



**KNOP-TV
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**QUARTERLY LIST OF PROGRAMMING PROVIDING
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**KNOP TV & KIIT TV
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Gray Television Licensee, LLC.
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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

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

NEWS 2 AT 6PM

6:00-6:30p

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-responsive stories.

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 Syndication Program: **Full Court Press w/Greta Van Sustren**
6:30-7:00am

Sunday

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/NNOP:

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

9:00am

Sundays

8:00-

US FARM REPORT

Sundays

7:00-8:00am

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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**Allen Back in Jail in Frontier County :30****08/11/20 News2 6pm Tuesday**

It was ordered by a judge that 23-year old Maxwell Allen of McCook be taken back into custody by the Frontier County Sheriff on August 7th for violating his bond by failing a drug test on August 6th. Allen was out of jail on a bond set at ten percent of \$100,000. He is facing seven felony drug charges in Frontier County.

Troopers Find 2300 Pounds of Marijuana During Motorist Assist :30**08/17/20 News2 MIDDAY Monday**

Neb. Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol have arrested one person after discovering nearly 2,300 pounds of marijuana during a motorist assist on Interstate 80. When a trooper stopped to assist, the trooper became suspicious of criminal activity. The driver, Nolan Amado, 33, of Buckeye, Arizona, was arrested for possession of marijuana - more than one pound, possession with intent to deliver, and no drug tax stamp. Amado was lodged in Dawson County Jail.

Medical Marijuana Ballot Initiative Gets Enough Signatures :30**08/26/20 News2 6pm Wednesday**

Nebraskans for Medical Marijuana announced Wednesday that their signature drive succeeded in collecting enough signatures to put their constitutional amendment to legalize medical marijuana on the 2020 statewide ballot. The Nebraska Constitution requires petitioners to collect signatures from 10% of registered voters to qualify a constitutional amendment for the ballot. That threshold, as of July 2 when the campaign's signatures were submitted, was 122,275.

Meth Arrest Leads to Discovery of Stolen ATV :30

08/31/20 News2 6pm Monday

Troopers and investigators with the Nebraska State Patrol arrested a Newman Grove man and have recovered stolen property thanks to continued investigation. Friday morning, troopers arrested Roger Weichman, 49, of Newman Grove, for possession of methamphetamine after contacting him in a pickup that was stopped in rural Pierce County. During the ongoing investigation, troopers located an ATV that had previously been reported stolen from Knox County. Additional potentially stolen items were located in the vehicle, which was discovered on Saturday.

Monday Accident Sends Four to Hospital :30**09/01/20 News2 10pm Tuesday**

A drunk driver sent himself and three others to Great Plains Health with injuries ranging from minor to life threatening with his actions on Monday. On August 31 at 9:21 p.m., the call came in about a two vehicle injury accident around mile marker 99 on U.S. Highway 83. Eli Brooks was medically cleared and arrested by Nebraska State Patrol for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol above .15. Brooks was placed in the Lincoln County Detention Center. The case remains under investigation by Nebraska State Patrol and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Alcohol is a factor in the accident.

North Platte Teens Arrested Following Shots Fired From Vehicle :30**09/08/20 News2 Midday Tuesday**

On Monday around 5:25 p.m., the Lincoln County 911 Center received a report of a vehicle traveling on East State Farm Road shooting guns out the window while the vehicle was in motion. Deputies arrived and found the vehicle was occupied by five boys. Deputies smelled burnt marijuana inside the vehicle and searched it. Deputies located two separate pistols in the vehicle, one of which was recently stolen in Brady. Controlled substance was found in the vehicle as well. All five of the young men were arrested for various charges.

Troopers Arrest 73 Impaired Drivers in Drive Sober Campaign :30**09/09/20 News2 Midday Wednesday**

Nebraska State Patrol troopers removed 73 impaired drivers from the road during the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign to close out the summer driving season. The effort, which ran from August 21 through September 7, was part of a national campaign involving law enforcement agencies throughout the country. In addition to the 73 arrests for driving under the influence, troopers also issued citations for speeding (1,196), driving under suspension (97), no proof of insurance (54), open container (24), minor in possession (17), no seat belt (26), and improper child restraint (13). Troopers also performed 767 motorist assists for drivers in need of help on the road.

Ecstasy, Marijuana, Handgun Found During I-80 Traffic Stop :30**09/14/20 News2 10pm Sunday**

Troopers observed an eastbound Kia Optima traveling at 101 miles per hour on I-80 near mile marker 152 at around 9:40 p.m. Sunday. During the traffic stop, the trooper detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed 970 pills of suspected ecstasy, four pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and a loaded handgun.

Investigators Find Controlled Pills at North Platte Business :30**09/18/20 News2 Midday Friday**

Thursday morning, investigators with the CODE (Cooperative Operation for Drug Enforcement) Task Force served a search warrant at a business at 1909 East 4th Street in North Platte. During the search, investigators located more than 500 Alprazolam pills, commonly known as Xanax. The owner of the business, Michael Hunt, 46, was present at the time of the search. Investigators then served another search warrant at Hunt's residence, at 492 West North River

Road. Investigators found a .50 caliber rifle and approximately 5,000 rounds of ammunition for various firearms at the residence.

**Advocates to File New Medical Marijuana Amendment Language for 2022 :30
09/28/20 News2 Midday Monday**

After the most recent attempt was stopped by the Nebraska Supreme Court, advocates for medical marijuana in Nebraska plan to submit new petition language on Monday.

At 1 pm, Nebraskans for Medical Marijuana will file new petition language with Secretary of State Robert Evnen that the committee intends to qualify for the November 2022 ballot in Nebraska, according to a release. In early September, the Nebraska Supreme Court removed the 2020 medical cannabis initiative from the ballot, ruling that the initiative did not meet the single-subject requirement for ballot initiatives.

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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**Lincoln County 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Show :30
07/23/20 News2 Midday Thursday**

Rabbits and poultry were the attraction at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Thursday morning. It was the 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Show. Showman from various ages boasted their knowledge of the animals to the judges. Due to COVID 19 restrictions spectators were not allowed in the barns to view the animals. Social distancing was highly encouraged among those watching the presentations.

**27 Cats, 3 Lizards and 1 Hamster Removed from Home :30
07/28/20 News2 6pm Tuesday**

The Nebraska Humane Society was called to help remove dozens of animals from an Omaha home Tuesday afternoon while assisting with an eviction. What they found inside was

unexpected: 27 cats, three lizards, and one hamster, according to Kelly Brown with the NHS. The owner of the pets gave up her rights to the animals.

Bison Roaming South Central Nebraska :30

08/26/20 News2 Midday Wednesday

As of Thursday morning, the Phelps County Sheriff's office is investigating the possibility of one bison being shot by a resident, this after a herd got loose Wednesday morning. According to the sheriff's department the owner of the bison has brought in a professional company that specializes in capturing the animal. Phelps County Sheriff Gene Samuelson asked that residents not to take matters into their own hands by shooting at or attempting to capture them on their own, but to let the experts make contact with the animals themselves. At least two bison have been killed after being struck by vehicles today on Highway 23 in south central Nebraska Wednesday.

Horseback Riding Through Labor Day Weekend :30

09/07/20 News2 10pm Monday

COVID-19 may have made it hard to find activities to do on Labor Day. Over at Dusty Trails, some people chose to saddle up to enjoy this holiday weekend. Horse lovers and riders of all ages rode through Buffalo Bill's Historic Ranch and along the North Platte River keeping their eyes open for wildlife as they galloped through the beautiful serene landscape. All of the riders were a horse apart complying with CDC social distancing guidelines which made this a great activity on Labor Day Weekend. The Dusty Trail provided the perfect setting to spend time with family while creating memories to last a lifetime.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

BBB Scam Alert: Don't Plant Mystery Seeds from China :30

07/28/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

Recipients should hold on to the seeds, and the original packaging, until someone from the state department of agriculture or APHIS contacts them. Under no circumstances should anyone plant the seeds. The package bears the name "China Post" and may be labeled as jewelry, small electronics, or some other item.

Groceries Are Getting More Expensive :30

08/06/20 News2 Midday Thursday

Prices are spiking at supermarkets, and it's not just because people are eating in and dining out less. From February to June, meat and poultry prices rose nearly 11%. Beef and veal prices recorded the highest climb - spiking 20%. People are paying more for other staples, too. Egg prices are up 10%, and cereals and fresh vegetables are up 4%. This is all new data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis which tracks personal consumption expenditures to help measure inflation.

Having a Fun and Safe Time on the River :30

08/10/20 News2 10pm Monday

With COVID-19 shutting down many places, the river has become one of the main hot-spots for folk in and near North Platte. Staying safe on the water is important. According to emergency officials, the river is seeing more people than normal for this time of year. The Director of Emergency Management for Lincoln County Brandon Myers explains the importance of preparing for a day on the river. "Stay hydrated, drink plenty of water before during and after. Put sunscreen on and again be mindful of what the water is doing. If the water is high or if it's moving fast be sure to keep those in consideration."

North Platte Pharmacies Participating in Drug Disposal Program :30

08/25/20 News2 Midday Tuesday

Seven pharmacies across North Platte will be accepting leftover medications this week in an effort to help reduce drug overdoses in the state. Unneeded medications can be dropped off safely and free of charge at Depot Drug, Walgreens, U-Save Pavilion Pharmacy, Westfield Pharmacy, Great Plains Health, RX Express Pharmacy, and U-Save Pharmacy. The initiative comes after Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts declared August 24 - August 31 Nebraska Drug Overdose Awareness Week. Data from The Nebraska DHHS shows that every five days someone dies from an overdose in Nebraska.

Hyundai Warns Owners to Park Outside Recalls 180,000 SUVs :30

09/11/20 News2 Sunrise Friday

For the second time this month, Hyundai is telling some SUV owners to park outdoors because an electrical short in a computer can cause vehicles to catch fire. The Korean automaker is recalling about 180,000 Tucson SUVs in the U.S. from 2019 through 2021 to fix the problem. The company says corrosion can cause a short circuit in defective anti-lock brake circuit boards that can start a fire.

CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

Dawson Co. Sheriff Arrests Shawn Erpelding :30

07/05/20 News2 10pm Sunday

The state patrol confirmed that Dawson County Sheriff's deputies Monday arrested Shawn Erpelding. Dawson County Deputies had stopped to assist a stranded motor vehicle on Interstate 80 about 9:00 AM Sunday. A male, identified as Shawn Erpelding, then ran from the scene towards the Platte River. The state patrol and other law enforcement agencies were then alerted to search for him.

Omaha Woman who Shot Husband Near Cozad Released on Bond :30

07/10/20 News2 Midday Friday

A University of Nebraska Medical Center resident physician accused of killing her husband near Cozad was released on a ten percent bond of one million dollars Thursday. The 31-year-old is accused of fatally shooting her husband in front of their two children while stopped along Interstate 80 on June 17. Jourdan is charged with second-degree murder and use of a deadly weapon in the death of her husband, 35-year-old Joshua Jourdan.

Two Killed in Crash on Hwy 83 :30

07/14/20 News2 10pm Tuesday

Nebraska State Patrol and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department responded to a fatality crash on Highway 83 on Tuesday. The Lincoln County 911 Center received a call at 6:49 p.m. of a head on collision at mile marker 93 on U.S. Highway 83, around seven miles north of North Platte. Deputies discovered the two male subjects in the passenger vehicle were deceased. The driver of the semi-truck had minor injuries.

Community Mourns Death of Broken Bow Business Owner :30

07/13/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

The community of Broken Bow mourned the loss of a local business owner who was murdered over the weekend. People, including family members stopped by to pay their respects to 62-year-old Crystal Esch, also known as Cris, at Costa's Styling Salon Monday. Esch was the owner of the salon that is located in the downtown area. It's a tragedy that has deeply impacted the community.

Curtis Man Pleads Guilty to First Degree Assault :30

08/10/20 News2 6pm Monday

A Curtis man was due for trial in Frontier County after nearly killing his wife. On July 27, 2020, Matthew Farr plead guilty in a plea agreement to first degree assault and use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony. A court report by a Frontier County Sheriff's Deputy indicated that the couple had been arguing in the pickup Farr was driving on March 5, 2018, when he allegedly reached over to open the door and pushed her out of the pickup. The pickup then went forward and stopped on top of her and then eventually moved off of her.

Troopers Recover Stolen Vehicle Driven by 14-Year-Old :30

08/12/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

During the traffic stop, the driver, a 14-year-old girl was taken into custody on several charges, including possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, no operator's license, and theft by receiving stolen property. The juvenile had also been reported missing. She was lodged in the Lancaster County Youth Services Center. There were two passengers in the vehicle at the time of the traffic stop. One passenger, Jay Schultz, 43, of Lincoln, was arrested on multiple outstanding warrants. Schultz was lodged in Lancaster County Jail. The other passenger, an 18-year-old male, was released.

North Platte Police Department Investigate 26 Year-Old Woman's Death :30

08/12/20 News2 Midday Wednesday

The North Platte Police Department is investigating the death of a 26-year-old woman. Police were called to the 2600 Block of West 21st Street at 7:01 p.m. Tuesday. The woman was found deceased inside the home. Foul play is not suspected at this time. The death remains under investigation. An autopsy has been ordered.

15-Year-Old Boy Missing from North Platte :30

08/17/20 News2 Midday Monday

Chief Deputy Rolland Kramer with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department said Crue is classified as a runaway. He said there are people in North Platte who know where Crue is hiding and they need to do the right thing and tell someone where he can be found. Kramer said a tip can be given anonymously through Lincoln County Crimestoppers, or by simply calling law enforcement. Crue's mom, Natasha Jarvis Burch, has made a plea on Facebook hoping to locate her son.

Nebraska Physician Charged in Husbands Death Pleads Not Guilty :30
08/17/20 News2 6pm Monday

A Nebraska resident physician accused of fatally shooting her husband in front of their two children in June pled not guilty in Dawson County District Court Monday. Kathleen Jourdan told police she shot her husband because she feared for herself and children during an argument between the couple inside their vehicle, which pulled over alongside Interstate 80. The two children were placed into protective custody with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Dawson County Judge Jeffrey Wightman set Jourdan's bond at 10 percent of \$1 million, which Jourdan posted last month. District Judge James Doyle continued her bond.

Suspect Arrested After Driving into Cornfield in Pursuit :30
08/25/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

NSP received citizen reports of a vehicle driving extremely slowly on residential streets in Aurora for an extended period of time. A trooper located the vehicle and attempted to make contact, but the vehicle fled. The suspect vehicle, a Chevrolet Tahoe, accelerated to more than 50 miles per hour on residential streets in Aurora. The trooper initiated a pursuit. Troopers did not pursue into the field, but set up a perimeter in the area, along with the Aurora Police Department, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, NSP Air Wing, and NSP Police Service Dog Units.

Arson Investigation at Elementary School in Central Nebraska :30
08/26/20 News2 Midday Wednesday

According to a press release, Kearney Police were called to investigate a possible fire call at Bryant Elementary School on Tuesday evening. Officers found smoke in the building and fire sprinklers were already activated suppressing the fire. It was determined that a paper towel dispenser had been set on fire in the boy's bathroom inside the school. This incident is currently under investigation as a possible arson by Kearney Police, Nebraska State Fire Marshal, and Kearney Vol. Fire Department.

Lincoln County Dive Team searches to Locate Vehicle in the North Platte River, Instead find a Boat :30
08/24/20 News2 6pm Monday

The Lincoln County Dive Team searched the North Platte River for four hours after a kayaker spotted what they believed was a vehicle submerged in the water at around 12:20 p.m. Monday. After thoroughly searching the area for four hours, they located a small white Jon boat, not a vehicle. Law enforcement said they do not plan to retrieve it.

North Platte Man Wanted on Warrant :30
09/02/20 News2 Midday Wednesday

The North Platte man who took law enforcement across the city Friday has escaped custody. 28-year old Rosendo Duran was arrested Friday after running from the Nebraska State Patrol and the Lincoln County Police Department, first by a pursuit in two separate stolen vehicles, and then on-foot. Cody Thomas with the Nebraska State Patrol is confirming that law enforcement put a hold on arresting Duran by taking him to Great Plains Health for evaluation.

Active Search Underway :30**09/03/20 News2 6pm Thursday**

The Lincoln County Detention Center lists the 28-year-old as Rosendo Duran Jr. He was arrested on August 28 for fleeing a traffic stop by the NSP, leaving the vehicle and escaping on foot, stealing a pickup, and fleeing on foot, again, in a residential area in North Platte. On September 2, Duran left or “eloped” from Great Plains Health while he was there for a reason not relating to his arrest, according to the NSP. NSP says a tip came in about Duran’s whereabouts, and a K-9 with state patrol was able to locate Duran hiding near the South Platte River, near West South River Road.

North Platte Police Department Looking for Runaway :30**09/04/20 News2 Midday Friday**

The North Platte Police Department is announcing a missing young woman. 17-year old Aracely Sanchez is reported as a runaway with the department. She left her home in North Platte, and her whereabouts are unknown. Sanchez is 5’2, 120 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. NPPD says she does not have a vehicle.

City Of McCook Employees Found Dead :30**09/07/20 News2 Midday Monday**

McCook police officers found personal items of one of the employees outside the sludge pump house, prompting them to check inside for the men. Due to toxic gases and hazardous materials inside, McCook Fire and Rescue and the Red Willow Western Rural Fire Department Hazardous Material Team came to the scene to recover the bodies of 65-Year-Old Larry Dickie and 43-Year-Old Kenneth Keslin.

Man Dies, Woman Injured in Boating Incident at Lake Mac :30**09/06/20 News2 10pm Sunday**

A Colorado man died in a boating incident Saturday afternoon at Lake McConaughy State Recreation Area. A Colorado Springs woman was injured in the same incident. According to reports gathered in the investigation, Campe had fallen overboard from a pontoon boat, and Kiesow, her boyfriend, had jumped in to rescue her. He then had to be rescued by others on the pontoon and another boat nearby.

North Platte Man Arrested for Stalking :30**09/16/20 News2 Midday Tuesday**

46-year old Eugene Richter of North Platte was arrested Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. on a warrant for “Stalking.” The LCSD conducted a search during the arrest, discovering a concealed .9 mm pistol and several magazines. Richter was inside of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church at the time of his arrest. Richter did not have an active concealed carry permit, plus he has an active protection order against him, which prohibits him from having a firearm.

Nebraska Native Loses Everything in Fire :30**09/15/20 News2 6pm Tuesday**

Western wildfires are so intense, people across the mid-west are seeing the smoke even here. As the blazes continue, we learn of a Nebraska native and her family, who lost their home and all of their belongings due to a recent wildfire in Oregon. Those wildfires continue. Haley McKee grew up in Maxwell, and still has family in the area. She worked for some time at a local western outfitters store.

Larry Frost Father of Scott Frost Died Wednesday :30**09/16/20 News2 10pm Wednesday**

Some sad news to pass along: Larry Frost, the father of Scott Frost, has died. Larry played for the Huskers in the 1960’s. He’s in the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame for his athletic career at Malcolm High School. After college, Frost went on to be a high school football coach.

Jake Gardner, Accused of Manslaughter for Shurlock's Death, Has Died By Suicide :30

09/20/20 News2 10pm Sunday

Jake Gardner, accused of manslaughter for the shooting death of James Scurlock this summer, has died by suicide according to Gardner's attorney, Stu Dornan. A warrant for Gardner's arrest was issued after a grand jury indicted him for manslaughter and other charges related to the death of James Scurlock. Gardner did not turn himself in after the warrant was issued. Gardner was in Oregon. He was supposed to turn himself in today.

Three Teens Headed to Prison for February Attack at YRTC

09/21/20 News2 6pm Monday

Three teenage boys are in prison for convictions related to a vicious beating last winter at the Kearney YRTC. Julian Tapia, 17, was convicted of one count of first-degree assault and three counts of second-degree assault. He's been sentenced to 8-21 years in prison. Jabreen Sidney, 17, was sentenced to 5-15 years in prison for first degree assault. Brendan Lee, 18, was convicted on three counts of aiding and abetting a felony. He was sentenced to two years for each count, but will serve those sentences concurrently, or at the same time.

Newlyweds in Tragic Accident in Sandhills :30

09/21/20 News2 6pm Monday

Ty and Shelby Millison of Dunning, both in their 20's were driving on Highway 91 when their Lincoln town car was hit head-on by a F-350 pickup, according to Blaine County Sheriff Tim Sierks. Ty Millison, 23, died on impact according to Sheriff Sierks. His wife was taken to Kearney and is currently in a medically induced coma. The sheriff said the pickup that collided with the Millison's vehicle had one tire drop off the edge of the highway, and when it came back on the highway the driver overcorrected and hit the couple. The driver of the pickup had non-life-threatening injuries.

Authorities ID Body of Man Found in Lexington Pond :30

09/22/20 News2 Midday Tuesday

The Dawson County Sheriff's Office said the body is that of Eduardo Farias-Garcia, 24, of Lexington, television station NTV reported. Sheriff's officials found his body Sept. 14 in the pond south of Lexington after someone called 911 to report seeing what appeared to be a body floating in the water. Authorities said Farias-Garcia was wearing only shorts and tennis shoes when he was found. He appeared to have been in the water for about a week, investigators said. Results from an autopsy are expected in the coming weeks.

Bailey Boswell Murder Trial Starts Wednesday in Lexington :30

09/22/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

Jury selection will start Wednesday for the trial of Bailey Boswell. The 26-year-old is facing first-degree murder charges in the death of Sydney Loofe. The trial is taking place in Lexington, 170 miles away from the home in Wilber where prosecutors said Loofe was strangled and dismembered. Boswell's attorney requested the change of venue because he said the case was too high profile to get a fair trial in Wilber.

Bridgeport Teen Involved in Fatal Car Crash :30

09/27/20 News2 10pm Sunday

Heartbreaking news as the Bridgeport community loses one of their own over Homecoming weekend. Josh Warren was driving eastbound on Highway 26 before colliding with a semi-trailer early this morning. The driver of the semi was taken to a local hospital and is in stable condition. Josh was the leading tackler for the Bulldog football team who is off to a 4-1 start.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / JOBS / MONEY MATTERS

Downtown Sidewalk Sales Move Indoors :30

07/01/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

Downtown North Platte has their annual Sidewalk Sales coming up, but this year it will look a little different. They will be having a “no side walk” Side Walk Sale. Since downtown is under construction there is not enough room to put merchandise out. This annual sale will be moving indoors to encourage people to still participate.

North Platte Woman Wins Free Truck :30

07/06/20 News2 6pm Monday

Truck\$ and Buck\$ has found its way to North Platte. A 25-year tradition in Nebraska that doesn't typically have North Platte winners gave a North Platte local her winning truck. After buying two-dollar scratch off tickets at Kwik Stop, little did she know she would be the lucky winner.

\$350,000 Loan Approved for NebraskaLAND Days :30

07/07/20 News2 10pm Tuesday

COVID-19 has affected many, and NEBRASKALand days is doing what they can to recover from the financial loss from this year's cancellation. The City Council approved a recommendation by the Quality Growth Fund Citizens Advisory Committee for a requested loan of \$350,000 for NEBRASKALand days. These funds are set at a 3.25 percent interest rate effective through December 31, 2021.

State Recognizes North Platte For Economic Successes :30

07/09/20 News2 Midday Thursday

The City of North Platte was recognized by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development as an ongoing member of the State's Economic Development Certified Community. North Platte is among 40 communities to earn the status in the program. The E.D.C.C. was established to recognize communities for preparedness to attract new industries and grow existing businesses. In order to qualify the community must have a well-defined program that engages active businesses and supports incoming economic projects.

Bike Sales Surge Amid Coronavirus Pandemic :30

07/27/20 News2 6pm Monday

At Whitetail Cycle Sport in North Platte, business is booming. Owner Shae Caldwell said social distancing and the warm weather is creating a huge demand for bikes. In fact, this has been the busiest summer for Caldwell who has been in business for four years. Sales have increased 400 percent since March. But the spike in sales is making it difficult to keep up with demand. The pandemic has forced people to workout outside and many are either buying bikes or pulling them out of storage to be repaired.

Viaero Summer Jam Convert Series a Go for Nebraskaland Days :30

07/28/20 News2 Midday Tuesday

The reopening plan for the Wild West Arena calls for capacities capped at 75 percent. But organizers have committed to operating well below that limit. Legendary band .38 Special

will kick off the Viaero Summer Jam Concert Series on Friday, August 14. The series will conclude with Country Star Granger Smith on Saturday, August 15th.

North Platte Airport to Make 20 Year Plan :30

08/11/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

The plan is called the North Platte 2040 Regional Airport Master Plan. Experts are using a comprehensive study to identify short, medium, and long term improvements to satisfy future aviation demand. The airport brings \$155 million in economic impact annually and around \$54 million in visitor spending. The airport also brings 1397 jobs to the community. The goal for the plan is to continue to build on the growth the airport has seen, and the benefits it continues to bring to the North Platte community.

COVID-19 Impacts Tourism in North Platte :30

08/14/20 News2 10pm Friday

With all of the events that are being changed and canceled across the state, tourism has decreased significantly. This has certainly affected some of North Platte's local vendors and event planners. The Visitors Center operates entirely off of lodging taxes and is suffering from the pandemic. Not only is the decrease in our tourism season affecting businesses, but employees who work at many of these locations are being laid off as well.

MPCC Stampede Still Happening in September :30

08/26/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

The Mid-Plains Community College Stampede will continue as planned Sept. 17-19. Events are scheduled to start at 7 p.m each night at the Wild West Arena. The Stampede is sanctioned by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, and is a qualifying rodeo, meaning points contestants earn count towards a shot at nationals. The rodeo is open to the public; however masks and social distancing will be required.

North Platte Area Chamber & Development Corp reacts to Greenbrier Companies Closure :30

08/26/20 News2 10pm Wednesday

Greenbrier Companies announced Tuesday operations at their plant in Hershey have been suspended. The plant, which is located on U.S. Highway 30, has 24 employees and were offered severance pay, according to Senior Vice President of Communications Jack Isselman. Isselman said the virus and current business conditions prompted the halt in operations. North Platte Area Chamber and Development Corporation President and CEO Gary Person said he has several conversations with Greenbrier officials since the announcement and is remaining hopeful.

Report Shows Steady Economic Recovery for Nebraska :30

08/26/20 News2 Midday Wednesday

Nebraska's leading economic indicator rose during July, according to the most recent report from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The July leading indicator rose 0.59%, the third consecutive monthly increase. The rate of improvement, however, slowed relative to May and June. "The Nebraska economy continues to recover from its sharp decline in March and April, but the pace of recovery appears to have moderated," said economist Eric Thompson, director of the Bureau of Business Research at the university.

Financial Assistance for Landlords :30

09/04/20 News2 10pm Sunday

Community Economic Development Specialist Amy Sauer breaks down how this money will help, saying, "with that money we are able to help landlords who have been affected or they're low to moderate-income tenants that have been affected by the COVID-19 for loss of

income.” Landlords may apply for up to \$10,000 for one unit only. Landlords can split the funds into two chunks of money. First, \$7,500 may be applied towards minor rehabs such as roofing, heating, and air conditioning. Second, \$2,500 could go towards cash reimbursement to help pay for the back and future rents.

North Platte Gun Show :30

09/21/20 News2 Sunrise Monday

The Platte River Sportsman Club hosted its annual Gun and Knives show this weekend. Despite COVID-19 roadblocks, the event was full of eager patrons to seek new arsenal and accessories. There were different types and styles of guns, knives, holsters, hunting gear, and everything in between. President of the Platte River Sportsman Club credits the successfulness of the event to the vendors and their hard work.

Canteen District Will be Ready for Visitors in the Upcoming Weeks :30

09/21/20 News2 10pm Monday

North Platte residents will be able to visit the new Canteen District. This project began earlier this year when the city began updating the downtown area. With this renovation project, one of the primary roles of the association is provide final touches such as planters, festoon lightning, benches, trash cans, etc. The renovations for downtown will be completed in early 2021. Some additions such as trees and planters will be added with the weather permits.

Vendors Look Forward to Junk Jaunt to Bring in Revenue :30

09/23/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

Junk Jaunt usually brings in people from all across the country to central Nebraska to buy their favorite antiques. The organizers worked closely with health departments to get approval. From Wood River all the way to Broken Bow there are stores, vendors, and garage sales along the 500-mile jaunt route. Many have been impacted financially due to the pandemic, so they are excited to welcome customers to check out their sales. The Junk Jaunt board carefully discussed the event and felt it would be safe to still hold it this year.

Pandemic Could Affect Ag Industry for Years to Come :30

09/23/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

A new study from the Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Platte Institute shows COVID-19 had a major impact on Nebraska agriculture – both good and bad. Nebraska has the lowest unemployment rate in the nation with four percent. A quarter of the state’s GDP, and a quarter of the state’s labor force are in agriculture, according to a UNL study from 2012. It’s also expected that federal assistance will make up 50 percent of this year’s net farm income. But when the PPP loans came out, 19 percent went to agriculture, impacting 22,000 jobs.

Sun Theatre Prepares for Grand Re-Opening :30

09/23/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

The Sun Theatre is preparing to re-open its doors after being closed for nearly six months due to COVID-19. The theatre has been undergoing renovations since May. The \$400,000 renovation was paid through private and public donations, including a \$300,000 community development block grant. However, due to Directed Health Measures, the theatre will reopen at 75 percent capacity. There will be plexiglass at the ticket booth, concession stand, hand sanitizing stations will be available, and masks will be encouraged, but not required.

Celebrating National Small Business Week Locally :30

09/23/20 News2 10pm Wednesday

National Small Business Week started on September 20th and lasts through Saturday. Companies who have survived thirty years here and those that hope to follow suit have expressed similar sentiments about North Platte. "North Platte is an amazing community in the middle of the country with amazing people in it and I wouldn't want to have my business anywhere else," said Cinda's Accents owner, Cinda Baker. Across industries, local corporations are happy to be here serving the people in this community.

Local Pumpkin Patch Open for Business :30

09/24/20 News2 10pm Thursday

Pumpkins by the Steinbrinks just south of North Platte offers a great selection at your convenience. Larry Steinbrink has a wagon full of pumpkins in his front yard and the process is simple: pick your pumpkin and leave your cash in the box. In addition to the stand outside his home, Larry will be selling his pumpkins at The Original Farmer's Market of North Platte on Saturday.

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 various 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.

Flood Warning :30

07/08/20 News2 Midday Wednesday

Releases from Lake McConaughy continue where the North Platte River at North Platte is expected to fluctuate around the flood stage of 6.0 feet through Friday, July 10th. Minor flooding can be expected in low lying and agricultural land nearby. People should be cautioned against being in the water along the banks of the river especially near Cody Park.

Testing the Platte River's Capabilities :30

07/09/20 News2 Midday Thursday

The North Platte “chokepoint” is that reach of the North Platte River extending a few miles on either side of the Highway 83 bridge where the encroachment of invasive phragmites vegetation has significantly reduced the river’s flow capacity at flood stage relative to conditions that were present in the late 1990s when PRRIP objectives were originally developed.

Powerful Storm Leaves 2 Dead, Heavy Crop Damage in Midwest :30

08/11/20 News2 Midday Tuesday

Hundreds of thousands across the Midwest remained without electricity on Tuesday after a powerful storm packing 100 mph winds battered the region a day earlier, causing widespread damage to millions of acres of crops and killing at least two people. The storm known as a derecho tore from eastern Nebraska across Iowa and parts of Wisconsin and Illinois, blowing over trees, flipping vehicles and causing widespread damage to property and crops.

National Preparedness Month Encourages Community to Take Severe Weather Precautions :30

09/08/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

September is National Preparedness month. In the case of severe weather, Emergency Management Director Brandon Myers stresses how important it is to stay ready for an emergency. This month is a reminder to get prepared for disasters whether it’s winter weather, fires, or hurricanes. Myers said it is important to check smoke detectors and replace batteries. He also said to have a to-go bag prepared with water, non-perishable food, extra medications and important documents. Put these things in a bag you can easily reach and grab.

Winds a Worry As Death Toll Reaches 35 From West Coast Fires :30

09/13/20 News2 10pm Sunday

Nearly all the dozens of people reported missing after a devastating blaze in southern Oregon have been accounted for, authorities said over the weekend as crews battled wildfires that have killed at least 35 from California to Washington state. The smoke filled the air with an acrid metallic smell like pennies and spread to nearby states. While making it difficult to breathe, it helped firefighters by blocking the sun and turning the weather cooler as they tried to get a handle on the blazes, which were slowing in some places.

Heavy Smoke Expected to Settle Across South Central Nebraska :30

09/15/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

The National Weather Service put out a situation report due to the possibility of smoke reaching the ground in south-central and western Nebraska Wednesday. The smoke in our area is due to the wildfires in the western part of the country. That smoke it being carried into the area thanks to upper level winds in the atmosphere. The smoke should thin and diminish Wednesday night.

Fingers Crossed for Some Rainfall :30

09/20/20 News2 10pm Sunday

Hazy skies from the wildfires were much better today and will continue to thin out into Monday. Thankfully, our air quality has finally made it back into the “good” category- giving those of you with allergies a much-needed break. Much of next week looks to be warm and dry as a ridge of high-pressure headlines the forecast. Chances for precipitation will return for the weekend along with cooler temperatures (highs in the upper 70s).

Fall Begins But Summer Hangs On :30

09/21/20 News2 6pm Monday

Some good news is that the smoke that has plagued the area over the past few days is expected to be a bit thinner on Tuesday, so we may end up seeing more blue sky than we

have for a while. Temperatures are forecast to stay above average through the rest of the work week as highs continue to sit in the upper 80s to low 90s for most of the coverage area. As we head toward the weekend and next week, an upper level trough will bring some changes to the weather as we'll start to see some cooler temperatures and perhaps some small chances for rain coming back into the forecast.

Maywood High School Raises Funds and Helps the Environment :30

09/23/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

As the sophomore class of Maywood High School was searching for a way to make money, they found a unique opportunity that turns the renewable, natural resource of milkweed into money. The milkweeds feed monarch caterpillars and create bedding. Organizer Annette Wood says they promote leaving a place better than how you found it. Their goal was 1,000 pounds and they have now reached 1,200 pounds. These students spend many days picking the pods. They are even on the lookout for pods in their everyday lives.

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.

Mid Plains Community College Offering Motorcycle Safety Training Courses :30

07/01/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

The classes are geared towards beginner riders and no previous experience is required in order to participate. The class will be held between in-classroom learning and also taking test rides in a course designed in the North Campus parking lot at Mid Plains Community College. Some of the benefits will include the class providing motorcycles that are designed to be user friendly. Participants of the course are encouraged to bring their own helmets, but those can be provided if needed.

Allo Offering Donations to Help Schools :30

07/08/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

ALLO Communications is reigniting its "ALLO for Education" program. July 1 through September 30, ALLO will donate \$50 to a school of a person's choosing when they sign up as a new customer. "You may say 'oh \$50 how can \$50 really add up?' Well in the four or five

years that we did it, we contributed over \$200,000 to the schools in our state Nebraska,” said ALLO Communications President and Founder, Brad Moline.

Vacation Bible School Brings Worship and Fun :30

07/09/20 News2 6pm Thursday

Vacation Bible school happens every year at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church but this year looks a little different. The organizers’ goal is to bring kids together for a fun day of worship, dance, and community. They decided to offer this event social distancing-style, where families can keep their distance and still be involved. Organizers live stream the event where around 200 families tune in from home.

North Platte High School Holds Socially Distanced Graduation Ceremony :30

07/25/20 News2 10pm Saturday

Graduation finally took place for seniors at the North Platte High School Saturday. The ceremony was delayed about ten weeks due to the coronavirus. More than 300 graduates gathered at Bauer Field for a ceremony many of them didn’t think would happen because of the virus.

NPPS Releases Detailed Plan For Fall Classes :30

07/29/20 Local4 10pm Wednesday

On Wednesday, North Platte Public Schools released its detailed plan for schools reopening, which features an emphasis on face coverings, hand hygiene, and social distancing. The playbook also states what happens if a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19. The district is encouraging parents to be flexible and have patience as the plan could change due to the pandemic.

Local Businesses Donate to NPPS Teachers :30

08/12/20 News2 Midday Wednesday

Several businesses are donating to local schoolteachers to help them prepare for the upcoming school year. The North Platte Public School District kicked off their ‘Back to School’ event Tuesday morning. The district was challenged by the school board to use the money they would normally spend on a key-note speaker in a different way to support teachers. The donation was made possible by the school district’s business partners which include, Nebraskaland National Bank, Dunkin’ Donuts Wal-Mart and the North Platte Public Schools Foundation.

Local 4-H Member Competes at the State Fair :30

08/31/20 News2 6pm Monday

4-H members traveled to Grand Island to show their projects at the State Fair, and one local competitor came home as the Market Goat Show Champ. Competitor Blake Bruns said he has been doing showings since he was two years old and has been in 4-H for ten years. Locally, there are 75 youths from Lincoln, Logan and McPherson Counties that either exhibited livestock or static items at the State Fair. Bruns said he has enjoyed the learning experience.

Four More UNL Sororities Put Under Quarantine :30

08/31/20 News2 Midday Monday

The University of Nebraska Lincoln announced that four small clusters of COVID-19 have been identified at the Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Kappa Delta and Pi Beta Phi sororities. Each sorority has five confirmed cases each. Each sorority has self-quarantined before official notification of quarantine from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. This now makes for a total of eight sororities and one fraternity that are under quarantine.

Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center Helps Students :30

09/03/20 News2 6pm Thursday

The Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center is well on their way to accomplishing their latest goal. The group is aiming to raise \$2,000 in donations to purchase new shoes for students returning to school. Normally the center could accept shoes directly from the public, but due to COVID-19, they are only able to accept monetary donations at this time. The program runs through September 18 and the center has already collected \$1,000. The timing of the initiative comes as the pandemic has left many families unable to purchase new shoes for their children.

UNL December Graduation to be Virtual Event :30**09/10/20 News2 Midday Thursday**

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's December commencement is shifting to an online celebration due to COVID-19 concerns. The online celebration for graduate and undergraduate students will feature a livestream at 9:00 a.m. Dec. 19 (the same day undergraduate exercises were previously scheduled). Details about the speaker and program will be announced. Final details regarding College of Law commencement, which is usually held separately from undergraduate and graduate ceremonies, are pending.

UNK Ranked Among Top Regional Universities :30**09/14/20 News2 Midday Monday**

UNK is No. 6 on the publication's list of the top public regional universities in the Midwest, up three spots from last year. This is the 13th straight year UNK has been recognized as a top public regional university in the Midwest, and the sixth time the school has been ranked inside the Top 10. No other Nebraska school cracked the Top 25 on this year's list, which was released Monday.

Celebrating Constitution Week Through Artwork :30**09/20/20 News2 10pm Sunday**

Students attending North Platte schools had the opportunity to participate in various activities celebrating Constitution week. One of those activities was an art contest where students were able to submit their best work highlighting the Constitution and American history. Contestants' art pieces ranged from paintings, drawings and/or writings of their idea of the Constitution and America. The winners from the art contest have been contacted about their work and will be framed courtesy of Cindy's Accents.

Arbor Day Tree Planting Honors Virgil Nelson :30**09/22/20 Local4 6pm Tuesday**

A teacher of 30 years and a friend to many, Virgil Nelson was honored at the Arbor Day Tree Planting. People gathered to honor Nelson at Mid-Plains Community College where he taught math for 30 years. There was a flag ceremony, speakers, and Mayor Dwight Livingston declared a proclamation that Sept. 22 was the official Arbor Day date this year. They planted a burgundy red maple, and friends of his spoke of the joys he brought during his lifetime.

Helping People Get Connected :30**09/22/20 News2 Midday Tuesday**

Charter Communications Inc. is announcing a relaunch of its Remote Education Offer, providing free Spectrum Internet and WiFi access for 60 days to households with K-12th graders, college students, and/or teachers. The promotion is available for customers who live in a Spectrum market and do not currently have Spectrum internet services.

Buffalo Early Learning Center Builds Outdoor Classroom :30**09/28/20 News2 10pm Monday**

The Buffalo Early Learning Center is building an outdoor classroom. Students will be able to discover the world around them with hands-on activities and stations. The outdoor classroom

concept engages children with nature and exploring their surroundings. This type of learning environment is good for all ages. There will be different centers to provide various learning opportunities for the students, such as a mud kitchen, sandbox, log building area, climbing area, water playing area, garden area and a stage with musical instruments.

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.

Flight Paramedics Take to the Skies During COVID-19 Pandemic :30

07/06/20 News2 10pm Monday

North Platte High School and Mid-Plains Community College alum Michael Vargas has been a flight paramedic for LifeNet for the past eight years and has seen just about everything imaginable. “COVID has quite frankly been a pain for everybody, for healthcare, and everybody out there,” said Vargas. “It’s crazy the way this thing just spreads.” LifeNet has continued to transport and care for the most critically ill, while also protecting themselves on the front lines.

Attendees of Cody Park Event Urged to Get Tested for COVID-19 :30

07/07/20 News2 10pm Tuesday

The West Central District Health Department is asking for help identifying people who may have attended an event called “Music, Friends and Fun” held Wednesday, July 1 at the Cody Park Pavilion. WCDHD said it will help those who attended the event schedule a time and date for testing at no cost. The health department will actively monitor all attendees for 14 days.

Great Plains Health Urges the Public to Remain Vigilant :30

07/08/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

As COVID-19 numbers rise across the nation, Great Plains Health reminds the public to limit their exposure to the virus by following public health guidelines, such as wearing a mask or face covering, maintaining a social distance of six feet from others and practicing good hand hygiene.

Another Daily Surge in COVID-19 Cases Locally :30

08/05/20 News2 Midday Wednesday

All 11 new cases are reported from Lincoln County. This brings total active cases to Lincoln County to 49. There are three active cases in Hooker County for a total of 52 recovering in the district. Since the beginning of the pandemic there have been 123 people confirmed positive for COVID-19. 69 are reported as recovered. 13.34 percent of the population in the WCDHD have been tested (5,203 people). Two people died of complications from the virus earlier in the year.

Potential COVID-19 Exposure in North Platte :30**08/05/20 News2 6pm Wednesday**

The West Central District Health Department is urging anyone who may have been at The Platte Bar and The House Bar in North Platte recently to reach out to the health department to be screened for COVID-19. Positive confirmed COVID-19 cases visited the The Platte Bar on July 30th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the The House Bar on July 30th from 10:15 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. If you also visited these bars during these time frames, you may have been exposed to the virus.

Local Bank Closed Due to Illness :30**08/10/20 News2 6pm Monday**

A representative for Bank of the West in North Platte from the Norfolk branch says the North Platte branch should be open for business again at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, August 17th. The sign posted on the Bank of the West door reads: "This branch is temporarily closed. If you prefer to bank remotely, you can use our online and mobile banking for many of your needs. For alternate branch locations: Go to BANKOFTHEWEST.com Click on LOCATIONS, in the 'Find a branch or ATM' field enter ZIP, or City and State."

Test Nebraska Returns to North Platte :30**08/27/20 News2 Sunrise Thursday**

Test Nebraska is partnering with the West Central District Health Department to administer free COVID-19 tests. Starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 28, citizens are encouraged to head over to the Bank Drive Thru at the Platte River Mall, 220 E Philip Avenue. Test Nebraska will be conducting tests until 1 p.m.

Tick-Related Illness Kills Western Nebraska Man :30**08/31/20 News2 6pm Monday**

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) received a report of a death related to Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, a disease carried by ticks. The man was in his 60s and lived in the West Central District Health Department, which includes Arthur, Hooker, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson and Thomas counties.

Nebraska Once Again Added to Chicago Travel Quarantine Order :30**09/02/20 News2 Sunrise Wednesday**

The Chicago Department of Public Health Commissioner issued an Emergency Travel Order directing people traveling to or from Chicago from states experiencing a surge in new COVID-19 cases to quarantine for 14 days. Chicago officials first issued the quarantine order in early July. Initially, it applied to travelers from 15 states but has been updated weekly based on increasing numbers of confirmed cases of the coronavirus. The latest expansion announced brings the total number of affected states to 22.

West Central Health Answers The Publics COVID-19 Questions :30**09/09/20 News2 10pm Wednesday**

The public asked questions Wednesday night at the West Central Health board meeting. This meeting served as an update on why the current regulations are in place. The board went over their current information such as the effectiveness of masks. They said their goal as a board is to keep the district safe and that is why they do what they do. West Central Health asks for patience as things change every day in these unprecedented times.

North Platte Doctor Dies from COVID-19 Complications :30**09/13/20 News2 10pm Sunday**

Dr. Lamberty was diagnosed with COVID-19 in early September. He is the fourth person in the West Central District Health Department to be claimed by complications from the virus. Dr.

Lamberty's Covid-19 condition is believed to be the result of community-spread. A press release from Great Plains Health saying he was a firm believer in the effectiveness of personal protective equipment and never wavered from wearing it while serving patients in the clinic.

Lincoln County Authorized for Emergency Haying and Grazing

09/12/20 News2 10pm Saturday

USDA will allow emergency haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program Acres in Lincoln County due to drought conditions. Producers must first request Farm Service Agency approval from their county office before beginning any haying or grazing activities.

North Platte's Homecoming Football Game Cancelled Due to COVID-19

09/11/20 News2 Midday Friday

The North Platte Public School is making the announcement Friday's competition versus Bellevue West High School is cancelled. The school announcing that due to an additional number of Bulldog football players being held out of play due to COVID-19 investigation, the school is unable at this late of a notice to be able to fill those voids with players who are ready to play at the varsity level.

Lincoln County Mosquitos Testing Positive with West Nile Virus :30

09/15/20 News2 Midday Tuesday

The West Central District Health Department is issuing the warning to help you avoid being infected with a virus with varying complications. Mosquito pools in Lincoln County testing positive for West Nile Virus. Symptoms of West Nile illness are usually mild, including fever, headache, body aches, fatigue, skin rash on the trunk of the body, swollen lymph glands, and eye pain. However, the symptoms may be more severe, sometimes causing permanent neurological damage, and in some cases may result in death.

Great Plains Health Performs First Brain Surgery :30

09/15/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

Great Plains Health Neurosurgeon, W. Lee Warren, MD and the surgical team performed the first brain surgeries at Great Plains Health. The team performed two different procedures on two different patients that, prior to now, would have had to travel outside of the region to receive this type of care. Both patient outcomes were positive. The equipment used to complete the surgeries is specialized for neurosurgery procedures, includes the first Aesculap 3D robotic surgical microscope that has ever been delivered in the world.

NDCS Reports More Cases of COVID-19 Within Its Staff :30

09/17/20 News2 Sunrise Thursday

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) is reporting more cases of COVID-19 among its staff members. On Wednesday, NDCS said nine staff members were positive for the virus. The staff members are employed at the following locations: Nebraska State Penitentiary (5), Diagnostic and Evaluation Center (2), Lincoln Correctional Center (1), and the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility (1).

Obesity Among US Adults Hits All Time High :30

09/18/20 News2 Sunrise Friday

According to a report released Thursday by the non-profit organization Trust For America's Health, the obesity rate in the United States has hit a new record. The report states the U.S. adult obesity rate passed the 40% mark for the first time, standing at 42.2%. The report found the rate of childhood obesity is also on the rise. The latest data shows 19.3% of those from 2 years old to 19 years old are obese. Obesity comes with serious health consequences including an increased risk of COVID-19 complications.

Inmate with COVID-19 Dies at Hospital :30**09/18/20 News2 Midday Friday**

According to the Nebraska Dept. of Correctional Services, upon admission to the hospital, he tested positive for COVID-19. The inmate had several underlying health conditions, in addition to his recent diagnosis for the coronavirus. He had been hospitalized for two weeks. The exact cause of death has not been determined. As is the case whenever an inmate dies in the custody of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, a grand jury will conduct an investigation.

North Plattes Air Quality in The Moderate Zone :30**09/21/20 News2 Sunrise**

With the seasons changing and new allergens emerging, residents of North Platte need to be concerned with the air quality. According to Monday's readings, North Platte is still in the moderate zone, meaning if you suffer from respiratory illnesses or allergies, you may want to stay indoors. Air quality has been poor in our areas due to the fires near by which increased the number of gases and particles in the air.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT**Property Tax, Abortion Bills Set for Final Votes in Nebraska :30****08/11/20 News2 6pm Tuesday**

Nebraska lawmakers have advanced a property tax and business incentives package and new abortion restrictions through a key procedural vote, despite fervent opposition from some senators in the final days of this year's session. Each measure won second-round approval in the Legislature, just ahead of the end-of-Tuesday deadline for bills to survive this year. They now head to a final, third vote on Thursday, the session's final day, and will then go to Gov. Pete Ricketts, who is expected to sign them.

Lawmakers Pass Tax Cut for Military Retirees :30**08/13/20 News2 Sunrise Thursday**

Military retirees who live in Nebraska will get a tax cut starting in 2022 under a bill slated to become state law. Lawmakers gave the measure final approval Wednesday and sent it to Gov. Pete Ricketts, who proposed it at the start of this year's session. The bill would exempt half of a military retiree's benefits from Nebraska state taxes.

Grand Island Mayor Under COVID Quarantine :30**09/01/20 News2 Midday Tuesday**

Grand Island Mayor Roger Steele is quarantining. Director Teresa Anderson of the Central District Health Department announced late Tuesday morning that Steele was quarantining because of possible exposure to the coronavirus. Anderson did not give any further details of Steele's exposure. A Local4 reporter saw Steele Saturday at the opening ceremonies of the Nebraska State Fair, although it's unknown if that's where he was exposed.

LPD Investigator Returned to Lincoln, Mourned by Many :30**09/07/20 News2 10pm Monday**

Lincoln Police Investigator Mario Herrera was shot on Aug. 26 while trying to serve a warrant. He died early Monday morning. On Monday, along a 60-mile stretch, he was returned to Lincoln, led by police escort from Omaha to Lincoln. That route was lined with

supporters at almost every overpass, at every turn the hearse took. All along the way, people gathered to show respect from the road, to the overpass, to the air. People were waiting for Investigator Herrera as his body was returned home.

Boat Parade on Lake Maloney :30

09/06/20 News2 10pm Sunday

Proud Trump fans met at Lake Maloney today to express their support for his administration. Our community joins the list of areas across the country celebrating The President with a boat parade this weekend. "I think these boat parades just show what is coming for 2020 election day," said event organizer, Jeremy Walz. All of this coming at a time when there has been plenty of discussion regarding voter enthusiasm. The election is now less than two months away.

The North Platte Police Department in Looking for Missing Teen :30

09/09/20 News2 10pm Wednesday

Authorities in North Platte are looking for a 17-year-old girl who hasn't been seen for over a month. According to the North Platte Police Department, she was last seen July 30th and is believed to be in /North Platte. Sanchez is one of fifteen teens who have gone missing this year. Law enforcement said an Endangered Missing Person's Alert is activated when a vulnerable person goes missing. Amber Alerts are activated when a child, 17 years of age and under are kidnapped.

Nebraska Supreme Court Releases Ruling on Ballot Initiatives :30

09/10/20 News2 6pm Thursday

The Nebraska Supreme Court made two major rulings on Thursday, pulling a medical marijuana vote from the November ballot, but reversing the Secretary of State's decision and allowing a gambling initiative to be voted on. It was then passed along to the Nebraska Supreme Court for the ruling where that decision was overturned.

Battle Of The Badges Blood Drive :30

09/11/20 News2 6pm Friday

The tally at the end of the day Friday reveals Team Fire and EMS beat Team Law Enforcement by four donors this year. The 11th Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive, hosted by the American Red Cross, had a goal of 99 pints this year. The 11th Annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive pits the Fire and EMS against law enforcement in our area in a friendly battle to see which can recruit the most blood donors.

North Platte Police Department Awarded :30

09/15/20 News2 10pm Tuesday

The North Platte Police Department was recognized at City Council. They were awarded for their service to the community and their fairness to all citizens. Former Chicago police officer of 20 years, Mike Broom, who is now the President of the Nebraska Coalition of African American Pastors, spoke about his experiences in North Platte with the police department. He stated that officers in town are for the community and he wanted to award them with a plaque from the African Coalition of America.

Constitution Week in North Platte :30

09/17/20 News2 Sunrise Thursday

The Sioux Lookout Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is "ringing in" the start of "Constitution Week" in North Platte at 3:00 p.m. Thursday. The public is invited and encouraged to join the celebration. Bells are being rung at the Sioux Lookout monument south of the Lincoln County Courthouse, and across the nation to "ring in" the start of the celebration recognizing the week of observance for the foundation of the American form of government.

More Early Voters This Year Compared to Previous Elections :30

09/18/20 News2 Midday Friday

Based on the 21,000 early voting application postcards which went to all registered voters earlier this year, there is an influx of applications returning to the election commissioner. Lincoln County Clerk Election Commission Rebecca Rossell predicts that number will increase when the ballots come in. So far, they have received 5,500 applications.

Jury Selection Underway in Bailey Boswell Trial :30

09/23/20 News2 10pm Wednesday

Boswell, now 26, was present during jury selection Wednesday morning in Lexington, several hours from the Wilber home where prosecutors accuse Boswell and co-conspirator Aubrey Trail of killing and dismembering Loofoe. The trial was moved out of Saline County because Boswell's attorney said the case was too high profile to hold it in Saline County. He didn't believe they could find unbiased jurors in the county.

First Responders Respond to Their Groups Success :30

09/23/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) has been a formal group for about three years now. The purpose behind this group is to create a team effort going towards incident management such as accidents, road conditions, and many other forms of accidents. At today's recognition Memorandum of Understandings were given out to the signatories who are part of this group. These documents are a great way to remind the participants of what they are committed to. Without (TIM) first responders would lack having the same communication routines to all of our first responders.

Judge Says 2020 Census Must Continue for Another Month :30

09/25/20 News2 Sunrise Friday

A federal judge has stopped the 2020 census from finishing at the end of September and ordered the once-a-decade head count of every U.S. resident to continue for another month through the end of October, saying a shortened schedule likely would produce inaccurate results. Government attorneys had argued that the census must finish by the end of September to meet a Dec. 31 deadline for turning over numbers used for deciding how many congressional seats each state gets.

First Woman to Serve on US District Court of Nebraska Died Unexpectedly :30

09/25/20 News2 Sunrise Friday

Laurie Smith Camp, a longtime Nebraska attorney who became the first woman to serve on the state's federal district court, died unexpectedly at age 66, court officials said Thursday. John M. Gerrard, the chief judge of Nebraska's federal district court, said Smith Camp died peacefully at her home. The cause of her death wasn't disclosed. Smith Camp was appointed to the court by President George W. Bush in 2001 and was confirmed unanimously by the Senate. She assumed senior judge status in 2018, meaning she was semi-retired but continued to carry an active caseload.

Mayor Proclaims National Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention Day :30

09/26/20 News2 10pm Saturday

In the law enforcement community, there has been a blanket of silence on the topic of suicide. On Friday, Mayor Dwight Livingston with the joint efforts of North Platte Suicide Prevention Coalition proclaimed Sept. 26 to be National Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention day. This decree is a lifeline of support for law enforcement agencies and individuals to seek and receive help, support, understanding, recognition and remembrance on the topic of suicide in their profession.

NSP on Watch for Trash on Roadways :30
09/28/20 News2 10pm Monday

On the route leading to the Transfer Station, Nebraska State Patrol will be looking out for people littering. They will also have a close eye on cars and trucks with loads that are not properly covered with tarp. Trash and other discarded items are piling up on the roadways and organizations, such as Keep North Platte Beautiful, are being stretched thin. Recently, they collected about 700 bags of trash from roadside cleaning efforts.

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

Fort Cody Summer Music Series Goes Virtual :30
07/01/20 News2 Midday Wednesday

Fort Cody Summer Music Series has hit their tenth summer of concerts at Ford Cody but with COVID-19 this year, they are going virtual. They hope by the end of the summer they can have some concerts in person. There is not a charge for watching the concerts but they recommend tipping the artists to show them support.

Rec Center Begins Phase Three of Re-Opening :30
07/01/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

The Rec Center is now in its third phase of reopening. The pools are now open for free swim at 50 percent capacity during pool hours noon to six. The water slide and diving boards are open for use. The sauna and hot tub are still closed. Basketball courts are open to teams and groups instead of only one vs. one game only.

Tree Dedication Ceremony in Honor of Shawna Tatman :30
07/01/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

Shawna Tatman was the executive director for the Senior Center for fifteen years. She died unexpectedly in February 2018. Family and friends gathered Tuesday afternoon for a tree dedication ceremony at the Senior Center to plant a Crimson King Maple in Tatman's honor. Mayor Dwight Livingston also proclaimed June 30th as 'Shawna Tatman Day.'

Frontier County Food Pantry Supports Community with Food :30
07/02/20 News2 6pm Thursday

Frontier County Food Pantry is working together to feed their families of the Curtis community and the surrounding counties. In their new building with more freezers and more space they are able to hold more food to distribute to the community.

North Platte Pow Wow To Honor Veterans :30**07/09/20 News2 6pm Thursday**

North Platte's first annual Pow Wow Contest will take center stage at the Buffalo Bill Scouts Rest Ranch at the end of the month. The three-day event will feature Native American tribes from across the country and will include traditional singing and dancing, as well as an art show, vendors and educational sessions.

Mobile Food Pantry at North Platte High School :30**07/14/20 News2 6pm Tuesday**

28-pound prepackaged boxes filled with nonperishable staples and boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables from the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers to Families Program were shared. Volunteers assemble the community packs at Food Bank for the Heartland to distribute them across the state. They appreciate volunteers for the program.

Artists Being Called for "Historic Posters Re-Imagined" :30**08/11/20 News2 6pm Tuesday**

History Nebraska and Nebraska Arts Council are seeking artists for a new project called, "Historic Posters Re-imagined, 2020 History in the Making". The project is designed to record and increase reflection on 2020 as a year of history in the making by re-imagining historic posters by using historic posters from History Nebraska's collection, as inspiration. Nebraska artists age 18 and up are eligible to submit their qualifications. A selection committee will select ten Nebraska artists to create one 11x17" poster, each to represent a message relevant to 2020 experiences.

The Salvation Army's Fight Against Sex Trafficking :30**08/24/20 News2 6pm Monday**

The North Platte Salvation Army wants to reassure the community that our commitment to fighting human trafficking remains strong. In fact, we are expanding that commitment, as this restructuring changes the delivery model used by the SAFE-T program. Now, we will be delivering anti-human trafficking services through many of our Corps Community Centers throughout the three states we serve—rather than the former approach of service delivery in Nebraska only.

North Platte Woman Sews Hundreds of Masks for Community :30**08/25/20 News2 6pm Tuesday**

With the ongoing pandemic, a local woman is making a difference one mask at a time. Since May, Ann James has been busy in her home sewing masks for the community. So far, she has made more than 700 masks for both adults and children in the last month.

Nebraska Firefighters Battle Colorado Wildfires :30**08/26/20 News2 6pm Wednesday**

As flames light up the Colorado skies, on the ground a crew from Gering, Nebraska battles. "You're sitting on probably a 60 degree slope, walking on moon dust that's a foot thick, and rocks that are the size of trucks that you're trying to walk over," said Jeff Vance, a Gering firefighter. Vance has been fighting fires for 22 years; he knows how to handle the tough situations. The crew is putting in some long overnight hours.

Women's Suffrage Movement Exhibit Showcases Community's History :30**09/07/20 News2 10pm Sunday**

The women's suffrage display at the Lincoln County Historical Museum illustrates the hardship, resilience and pride women here in North Platte and in the United States possessed to get the 19th amendment passed. Women continued to fight for equality not solely based on gender, but for everyone. In 1914, the Nebraska Women's Suffrage Association launched a campaign to place the issue on the ballot. When they were finally

able to pass the partial suffrage law in 1917 here in Nebraska, a referendum was put into place. In 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment, roughly 36 states needed to vote in favor of it for it to become a law.

North Platte Farmers Market Splits :30

09/05/20 News2 10pm Saturday

The North Platte Farmers' Market is undergoing a big change, one that hasn't been seen in its forty-five-year existence. Two long-time vendors who are dissatisfied with the current structure, have opted to find their own business, Platte River Farmers' Market. For now, the community will have two markets they can choose from on Tuesdays and Saturdays just outside the Platte River Mall in North Platte.

Local Elks Lodge Assists North Platte Food Banks :30

09/10/20 News2 10pm Thursday

The Elks Lodge #985 right here in North Platte providing some much-needed assistance to three food pantries. Salvation Army, Grace Ministries, and the North Platte Catholic Community Food Pantry receiving seven hundred- and fifty-dollar checks from The Elks. This is just the latest in the Elks; string of philanthropic efforts. The group is actively recruiting new members and applications can be found on their website "Elks.org"

MCC To Host POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony :30

09/14/20 News2 6pm Monday

McCook Community College will host a POW/MIA remembrance ceremony Sept. 18 in conjunction with National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The event is open to the public, and military veterans are encouraged to attend. The Bridge to Success students and students in one section of the College Success class are helping to coordinate the ceremony.

Colonel Cody Cruise and Shine Car Show :30

09/12/20 News2 10pm Saturday

The 26th Annual Colonel Cody Cruise and Shine Car Show was greeted with many visiting Memorial Park Saturday. The event which is much longer in a traditional year was held on Saturday only due to COVID-19 concerns. Many street rods, rat rods, antique, custom and modified cars and pickups to choose from as a favorite. The car show is always a great event, drawing people into North Platte.

North Platte Plant Swap Opens at Community Garden :30

09/14/20 News2 6pm Monday

For those who are looking for a fun project, a new stand here at the community garden is the place to be. North Platte Plant Swap is now available to the community to find a fun plant or even a decorated rock to take home. Organizer Tynell Jarvis said the plants are free to the public and encourage people to bring plants to swap. Organizers encourage the community to drop off plants even if they don't want to take one.

Big Ten Football Will be Played Without Fans :30

09/16/20 News2 Midday Wednesday

The Big Ten football season will start the weekend of October 23, but fans will be cheering from the couch. Sandy Barbour, Big Ten VP for Intercollegiate Athletics, said there will be no fans or public sales of tickets at Big Ten football games this fall.

Salvation Army Launces Holiday Relief Fundraiser :30

09/16/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

The Salvation Army North Platte is seeing an increased need from the community, as families are left struggling with financial hardships caused by Covid-19. Because of the increased demand, the group is launching their annual holiday fundraising campaign earlier

than ever before. Donations from the community will help local families to put food on the table, pay bills, provide shelter, and place gifts under the tree.

Community Connections Lincoln County Providing Opportunities :30

09/18/20 News2 Midday Friday

Community Connections Lincoln County is an umbrella for various programs such as Asset Team, Impact Team, and Lincoln County Youth Leaders. The programs are fit for all students, because the skills and opportunities they provide will translate into children's adult lives. Community Connection Mentoring provides mentorship to 4th - 7th graders. Students are paired with an adult mentor to help bring new experiences to the child's life. They meet four hours each month and also participate in group activities.

Luminary Ceremony for Loved Ones with Cancer Lights Up The Streets :30

09/17/20 News2 10pm Thursday

In Ogallala there was a Luminary Ceremony to honor those with cancer with bags that lit up the streets of downtown Ogallala. Those who have loved ones they want to honor, or have a luminary in memory of, had the chance to put their loved one's name on a bag, with a light inside. A little over 300 bags lined the streets of Ogallala and those passing by got to view the site. Relay for Life of the Plains raised a grand total of about \$27 thousand dollars in Lincoln County and Keith County.

Lincoln County Historical Museum Pancake Brunch :30

09/17/20 News2 6pm Thursday

On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Lincoln County Historical Museum is having an all you can eat pancake brunch. Admission is \$4 for children between six and 15-years-old and \$7 for anyone 16-years-old or older. Not only does this include the all you can eat brunch... but your fee for pancakes gives you full admittance to the museum for the day. The Director at The Lincoln County Historical Museum explains the importance of the fundraiser, saying, "Our funds will go into our general operating expenses. These funds help us operate the museum in both the summer and wintertime."

St. Patricks Sunday Brunches with A Treat :30

09/21/20 News2 Sunrise Monday

Every third Sunday of the month, St. Patrick's holds a breakfast brunch. Besides good food and fellowship, there will be a raffle with a chance to win a special prize. The annual prize for the upcoming raffle is a meat cooker.

Ogallala Kicks Off Indian Summer Rendezvous :30

09/18/20 News2 6pm Friday

The 36th annual Indian Summer Rendezvous is continuing its three day celebration throughout the weekend. There is live music, contests, food vendors and more. The Keith County committee has worked countless hours to make sure the event could take place. Organizers are encouraging masks and sanitizing spray. This year's focus is family. Organizers said they felt they needed to show Ogallala they care.

Walking Out of The Darkness :30

09/22/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is hosting an event in North Platte at Cody Park on Sunday, October 11. The "Out of the Darkness" walk is being held to raise awareness for suicide prevention. Registration for the walk begins at 4 p.m., and the walk

begins at 4:30 p.m. Or, you may pre-register at [AFSP.ORG/NORTHPLATTE](https://www.afsp.org/northplatte). There will be fun, games, and "hope".

Benefit For Young Woman With Brain Injury :30

09/22/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

28-year old Alaina Connelly of Ogallala is recovering from a July 28 accident which left her with a traumatic brain injury. Now, a benefit to help her with medical expenses is being held on Saturday, September 26. Organizer Tami Stombaugh says Alaina was hurt just four days after her birthday this year, and while she is now out of the hospital, she faces more surgeries in the future.

Growing Together Nebraska Garden Feeds Local Food Pantries :30

09/22/20 News2 Midday Tuesday

Growing Together Nebraska Food Pantry Garden has grown and delivered over 1,400 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables to three local pantries. This garden at the West Central Research and Extension Center came to be thanks to a USDA grant of \$1,300 dollars. Their goal is to educate volunteers on the gardening process and to make fresh produce accessible to people who are on limited incomes and budgets.

Softball Fundraiser for Pediatric Brain Cancer :30

09/27/20 News2 10pm Sunday

The 5th Annual MayDay 4 Grady softball fundraiser featuring sixteen teams ranging from Cheyenne to Omaha. The event usually happens in May but due to COVID-19, the event was postponed to this weekend. The event is named after tournament director Bill Simants' son Grady. "Grady is still battling brain cancer and with all the people who have reached out to us and want to help and want to support, I think it means something for us as a family when we get that support. It kind of restores your faith in humanity and people do care," said Simants.

New Archery Range Open to the Public :30

09/25/20 News2 10pm Friday

There is now an Archery Range at the Buffalo Bill State Recreation Area. This is North Platte's first non-membership driven archery. Around a dozen volunteers worked together to measure out targets and build. This outdoor archery range has targets from 10 to 60 yards. It is available to the public. All you need is a Game and Parks sticker to get in, and your own bow. Parking passes range from 25 dollars to 35 dollars a year. Or 6 dollars a day. You can buy these parking passes online on the game and parks website.

Rape/Domestic Abuse Program Receives Funding During COVID-19

09/26/20 News2 10pm Saturday

The global health pandemic has caused many businesses to close their doors or modify their hours of operations. Volunteers and workers at the Rape/Domestic Abuse Program (RDAP) in North Platte have never stopped working. Funding from the Cares Act and donations through the mid-Nebraska community foundation helped them make accommodations to their program to help survivors in need. The COVID funding received has been instrumental in modifying programs in place to help survivors such as the support group which will reconvene in October in a larger space.

KNOP/KIIT PSA's PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT

OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

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

of Times Aired

3rd Quarter PSA Totals	KNOP	KIIT/NNOP
Alcohol & Drugs	6	203
Animal Welfare	56	324
Consumer Protection	22	161
Education	5	303
Environment/Ag	1	71
Family/Community	105	99
Health & Fitness	244	624
Military/Government	179	124
Safety	19	269
Outdoors/Recreation/Tourism	37	177
Volunteerism/Donations	92	1009
Kid Targeted	38	449
EEO/Public Files	267	318