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**CASSGRAM**  
Tuesday 1/30/24  
WINTER SCHEDULE in effect -- Cassgram service days are  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays through March 15th.  
Today: sunny, wind northwest at 5 to 15 mph, high 45. Tonight: mostly  
cloudy, low 28. Wednesday: mostly cloudy, high 57. Yesterday's high:  
51/Plattsmouth airport. This morning's low: 34. Normal high: 34. Normal  
low: 16. Sunset today is at 5:37pm. Sunrise Wednesday is at 7:36am.  
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PLATTSMOUTH MAN TO SERVE JAIL TIME for attempted sexual assault of a  
child - 36-year-old Leland Taylor was in Cass County District Court yesterday  
to receive sentencing on two separate cases. The more serious of which was  
a count of first degree attempted sexual assault of a child, a class II felony.  
Judge Michael Smith ordered Taylor to serve a period of six to nine years with  
the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services for the conviction. Taylor  
was given credit for time served in the amount of 328 days. He will also be  
required to register as a sexual offender.  
An investigation began in February of last year. Project Harmony, the Cass  
County Sheriff's Office and Plattsmouth Police Department conducted  
interviews that led to the issuance of the affidavit in support of an arrest  
warrant. It alleged a young girl was the victim of sexual abuse by Taylor.  
In a separate case, Taylor also faced two counts of third-degree domestic  
assault, a class I misdemeanor. Cass County Attorney Chris Perrone  
requested the sentence handed down on each of these two counts be served  
consecutively, since there was a different victim for each count. Judge Smith  
sentenced Taylor to serve 1 year on each count of domestic violence and  
ordered the sentences be served consecutively. However, the sentences  
related to the domestic assault counts will run concurrent to the charge of  
attempted sexual assault of a child.

PLATTSMOUTH MAN INVOLVED IN FATALITY ACCIDENT - The incident  
occurred Friday morning around 6am near Highway 75 and Cornhusker Road  
in Bellevue. Preliminary reports indicated a Chevy Sonic operated by 52-year-  
old Ashley Jones of Bellevue was northbound when she slowed for a disabled  
semi-truck on the shoulder. A Dodge Dakota operated by 26-year-old Ryan  
Keck of Plattsmouth was also northbound on Highway 75 and subsequently  
collided with the rear of Jones' vehicle. Keck sustained minor injuries. The  
driver of the Sonic was transported to the trauma center of UNMC, where she  
later succumbed to her injuries. The accident is still under investigation by  
the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office Crash Response Unit.

EAGLE WOMAN ENTERS PLEA in connection to a disturbance - Jennifer  
Brueckner is accused of throwing a child's scooter at another woman during  
an argument last August in Eagle. The scooter struck the victim after it was  
thrown. Brueckner pled guilty to 3<sup>rd</sup> degree assault. Two other counts were  
dismissed. Sentencing is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup>.

LATE NIGHT DUI ARREST - A Cass County deputy initiated a traffic stop on a  
white SUV a little past 11pm last night on Church Road at 226<sup>th</sup> Street  
outside of Greenwood. Deputies reported finding multiple open containers in  
the vehicle. Following field sobriety tests, a 40-year-old woman from Malmo,  
NE was taken into custody on suspicion of driving under the influence. She  
was booked into the Cass County jail for alleged DUI third offense, refusal to  
submit to breath or chemical testing, and making a false report.  
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BOYS BASKETBALL - Last night at the East Central Nebraska Conference  
Tournament Mead 60, Elmwood-Murdock 44  
Scores from Friday: Conestoga 61, Fort Calhoun 53; Weeping Water 43, Falls  
City 28  
Saturday results: Douglas County West 57, Conestoga 48; Ashland-  
Greenwood 44, Wahoo 41

GIRLS BASKETBALL - Games played Friday: Nebraska City 47, Conestoga 41;  
Weeping Water 32, Falls City 20  
Saturday scores: Ashland-Greenwood 41, Wahoo 32

GIRLS WRESTLING - Conestoga placed third at the Norfolk Catholic  
Tournament. First place finishers for the Cougars included Kyler Zimmerman  
(130) and Maggie Fiene (145).  
-Louisville finished seventh in the team standings at the Cedar Bluffs  
Invitational. Louisville had a pair of wrestlers finish as runner-up Payton  
Thiele (105) and Catalina Jones (170).

BOYS WRESTLING - Conestoga finished seventh in the team standings at the  
Doniphan Trumbull Invitational. The lone champion for the Cougars was  
Conestoga James Kansteiner (157).  
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A FUNERAL MASS FOR BILLY "BILL" JOE FARIS, age 80, Murray, will be at  
10:30am Wednesday (1/31) at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth.  
Visitation will be from 3:30 to 7pm Tuesday, at the church, with a Rosary at  
7pm. -Roby Funeral Home

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FUNERAL SERVICES FOR VALERIA ANNA SAFARIK, age 87, Nehawka, will be at 10:30am Thursday (2/1) at Harvey Funeral Home Chapel in Plattsmouth. Visitation is Wednesday from 1pm until 8pm with family greeting friends from 6pm until 8pm at the funeral home.

A FUNERAL MASS FOR DAVID W. HAMLING, age 82, Plattsmouth, will be at 1pm Saturday (2/3) at the Church of The Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth. Visitation will be from 1 to 5pm Friday at Roby Funeral Home. A Rosary will be at 7pm Friday at the church.

A MEMORIAL MASS FOR BRENDA MAY (OFF) TODD, age 86, Plattsmouth, will be at 10:30am Monday (2/5) at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth. A Rosary will be at 7pm on Sunday (2/4) at the church. -Roby Funeral Home.

A PRIVATE FAMILY SERVICE FOR WILLIAM "BILL" FARRELL, age 77 of Bellevue, originally of Plattsmouth, will be at a later date. -Roby Funeral Home.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR RUTH E. (HULL) BOBENMOYER-MERKLIN, age 97, originally of the Rock Bluff area, will be at a later date. -Chapel of Memories, Omaha

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR MILLARD J. CARNES, age 78, Plattsmouth, were held at 10:30am Monday (1/29), at the Murray Christian Church. -Harvey Funeral Home

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-THE CASS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION approval of new Form 451 Permissive Exemption applications will be approved on the February 13, 2024 agenda, to satisfy requirements of 10 day public notice. A list of organizations seeking a permissive exemption, legal descriptions, and county assessor recommendations is available in the County Assessor's office. \$77-202.01.

-BEAVER LAKE ASSOCIATION IS TAKING APPLICATIONS for a full-time field utility worker. Experience operating a backhoe and plumbing skills preferred, but training is available. 40 hours a week plus some overtime. A second position is also open for a full-time maintenance worker. Duties include heavy equipment operation, grounds, and vehicle maintenance. Training for this position is provided. Full benefit package available for both positions. Applications are at www.beaverlakene.com.

-START THE MONTH OF LOVE off with Bingo on February 1 at the senior center at 10:30. Cards are 2 for \$5.00 and lunch is \$6.00. Lunch that day will be broccoli soup and turkey and cheese on bun. Please call the senior center by 9:30 to reserve your spot. A reminder if the kids are not having school the senior center will be closed!

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