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I'm extremely pleased to announce the promotion of Christian "Wags" Wagner to News Director for NTV News.

Christian's journey in this market began in October 2007 at then KHAS News 5 in Hastings. He joined NTV in October 2014 as producer of our 6pm and 10pm newscasts and was promoted to Assistant News Director in July 2017.

Originally from Western Pennsylvania, Christian now considers Central Nebraska home after nearly two decades of living and working in the Lincoln-Hastings-Kearney DMA. Throughout his career, he has worked alongside four very different News Directors, gaining a broad range of experience and leadership perspectives that will continue to benefit our newsroom moving forward.

Christian's passion for journalism began early. As he puts it, he was "...one of those kids who grew up watching the news (or SportsCenter) before going to school every morning." Today, that lifelong passion has come full circle as he officially takes the lead of a newsroom filled with talented and hardworking journalists.

While this promotion will not bring dramatic changes to the direction of our newsroom, it represents a natural and exciting next step for someone who has consistently demonstrated dedication, leadership, creativity, and a deep commitment to our culture, local journalism, and the communities we serve.

Please join me in congratulating Wags on this well-deserved promotion!

John