telegraph :30**04/27/21 News2 Midday Tuesday**

The North Platte Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Brandon Kelliher presented a celebratory program formally recognizing the North Platte Telegraph for their 140 years of service to the community. Mayor Brandon Kelliher issued a proclamation to mark the occasion and the launching of a book honoring and remembering the life of the Telegraph's beloved and former editor Keith Blackledge. Blackledge's son, Mark, was in also attendance for Tuesday's celebration.

Running for Awareness and Remembrance :30**05/22/21 News2 6pm Saturday**

A new Platte River Fitness Series event is raising awareness about mental health and suicide prevention as well as providing families an avenue to remember their loved ones. On May 22, the Tyler Vanderheiden Memorial 'Run Where the Light is' took place at Cody Park. "This is the first event we have held in honor of our son Tyler," said Shannon Vanderheiden Tyler's Mother. "With it being mental health awareness month, this event is important." Participants had the option between running two or five miles. Each step was towards bringing people into the light of understanding mental health.

Golfing is Coming to Town :30**06/04/21 News2 10pm Friday**

Golfing is apart of the game and people are getting ready for it. Ducks Unlimited is hosting a Golf Tournament Saturday at 8 a.m. The tournament is played with two people per team. The venue is the Lake Maloney Golf Course. Ducks Unlimited Committee Member Trever Sewald tells News 2 more information about it.

Heritage Festival Emphasizes Importance History :30**06/13/21 News2 10pm Sunday**

From June 12 to June 13, people who attended the Lincoln County Historical Museum's Heritage Festival had the opportunity to travel back in time. The Heritage Festival was all about teaching, learning and engaging with Nebraska history. Attendees were able to see history unfold before their eyes and even learn hands-on with various activities such as rope making. There were also antique cars so people can see the history under the hood. The historical buildings at the museum each have a story to tell and there were people sharing the history that lies within the walls. The Heritage Festival encourages people to learn about the history of how they came to be in Nebraska.

KNOP/KIIT PSA's PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

Topic of PSA (varying lengths of: 10, :15, :20, and :30) # of Times Aired

2nd Quarter PSA Totals	KNOP	KIIT
Alcohol & Drugs	111	334
Animal Welfare	150	315
Consumer Protection	64	159
Education	117	437
Environment/Ag	24	71
Family/Community	110	215
Health & Fitness	199	976
Military/Government	204	337
Safety	42	383
Outdoors/Recreation/Tourism	113	30
Volunteerism/Donations	40	854
Kid Targeted	341	690
Employment/Public Files	0	327

