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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

(ALLIANCE, Neb.) – The City of Alliance, Alliance Public Schools, and the Alliance Police Department are announcing new traffic pattern changes around Alliance Middle School that are designed to improve student safety while creating a more efficient flow of traffic during school arrival and dismissal.



- Laramie Avenue will become one-way northbound between West 11th Street and West 12th Street.
- West 12th Street will become one-way eastbound between Laramie Avenue and Box Butte Avenue.
- West 11th Street will become one-way westbound between Box Butte Avenue and Laramie Avenue.
- Left turns will be prohibited from northbound Box Butte Avenue onto West 11th Street during school hours.

A.I. Data Centers; Good or Bad?

(LINCOLN, Neb.) -- On Wednesday, August 19, 2026, Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen announced his appointment of 17 members to the state's newly created Data Center Task Force. This group will help evaluate the impact of data centers on Nebraska's water resources, power grids and local infrastructure. We asked for your comments.

Nancy Seifer Nelson wrote, *"My question is why are the developers so secretive about what communities they are going in, how big they are going to be, how much water, electricity l, land will they use. NDAs being signed, deals done behind closed session for county commissioners and economic development people..."*

"Let me guess, members of the task force are members of the industry. It's been my experience as a close observer, that this is just one step all governments take to ensure something DOES happen. I'll be surprised if they ever get to a point where they determine it's not a good thing for Nebraska and pass laws against them." - Lisa Betz-Marquez

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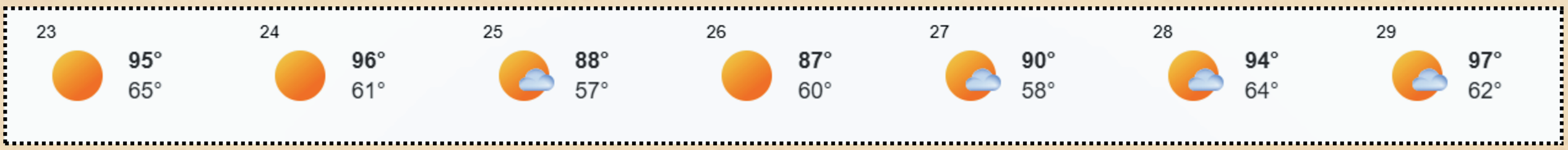

KENDELL HENDERSON AGENCY, INC. WEEKLY WEATHER OUTLOOK

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Community

2026 Scholarship Winners

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – A whopping $123,000 in Scholarships has been awarded to 42 Students in 2026 through the Oregon Trail Community Foundation.

Congratulations to the following;

Makayla Enrique
Tyra Hernandez
Galylea Velazquez – Scottsbluff
Jake Meyer – Mitchell
Lauren Doll – Gering
Regan Doll – Gering
Hayden Schmer – Scottsbluff
Ella Bosche – Gering
Callie Martin – Torrington
Jacelyn Prouty – Minatare
Leia Bennett – Scottsbluff
Addison Peck – Scottsbluff
Ava Kildow – Scottsbluff
Adan Marquez – Scottsbluff
Eireson Kurth – Gering
Jayden Hakert – Gering
Dakota Horstman – Hemingford
Ellison Paetow – Mitchell
Keira Sarchet – Scottsbluff
Carlie Margheim – Scottsbluff
Taylor Bright – Bridgeport
Kailar Hawley – Gering
Rece Knight – Gering
Addisyn Kersenbrock – Scottsbluff
Jaime Ortiz Rios – Scottsbluff
Jace Allen – Scottsbluff
Lauryn Tenney – Cheyenne, WY
Brooke Margheim – Scottsbluff
Stetson Schroder – North Platte
Felipe Molina – Lexington
Saidey Garza – Minatare
Keon Delgado – Scottsbluff
Ruth Elisabeth Wisner – Christian School
Ashwin Pittman – Morrill/WNCC
Enoch Knoester – Canyon Country, CA
Kate Pieper – Mitchell
Anna Meier – Gering
Jacob Bryner – Hemingford
Lexi Nesbitt – Bayard



KCMI Missions 5K Walk/Run with a Twist

(GERING, Neb.) – The setting is the Wildcat Hills Visitor Center, and there's a twist. Rather than simply completing a 5K, participants will have the opportunity to make their miles count for a cause.

KCMI is encouraging participants to choose a mission they would like to support and raise funds for that mission through their walk or run.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2026. Registration will begin at 7 a.m., with runners taking off at 7:30 a.m. Walkers will begin shortly after the runners.

Registration costs $15 for individuals, $5 for children 12 and under, or $40 for a family. Participants can preregister online or register in person the morning of the event.

Those attending should meet at the bottom of the hill just after the turnoff into the Wildcat Hills Visitor Center, where KCMI will have a canopy and registration table. The visitor center is located at 210615 NE-71 near Gering.

Payment can be made in person on race morning or by check, and KCMI also provides an online giving option for those registering for the event.

For KCMI, the event offers an opportunity for the community to come together for a morning of activity while helping support missions and ministry work.

Panhandle School Board Members Recognized by Nebraska Association of School Boards

Micki Votruba, Hemingford Schools
(GERING, Neb.) – Board member Micki Votruba, received the Level 3 Award at the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) Annual Membership meeting in Gering.





NASB
Nebraska Association of
SCHOOL BOARDS

Brad Helgerson, Mitchell Schools
(GERING, Neb.) – Board Vice President Brad Helgerson received recognition from the Nebraska School Board Association for his many years of commitment and dedication to *Doing What is Best for Mitchell Kids!*

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MISSING PERSONS

AND PROPERTY

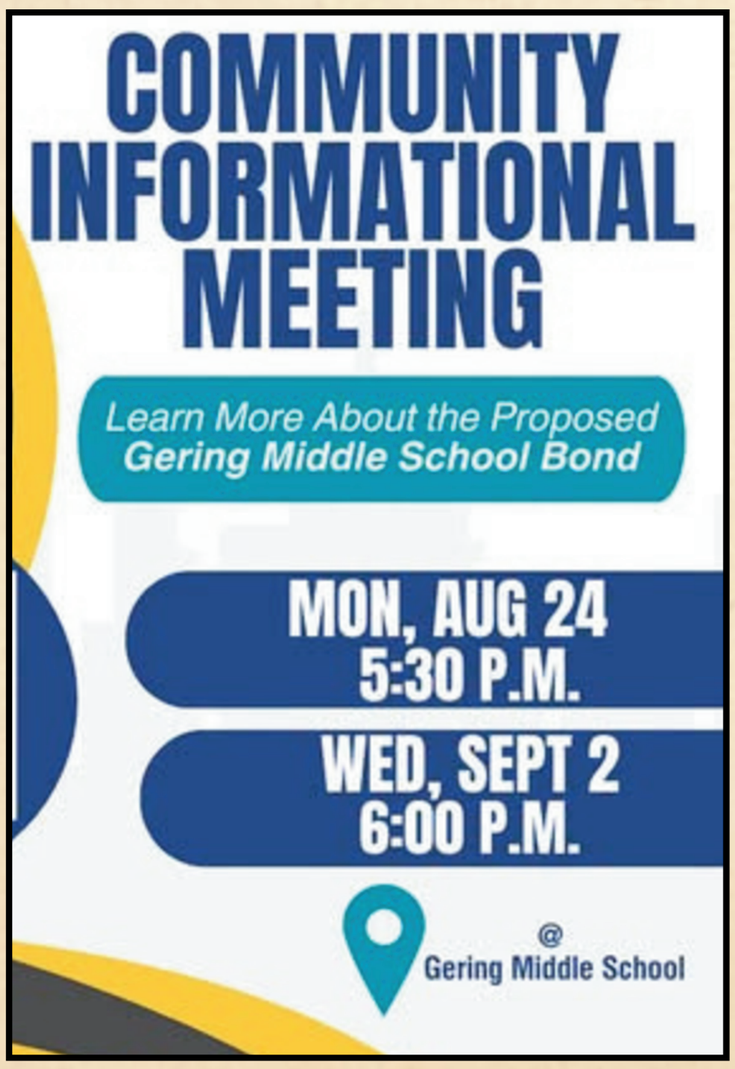
MISSING JUVENILE

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) - A 16 year old white male juvenile was reported missing on Tuesday, August 18th via a bulletin broadcast from the Scotts Bluff County Communications Center.

This information comes directly across scanner traffic, which means law enforcement knows about it and please keep in mind that scanner traffic is audio and does not include a photo. We always give you as much verifiable information that we can.

The 16 year old was located safely.

Gering Middle School Bond Issue



Missing Persons; Policies and Procedures

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) - The first truly valuable mission in the very beginning that the Scotts Bluff County Scanner (now Panhandle Scanner) took on was our **Missing Persons**. It remains one of our 5 primary news categories and remains a top priority. Starting in 2009, we established some firm policies that we still adhere to today.

1. We verify that the reporting party is official guardian or next of kin.
2. We ask for verification that a police report has been filed.
3. We analyze the circumstances to determine validity of our involvement.
4. Once the person is found, we often remove the poster and personal details.
5. Due to the prevalence of human trafficking, runaways & missing are treated the same.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- If you LIVE IN the area of the missing person, please **share** the post.
- If you are friends with someone who lives in the area, please **share** the post.
- If you have friends in the area they are missing from, please **share** the post.
- If you know the missing person, regardless of location, please **share** the post.
- If you know of the missing person's whereabouts, please **contact** reporting party.
- If you have ENOUGH indentifying information, **share** the post and stay alert.
- If you want to join a search party, **contact** the reporting party to learn ways to help.

WHAT IS NOT HELPFUL

- Asking for, or complaining that we didn't include a photo or enough information.
- Reporting that the person is found without citing the source.

We receive audio bulletins via scanner traffic, and therefore will not have a photo many times. Remember, we are NOT asking everyone to start a full blown search party. The best way for you to help is to just SHARE the post and please pray.

Missing 12 Year Old Found Safe Within 24 Hours



(CHADRON, Neb.) - On the afternoon on August 20, 2026, 12-year-old Johnessa Running Hawk was reported missing by her mother.

The following was our initial bulletin based on scanner traffic; "She was last seen wearing a striped tan shirt, blue jean shorts, black shoes, and a blue backpack. It's believed she left school on foot. If anyone has any information on Johnessa's location or has seen her, please call the Chadron Police Department at (308) 432-0510."

Within 24 hours, the Chadron Nebraska Police Department reported that Johnessa had been located and thanked everyone who called in with information.

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POLICE OFFICERS SPEAK OUT



Los Diablos Club Sign

(OMAHA, Neb.) – "For years, we have been sounding the alarm about the Los Diablos Motorcycle Club near 25th and Ames", says the Omaha Police Officers Association.

Shootings. Gunfire. Fights. Large crowds. Hundreds of calls for police and first responders.

A man was killed outside the club in 2024.

Last month, 34 shots were fired during a gun battle outside.

Last weekend, our officers were sent there again for another shooting.



Every time this happens, the people who live in this neighborhood are put at risk.

On August 19th, the Omaha police served a search warrant at the clubhouse as part of a shooting investigation. City inspectors then found numerous code violations and shut the club down.

This place has been an absolute nuisance to the City of Omaha and a danger to the community and our officers for far too long. Omaha won't miss it."

Dog Bite in Terrytown

(TERRYTOWN, Neb.) – A dog bite was reported on West Street in Terrytown on Wednesday. Regional 16 responded once SBPD secured the scene.

SHOCKING VIDEO SURFACES



(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – Panhandle Scanner was made aware of a social media video circulating rather rapdily Thursday morning.

Although this video appears to have disturbing use of force action in it, we do not know the full circumstances, or what led up to the charges of assaulting a police officer and disorderly conduct.

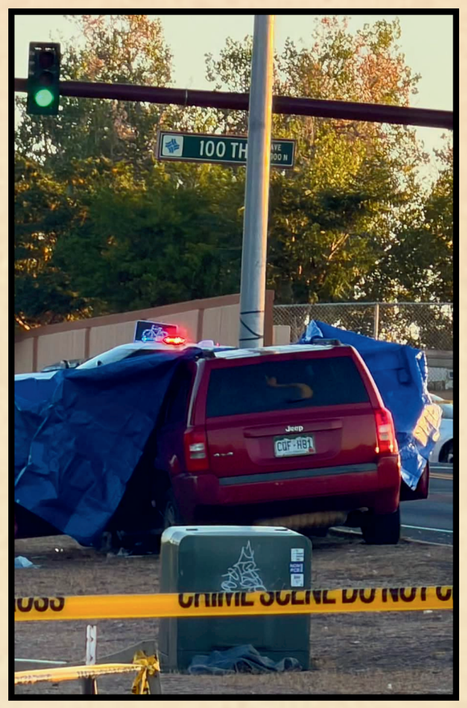
Please understand that our local police officers are held to a strict standard and in any use of force action an automatic investigation is triggered. We did get verification from law enforcement at the county level that the video is involving Scottsbluff police officers, with no other agencies believed to be present and that the suspect was charged with assault on a police officer and other lesser charges.

The investigation would start at the local level with the Scottsbluff Police Department, then the Nebraska State Patrol could get involved.

Please refrain from any doxing or other comments that could jeopardize your access to this page. We want the community to be informed, but we cannot comment on this particular situation until a further investigation has been concluded.

As media, our job is to hold our public agencies accountable and to make sure an investigation is done. We assure you that Panhandle Scanner we will follow this up.

Admin Witnesses Drive-By Double Murder



(THORNTON, Colo.) – This is not your everyday local news, but our admins run into a lot of crazy things in a days work. On Friday morning, our primary Admin was one of several drivers who witnessed the drive-by shooting that occurred at 100th Ave & Colorado Blvd in Thornton, Colorado in the early morning hours. Coincidentally, he is moving back to Nebraska this weekend.

Thornton police found two people with gunshot wounds inside a vehicle after it crashed into a pole. Our prayers are always with our first responders and those that end up witnessing sad events like this one. Both victims died and police are actively searching for the subjects responsible.

VEHICLE IN DITCH; DRIVER ACROSS THE SEAT

(BANNER COUNTY, Neb.) – Scanner traffic indicated a report of a vehicle off the roadway between mm 28-29 on Hwy 71 northbound, Black Mid Size SUV; Possible 10-44; Driver is lying in front seat; passerby reported smelling 10-40 (drugs).

NEED TO RELOCATE? SIMPLY REAL ESTATE - TORRINGTON, WYOMING

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BIG SPRINGS EMERGENCY

(BIG SPRINGS, Neb.) – On Wednesday, August 19th, around 7:18 p.m., scanner traffic indicated an incident at the Flying J in Big Springs, Nebraska.

The report was a verbal, and possibly physical, altercation between a male and a female that left westbound in a silver car screaming for HELP! No plates, male described as 6'0 tall, Blonde hair, Polo Hawaiian Shirt, Black Pants. Female had a Pony Tail & Camo Pants

No further traffic was heard on this incident, with an indication from a Trooper that he was 10-77, or unable to locate any vehicle matching that description.

Warrant Service (10-35)

(BANNER COUNTY, Neb.) – Scanner traffic indicated Nebraska State Patrol dispatch relayed a equest for Scotts Bluff County to help serve a 10-35, or warrant, out of Banner County. Scotts Bluff County advised NSP they would have to have Banner Co. lead, since the warrant will be executed at a Banner County residence.

Assistance with Disabled Vehicle

(HYANNIS, Neb.) – On August 21, 2026, at approximately 12:30 p.m., the Grant County Sheriff's Office was contacted by a concerned citizen regarding a vehicle that appeared to be disabled in the northbound lane of Highway 61.

Law Enforcement responded to the area and made contact with two occupants inside the vehicle. The occupants advised law enforcement that the vehicle had "stopped working".

Sheriff's Office assisted by pushing the vehicle out of the roadway to ensure the safety of the occupants and the traveling public.

During the investigation, law enforcement located a large quantity of drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, and related supplies. The occupants stated they were "just passing through."

Both occupants were arrested and transported to the Box Butte County Jail on felony charges related to possession with intent to deliver.

Woman Tased in The Head

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – Scanner traffic indicated a 10-82 (traffic stop) "with incident at East 11th & 5th Avenue in Scottsbluff; EMS enroute..."

Just after 1 p.m. on Monday, August 17th, a traffic stop in Scottsbluff around 11th and 5th Avenue occurred where a taser was deployed on the subject.

Regional 1 responded and transported one 20 to 30-year-old female with a probe in the back of her head and other injuries. They indicated possible drug use, and security was requested to meet them at the ER.



Cars and Coffee at Bumper to Bumper Aug 29th



Platte County Sheriff's Officer Receives Donation of K9 Body Armor

(PLATTE COUNTY, Wyo.) -- K9 Max received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. The vest was sponsored by Sherri Widlund of Colorado Springs, CO and embroidered with the sentiment "In honor of Aunt Marge Wright".

The Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. program is open to U.S. dogs at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and National Institute of Justice (NIJ) certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 6,397 vests valued at $6.9 million to K9s in all 50 states,made possible by both private and corporate donations.

WE RECOMMEND BUMPER TO BUMPER BODY AND PAINT - SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

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FIRE & RESCUE

Critical Nighttime Rope Rescue Training in Sidney

(SIDNEY, Neb.) – Friday night, Sidney Volunteer Fire Department members trained on low-angle rope rescue techniques, focusing on safely packaging and moving a patient in difficult terrain.

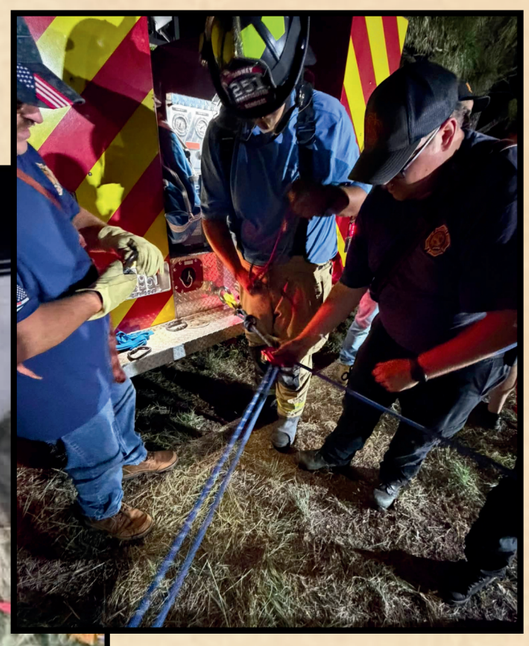
Members practiced securing a patient in the litter before moving to the field, where crews worked together to navigate a steep embankment. Our firefighters practiced several different techniques for moving and hoisting the litter, including using rope systems and a four-person carry.

These hands-on training opportunities allow our members to build confidence, improve teamwork, and become more proficient with the equipment and techniques we may need when faced with a real rescue.



Photos: Sidney VFD





Extrication Training; “Train smart. Cut smart. Stay safe.”

(MINATARE, Neb.) – The Minatare-Melbeta Volunteer Fire Department recently completed additional extrication training just in time to respond to an accident and demonstrate their equipment and life-saving techniques.

In fact, not just recently, their skills, acquired through endless training and real life experience, have paid off in many instances where other fire departments have called for mutual aid for their extrication equipment and capabilities.

“The goal isn’t just knowing how to operate the tools. It’s understanding what you’re cutting, what’s behind it, and how that cut can affect the vehicle, the patient, and your crew.” - Minatare-Melbeta VFD



6 year old Boy Rescued at School

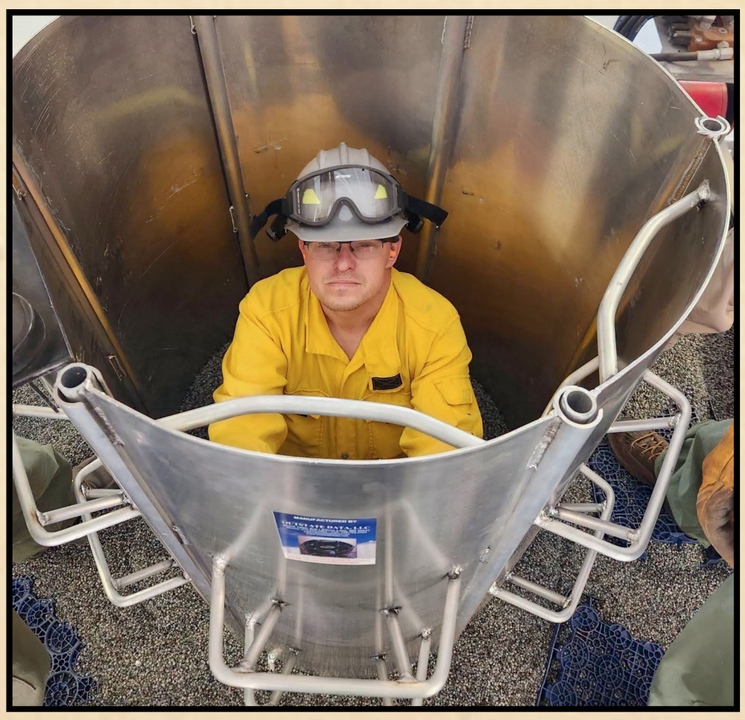
(MORRILL, Neb.) – On Tuesday morning, scanner traffic indicated that a six-year-old male at Morrill Elementary was unresponsive after having a seizure. The call came in at 8:07 a.m., “6 year old male, active seizure, not responding to medical staff.”

Multiple pages went out to local EMS before Regional 16 and Regional 2 both arrived around 8.26 a.m. Then, after 40 minutes of unresponsiveness, the young boy finally woke up and was talking to medical personnel on the way to Regional West with his only complaint being the pain from the I.V. site. We are thankful you to everyone who attended to this little boy.

National Volunteer Firefighter Day

(BUSHNELL, Neb.) – Being a volunteer firefighter is more than putting on the gear. It’s about commitment, courage, sacrifice, teamwork, and community.

The Bushnell Fire Department volunteers were recently recognized by Wildfire News on August 18th this year.



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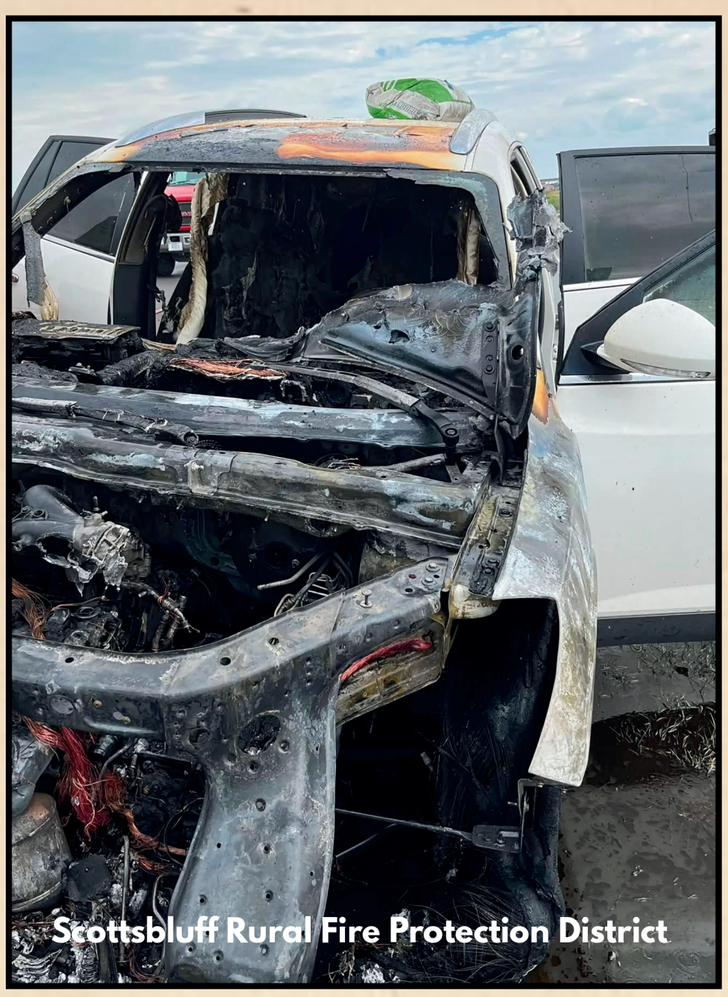
West Scottsbluff Vehicle Fire Follow Up

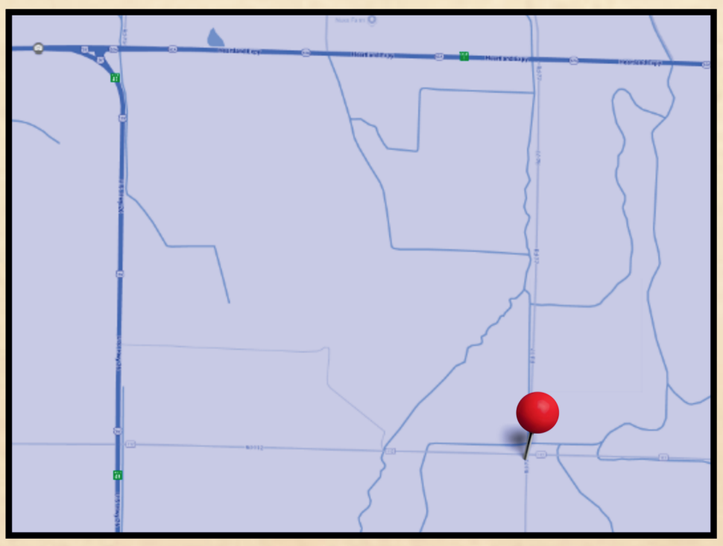


(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) -- On August 15, 2026 at approximately 12:30 pm, the Scottsbluff Rural Fire District was dispatched to a vehicle fire on Highway 26 in the area of 42nd street.

The vehicle's engine compartment was fully engulfed by the time they arrived, and the vehicle was a total loss. There were no injuries.

Bayard 2 Vehicle Accident

(BAYARD, Neb.) – One mile east and one mile south of 'moomaws corner' is Road 77 & Road 112, the location of a two vehicle accident on Wednesday morning.



Two Vehicle Accident

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) -- Scanner followers reported a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Avenue I and South Beltline Hwy in Scottsbluff, early Friday morning.

The intersection is one of the busiest ones in the area, located near WTT, or Western Travel Terminal.



Oregon Trail Plumbing, Heating & Cooling is located at 1105 W 26th St in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and serves Western Nebraska with 24/7 emergency service.
Call 308-635-1921

Fog Related Fatality

(GRAND ISLAND, Neb.) — A 73-year-old Hastings woman was killed Thursday morning in a two-vehicle collision on Interstate 80 in Hall County.

According to the Hall County Sheriff's Office, deputies were called to the area of mile marker 312 at 7:50 a.m. August 20th for a reported fatality collision involving an SUV and a semi-truck.



A preliminary investigation indicates a 2012 Dodge Journey driven by Delores Roberts, 73, of Hastings, was traveling eastbound in the westbound passing lane of Interstate 80 when it collided with a westbound 2019 International semi-truck.

Roberts was pronounced deceased at the scene. Investigators said she was wearing her seatbelt and the vehicle's front airbag deployed.

The semi-truck was driven by 46-year-old Josh Wakefield of North Platte. Wakefield was transported to Grand Island Regional Hospital for evaluation of potential injuries. He was also wearing his seatbelt.

Alcohol is not suspected to have contributed to the crash. Investigators are considering extremely low visibility caused by fog as a possible contributing factor. The Hall County Sheriff's Office said Roberts' next of kin has been notified.

Hall County crash investigators remained at the scene and are continuing their investigation into the circumstances surrounding the collision.

Assisting at the scene were the Nebraska State Patrol, Doniphan QRT, Grand Island Fire Department and the Hall County Attorney's Office.

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Ord Storm Damage

(ORD, Neb.) – A severe thunderstorm capable of producing a tornado rolled through the city of Ord Monday night causing damage to local businesses.

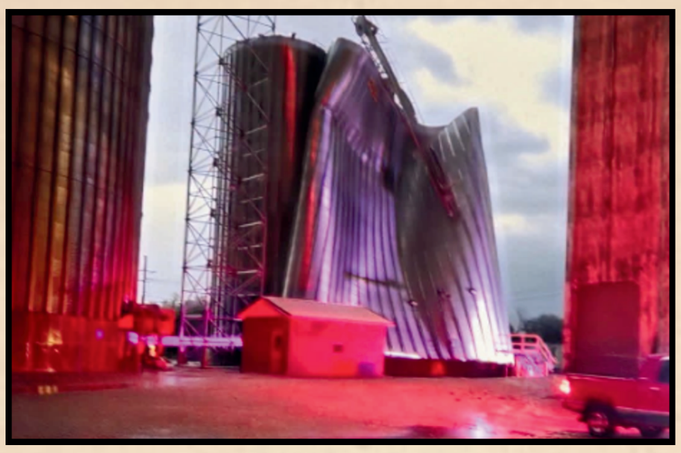

Photo by Dawson Flint



Photo by Katheryn Noon



Photo by Larry Pinkerton

(CHADRON, Neb.) – Hail, half mile north of Highway 20 on Slim Buttes Road.

Bayard Storm Clouds

Photo by Adrian Lockman-padilla



August 21
2026
Bayard
Nebraska



Photo by Brandon Masoner



Photo by Cheryl Garvin Nelson Mitchell, Nebraska

Sun, Aug 23	Hot, partly sunny; evening storms likely	92°F / 62°F	30%
Mon, Aug 24	Mostly sunny and hot	91°F / 58°F	25%
Tue, Aug 25	Not as hot; breezy with a stray PM storm	84°F / 57°F	20%
Wed, Aug 26	Mild and partly sunny	82°F / 56°F	20%
Thu, Aug 27	Sunny and warming back up	87°F / 58°F	0%
Fri, Aug 28	Mostly sunny and hot	93°F / 60°F	10%
Sat, Aug 29	Hot and mostly clear	93°F / 62°F	0%
Sun, Aug 30	Sunny and slightly cooler	89°F / 63°F	0%

The Week Ahead

The weather outlook for the week of August 23–30, 2026, for the Nebraska Panhandle features hot daytime temperatures mixed with periods of late-day thunderstorm chances, followed by a mid-week cooling trend before heating up again toward the weekend.

Daily Highs: Temperatures will start out hot, peaking in the low 90s°F on Sunday and Monday (August 23–24). A cold front will drop temperatures into the low 80s°F on Tuesday and Wednesday, before jumping back up to the low-to-mid 90s°F by Friday and Saturday (August 28–29).

Overnight Lows: Expect crisp, comfortable nights common to high-elevation high plains, with lows consistently dipping into the mid-57°F to mid-64°F range.

Early Week Risks: Sunday, August 23 carries a 20% to 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, primarily in the late afternoon and evening hours.

Mid-Week Front: As cooler air arrives around Tuesday, August 25, the risk for scattered thunderstorms persists, with some models showing a 20% to 60% chance of rain pushing through by late evening. Regional National Weather Service guidance notes that late-August storms in the Panhandle are frequently capable of bringing gusty winds and sudden temperature drops.

Late Week Clearance: Dry, clear, and sunny conditions return by Thursday, August 27, 2026.

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AGRICULTURE



During the week of August 16–22, 2026, Brian Hale introduced horseman Larry Reinhold from Lone Tree Ranch on the Horseman's Corner Radio program.

Additionally, the program featured archived insights from the late Howard Hale from;

- **Bruce Sandifer (California)**
- **Mike Bridges (Oregon)**
- **Craig Carr (Colorado)**
- **Ricky Quinn (Nebraska)**



Photo from The Rainbow Bible Ranch in South Dakota

DID YOU KNOW?

From our interviews with Bruce, we learned that, in accordance with the Vaquero tradition, young horses are always started in a rawhide **hackamore** (jaquima) rather than a snaffle bit.

This protects their mouths while their teeth change and ensures they don't develop a defensive "brace" against the bit.



During the week of August 16–22, 2026, Brian Hale and co-host David Woodruff featured two primary interview guests alongside specialized daily updates on the Harvest USA Report program:

- Adam Atkinson (Ancient Grains) — Aired August 18, 2026
  - Featured on the "Ancient Grains" segment with David L. Woodruff. The conversation focused on the specialized process of milling grains and consuming them within a tight 24-hour window to maximize nutrient density, presenting a health-focused alternative to highly processed, store-bought flour options.

- Michael Torrie (Canadian Farmer) — Aired August 20, 2026
  - A regional agricultural broadcast spotlighting Torrie's farming operations and regional farming conditions.

IN OTHER SEGMENTS

In other segments this past week, Brian Hale and co-host David Woodruff tracked major regional machinery movements across the North American harvest path. They noted that the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee welcomed a trade delegation from the Philippines to view local spring and winter wheat.

They also reported on Barr Harvesting running six combines on soybeans in Mississippi, and highlighted open capacity for American Harvesting in North Dakota.



During the week of August 16–22, 2026, Brian Hale hosted three primary livestock figures on the Cattleman's Corner Radio program; one cowboy poet and two breeders.

HIGHLIGHTS

- R.P. Smith (Homegrown Segment) — Aired August 17, 2026
  - Featured on the "Ballad of the Pony Express" Homegrown Episode (#1209), discussing local involvement and excitement surrounding the National Pony Express Association's National Convention.

- Dan Reardon (Rockin' R Red Angus) — Aired August 18, 2026
  - Reardon discussed moving his cattle operation transition from the high-elevation terrain of Western Colorado (where they ran cattle above 10,000 feet in Gunnison) to the Nebraska Panhandle. The conversation highlighted how the move shifts their operational focus toward enhancing cattle genetics and performance.

- Cole Buffo (KS Gelbvieh Breeder) — Aired August 19, 2026
  - Based north of Dodge City in Jetmore, Kansas, Buffo shared how he got his start with Simmental cattle in grade school before transitioning into the Gelbvieh and Red Angus sectors. He detailed their crossbreeding practices—specifically introducing black bulls to crossbreed and compliment customer demands—and previewed their annual auction.

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sports page

Expanded Sports Coverage

(MINATARE, Neb.) – Most people who follow our crime and weather news coverage may not know that the founder and manager of Panhandle Scanner was highly involved in both athletics and academics.

Brian Hale played football, basketball, baseball and track, and still holds a few records at Minatare, was Chief Minatare 1984, played on the infamous Gering All-Star Team with Kip Gross and company, went to Lincoln on a baseball scholarship, coached the last Minatare Legion team, was a sports writer for The Gering Citizen covering Minatare, was a 23 Club Umpire, a Cougar Basketball announcer, a play-by-play announcer in Nebraska, a State basketball announcer in Oklahoma, a baseball announcer in Colorado, owned and operated a sports card shop for years and has managed fantasy football leagues before computer programs existed. In fact, one of his first computer programs that he created from code was a baseball statistics tracker in 1982.

With Brian's extensive sports background, he's decided that we are going to expand coverage to include more local sports action, with the help of 2001 Scottsbluff graduate and state champion athlete, Jeb Bretthauer. If you have any school sports news, please send it to us, like CCCC Sidney did in the press releases below. Our email is sbcoscanner@gmail.com.

County	High School(s)
Banner	Banner County HS (Harrisburg)
Box Butte	Alliance HS, Hemingford HS
Cheyenne	Sidney HS, Potter-Dix HS, Leyton HS (Dalton)
Dawes	Chadron HS, Crawford HS
Deuel	Creek Valley HS (Chappell)
Garden	Garden County HS (Oshkosh)
Kimball	Kimball HS
Morrill	Bridgeport HS, Bayard HS
Scotts Bluff	Scottsbluff HS, Gering HS, Mitchell HS, Morrill HS, Minatare HS
Sheridan	Gordon-Rushville HS, Hay Springs HS
Sioux	Sioux County HS (Harrison)

We are going to do our best to cover the schools listed in the graphic above, but we need your help! If you have news, please SEND it to us.

Youth Center Partners with Local Photographer

(SIDNEY, Neb.) -- The Center has partnered with Sidney photographer Natasha Haupt and her new company, 308 Sports Media, to provide individual, team and action photography throughout its youth sports leagues. Beginning with the fall 2026 season, Haupt will photograph individual athletes and teams, with photos available for families to purchase. She will also attend games throughout the season to capture action photos of athletes competing.

Sidney Girls Volleyball News

(SIDNEY, Neb.) – More than fifty 3rd through 6th Grade girls are preparing for the start of the Cheyenne County Community Center's youth volleyball season following a two-day skills camp led by the Sidney High School volleyball program.

Sidney coach Ryan Birner and his players worked with participants August 15 and August 22 at The Center, emphasizing skills the young athletes will continue developing as they advance through the sport.

The two-day youth skills camp concluded Saturday with scrimmages.

"The focus has been on fundamentals - serving and passing," Birner said. "That's what I focus on in high school. We kind of want to build that foundation for these girls as well."

Birner said learning to control the ball and use all three touches were among the skills emphasized during the camp.

"It's just nice to have so many girls that are excited to play at such a young age," Birner said. "We can really take advantage of that when they're in the high school program."

Youth league practices begin Monday, August 24, with matches starting Thursday, August 27. Third- and fourth-grade matches will be played at the Cheyenne County Community Center, while fifth- and sixth-grade matches will be held at West Elementary. League play continues through September 10, 2026.

For Birner, who is originally from Sidney, the camp also provided an opportunity to connect the community's youth program with Sidney High School volleyball.

"I just want make myself present and be part of the face of volleyball here in Sidney," Birner said.

Sidney High School opens its season Thursday at home against Sterling.

BUSINESS NEWS

New Hours at Lake Minatare Store



THE SUNDAY SCANNER Report

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One Place for Everything in the Panhandle

NOTICE : We are announcing our new policy on how we are going to handle individual county pages WITHIN the Panhandle of Nebraska on facebook.

In the beginning, and up to this past month, we believed that having facebook pages for each of the busier counties within the panhandle was a good idea. After a thorough evaluation of the analytics and comments we have received, we believe it is going to be better to simply integrate everything into Panhandle Scanner. The team already covers all the counties, so there is really no need to duplicate the coverage within the 11 county region.

To clarify, we understand the panhandle is generally defined by 11 counties, listed on page 10, however, we do occasionally provide news from Keith, Arthur and Cherry counties. The rest of the state we cover on our Greater Nebraska Scanner.

In the near future, you will see us transitioning back to just one page for the panhandle (Panhandle Scanner). We will continue to maintain the one page for the rest of Nebraska (Greater Nebraska Scanner), one page for the area from Goshen County down to Cheyenne in Laramie County, Wyoming (Southeast Wyoming Scanner).

That means the Box Butte County Scanner, the Morrill County Scanner and the Cheyenne County Scanner will eventually transition to something else and people will be redirected back to Panhandle Scanner.

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Semi Smokin' on 71 Aug 18 10 pm
(GERING, Neb.) – On Tuesday night at 10:51 p.m., scanner traffic indicated two semi's parked on 71 near mm 50, with one of them possibly on fire.

Gas Leak Morrill Manner Aug 18 11 am
(MORRILL, Neb.) – Scanner traffic is indicated a potential GAS LEAK at the Morrill manor; RP cannot remove themselves from their apartment.

Vehicle Fire in Gering Aug 19 2 pm
(GERING, Neb.) – Scanner traffic indicated a vehicle fire at 130 K St in Gering, NE; RP is hearing a lot of explosions in the area; smell of smoke.

Disturbance in Gering Aug 17 6 pm
(GERING, Neb.) – On Monday at 6:34 p.m., scanner traffic indicated a disturbance of unknown nature on S Street in Gering.

Fictitious Plates? Aug 17 4 pm
(MORRILL, Neb.) – Dispatch relayed a report near mm 7 on Hwy 92 westbound, a White Suv had 21 County on front with 71 County on back.

Possible Assault Reported Aug 17 12 pm
(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – Scanner traffic indicated a possible assault on Avenue V in Scottsbluff. Ambulance was canceled by PD.

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