



**KNOP-TV
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**QUARTERLY LIST OF PROGRAMMING PROVIDING
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**KNOP TV & KIIT TV
(KIIT simulcast on KNOP DT2)
Gray Television Licensee, LLC.
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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

6:00a-6:30p

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

Monday thru Saturday

NEWS 2 AT 10PM

10:00p-10:35p

Monday thru Sunday

*All of the above programs are locally produced News programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related Feature 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**
7:00am

Sunday 6:30-

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

Monday thru Friday 12:00-

Sundays

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

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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

Group Pushing to Make Alcoholic To Go Drinks a Permanent Service :30

01/04/20 News2 10pm Monday

While the pandemic has changed several industries in different ways, one that seems to be a positive change is the "to-go" laws allowing bars and restaurants to sell alcohol for carryout. Now one group is asking for the sale of carryout cocktails to become a permanent fixture in Nebraska. The Nebraska Restaurant Association proposed ending carryout drinks at some point but is now pushing for the extension in hopes of making it a permanent service once the Nebraska Legislature reconvenes this week. Governor Pete Ricketts implemented the waiver last spring as a means to help restaurants with sales during the pandemic.

Troopers Locate 177 pounds of Marijuana and Gun in Two Incidents :30

01/12/21 News2 Midday Monday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol have arrested three people and seized 177 pounds of marijuana and one handgun during two separate incidents on Sunday. At approximately 10:10 a.m. a trooper was at a gas station at the Milford interchange of Interstate 80, at mile marker 382, when he began speaking with the driver of a Ford Expedition, who had also stopped at the gas station. During the encounter, the trooper detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed 163 pounds of marijuana, contained in duffel bags in a rooftop luggage carrier. The trooper also located a handgun in the possession of a passenger.

Several Controlled Substances and Gun Found in I-80 Stop :30

01/13/21 News2 6pm Wednesday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol have arrested a South Carolina man after locating several controlled substances and a firearm during a traffic stop Tuesday on Interstate 80. The driver, Kenneth Peek, 34, of Lexington, South Carolina, was arrested for four charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana – more than one pound, possession with intent to deliver, carrying a concealed weapon, and possession of a firearm during a drug violation. Peek was lodged in Lincoln County Jail.

Troopers Locate 35 Pounds of Marijuana Hidden in Tires :30

01/14/21 News2 6pm Thursday

An NSP K9 detected the odor of a controlled substance coming from the vehicle. Troopers then searched the vehicle and located several inflated tires in the cargo area of the SUV.

NSP said troopers could hear something moving inside the tires when the tires were removed from the cargo area. Troopers then located 35 pounds of marijuana contained in packages inside the tires.

State Patrol Stops California Man in Drug Bust on I-80 :30

01/28/21 News2 6pm Thursday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) have arrested a California man after locating 60 pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop on Interstate 80 in York County. At approximately 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, a trooper observed an eastbound Mitsubishi Outlander following a semi too closely on I-80 near Bradshaw, at mile marker 348. During the traffic stop, the trooper became suspicious of criminal activity. A search of the vehicle revealed 60 pounds of marijuana inside the vehicle.

Pursuit Manhunt Leads to Arrest in Dawson County :30

03/01/21 News2 Midday Monday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol, with assistance from the Dawson County Sheriff's Office, have arrested a Lexington man following a pursuit and search Monday morning in Dawson County. At approximately 2:55 a.m. Monday, a trooper observed a westbound Chrysler 300 speeding on Highway 30 near Lexington. The trooper attempted a traffic stop, but the vehicle refused to yield and fled at a high rate of speed. The trooper initiated a chase. Jose Marquez, 28, was arrested for flight to avoid arrest, failure to obey a lawful order, obstructing a peace officer, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana - less than one ounce, possession of drug paraphernalia, and criminal mischief. He was taken to the Dawson County Jail.

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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Microchip Clinic for Local Pets :30

01/22/21 News2 6pm Friday

Fur the Love of Paws is teaming up with Westfield Small Animal Clinic to give pet lovers an opportunity to chip their pets. Fur the Love of Paws is hosting a microchip clinic at Westfield Small Animal Clinic. Westfield Small Animal Clinic employees are volunteering to administer the microchips. There are over 200 chips available. They will be \$25 each. These Funds raised will go back to Fur the Love of Paws Rescue for medical care and vet bills for rescued pets.

Traveling with Pets :30

01/27/21 News2 6pm Wednesday

Road trips are always fun especially when you have your four-legged friends with you. But there are many things to keep in mind to ensure a fun and safe trip. Whether you're traveling an hour away or across the country there are three main things that you do not want to forget on your trip, which include your pet's leash, their food, and a bowl of water for the car. Another crucial item to bring with you is your pet's health records because you never know what might happen.

Dozens of Cats Die in House Fire :30

02/01/21 News2 6pm Monday

A non-profit organization in Chappell, Nebraska is asking for help after a devastating loss. In the early morning hours Friday, January 29, a fire destroyed the headquarters of Nebraska Loves Cats. The co-founder escaped with some of the cats and kittens, but over 40 could not be saved. Now, the organizers need help paying for the care of those rescued. In North Platte, four ginger kittens are safe and in foster care. There is a special "Amazon Wish List" where donations of food, litter, and supplies can be ordered and shipped directly to the foster family.

Nebraska Loves Cats Faces Fire Aftermath :30

02/08/21 News2 6pm Monday

Nebraska Loves Cats in Chappell Nebraska is working towards creating a new start after a fire caused by a pillow in the dryer resulted in the loss of their building and over 40 cats. While the fire department arrived quickly to put out the fire, Michelle Tynan, Co-Founder of Nebraska Loves Cats, said she wishes she could have done more. Police restrained Tynan to keep her away from the fire. She says she got on the ground to attempt to get some animals before getting out of the building. "Beautiful animals that we celebrated and loved and had personalities and were one in a million. They're all gone," said Tynan.

Baby Dies Following Attack by Family Dog :30

02/10/21 News2 Midday Wednesday

The death of a one-month-old baby has been ruled as accidental, according to the Buffalo County attorney. Buffalo County Attorney Shawn Eatherton said in a news release that preliminary autopsy results confirmed the baby girl died because of blunt force and cranial trauma caused by an American Bulldog that lived with the family. Investigation into the history of the animal revealed no prior known aggressive behavior. The dog was euthanized.

Paws on the Platte Returns to Platte River Mall :30

02/11/21 News2 Midday Thursday

On Feb. 7, Paws-itive Partners brought their second round of "Paws on the Platte Community Art" back to North Platte. Sponsors and artists gathered at the Meet and Greet at 1 p.m. The dog statues were delayed due to the weather. There will be 25 three-foot tall fiberglass dog statues. Sunday, the various artists and sponsors socialized before the artists painted and embellished their dogs. The finale for Paws on Platte will be on July 23. The dogs will be sold at a live auction hosted at Pals Brewery with all the proceeds going to Paws-itive Partners.

Keeping Your Pets Safe in Cold Temperatures :30

02/15/21 News2 6pm Monday

It's important to keep yourself healthy during these cold winter months but you should also keep in mind your pets. When your dog does need to go to the bathroom in below freezing temperatures Milne encourages pet owners to go outside with them and bring them in as soon as they are done. If you see an animal outside in distress, there is something you can do to help.

Sandhills Cranes Migrating Through Nebraska :30**03/08/21 News2 6pm Monday**

The sandhill cranes have begun their annual trek up North following a harsh winter season. Every year, the birds cross through the great plains and feast on the grain on the ground, resting in corn and alfalfa fields. The cranes tend to be on the ground in the morning and then go in the air by the afternoon as they continue their journey North, with some winding up as far as Siberia. The amount of birds that come through the state is estimated to be around 1 million, with around 200,000 coming through the North Platte area. Just looking up allows an opportunity to see one, two, or even thousands of cranes.

Lincoln Children's Zoo Holds Fundraising Event :30**03/21/21 News2 6pm Sunday**

COVID-19 has had a major impact on Lincoln Children's Zoo. Due to the pandemic, they've lost nearly a year of revenue, making it more difficult to feed, care and provide medical attention for their animals. For a \$30 contribution, 50% directly benefits Lincoln Children's Zoo, participants will receive access to an exclusive "All Together for Animals" concert. This includes performances by Brad Paisley, Old Dominion, Ashley McBryde, Wynonna Judd, Riley Green, Jessie James Decker, Shy Carter and more.

CONSUMER PROTECTION**New Round of Stimulus Checks Triggers More Scams :30****01/02/21 News2 6pm Saturday**

The BBB says it is already getting reports of con artists claiming that you need to provide personal information to receive the stimulus funds. Scammers are contacting people through text messages, e-mail and robocalls about the new COVID-19 stimulus checks and direct deposits. Consumer advocates say you should not reply to any of these messages.

Nebraska AG Warning of Vaccine Scams :30**01/05/21 News2 Midday Tuesday**

The Nebraska Attorney General is warning Nebraskans to be on the lookout for fraudulent schemes about COVID-19 vaccines. "Be careful with your personal information, such as credit card numbers, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid numbers or health insurance policy information," Doug Peterson stated. "Rely on your own health care practitioners for accurate information rather than unknown and unverified sources."

Protecting Your Digital Data From Hackers :30**01/14/21 News2 10pm Thursday**

The Center for Rural Affairs (CRA) is providing free, virtual cybersecurity workshops for individuals and businesses looking to protect their digital footprint. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, more people are working remotely and conducting more business online. Without proper education, some people's valuable information could be left exposed to hackers. No singular person or corporation is safe from phishing scams or malware.

Nestle Recalls 762,000 Pounds of Pepperoni Hot Pockets :30**01/16/21 News2 6pm Saturday**

Nestlé Prepared Foods is recalling more than 762,000 pounds of pepperoni Hot Pockets, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said. The frozen stuffed sandwiches — shipped to retail stores nationwide — are being recalled because they "may be contaminated with extraneous materials, specifically pieces of glass and hard plastic,"

the USDA said Friday. The problem was discovered when the company received four consumer complaints of extraneous material in pepperoni Hot Pockets, the department said. The company has received one report of a “minor oral injury” associated with consumption of the product, the USDA said.

FBI Warning Romance Scammers Break Hearts and Bank Accounts :30

02/11/21 News2 6pm Thursday

Scamming people with the language of love happens year-round, but with the holiday approaching, it is a grim reminder for those who might be looking for love on-line. And so, a warning of internet scamming and what the FBI calls, “Romance Scams.” While it is true there are good people out in the cyber world, there are also bad. Special Agent Jake Foiles with the FBI Omaha Cyber Task Force has seen his share of both. He says he sees people of all ages, men and women, get trapped in internet scams where the victim is tricked into giving money away, or granting someone they believe they can trust access to their bank account. When the latter happens, a bank account can be used by a scammer to laundry money.

NPPD Beware of Uptick in Scam Activity :30

02/18/21 News2 Midday Thursday

The Nebraska Public Power District is asking its customers to be wary of scammers trying to take advantage of the recent winter weather and power outages. NPPD said these predatory individuals will call and state the customer’s bill must be paid immediately or the power will be shut off and will recommend several methods of payment. They may also indicate that immediate payment will keep someone from being included in emergent rotating outages. Sometimes the scammer’s caller-identification is falsified so it appears to originate from the utility company, a practice known as ‘spoofing’.

CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

Missing 12-Year-Old Home Safe :30

01/01/20 News2 6pm Friday

Police are searching for 12-year old Eliana Finstad of North Platte. She was last seen at her home on East 10th Street in North Platte around 5:30 p.m., Thursday. Eliana’s mom, Tina Finstad, says law enforcement is helping in the search. UPDATE: The search for a 12-year old North Platte girl ended Friday morning with the girl being brought home safely to her family. There are no further details of this case being shared at this time.

Multiple Charges for Jordan Martinez :30

01/04/20 News2 6pm Monday

On January 1 at 8:11 p.m., a Deputy with the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Department saw a vehicle being driven erratically westbound on East 4th Street in North Platte. The deputy

reported Martinez becoming immediately belligerent. Reporting further that Martinez smelled of alcohol, showed signs of impairment and would not cooperate in any manner. Another deputy arrived to assist, and Martinez refused to get out of the vehicle. Martinez was placed in the Lincoln County Detention Center and charged for the following offenses; Driving While Intoxicated 2nd Offense, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Assault on an Officer, Assault on an Officer with Bodily Fluid, Resisting Arrest 2nd Offense, Driving Under Revocation, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Open Container of Alcohol.

14-Year-Old North Platte Boy Recovering from Burns :30

01/04/20 News2 6pm Monday

On October 19, 2020 Conner took a shower. Like any other day. He took a shower. But this time, he had a seizure in the shower. He fell, and on his way down he grabbed the water knob, turning it all the way to the hottest temperature. It poured on him until his mom found him. Conner suffered 3rd degree burns over much of his stomach, back and arms. He has endured five surgeries and continues to be seen at the Lincoln Burn Clinic in Lincoln. Next week he is being seen by a neurologist to hopefully help explain the seizures. In addition, he is being seen by a doctor for his kidneys. A doctor in Omaha will try to learn why his kidneys are not functioning properly.

Man Wanted For January 1st Stabbing in North Platte :30

01/05/21 News2 Midday Tuesday

A 53-year man is wanted by the North Platte Police Department (NPPD) for the stabbing injury to a 32-year old man on January 1 in North Platte. According to the victim, the stabbing happened after an argument between him and Cooper. The man was stabbed with a serious but non-fatal wound in his abdomen. The man says the argument continued briefly after the stabbing and then Cooper fled the scene before the police arrived.

19-Year-Old Heading to District Court for Murder Charges :30

01/07/21 News2 Midday Thursday

19-year old Harlie Saathoff of North Platte will be in Lincoln County District Court soon for her trial for the stabbing death of 20-year old Bryce Wood of North Platte on November 12, 2020. Judge Kent Turnbull is sending the process up to District Court where the biggest determination by the court will be if Saathoff is guilty of Second-Degree Murder (the intentional killing of a person without premeditation) or Manslaughter. Court records show that the purposes of the Preliminary Hearing in County Court are to determine if enough evidence exists to consider Second Degree Murder. The higher court will decide.

Man Killed in Crash in South Central Nebraska :30

01/18/21 News2 Midday Monday

The Nebraska State Patrol says a North Platte man has died in a rollover crash on Interstate 80 near the south-central village of Overton. The Omaha World-Herald reports the crash happened early Monday, around 2:30 a.m., killing 47-year-old Alfred Leon. The patrol says Leon was exiting I-80 near Overton when he lost control of his vehicle and rolled. Investigators say he died at the scene. Overton is about 25 miles west of Kearney.

Deputy Released from Hospital :30

01/25/21 News2 Sunrise Monday

A Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy is out of the hospital after the vehicle he was seated in was struck on I-80 over the weekend. A California man is jailed for hitting the deputy's vehicle on Sunday near mile marker 166 about two miles east of Hershey. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department says a deputy had positioned his vehicle in the passing lane of westbound traffic while a tow truck was loading a previously wrecked vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 38-year old Joseph Spearman Jr. of Fresno, California. The Nebraska State Patrol was called in to investigate the accident Spearman caused. It was

revealed Spearman smelled of Marijuana and had an active warrant from California for Parole Violation.

One Person Killed on I-80 West of North Platte Icy Roads :30

01/26/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

NSP Trooper Ryan Hayes says a 2021 Kenworth pulling a loaded trailer was eastbound on I-80 when it crossed the median and overturned, sliding into the westbound lanes. A 2016 Volvo pulling a loaded trailer was traveling westbound when the driver attempted to avoid the collision with the overturned semi but collided with the trailer. Both occupants inside the overturned semi were ejected. The male driver of the overturned semi, Richard Zow, 42, of Aurora, Colorado was pronounced dead at the scene. His passenger and the driver of the westbound semi were transported to Great Plains Health with non-life-threatening injuries.

Authorities Rescue 18-Year-Old Along the Bank of North Platte River :30

01/27/21 News2 Midday Wednesday

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office says the man was duck hunting alone just east of North Hershey Road around 5:30 p.m. when he slipped and fell in the river and got his lower extremities wet. He called his dad for assistance while making his way back to his truck but got too cold and couldn't walk any further. Deputies say in the process, he dropped his phone and lost contact with his father. His father called 911. Deputies say luckily the man was nearby that they could get to him quickly.

Woman Seriously Injured in Kearney Fire :30

01/28/21 News2 6pm Thursday

Kearney officials say the fire started sometime before 10 a.m. Thursday at 1215 4th Avenue. The house was fully engulfed when fire engines arrived. While fighting the fire, volunteer firefighters rescued a woman in her 70s inside the building. She was being treated at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital for what officials called "potential life-threatening injuries." Two Kearney police officers who were first on the scene entered the burning building briefly in an attempt to locate residents. Both were treated for smoke inhalation.

One Person Injured in Chain Reaction Crash on I80 Near Maxwell :30

02/07/21 News2 10pm Sunday

The Nebraska State Patrol said one person was hospitalized after a chain-reaction crash on Interstate 80 near Maxwell. The accidents closed the westbound lane of Interstate 80 between Brady and North Platte for three hours late Sunday morning. Traffic was rerouted to Highway 30. The crash involved at least eight vehicles, including semis. One person was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Speed and slick snow-covered roads are believed to be factors in the crash. Trooper Nick Jones said winter weather driving conditions also caused multiple slide-offs and accidents nearby.

Kearney Man Sentenced for Pizza Delivery Robbery :30

02/14/21 News2 10pm Friday

A Kearney man has been sentenced for robbing a pizza delivery person last year. Buffalo County District Court Judge John Marsh sentenced 27-year-old Jaimee Williams to 5 to 15 years for robbery after he pleaded no contest to the charge. A second charge, use of a firearm to commit a felony, was dropped. Kearney Police said Williams robbed a Domino's delivery person at gunpoint June 24 at a residence in northeast Kearney. Court records

indicate that Williams' phone was used to order the pizza that night. When the delivery person arrived at the address, a man with a handgun robbed him of \$64 cash.

Gering Man Arrested Following Child Abuse Investigation :30

02/16/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

This morning, a warrant was issued in Scotts Bluff County for the arrest of Parrish Abel, 52, of Gering. The charges include intentional child abuse, witness tampering, and unlawful intrusion. Intentional child abuse and witness tampering are felony charges. The investigation stems from a report received by the Nebraska State Patrol, through the Gering Police Department, last month. Nebraska State Patrol investigators arrested Abel at his home this afternoon without incident. Abel was lodged in Scotts Bluff County Jail.

Car Strikes Tree, Driver Uninjured :30

03/08/21 News2 6pm Monday

An accident in North Platte Monday around 3:45 p.m., a red Jeep was traveling eastbound on 4th Street. The woman driver was wearing a seat belt, and an airbag did not deploy when she veered off the road into a tree. The North Platte Police Department said the driver had a medical episode causing her to veer off the road and hit a tree. The driver was not injured. She was alone in the car.

12 Year Old Stabbed by 12 Year Old :30

03/09/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

A child was stabbed by another child at a park in Stanton, Friday night. Around 8 p.m., the Stanton County Sheriff's office received a 911 call of a stabbing at the West City Park in Stanton. Sheriff Mike Unger and two deputies located a 12-year-old girl quickly. She had five stabs wounds to her back and arm. A different 12-year-old girl was taken in to custody several blocks from the park and arrested on charges of first-degree assault and use of a weapon to commit felony.

Three Killed in Kearney Fire :30

03/18/21 News2 6pm Thursday

Kearney police and fire officials said the fire was reported at 12:42 Thursday afternoon at a home in the 3300 block of Avenue I in northeast Kearney. The house was fully on fire when police and firefighters got to the scene. Firefighters carried a woman, boy and girl from the house. Lifesaving efforts on the scene and later at CHI Good Samaritan hospital failed and the three victims died from their injuries. The Buffalo County Attorney ordered autopsies on the victims. A joint investigation is underway by the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department, Kearney Police, Buffalo County Attorney, and the State Fire Marshal.

Former Papillion Coach Facing Felony Sex Abuse Charges Appears in Court :30

03/18/21 News2 Midday Thursday

A former Papillion South High School coach facing a felony charge of sexual abuse of a student was booked and made his first court appearance on Thursday morning. Stephen A. Gentry, 29, appeared in front of Judge Robert Wester, who issued a \$10,000 or 10% bond — with the stipulation that he have no contact with any minors who are not part of his household. He was then booked into Sarpy County Jail. A Sarpy County Court judge issued an arrest warrant Wednesday for Gentry, who faces a charge of third-degree sexual abuse by a school employee, a Class 4 felony.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / JOBS / MONEY MATTERS

Charm Boutique Closing, Makes Way for Other Opportunities :30

01/05/21bNews2 10pm Tuesday

The coronavirus pandemic has left many Americans out of work or working from home. As a result, people are buying less and traveling less. The shift has hit small businesses especially hard. Charm Boutique in Gothenburg will be closing at the end of the month and will shift its boutique to online. Owner Lindsey Tederman plans to replace the boutique's store front with a venue for gatherings such as birthday's, bridal and baby showers, meetings and graduations. Tederman hopes to open Charm Place in March. In addition, Tederman will be opening Charm Boutique and Bar in Lincoln.

Anytime Fitness Members Donations Reach Hundreds of Families :30

01/05/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

Anytime Fitness challenged their members to give back, and the community exceeded expectations. They donated to hundreds of children and families facing abuse and neglect. Items such as supplies, toys, food, hygiene items, clothing and more were collected throughout the month of December. These were donated to Bridge of Hope. Bridge of Hope says these donations help them not only supplies the families they see but helps them provide more counseling programs.

Sun Theatre and Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce Team up for Power Lunch :30

01/08/21 News2 6pm Friday

The Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce and the Sun Theatre are teaming up for a Power Lunch, a monthly program designed to inspire, educate and motivate. The sessions will be held the second Wednesday of every month during the lunch hour at the theatre and are free to the public. "There will be a wide variety of topics, kind of like a Ted-style talk, where the speaker will have about 20-25 minutes to make a presentation on his or her topic," said Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Deb Egenberger. "We may or may not have some audience interaction, it just depends what the topic is."

Second Wave of Economic Relief for Business Owners :30

01/14/21 News2 10pm Thursday

As business owners continue to navigate through the coronavirus pandemic, the second wave of financial assistance is on the way. The Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) is a Small Business Assistance (SBA) loan that helps businesses maintain their operations during COVID-19. The second round of PPP loans reopened the week of Jan. 11, 2021. SBA will begin accepting applications for the second PPP loans on Jan. 13.

Tax Credit Available for Eligible Childcare Providers :30

01/14/21 News2 Midday Thursday

In 2016, the Nebraska legislature passed a program for childcare providers to receive incentives for their respective programs. The School Readiness Tax is for Nebraska's early childhood professional workforce and early childhood programs to help providers continue to deliver their services. Childcare providers have a responsibility to help kids maximize their potential. The work of a childcare provider can sometimes be overlooked and not receive the recognition it deserves.

Grand Island JBS Workers to Get Vaccine Bonus :30

01/22/21 News2 Midday Friday

JBS USA says it will pay each of its workers \$100 if they get a COVID-19 vaccination. JBS said the bonus is designed to "encourage maximum participation" in future to vaccinate 100

million people in the first 100 days of the Biden administration. Recent estimates put the number of employees at the Grand Island JBS plant at around 3,600. If each employee was vaccinated the total bonus payout for the company in Grand Island would be about \$360,000.

Pals Brewery Named One of the Top 50 Breweries :30

02/09/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

At Pals Brewery their efforts are being recognized for the work they've put in to create a fun environment for the local community as well as those who are just stopping by. Travieso listed Pals Brewery as one of the top 50 breweries in the nation. A Pals customer who travels through often notified Pals on Facebook that they were among other great breweris in this list. Pals staff say they look forward to the summertime when they can have their events and open the patio. Pals offers a wide variety of locally brewed beer to enjoy and encourages the community to stop by for a good time with friends and family.

Local Distillery Holds Whiskey Tasting :30

03/06/21 News2 10pm Saturday

Lazy RW Distillery in Moorefield traveled to the Minnow Bucket in North Platte Saturday to showcase their product to the locals. Several people showed up early and often to get a taste of some of Nebraska's homegrown brew. Founded in 2015 by a father and son, Lazy RW Distillery often holds these whiskey tastings at local retailers that carry and sell their beverages. Co-owner Todd Roe says the company does this as often as they can not only to support their business, but also the stores that patrons can purchase their whiskey.

Local Business Preparing for Pi Day :30

03/12/21 News2 6pm Friday

Sunday, March 14 is celebrated for the math constant known as pie. One local restaurant is celebrating Pie day by adding some fun to the mathematical holiday. Perkins is bringing customers into its circumference. For 25 years, Perkin's restaurants have been centered on food, family and community. "Here in town, we have done National Pancake Day and we support our Nebraskaland days and support our local JC," said General Manager of North Platte Perkins Romano Polanco.

Sustainable Beef LLC Looks to Build Beef Plant in North Platte :30

03/18/21 News2 10pm Thursday

North Platte's economy is in the process of expanding. A new meat processing plant could break ground as early as this fall, creating nearly 900 jobs. Sustainable Beef, LLC made the announcement Thursday afternoon. The plan is to build the 300,000 square foot plant on an empty lagoon near Newberry and Golden Road. The plant is expected to employ 875 people with an average salary of around \$50,000 annually. The plant anticipates drawing employees who live within a 60-mile radius. David Briggs, Sustainable Beef, LLC CEO said the plant will process around 400,000 cattle each year.

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.

Major Winter Blasts Through Greater Nebraska :30

01/25/21 News2 6pm Monday

The first major winter storm of the year is packing quite the punch for most of Nebraska. Law enforcement and snowplow crews are out in force on major highways and the interstate system making sure the public gets to and from their destination safely. Nebraska Department of Transportation District Six crews started clearing Interstate 80 at 6:30 a.m. Crews said they are thankful this storm is much calmer compared to the one right before Christmas.

NSP, NDOT Urge Caution Ahead of Strong Winter Storm :30

01/24/21 News2 10pm Sunday

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) are urging caution ahead to another round of severe winter weather that will affect much of the state. The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning and Winter Weather Advisory that include most of the state's most-traveled roadways, including over 350 miles of Interstate 80.

Time to Move Cars from Snow Routes :30

01/25/21 News2 Sunrise Monday

The City of North Platte is issuing a snow emergency for the city, effective at noon on Monday. All vehicles must be removed from the Emergency Snow Routes during this time. This includes all cars, trucks, boats, trailers, campers, etc. Emergency Snow Route violations will be enforced by the North Platte Police Department. The city declared a snow alert at 9 a.m., Monday.

Troopers Respond to Hundred of Incidents as Snow Blankets Nebraska :30

01/25/21 News2 10pm Monday

Nebraska State Troopers have responded to more than 300 weather-related incidents today as record-breaking snowfall greatly affected travel throughout much of Nebraska. As of 9:00 p.m. CT, troopers have performed 313 motorist assists and responded to 28 crashes. Troopers remain active this evening, continuing to respond to incidents on Interstate 80 and other major roadways. Travel is still not advised during this winter storm. Throughout the day, five NDOT plows were struck by other vehicles. None of those crashes involved injuries. Four of those plows were able to return to service and continue their work.

Staying Safe on Icy Roads :30

01/26/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

In a snowstorm it is encouraged to stay home, but when you can't stay home taking precautions can help in getting everyone home safely. The Nebraska State Patrol encourages

everyone to drive slower in snowy conditions, plus being sure to create more space between you and the car in front of you. They also say to plan your trip and be aware of roadway conditions. You can check your local weather or the 511 app for the latest updates.

Fred The Snow Dragon Here to Stay Awhile :30

02/08/21 News2 Midday Monday

It is not often you see a dragon in North Platte, but one North Platte family took advantage of a plentiful snowfall over the weekend to create "Fred the Snow Dragon." The Siefford family of North Platte loves to play together, and they love to play in the snow. So dad, Bryon, and his two sons Treston and Aedan bundled up Sunday afternoon and got to work. Two hours later, Fred was finished.

North Platte City Crews Winter Storm Cleanup :30

02/09/21 News2 Sunrise Monday

Street department crews have their work cut out for them after last weekend's storm. They worked overtime to clear snow routes and main roads over the last few days. Their focus has now shifted towards clearing city parking lots and those areas that are drifting. With sub-zero temperatures expected to linger into next week, crews will continue to treat those heavy used areas.

New Snow Alert Issued for North Platte :30

02/11/21 News2 6pm Thursday

The City of North Platte is declaring a local "Snow Alert" to begin at 6:00 p.m., Thursday. This alert is giving people advance notice to move cars and other obstacles from emergency snow routes in North Platte.

Preventing A Broken Heater :30

02/15/21 News2 6pm Monday

We are going on week two of very cold temperatures. With heaters going non-stop, it is a good time to think about what we would do if the heater stopped working. The best way to prevent your heater from breaking down is through regular maintenance. Filters should be replaced every 4 months or more frequently if you have pets. Checking your carbon monoxide detector is the most crucial item to check. It could be the difference between life or death.

NCTA Offices and Classes Delayed for Tuesday :30

02/15/21 News2 10pm Monday

The bitter cold weather continues to affect the area, Curtis included. The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis is delaying classes and opening their offices to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, due to severe cold temperatures and potentially hazardous travel conditions. Officials at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis held no in-person classes on Monday, February 15.

NPPD Rolling Power Outages Will Happen Tuesday :30

02/16/21 News2 Sunrise Tuesday

On Tuesday morning, NPPD announced that they have been informed by SPP to perform emergency coordinated power outages across the state. These 30-minute interruptions of service occur in real-time, so we have very little, if any, notice as to where these interruptions will take place. SPP is declaring an Energy Emergency Alert (EEA) Level 3 effective immediately for our entire 14-state balancing authority area. System-wide generating capacity has dropped below our current load of approximately 42 gigawatts (GW) due to extremely low temperatures and inadequate supplies of natural gas.

Planned Outages Move West :30

02/16/21 News2 Midday Tuesday

The North Platte area is currently experiencing the planned power outages we told you could happen in Monday's newscasts. The Southwest Power Pool says outages should last around 30 minutes, but that is not guaranteed. Mark Becker with NPPD told News 2 at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday that this could happen anywhere in the state without warning. This is not a local issue. It is happening across the Southwest Power Pool area (the company that feeds our local electric companies).

City of North Platte Issues Power Outage Advisory :30**02/16/21 News2 6pm Tuesday**

The City of North Platte advises all citizens that for the next 48 hours the possibility of electrical rolling blackouts exists. These blackout periods could last anywhere from 30 to 90 minutes. The highest probability of these blackouts is from 5 p.m. through 10 a.m. each day but they could happen anytime.

I-80 Westbound Closed at Grand Island :30**03/15/21 News2 Sunrise Monday**

I-80 eastbound from Big Springs is now open. Westbound I-80 is now closed from Grand Island to the Wyoming border & beyond. Wyoming is reporting 2-6 foot snow drifts. The Nebraska Department of Transportation said as parking locations and facilities fill up along the interstate, closures will continue to move eastward.

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 interview at least one set of guests about the events, celebrations, news, and issues that are important to the people in Western Nebraska. The interviews include a variety of people with issues targeting several demographics: from women, to the elderly, youth and minority groups.

MomsEveryday: The Series (On-Going Series)**Weekly 30-minute program, Sundays at 700am.**

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

6-Year-Old Missing From Her Bedroom in Wyoming :30**01/05/21 News2 6pm Tuesday**

Police in Wyoming have issued an Amber Alert for a missing 6-year-old girl who they say disappeared from her bedroom overnight. Savone M. Jorgenson was last seen at 11 p.m. Monday. Police say when her guardians checked on her in the morning, she was not in her

room. Her window was open, and her clothes were missing. Savone is 3 feet, 5 inches tall and weighs 100 pounds. She has black hair, brown eyes, a scar on her left eye and a missing front tooth. She was last seen wearing a gray shirt with yellow sleeves.

Child Advocacy Plans :30
01/08/21 News2 6pm Friday

Bridge of Hope and Guardians of the Children have big plans for the new year. Guardians of the Children has a couple of events already planned for the year. Bridge of Hope receives a total of \$10,000 in donations during December. These funds will help the organization in many ways. For example, now they can provide children and families with all the mental health guidance they need. Bridge of Hope looks forward to many things in 2021.

Mid-Plains Community College Hosts Module at Hershey High :30
01/11/21 News2 6pm Monday

Hershey Schools are sparking an interest in students with a module being provided by Mid-Plains Community College. Students in Hershey High's Construction class learned about heating ventilation and air conditioning, known as HVAC. Mid-Plains Community College shared a module showing students HVAC and the science of how it operates and connects with construction. Hershey High teachers want these students to understand that HVAC is a part of building a home and understanding it is a great tool to have for future jobs.

Scholarship for Entrepreneurial Students at NPHS :30
01/12/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

The North Platte Public Schools Foundation is offering the Patrick Butera Scholarship for entrepreneurial spirited students. Alum of North Platte High School Jeremy Pratt and Jeffrey Johnson with their business, Nectar Markets LLC in Portland Oregon, created this scholarship to memorialize and honor their DECA teacher Patrick Butera. They say Mr. Patrick Butera was a large impact on them and say he encouraged them to pursue their dreams as entrepreneurs.

Over 150 Trout Eggs Arrive at North Platte Library :30
01/15/21 News2 6pm Friday

A few months ago, the North Platte Public Library received a grant called, "Trout in the Classroom." The grant provided the library with roughly 200 trout eggs, an aquarium and additional necessities to maintain the trout. "We are really trying to help kids see the value of their natural surroundings," said Young Adult Librarian Shelly Deardoff. "We would like them too to see the interest of science and biology."

Expansion of Motorcycle Safety Courses :30
01/28/21 News2 6pm Thursday

Continuing a class from 2020, Mid-Plains Community College is again offering their motorcycle training course. Learning to ride a motorcycle safely is the focus of the course. Classes begin in the spring and continue throughout the summer. Students and MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) certified trainers will meet every weekend for several hours. The classes offer both written and hands-on learning.

Cozad High School Hosts Their Maker Fair :30
02/01/21 News2 10pm Monday

For the next few days, students at Cozad High School will learning and experiencing new classes and coursed during their Maker's Fair. The Maker's Fair shows students' new opportunities that lie outside of their normal classroom setting. Students learn skills in courses about cooking various cuisines, knitting, chalk painting furniture, essential oil making and more. This year's fair included over 50 courses for students to choose from.

Each of the courses is led by a businessperson from the community or a faculty member. With new possibilities hiding around Cozad High School, students can explore beyond what meets their eyes.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month :30

02/09/21 News2 10pm Tuesday

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. According to the Center for Disease Control, 1 in 11 female and 1 in 15 male high school students are recovering from teen dating violence. At least 33% of adolescents are victims to sexual, physical, verbal and emotional dating abuse. It's a statistic the Rape and Domestic Abuse Program hopes to curb by bringing awareness and recognizing the signs of abuse.

North Platte Mayor Proclaims National Scout Week :30

02/09/21 News2 10pm Tuesday

City of North Platte Mayor Brandon Kelliher proclaimed Feb. 7 to Feb. 14 as Scouting Anniversary Week. The mayor made the proclamation in the city council chambers Tuesday. He also expressed his appreciation to members of the Overland Trails Council and the Boy Scouts of America for their interest in and dedication to America's youth. This year, marks the 111th anniversary. The theme this year, "On My Honor Timeless Values."

NPHS Journalism Wins Top Awards :30

02/11/21 News2 Midday Thursday

Three North Platte High School students earned Superior awards in the 2021 Journalism Education Association winter contest announced this week. Senior Jonathan Brouillette, newspaper layout editor, won the highest award for his original anti-tobacco advertisement "Vaping & COVID." It is the second time he's won the award. Senior Sophia Walsh, newspaper editor in chief, received the highest recognition in newspaper layout for her cover design of the November issue.

NPHS Continuing to Offer Family and Consumer Science Courses :30

02/15/21 News2 6pm Monday

Family and Consumer Science education navigate students through the science and art of living and working in the world. In North Platte, teachers have witnessed the obstacles students have encountered in their lives and educate them on ways to meet their immediate needs and needs in the future. The four NPHS Family and Consumer Science instructors combined have roughly eighty years of experience. Each instructor focuses on a different pathway is based on the results of the local needs assessment. The data determines where the teachers need to use their resources and what programs to implement in their department.

Community Build Playground Looking for Sponsorships :30

02/26/21 News2 6pm Friday

The North Platte Community Build Playground Fundraising Committee is working with Playgrounds by Leathers to design the playground, which incorporated landmarks throughout the city. Local children and community members also helped with the design plans. Children were asked to submit drawings of what their "dream playground" would look like. The committee is asking the community to volunteer or contribute funds as they fund raise. They are looking to component and picket sponsorships, grants, memorial brick sales, events and private donations to cover the \$334,000 cost.

UNL to Hold in Person Graduation Ceremonies :30

03/01/21 News2 Midday Monday

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln is planning to hold its May 2021 undergraduate commencement ceremonies in person at Memorial Stadium, Chancellor Ronnie Green announced Monday. The May 8 event will be the first time since December 2019 — before the start of the coronavirus pandemic — that the university has held a full-fledged commencement ceremony in person. Commencement celebrations were conducted virtually in May, August and December 2020.

St. Patrick Cheerleading Team Wins Two Championship :30

03/01/21 News2 10pm Monday

Last week, many cheerleaders across the state of Nebraska gathered in Grand Island for the state cheer competition. A local high school's cheer and dance programs returned to North Platte as champions in their divisions. The Saint Patrick's cheerleading team competed in two divisions: Non-Tumbling Division Class D and Game Day Class D. The cheer team won first place in both. The girls are hoping to build off of their wins, keep the St. Patrick's spirit high and raise the bar for next year even higher.

Digging for Species in the Interstate Lake :30

03/11/21 News2 6pm Thursday

On Thursday evening, young adults from the Teens Explore Program gathered at Interstate Lake. Teens received hands-on experience while continuing their Trout in the Classroom series. These adults used scientific methods to discover different species that live in the lake and to test the water quality. They ended their class by exploring the lake via a scavenger hunt.

Madison Middle School Peer Groups Addressing Mental Health :30

03/11/21 News2 6pm Thursday

The documentary featuring the North Platte Public School district, The Mind Inside, illustrates how the district is addressing mental health in their schools. One middle school is taking its own approach by implementing peer sessions covering topics such as leadership, study skills, conflict management, anxiety and self-confidence. Sixth graders at Madison Middle school are able to join peer groups based on their personal needs.

Philanthropist Scott Gives \$15 Million to Nebraska College :30

03/14/21 News2 5pm Sunday

Philanthropist MacKenzie Scott is donating \$15 million to a Nebraska community college. The Sioux City Journal on Sunday reported Scott's gift to Northeast Community College. The newspaper reports the donation is the largest ever in the Norfolk-based school's history. One official at the college initially thought an email about the donation was spam because gifts that large to the Nebraska school are so rare. Scott donated \$5.7 billion in 2020 by asking community leaders to help identify 512 organizations for seven- and eight-figure gifts, including food banks, human-service organizations, and racial-justice charities.

NPBS Students Gear Up for their Performance Ranked :30

03/18/21 News2 6pm Thursday

North Platte High School students are looking forward to their performance this weekend of the musical Ranked. They have spent months preparing and are excited to perform in person for the community. The newly written musical portrays a high school ranking system where students feel pressured to be the highest ranked. Students say they look forward to portraying their characters in their own perspective.

Juvenile Diversion Programs Helping Lincoln County Youth :30

03/18/21 News2 6pm Thursday

The programs at the Greater Nebraska Youth Center give kids another shot at a better future. The youth center should not be confused with a probation facility or form a

punishment. The programs are intended to be preventive and address the root of each youth's problems. The juvenile diversion programs help children with specialized programs so that they are equipped with the tools needed to be successful in life. Grants for the program are in the process of being finalized. Those will be presented in the upcoming weeks and then sent off to the state to be approved or denied.

Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday :30
03/23/21 Local4 Sunrise Tuesday

Miss Swedish Days Outstanding Teen 2020 Addilyn Wilson is very happy. Her special event is a success, and she says it is incredibly important to her because it funds a very important group. And as of Tuesday afternoon, there are about twenty reservations for daddy-daughter couples left for the event that funds the Hershey TeamMates Chapter Scholarship Fund. Miss Wilson explained as of Tuesday afternoon, approximately 160 people were registered for the dinner and dance which is in its third year. In 2020 the dance happened just weeks before the pandemic shut things down. This year, pandemic restrictions are allowing the event.

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.

Governor Ricketts Updates Nebraska Covid 19 Response :30
01/04/20 News2 Midday Monday

Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts and other state officials gave an update on the state's COVID-19 vaccine plan during Monday morning's news conference. The holidays seemed to slow the state's progress on rolling out the vaccine, but the governor said Monday that he's confident the state will get back on track, and that the next phase of vaccinations for those ages 75 and older would begin in two to three weeks. In December, Nebraska obtained a total of 86,470 vaccine doses in the state: 63,070 primary doses and 23,400 doses for the federal pharmacy program to vaccinate those in long-term care facilities.

West Central District Health Department Offering Vaccines to Aged 75 and Up :30
01/06/21 News2 Midday Wednesday

Anyone in the district aged 75 and up may now register for the COVID-19 vaccine. Only people aged 75 and up should register at this time, as to not bog down the system at WCDHD. However, if you are a person that fits the definition of persons in Phase 1A, and you have not yet been vaccinated, and wish to be, you may still register to do so.

Hastings Mayor in Intensive Care :30
01/19/21 News2 5pm Tuesday

On Monday evening, Mayor Corey Stutte was transported to Mary Lanning Healthcare after an incident at his home. The mayor reported that the incident included a fall, seizure, atrial

fibrillation and bleeding on the brain. He was admitted to the intensive care unit and is expected to recover. The mayor attributed the incident to long-term COVID-19 related effects.

WCDHD Drive Thru Flu Vaccine Clinic :30

01/26/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

Health experts say flu cases are drastically down across the country compared to this time last year. Still, local health officials are encouraging everyone to get the flu shot. The West Central District Health Department is holding a drive-thru flu vaccine clinic on Friday, Jan. 29 at their Test Nebraska Site at 2424 East 4th Street, next to Janssen Buick GMC. However, those wanting their flu vaccine must get registered by noon on Wednesday. Health experts say while flu cases usually peak between December and February, influenza season can extend until May.

Shoveling Snow Can Lead to Unexpected Heart Attacks :30

01/27/21 News2 10pm Wednesday

Physicians and nurse practitioners at Precise Family Care see cases dealing with cardiac events on a weekly basis, especially after a heavy snowfall. They say “heart attack snow” is caused when blood vessels constrict when breathing in the cold air coupled with lifting heavy snow, which in many cases, can be more strenuous than running on a treadmill. But there are steps you can take to protect yourself while still getting the job done.

Showing Gratitude to Healthcare Workers :30

02/09/21 News2 Midday Tuesday

When we think about Valentine’s Day, we think about hearts, but over at the North Platte Library the hearts mean something different. Different sizes, different patterns but one meaning showing gratitude to health care workers. “Whether they work at West Central Health, EMS or police, fire or work at the hospital or any doctor’s office we wanted to show them we still think about you and appreciate everything you do for us,” said North Platte Library Director, Cecila Lawrence. The library decided to restart the Hearts for Health Care Hero program to put hearts everywhere to spread a little love.

CDC Investigating Possible Covid-19 Vaccine Related Death :30

02/11/21 News2 6pm Thursday

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been made aware that the COVID-19 vaccine was listed as one of several causes of death for an individual in the State. The individual, a male in his late 40s with a number of comorbidities and a long-term care facility resident, died between 1 and 2 weeks after receiving his first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The death occurred on Jan. 17 and the man received the vaccine the first week of January. The death has been entered into VAERS, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, a national vaccine safety surveillance program run by CDC and the FDA. Anytime a death or any adverse event occurs post vaccination, the case must be reported into VAERS.

CHI Health Doctors Share Facts on Being Vaccinated While Pregnant :30

02/11/21 News2 6pm Thursday

Is the COVID vaccine safe for those who are pregnant? It’s been a common question since the start of the pandemic. On Tuesday, doctors with CHI Health and Creighton University shared the latest research. The doctors referenced findings from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists which state the vaccine is completely safe for those who are pregnant or are trying to be, and immediately after pregnancy. There have been concerns of if the vaccine causes infertility or could cause any kind of birth defects. The doctors explained that the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines do not enter the nucleus of the cell, meaning it does not create any genetic changes.

How The Pandemic Can Affect Adults Mental Health :30

02/11/21 News2 6pm Thursday

Mental health can be categorized as an illness that affects one's emotions, perception of the world and/or negatively impacts functioning in life. The global health pandemic has caused people to socially distance themselves from their close friends and family. As a result, some doctors are noticing how the pandemic is affecting adults' mental health. The closure of entertainment venues has caused people to find other ways to cope. Unfortunately, some of their coping mechanisms result in negative outcomes.

Incorporating Vegetables into Your Meals :30

02/11/21 News2 6pm Thursday

Eating healthy can be as simple as incorporating vegetables into meals you make every day. Nebraska Lincoln Educator Brenda Aufdenkamp showed News 2 how to make three easy and healthy meals: Butternut squash mac 'n cheese, avo-blueberry muffins, and black bean brownies. Aufdenkamp says eating more vegetables not only gives you the vitamins you need, but more energy too.

Taking Care of Your Mental Health :30

02/16/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

"Mental health is anything that is not really affecting your physical body, but more of your emotions, how you feel, how you perceive the world and if the way you perceive the world the way you think, if that affects your function in life that could be considered mental health," said Alex Ding with Great Plains Health. Anxiety and depression are just two forms of mental health. "Poor sleep, that is part of mental health as well. Drug use alcohol use. These all effect the way people think," said Ding.

Connection Homeless Shelter Receives Federal Grant Prepares for Vaccinations :30

03/01/21 News2 Midday Monday

This year, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development allocated money to assist homeless shelters nationwide. They awarded nearly \$10 million to homeless assistance programs throughout the state of Nebraska. The Connection Homeless Shelter in North Platte was one of those programs. The Connection received the emergency solutions grant which is related to assisting programs as a response to help shelters provide services through the coronavirus pandemic. This funding goes towards things such as food, staff and housing programs at the Connection. In addition, they also were granted funding that goes towards their operation costs.

Andy Hoffman Passes Away from Cancer :30

03/01/21 News2 6pm Monday

Andy Hoffman, who is well known for helping raise millions for childhood brain cancer research, passed away from cancer Monday morning. Andy's wife, Brianna, made a blog post on February 20, letting people know Andy's health had been declining and there wasn't much more doctors could do. At the beginning of February, she said what started out as a cough turned out to be coronavirus, delaying his chemotherapy treatment and other appointments. Brianna said he had no coronavirus symptoms after about day 5, but during that time his neurological symptoms worsened.

Great Plains Health CEO to Retire in December :30

03/02/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

The Great Plains Health Board of Directors announced today that Great Plains Health Chief Executive Officer Mel McNea will retire this December. McNea's distinguished career with Great Plains Health spans more than 30 years, serving seven of those years as chief

executive officer. A national and local search will begin immediately to name McNea's successor.

Colon Cancer Prevention :30

03/05/21 News2 6pm Friday

Colon Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer in the United States. While Colon Cancer is one of the more common forms of cancer, it is also one of the more preventable. While there are other methods in prevention of colon cancer, General Surgeon at Great Plains Health Michael Simonson said Colonoscopies are most effective at preventing cancers from forming.

In the year 2020 150 thousand Americans were diagnosed with Colon Cancer. It is recommended to be screened at 45 to 50 years of age and be screened every five to 10 years.

Answering your COVID Vaccine Questions :30

03/12/21 News2 6pm Friday

As the COVID Vaccine becomes more readily available to the public many questions have arisen such as the safety of the vaccine the side effects and the benefit it will bring to ending this pandemic. Some are hesitant to receive their vaccine with concern of long term side effects. Data is actively being collected as millions vaccinate against COVID-19.

Pharmacy Director at Great Plains Health, Jason North, says a common concern is pregnancy. "The vaccine is not attacking any hormone or placental molecule there is no risk for infertility," said North. Side effects such as headache and body aches are common responses to the vaccine.

Mental Health Experts Provide Advice for Transitioning out of Pandemic Life :30

03/18/21 News2 Midday Thursday

In 2020, everything changed. Schools closed, people were sent home from work, families and friends were asked to social distance. While restrictions have eased some over the year, now that vaccines are going to more people and cases are going down, a new normal is within reach. But mental health experts with CHI Health are wanting to make sure you can make that transition smoothly. But now, we are almost on the other side, and some people may have anxiety about re-integrating into society.

Covid 19 Vaccine Some Develop Skin Reaction :30

03/23/21 News2 6pm Tuesday

As millions get vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine, people are having a delayed skin reaction that causes a red, and sometimes bumpy rash on the arm. But medical professionals at Great Plains Health say this is completely normal. Millions have already received their dose of the Pfizer, Moderna and the newly available Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Reactions such as injection site soreness, general fatigue, fever and chills are common side effects and usually occur within a day or two of the injection. But some people are developing a rash sometimes as much as eight to 10 days after the injection.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Vets Power Us Program Helping Rural Electric Coops and Veterans :30

01/08/21 News2 10pm Friday

Veterans and active service men and women can use their skills right here at home, continuing to serve others. A national program called “Vets Power Us,” is encouraging hiring and caring for veterans in public power careers. John Sich and Zachary McMillan both deserve the country’s gratitude for serving our nation. They have that in common. Both Sich and McMillan have something else in common. They are both employed by Dawson Public Power District. Both are using skills learned in the military as they enjoy careers in the civilian world. Sich is a Construction Crew Foreman for DPPD, and McMillan is an Apprentice Lineman.

Western Governors University Launces the I Have a Dream Scholarship :30 01/18/21 News2 10pm Monday

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s tenacity, Western Governors University (WGU) is opening a scholarship to assist students who dream of earning a degree. The I Have a Dream Scholarship emphasizes the perseverance, resilience, and commitment that students possess to chase their dreams. The “I Have a Dream” scholarship is highly competitive and awarded based on students’ academic record, previous college experience, readiness for online study, current competency, as well as other considerations.

Lincoln County Commissioners Pass Resolution :30 03/01/21 News2 6pm Monday

In Monday’s Lincoln County Commissioner’s meeting, the board passed a resolution, 3-2, not allowing sitting commissioners to have financial interest in contracts with Lincoln County. County Commissioner Joe Hewgley tells News 2 that the company he owns has a part in the building project at the Lincoln County Jail. Hewgley said the Nebraska Attorney General ruled his part as an architectural consult in the current project legal. Chairman Kent Weems said the opportunity for other businesses to serve community projects will help keep the integrity of the board intact.

Dawes County Sheriff Convicted of Official Misconduct :30 03/05/21 News2 10pm Friday

The Dawes County Sheriff was convicted of official misconduct this week. Dawes County Court Judge Randin Roland found Dawes County Sheriff Karl Dailey guilty of Official Misconduct (a Class II misdemeanor) for refusing to receive a man into the Dawes County Jail who was arrested and wanted out of South Dakota for kidnapping and sexually assault. The two-day bench trial on the matter was held in January. Sentencing will be set at a date yet to be determined. The Nebraska State Patrol assisted with the investigation.

Lincoln County Commissioners Consider District Reshuffling :30 03/08/21 News2 Midday Monday

The Board of Commissioners met Monday to discuss rearranging the five districts that make up Lincoln County. Population disparities cause North Platte to be a part of every district, which can cause issues with voting sites and the recent 2020 census. The board will work with multiple offices, including the Nebraska Secretary of State, to find the best way to align the districts based on population. Board Chairman Kent Weems says modern technology can help simplify the arrangement of districts going forward.

Nebraska Bill to Permanently Allow Carry-Out Booze Advances :30 03/09/21 News2 Midday Tuesday

An emergency order that lets Nebraska restaurants offer carry-out alcohol could become a permanent state law under a measure advanced by lawmakers. The proposal builds off of Gov. Pete Ricketts’ temporary executive order to try to help restaurants during the coronavirus pandemic. The policy has proven popular because it allows restaurant customers to order cocktails and other mixed drinks with their to-go orders. Under the measure, drinks could only be sold in a sealed, tamper-evident container and not partially

consumed. Sen. Suzanne Geist, the bill's sponsor, says she introduced it to help local businesses recover some of the revenue they lost due to government-mandated social distancing restrictions.

Lawmakers Debate over Allowing Sports Betting in Casinos :30

03/17/21 News2 6pm Wednesday

After a 37-5 vote Wednesday, lawmakers passed a casino regulation bill that includes sports betting. Lawmakers argue when Nebraskans voted for casinos in November, it meant sports betting was also legalized. Plans for Lincoln's casino are already in place including areas where people can bet on sports. Ho-Chunk, Inc. CEO Lance Morgan said, "It's almost like a glorified sports bar and we'll have simulcasting and that stuff going on." Morgan said his group didn't ask for the bill. What he does want is lawmakers to give people what they voted for.

VOLUNTEERISM/ COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/DIVERSITY

***Hometown Hero"**

News 2 Sundays

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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

Remembering Loved Ones Through Donating Blood :30

01/01/21 News2 6pm Friday

A local college student arranged a blood drive in loving memory of her great grandparents Arvid and Florence Jackson. The event took place on Thursday, Dec. 31 at the North Platte Bethel Church. Continuing an annual trend Haley Jackson hoped that this year's turnout would be even more successful than last year's. After spreading the news about the blood drive all around town, the turnout was incredible. Every reserved appointment time was filled in on the day of the event.

Celebrate Three Kinds Day with A Rosca De Reyes :30

01/07/20 News2 Sunrise Thursday

It's a day many Christians recognize: Three Kings' Day. Many Nebraskans celebrate it with a unique Mexican tradition that has a lot of people going to bakeries searching for this special

pastry every year. Amy's Bakery in Lexington prepares and bakes hundreds of breads leading up to the religious holiday. Bakery owner and baker Ricardo Ortiz said he and his colleague have baked more than 300 Rosca's since Monday.

American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday :30
01/15/21 News2 Sunrise Friday

North Platte Community College is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on Monday, January 18. Stop by the McDonald-Belton Gym on the south campus from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to donate. This drive is open to the public. Appointments are encouraged to ensure social distancing. Face masks are required. All donors must bring a blood donor card, driver's license or another form of ID at check-in.

Protecting Your Home Against Carbon Monoxide :30
01/22/21 News2 6pm Friday

The North Platte Fire Department responds to about one hundred calls regarding Carbon Monoxide in homes. The calls range in severity based on the precautions the homeowner may have implemented such as having Carbon Monoxide detectors. Experts say that Carbon Dioxide detectors are just as important as smoke detectors. Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas. The detectors serve as a precaution. Carbon Monoxide leaks can show themselves in different ways.

North Platte Community Playhouse Hosts Canteen Cabaret :30
01/22/21 News2 10pm Friday

The 'Canteen Cabaret' returns to the North Platte Community Playhouse Saturday. The cabaret is a virtual performance held once a month where local actors take the stage during a socially distanced performance. Each month focuses on a different theme aimed to lift the spirits of the community. The cabaret takes center stage at 7 p.m. on the Playhouse's Facebook page. Drive-thru concessions are available from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Playhouse.

Families 1st Provides Support to Local Families :30
01/27/21 News2 6pm Wednesday

Family 1st Partnership, A local non-profit looking to help the community find desperately needed resources. Families 1st Partnership is filling this valuable need by sharing around 365,000 dollars locally in just two years. They help with housing, transportation, childcare, daily living needs, and supplies for childcare providers. In the last 6 months alone, they have provided service to almost 600 people.

North Platte Drive-Thru Food Distribution :30
02/01/21 News2 6pm Monday

Hundreds of people lined up for a drive-thru food distribution Monday. People started lining up at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers loaded up boxes of food into vehicles at the Parkade Plaza. About 1,200 boxes were distributed to local families. The distribution is a sponsorship between the North Platte Noon Rotary and Hot Meals USA.

Quilt Exhibit Brings Local Artists Visions to Life :30
02/09/21 News2 Midday Tuesday

A new exhibit at the Prairie Arts Center unites the visions of a local artist and quilts. Ron Nordyke is using his love of quilts, nature, and people to create his Search of Quilts exhibit. Challenging people to see more than what's on the canvas and connect with his work, his art focuses on life cycles and quilts, patriotism, and more. Nordyke believes he is threading quilts into the hearts and minds of those who view his work.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales Begin :30**02/11/21 News2 6pm Thursday**

Friday is February 12th, and in the world of Girl Scouts, it is a very big day. Many people across Nebraska are looking forward to Friday because Girl Scout Cookie sales finally begin. The girl scouts are ready to start their day of sales tomorrow, and there are plenty of ways to get your stash of cookies. Girl Scouts have been selling cookies for more than 100 years. And they are not letting a pandemic stop them from continuing that tradition. Again, sales start here tomorrow, and cookie booths open statewide on Feb. 19 which includes virtual booths, Drive-through locations, curbside pickup options, and online orders that ship directly to customers' doors.

Catholic Churches Hosting Wild Game Feed :30**02/26/21 News2 6pm Friday**

Three Catholic parishes are hosting a wild game feed on Saturday in Curtis at the Curtis Community Center with food being served at 6:30 p.m. Individual tickets at the door cost twenty dollars each. Father Kimminau of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Farnam, St. James Catholic of Curtis, and St. William Catholic Church of Wellfleet is serving up a meal with most the wild meat you can imagine, from deer meat, to moose and elk, squid and salmon, and even squirrel (to mention a few). There are live and silent auctions with many items, from homemade goods to guns.

Lexington Food Distribution Enters its 44th Week :30**02/26/21 News2 6pm Friday**

In Lexington, volunteers are in their 44th week helping families through this crisis. It's a partnership between the Lexington Community Foundation and Orthman's Manufacturing that started in April with hot meals and has now expanded to a food distribution. They serve up to 850 households each week and organizers don't see the food insecurity crisis going away anytime soon.

NPHS Mobile Food Pantry Serves Hundreds of Families :30**03/02/21 News2 10pm Tuesday**

After last month's historic cold weather forced the postponement of the mobile food pantry twice at the North Platte High School, the mobile food pantry returned Tuesday. People were lined up four hours prior to the distribution. Local resident Donnita Deaver was fifth in line and said this was first time participating. The food distribution started January 2020. About 350 households are served each month. The Food Bank of the Heartland, North Platte Rotary and school teachers help make the mobile food pantry possible each month.

Flatrock Roller Derby Begins Recruitment :30**03/02/21 News2 6pm Tuesday**

Flatrock Roller Derby is gearing up for their next season and are opening up recruitment to the community. Flatrock Roller Derby stays active in their community with volunteer work. They practice twice a week and travel for tournaments. All skill levels are invited to join. They will have a zoom meet and greet April 3 and April 6 at 6 p.m. giving more information about joining. Those involved say it is a great way to make new friends and get active.

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Need of Participate :30**03/08/21 News2 6pm Monday**

The Saint Patrick's Day parade is returning to downtown North Platte. Participants are needed for this year's event. Fifteen to twenty different agencies and organizations are already signed up. The parade route begins at "A" and Dewey Street and will continue down Dewey Street to 6th Street. There will not be activities following the parade this year.

Registration Open for North Platte Area Sports Commission Tanking Race :30

03/05/21 News2 6pm Friday

The fifth annual North Platte Area Sports Commission Tanking Race is set for April 3 and registration is now open to all who are interested. Groups of four will work together to design a tank, or a light watercraft, and travel down the Platte River for a two-mile journey filled with fun and enjoyment for all. Contestants are encouraged to dress up and wear costumes for the event. Samantha Geisler of the NPASC said that the event has grown since its inception half a decade ago and hopes that people from even farther away will take part.

Free Family Event Planned to Bring Awareness to Child Abuse :30**03/11/21 News2 6pm Thursday**

Guardians of the Children Flat Rock Chapter is hosting a free event in April. Their 5th annual Child Abuse Awareness Event takes place on April 10 from 11 a.m. To 2 p.m. at the D&N Event Center. This event is free and will have bounce houses, carnival-style games, and free food. Not only does this event educate the community on child abuse, but it also gives kids a day for a lot of fun activities. Participants are encouraged to donate bikes that will be given away to the children.

Local Church Honors Healthcare Workers :30**03/21/21 Local4 6pm Sunday**

The Covid-19 pandemic is creating a new respect for healthcare workers nationwide. A local church hosted an event recognizing members of the medical industry and their sacrifices. North Platte Baptist Church honored our local healthcare workers with a ceremony after the service on Sunday, March 21. Pastor Reeves of NPBC wanted to honor the healthcare workers in our community which is what led him to hold the Heroes Sunday Program. Healthcare workers who may have not been in attendance of Sunday's program are still recognized for their work as well.

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

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

of Times Aired

1st Quarter PSA Totals	KNOP	KIIT
Alcohol & Drugs	43	196
Animal Welfare	124	265
Consumer Protection	36	139
Education	93	280
Environment/Ag	5	10

Family/Community	63	115
Health & Fitness	205	1072
Military/Government	147	299
Safety	36	258
Outdoors/Recreation/Tourism	0	187
Volunteerism/Donations	110	1093
Kid Targeted	231	654
Employment/Public Files	85	311