



**KNOP-TV
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**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

7:00a

Monday thru Friday 6:00-

NEWS 2 MIDDAY

NEWS 2 AT 6PM

6:00-6:30p

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

Monday thru Saturday

NEWS 2 AT 10PM

10:35p

Monday thru Sunday 10:00-

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

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

Regular NBC Network News Programs Carried by KNOP:

EARLY TODAY

TODAY SHOW

Friday 7:00-11:00am

Monday thru Friday 5:30-6:00am

Monday thru

NBC NIGHTLY NEW

Sunday 5:00-5:30pm

Monday thru

SATURDAY TODAY SHOW

9:00am

Saturdays

7:00-

SUNDAY TODAY SHOW

8:00am

Sundays

7:00-

MEET THE PRESS

Sundays

8:00-9:00am

On KIIT

News 2 @ 10pm (Repeat)

12:30am

Sundays

Monday thru Friday 12:00-

Pure Nebraska

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

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

Troopers Find 262 LBS of Marijuana in I-80 Traffic Stop :30

07/08/21 News2 Midday Thursday

According to NSP, at approximately 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, a trooper performed a traffic stop on an eastbound Ford Transit Van for driving on the shoulder of I-80 near Lexington at mile marker 238. During the traffic stop, an NSP K9 detected the odor of a controlled substance coming from inside the vehicle. Troopers searched the vehicle and located 262 pounds of marijuana contained in large boxes in the cargo area of the van. The driver, David Hernandez Fuentes, 24, of Ceres, California, was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and no drug tax stamp. He was lodged in Dawson County Jail.

Grant Will Cover Overtime to Keep Drunk Drivers off the Road :30

07/19/21 News2 Midday Monday

The Lincoln County Commissioners voted to sign a grant application that would pay for the Lincoln County Sheriff's overtime as part of the Drive Sober or get Pulled Over campaign between Aug. 20 - Sept. 1. The amount for the Office of Highway Safety grant would be \$15,120 and the sheriff's office applies for these grants on a regular basis.

Troopers Find Drugs and Weapons for Multiple Incidents :30

08/02/21 News2 Midday Monday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol have arrested several people after finding controlled substances and firearms in multiple incidents. During the encounter, the trooper detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside one of the vehicles, a Toyota Camry. Troopers then performed a search of the vehicle and located five pounds of methamphetamine and seven ounces of marijuana. Troopers also located a handgun.

Fentanyl Related Overdose Deaths Spike :30

08/17/21 News2 5pm Tuesday

Investigators with the Drug Enforcement Administration Omaha Division, Lincoln Police Department, Omaha Police Department and Nebraska State Patrol are alerting the public to an increase in overdose deaths that began August 10, from fentanyl-laced drugs.

NSP Arrests 55 Latest Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign :30

09/09/21 News2 6pm Thursday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol removed from the road 55 impaired drivers during the annual *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign to close out the summer travel season. During the campaign, troopers made 55 arrests for driving under the influence. Troopers also issued citations for speeding (930), driving under suspension (91), no proof of insurance (71), minor in possession (9), open alcohol container (18), no seat belt (20), and improper child restraint (8). During the two-week effort, troopers also performed 796 motorist assists. The *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign ran from August 20 through September 6. The effort was made possible thanks in part to a grant for \$25,000 from the Nebraska Department of Transportation – Highway Safety Office.

Logan County Couple Arrested After Pursuit :30

09/14/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

A pursuit in excess of 100-miles per hour at time ended Monday near Stapleton with a Logan County couple arrested. 36-year old Joseph Duran of Logan County is jailed in North Platte after taking a Lincoln County deputy on a high speed chase out of Lincoln County and into Logan County. His wife, 36-year old Alissa Duran is in the Custer County jail for attempting to recover drugs from the incident. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department reports that during the pursuit, Duran was seen throwing out at least two bags from his vehicle. A search of the bag revealed almost one pound of suspected dispensary Marijuana. A Nebraska State Patrol Trooper recovered another bag that contained at least four ounces of suspected Methamphetamine.

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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Wild Bat Found in Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo :30

07/09/21 News2 6pm Friday

Dozens of people who spent the night at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium during a series of camps last weekend are due for a round of rabies shots after a potential exposure at recent overnight events. “On Sunday, July 4, one guest reported to the campout leader that she awoke and noticed a wild bat near her head,” Friday's release from the zoo states. No scratches or bite marks were found on the female, but zoo workers rounded up and seven wild bats from inside the Scott Aquarium, where a series of overnight campouts was

held over the weekend. The bats were sent for rabies testing to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Veterinary Diagnostic Center, and the Douglas County Health Department was notified about the potential exposure.

Paws on the Platte Take Over Westfield Shopping Center :30

07/15/21 News2 6pm Thursday

The ceramic dogs from Paws on the Platte continue their grand tour around North Platte. This weekend, the Westfield Shopping Center is hosting their second "Who let the dogs out?" event. There will be a petting zoo, storytime, and games. This event takes place from 3-5 p.m. on July 16. Next week is the Paws on the Platte's community art celebration and auction. The dogs from this year's Paws on the Platte will be auctioned off as a part of the Paws-itive partner fundraiser on July 23 at Pals Brewery.

Lets Fair with the Dogs :30

07/19/21 Local4 6pm Monday

The Lincoln County Fair of 2021 has begun and the 4-H Club and Open Class Dog Shows were held Monday afternoon at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Many dogs of all shapes and sizes went out to the fairgrounds to show their stuff by impressing the judges with tricks and skills that they have learned from their owners. The shows featured handlers with their dogs in obedience and agility.

4H Goat Show at Lincoln County Fair :30

07/21/21 News2 6pm Wednesday

4-H contestants gathered at the Lincoln County Fair Wednesday afternoon as they begin to show off their precious livestock. First on the docket was the goat showcase. Goats of all shapes, sizes and colors looked to be named best in show. Dairy goats even got their own category. Other animals on display Wednesday include sheep, rabbits, beef and poultry. Competitors were as happy as ever to show off their animals.

Pawsitive Partners Auctions Paws Platte Dogs :30

07/23/21 News2 10pm Friday

On July 23, the ceramic dogs from this year's Paws on the Platte were auctioned off at Pal's Brewery. Paws-itive Partners hosted the Paws on the Platte fundraiser to unite the community with art and raise money to help animals. The fundraiser used 25 white ceramic dog statues. This allowed artists to unleash their creativity and bring their dogs to life and theme their dogs around things like North Platte, celebrities, movies, activities, occupations, songs, famous artists, and their own pets.

Kids Race Turtles and Toads at the Lincoln County Fair :30

07/26/21 News2 6pm Monday

The Lincoln County Fair had many activities for kids. On Sunday, July 24, the Lincoln County Ag Society hosted the toad and turtle races. In order to participate, kids caught their own turtles and toads. For the races, the turtles and toads were placed in the center of a circle with a bucket over them. The turtles and toads then take off to see who is the fastest getting out of the circle. After the races, some kids chose to keep their turtles while others release them back into nature.

Animal Artwork Display :30

07/27/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

Tuesday the Prairie Arts Center hosted the Animal House art exhibit. At the showcase, the artists were able to show their skills and talent to the judges. "This month for the month of July, we have Animal House here at the gallery. It's this month's exhibit that allows artists all

over the area to come in and show off their talent.” The contestants were able to do their work in any medium such as paint, pastel, photography, and many others. The significance of this contest is for people to show their connections they have with their pets.

Serving North Platte Community :30

08/01/21 News2 10pm Sunday

The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office has a partner that has been dedicated to serving the North Platte community. Her name is Bella and she has been with the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office for over two years. With great energy and eagerness she is a serious asset to the team. “Bella is a 3-year old black lab. She was acquired in the spring of 2019. Her and I have been partners since then. She has deployed almost 100 times,” Lincoln County K-9 Handler Brett Schmidt said. Statistics for Bella during her time at the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office include over 90 drug searches and over 30 arrests.

4H Horse Show at Logan County :30

08/09/21 News2 Midday Monday

The Logan County Fair has a slew of events for 4H members this week and it all started Monday morning with the horse show. Contestants arrived starting at 8 a.m. and showcased their animals in divisions ranging from age to breed and were judged based on the figure of the horse. This includes the shape and muscle structure. Contestants are very proud of their hard work and were excited to show off their horses.

Pups Raise Money for North Platte Community Connection :30

09/13/21 News2 6pm Monday

People and dogs of all ages made their way to the starting line Saturday morning for the 10th Annual Doggy Dash in North Platte. Perfect weather for an early morning one-mile family run and 5K out at North Platte’s Cody Park. Community Connections Board Member Amy Wulfskill introduced the 10th Annual Doggy Dash, thanking sponsors and those running in the event. Wulfskill explained proceeds from the Doggy Dash benefits two programs, the Substance Abuse Prevention Program and the Community Connections Mentoring Program.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Tyson Foods Recalls More than 8 Million Pounds of Chicken Products :30

07/03/21 News2 6pm Saturday

Tyson Foods is recalling more than 8 million pounds of chicken products that may be contaminated with Listeria, a bacteria that can be especially dangerous for pregnant women. The recall includes frozen, fully cooked chicken products made between December 26, 2020 and April 13, 2021. Three people have become ill and one has died of infections tied to pre-cooked chicken produced at Tyson Foods, the USDA said. Investigators are looking for others who may have gotten sick after eating the chicken.

FBI Says Reports Hate Crimes Rising Nebraska and Iowa :30

07/08/21 News2 10pm Thursday

FBI officials in the Omaha area say that, in the past few years, our region of Iowa and Nebraska — and across the country — reports of hate crimes are increasing. FBI officials in Omaha want to make sure that any possible hate crimes in our area don’t go unnoticed. The reporting of incidents that fall in the gray area of free speech and actually committing a crime are up locally, and the complaints are not coming against any particular hate groups.

Schuler Man Scammed into Bitcoin Investment :30

07/15/21 News Midday Thursday

A Schuyler man claims to have lost nearly \$33,000 in an investment scam, according to the Grand Island Police Department. GIPD said Edwin Castillo reportedly lost \$32,980.65 over the course of eight months by being advised to invest in the popular cryptocurrency Bitcoin. According to Castillo, the website he used to invest the money in has since crashed and he's no longer able to access it. The Grand Island Police Department handled Castillo's report.

Hastings Utilities Warns Scams Attempts :30

07/30/21 News2 Midday Friday

Scammers are once again disguising themselves as the Hastings Utilities Department, and customers are asked to be aware of these attempts to get their money or personal information. The department reported that an automated call is warning customers that their utilities will be disconnected within 30 minutes unless immediate payment is provided. The call prompts the customer to dial 1 on a call menu to reach a customer service representative. The Hastings Utilities Department does not operate in this manner and has never employed an outside agency to collect payments.

Omaha Meat Processor Recalls more than 295,000 Pounds of Raw Beef :30

07/31/21 News2 6pm Saturday

An Omaha meat processor has recalled more than 295,000 pounds of raw beef products intended to be made into ground beef that may be contaminated with E. coli. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced Greater Omaha Packing's recall Thursday. The beef products were produced on July 13 and bear establishment number "EST. 960A" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The packages were distributed in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota and Nebraska. Officials say contamination was discovered when FSIS collected a routine product sample that confirmed positive for the presence of E. coli.

CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

Pleasanton Man Who Died in Fatal Shooting Faced Multiple Charges :30

07/07/21 News2 10pm Wednesday

According to court records, 23-year-old Marcus S. Keyser of Pleasanton, was scheduled to appear in Buffalo County District Court on Tuesday for a hearing on three charges of felony first-degree sexual assault in December of 2020. Keyser pleaded not guilty to those charges. Court documents show Keyser allegedly assaulted two victims on three separate charges. The charges were dismissed Wednesday in Buffalo County. In a press release, the Lexington Police Department said the shooting occurred at 3:11 a.m. on Tuesday on the 800 block of West 9th Street. No further details were provided.

Losing Control :30

07/07/21 News2 10pm Wednesday

An Oregon man lost control of his vehicle on July 6 just before 7 p.m. south of Maxwell on South Cottonwood Canyon Road. 43-year old Tucker Mortensen of Tualatin, Oregon was

arrested arrested for Driving Under the Influence First Offense after failing a field sobriety test. The test was confirmed further with a breath sample above the legal limit at the Lincoln County Detention Center. Mortensen was issued a citation for Driving Under the Influence and released to an adult, as possible injuries from the accident kept him from being able to be incarcerated.

Van Crashes into Local Salon :30

07/08/21 News2 Midday Thursday

A 74-year old woman walked away uninjured after her vehicle crashed into a local salon Wednesday afternoon. First responders were dispatched to Salon Callidora at 3 p.m.. Police say Marlene Rowlette attempted to park her Dodge Caravan when she hit the accelerator rather than the break. There were no injuries in the accident. About 50 thousand dollars worth of damages is estimated.

80 Year Old Woman Sentenced 8-10 Years :30

07/12/21 News2 10pm Monday

On July 12, Lavetta Langdon, an 80-year-old McCook woman, appeared in Red Willow County Court for sentencing after being convicted of murdering her husband, Larry Langdon in August of 2020. Court documents said she shot him twice in his sleep and confessed to the police. The two had been married since 1960. Lavetta said she was abused for over fifty years by her husband. Red Willow County Attorney Paul Wood, on behalf of the state, gave insights from doctors on Lavetta's case to show that there was a motive and that it gave elements of first-degree murder. Larry's murder was captured on a home security video and reviewed by the judge.

Nebraska Man Killed After Being Pinned Between Semitrailers :30

07/13/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

Authorities say a man has died after being pinned between two semitrailer trucks in southwestern Nebraska. The Omaha World-Herald reports that the accident happened Sunday in Wauneta, killing 54-year-old Brian Stute of Benkelman. The Nebraska State Patrol says Stute had parked his semi at a grain elevator to unload and was at the rear of the trailer when the driver of another semi parked behind his. Investigators say that when the other driver got out to talk to Stute, the rig rolled down a slope and pinned Stute. He was taken to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The patrol is investigating.

Colorado Man Arrested Following Chase in Buffalo County :30

07/16/21 Local4 Midday Friday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol have arrested a Colorado man following a pursuit on Interstate 80 early Friday morning. At approximately 1:30 a.m. Friday, a trooper clocked a 2012 Audi traveling 103 miles per hour on I-80 eastbound near Kearney. The trooper attempted a traffic stop, but the vehicle accelerated and fled. The trooper initiated a pursuit. The vehicle reached speeds in excess of 150 miles per hour during the pursuit, before the vehicle exited at the Shelton interchange, driving north to Highway 30 and eventually stopping after becoming high-centered on railroad tracks at the junction of Highway 30 and Schauppsville road.

TN Man Sentenced Child Porn Case Following Stop Nebraska :30

07/22/21 News2 6pm Thursday

A Tennessee man has been sentenced to more than 30 years for producing child pornography. US District Court Judge for Nebraska John Gerrad sentenced Robert Lee

Wright, 38, to 400 months imprisonment for production of child pornography and distribution of child pornography. There is no parole in the federal system. After his release, Wright will be on supervised release for life and be required to register as a sex offender. Additionally, Wright was ordered to pay \$66,000 in restitution.

3 Year Old Missing at Johnson Lake Drowned :30

07/22/21 News2 Sunrise Thursday

The Gosper County Sheriff's Office says a 3-year-old girl drowned at Johnson Lake after a flotation toy she was on overturned. A news release says that the child, identified as Avery Grace Mendiola, of Lexington, was riding on a flotation toy that had drifted out to the main area of the lake. Authorities were called around 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday after witnesses said the toy flipped over and the child fell into the water. Initial reports indicated the child wasn't wearing a life jacket.

Two Suspects Arraigned in Lexington Drive By Shooting :30

07/27/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

Two 19-year-old suspects accused of killing a Lexington man earlier this month in a drive-by shooting were arraigned in Dawson County Court Tuesday morning. Adalberto Saenz-Gonzalez and Francisco Hernandez-Corona appeared before Judge Jeffrey Wightman. They are being charged with first-degree murder and use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony in the shooting death of 23-year-old Marcus Keyser. Both men plead not guilty to the charges. They are being held in the Dawson County Detention Center on \$1 million bonds. The Lexington Police Department said Keyser was found with gun shot wounds in front of his garage on the 800 block of West 9th Street at around 3 a.m. on July 6.

Sentencing Hearing Set for November :30

08/02/21 News2 10pm Monday

A sentencing hearing has been set in the case of Bailey Boswell. Boswell was convicted last October of killing and dismembering Sydney Loofe in 2017. According to the Nebraska Judicial Branch, the case is slated for Nov. 8, 2021 at 10 a.m. before a three-judge panel. The panel includes Judge Vicky L. Johnson, Judge Darla S. Ideus and Judge Peter C. Bataillon. The three-judge panel will decide whether there's enough evidence to warrant the death penalty. The hearing will be held on the third floor of the Saline County Courthouse in Wilber. The defendant is ordered to be transported to the courthouse by the sheriff.

1 Million Bond Set for Brian Rosenthal :30

08/03/21 News2 Midday Tuesday

A Nemaha County judge set Brian Rosenthal's bond at \$1 million on Tuesday morning. He would have to pay 10 percent of that to get out of jail. Rosenthal is accused of sexually assaulting a child on four occasions between December 2017 and February 2018. According to court documents filed in Nemaha County, the child was between the ages of 12-16 years old. Each count carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison if convicted.

Indian Meadows Golf Course Facing Thousands of Dollars in Damage :30

08/03/21 News2 10pm Tuesday

Few details are known about the damage caused at North Platte's Indian Meadows Golf Course. Damage was found with golf carts, and the golf course itself. People are asked to contact the North Platte Police Department or Lincoln County Sheriff's Department with any information about the vandalism. News 2 is being told estimates of damage to the carts and course could reach as high as \$50,000.

Nebraska State Trooper Passes Away :30

08/05/21 News2 10pm Thursday

The Nebraska State Patrol family is mourning the sudden loss of Trooper Nicholas Goodwin #73. Trooper Goodwin, 37, passed away Thursday in Scottsbluff. He was a 14-year veteran of the Nebraska State Patrol and served in the Carrier Enforcement Division, stationed in Scottsbluff. Trooper Goodwin was found early Thursday afternoon inside his patrol vehicle, outside the NSP office in Scottsbluff, with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. NSP has requested that the Scottsbluff County Sheriff's Office investigate the incident.

Pilot Walks Away in Experimental Plane Crash in Fillmore County :30**08/06/21 News2 6pm Friday**

A pilot from Arkansas walked away after his experimental plane crashed Friday morning in a Nebraska cornfield. Fillmore County Sheriff Bill Burgess said the crash happened around 7 a.m. Burgess said Peter Muller of Clinton, Arkansas told him that his plane lost power while he was trying to fly between Manhattan, Kansas and Grand Island. The plane crashed into a cornfield just north of Highway 6 about four miles west of Fairmont. Burgess said Muller was flying the plane in stages as part of a longer trip from Clinton, Arkansas to Boise, Idaho.

Man Nearly Beaten to Death Arrest Made :30**08/12/21 News2 Midday Thursday**

The North Platte Police Department is naming the young man in a violent assault in North Platte as 23-year-old Geoffery Allen. Allen has died from his injuries. Now, 20-year old Logan Divine is being charged with 1st Degree Murder and Use of a Weapon to Commit a Felony. According to police, 20-year-old Logan Divine hit, kicked and struck the victim with a baseball bat several times at two locations in North Platte.

Kenesaw Suspect Now at Mary Lanning :30**09/13/21 News2 6pm Monday**

The man whose actions forced Kenesaw residents to shelter-in-place for several hours Saturday is now in the Behavioral Services Unit at Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings. Adams County Chief Deputy Kevin Mauck told Local4 Monday that the man was taken into custody around 4:30 p.m. Saturday near the railroad tracks on the west side of Kenesaw. A message Saturday from the Adams County Emergency Management office indicated that there was man walking around town carrying a weapon. Mauck said the man reportedly threatened to harm himself, but no weapon was found when the suspect was taken into custody. He was then taken to Mary Lanning hospital.

Man Found Deceased Near South River Bridge :30**09/14/21 News2 Midday Monday**

Police were called to the 1500 Block of South Jeffers at around 10:37 a.m. Sunday. Public Information Officer Matt Elder said officers found a 59-year-old man deceased under the bridge. Investigators determined there was no foul play and the man died of natural causes. The North Platte Police Department extends its condolences to the family of the deceased. The North Platte Fire Department and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office also assisted with the investigation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / JOBS / MONEY MATTERS**Ribbon Cutting at The Fix :30**

07/08/21 News2 6pm Thursday

The Fix in North Platte opened in January and held its ceremonial ribbon cutting on Thursday. The small business serves healthy drinks such as tea and protein shakes. The North Platte chamber was in attendance to support The Fix, which has a great relationship with owners Joslyn Forbes and Traci Hanes. The event finished with one lucky patron winning tickets to see Garth Brooks in Lincoln next month. Forbes and Hanes are very proud with how the community has accepted their business.

Valentino's Wants to Come Back to North Platte :30**07/14/21 News2 Midday Wednesday**

With locations in 18 Nebraska cities, Valentino's wants to add Hastings, North Platte, Scottsbluff, and more to the map. They are looking for potential franchise owners to open new To-Go and Express locations. Valentino's To-Go and Express locations focus on carryout and delivery with express "pizza by the slice" options and family value packs. To-Go locations could be featured in business districts or busy intersections, while Express locations could be added onto existing businesses like convenience stores. As Valentino's continues to pass on their family traditions and recipes, they hope to continue growing their franchises in Nebraska.

Business Celebrates One Year Anniversary by Relocating :30**07/16/21 News2 6pm Friday**

CR Rustic is celebrating its anniversary by relocating to the old Once More With Style building. CR Rustic has been a part of downtown North Platte for one year. "The downtown has had a huge revitalization. When we started here, there was no road, no sidewalks, and we were in the middle in COVID," said Owner Rob Derbyshire. "In the last six months, they have added new bricks, new signage, the lights and the archway. It's amazing." This new move doubles CR Rustics space which allows for more vendors more merchandise.

Pepperjax Grill Going Strong its First Week Business North Platte :30**07/21/21 News2 6pm Wednesday**

Pepperjax Grill is officially open in North Platte and business is going strong. The restaurant is in its third day of business. A soft opening was held on Monday with business going full speed on Tuesday. About 300 people walked in the door by the 3 p.m. on Wednesday. The restaurant was scheduled to open last year but was delayed due to COVID-19. Managers say they're glad to finally be in the community.

Second Annual Big Idea in North Platte Kicks Off :30**07/26/21 News2 6pm Monday**

The Big Idea North Platte Contest is back in a very big way. The North Platte Area Chamber and Development Corporation kicked off the second annual event Monday morning. This year, they are partnering with Eagle Communications. The contest gives entrepreneurs the opportunity to pitch their ideas and receive cash prizes. The cash prizes for this year will triple thanks to the generous donation from the Schmidt Foundation in the amount of \$29,250. The first place winner will win \$8,000.

Employees Lincoln Family Dollar All Quit :30**08/08/21 News2 6pm Sunday**

A Family Dollar store in Lincoln is back open Monday, after having a sign on its door the previous day indicating everyone had quit. The store located near 48th Street and Leighton Avenue was closed on Sunday with this message posted on the entrance: "We all Quit. Sorry for the inconvenience." This is now the second business to have a situation such as this one. A Burger King in Lincoln back in July saw all nine employees quit. The last two-Family Dollar employees decided to quit on Sunday, and they were the ones to put up the orange sign. Former employees said the store manager quit 4 or 5 days ago.

Pals Brewing Company Host Battle Non Profits :30
08/11/21 News2 10pm Wednesday

The Rape and Domestic Abuse Program, Prairie Arts Center, Guardians of the Children, and Families First Partnership will battle it out this Saturday at Pal's Brewing Company. The non-profits will compete in volleyball, cornhole, and yard darts, and giant Jenga for the championship title. The competition is in its first year and will help raise funds for Lincoln County's Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

Groundbreaking Held for North Platte's New Mall :30
09/14/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for North Platte's new mall, District 177 Tuesday morning. New Generation Construction started construction on the 28-acre mall complex in June after the project was approved by the city council. Rev Development of Lincoln is behind the \$75 million project. The plan is to convert the mall into an outward entering strip mall with a mixture of apartment commercial buildings. The 241,000 square foot building will consist of a four-story apartment complex with 96 units. The name, District 177, derives from the community's rich Canteen spirit, as well as the Canteen District in the downtown area.

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.

Storm Damage Delays US Senior Opens 3rd Round in Omaha :30
07/10/21 News2 6pm Saturday

A severe overnight storm with damaging winds has caused the third round of the U.S. Senior Open to be pushed back three hours. Winds topping 50 mph knocked over television camera towers and downed trees at the Omaha Country Club and left about 200,000 people across the city without electricity. Tournament officials had announced Friday that play would begin at 7:15 a.m. local time, with the hope of avoiding inclement weather. But heavy rain and high winds began shortly after midnight, and there was a continued threat of storms throughout the day. Jim Furyk starts the day with a two-shot lead.

NPPD Continues Restore Power Throughout Nebraska :30
07/11/21 News2 5pm Sunday

Nebraska Public Power District continues to restore power to customers following the strong storms that moved across the state Friday evening and Saturday morning. Plattsmouth still has approximately 330 customers without power at 4 p.m. Sunday and crews will work through the remaining evening hours to reduce that number but will not be completed until Monday. The challenge has been the number of broken wooden poles and downed trees on lines. Once crews break for the night, they will return Monday to complete the restoration work. Crews working the response are from Plattsmouth and South Sioux City.

Emergency Management Prepping for Severe Heat :30

07/26/21 News2 6pm Monday

During the next few days, a heat wave will be moving through the area, putting people and experts on alert. The Lincoln County Emergency Management team is always preparing to help as weather conditions change. A heat advisory is in place through Wednesday, so Myers says to stay hydrated, stay indoors as much as possible, take breaks if working outside, and to check on the elderly and other high risk groups in the community.

Air Quality Problems Through the Weekend :30

07/31/21 News2 MIDDAY Friday

Temperatures have dropped significantly over the last 12 hours due to a cold front, but with the cold front, it has brought smoke with it from the western United States and Canada. Air quality issues will be a problem through the remainder of the weekend into early next week. People of sensitive groups including people with asthma, allergies, and the like need to take extra precaution this weekend.

Meteor Shower Viewings are Affected by Smoggy Weather Conditions :30

07/31/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

The Delta Aquariid Meteor Shower has been lighting the night skies across the region over the past week, but the viewing will be affected by the smoggy weather conditions here in North Platte. Due to the fires and an area of high pressure that will be moving into the region overnight Saturday and Sunday, the viewing of the meteors will be hard to come by Saturday night. According to National Weather Service meteorologists, the smoke is to continue to through Saturday evening, but clear out later in the night, giving some people the opportunity to see some of the spectacle.

Wildfire Breaks Out Nebraska Panhandle :30

08/06/21 News2 6pm Friday

Multiple state agencies and local resources are working to control a large wildfire that broke out around 7 p.m. Thursday. The fire has burned an estimated 2,500 acres in Banner County, southeast of Harrisburg. Banner County submitted an emergency declaration to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency Friday morning. NEMA requested a State Declaration to the Governor which has been approved. A Nebraska State Emergency Response Team, and a type 3 Incident Management Team will support response activities.

State Climatologist Talks About Climate Change Impact Nebraska :30

08/09/21 News 6pm Monday

The United Nations sounded the alarm on climate change Thursday, following a new report they called “a code red for humanity.” CO2 levels are higher than they’ve ever been, and temperatures have risen faster in the last 50 years than they have at any other time. Climate change is now “unequivocally caused” by humans. Shulski said that while humans may be the cause of this change, they are also the solution. She said the first step in the right direction is talking about climate change, recognizing the human impact and finding a way to reduce our state’s carbon footprint.

Two Wildfires Break Out Nebraska Panhandle :30

09/17/21 News 2 Sunrise Friday

Firefighters in Western Nebraska are battling two wildfires out in the Panhandle. One fast-moving wildfire, a few miles south of Crawford, prompted evacuations for residents in the Dawes County area. According to a Facebook post from Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands, the Dawes County Sheriff's Office was notifying residents with door-to-door directions to evacuate. The Nebraska State Patrol was providing updates on the situation late into Thursday night. They also reported a second fire breaking out to the west of the Scottsbluff/Gering area, south of Mitchell and Morrill. Further details about this fire haven't been released at this time.

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.

Kids Klub 5K Held at Cody Park :30**07/09/21 News2 Midday Friday**

The Kid's Klub held their 5th annual 5K run at Cody Park. Kids of all ages and their parents had a blast after weeks of preparation. The kids got plenty of exercise such as swimming in order to get them in tip-top shape for the big day. The run was cancelled last year due to the pandemic and 2021 saw a slight decline in kids to around 150, but the amount of adults running alongside the children was as high as ever.

Prairie Arts Center Offer Open Studio Ceramic Classes :30**07/14/21 News2 6pm Wednesday**

The Prairie Arts Center continues to fire things up by adding new classes this summer. The center is offering open studio classes every Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Projects range from \$10 to \$50. Participants can also sign up for a double dips evening class where they can paint or glaze an ice cream bowl, which includes a gift certificate to Double Dips. A dog bowl glazing class, along with evening and Saturday open studio classes are also on the agenda.

Hershey Public Schools 179 Million Expansion Project :30

07/16/21 Local4 6pm Friday

Hershey Public Schools is working on a multi-million dollar expansion and renovation project targeting different areas of the school. The project will cost \$17.9 million. Hershey residents will vote on whether the school district can move forward using funds from school bonds. With this project, the district has no plans on increasing enrollment. The goal is to increase the quality of learning for current and future students. The Hershey Public Schools' current enrollment is 520 students. Over the course of 20 years, this project invests \$1,755 per student.

Vacation Bible School Comes Close :30**07/22/21 News2 6pm Thursday**

The 2021 Vacation Bible School at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is in the books after a week of crafts, games, music and activities teaching children and their families about faith. Friday saw a potluck-style dinner with chips, watermelon and pizza as well as Christian recording artist Jennie Williamson, who made her fourth appearance at VBS, coming all the way from Nashville. She and her family are always excited to venture out to the area and perform.

MPCCS Sunday College Offers Convenience Busy Students :30**07/21/21 News2 Midday Wednesday**

Mid-Plains Community College is offering students another way to fit classes in around busy schedules. Sunday College is designed with convenience in mind – allowing general education requirements to be completed in just eight weeks. Classroom instruction is scheduled for Sunday afternoons and evenings, and the rest of the assignments are online. The on-campus component is offered at MPCC locations in McCook and North Platte and via distance learning in Broken Bow, Imperial, Ogallala and Valentine.

GPH Combine Showcase Local Athletes Talent :30**08/06/21 News2 6pm Friday**

On August 4, the Great Plains Health (GPH) Sports Medicine department hosted their annual combine for local area athletes. Athletes came from as far as Sutherland, McPherson County and Medicine Valley to showcase their athleticism and build relationships with sports medicine trainers before their respective seasons. The combine tested athletes' strength, agility, and speed in a variety of events. Each athlete received a record of their statistics to give to any potential recruiters or coaches for future opportunities.

String Beans Festivities Ongoing Golden Spike Tower :30**08/07/21 News2 6pm Saturday**

It was all about the kids at the Golden Spike Tower Saturday afternoon for Rail Days. Today it was the Kidz Fest with face painting, playing on bouncy houses, hula hoop, chalk drawing and picking some popcorn for a snack. Also, on the way out, kids were able to pick up books. "We are Very excited for the event today. This has been a long time planning," Children's Museum President Amy Blake said. Like so many events, the pandemic got in the way last year. "Covid had put this on hold last year, so we're very excited to do this year. We're excited to bring something fun to the community for our children to do," Blake said.

Parents Voice Concerns About Masks Mandate in Schools :30**08/09/21 News 10pm Monday**

Students in the North Platte School District begin classes the week of August 16. Currently, there is no mask mandate implemented for students. Masks are highly recommended but not required for students who are not vaccinated. These guidelines are outlined in the

Return to School Plan. In the August 9 school board meeting, parents shared their concerns about health decisions such as mask-wearing and vaccinations. "Masks-wearing in schools last year was an unfair burden that was placed on our kids," said Parent Jennifer Thomas. "I hope they hear our concerns and know that everyone does not agree with mask mandates and requiring vaccinations for our children," said Parent Courtney Koehn.

North Platte Students Get Ready for Classes with Pizza with Principal :30 **08/12/21 News2 10pm Thursday**

School is just days away for North Platte Public Schools and students at Cody Elementary are learning how they can make a difference during the upcoming school year. It's called, "Pizza with the Principal," something that is specifically designed for fifth grade students. It's an idea Dr. Tami Eshleman came up with three years ago.

Groundbreaking WeBuildUpNP Playground :30 **09/13/21 News2 6pm Monday**

Many of the North Platte playgrounds have been built by various volunteer organizations. The WeBuildNP playground is customized by kids for kids. On Sept. 13, a groundbreaking ceremony at Centennial Park marked the beginning of the five-day construction process. Volunteers will begin working on Wednesday, Sept. 15 through Sunday, Sept. 19 to complete this new addition to the community. The WeBuildNP playground reflects unity in North Platte. This project began last October when the coordinators presented their plans to the city council for approval. The two worked with many organizations raising the necessary funds for the playground project and provide a "gift to the city."

North Platte Superintendent Saying Goodbye :30 **09/16/21 News2 6pm Thursday**

It's a common sentiment of folks ready to retire. And Dr. Hanson is, after 38-years and a "lifetime" in school. He has no regrets, and he believes he is leaving North Platte Schools better than he found it, seven years ago. And he says he knows he is leaving the school district in very capable hands. Dr. Hanson says the board will likely go through a three to four month process to pick his replacement. He says they know what they are looking for, and that's "good for them." Of his time teaching, coaching, and being in an administrative role he says he is guided by the value of hard work.

Giving Kids Western Experience :30 **09/16/21 News2 6pm Thursday**

It was a hootin' and a hollerin' good time out at the Wild West Arena on Wednesday, thanks to ESU 16, and the community of North Platte. A successful 9th Annual Partner Up Rodeo, sponsored by ESU 16, and helped out by local banks and insurance agencies, businesses, the NEBRASKAland Days bunch with Executive Director of NEBRASKAland Days David Fudge, Dusty Barner of Dusty Trails, the MPCC College Rodeo Team and North Platte High School and Jr. High School Rodeo Team volunteers, with everything from hay rack rides and a petting zoo, to horse riding (real horses and stick horses), and lunch, all made available for kids to experience the "western way" of life.

Mid Plains Community College Stampede :30 **09/16/21 News2 10pm Thursday**

Thursday Night out at the Wild West Arena the Mid-Plains Community College hosted the first night of their College Rodeo Event that lasts through Saturday. Mid-Plains Community College had four cowboys competing in the Steer Wrestling contest tonight. The Stampede will be

going on through Saturday and Mid-Plains Community College cowboys and cowgirls will be competing through then.

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.

First Death Due to Delta Covid 19 Variant :30

07/08/21 News2 6pm Thursday

LLCHD said it was a woman in her 40s who was hospitalized. She was fully vaccinated, but according to Scott Holmes with the Environmental Health Division, she had underlying conditions that put her at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Special testing at the Nebraska Public Health Lab identified the delta variant (B.1617). Vaccination remains the best protection against the virus and its variants, and recent studies show it helps prevent serious illness and hospitalizations, according to Holmes. LLCHD also pointed to CDC data from several states that shows 99.5% of people who have died from COVID-19 in the U.S. were unvaccinated.

Pandhandle Mosquitos Test Positive for West Nile :30

07/14/21 News2 Midday Wednesday

A Panhandle mosquito trap site has recently collected mosquitoes positive with West Nile virus. These are the first confirmed positive mosquitoes in Nebraska. These positive mosquitoes give Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD), along with other health departments, an indicator of the location of the virus and where people may come into contact with mosquitoes carrying the virus. Multiple locations across Nebraska are routinely monitoring sites to trap and test mosquitoes over the summer months. Human cases of West Nile are also used for surveillance. At this time, there have been no human cases of West Nile detected.

Blood Drive at Bethel Church :30

07/16/21 News2 6pm Friday

People rolled up their sleeves at Bethel Church this afternoon for a blood drive put on by the American Red Cross in support of Grace Koebek, a 2018 Maywood graduate dealing with adult acute myeloid leukemia. Her faith and family has helped her as she continues her battle with cancer. Her family worked with the Red Cross to host the event with hopes of holding more in the future.

Nebraska Covid 19 Vaccination Doses Expiring in Few Weeks :30

08/04/21 News2 6pm Wednesday

In the early days, the idea was to manufacture as much vaccine as possible, but now that vaccinations have slowed, unused doses are piling up. The state of Nebraska has

administered 1.9 million COVID-19 vaccination doses so far. That amounts to 93% of its allocation, meaning there are 124,000 doses still waiting to be used — and the vaccine has a limited shelf life. At the end of August, 45,000 of the state's Pfizer doses will expire and will need to be disposed of like regular medical waste.

UNL Releases Latest Covid-19 Protocols :30

08/06/21 News2 Midday Friday

The University of Nebraska released its latest COVID-19 protocols ahead of the 2021 Fall semester, which does not include a vaccine requirement. According to a release, the new guidance was put together due to rising COVID-19 cases nationwide. All vaccinated faculty, staff and students, as well as visitors to campus, are encouraged, but not required, to wear face masks indoors. Unvaccinated individuals should continue to wear masks. (Masks are required indoors for all individuals at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.)

American Red Cross Suffering with Blood Donation Shortage :30

08/11/21 News2 10pm Wednesday

The American Red Cross is experiencing a shortage of blood nationwide. The need comes from the increasing number of elective surgeries, transplants and people delaying their health needs due to the pandemic. Representatives of the American Red Cross have been pleading for more people to donate. According to the American Red Cross, in the United States, out of 100 people, only three people are blood donors.

Great Plains Health Offer Free Stroke Screening :30

09/10/21 News2 6pm Friday

Great Plains Health is hosting a stroke screening next week in hopes of helping people learn about the disease and understand how to recognize the signs for early intervention. Neurologists, occupational and physical therapists will be on hand to answer questions and speak about prevention and post stroke therapy. There will be EKG's, dietary and smoking cessation information, blood pressure and vital signs checks, cholesterol and blood sugar checks.

Blood Donors Support First Responders :30

09/11/21 News2 6pm Saturday

Local first responders partnered with the American Red Cross to address the need for blood. On September 10, many people came out to the Battle of the Badges to support those who save and protect the community. One blood donation can save up to three people's lives. The Battle of the Badges was a friendly competition between the fire department and law enforcement agencies. Blood donors voted on who they want to win. One donor shared how her vote stemmed from personal experiences.

Three Rivers Health Confirms First West Nile Death :30

09/13/21 News2 6pm Monday

The Three Rivers Health Department (3RPHD) has announced Monday that the first death of West Nile Virus has been confirmed within the health district. Most people exposed to the virus don't get sick, but about 20 percent develop symptoms like headaches, fevers, muscle and joint aches, nausea and fatigue. In a very small proportion, less than one percent, the virus affects the nervous system, leading to a more serious illness that can cause neck stiffness, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, paralysis and even death.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

North Platte Chief Police to Retire in November :30**07/07/21 News2 10pm Wednesday**

North Platte's Chief of Police is retiring after serving the city for three years. Daniel Hudson announced his retirement to city officials last month. His last day is November 2, 2021. Hudson was selected through a nationwide comprehensive recruitment process in 2018. He previously served the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) for 26 years.

North Platte Hoping for Brighter Future :30**07/19/21 News2 10pm Monday**

Monday morning the North Platte Northwestern Energy Economic Development Fund Committee and the North Platte Quality Growth Fund Citizens Review Committee met to discuss items such as Sustainable Beef LLC and Rail Park Development Funding. A large portion of both the meetings went to discussing Sustainable Beef LLC as it tries to move into North Platte. CEO of Sustainable Beef LLC, David Briggs was present at the meetings today. Briggs was asking for \$500,000 from both the Quality Growth Fund and the Northwestern Energy Fund. The estimated cost of the Sustainable Beef LLC project is \$9,791,790.

County Clerks Office Assists in Special Elections :30**07/19/21 News2 6pm Monday**

On July 19, the Lincoln County Clerk's office mailed ballots to Hershey residents to vote on the Hershey School bonds issue. This is considered a special election because it only focuses on one issue compared to the primaries or general elections. For a special election, one of the political subdivisions has to bring a resolution to the Clerk's Office for them to call the election. The Clerk's Office chose all-mail voting because it would be cheaper for the Hershey School district. Following the election, the Lincoln County Clerk's office will bill the district.

Lincoln County Judge Kent Turnbull Leaving Bench in August :30**07/22/21 News2 6pm Thursday**

According to a press release by the Nebraska Judicial Branch, Judge Kent D. Turnbull of North Platte will leave the bench August 31, 2021. Turnbull has served the citizens of the State of Nebraska in the 11th Judicial District since taking the bench on October 22, 1999. After taking the bench in 1999, Turnbull was retained in his position by area voters, most recently in 2020. The first step in replacing Turnbull will be for the Judicial Resources Commission to call a meeting to determine whether his retirement creates a judicial vacancy on the County Court for the 11th Judicial District based on judicial workload statistics.

Lincoln County Assessors Three Year Plan :30**07/26/21 News2 Midday Monday**

Once every six years, the Lincoln County Assessor is tasked with evaluating every commercial, residential, and agricultural property in her jurisdiction. Julie Stenger and her team got ahead of the game on Monday at the Lincoln County Commissioner's meeting by presenting the evaluation plan for the next three years. This includes all properties in North Platte, starting with all the industrial land in 2022. After that, the residential properties in town will be split in half each of the next two years.

Chris Bruns Running Nebraska Legislature District 42 :30**07/26/21 News2 10pm Monday**

Lincoln County Commissioner Chris Bruns announced Monday that he will run for the Nebraska Legislature in District 42. Bruns made the announcement to a crowd of supporters

at Pal's Brewing Company that included, Lincoln County Sheriff Jerome Kramer, North Platte Chief of Police Daniel Hudson and current Senator Mike Groene. Bruns, who is a veteran of the United State Marine Corps. and was elected by voters to serve on the county board last November, said it was never his intention to run for senator until numerous people approached him about it.

Governor Ricketts Says Nebraska Won't be Adopting Mask Guidance :30
07/27/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

Tuesday, Governor Pete Ricketts issued a statement following news that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance attempting to re-impose mask guidance for vaccinated people. "The CDC's new guidance suggesting that vaccinated people wear masks indoors flies in the face of the public health goals that should guide the agency's decision making," Ricketts said. "The CDC announcement only furthers the distrust many have with the CDC and does not help to encourage more people to get the vaccines that are helping bring the pandemic to a conclusion. The State of Nebraska will not be adopting their mask guidance." "Furthermore, I will reiterate my expectations for schools and universities in the fall. Schools should convene in person without mask or vaccine requirements," Ricketts said.

Former Teacher Runs for State School Board District 7 :30
08/02/21 News2 10pm Monday

Former North Platte Public Schools teacher Elizabeth Tegtmeier is throwing her name in the Nebraska State School Board District 7 race. The mother of five college and school age children made the announcement among a group of supporters Monday evening. She said it was never her intent to run for office but is concerned about the direction of education in the state. Tegtmeier, who holds a Master's degree in Education and has homeschooled her children through middle school, said her priorities are to protect protect children from sexually inappropriate and racially divisive content, as well as improving proficiency scores.

Annual Old Fashioned Cord Feed Held Saturday :30
08/07/21 News2 6pm Saturday

Rail Days are underway in North Platte with many activities lined up for the community. The Old Fashioned Corn Feed was held outside of the Lincoln County Historical Museum Saturday to enjoy fellowship, music, and food, and to raise money for the museum. These funds go directly to operational expenses to the museum. They are a non-profit and so we operate on the donations and admissions of everyday folks.

Busy Agenda Commissioners Meeting Monday :30
08/02/21 News2 10pm Monday

During the Lincoln County Commissioners' meeting Monday, there was discussions about accepting the resignation of the former Lincoln County Treasurer. The letter was about the now former Lincoln County Treasurer Shelli Franzen. This was accepted Monday after some allegations against Franzen. The second item on the agenda was about the expansion of the Pals Brewery Company. The application said the Pals Brewing Company wishes to obtain a Class C catering license. This would allow Pals to expand their business and allow them to go beyond the establishment and cater to other venues.

Rail Days Honoring Veteran Railroad Personnel :30
08/08/21 News2 6pm Sunday

On the last days of Rail Days, the committee decided to host their First Annual Ice Cream Social at the D&N Center in North Platte Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. The festivities included all you can eat ice cream and toppings for all that have come out. The event was opened to the entire community. The purpose of this event was to showcase the appreciation that we

have for all the volunteers, retired railroad personnel, and other people that are in the railroad industry.

Congressman Adrian Smith Holds Forum in North Platte :30

08/09/21 News2 6pm Monday

Nebraska 3rd District Representative Adrian Smith is touring his district and meeting with constituents now that Congress is in recess. North Platte's Area Chamber and Development Corporation organized Monday's forum. Congressman Smith talked about key issues impacting the nation and Nebraskans, particularly how President Biden's tax proposals is impacting the agricultural industry, as well as the immigration crisis at the border, and whether critical race theory will be taught in schools.

NSP Debuts Drone Program to Help Crash Investigations :30

09/09/21 News2 6pm Monday

A new drone program by the Nebraska State Patrol has already exceeded expectations. The drone program was intended to help clear the roads while investigating a crash and crash reconstruction. Investigators of the program have all finished the Federal Aviation Administration's Part 107 certification as Unmanned Aerial Vehicle operators and also went through more training on using the UAVs for 3-D mapping of crashes.

New Fiscal Year Approved Water Rates Rising :30

09/09/21 News2 10pm Thursday

North Platte's City Council is doing what city councils do. The group of elected officials is examining whether North Platte will grow, or not grow. And with North Platte's mall in a state of transformation (the Platte River 6 is now open, turning on at least one light at the end of the construction "tunnel"), the North Platte City Council must estimate and consider the future. In doing so, a one-percent budget authority was granted on Thursday evening at a special meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers, because when cities grow, so do their responsibilities. The move is a conservative one, according to the city council, but a necessary one as growth seems imminent.

Nebraska Governor Ricketts Said State Will Fight Vaccine Mandate :30

09/12/21 News2 6pm Sunday

Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts said he plans to join other Republican governors in challenging President Joe Biden's sweeping new vaccine requirement in court. Ricketts said on Fox News Sunday that Nebraska's attorney general has been consulting with other attorneys general who believe the federal government is overstepping its authority by mandating that all employers with more than 100 workers require them to be vaccinated or test for the virus weekly. Ricketts says Americans shouldn't have to choose between a job and a jab in the arm.

Senator Carl Blood Announces Run for Governor :30

09/13/21 News2 Midday Monday

State Sen. Carol Blood of Bellevue announced Monday that she will seek the Democratic nomination for governor in 2022. "Friends, I'm a true Nebraskan. I was born in McCook and raised in Adams County. I raised my own family in Sarpy County. I love Nebraska, but I know we can do better," Blood said. "Our collaborative efforts are much stronger than the voices of a few and we can build a better Nebraska. We do this by inspiring hope and working to transform our divisions.

Construction Leota Philip Avenue Begin Spring 2023 :30

09/14/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

The Nebraska Department of Transportation hosted a public meeting Tuesday to address a \$9 million street improvement project. NDOT is looking to upgrade the pavement on Leota

Street to Philip Avenue and Philip Avenue southbound to 1st Street. The project has been in discussion for more than two decades. The public comment period end Sept. 21. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2023 and be complete the following year.

Updates 2021 Redistricting Process :30
09/16/21 News2 6pm Thursday

The League of Women Voters (LWV) in Nebraska held a presentation updating, educating, and sharing information about the 2021 redistricting process. This session outlined the proper steps to maintain fair and balanced district lines. The group presented their own redistricting maps to the legislature. Thursday, in Omaha, there was a public hearing where members of the public were able to share their input on proposed maps. U.S. Census numbers illustrate shifts in populations. People are moving to urban centers, while rural populations are seeing a decline in residents. This makes the lines harder to maintain.

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

Buffalo Early Learning Hosts a Special Olympics Event :30
07/13/21 News2 Tuesday 6pm

With our ever-changing world, it involves us to be different and unique. The faculty and staff at Buffalo Early Learning has hosted a Special Olympics activity, “Little Feet.” This event teaches kids on how to be diverse and to include everyone regardless of their skills or functions. “The whole mission of this program is to bring regular ed and special ed kids together. To teach children to include everybody,” Special Education Director of North Platte Public School Peggy Romshek said. The events include soccer, baseball, hurdle jumps, relay races, and throwing objects in hoops and distances.

Grape Sizzle Donates \$4500 to North Platte Playground :30
07/21/21 News2 6pm Wednesday

The North Platte Community Build Playground Committee is saying “thank you” for the support over the past year with a fresh cup of lemonade. Wednesday afternoon, committee members and their children hosted a free lemonade stand at Centennial Park. The lemonade was donated by Raising Cane’s. The non-profit organization also received a \$4,500 donation from Grape and Sizzle. The organization is just one of three they are donating to this year.

Cookoff Help Out Local Helpless Shelter Town :30
08/08/21 News2 6pm Sunday

As Rail Days comes to an end, it ends with a bang with the First Annual Canteen Cookoff in downtown North Platte. This is the Canteen District off of North Dewey and Fourth and Sixth St. This is where people were able to sign up in teams and to compete for who has the best barbecue in town. People can come and try out all the pork, chicken, beef, sides and snacks that they want. This competition is all about community. The submission per team is 20 dollars and visitors are able to donate money for a worthy cause. All money is going to The Connection Homeless Shelter here in town.

Church Group Host Community Cleanup Volunteers Needed :30

09/08/21 News2 6pm Wednesday

As we approach the 20th anniversary of 9/11, many people look to this day to give back to their community in some manner. A non-denominational church group, "God's Remnant," is hoping to do just that with the help from Keep North Platte Lincoln County Beautiful and volunteers by hosting a community cleanup this Saturday. Volunteers are asked to meet at Cody Park at 9 a.m. They will be dispersed into several groups to help clean five key areas throughout the community.

Wellfleet Fall Festival Brings Back Rodeo Friday :30

09/10/21 News2 10pm Friday

John Votaw Sr. was born and raised in Wellfleet, Nebraska, and he says the Wellfleet Fall Festival has been around for "well over 100 years." There are record books that tell the stories, and there are people who remember the years and years of this annual event, which is always held in the first part of September. This year the Wellfleet Fall Festival, which is usually a one-day event, is now extended to two, starting Friday, September 10 with a Ranch Rodeo, and lasting through Saturday, September 11.

Horseshoe Tour Makes North Platte Debut :30

09/11/21 News2 6pm Saturday

The Horseshoe Tour made it's first ever stop in a Midwestern town as they held a tournament Saturday at Cody Park. People of all ages and backgrounds congregated to North Platte as they competed for both bragging rights and championship status. The tour hopes to return to North Platte in 2022 as part of a multiyear agreement with the city. The event saw fewer entries than expected, but the talent pool makes up for it.

Picking Up Trash Around North Platte :30

09/11/21 News2 Sunrise Saturday

God's Remnant and Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful teamed up Saturday to pick up trash at six different locations around town. This is the first event of its kind. Members and volunteers met at Cody Park for an opening prayer before breaking off into groups to help clean up many problem areas. One site includes just outside Pal's Brewing Company. And on the 20th anniversary of 9/11, God's Remnant thought it would be a great time for people to come together with hopes that they hold this event more in the future.

Public Unput Encouraged Buffalo Bill Historical Park Master Plan :30

09/13/21 News2 6pm Monday

The Buffalo Bill Historical Park is a tourist attraction and community staple in North Platte. In the upcoming weeks, Nebraska Game and Parks and the planning commission is encouraging the public to join the public hearing, share ideas and comment on the potential additions to the historical park. Some of the ideas the planning committee is bringing forth include enhancing the trails system, adding a children's playscapes area, all while preserving the land.

Harvest Festival Kicks Off With Chalk Walk :30

09/16/21 News2 6pm Thursday

Gothenburg is adding quite the splash of color and conversation to its downtown district. On Thursday, employees decorated their sidewalks with chalk. It's part of the annual Harvest Festival. Chalk the Walk is a new event. Business owners say the festival is a great way to welcome harvest and the fall season. Harvest Festival is in its 106th year and lasts through Sunday. This year's theme is "Survivor 2021 Riding through the Pandemic."

Greenscapes Yard Year Competition Winners Announced :30

09/16/21 News2 6pm Thursday

Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful and the North Platte Bulletin held a competition to honor households and businesses that have beautiful landscapes. Nominations were taken during the past month. The judges collectively scored more than 30 homes to determine the winners. The rankings were based on curb appeal, balance and color, sustainability, creativity and maintenance.

Saying Goodbye to CPL Daegan at Funeral :30

09/17/21 News2 Midday Friday

The community said its final goodbye Friday to fallen Omaha Marine Cpl. Daegan Page. The funeral for Cpl. Page, killed Aug. 26 during an attack on Kabul airport in Afghanistan, took place at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Paul Lutheran Church. Omaha Police escorted the procession to the cemetery. The procession route traveled from St. Paul Lutheran Church along South 144th Street to Omaha National Cemetery. There was a service at the cemetery, but burial services were private. The community also lined up Thursday evening for visitation ahead of Friday's funeral services.

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
Alcohol & Drugs	98	300
Animal Welfare	136	253
Consumer Protection	90	237
Education	301	503
Environment/Ag	59	83
Family/Community	106	174
Health & Fitness	117	495
Military/Government	296	448

Safety	72	433
Outdoors/Recreation/Tourism	171	460
Volunteerism/Donations	243	790
Kid Targeted	661	887
Employment/Public Files	368	324