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

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

On KNOP

NEWS 2 SUNRISE

7:00a

Monday thru Friday 6:00-

NEWS 2 MIDDAY

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

NEWS 2 AT 6PM

6:00-6:30p

Monday thru Saturday

NEWS 2 AT 10PM

10:35p

Monday thru Sunday 10:00-

*All of the above programs are locally produced News programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-responsive stories.

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

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

Sunday

Regular NBC Network News Programs Carried by KNOP:

EARLY TODAY

Monday thru Friday 5:30-6:00am

TODAY SHOW

Monday thru

Friday 7:00-11:00am

NBC NIGHTLY NEW

Monday thru

Sunday 5:00-5:30pm

SATURDAY TODAY SHOW

Saturdays

7:00-

9:00am

SUNDAY TODAY SHOW

Sundays

7:00-

8:00am

MEET THE PRESS

Sundays

8:00-9:00am

On KIIT/NNOP:

News 2 @ 10pm (Repeat)

Monday thru Friday 12:00-

12:30am

Pure Nebraska

Sundays

9:30-10:00am

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

FOX NEWS SUNDAY

9:00am

Sundays

8:00-

US FARM REPORT

Sundays

7:00-8:00am

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

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

ALCOHOL & DRUGS**Troopers Find 49 Pounds of Marijuana in I-80 Traffic Stop :30****11/02/20 News2 Midday Monday**

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol have arrested a California man after finding nearly 50 pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop on Interstate 80 near Kearney. At approximately 5:40 p.m. Saturday, a trooper observed a Dodge Grand Caravan make an unsafe pass of a semi-tractor/truck trailer. The trooper performed a traffic stop on the van. During the traffic stop, the trooper detected the odor of marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed 49 pounds of marijuana contained inside suitcases in the rear of the van.

E-Cigarette Use No Longer Allowed Indoors :30**11/10/20 News2 6pm Tuesday**

Starting Nov. 14, the expanded Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act goes into effect prohibiting the use of electronic cigarettes in every enclosed indoor workplace with very few exceptions. This includes office buildings, manufacturing facilities, retail stores, restaurants, bars, etc. LB 840 passed earlier this year expanding the Act. The expanded Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Law exempts electronic smoking device retail outlets, or vape shops, from the indoor e-cigarette restriction. Communities are able to pass local policies that go beyond the Clean Indoor Air Act and businesses should check what local ordinances are in their area.

Troopers Arrest 34 Impaired Drivers During Thanksgiving Enforcement :30**11/30/20 News2 6pm Monday**

Nebraska State Troopers removed 34 impaired drivers from the road and assisted more than 470 motorists during the Thanksgiving "Click It or Ticket" campaign. The campaign ran from Nov. 16 through Nov. 29. Throughout the campaign, troopers arrested 34 people for driving under the influence and cited 22 drivers for having an open alcohol container. Troopers also issued citations for speeding (776), minor in possession (7), driving under suspension (66), no proof of insurance (42), no seat belt (25), and improper child restraint (9). Troopers also performed 477 motorist assists during the campaign.

Rising Drug Overdoses Among Youth :30

12/11/20 News2 10pm Friday

According to a recent CDC report, there is an increasing number of nonfatal drug overdoses in youth. The data examines the data from roughly 90 million visits from 2016 to 2019. The overdoses are not typically with narcotics or illegal substances, yet there are common over the counter drugs such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. In some cases, the youth does not realize they have overdosed on these medications until they have been transported to the hospital.

ANIMAL WELFARE/ PET SAFETY

“Newsmakers/ Pets For Adoption” (On-going Series)

News 2 Midday -First Tuesday Of Every Month

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

“Sunrise/ Pets For Adoption” (On-going Series)

News 2 Sunrise-Every Wednesday Morning

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Lincoln County Commissioners Approve USDA Agreement :30

10/12/20 News2 10pm Monday

On October 12, 2020, the Lincoln County Commissioners approved an additional service to the wildlife damage management program. This addition provides funding to the USDA for aerial services. They will be able to use an aircraft for lethal control or predatory reduction in areas with a substantial number of coyotes. The aircraft allows them to cover larger amounts of land. With the availability of food, trash and small animals, wildlife finds their way into suburban and rural communities. They wander into these areas with people and learn there is food readily available.

Critters on the Move :30

10/22/20 News2 10pm Thursday

With harvest in full swing, animals are on the move, and anyone who drives rural Nebraska roads knows the danger and frustration of hitting a deer or other wildlife with a vehicle. Public Information Officer from the Nebraska Game and Parks in North Platte Julie Gieser wants people to be safe as Nebraska critters scurry out of fields to find new homes. People might see animals on the move during and after harvest, such as deer, raccoon, badgers, fox, and coyote, because, according to Gieser, anytime existing cover is removed, such as a tree line or cornfield the animals move “out and find out to find new safe places to live.”

New NSP K-9 Named for Trooper Dale Fahnholz

10/27/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

A new police K9 has officially joined the ranks of the Nebraska State Patrol. The newest NSP Police Service Dog is Fahn, named to honor Trooper Dale Fahnholz, who passed away suddenly on March 1, 2020. Fahn and his handler, Sergeant Workman, have been through months of training to earn certification. Fahn is a dual-purpose PSD, certified for narcotics

detection and patrolling functions. Fahn will be stationed in Grand Island and patrol the same troop area in which Trooper Fahnholz spent the majority of his career.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

North Platte and Hershey Combining Efforts at Fire Off Homestead Road :30

10/02/20 News2 Midday Friday

Local and area fire crews responded to a hay bale fire southwest of North Platte around noon. The fire at 3490 Homestead Road started by hay bales which were still wet when put up, causing them to combust and start fire. About 100 bales caught fire. The fire was contained within approximately 45 minutes.

US Postal Service to Increase Prices in 2021 :30

10/10/20 News2 6pm Saturday

Sending mail might get a little more expensive in 2021. The U.S. Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission that it's planning to increase prices. The new proposal raises the price for first-class mail by 1.8% and all other categories by 1.5%. Some prices will remain unchanged, like the forever stamp at 55 cents while others will only go up one cent. The single-piece letter additional ounce is set to increase from 15 cents to 20.

Working From Home Money Scams :30

10/19/20 News2 6pm Monday

Bank scammers are now changing their methods following the changes that have come with COVID-19. As working from home has become more common and unemployment has risen, scammers are using this to their advantage.

Phone Calls Scamming NPPD Customers :30

10/23/20 News2 Midday Friday

A concerning phone scam is on the rise. Nebraska Public Power District telling customers to "hang up" if someone calls and asks you for money. If someone calls you to tell you your electric meter needs replaced, or that you will be disconnected if you do not make an immediate payment over the phone, hang up. You can call NPPD's customer service at 1-877-ASK-NPPD if this happens to you. NPPD will never call you and ask you to make a wire transfer, or to send gift cards or pre-paid debit cards such as Green Dot cards.

Political Texts, How Groups Get Your Information :30

11/01/20 News2 10pm Sunday

Voters are sounding off about constant calls and messages for the upcoming election. Many of them call it spam. Political campaigns begin ramping up at the start of election season, sending the unsolicited messages to inform voters, donors or activists of candidates' platforms, etc. Many times, the communication is coming from campaign workers or volunteers and being sent to a large list of phone numbers pulled from publicly available voter files. And that information, your information, is for sale.

Nebraska Secretary of State Reports Robo Calls Telling Voters to Stay Home :30

11/03/20 News2 Sunrise Tuesday

The Nebraska Secretary of State is reporting several instances of voters receiving robo calls to "stay home and stay safe" on Tuesday morning. According to the Secretary of State's

office, the anonymous calls started coming in Tuesday morning. However, Secretary of State Bob Evnen is reminding voters polling places across the state are open and “our voters and our poll workers will be kept safe.”

BBB Warns of Online Shopping Scams Ahead of Black Friday :30

11/25/20 News2 Sunrise Wednesday

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many brick-and-mortar businesses to improve their efforts in the digital space, and consumers are seeking great online shopping experiences to help them purchase their gifts and supplies. Ads for fabulous online deals are everywhere, tempting consumers with great prices and free shipping offers.

Omaha FBI Breaks Down Total Scam For The Year :30

11/25/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

The amount of money Nebraska victims have lost in scams just this year is mind-boggling. Fourteen million dollars stolen from 2,400 Nebraskans, and most of them can't afford the loss. Two FBI agents listen to a recorded scam call claiming my social security number has been used for identity theft and there's an arrest warrant out for me. Scammer on phone said, “You need to pay \$2,000 for that, a bail amount.” On the cyber squad, the special agents specialize in scam investigations. Jake Foiles, FBI Special Agent said, “It's frustrating to see people are out there targeting the vulnerable. The elderly, the lonely.” In this case, senior citizens threatened with the loss of social security.

Tips and Tricks for Thanksgiving Leftovers :30

11/27/20 News2 6pm Friday

As Thanksgiving dinners conclude, it's now time to start thinking of creative ways to use those leftovers. Food Nutrition and Health Extension Educator, Brenda Aufenkamp, says using smaller containers is a safer way to store your leftovers. she emphasizes the importance of storing containers level to each other instead of stacking. If you didn't store your turkey properly Aufdenkamp says you need to be sure to heat the leftovers to an internal temperature to 165 degrees. She says while turkey can be stored in a freezer for months, in the refrigerator you will have a shorter shelf life.

CRIME AND PERSONAL SAFETY

Reward Offered for Information on Missing Girl :30

10/01/20 News2 6pm Thursday

The family is hoping someone will come forward with information that could lead to the location of their daughter. Myra McKerrigan has been missing since July 19. She is a Hispanic female, born on December 25, 2004. She is 5'3, approximately 104 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. The Scottsbluff Police Department says Myra might be accompanied by 34-year-old Krystle Ramos who was last reported driving a Black Chevy Impala with plates: 7 WY CHUY. Krystal Ramos could be in the Colorado area looking for a male with the following identities, Lino Quintana or Marcello Margarito Quintana Torrez whose estimated age is 36 years old.

Keith County Attorneys Office Investigating Inmate Death :30

10/07/20 News2 10pm Wednesday

Keith County Attorney Randy Fair said 44-year-old James Mawson was booked in the Keith County Jail. He was brought in on a warrant for failure to appear last week in a Keith County case where he faced felon drug charges. Mawson died in a holding cell. Mawson was also scheduled to appear in Lincoln County Court Monday, before being found dead the night before. Lincoln County was going to issue a warrant for his arrest before learning of his death. Details of his death were not provided. However, an autopsy is scheduled this week.

NPFD Responds to Grass Fire Early Tuesday, Law Enforcement Suspects Arson :30**10/13/20 News2 6pm Tuesday**

The North Platte Fire Department responded to a grass fire early Tuesday. It happened at 3:30 a.m. near the residence of 5856 South Old Highway 83. Fire crews say a mailbox was started on fire with fire works. The fire spread and burned two acres of land. No structures were damaged. This case is being investigated as arson by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Indianola Man Facing Murder Charges in Tangled Crime scene :30**10/13/20 News2 6pm Tuesday**

Alva Clinton Decker III is accused of shooting and killing 30-year-old Steven Weaver on October 8th. Decker is accused of "purposely and with deliberate and premeditated malice" going after Weaver. He, alongside 36-year-old Charles Decker, are said to have "conspired" to kill Weaver. Charles Decker, however, died in a wreck on Highway 6/36 at mile marker 96. Weaver died at the same location. Alva Decker is now housed in the Red Willow County Jail with no bond. He is accused of shooting Weaver at the scene of the accident where Charles Decker died.

Bailey Boswell Found Guilty of First-Degree Murder :30**10/14/20 News2 Midday Wednesday**

After three years, the Loofe family has justice for 24-year-old Sydney's death. As a jury of eight men and four women found Bailey Boswell guilty of first-degree murder, improper disposal of human remains and conspiracy to commit murder. The jury deliberated for just over three hours.

Early Morning Rollover Accident Near Hershey :30**10/20/20 News2 Midday Tuesday**

Just before 2:00 a.m. 21-year-old Lyle Harms of Ogallala told officers he struck a curb going southbound on Link 56 C. He overcorrected, left the roadway, and rolled his pickup several times. Officers suspected alcohol use, in which Harms tested positive for. Harms was taken to the Lincoln County Jail but transferred to Great Plains Health due to injuries sustained in the accident. Harms was issued a ticket for Driving Under the Influence and released.

Accident at State Farm Road and Highway 83**10/20/20 News2 Midday Tuesday**

A tanker truck and a small passenger car collided around 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, at the Intersection of State Farm Road and Highway 83. Officers on scene telling News 2 a car coming from east State Farm Road, turning left onto Highway 83 was struck by the tanker. So far News 2 is reporting one person from the passenger car has been transported to Great Plains Health with severe injuries. The truck driver is not injured.

Young Man Being Reunited with Family :30**10/22/20 News2 6pm Thursday**

Pictures of 24-year-old Morgan Burmester helped troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol locate the young man this evening after a search began when his mother reported him missing Wednesday. Burmester was positively identified after being spotted by a trooper at Arther Bay

at Lake McConaughy near Ogallala, Thursday evening. Captain of Troop D, Nebraska State Patrol, Tyler Schmidt told News 2 Burmester was transported to the Ogalala hospital for treatment on some accidental cuts to his hands, and to be reunited with his family.

Driver Arrested Following Road Rage Incident :30

10/22/20 News2 6pm Thursday

At approximately 4:20 p.m. Wednesday, NSP received a report of a road rage incident on I-80 in Lincoln County. The incident reportedly included the driver of an eastbound Toyota Highlander pointing a firearm at another driver. Troopers were able to locate the vehicle and perform a traffic stop near mile marker 196. During the traffic stop, troopers located two handguns in the vehicle. The driver, Avery Rogers, 34, of Bowling Green, Missouri, was arrested for making terroristic threats and use of a firearm to commit a felony. Rogers was lodged in Lincoln County Jail.

Former State Fair Exec Headed to Trial :30

10/27/20 News2 Midday Tuesday

The former Financial Director for the Nebraska State Fair is headed to trial to defend himself against charges that he stole money from the fair. Patrick Kopke is charged with three counts of felony theft in Hall County. The charges are for theft of movable property of value greater than \$5,000. Each charge could lead to 20 years in prison each with potential reparation payments for the stolen goods. On Monday, Kopke waived an evidence hearing in Hall County Court. The judge transferred the case to Hall County District Court.

Kansas Man Arrested in Nebraska on Child Enticement Charges :30

10/29/20 News2 Sunrise Thursday

Nebraska State Patrol troopers took 24-year-old Bradley Burris into custody on Tuesday in Wood River. He is facing two counts of enticement of a child by electronic communication device. NSP investigators worked with the Fairbury Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) to make the arrest. The investigation began with a report to the Fairbury Police Department. During the investigation, NSP, KBI, and several other agencies became involved. Investigators obtained search warrants for social media accounts connected to Burris and discovered multiple sexually explicit videos involving a juvenile.

Driver Cited After Rear-Ending NSP Commander's Unmarked Vehicle :30

11/02/20 News2 6pm Monday

The collision occurred at approximately 7:40 a.m. Monday. The NSP vehicle, an unmarked Dodge Durango, was stopped on Highway 30 at Monroe Road, east of Silver Creek, waiting for the vehicle in front of it to turn left onto Monroe Road. That vehicle was waiting as a train passed. A Cadillac CTS then struck the NSP vehicle from behind. The NSP commander suffered minor injuries in the crash but was transported to the hospital in Columbus to receive medical clearance. He was treated and released. The driver of the Cadillac was also treated at the hospital for minor injuries and has been released. The Cadillac driver was cited for careless driving and following too closely.

Abducted Child Recovered, Suspect Arrested Near North Platte :30

11/04/20 News2 Midday Thursday

At approximately 6:15 p.m. CT Tuesday, NSP received information regarding an assault and kidnapping that had occurred in Sedgwick County. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office provided information that the suspect had assaulted a woman, then drove off in the woman's vehicle with her child still in the vehicle. The suspect was believed to be traveling eastbound on Interstate 80 in Nebraska. At approximately 7 p.m. CT, troopers were able to locate the vehicle, a Mazda 3, at I-80 mile marker 177, near North Platte.

One Man Arrested. One Man Wanted for North Platte Shooting :30**11/12/20 News2 Sunrise Thursday**

41-year-old Courtney Hansen was arrested after a warrant was issued on November 10. Hansen was charged with Aiding and Abetting-1st Degree Assault, regarding the shooting. The North Platte Police Department is searching for 48-year-old Nathaneal Anthony, for his involvement in the shooting. An arrest warrant has also been issued. Anthony is wanted for 1st Degree Assault, use of a Firearm to Commit a Felony, and Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person.

Fiery Overnight Semi-Crash on I-80 Near Brady :30**11/12/20 News2 Sunrise Thursday**

Nebraska State Patrol releases several photos on Twitter after two-semi crash on I-80 near Brady Wednesday night. According to the post, local fire crews responded to the crash, where a diesel spill caused a fire. There were no injuries reported.

20-Year-Old Man Dead in North Platte Stabbing :30**11/12/20 News2 Midday Thursday**

19-year-old Harlie Saathoff is being held in the Lincoln County Detention Center. At court in Lincoln County Court Thursday, Judge Kent Turnbull set bail at one million dollars. Accused of stabbing and killing her boyfriend, 20-year-old Bryce Wood, Saathoff faces up to life in prison if found guilty. Court records tell the story of a troubled relationship pattern between Wood and Saathoff with Wood being arrested once for a felony domestic issue with Saathoff the victim in April 2020. Several other disturbances were indicated.

Death Ruled a Homicide :30**11/20/20 News2 10pm Friday**

A close family member to a man who was found dead in the NPPD canal near Lake Maloney in June said the death of his loved one is ruled a homicide. 68-year old Nicholas "Nick" Legas was found floating in the canal about four miles west of the lake on June 8. His vehicle was found more than six miles upstream. An autopsy indicated Legas had no water in his lungs or esophagus, meaning he did not drown. His family member told News 2 Legas suffered blunt force trauma to his head, as well as strangulation.

SWAT Makes Arrest in Red Willow County :30**12/10/20 News2 6pm Thursday**

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol SWAT Team have arrested a person wanted in connection with a homicide investigation in Red Willow County. During the morning hours of Thursday, December 10, NSP SWAT was activated to effectuate the arrest of Travis Terwilliger, 45, of McCook. Terwilliger had an active felony warrant for use of a firearm to commit a felony, accessory to a felony, and terroristic threats. With the assistance of the Red Willow County Sheriff's Office and McCook Police Department, NSP SWAT was able to apprehend Terwilliger at his home at 304 East 2nd Street in McCook without incident. Terwilliger was lodged in Red Willow County Jail.

NSP Investigating Shooting in Palisade :30**12/21/20 News2 Midday Monday**

NSP Investigators were called-in Friday, after the Hayes County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene at 308 North Osborn in Palisade. A victim was located with multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to Great Plains Health in North Platte and is expected to survive. The Hayes County Sheriff's Office has requested that the Nebraska State Patrol be the lead agency in the investigation. Preliminary investigation was completed at the scene Friday. The Hayes County Sheriff's Office, Hitchcock County Sheriff's Office, Palisade Fire and Rescue assisted on scene. The investigation remains ongoing.

In Home Disturbance Ends in Gunshot Wound and Double Arrest :30**12/28/20 News2 Midday Monday**

An 18-year old arrived at Great Plains Health with a gunshot wound as officers with the North Platte Police Department (NPPD) investigate a disturbance the day after Christmas. As officers were responding to the scene, it was reported that an individual with a gunshot wound, had just arrived at Great Plains Health. During the investigation, NPPD learned that the 18-year old victim was involved in a disturbance at the home with two men. Both men were incarcerated at the Lincoln County Detention Center. The victim suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries from the incident.

Colorado Family Killed in Wednesday Mornings Crash Near Hershey :30**12/24/20 News2 6pm Thursday**

A Colorado family was killed in Wednesday morning's two vehicle accident near Hershey, according to the Nebraska State Patrol. The Nebraska State Patrol says 24-year-old Edgar Navarro, his passenger Idayalid Bautista, 25, and Alexa Navarro, 4, all of Westminster, Colorado, died at the scene. Navarro's and Bautista's two other children, a three-year-old girl and an eleven-month-old girl were both transported to Great Plains Health in North Platte.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / JOBS / MONEY MATTERS**Chamber Begins Hosting Business After Hours :30****10/02/20 News2 10pm Friday**

North Platte Area Chamber and Development hosted their Business After Dark Event at God Father's Pizza on Friday. People were able to come and network, meet new people in the area and learn more about local businesses. This was the first event of this stature since the health pandemic began. The Chamber hosts networking events like this each month, but due to COVID-19, some of those events were canceled or postponed.

A Pumpkin Filled Weekend at The Dusty Trails :30**10/02/20 News2 10pm Friday**

The annual tank race is a fundraiser hosted by the Nebraska Sports Commission. Eight teams will have the opportunity to dress up in costumes, decorate their tanks and race down the Platte River from Buffalo Bill State Recreation Area to Cody Park. With October, being full of pumpkin activities, there has been an additional competition added to the event. At the end of the race, each team will be responsible for decorating a pumpkin with a mystery bag of materials.

Former Alco Building and Parkade Plaza Under New Ownership :30**10/07/20 Local4 Midday Wednesday**

Whitetail Management LLC purchased the property for slightly more than a million dollars. Shae and Jeff Caldwell who also own Whitetail Screen Print and Cycle Sport and Whitetail Outpost, own all the Parkade Plaza, except for the section where Brothers Tavern is located. Caldwell said it's a process that's been in the works for the past six months and is just another piece towards the continuation to revitalize the downtown area.

Local Golf Cart Business Expanding :30**10/07/20 News2 10pm Wednesday**

McNew's Unlimited, a North Platte based business specializing in customized golf carts, is ramping up operations going into 2021. Company founder Nick McNew is moving the company across town to a bigger lot ahead of the expansion. An encouraging sign for small

businesses in North Platte. McNew has worked in a family business and believes in the importance of supporting this community. He partners frequently with local businesses to help customize his products for clients.

Grant Helping Workforce Economy :30

10/08/20 News2 6pm Thursday

A \$100,000 Perkins Revision Action Grant from the Nebraska Department of Education is bringing new technology to the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. This is designed to address workforce development needs and bring high level technology to the classroom for hands-on learning. These funds will purchase a robotic welder, full-size equine simulator, a mobile agronomy demonstration unit, robotic camera for live streaming classes, and more.

2020 Awards Presented at Annual Luncheon :30

10/11/20 News2 10pm Sunday

Several businesses, business owners and individuals were recognized Thursday at the North Platte Chamber & Development's annual meeting at the Sandhills Convention Center. Keynote speaker for the event Bryan Slone, president of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, addressed those attending with the Nebraska Chamber's vision for the future of Nebraska. New officers for 2020-2021 are Josh Harms, NebraskaLand national Bank Vice President, taking over as Board Chairman, and Brandon Jones, Beveridge Inc., will be Vice-Chairman.

Nebraska Tourism Conference Goes Virtual :30

10/20/20 News2 5pm Tuesday

The Nebraska Tourism Conference went virtual this year. From Tuesday to Thursday they will be doing two sessions a day. There is a wide variety of speakers going over topics such as the future of tourism in Nebraska, travel trends, and the benefits of diversity and inclusion. They are giving the community a chance to get to know their local commissioners by discussing questions with them.

Big Idea North Platte Announces Winner :30

10/21/20 News2 10pm Wednesday

Big Idea North Platte is giving entrepreneurs the opportunity to pitch their ideas and receive winning prizes. They have 7 pre-selected finalists and chose one wild card entrepreneur from the audience. And that wild card entrepreneur ended up being the winner. Winner Casey Shiel says he is thrilled to have these new resources from his hard work and looks forward to the progress they will make with his new idea. The first prize is 1000 dollars and a support package from the North Platte Telegraph. Second prize is 500 dollars and 3rd is 250 dollars. The Young Professional Board says this is important to bringing local businesses to North Platte.

Halloween Sales Continue Amidst Pandemic :30

10/22/20 News2 6pm Thursday

Halloween is around the corner but the concern of a drop in business for costume stores remains due to COVID-19. Fantasy Gifts owners Dale Heberly and his wife said they are grateful that they have had good business this year. They have owned Fantasy Gifts for 28 years and said they enjoy it too much to retire.

Now Hiring Nebraska State Troopers :30

10/26/20 News2 6pm Monday

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) is looking for the next class of recruits to join the ranks as Nebraska State Troopers. Applications are now open for NSP's 65th Basic Recruit Camp. Once a new trooper earns his or her badge, they'll start their career on the road in the NSP Patrol Division. After two years, troopers can then apply for positions in numerous

disciplines, such as Investigative Services, Carrier Enforcement, SWAT, Technical Crimes, K-9, Crisis Negotiations, Community Service, and many more.

NDCS Employee Arrested :30
11/02/20 News2 6pm Monday

A corporal at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution was arrested by the Nebraska State Patrol Monday for unauthorized communication with a prisoner. Jeffrey Colgrove, 52, has been employed by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services since October 2019. That is the only facility where Colgrove has worked. He resigned his position with the agency and was booked into the Johnson County jail. Unauthorized communication with a prisoner is a Class IV felony.

Voting for Economic Change with the Quality Growth Fund :30
11/02/20 News2 10pm Monday

On the ballot, two issues have an involvement in the economic development program in North Platte. Issue 1 and Issue 2 involve the usage and method of funding the Quality Growth Fund. For the Quality Growth to remain, both answers must be a yes. The second issue discusses how Quality Growth is funding. The money comes from an existing tax that has been in place for about twenty years. In North Platte, the Quality Growth Fund only receives funding if the economy reaches fiscal expectations and projections. Issue two allocates a percentage of the funds collected from the tax to go into Quality Growth.

Florists Give Back to Community Through Caring Rose Week :30
11/09/20 News2 10pm Monday

Two North Platte florists are participating in a nationwide event to donate food to their local food pantries. The Flower Market and Westfield Floral are two of the many florists taking part in Caring Rose Week. Caring Rose Week is from Nov. 9 to Nov. 14. During this week, members of the community can bring two or more canned food items along with \$10 and purchase a dozen wrapped roses. At the end of the week, the collected food will be donated to local food banks.

Black Friday Hits the Bricks :30
11/27/20 News2 10pm Friday

The "Bricks," also known as downtown North Platte, was bustling with holiday shoppers supporting local businesses. This year, Black Friday looked a little different for various shops and boutiques, but the spirit of sales remained the same. Many businesses took different approaches to combat the crowds by offering deals during various time blocks, adding sanitation stations and disinfecting the store between groups. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, some businesses experienced a decline in foot traffic which translated into a decrease in sales.

Sutherland Continues to Develop Businesses :30
12/09/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

Sutherland adds a new bait store and continues building a new fire station in their town. We spoke with a couple of the owners to learn more about both locations. A local business that's been open since 2011 builds a brand-new building. Big Eye Spinner Baits finally opens its door to the public.

Wilkinson Development to Open Two Restaurants in 2021 :30
12/10/20 News2 Midday Thursday

Wilkinson Development announced Tuesday that it has secured a lease with Weis Properties out of Kearney, Nebraska to open a Pepperjax Grill next to McDonald's. The company is currently building a second Fat Dog's Travel Center and Convenience Store at 1313 South

Dewey Street. The restaurant will feature a drive-thru. The restaurant, known for its flattop grill sandwiches with all the fixings, will be the 32nd location for Pepperjax Development, which is also based in Kearney.

A New Chapter for Mid Plains United Way :30

12/10/20 News2 6pm Thursday

Mid-Plains United Way's Executive Director Alisha Forbes is moving on after two years and three campaigns with United Way. United Way dedicates its time to serving the community and nonprofits in education, health, housing, financial stability, public policy advocacy, and more. We are here to ultimately serve the community. One of the greatest ways we can do that are through donations provided by the community. We wouldn't be here if it weren't for the generosity from the 16 counties that we serve.

NSP to Open New State Headquarters Building in 2021 :30

12/21/20 News2 Midday Monday

The Nebraska State Patrol will open a new state headquarters building in Lincoln, in early 2021. The new state headquarters facility will allow NSP to bring most Lincoln-based troopers and civilian staff under one roof, rather than spread out in several offices throughout the capital city. NSP currently has six offices in Lincoln, in addition to operations at the State Capitol Building. The consolidation plan will bring NSP's Headquarters Troop Area, Troop H Investigative Services, Carrier Enforcement, Criminal Identification Division, Communications Division, Nebraska Information Analysis Center, and State Headquarters functions into one location.

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.

Johnson Lake Levels to Drop :30

10/02/20 News2 6pm Friday

The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District's is lowering Johnson Lake next Thursday, October 8. The process is happening for facilitation of maintenance on Central's hydro-electric generation units. The lake level will drop around two feet, and levels will fluctuate with very low inflows for approximately 10 days. Following the 10-day outage,

Johnson Lake will go through a hydrocycling period, where the lake will continue to fluctuate until mid-November.

Record High Set on Friday :30

10/09/20 News2 6pm Friday

Strong wind gusts up to 40 MPH were seen on Sunday and will continue through Columbus Day. Gusts up to 35 MPH can be expected during the day with mostly sunny skies (and haze) to be seen. A cold front is expected to bring significant changes to the forecast as showers will be possible Sunday evening across central Nebraska. At this moment in time, the precipitation amounts do not look promising.

Snow Alert in North Platte :30

10/24/20 News2 6pm Saturday

North Platte is declaring a snow emergency at 8 p.m., Saturday. A snow emergency dictates all vehicles and trailers on snow routes be removed or be ticketed or towed. The North Platte Police Department says they will be enforcing all emergency snow route violations during the emergency.

Several Snow Cancellations and Late Starts :30

10/25/20 News2 10pm Sunday

There are several snow cancellations and late starts lining up for Monday due to the winter-like weather in our area. Please click on the link to see all closings listed with News 2. Among the notices: North Platte Public Schools will start at 10:00 a.m. Monday, and Our Redeemer Lutheran School is cancelled for the day.

Much of The State Seeing Snow :30

10/26/20 News2 Sunrise Monday

Depending on where in Nebraska you are, you may have seen a small amount of snow or several inches. Authorities are already urging people to use caution as they start their morning commute. The hardest hit areas are in northern and western Nebraska with more snow compared to central and eastern Nebraska.

Troopers Respond to Over 170 Snow Related Incidents :30

10/26/20 News2 Midday Monday

From Sunday through Monday morning, the NSP responded to over 170 snow-related incidents on Nebraska highways. Of those responses, 45 were property damage or personal injury crashes. NSP assisted 125 drivers in need of help after a slide-off, disabled vehicle, or other travel issue. NSP assisted other agencies with other situations, as well.

Snow Alert for North Platte :30

12/28/20 News2 Midday Monday

The City of North Platte is declaring a local "Snow Alert." The alert was announced to residents of North Platte at 4:00 p.m., Monday before an anticipated snowfall to give people advance notice to move vehicles from snow routes before the snowfall starts.

NDOT Prepares for Winter Storm :30

12/28/20 News2 6pm Monday

The Cornhusker state is setting in for another winter storm that will impact travelers and much of the state in one way or another. Nebraska Department of Transportation officials say winds will be a factor, but not to the degree as last week's winds. Snowplows will be running constantly overnight as conditions worsen and into the day on Tuesday to ensure safety on the roadways.

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.

UNL Dorm Floor Under Quarantine COVID-19 Outbreak :30

10/02/20 News2 6pm Friday

The University of Nebraska - Lincoln has placed a floor of a dorm under quarantine following a small cluster of COVID-19 cases. UNL said six positive COVID-19 cases were identified at Eastside Suites Floor 1. The 14-day quarantine went into effect immediately on Friday and will remain in place through October 16. If a resident within the floor tests positive during the quarantine period, the quarantine period will start over to ensure there is not further transmission among residents.

MPCC Bull Rider Ranks First in The Nation :30

10/06/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

Mid-Plains Community College has the top bull rider in the nation. Koby Jacobson has proven to be a strong contender in the Great Plains Region throughout the fall and is now sitting at the top of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's leaderboard with 636 points. Jacobson's winnings helped propel the men on the MPCC Rodeo Team to another victory at the national level. Standings show they are second in terms of overall points, 2,726.50, - ranked only behind the University of Wyoming.

Callaway Public Schools Requiring Masks :30

10/07/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

Many schools are finding it necessary to require masks for everyone, including students and staff, within their school buildings. Callaway Public School made this requirement part of their COVID-19 procedure as of Monday. In response to recommendations from Loup Basin Health Department, and an increased number of positive cases and direct exposures in Callaway, masks are required until at least October 18.

Become a Girl Scout Member Virtually :30

10/10/20 News2 10pm Saturday

This time of the year is usually crucial for girl scout recruitment. But due to COVID-19, the girl scouts have not been able to make any appearances in public schools to gain members. Even though the pandemic has put a halt on many important events virtually the girls have never

been closer. There are tons of virtual meetings and parties happening right now. Virtual Girl Scout troop/ group meetings are happening every other week for members and any girls who are interested in joining.

Make-A-Wish Fundraiser Celebrated with Ice Cream :30

10/09/20 News2 6pm Friday

A great day for ice cream. Just ask some of the kids from McDaid Elementary! They finished their day with ice cream. It's a way the students are being thanked for their part in a fundraiser going toward the Make-a-Wish foundation. "Make-A-Wish is a really good foundation. They do a lot for children and they do a lot for those who actually need it. So, we raised it because it's a tradition and it's a really good organization," said Student Council member Ashton Guo.

NPPS Enrollment Numbers Down, Educators Bracing for Lower Funding :30

10/13/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

October is the month when schools in many states hold their official "count days." That's when they tally the number of students in every school and that number determines the amount of money school districts will receive. North Platte Public Schools Operations and Finance Director Stuart Simpson said enrollment numbers have declined once again. Currently there are about 5% less students enrolled at NPPS. Figuratively, that's 182 less students from last year's 3,884 total.

Eagle Scout Project Honors Fallen Officers :30

10/14/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

An Eagle Scout project is honoring fallen police officers. Adam Freeze with Life Scout Troop 291 says his project means a lot to him as his father and older brother are also law enforcement officers who helped with the project. They began this project in April and seven different businesses contributed. Scout Master 291 Craig Godfrey says this is important to developing the youth and teaching them valuable life lessons. There is a donation box at the memorial, these funds will go towards the upkeep of the memorial.

Nebraska Officials Urge Caution with Halloween :30

10/15/20 News2 Sunrise Thursday

Gov. Pete Ricketts said Wednesday that he thinks children will still be able to go trick-or-treating for Halloween but people may decide to leave candy on their porches for kids to pick up instead of handing it out themselves this year. Ricketts, who eliminated most of the state's restrictions related to the virus last month, isn't likely to impose new rules for Halloween, but he encouraged people to follow the recommendations of public health officials who have called traditional trick-or-treating a high risk activity.

Nebraska Youth Center Shapes the Future of Youth :30

10/19/20 News2 6pm Monday

The Nebraska Youth Center is working to change the stigma surrounding troubled youth. The center provides services to youth who may have run away from home or who have been in bad situations. Under the care of the Nebraska Youth Center staff, the youth can be exposed to new opportunities and learning experiences. Some youth come from impoverished homes, so something as little as attending a sit-down restaurant could be considered a luxury to them. The center works to create new experiences to provide teachable lessons to the youth to make them better when they leave.

Halloween Walk Cancelled This Year :30

10/22/20 News2 10pm Thursday

The Halloween Walk, a community staple for several decades, has been cancelled this year as our district sees an increase in Covid-19 cases. The decision was a difficult one for the North Platte Downtown Association, who is doing their best to navigate hosting events while addressing public safety concerns.

Health Officials and Schools Discuss Mask Importance :30

10/28/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

Health and school officials met to discuss the importance of wearing a mask during this COVID pandemic. Shannon Vanderheiden with West Central Health said over the last several months she has seen a community decline in individual ownership of activities such as limiting gatherings, keeping social distancing and face masks. Board Chairman at Great Plains Health, Dr. Mack, expressed the importance of wearing facial coverings and how easy it is to do to keep each other safe.

Organizers Ask for Community Support for New Playground :30

11/21/20 News2 10pm Saturday

Two moms seeing a need in the community. How they took an idea and made it a reality for North Platte. But now they ask for community support to make it happen. They are working with playgrounds by leathers to create a new playground through Community Build at Centennial Park. They have announced their plans for what the playground will look like. Kids drew their dream playground for submission and a community survey for adults to fill out. Organizers ask the community to volunteer or contribute funds as they fund raise.

Lincoln Set to Host State High School Bowling Through 2025 :30

12/10/20 News2 Midday Thursday

On Wednesday, the Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau won the bid to host the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) State Bowling Championships in Lincoln for the next five years. Lincoln was awarded the bid to host the state tournaments from 2021 through 2025, featuring Sun Valley Lanes and Games as the host for the event. The first event in 2021 will be held February 8-9.

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.

**Human Cases of West Nile Virus for 2020 Reported to DHHS :30
10/01/20 News2 6pm Thursday**

Three people have recently tested positive for West Nile virus according to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. West Nile virus is transmitted through mosquito bites. Mosquitos acquire it by feeding on infected birds and pass it to people and animals. Last year there were 28 human cases in Nebraska and one death. Most people with West Nile virus will have no symptoms or only mild flu-like symptoms such as a fever and headache.

**Trump, Stricken with COVID-19, Flown to Military Hospital :30
10/02/20 News2 10pm Friday**

Stricken by COVID-19, a feverish and fatigued President Donald Trump was flown to a military hospital Friday night where he is being given Remdesivir therapy after being injected with an experimental drug combination in treatment at the White House. The first lady, who also tested positive and who is 50, has a “mild cough and headache,” and the remainder of the first family, including the Trumps' son Barron, who lives at the White House, tested negative.

**Possible Covid-19 Exposure in North Platte :30
10/07/20 News2 Sunrise Wednesday**

The West Central District Health Department is urging anyone who recently visited the Eagles Club #2839 at 620 N Chestnut St in North Platte to be screened for COVID-19. Anyone who was in the facility on September 25th or 26th may have been exposed to the virus.

**Health Department Encourages Flu Vaccine :30
10/07/20 News2 6pm Wednesday**

With flu season upon us alongside the COVID pandemic The West Central Health District encourages the community to get their flu shots. They are challenging everyone to get the vaccine before Halloween. Last year across the U.S., less than half of Americans received their flu vaccine which resulted in over 400,000 people being hospitalized from the flu.

**GPH Reacts to Covid-19 Outbreak at Local Long-Term Care Facility :30
10/07/20 News2 10pm Wednesday**

The recent spike in coronavirus cases across the state has made its way into a local nursing home. According to a press release, thirty-seven residents and eight staff members at Centennial Park Retirement Village have tested positive for COVID-19. Four residents have also died from the virus. Patients were taken to Great Plains, Gothenburg Health and Ogallala Community Hospital to be treated. Great Plains Health Chief Executive Officer Mel McNeal said currently fifteen patients are being treated for COVID-19 complications.

**Huskers Healthy Following Positive COVID-19 Case :30
10/13/20 News2 Midday Tuesday**

Nebraska men's basketball coach Fred Hoiberg says a player tested positive for COVID-19 but has since recovered. Hoiberg adds that his entire roster is healthy prior to the start of

preseason practice. Nebraska begins official workouts on Wednesday. The Huskers are preparing to play a 27-game schedule starting on November 25th. However, the schedule has yet to be released.

Kansas Nursing Home Sees Covid-19 Infect all 62 Residents :30
10/19/20 News2 6pm Monday

An outbreak of COVID-19 has occurred at a Kansas nursing home in Norton. The Andbe Home is a privately owned facility and has confirmed all 62 residents have tested positive for COVID-19. Of these 62 residents, 10 have passed away, one is hospitalized, and the remaining 51 are being cared for at the nursing home facility. Some staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 and the remaining staff are being tested.

McCook Work Ethic Camp Under Quarantine :30
10/27/20 News2 6am Tuesday

An inmate at the Work Ethic Camp (WEC) in McCook has tested positive for COVID-19. This has forced the facility to be put on quarantine status. "The inmate who tested positive has been medically isolated from other people. In addition, three staff members from WEC who received their positive results today are also self-isolating at home," said Scott R. Frakes, director for the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS). All other inmates at WEC will have the opportunity to test for the virus. Testing is voluntary.

Taking Precautions for Health at the Local Jail :30
10/29/20 News2 10pm Thursday

Thursday afternoon Chief Deputy Sheriff Roland Kramer said keeping everyone as safe as possible is the goal at the Lincoln County Detention Center, as cases of COVID-19 reached 560 active cases in the West Central District Health Department's area by midweek. Chief Deputy Kramer said the virus is not a problem at the local jail, but he does not want it to become one. He says the health of the employees and the inmates is of utmost importance.

Wal-Mart Closing Tuesday for Cleaning :30
11/03/20 News2 Midday Tuesday

The North Platte Wal-Mart store is closing its doors for business at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday and reopening on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. A Wal-Mart employee confirmed this saying the store is using this time for deep cleaning of the store. The Wal-Mart pharmacy remains open during this time with curbside pick-up. A Wal-Mart manager at North Platte confirmed the access to the pharmacy. Just call the pharmacy with any questions.

UNL Students Urged to Test for COVID Before Heading Home for Thanksgiving Break :30

11/11/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

In just a few weeks, more than 25,000 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students will leave campus and head back home for the semester and the University is working overtime to ensure those students don't bring the coronavirus home to their families. The university is adopting a "know before you go" approach and encouraging all students to get tested at least 72 hours before traveling. This advice comes as communities across Nebraska are seeing a spike.

North Platte Elk's Lodge Pass out COVID-19 Prevention Kits :30
11/14/20 News2 10pm Saturday

The North Platte Elk's Lodge #985 handed out free COVID-19 prevention kits on Saturday. Each kit was equipped with masks, gloves, hand wipes, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, tissues,

and antibacterial wipes. The North Platte Elk's Lodge #985 received a grant to host COVID-19 relief projects. The distribution of the prevention kits was just one of the many projects the Elk's do in the community. In the upcoming weeks, they are planning their annual dictionary handouts to children in the community.

Nebraska Board of Education Recommends Mask Mandate :30

11/16/20 News2 Midday Monday

The State Board of Education is recommending a statewide mask mandate to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and community members. The recommendation comes in the form of a board resolution. The resolution asks Nebraska communities to do their part to keep students and staff safe and to keep schools open through actions like wearing face coverings in public, staying home when possible, and avoiding the three Cs: crowded places, close contact, and confined spaces.

Christmas Eve Blood Drive in North Platte :30

12/16/20 News2 Midday Wednesday

The American Red Cross' North Platte office will hold a Christmas Eve blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 24 at Ramada by Wyndham, 2101 S. Jeffers St. The American Red Cross says, "December is traditionally a slow time for blood donation due to factors such as the busy holiday season and winter weather," People interested in donating blood can make an appointment.

Frontline Workers at Great Plains Receive COVID Vaccine :30

12/16/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

Around 400 frontline workers have been given the COVID-19 vaccine at Great Plains Health. Great Plains Health received 975 doses that are gradually being administered to those most vulnerable and the hope of keeping patients and families safe. Pharmacy Director Jason North says this is a historical moment. Medical Director for the Emergency Department, Dr. Jim Smith, is encouraging the general public to strongly consider receiving the vaccine when it is available to them.

Businesswoman Donates Gift Baskets to Healthcare Workers :30

12/18/20 News2 10pm Friday

A local businesswoman is doing her part to help her clients who work in the healthcare industry. Terri Krolkowski works with various doctors and nurses to help them achieve a healthy regime. Due to the added stressors and busy schedule from working COVID-19, some of her clients are having a hard time staying on their protocol. December is typically a hard month for many of her clients due to unforeseen events from the holidays but this year, the month of December has brought new challenges to her clients.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Legislation to Help Local Meat Processors :30

10/01/20 News2 Midday Thursday

The Strengthening Local Processing Act would allow small meat processors to expand their capacity to process animals and serve more rural livestock producers. Under current federal law, in order for a farmer or rancher to sell individual cuts of locally raised meats they must first send their animals to one of a limited number of U.S. Department of Agriculture or

state-inspected slaughterhouses. These slaughterhouses are sometimes hundreds of miles away and there are far too few of them across the nation. As a result, many smaller meat and poultry processing plants are booked out for months, and small farms are unable to meet new demand due to a lack of processing capacity.

Honor Flight Exhibit Shows Veteran Appreciation :30

10/02/20 News2 6pm Saturday

The Patriotic Productions Honor Flight Exhibit is now at the Brule Activity Center. It is set up for the weekend. Organizer BJ Van Velson says this is a great way to bring something fun to the community. This exhibit was created by Patriotic Productions which organized flights to Washington D.C., giving nearly 3,500 veterans from 386 Nebraska communities a wonderful opportunity. They got the chance view the many memorials in D.C. This is giving veterans an opportunity to re-live their experiences, and for family members, volunteers and patriots of all ages to reminisce and educate others about the importance of thanking and honoring our veterans.

Senator Fischer Tests Negative for COVID-19 :30

10/04/20 News2 10pm Sunday

U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer of Nebraska has tested negative for COVID-19, according to her office on Sunday. Fischer was an attendee at the White House's Rose Garden last week during a ceremony nominating Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Donald Trump. Eight others who attended the event, including Trump and First Lady Melania Trump, have contracted the coronavirus.

Early Voting Starts for Registered Voters :30

10/05/20 News2 10pm Monday

Early in-person absentee voting got underway at the Lincoln County Election Commissioner's Office. Election Commissioner Rebecca Rossell said the lines were steady throughout the day, about five voters per hour. Officials said early voting is a good option for people who may want to avoid the crowds on Election Day.

Secretary of State Holds Public Forum for Gambling Initiatives :30

10/08/20 News2 10pm Thursday

The Secretary of State Bob Evnen said the goal of the event is to inform voters and provide public input. Attendees had varying opinions on gambling and had passionate claims behind their stance. Gambling initiatives 429, 430 and 431 will all be listed as separate issues on the ballot, but essentially it all starts with 429. If this passes, casinos with slots and cards could only be at race tracks. There are six licensed racetracks in Nebraska, including one in Lincoln.

NSP Wearing Pink Patches for October :30

10/08/20 News2 10pm Thursday

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) may be wearing a pink patch in October to honor and support those fighting breast cancer. The Pink Patch Project is a national effort that involves law enforcement agencies throughout the country, including many in the state of Nebraska. This is the third year that NSP has participated in the project.

Nebraska Voters to Decide on Legalizing Casino Gambling :30

10/14/20 News2 10pm Wednesday

Nebraska voters will be able to vote on legalizing casino gambling in the state. Voters will see three separate initiatives related to casino gambling: Initiative 429, 430 and 431. Initiative 429 would change the Nebraska constitution to allow games of chance at licensed horse tracks. Initiative 430 creates a gaming commission and 431 details the gaming tax breakdown. According to initiative 431, casino gambling in Nebraska would be taxed at a 20% rate. 70% of that tax dollar will go towards property tax relief if passed.

It's Bigfoot Crossroads Day of Nebraska :30**10/20/20 News2 Midday Tuesday**

The Bigfoot Crossroads of America Museum and Research Center is announcing that the date of October 20, 2020 has been officially proclaimed the Bigfoot Crossroads of Nebraska Day by Governor Pete Ricketts and the State of Nebraska. Also, Harriett McFeely has officially been named "Nebraska Bigfoot Lady" and her partner, Kenny Collins, has officially been named "Nebraska Bigfoot Guy".

Poll Worker Training Underway in Lincoln County :30**10/20/20 News2 6pm Tuesday**

Poll worker training has begun in Lincoln County and will continue over the next two days. About 120 people have signed up to work the polls on election day. Half are new to the process. County Election Commissioner Rebecca Rossell said 50% of her workers decided not to work the polls this election cycle due to the pandemic.

President Trump Hosting Maga Rally at Omaha Airport :30**10/27/20 News2 Midday Tuesday**

With one week until Election Day, President Trump supporters flocked to Eppley Airfield on Tuesday to see their candidate. Omaha was the president's last stop on a three-city tour on Tuesday. He was in Michigan and Wisconsin as well, appealing to key districts from the election. Air Force One arrived in Omaha just before 8 p.m. Tuesday. President Trump addressed the crowd about his plans for the country going forward. Touching on Nebraska's farmers, ethanol production, unemployment, and other topics.

Thomas Receives International Award for Leadership in Public Relations :30**10/28/20 News2 10pm Wednesday**

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) is proud to announce that their Public Relations Director, Cody Thomas, has received the Leadership in Public Information Management Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), which is the world's largest and most influential professional association for police leaders worldwide. This award is given to nominees who demonstrate innovative use of social media and successful information management during critical incidents. Sworn and civilian public information officers around the world are eligible for this award.

Gambling Bills Have Good Odds Of Passing :30**11/03/20 Local4 10pm Tuesday**

Nebraskans voted on Tuesday to legalize casino gambling at state horse tracks. The decision was divided into three initiatives and all three had to pass. 429: Allows for gambling specifically at race tracks and amends the constitution to permit it. 430: Creates a gaming commission to regulate and oversee gambling. 431 Details how it would be taxed with 20% tax and more than 2/3 of that going towards property tax relief.

Kelliher Leads in Mayoral Race :30**11/04/20 News2 Sunrise Wednesday**

Brandon Kelliher won the race for North Platte City Mayor with 5,693 of the votes cast. Kelliher's opponent John Hale took 3,820 of the votes. Kelliher will replace Mayor Dwight Livingston.

Veterans Honored at the 20th Century Veterans Memorial :30**11/11/20 News2 6pm Wednesday**

Veterans being honored today at the veteran's memorial in North Platte. The community listened to speakers and showed support for their fellow veterans. The evening began with The National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and patriotic songs. Guest speakers talked

about the history of Veterans Day. In addition to Veteran's Day activities, a cake was also cut to celebrate the marine corps 245th birthday.

New City Council is Sworn In :30

12/01/20 News2 10pm Tuesday

North Platte's new City Council members were sworn in at City Council and before his departure, heartfelt goodbye from Mayor Dwight Livingston. Leaders were applauded as they stepped down to bring in our new recently elected council members. Each member swore in and took their place at the table. Before his exit, Mayor Dwight Livingston thanked everyone for his time as Mayor and the work they have done together. Members briefly reflected on their time spent and had good laughs together.

North Platte PD Delivers Magic of Christmas to Local Families :30

12/16/20 News2 6pm Wednesday

The North Platte Police Department is making Christmas a little brighter for families through the Santa Cop program. The gifts were all made possible through community donations. Officer Elder says without these donations and countless volunteers, the program could not exist. Although the police department is in delivery mode, donations can still be made to the program all year long.

Over 2500 Wreaths Placed at Fort McPherson :30

12/19/20 News2 10pm Friday

Volunteers were at Fort McPherson bright and early this morning to help place nearly 2,600 wreaths across the grounds. Dave Beran, the Quartermaster of our local VFW Chapter organized the event and oversaw the placing of wreaths. The event is very personal to Beran who has family members buried in the cemetery. Even though attendees were limited due to Covid-19 restrictions, the community made their impact felt.

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.

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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

Blood Drive at Valley Christian Church :30

10/01/20 News2 Midday Thursday

Valley Christian Church members and volunteers came together to host a Red Cross blood drive. The Valley Christian Church has been hosting the blood drive for roughly eight years. Each drive has surpassed their goal and expectations. With the pandemic going on, they hope they will continue going over the goal with their blood drives even after emergent need subsides.

100-Year-Old Veteran Honored :30

10/01/20 News2 6pm Thursday

A 100-year-old veteran was honored Thursday surrounded by four generations of family and fellow local veterans. WWII veteran Merle Cheek was honored as an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. His family says this was a special day for them to celebrate life. Merle's wife of almost 70 years, Stella Cheek, said he carried his faith with him during his time in the war. The day concluded with Merle and his family spending time together reflecting on his many stories. His family says they love to listen to his stories of his long life.

Guardians of the Children Host Events Raising Awareness About Child Abuse :30

10/01/20 News2 10pm Thursday

Members of the community gathered at Keith Blackledge memorial park with signs expressing their support in protecting our youngest residents. This event was about educating the public, bringing awareness to human trafficking and being there for the children. Later that day, the Guardians of the Children chapter of North Platte, along with other chapters across the nation, held a candlelight vigil raising awareness about child abuse in their respected communities.

RDAP Hosting Events for Domestic Violence Awareness Month :30

10/02/20 News Sunrise Friday

The month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. North Platte's Rape/Domestic Abuse Program (RDAP) will be hosting various events for survivors to share their stories. One of those events is the clothesline project. It will be made up of t-shirts created by survivors of domestic violence or in honor of someone who experienced domestic violence. The shirts will be on display at the gazebo located on 6th and Bailey. This project is just one of many ways the community can help survivors in North Platte.

North Platte Life Change Event Against Abortion :30

10/04/20 News2 10pm Sunday

A peaceful protest about abortion happened in North Platte Sunday afternoon. Life Chain is organized every year for those for the Right to Life to demonstrate in a peaceful way. People lined 4th and Jeffers Streets with signs and prayers in an event which displayed their position against abortion. The goal of those taking part in the peaceful protest is to remember the 59 million lives lost to abortion, and to lift people up in prayer toward an end to abortion.

Haunted Driveway Gives Hope :30

10/06/20 News2 Sunrise Tuesday

A North Platte family host a haunted driveway each year to bring the community together and help people battling cancer. The Foust family has been hosting the haunted driveway for 12 years. The idea came after many of their friends and family's lives have been touched by cancer. As lovers of Halloween and eager to find ways to give back, they partnered with the American Cancer Society.

Wreaths Across America :30**10/07/20 News2 Midday Thursday**

The yearly program including Fort McPherson is underway for Wreaths Across America, decorating gravesites for the holidays in memory of our veterans. VFW Post 1504 is ready to collect for the program. It is \$15 per wreath.

Quilt of Valor Awarded to North Platte Veteran :30**10/08/20 News2 10pm Thursday**

The Quilts of Valor awarded one of the many veterans in the North Platte community for his military service. Riley Burchell, who served in the air force from 1958 to 1962 as a first class airmen in the supply field and in Saudi Arabia, was awarded a quilt. Quilt of Valor is a national organization that awards quilts to veterans touched by war.

RDAP Host Dine Out Event for Domestic Violence Awareness Month :30**10/08/20 News2 10pm Thursday**

On October 8th, RDAP partnered with Arby's for an event where a percentage of the proceeds would go towards helping survivors and displaced families of domestic violence. The Rape/Domestic Abuse Program is a resource for survivors and members of the community. Events like this shed light on the topic of domestic violence and how the community can help those in need.

Out of the Darkness Walk Brings Awareness to Suicide Prevention :30**10/11/20 News2 10pm Sunday**

On Sunday, the North Platte Suicide Prevention Coalition partnered with the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention in Nebraska to host the Out of Darkness experience in Cody Park.

People walked to raise awareness about suicide prevention and how their lives had been touched by suicide. The goal of the event was to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. The Out of the Darkness walk focused on educating the community and providing support for people who have lost loved ones, or with personal experiences. The walk was a step towards erasing the stigma surrounding suicide.

The Connection Helps The Homeless Community During COVID-19 :30**10/19/20 News2 6pm Monday**

In October of 2019, the Connection homeless shelter was over their normal capacity. They added additional sleeping areas to accommodate more residents. However, in light of 2020 and the coronavirus, they operate at fifty-percent capacity. Homelessness is defined as any human or family household who is living in a place not meant for human habitation. People who live in a car, at a park, in between buildings, abandoned buildings or any individual who is living at an emergency sheltering are considered homeless.

Wreaths For Elwood Area Veterans :30**10/21/20 News2 Midday Wednesday**

The American Legion and Auxiliary Post 290 in Elwood is preparing for the 10th year they have laid wreaths on the graves of veterans at the Elwood Cemetery just east of Elwood, Nebraska. A full ceremony with a speaker, honor guard, color guard, local patriot guard, plus many members of the American Legion and Auxiliary Post 290 is planned for December 19 at the Elwood Cemetery at 11 a.m. American Legion Auxiliary Post member Stephanie Zerr of Elwood explained out of all the cemeteries in Nebraska only 11 in the state have this ceremony.

Holiday Relief Available for Lincoln County Residents :30**10/21/20 News2 10pm Wednesday**

The Salvation Army and Santa Cop Christmas Assistance Program is more than underway. In fact, the deadline to call and schedule an appointment with the Salvation Army is Thursday October 22 at 3:30 PM. "They need to call as soon as possible and get their appointment made because we are seeing a lot of families this year. We have a lot of appointments made and we don't want any families left out of that process."

Rainbow Trout Stocked at Fire Lake For Winter Fishing :30

10/23/20 News2 6pm Friday

Around 4,000 trout from Rock Creek Hatchery have been stocked at the Birdwood Wildlife Management Area locally known as Fire Lake. These trout are a catchable size at 10 inches. Julie with Nebraska Game and Parks says this is a great way to get people outside. When fishing for rainbow trout there is a limit of five fish per day.

Great Plains Employee Receives Caring Kind Award :30

10/26/20 News2 6pm Monday

Shelly Allen, Great Plains Health environmental services technician, has been selected as the Great Plains Health Caring Kind Award recipient for 2020. This Nebraska Hospital Association award pays tribute to outstanding healthcare employees who have demonstrated compassion for patients, cooperation with coworkers and dedication to excellence. Great Plains Health celebrated Shelly with a small luncheon with her coworkers and presented her with the award plaque during a meeting filled with hospital leadership.

Buddy Watch Walk Bringing Awareness to Veteran Suicide :30

10/28/20 News2 10pm Wednesday

Suzanne Richardson of North Platte said the average number of veterans who commit suicide per day in America is 22. But she said that number is up due to COVID-19, to about 26 a day. And she and others want veterans to know there are people who care, and people who want to help. To bring awareness to the devastating fact of veteran suicide, PTSD and traumatic brain injury, and other issues plaguing many veterans, Richardson hopes a walk on October 29 will be the start of helping as many veterans as possible, and to bring awareness to others about the problem.

A Great Way to Get Your Read On :30

10/29/20 News2 6pm Thursday

The book bazaar at the North Platte public library has a lot of free will donation books up for grabs. The book bazaar has four weeks left and each week is a new group of genres of books. This week is the first part of non-fiction and next week is the rest of their non-fiction. These free-will donations go to the library to get more new books.

Ways to Help a Sutherland Family :30

10/30/20 News2 10pm Friday

The community of Sutherland is reaching out to help one of their own after a devastating house fire in the early morning hours of Thursday destroyed all they had. Jennifer Seachord Nutter and her three children aged 17, 14 and 11, and their two dogs are staying in temporary housing after a house fire destroyed all their belongings. Jennifer is a single mom who works in the health industry.

Gathering Kindness for Operation Christmas Card :30

11/11/20 News2 10pm Wednesday

500 care packages per year is the goal of Char Swalberg, organizer and creator of "Operation Christmas Card," a campaign that started when she sent her active duty military son a Christmas care package years ago, and he asked if she could send a couple more for a few of the soldiers who had no hopes of being remembered on Christmas. First, she needs donations, things like candy, baby wipes, peanut butter, deodorant, toothbrushes, and jerky.

Swalberg said soldiers love getting jerky. She said the big donation of jerky she usually gets will not be available in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Operation Christmas Child Accepting Boxes This Weekend :30

11/21/20 News2 10pm Saturday

Operation Christmas Child has donated 157 million shoeboxes filled with goods to children around the world since the founding of Samaritan's Purse fifty years ago. Valerie Hiser started our local collection site twenty years ago at Bethel Evangelical Free Church, located at 2700 W. Phillip Ave. "This year we're hoping to go into 112 different countries. A child has one chance in a lifetime to get a box because they don't go back to the same place every year. [Operation Christmas Child] wants to reach everybody so they go to different places every year," said Hiser.

Salvation Army Hosts Rescue Christmas Day :30

11/28/20 News2 10pm Saturday

The Salvation Army spent the day in the Platte River Mall parking lot, attempting to "rescue Christmas for the most vulnerable." There is always a need for assistance around the holidays, but the pandemic has made things even more challenging for many in our community. With many families impacted by Covid-19, some who are usually able to donate, may not be able to provide assistance this year.

Tensions Rise at Commissioners Meeting About Vacant Boat Ramp :30

11/30/20 News2 6pm Monday

On November 30, the Lincoln County Commissioners discussed a petition submitted by Rick and Kim Konyak of Brady, requesting the "vacancy of a portion of Sea Street and an unfinished boat ramp in Jeffrey Fjords Estates." Sea Street extends to a private road, but it must be determined if the plot of land in question is or is not county property. Commissioners decided to conduct an independent study before any future discussions or decisions can be made.

Hirschfelds Community Tree and Santas Workshop :30

11/27/20 News2 6pm Friday

Hirschfelds is kicking off the holiday season with ornaments and Santa's workshop coming to town. They welcome the community to place an ornament on the Community Christmas Tree outside of their store. You can hang your own or use an ornament Hirschfelds has donated. They encourage the community to take a photo of themselves hanging their ornament and tag the Hirschfelds Community Christmas Tree event page on Facebook.

Westfield Shopping Center Donates to Four Local Non-Profits :30

12/10/20 News2 6pm Thursday

Westfield Shopping is spreading holiday cheer by donating a total of \$1,000 to local nonprofits. Goodfellow Shoe Fund, Rape and Domestic Abuse Program (RDAP), the Connection Homeless Shelter and Pawsitive Partners each received checks for \$250 each. The Westfield Shopping Center is a collection of family-oriented businesses that wanted to make a difference in the community by reaching out to touch lives this Christmas season. COVID-19 added capacity restrictions to the Connections lodging abilities making them limit the number of clients they can help.

Santa Claus is Coming to the Platte River Mall :30

12/11/20 News2 10pm Friday

Two iconic symbols of the Christmas season are ready to greet children of all ages at the North Platte Platte River Mall. Santa Claus and the Grinch are taking turns in the big chair located, per tradition, in the center of the Platte River Mall. On Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3

p.m., the Grinch takes the stage, and on Saturday and Sunday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Santa is making his appearance. This is the schedule for the remaining weekends until Christmas. In a special visit with Santa Friday afternoon, News 2 learned that Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer is in quarantine until December 24th. Santa said that many of his Elves were quarantined as well, and he hoped that everyone would be well by Christmas.

Spreading Grinchy Holiday Cheer :30

12/14/20 News2 Midday Monday

Tina Pelland and her daughter Zienna are spreading holiday cheer in their own unique way. "We just all love the Grinch," Pelland said. "My kids have the Grinch movie memorized." When Zienna saw a Gemmy Airblown Car Buddy Grinch at Walmart she knew she had to have it. This year, the Pelland's are getting into the holiday spirit by driving around with their Grinch while looking at Christmas lights.

Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park to Host Western Winter Walkout :30

12/15/20 News2 6pm Tuesday

Staff at Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park are planning a Western Winter Walkabout just in time for the new year. Families will hike the grounds and learn about bison and the Native American culture. There will also be a campfire and a snowman making competition if it snows. Prizes will be awarded. The educational event is in its second year and is being held at state parks across Nebraska.

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

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

of Times Aired

4th Quarter PSA Totals	KNOP	KIIT
Alcohol & Drugs	38	205
Animal Welfare	128	348
Consumer Protection	49	168
Education	115	685
Environment/Ag	7	38
Family/Community	181	153
Health & Fitness	138	922
Military/Government	211	189
Safety	63	364
Outdoors/Recreation/Tourism	82	279
Volunteerism/Donations	259	926
Kid Targeted	218	972
Employment/Public Files	100	285