

# Our Chamber business spotlight this month is... **Platte River Designs**

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Platte River Designs is owned and operated by Chad and Penny Rausch. Chad grew up in the Rogers-Schuyler area and is a 1995 graduate from Schuyler Central High School. He has made his home and living here and has done quite successfully so with his outdoor business.

Chad got his start with a partner in 2003 installing sprinklers and retaining walls. After spending a few years doing this, he took a major leap and bought his partner out in May of 2007 and began "Platte River Designs." At this time, he also moved towards offering the installation of patio pavers and block retaining walls. In 2008, he added in seawall installation. Through the years, this small business has taken off and grown incredibly which also allowed Chad's wife Penny to be able to join the business full time in 2018. It has become a true family business as their children Connor, 16 and Collin 13, also occasionally work with their dad when they are not in school or playing baseball.

With all the lake homes in Nebraska, Chad's business specializes more in seawalls, patio pavers, and block retaining walls. Chad and his crew are well known for their hard work and due diligence in perfection. Platte River Designs has become a common name when people are searching for custom design and long lasting well-built outdoor projects.



Chad's business currently has one full time employee but has a large part time crew of college and high school students assembled to assist pending on the size of the project. And very typically, Platte River Designs has a long list of jobs lined up with deadlines of customers wanting theirs completed next!

Chad shared that there are many great things about having his own business in small rural Nebraska "but the most important are working outdoors, making the customer happy knowing they will enjoy it and use what we created, and having the option to take time out and watch my boys play their sports."

Platte River Designs future business plans are to continue to grow and add more crews in different locations so they can help service all the clients they can. If anyone would like information on this business, they do offer a lot of references from past incredibly happy customers! Chad is always looking for extra good help both part- and full-time positions available. (Must be 16 or older)

If you would like more information or want to contact Platte River Designs call 402-615-1211 or check out their website, [www.platteriverdesigns.com](http://www.platteriverdesigns.com) and Facebook page Platte River Designs LLC.

