



#### KNOP-TV KIIT-TV

# QUARTERLY LIST OF PROGRAMMING PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

KNOP TV & KIIT TV

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#### **Issues Programming**

#### PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

On KNOP

NEWS 2 SUNRISE Monday thru Friday 6:00-

7:00a

NEWS 2 MIDDAY Monday thru Friday 11:30a-12:00p

NEWS 2 AT 6PM Monday thru Saturday 6:00-6:30p

NEWS 2 AT 10PM Monday thru Sunday 10:00-

10:35p

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** Monday thru Friday 5:30-6:00am

TODAY SHOW Monday thru

Friday 7:00-11:00am

NBC NIGHTLY NEW Monday thru

Sunday 5:00-5:30pm

SATURDAY TODAY SHOW Saturdays 7:00-

9:00am

SUNDAY TODAY SHOW Sundays 7:00-

8:00am

MEET THE PRESS Sundays 8:00-9:00am

On KIIT

News 2 @ 10pm (Repeat) Monday thru Friday 12:00-

12:30am **Pure Nebraska** Sundays 9:30-10:00am

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

FOX NEWS SUNDAY Sundays 8:00-

9:00am

**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**

# Vaping Concerns in North Platte: 30 10/03/19 News2 6pm Thursday

The North Platte Public School District is taking a closer look at how vaping is affecting the community and more specifically, school-aged children. School Officer Jeremiah Johnson with the North Platte Police Department said within North Platte Public Schools it's a pretty close reflection of what is happening nationally as it pertains to vaping. Johnson also said vape liquids and devices can be hard to identify and the vape odor, hard to protect so parents may not know their child has one. As the campuses are drug-free, vape products are against North Platte Public School's Policy and if they are seen, the students are referred to the principal for review or consequences.

# Woman Arrested for DUI After Saturday Night Accident: 25 10/07/19 News2 Sunrise Monday

North Platte Police say 46-year-old Lori Gutherless, North Platte, was arrested for drunk driving Saturday night. Her blood alcohol level was listed as .256 on the police report. Police say Lori Gutherless hit another North Platte woman and her 9-year-old son at the Rodeo Road / Buffalo Bill intersection. The force of the crash pushed Gutherless into a traffic light pole and signal box. Gutherless was also taken to the hospital. The report shows her blood alcohol level at .256. The threshold for drunk driving is .08.

# Handguns and Cocaine Seized on I-80 :30 10/14/19 News2 10pm Monday

The Seward County Sheriff conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 80 that led to the arrest of one male on Monday. The stop also resulted in the seizure of cocaine, hallucinogens and two handguns. During the vehicle search, the Sheriff discovered 22 grams cocaine, 15 packages of cocaine, 7 grams of hallucinogens, and two loaded handguns that were within the drivers reach. The driver, 34-year-old Mark Claypoole of Duncansville, PA, was arrested and is being charged with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, possession of cocaine, possession of hallucinogens and possession of a concealed weapon.

Scottsbluff Woman is Facing Three Counts of Distributing Drugs :30

#### 11/06/19 News2 5pm Wednesday

After orchestrating three separate control buys, a Scottsbluff woman is facing distribution of controlled substance charges. According to the affidavit, a control buy was set up back in April for the sale of an eight ball of methamphetamine for \$200 from Janelle Night Walker. Two more controlled buys were set up in May with one occurring in Gering. Night Walker is facing three counts of distribution of a controlled substance. She is being held at the Scotts Bluff County Detention Center on 10% of \$250,000.

#### ANIMAL WELFARE/ PET SAFETY

### "Newsmakers/ Pets For Adoption" (On-going Series) News 2 Midday -First Tuesday Of Every Month

Dixie Lehmkuhler of the North Platte Animal Shelter introduces a pet (usually a dog or a cat) to viewers in hopes of finding it a home. At the same time, Lehmkuhler educates pet owners about spaying and neutering their pets, pet dental care, holiday pet safety and other useful topics

# "Sunrise/ Pets For Adoption" (On-going Series) News 2 Sunrise-Every Wednesday Morning

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# Dog Loose After I-80 Accident: 30 10/01/19 News2 10pm Tuesday

A Colorado man was taken by ambulance Monday afternoon to be checked for injuries at Great Plains Health after his vehicle crossed the median just east of the main I-80 interchange at North Platte. After the driver was removed from the vehicle he asked if those on scene would "please take care of his two dogs." However, one of his two four-legged passengers darted out of the vehicle into traffic when the door was opened. DOT and North Platte Animal Control secured the dog after about an hour of very patient effort, with no harm to the dog or any other person. The two dogs are being cared for by the North Platte Animal Shelter until either the owner or a family member can claim the two.

# Heifer Auctioned for Medical Expenses: 30 10/16/19 News2 6pm Wednesday

A heifer was auctioned off Tuesday at the North Platte Stockyard, first bit by bit, and then whole, to show support for a dear friend. In total, the special heifer auction raised \$3125 for Ogier's medical expenses, not counting any personal donations which may have been made at the office. Vicki Ogier of Wallace who was diagnosed with bladder cancer just days ago, a huge showing of support by those who know her, as funds were raised to help cover medical expenses.

### Service Dog Helps 11 Year-Old Take Control of Her Diabetes: 20 10/21/19 News2 Midday Monday

A service dog is helping a family from Mullen get a piece of mind by helping their 11-year-old daughter take control of her diabetes. Hannah O'Brien was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when she was six-years-old. O'Brien says she decided to get Dixie after trying several avenues to help control Hannah's blood sugar. Though Hannah has a continuous glucose monitor - or CGM - O'Brien says the decision to get Dixie was really a safeguard for when Hannah is sleeping. O'Brien is using her 4-H skills to train Dixie.

### \$5000 Grant to Spay/Neuter North Platte Homeless Cats :30 10/24/19 News2 6am Thursday

The Doris Day Animal Foundation is giving PAWS-itive Partners Humane Society of North Platte a \$5,000 grant to spay and neuter cats. Jo Mayber with PAWS-itive Partners says the money will support their community work to trap, neuter/spay and return unowned cats to the location they reside in. The plan is to work with mobile home park owners, and the people who live there to trap, neuter/spay and return 60 cats living there the next three weeks.

#### **CONSUMER PROTECTION**

# Three Businesses Failed Tobacco Test: 30 10/02/19 News2 Midday Wednesday

Three businesses out of 35 in the Panhandle fail a tobacco compliance check ran by the Nebraska State Patrol. The businesses who failed have been notified and the appropriate action has been taken.

Jessica Davies with the Tobacco Free in the Panhandle Coordinator with Panhandle Public Health District states national research shows that when communities consistently conduct compliance checks and keep failure rates below 10%, children in those communities are less likely to use tobacco products.

# Accident Injures Drivers, Kills Cattle: 30 10/08/19 News2 6pm Tuesday

A 1997 Chevy Cavalier driven by a 56-year-old Norfolk women was struck by a 2007 Kenworth driven by a 34-year-old man, from South Dakota, hauling a full load of cattle. After contact the car spun into the west ditch where it came to a rest. The semi then overturned on to the driver's side and slid approximately 150 feet further down the road. Both drivers were wearing their seat belts. Two cattle were killed in the accident and the south bound lanes of Hwy 81 were closed for approximately four hours while crews worked to extract the cattle and right the semi.

### BNSF Investigates Coal Train Collision: 30 10/14/19 News2 10pm Saturday

Train crews with Burlington Northern Santa Fe were uninjured after two coal trains collided Friday night. It happened just west Antioch just at around 11 p.m. BNSF Railway Spokesperson Andy Williams says both trains were westbound on their way to Wyoming. He says one of the trains was stationary when the other train was slowing down to a stop and struck the rear of the train. Both of the cars came off track.

### Sidney City Street Parking Restricted: 30 10/14/19 News2 Sunrise Monday

If you are a resident within the City of Sidney, there is an update involving your vehicle's parking. Starting Tuesday, October 15th, all trailers, boats and recreational vehicles are not allowed to be parked on city streets. This is enforced for all streets inside of city limits. It is expected to last for six months until April 15th

# Monday's South Platte River Fire: 30 10/15/19 News2 Sunrise Tuesday

A large vegetation fire required mutual aid Monday night after it ignited along the South Platte River. The smoke could be seen for about a mile. Fire crews from North Platte, Hershey and Maxwell fire departments worked diligently to put out the flames. Crews say river bottom fires are typically very difficult due to the amount of phragmites, which spread fires quickly. Dave Heitman says they may never know what started the fire.

# November Triggers Nebraska's Natural Gas Cold Weather Rule :30 10/28/19 News2 Midday Monday

Beginning on Friday, November 1, the Nebraska Public Service Commission's (PSC) cold weather rule will take effect. The cold weather rule provides financially strapped customers of Nebraska's jurisdictional natural gas utilities a little extra time to pay their bills. Customers finding it difficult to pay natural gas bills should contact the company to arrange payment. Customers can also contact local public assistance agencies for help with natural gas bills.

# Porch Pirates Stealing Holiday Loot :30 12/06/19 News2 Midday Friday

One of the biggest issues facing online shoppers are the opportunists waiting to steal their items. Once the delivery worker leaves their package on the porch, thieves are stepping-in to grab the loot. The North Platte Police Department is taking extra precautions to look for suspicious activity while patrolling.

# Carbon Monoxide Poisoning to Blame in Death :25 12/13/19 News2 6am Friday

Carbon monoxide poisoning is the apparent cause of death for a 4-year-old Nebraska girl, whose Kansas grandfather is charged with first-degree murder. Court documents said Timothy Wayne Funk Sr. acknowledged he left a generator running in the garage of his Silver Lake, Kansas, home with its door shut while watching the girl and another granddaughter. The other child survived.

#### **CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY**

#### Felony Charges Dropped: 25 10/02/19 News2 Midday Wednesday

Two felony charges were thrown out by a local district judge against a North Platte man. Dana Foster is no longer facing felony terroristic threats and a firearms charges tied to a shooting event in April 2019. Judge Richard Birch says there's not enough evidence to try him in Lincoln County District Court. Foster's attorney, Russ Jones, argued the evidence didn't meet "probable cause" burden for those charges. Foster still faces a misdemeanor third-degree domestic assault in connection with the April arrest. That's when police said gunshots were fired near Foster's home.

# Fatal Accident Closes Section of I-80 Saturday: 20 10/07/19 News2 Sunrise Monday

Nebraska State Patrol is investigating a fatality rollover on Interstate 80 Saturday near the Lincoln County-Keith County line. The driver, Agnes Duran, 70, of Maryland, died at the scene. The passenger, James Roberts, 75, of Wyoming, was taken to the hospital with minor injuries. A secondary crash also occurred in the traffic resulting from the first, Thomas said, and westbound I-80 lanes from Ogallala to Hershey were closed for about an hour. Scanner traffic indicated the closure was in part due to a helicopter transport needing to land.

# North Platte Woman Dies After Car Accident: 20 10/07/19 News2 Midday Monday

A North Platte woman died after she was hurt in a car v. box truck accident in the city Monday morning. 65-year-old Darla Cohagen was hurt after a box truck failed to yield at the intersection of B & Oak and her car hit the driver's side of the truck. Cohagen died at the hospital.

# Single-Vehicle Rollover Accident Injures Two People: 30 10/13/19 News2 Midday Sunday

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office responded to a single-vehicle rollover accident about ten miles north of Wellfleet Saturday. Law enforcement says a white Ford F-250 was pulling a blue Ford F-250 on a flatbed when it started to fishtail. The blue Ford came loose. The back tires hit the ground and caused the trailer to jackknife. One of the passengers was ejected from the white Ford, the other passenger was not injured. However, the driver and the passenger were taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

# NDOT Details 25 Road Fatalities in September :25 10/16/19 News2 Sunrise Wednesday

Nebraska Department of Transportation stated 25 people died in 22 crashes on Nebraska roadways during the month of September. Of those 25, two involved motorcyclists and two involved pedestrians with one involving a skateboard and another involving an ATV. Nine of the 21 vehicle occupants were not wearing a seat belt. There were six deaths on the interstate, 12 on other highways and seven on local roads. This brings the yearly total to 186 deaths from 158 fatal accidents; which is more than all of the last five years.

# RDAP Uses Art for Healing: 30 10/17/19 News2 5pm Thursday

Rape and Domestic Abuse Program, or RDAP, honored Domestic Awareness Month by having a Day of Healing. RDAP held various events which domestic violence victims could participate. One of the activities was an art class at the Prairie Arts Center. Participants cut

out images from magazines and painted a scene around them. Art classes are held monthly at the Prairie Arts Center.

### Semi Driver Says He Hit Man on 180 :30 10/18/19 News2 Midday Friday

A semi driver says he hit a man walking in the middle of the Interstate near Sutherland overnight. This happened five miles from the Sutherland exit (mm 153) at 3:10 Friday morning. Narinder Singh, 28, of California, says he tried to swerve and miss the man. But Singh told troopers he hit the man and rolled into the median. Troopers say 56-year-old Keith Burgess, of Florida, died at the scene. Troopers found Burgess's vehicle about one mile west of the crash scene. The vehicle was out of fuel and had a dead battery.

### Police Say Man Tried to Drown Wife in Backyard: 30 10/25/19 News2 Sunrise Friday

A Scottsbluff man has been accused of trying to drown his wife in their backyard pond. Scotts Bluff County Court records say 44-year-old Christopher Knaub is charged with attempted murder, two felony counts of assault and one misdemeanor count of domestic assault. The charges were filed after Knaub's wife told officers Oct. 19 that he had beaten and kicked her at their home and hit her with a chair after she tried to keep him from driving drunk. She reported other beatings as well. She also said he'd tried to drown her in the pond about a month earlier, but a neighbor intervened.

### Woman and Juvenile Killed in Platte County Accident: 25 10/25/19 News2 6pm Friday

A woman and her juvenile passenger were killed in a two-vehicle accident in Platte County Friday morning. The release says the collision occurred in the middle of an unmarked intersection and both vehicle came to rest west of the intersection, with the semi jackknifed in the south ditch, and the car coming to rest in the north ditch. Both Groth and her juvenile passenger were killed in the collision. The release says both were wearing seat belts at the time of the collision, and front and side airbags were deployed.

# North Platte High School FFA Chapter Sells Corn for Fundraiser :30 11/01/19 News2 6pm Friday

A group of local high schoolers are going from farm field to farm field, as part of a fundraiser for North Platte high school's FFA Chapter. Fisher, the Treasurer of the FFA chapter was inspired to organize a fundraiser that includes donations from local farmers. The chapter is taking a semi from farm to farm collecting donated bushels of corn. Their goal is to jump start the FFA chapter and take their officers to nationals in Indianapolis. They want to compete at the national level as well as learn about leadership.

# NP Man Dies After Fiery Crash on Front Street Evening :30 11/04/19 News2 Midday Monday

Authorities say a 44-year-old north Platte man died after his pickup truck crashed on the west side of North Platte on Sunday, just west of the UPRR Diesel shop. Cosmo Contreras Jr. died at the hospital. Deputies say Contreras left the road Sunday and burst into flames after slamming into a tree. Deputies arrived on the scene and discovered Contreras was removed from his pickup by people on the scene. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office say Contreas died at the hospital. The Fire Dept. had to extinguish the grass fire on the scene. The crash is being investigated. It's unknown if drugs or alcohol were a factor in the accident.

#### Ogallala Kayak Races :30 11/09/19 News2 5pm Sunday

Saturday morning at the Martin Bayside of Lake McConaughy, the annual Ogallala Rotary Club "Kayak Big Mac" race started up. It's an annual fundraiser and kayak race designed and hosted by the rotary club. It's the off-season, but that doesn't keep these water enthusiasts

from scooting into the water. Paddles and life vests in hand, these kayakers help support water projects both locally and internationally, making sure they take care of Lake McConaughy.

# Auto Incident Knocks Down Traffic Light :20 11/06/19 News2 5pm Wednesday

An incident involving the destruction of a traffic light pole took place on North Jeffers. The incident happened when a large vehicle heading southbound at Jeffers and 9th Street struck the traffic light at approximately 10:30 this morning. Debris from the light were scattered all over the road. Shards of plastic and metal had to be swept by two street sweepers. We're waiting to hear about the specifics of the incident from police, information will be updated as we receive it.

### Two Charged for Killing Imperial Woman :30 11/27/19 News2 Sunrise Wednesday

According to court documents German and Carter are suspected of leaving 22-year-old Annika Swanson of Imperial in a drainage pipe in a Chase County pasture on November 14. The records show Carter told investigators that German beat up Swanson and the two forced Swanson down into the pipe on November 14. Using Carter's information, authorities found and recovered Swanson's lightly clad body in the pipe on Sunday. Her father had reported her missing three days earlier.

#### Driver Tops 145 MPH :25 12/06/19 News2 SunriseFriday

At approximately 2:40 p.m., NSP was informed that the Seward County Sheriff's Office was in pursuit of a white Infiniti traveling westbound on Interstate 80 near Utica. The vehicle then turned south on Highway 81 and re-entered I-80 traveling eastbound at the York interchange, near mile marker 353. During the pursuit, the suspect vehicle reached speeds of up to 147 miles per hour. The driver then lost control near mile marker 372 and was stopped by troopers and sheriff's deputies.

#### Son Arrested After Omaha Police Find Mother's Decaying Body :25 12/06/19 News2 10pm Friday

Shawn Snoza is accused of concealing a death after his mother's body is found in an Omaha home. The police were alerted by a banker who had been trying to get in touch with Geraldine Snoza for three months regarding a Home Equity Loan that had matured. he then told them that his mother was in the residence but had been dead since early July. Authorities located the body in a state of decomposition on the floor of a back bedroom. The County Attorney's Office was advised to book Shawn Snoza for Concealing the Death of Another Person.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / IOBS / MONEY MATTERS** 

**Local Pediatric Dental Office Expanding in North Platte: 20** 

#### 10/01/19 News2 Sunrise Tuesday

Pediatric Dental Specialists of Greater Nebraska is expanding its services in North Platte. Ground work on the facility began this past summer. Officials say they have outgrown their downtown location and are in need of more space to continue expanding their services. Officials hope to be operational by January.

Pediatric Dental Specialists of Greater Nebraska also has locations in Hastings, Grand Island and Omaha.

# NBC Nebraska Talks to Local Students: 30 10/01/19 News2 Midday Tuesday

Every Tuesday, students from Lincoln Elementary come together for career day. This morning, Brian Sherrod from NBC Nebraska spoke to over 200 students about the Broadcasting career and brought alongside some equipment. We brought along our TVU Unit, used to put the on-air talent and video over the airways, camera with the bag, microphones and a tripod. The students were even recorded waving to the camera that will be shown in our 12:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm and 6:00am broadcasts.

# Whiskey Creek Restaurant Closes in North Platte: 20 10/02/19 News2 Sunrise Wednesday

A North Platte restaurant is closing today. The restaurant owner says Whiskey Creek is closing its doors after lease negotiations failed for the North Platte location. Through a press release, Jim Gardner says he tried for almost a year to negotiate a lease extension. He says the landlord's terms were not fair and equitable. Gardner says they will find a new location to build a Whiskey Creek in North Platte. Gardner says they have multiple offers by people willing to build a new facility for them.

### Landowners Oppose Wind Turbine Project Proposal: 30 10/02/19 News2 5pm Wednesday

A multi-million dollar project that's been met with strong opposition from landowners, taxpayers and stakeholders in Cherry County for the past three years continues to fuel the fire. Lynn and Mike Welker are fourth and fifth generation ranchers. The father-daughter team fear the wind farm project proposed by BSH Kilgore LLC and Bluestem Sandhills LLC adjacent to their home will destroy the land. "The starry nights that we have in Nebraska are second to none," said fifth generation rancher Lynn Welker. "People travel from all over to enjoy and appreciate the Milky Way. We have that here."

#### Hotel Pawnee Future: 30 10/22/19 News2 Sunrise Tuesday

North Platte Area Chamber and Development Corporation President and CEO Gary Person says Jay Mitchell of Manhattan Beach, California made his \$100,000 payment Friday to purchase the Hotel Pawnee. Under the agreement, Mitchell will have six months to restore the first floor before he's able to secure a certificate of occupancy and recapture a fourth of his investment, which is roughly \$25,000. Restoration of the building is expected to begin in a week or two.Mitchell, a Oklahoma native, has restored historic structures in California, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

### 2019 Nebraska Tourism Industry Awards in North Platte :20 10/24/19 News2 Sunrise Thursday

NebraskaLand Days was presented "The Outstanding Event for Towns with Populations over 10,000," award at the 2019 Nebraska Tourism Industry Conference Wednesday evening. State tourism officials say North Platte transformed the event into a festival that brings in visitors from over 40 states and multiple foreign countries each year. Officials say nearly

98,000 people participated in the 2019 celebration in one way or another. NebraskaLand Days makes an economic impact of over \$21 million.

#### NPPD Installs EV Charging Stations at Three Locations: 30 10/23/19 News2 5pm Wednesday

Nebraska residents and travelers will notice electric vehicle (EV) stations emerging across Nebraska Public Power District's service territory. Charging units have now been installed at NPPD's Norfolk Operations Center and the Ogallala Operations Center, and are now fully operational. The charger at all NPPD locations is a Charge Point unit (Level 2) and the station can be activated by smart phone or a Charge Point card. Data and fees are collected by Charge Point and data is provided to NPPD. The charge is set at \$1 for a four-hour session, \$1 per additional hour.

### Downtown Merchants Reveal Master Plan to Revitalize Downtown Area: 30 10/25/19 News2 Midday Friday

The Downtown Association is working on the master plan blueprint. Board member Alan Hirschfeld says the downtown area hasn't had any major upgrades since the 1970's. The plan calls for upgrades to the infrastructure and storm sewer system to adding more parking, landscaping and lighting along Dewey Street between 4th and 6th Streets. Hirshfeld's says they're looking into bonded indebtedness, grants and their own funds as funding sources.

### Stapleton Grocery Store Launches New Campaign :30 10/28/19 News2 5pm Monday

The grocery store in Stapleton has remained a staple since it reopened its doors in 2017. Board members have launched the "Cultivate the Future" campaign to raise \$100,000 to buy the building. Their lease is up in March. Board members say the money will also be used to buy new inventory. The goal is to raise the money by January.

# **Christmas Tree Prices Increased :25 12/06/19 News2 Midday Friday**

Christmas tree shoppers are finding they are paying more money than years past. Much of the blame has been put on the recession from '08 and '09 when this year's crop was planted. People in Los Angeles are seeing tree prices up to \$80 while in North Platte they're selling for \$50-60. Tree lot owner Rick Hupfer said he thinks the hike is due to the lack of moisture in Oregon where he buys his trees. Hupfer has been selling trees for 12 years and says he hasn't seen prices this high.

#### **ENVIRONMENT/NATURAL DISASTER/WEATHER SAFETY**

#### Nebraska Outdoors (<u>On-Going</u> 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, and 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.

### Western Nebraska May See First Front of the Year: 20 10/02/19 News2 5pm Wednesday

Areas of Western Nebraska may see the first frost of the year Thursday morning, with regions in the northwest Sandhills and Nebraska Panhandle dropping into the mid to upper 20s bringing the first freeze of the year. A Frost Advisory and Freeze Watch have been issued accordingly for these areas. Be sure to protect and sensitive vegetation and crops as well as tending to livestock and outdoor plumbing.

# Changes to Flood Plains in North Platte: 20 10/02/19 News2 5pm Wednesday

Many property owners in North Platte have been paying hundreds of dollars per month for mandatory flood insurance while living in a designated flood plain. The areas of land that have been in a flood plain were required to have flood insurance. Jim Hawks has worked to change that for several years and finally got the necessary approvals to rezone the areas. Hawks said residents of North Platte have paid around \$88 million in insurance money to the National Flood Insurance Program and have only received about \$27,000 in money paid back due to flooding damages. He said with the changes to the flood plain, the flood elevation point has also been lowered.

# Hwy 83 Road Repaired in Advance of October Snow Storm :30 10/08/19 News2 5pm Tuesday

Nebraska Department of Transportation is now working to raise the roadbed of Highway 83 between Thedford and Valentine at mile marker 184. Higher than normal rainfall has kept this section of 83 under water since June. Roads officials say the work is necessary to provide motorists a dry roadway in advance of a strong winter storm forecasted for Thursday. The road will remain open to traffic during construction but will be reduced to one-lane. The works should take a two days. The traffic signals will remain in operation until officials evaluate the condition of the roadway.

### Winter Weather Contributes to Roll Over 180 Accident :20 10/30/19 News2 Midday Wednesday

A driver of a pickup is blaming winter driving conditions on Wednesday morning accident. The driver rolled his white Chevrolet into the Interstate 80 ditch Wednesday morning near Maxwell. The driver told Nebraska State Patrol troopers another car slipped on the highway and caused him to lose control. The driver was pinned in the roll over but not injured.

### NWS Announces Winter Weather Awareness Day :30 11/06/19 News2 5pm Wednesday

Thursday is the National Weather Service's Winter Weather Awareness Day. As the temperatures drop and the snow begins to fall, they say it's important to be prepared. According to Shawn Jacobs of the National Weather Service in North Platte, people need a winter emergency kit filled with warm clothes and blankets in case you get stranded on the side of the road. He also suggests, having a secondary source of heat from a generator or otherwise in case the power goes out. According to Jacobs people in Nebraska need to be especially prepared due to the harsh weather we witnessed last winter. He said there's no predicting whether or not this winter is going to be any worse, but said it's a good idea to be ready when it hits.

### Winter Weather Warnings From Fire Marshal :30 11/06/19 News2 5pm Wednesday

With the weather getting colder as we head into winter, the fire marshal has a few reminders for folks to keep them safe from fires. Make sure before starting up the fire place for the first time of the season, to have it professionally cleaned out, check to make sure all fire alarms are in working order with fresh batteries and to make sure any seasonal lawn decorations are properly plugged in. When using supplemental heat, like a space heater, make sure you're in the room when you're using them and when you go to leave, you shut them off and even unplug them and always plug them directly into an outlet don't use extension cords.

### Corn Harvest about Two Weeks Behind in Lincoln County :20 11/06/19 News2 6pm Wednesday

The recent weather and corn prices are proving to be a double-edged sword for producers. Ag Valley Coop Branch Manager Kent Weems says harvest is about two weeks behind. Last month, the Trump administration announced plans to restore the demand for billions of gallons of ethanol through the Renewable Fuel Standard. It outlines how many gallons of ethanol and biodiesel must be blended every year, something farmers say is encouraging.

# I-80 and Highway 30 Closed Westbound out of North Platte :20 11/30/19 News2 10pm Saturday

NDOT is recommending no travel on the remaining highways in the panhandle. Strong winds are creating blizzard conditions with near zero visibility at times. The driving surfaces are very slick and winds are extremely strong with gusts around 60 MPH. They do not anticipate opening the closed sections of roadway until sometime Sunday.

# 350 Custer Public Power District Meters Restored :20 12/02/19 News2 Sunrise Monday

A combination of ice accumulation and strong winds Saturday and Sunday left widespread damage to poles and lines in the Custer Public Power District. Custer Public Power District reports over 350 customers have restored power, as of Sunday. On Monday, a few customers north and south of Seneca remain without power, Custer hopes to have all power restored by Monday evening.

**Hundreds Without Power After Ice and Wind Damage: 30** 

#### 12/02/19 News2 Midday Monday

The Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association hopes to have customers' power restored by Friday. Hundreds of meters are not getting electricity in the North Western part of the state after ice and wind caused extensive utility damage. Friday into Saturday a building of ice began, followed by high winds which, according to Reiber, created galloping lines and wind resistance on the lines, leading to a "cascading effect," and damage to the poles and lines.

### Icy Bridge Leads to Accident in North Platte :30 12/03/19 News2 Sunrise Tuesday

Cold December mornings often mean ice forms on highways and bridges. Officials say it's ice on a bridge over the North Platte River that led to an accident east of North Platte. Officials say ice is the reason a Jeep pulling a U-Haul trailer hit an oncoming SUV Tuesday morning. This accident happened on the Highway 30 bridge near the North Platte Airport.

#### **FAMILY / EDUCATION / YOUTH SAFETY & SUPPORT**

#### "Newsmakers" (<u>On-going</u> Series) News 2 Midday - Daily

Newsmakers is an ongoing interview segment, hosted Monday through Friday by Jacque Harms. She interview 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.

# Pumpkin Patch Draws Families: 30 10/01/19 News2 6pm Tuesday

The Homestead Pumpkin Patch is officially open for fall, and families from all over North Platte are coming here to find their pumpkins. It's a time-honored tradition to welcome the fall season by finding the perfect pumpkin and taking it home to carve, but the Homestead Patch offers much more than that. Those activities include a hill slide, a petting zoo with baby goats and human fuse-ball. Families can also ride in a barrel train driven by a four wheeler all around the property. Homestead offers a large variety of pumpkins as well.

### Panthers Will Not Have Homecoming Football Game: 20 10/02/19 News2 6pm Wednesday

Hershey football will not be having a homecoming game this season, as Friday's game against Southern Valley, which was scheduled to be the Panthers' homecoming game, has been forfeited by the Eagles. According to Southern Valley Activities Director Brandon

Marquez, the Eagles' roster was down to 11 kids due to low numbers and injuries. The Eagles will forfeit every one of their remaining games. The remaining games on the Eagles' schedule were Friday's game at Hershey, Oct. 11 hosting Bridgeport, Oct. 18 hosting St. Pat's, and Oct. 25 at Minden.

#### High School Students Tour Lincoln County Buildings: 30 10/02/19 News2 Midday Wednesday

The teenagers took a field trip to the Lincoln County Courthouse and the Sheriff's Office to take a tour. After seeing a mock court case and the detention center, Emergency Management taught them about Emergency Preparedness. The theme for the Emergency Management presentation was a zombie apocalypse. The presentation focused on sheltering in place and the things they needed to have in order to be prepared for an emergency situation.

#### Gering Walk to School Day: 30 10/02/19 News2 Midday Wednesday

Over 200 kids from Lincoln Elementary walked to school this morning. These kids walked around with signs saying, 'Safety Starts With Me and Safety for Kids, Everyone Wins'. After their walk, they received a presentation from Michael Moravec, Bluffs Physical Therapy, to talk about the importance of being physically active.

# PAC, RDAP Host Family Fall Festival: 30 10/06/19 News2 10pm Sunday

Kids and their families had a great time at the Prairie Arts Center. The PAC and RDAP hosted a Family Fall Festival which raised funds for the Rape/Domestic Abuse Program's Tina's House and the PAC art programs. The kids were able to play games, jump in a bounce house, watch movies, eat food and make s'mores. The Prairie Arts Center Executive Director Holly Carlini said she enjoys utilizing the buildings resources to help others.

# Softball Team Hosts Haunted Trail: 25 10/14/19 News2 Midday Monday

The North Platte Community College softball team put on a haunted trail over the weekend. Setting up at the Potter's Pasture New Camp, just south of Brady, the team raised money to cover their spring travel expenses. This year featured several different characters -- including some clowns, a harlequin, a bear and a rabbit. Altogether the trail was about a mile long and hot beverages are available for purchase.

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Pumpkin Festival: 30 10/13/19 News2 6pm Sunday

Many community members enjoyed a nice day at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Pumpkin Festival. The celebration boasted carnival games, food, hayrides, barrel train rides and pony rides on the outside. Inside one could bid on items at a silent auction or visit various boutiques. Kids of all ages could try their hand at ring toss or even go bowling with a pumpkin. One of the festival's most familiar volunteers are the North Platte Community College Softball Team.

# Lights On After School Program: 30 10/14/19 News2 10pm Monday

North Platte Public Schools Kids Klub got a head start and took advantage of the no school day to host their Lights on After School program at Wild Bills. Law enforcement from Lincoln

County came out to bond with the students. This is the third year Kids Klub has invited them to attend the event. About 125 students in the North Platte Public School District participated.

### Sutherland Students Eat Hamburgers for Education: 20 10/23/19 News2 Midday Wednesday

Sutherland Public Schools had a hearty lunch on Wednesday thanks to the Sutherland FFA Alumni. The schools were treated to a beef centered lunch as a part of the Beef in Schools program. The alumni grilled up almost 400 burgers for grades K-12 as well as the faculty. Lincoln County Cattleman President David Orr said the lunch is meant to be educational for the kids. The school also received ground beef which they plan on using to make sloppy joes and tacos in the future.

# NPFD Raises Funds for Children's Coats: 30 10/24/19 News2 Midday Thursday

The North Platte Fire Department is helping to keep kids warm this year. North Platte Professional Firefighters Local 831 are collecting donations for Operation Warm. This is the second year they have raised money for this event. The coats are brand new and cost 20 dollars each. North Platte Fire Department's Scott Ambrose says, "We are looking forward to giving coats to kids. To make a donation visit Dairy Queen, Anytime Fitness, or their Facebook page. Donations will be accepted through the end of October."

#### Downtown North Platte Celebrates Halloween: 30 10/26/19 News2 5pm Saturday

It was the annual North Platte Downtown Association's Halloween Walk. Kids and adults dressed up in their costumes and trick or treated on the bricks. The festivities included candy, bounce houses, costume contests and more.

# Hundreds Gather at First United Methodist Church to Celebrate Halloween: 30 10/27/19 News2 6pm Sunday

Hundreds of trick or treaters arrived to get candy and socialize at the First United Methodist Church in North Platte. The event was originally planned to take place outside but was moved indoors due to the cold weather. The line stretched down a long hallway and through the back doors. The tail of the line braved the brisk temperatures before reaching the inside of the building.

### "Purple Out" Has Extra Significance for One Bulldog Cheerleader: 30 10/25/19 News2 Midday Friday

The Bulldog cheerleaders raise money for the Callahan Cancer Center in North Platte, by selling t-shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, and raffle tickets to win tickets to the Nebraska/Wisconsin football game, or tickets to Luke Combs at Nebraskaland Days. One cheerleader who the "Purple Out" meant a lot to was junior Haeley Folk. Folk's father passed away from cancer in July 2018.

### NPHS Holds Community Pep Rally: 25 10/25/19 News2 5pm Friday

North Platte High School held a community pep rally on Friday. The event took place downtown in the old Alco parking lot. A stage was set up on the west side where community members gathered and cheered for the Bulldog's. Each team took the stage and were recognized for their season's accomplishments. The cheer team and the Pacers dance team performed routines for the fans.

#### Amy Beyer Retires After 32 Years Coaching Volleyball :30

#### 10/29/19 News2 10pm Tuesday

When the Hershey volleyball team lost to Gothenburg in their sub district game Monday, it wasn't just the end of the season for the Panthers, it was the end of an era. Monday's game was Panthers' coach Amy Beyer's final game coaching the team. Beyer became the head coach for the Panthers in 1988, has been the junior high basketball coach for around 20 years. In her 31 years as head coach of the Panthers, Beyer led the team to seven state playoff appearances, including a runner-up finish in 1997.

#### Bouncy Bands Focus Students :30 10/30/19 News2 Sunrise Wednesday

A local math teacher uses giant rubber bands in a whole different way. Heather Harvey teaches math at Madison Middle School in North Platte. She wrote a Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation grant and got enough money to buy Bouncy Bands. They attach to the bottoms of chairs and let students use them to work off extra energy. Harvey says in the process students are more focused and doing better on tests. The 28 bands were \$14 each. She wrote a grant to the Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation and was awarded the John Applegate Grant.

# Miss Nebraska Has Her Send Off to Miss America in North Platte :30 11/01/19 News2 10pm Friday

Miss Nebraska Allie Swanson of Omaha was here in North Platte again. Swanson was at Harbor Lights for her Miss America "send off" and trunk show. Folks enjoyed a silent auction, wine grab, food, drink and special performances by Miss Nebraska and other local titleholders. The Omaha native earned her title after three days of competition from June 6th to 8th at North Platte high school in North Platte. Miss Nebraska had updates from Miss America orientation and shared about her journey thus far.

# Students Show Love and Support to Veterans :25 11/07/19 News2 Midday Thursday

Students of Community Christian School are showing their love and support to their local veterans with their Annual Veterans Chapel. Over 20 veterans received patriotic and worship songs, kid's poems and more. Principal Deirdre Amundsen is happy to have a veteran dad who comes to this program. The veterans told the students about their ranks and the branch they served in. The program lasted for about 45 minutes.

### Table of Grace Need Public's Help Matching \$20,000 Grant :30 11/07/19 News2 Sunrise Thursday

Bell Pole and Lumber is matching Table of Grace's grant amount for \$20,000. So far, they have raised \$1,500. Bell Pole and Lumber is one of Table of Grace's biggest contributors when it comes to grants. Without this grant, Table of Grace would not be able to operate. They receive donations of dairy, produce, bread and grocery items through Safeway and Walmart. Currently, in Sidney alone, Table of Grace has 362 households registered with a total of 715 individuals, of which 242 are children under the age of 19.At each pantry this number continues to grow.

#### North Platte Thrower Announces Commitment to Nebraska :30 11/07/19 News2 Sunrise Thursday

North Platte High School Class of 2020 thrower Elliott Purdy announced on Twitter Thursday that he has committed to the University of Nebraska Track & Field team. As a junior, Purdy finished with a silver medal at the State Track & Field Championship, throwing for 177.7 feet, and breaking a school record, he also finished with a bronze medal in shot put, throwing for 56.4 feet. Purdy is the first Bulldog track and field athlete to go to a Division-I

school since Trevon Weaver committed to the University of Wyoming in 2017, and the first Bulldog track and field athlete to commit to the University of Nebraska since Wyatt McGuire in 2016.

### Spectators Dazzled at Santa's Workshop :30 12/01/19 News2 10pm Sunday

Lights, hot chocolate and Santa Claus himself brought people to Cody Park Sunday night. It was the annual lighting ceremony of Santa's Workshop at Cody Park. Santa Claus was on the scene to help welcome the Christmas Season to North Platte. City representatives invited nice girls and boys to assist them in the countdown and lighting of the park.

### Actors Compete for State :30 12/02/19 News2 6pm Monday

Students at Arnold rehearsed for two hours every day for their performance of the Hunchback of Notre Dame. They received first place and will be performing at state next week in Norfolk. Energy was high as students warmed up for their time to shine. Excitement filled North Platte high school as students put their all into their shows, and became closer as friends.

# 2019 Kidsfest Downtown :30 12/05/19 News2 6pm Thursday

Over 200 people filled downtown North Platte Thursday night to get in the Christmas spirit for the annual KidsFest. Admission was free and kids could rotate to different stations to play games, make ornaments or color pictures. Organizer Dalene Skates said it's an event that is great for the community that has been going on for over a dozen years.

# Lincoln East High School Student Recovers :30 12/09/19 News2 Midday Monday

A Lincoln East High School student was taken to the hospital after an accident at an acting competition. a female student was carrying a male student during a scene at District One Act plays when they both fell several feet off the stage. 17-year-old Aedan Strauss, the male student who fell off the stage, later said that the female student fell approximately 5 feet off the stage, while Strauss, being carried, fell around 9 feet. North Platte's Public School Superintendent says they are reviewing the facts around the accident Saturday that injured a young actor from a Lincoln High School.

# Miss Rodeo Nebraska Places in Top 5 :20 12/09/19 News2 Midday Monday

Eva Oliver, Miss Rodeo Nebraska, finished as second runner up in the Miss Rodeo America Competition. Oliver is from Merriman. Oliver was the top five finalist. Oliver also won the written test and speech competitions. The competition was held in Las Vegas, Nevada. It's held in conjunction with the national finals rodeo. In addition to speech and written test, they competed in the areas of horsemanship, personality, appearance, photogenic and congeniality.

#### **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.

### Runners from Coast-To-Coast Visit North Platte: 30 10/06/19 News2 10pm Sunday

Sunday was the Chris Jarvis Autumn River Run. This year was the biggest yet with over 300 participants. The race is a Boston Marathon qualifier and attracts people from coast-to-coast. Participants from Oregon and New York registered to run. Natasha Burch is the daughter of Chris Jarvis of whom the race is memorialized. "This race was named after my dad, Chris Jarvis, who passed away in 2010. He was a prominent figure here in the fitness community," said Burch. The race consisted of a 5K, half-marathon and a full marathon.

# Flu Shot Live Shot with Comment: 30 10/23/19 News2 6pm Wednesday

The flu season is here and some places are urging people to get shots sooner than later because some places are running out. The benefits of the flu shot are, reducing your chance to get the flu or if you do get it, the symptoms will be lessened. Shannon Vanderheiden with The West Central District Health Department, said the peak season for flu is coming. The health department said the flu shot is available for free without insurance through a government program or most insurances they have seen will cover the cost of the vaccine.

### Pink Speedbump for Cancer Awareness :30 10/29/19 News2 Midday Tuesday

Nebraskaland National Bank of North Platte has found a unique way to remind folks to get screened for breast cancer with their speed bump. Painted pink, with signs reading, "Feel the bump?" It's a play on words, but a serious reminder for catching breast cancer early.

# High Levels of Flu Reported Across Nebraska :30 12/13/19 News2 Midday Friday

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is reporting high levels of flu across the state, which is driving an increase in doctor visits, flu-related hospitalizations and outbreaks in schools and long-term care facilities. DHHS says the flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu, which can make any of us sick and can be a life threatening illness for some people. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend flu vaccine for everyone 6 months and older every year.

#### **POLITICS/GOVERNMENT**

#### DMV Computer Upgrade: 30 10/14/19 News2 10pm Monday

Nebraska's Department of Motor Vehicles rolled out its new software to departments across the state Monday. It will modernize their vehicle registration and titling system that's been in place since the early 90's. The software will register over 2.5 million vehicles a year and

collect nearly 720 million dollars in titling and registration revenue for state and local entities.

# Commissioners Discuss R-Line and Jail Project :25 10/14/19 News2 10pm Monday

Project manager for Nebraska Public Power District's R-Line Project Paul Brune addressed Lincoln County Commissioners Monday and says the project is on track to breaking ground this spring. While Commissioner Bill Henry understands the need for the project, he made it known he was bothered by how the project was handled by NPPD. Although there was no action taken in regards to bond terms for the expansion of the Lincoln Detention County Center, the decision as to who will oversee the project brought much debate.

### Doorbell and Surveillance Cameras Helping with Police Work: 30 10/17/19 News2 Sunrise Thursday

Doorbell and home-surveillance cameras are becoming more and more popular. Police departments continue to use and rely on them to assist them with their work. Officer Beth Kerr with the North Platte Police Department said these cameras are changing the way police work is done. She said these cameras and footage they capture, help solve crimes daily. Property owners are also investing in home surveillance or doorbell cameras. North Platte homeowner Eric Lowman has had a doorbell camera for four years. He said the reason they got it for peace of mind.

# NSP Trooper Promoted to Troop D Commander :30 11/06/19 News2 Midday Wednesday

The Nebraska State Patrol promoted Trooper Tyler Schmidt to the position of Troop D Captain in North Platte. Schmidt will be commander of operations for 27 counties in North Central and Southwest Nebraska. Schmidt, 43, is in his 21st year of law enforcement service, the last nine of which have been with NSP. In his career with NSP, Captain Schmidt has served in the Patrol Division, Carrier Enforcement, and Investigative Services. He has served as a Drug Recognition Expert and instructor for defensive tactics and firearms. Schmidt holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Bellevue and is a graduate of the 220th Session of the FBI National Academy.

#### I-80 Shut Down Tuesday Afternoon for Low-Speed Pursuit :30 11/05/19 News2 10pm Tuesday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) were able to bring a low-speed pursuit to a safe conclusion this afternoon near Gothenburg on Interstate 80. Troopers pursued the vehicle, attempting to get the driver to stop or exit I-80. Troopers were then able to take the driver into custody and discovered that the driver was possibly experiencing a mental episode. The driver was placed in emergency protective custody. Interstate 80 was closed for both eastbound and westbound traffic for approximately 45 minutes while troopers responded to the scene. The Dawson County Sheriff's Office and Nebraska Department of Transportation assisted with traffic control during this incident.

### Bayard Officer goes to Hospital After Alleged Assault 11/06/19 News2 Midday Wednesday

A Bayard Police officer is recovering after allegedly being assaulted by a Rushville man who is now facing charges. While the officer was trying to place handcuffs on that individual Colby Bowers began interfering and allegedly pushed the officer aside. Shortly after another altercation ensued in which Bowers allegedly connecting a punch to the face of the officer that resulted in broken glasses and a cut on his lower lip. Once of the ground, the officer continued to try to handcuff Bowers who repeated tried to throw more punches. The officer was treated for multiple bite injuries, cuts and scrapes along with facial and knee injuries at Morrill County Hospital immediately after the altercation.

# Santa Cop Preparations in Full Swing :30 12/01/19 News2 5pm Sunday

NPPD enlisted the help of several volunteers from Miss Nebraska's Outstanding Teen Organization as well as the First Lutheran Youth Group. NPPD collects donations and applications all year in preparation for this event. This year they decided to join forces with The Salvation Army.

#### Santa Cop Deliveries :30 12/12/19 News2 10pm Thursday

Dozens of presents were delivered to several families in North Platte Thursday as part of the Santa Cop program. Officer Beth Kerr with the North Platte Police Department is in charge of the "Santa Cop" program. All year she has been collecting donations for toys and presents.

#### 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

### Born to Rein to Take Center Stage at NP Community Playhouse: 30 10/01/19 News2 6pm Tuesday

A documentary that showcases the sport of horse racing with roots in Nebraska is coming to the Fox Theater on October 21. The film highlights the history of the sport which dates back to 1667. It also highlights the legacy of three prominent Nebraska horse trainers, John Nerud, Marion and Jack Van Berg and their impact and influence in the sport on a national and international level.

# 100 Tons of Tires Disposed in North Platte: 30 10/03/19 News2 Midday Thursday

The North Platte Transfer Station received at least 100 tons of rubber. Thursday was the day for North Platte's Tire Amnesty funded by Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. Keep Lincoln County and North Platte Beautiful hosted the event. Dozens of trucks and trailers got in line to dispose of their tires. Within approximately 3 hours the 100 ton limit had been reached. The tires will be made into crumb rubber and used for various products like cement and mulch for playgrounds.

Window Clings Who Support For Domestic Violence Survivors: 20 10/03/19 News2 5pm Thursday

The Rape and Domestic Abuse Program launched their window clings campaign Thursday to take a stand and end domestic violence. They are partnering with local businesses this month as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. About 50 businesses are participating, including 40 businesses in Valentine. DAP officials hope the campaign shows survivors they are not alone and they have the support of their community.

### "Voices of The Past" Haunt Buffalo Bill Ranch: 30 10/04/19 News2 10pm Friday

The Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park is putting on a candlelight tour called, "Voices of the Past." The tour takes small groups through the Cody's home where each room is hosted by a former occupant of the estate. The hosts tell their stories from their time living at the Cody's. Lights and sound help to enhance the experience. The tours begin at 7 p.m. and run every half hour until 10 on October 11 and 12.

# Guardians of The Children Host 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy and Unity Ride: 30 10/05/19 News2 6pm Saturday

Motorcyclists gathered at Cody Park today to raise money for kids. It was the 6th Annual Toy and Unity Ride hosted by Guardians of the Children. The group took monetary and toy donations for families who need them. Guardians President Mark Russell says they are always looking to help anyway they can. "We have people come and we have people donate \$15 for a single or \$20 for a couple and then that money goes to buy toys," said Russell.

### Great Plains Health Care Foundation 2019 Gala Coming: 30 10/14/19 News2 10pm Monday

Get your tickets now for the Great Plains Health Care Foundation 2019 Gala. The gala is coming with exciting new changes highlighting local businesses and there are only 300 tickets available, and reservations are required. Tickets are available and attendees of this year's Gala will enjoy an evening dinner served family-style, live entertainment by the Emmett Bower Band, dancing and the chance to secure some extraordinary auction items. Packages range from the ultimate Husker experience to the chance to win a brand new car and many items in between. Also new this year, the opportunity to secure a hotel room with the purchase of two tickets at a very low rate.

# Mentzer Oil Pink Ribbons on Truck: 30 10/25/19 News2 5pm Thursday

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and one local company is showing their support on their fleet trucks. Manager of Mentzer Oil in North Platte, Dan Halligan, decided their company would show their support by sporting pink ribbons on their eight oil hauling trucks. Halligan said he wants to help raise awareness for everyone and all cancers, but he has a personal connection with cancer. "My daughter found out three years ago that she had it," said Halligan," Halligan said they plan to keep the ribbons on the trucks year-round as he said cancer isn't just a one month a year thing, he wants the awareness all year.

### Christmas At Codys Prep :30 12/02/19 News2 6pm Monday

Local non-profit organizations are getting into the holiday spirit by decking the halls at Buffalo Bill's State Historical Park in preparation for Christmas at the Cody's. While there are perks to participating, such as receiving a small percentage of admission fees, they say their reason for participating goes beyond that.

Christmas at the Cody's Off with a Bang :25 12/06/19 News2 6pm Friday

Buffalo Bill Cody welcomed all and fired one round in the air to begin the 2019 Christmas at the Cody's in North Platte at the Scout's Rest Ranch Friday. Guests of the Cody's gathered around for the welcoming to the ranch. After the welcome, guests made their way into the Cody's home to see the beautifully decorated rooms. And outside to enjoy cider and roasted chestnuts, warming by the fire and rides in a horse-drawn carriage.

# Runners Celebrate Christmas Early :20 12/08/19 News2 10pm Sunday

Runners celebrated the Christmas season in North Platte. Dozens of people participated in the Jingle Bell Run at the North Platte Rec Center on Saturday. Many came dressed in various holiday themed costumes. The Sandhills Physical Therapy team dressed as Elf on the Shelf. Other costumes included the Grinch, Big Bird and hula dancers.

#### Christmas Parade :30 12/12/19 News2 10pm Thursday

Dozens of floats filled the bricks as businesses, non-profits and individuals spread some holiday cheer with the annual parade. Two companies teamed up to distribute more than just candy to kids this year. Gateway Realty and Jerry Remus Chevrolet handed out brand new toys along the parade route.

### Light Show Dazzles and Raises Monday for Museum :30 12/20/19 News2 6pm Friday

A night time light show, drew a crowd to be dazzled by lights and sounds, but it also raised funds for a local organization. Corban Heinis owns a home at 716 East 10th street in North Platte. He, along with his neighborhood, have been hosting a light show at his home for three years. Heinis said the display will run until 9:30 p.m. nightly until Christmas. He said he plans on hosting it again next year and selecting a different organization to benefit.

# North Platte Catholic Schools "Ring the Bells" :30 12/21/19 News2 6pm Saturday

Students from North Platte Catholic Schools were helping the community today. The schools volunteered to ring the bells for the Salvation Army at Bomgaars. The schools rang the bells from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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

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

4th Quarter PSA Totals	KNOP	KIIT
Alcohol & Drugs	3	125
<b>Animal Welfare</b>	53	381
<b>Consumer Protection</b>	12	157
Education	60	673
Environment/Ag	10	40
Family/Community	59	290
Health & Fitness	92	726
Military/Government	61	141
Safety	19	285
Outdoors/Recreation/Tourism	15	94
Volunteerism/Donations	106	900
Kid Targeted	183	874
Employment/Public Files	251	184