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 Today: cloudy, wind south 5 mph, high 67. Tonight: chance of showers and thunderstorms, low 47. Thursday: a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high 77. Yesterday's high: 59/Plattsmouth airport. This morning's low: 35. Sunset today is at 7:43pm. Sunrise Thursday is at 7:15am.

 STATE PRISON SENTENCE – There was no agreement on sentencing as the case of a 41-year-old Plattsmouth man went before Cass County District Court Judge Michael A. Smith this week.
 In December, Mathew A. Kochen pled guilty to the following:
 -attempted first degree sexual assault of a child, victim age 12 to 16, a Class 2 Felony
 -felony child abuse, a Class 3A Felony
 -strangulation, a Class 3A Felony.
 Nine other counts were dismissed as part of the plea agreement.
 The strangulation charge was filed in May last year after police responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence in Plattsmouth.
 Other charges came a few weeks later after police interviews with the strangulation victim. She told police about incidents four years earlier involving Kochen, when she was not yet 16 years old.
 Judge Smith sentenced Kochen to not less than 35 years and not more than 40 years on the Class 2 Felony. A 2 to 3 year sentence was given on the child abuse felony. Those sentences are concurrent. A consecutive 2 to 3 year sentence was given for the strangulation conviction.
 Kochen was ordered to place his name on the state sex offender registry.

LOCAL RECYCLING EVENT announced - Keep Cass County Beautiful, Nebraska will have its first 2025 recycling collection on April 19th. "We have added new items allowed every year and almost everything is FREE to bring to us," says KCCB. "Save your items, reduce your landfill waste, together, we can keep Cass County Beautiful and make it the more beautiful county in Nebraska."
 The Electronics, Glass and More event will be at the Weeping Water ballfield 9am to noon.
 ---Contact director@keepcasscountybeautiful.com to find out how you or your organization can help the community by organizing a litter cleanup. All litter cleanup supplies will be provided plus there is potential funding provided to groups for fundraisers.
 ---KCCB is making plans for an Earth Day celebration behind Citizens State Bank (roundabout location) on April 26th 9-noon. It will be a free event with many vendors, eco crafts, pollinator seeds and free Earth Day cookies to the first 75 people. More details will follow

ROAD CONSTRUCTION NOTICE in the Greenwood area - Weather permitting, work will begin Monday (3/31) on U.S. Highway 6 from reference post 331+22 to reference post 337+83, as well as on U.S. Highway 63 from reference post 10+38 to reference post 13+93.
 The Nebraska Department of Transportation reports Constructors, Inc., of Lincoln, is the contractor for this project. Work includes concrete and asphalt repair, bridge repair, and culvert work followed by an asphalt overlay and shouldering operations. Temporary traffic signals will be utilized to move traffic through bridge construction zones. Temporary lane closures and flaggers will be utilized to move traffic through other areas of the construction. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place. The traveling public should expect delays for the duration of this work.
 Anticipated completion is fall 2025.

WEEPING WATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS announcement - Due to the number of school days missed for severe weather, May 9th will now be a student attendance day. Please plan accordingly.
 ALSO FROM WEEPING WATER Public Schools - Kim Hammer is the 2024-25 Gary Fisher Outstanding Music Teacher of the Year.
 This honor is presented by the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association to celebrate excellence in music education within rural schools. The award highlights her exceptional contributions to music education and her dedication to fostering a love for music among her students.

WILDLIFE SAFARI PARK in Cass County officially opens for the season on Friday (3/28) - New to the park this year is Insect Adventure. It's a giant journey featuring supersized insects and arachnids from around the world will be arriving this spring. <https://www.wildlifesafaripark.com/>

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 A FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MARY BETH (BEGLEY) DAVEY, age 68 of Bellevue, will be at 11am Friday (3/28) at Roby Funeral Home. Visitation will be 5 to 8pm Thursday.

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-IT'S THAT TIME again. Join Legion Post 237 in Weeping Water for Friday Night Fish Fry's through April 11, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Serving Carp, Pollock, Catfish Nuggets, Chicken Gizzards and Livers and Chicken Nuggets, along with baked beans, coleslaw, relishes, French fries and desserts. Suggested donation \$17 for adults - kids 11 and under \$10 based on a 1-time-thru-the-line policy.

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-WEEPING WATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS will hold an informational meeting on March 27th at 6:00pm in the Conference Room concerning the upcoming April 15 bond election to fund the replacement of the school's HVAC system. This meeting will provide details on the bond proposal and allow for questions. All community members are encouraged to attend. Additional information can also be found on the school website at <https://www.weepingwaterps.org/page/2025-bond>.

-KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP will be at Conestoga Elementary School on 4/24/25 from 1:30-2:30pm, 4:30-5:30pm, OR 6:30-7:30pm. We ask that you attend with your Kindergarten only. Please sign up for a time slot here: bit.ly/3DXBXhL or call 402-235-2341. To enroll in kindergarten, a child must reach the age of five on or before 7/31/25.

-HELP WANTED -The City of Weeping Water has an immediate position available to clean Gibson Hall and the Hopper Community Building. The job is on an as needed basis and would include cleaning of the facility after each rental. Applicants must be available to work some weekends depending on the rental dates. For an application or if you have any questions, please contact the city office at City Hall, PO Box 329, Weeping Water NE 68463 - 402-267-5152 - clerk@weepingwater.org. EOE

-LOOKING FOR ONE PERSON to provide companionship to an elderly couple four hours every Sunday afternoon. Excellent job for some looking to supplement their income. Cash paid weekly. No medical training is needed. Possible light cleaning and/or assistance with cooking. More hours are possible in the future. \$30 per hour. Call or text 402-297-1506 after 10am or 402-297-6265 after 5pm.

-THE CITY OF PLATTSMOUTH is accepting applications for a part-time position of Senior Citizen Nutrition Center Kitchen staff assistant/Meals on Wheels Deliver driver. Applications and complete job description are available at City Hall, 136 North 5th Street, Plattsmouth, NE 68048 or on-line at www.plattsmouth.org. Veterans Preference position. Return applications to City Hall. Position is open until filled. EOE

-(FULL TIME) GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER - The City of Plattsmouth is now accepting applications. Must be 18 years old and have a valid Driver's License. Applications and complete job description are available at City Hall, 136 North 5th Street, Plattsmouth, or at www.plattsmouth.org. This is a Veterans Preference position. EOE

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