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Two Sides of the Street

There is alot of good on 16th Street in Scottsbluff

- The Bible Book Shop
- Pineapples Restaurant
- Sterling Huff Law Firm
- Looks Unlimited
- The Dugout Batting Cages
- Little Dreamers Play Place



(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – It was May 29th of this year that we first learned of a new ‘Gentlemen’s Club’ planning to open in Scottsbluff. In a recent City Council meeting, the public showed up in numbers to listen to what the City had to offer. Our Court Reporter Raul Fernandez was there and reports that it was more of a discussion amongst themselves, than it was an official announcement to the public in attendance.

City officials explained that they are complying with all existing municipal zoning laws and permitting guidelines. They further noted that, under current local ordinances, an adult xxx business has the same right to downtown as a grocery store. Please note that this is based on current regulations, and that the City has the power to adjust their own regulations. If they find it is too much trouble, or ‘impossible’ for whatever reason, the next legal step is to have City Attorney Kent Hadenfeldt request an injunction from the judge for something that many people are certainly not aware of, but exists for anyone to see.

It is our understanding that even though some nudity is allowed downtown, it is illegal to produce pornography for a public website from a downtown business in Scottsbluff. It is a fact that Sinners has a collection of hardcore porn on their public twitter / x account showing full penetration of a Holy Cross inside Jasmine Harrington, the self-proclaimed owner. It is also concerning that her husband Shane Harrington has multiple clubs across Nebraska that have faced serious sex trafficking allegations, with the latest one currently in federal court.

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Historic Flash Flooding in Alliance Nebraska



Photo by Tom Digger Broeder

(ALLIANCE, Neb.) – Panhandle Scanner gives the public the opportunity to show others what the conditions are like in their area in real-time. Tom Digger Broeder submitted this photo of the flash flooding on our post about the 3-4 inches of rain in Alliance. We’re just hoping it wasn’t his car!

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Community



(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – The Scottsbluff YMCA is seeking to hire Active Kids Coordinators to help create a safe, fun, and engaging environment for school-age children. Openings are available for both staff and a coordinator role. Responsibilities may include supervising participants, leading activities, and supporting children's social and emotional development.

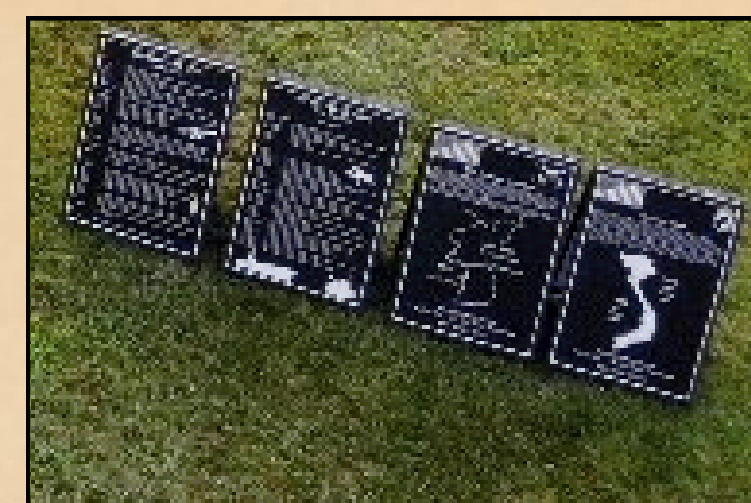
Coordinator roles may include running our Active Learning Program on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and coordinating staff schedules.

Sidney PD is Hiring

(SIDNEY, Neb.) – The Sidney Police Department is seeking motivated, professional law enforcement officers and supervisors who want to make a real impact.

Traveling Vietnam Wall & Cost of Freedom Tribute In Crawford

(CRAWFORD, Neb.) – Crawford will host the Traveling Vietnam Wall & Cost of Freedom Tribute from September 9–13, featuring five days of tributes and opening ceremonies starting at 10 a.m. at the Crawford Ball Fields. The event is organized and hosted by Crawford Serving Humanities (CSH) in partnership with the American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT).



Suicide Prevention Awareness

(ALLIANCE, Neb.) – Help raise awareness, show support, and make a difference in the fight against suicide. Together, we can provide hope, promote mental health, and build a community of care.

Questions? Jessica (308) 299-8913

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/2026AllianceWalk>

Community Clean Up at Kiwanis Park

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – The Scottsbluff Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Clean Up Day for September 12, 2026 starting at 9:00 a.m. The location is directly behind Riverside Discovery Center. Bring your drills and paint brushes. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Scan the QR code to register.

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MISSING PERSONS
AND PROPERTY

MISSING ENDANGERED ADVISORY CANCELLED

(MORGAN COUNTY, Colo.) - On the morning of September 2, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation issued an Endangered Missing Alert for Vera Spencer (4). The suspect was Daniel Spencer (50), her non-custodial father.

Vera was last seen being picked up from her school in Brighton, Colorado, on August 28, 2026, at 8 am, by her non-custodial father, Daniel.

Vera was safely located on September 2 at 2:30 pm by law enforcement.



Daniel Spencer



Vera Spencer



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 Dog Reported in Scottsbluff FOUND!

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – Panhandle Scanner received a special request to share the following poster for a beloved family member, Lucas. Beatriz Moreno wrote, “Thank you so much for sharing!!” Lucas is no longer missing.



THE SUNDAY SCANNER**--- police & crime ---****Threat at Kimball Schools**

(KIMBALL, Neb.) – Kimball School Officials released a statement on the recent heightened presence of law enforcement on or near school grounds.

Dear Kimball Public Schools Community,

This letter is in reference to a possible threat to the campus received on the evening of September 1, 2026 resulting in an increased law enforcement presence at district facilities to day (September 2, 2026).

Last evening, Kimball Public Schools was made aware of a possible threat to the safety of our students. School administration and local law enforcement agencies have been working swiftly and diligently to investigate the matter and substantiate the allegations. Today, students, staff, and patrons will notice an increased law enforcement presence at district facilities as we want to continue to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our students.

The safety and security of our students and staffs and will continue to be our main priority. As we move forward, we are encouraging parents and students to report any information and provide any evidence to school administration of any potential threats to the safety of our students and staff. Any information that we receive will prove helpful as we strive to maintain a secure campus.

We encourage the continued collaboration between Kimball Public Schools, the Kimball Police Department, the Kimball County Sheriff's Office, and the community.

Kimball Public Schools administration can be reached by contacting the Mary Lynch office at (308)235-4696/the Jr/Sr High office at (308)235-4861 or you may report to our anonymous tip- line at 833-980-7233.

*Sincerely,
Trevor Anderson
Superintendent
Kimball Public Schools*

CREEPY CAT IN THE HAT TREND

(NATIONWIDE) - Rising school district safety concerns have arisen across the nation sparking questions about "The Cat in The Hat" trend?

A viral social media trend has landed teens in trouble with police in at least two states; authorities warn students about threats to school safety.

The so-called Cat in the Hat trend has spread across the country as young people share AI-generated content of someone wearing a costume of the famous Dr. Seuss character and appearing to be coming after people at their homes or schools.

Authorities in Kentucky and Colorado are among those to have cracked down on the trend.

The viral "Cat in the Hat" trend involves AI-generated images and videos lurking outside homes and schools. The trend has prompted police investigations and school security increases nationwide.

ARMED COLORADO CAR THIEF CAUGHT IN NEBRASKA

(NORTH PLATTE, Neb.) -- A suspected carjacking in Idaho Springs, Colorado, led to a high-speed pursuit across Nebraska on September 2, ending when deputies stopped the suspect vehicle near North Platte and arrested the driver.

The Idaho Springs Police Department said officers responded at approximately 10 a.m. to a reported carjacking involving a guest at a motel in the 2700 block of Colorado Boulevard.

Investigators alerted authorities that the suspect was believed to be driving a stolen maroon 2018 Kia Optima and might be armed with a handgun.

Lincoln County deputies were notified that the stolen Kia could be traveling eastbound on Interstate 80. Deputies positioned themselves along I-80 near Sutherland, where they soon spotted the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop.

The driver failed to stop, initiating a pursuit eastbound at speeds reaching approximately 125 mph, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies deployed tire spikes about one mile west of North Platte, successfully disabling the vehicle. The Kia then exited the interstate and struck a boundary fence. The driver, who was the vehicle's lone occupant, was taken into custody.

Authorities identified the suspect as 45-year-old William Williams of Westminster, Colorado. Idaho Springs police are seeking an arrest warrant for Williams in connection with the reported carjacking.

Williams was lodged in the Lincoln County Detention Center on charges of Theft by Receiving Stolen Property, Operating a Vehicle to Avoid Arrest, Willful Reckless Driving & Driving During Revocation.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office said the operation was assisted by the Nebraska State Patrol and North Platte Fire Department.

The Idaho Springs Police Department had asked the public not to approach the suspect or vehicle if spotted, but instead to call 911 and provide the vehicle's location, direction of travel and any information that could be safely observed.

FIRE & RESCUE

Electric Scooter vs Car

(SCOTTSLUFF, Neb.) – On Wednesday, September 2nd at approximately 5:40 p.m., Scotts Bluff County Communications Center recieved a report of an incident at the intersection of 20th Street and Broadway in Scottsbluff.

Emergency responders were dispatched to a collision involving an electric scooter and a passenger car, an incident that has amplified local city council and scanner discussions regarding motorized scooter safety.

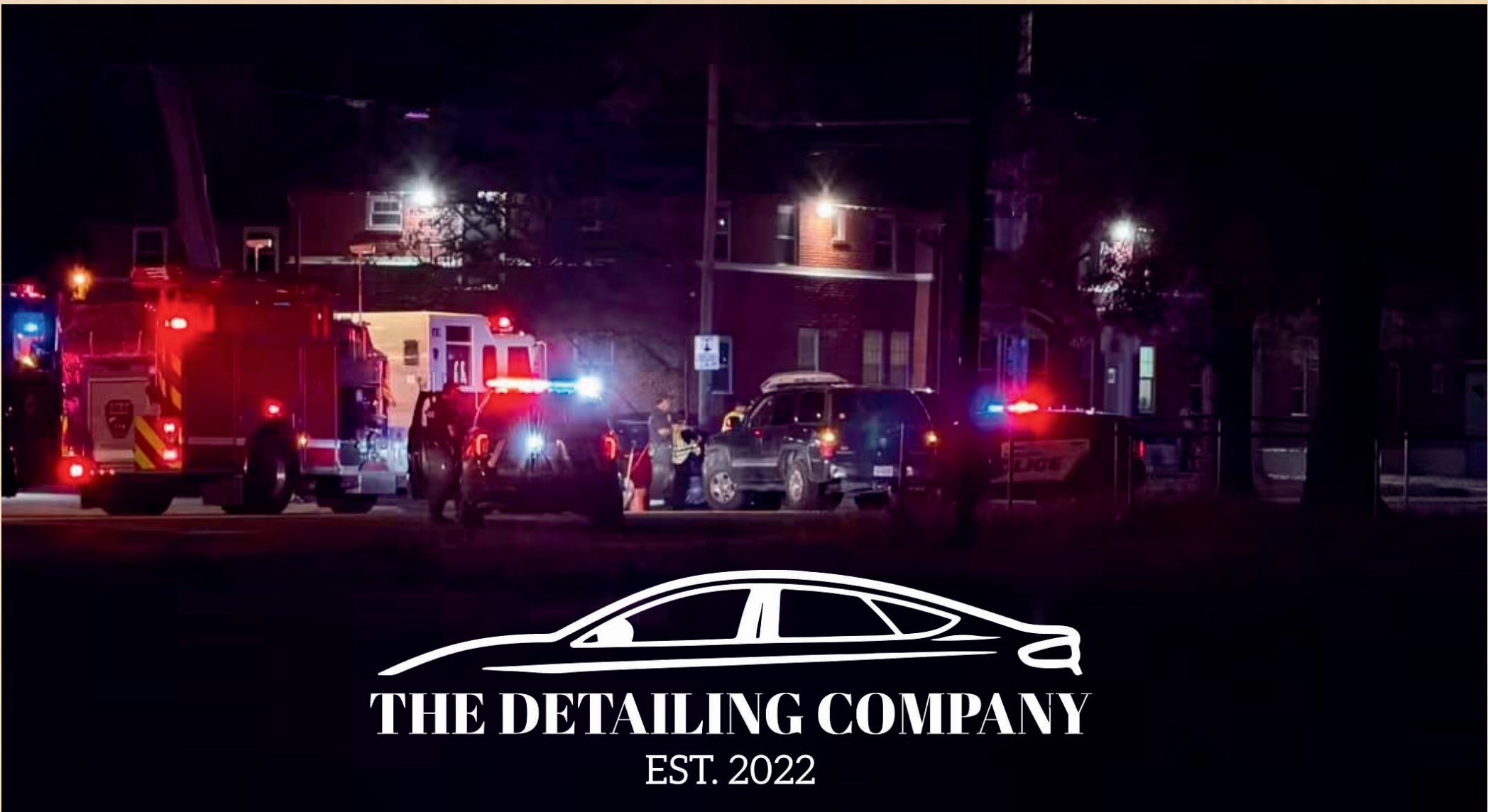
Nebraska Medicine treated 68 e-scooter and e-bike trauma injuries between 2021 and 2025, with nearly 80% of those occurring in the last two years. The surge continued rapidly, with 22 trauma patients treated in just the first five months of 2026.

Officials attribute the sharp rise in statistics to underaged operators using high-speed motorized devices. Many kids ride without formal knowledge of traffic laws, navigating streets at car-level speeds on vehicles that often lack lights or mirrors. Sidewalk collisions with pedestrians and sudden intersection crossings account for the majority of local police dispatch calls



East Overland Two Vehicle Accident

(SCOTTSLUFF, Neb.) – Scanner followers reported a two vehicle accident that occurred on East Overland & 14th Avenue in Scottsbluff around 9:45 p.m. on Saturday night. Both lanes were closed temporarily as crews cleared the scene.



Mutual Aid Called for Wrights Gap Fire

(MELBETA, Neb.) – A lightning-strike grass fire broke out just west of Wrights Gap Road on the evening of September 5, 2026. A severe thunderstorm passing through the region ignited the dry grass. Due to the threat of spreading vegetation, local agencies quickly coordinated emergency communication, with Scotts Bluff County dispatch paging out the Banner County Fire Department to assist in containing the flames. Passerby and residents monitoring the area reported seeing heavy smoke from nearby Highway 71 shortly after the storm cleared.

Due to the quick initial response from the Banner County Volunteer Fire & Rescue and mutual aid from surrounding departments—including Minatare, Bayard, and Scottsbluff Rural—crews successfully established a perimeter. They managed to contain the flames and cool down the rugged interior before it could spread further into neighboring properties. The grass fire was mapped at just under 20 acres burned.

POWER OUTAGE ACROSS MORRILL COUNTY

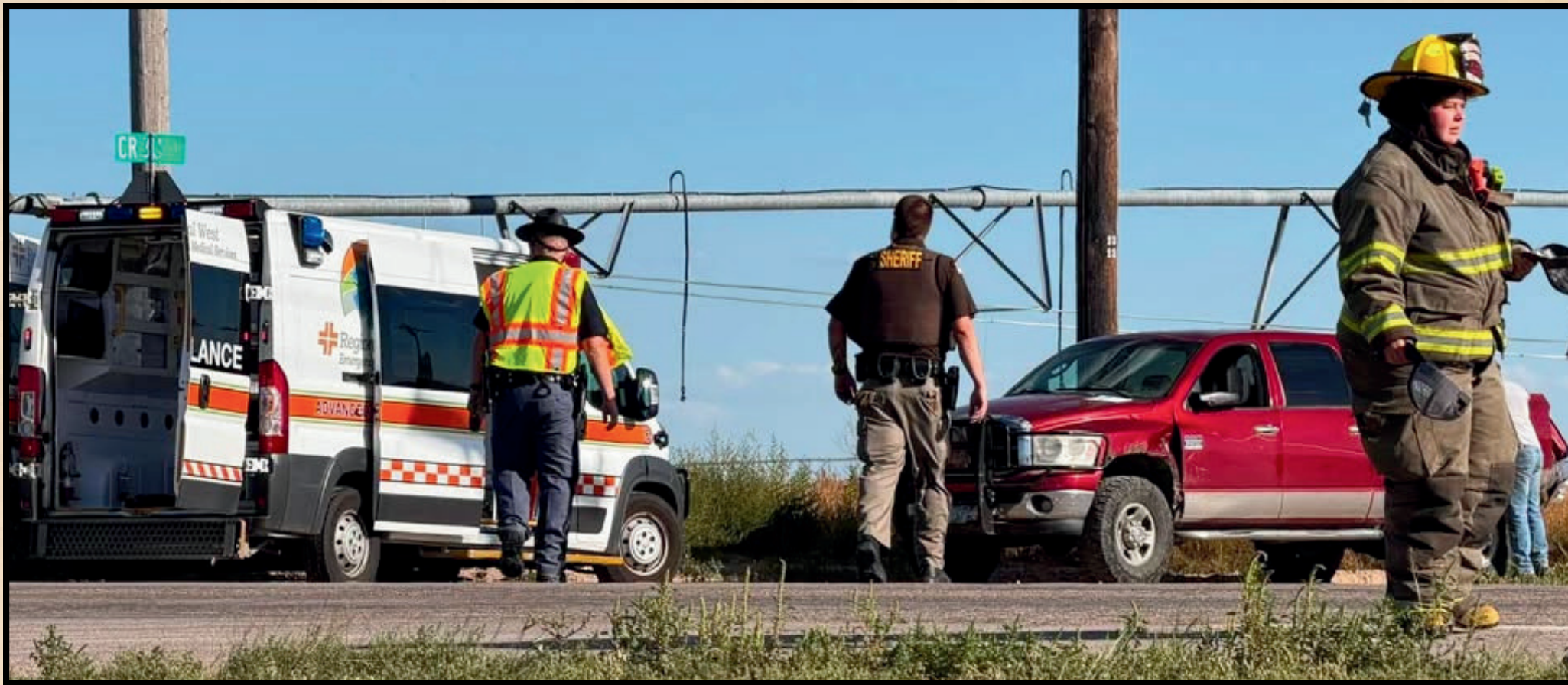
(MORRILL COUNTY, Neb.) – Chimney Rock Public Power reported a major outage across Morrill County as thunderstorms passed through the area Saturday night.



THE SUNDAY SCANNER**FIRE & RESCUE****Patient Airlifted From Bayard Area Accident**

(BAYARD, Neb.) -- Scanner traffic indicated a two vehicle accident on Hwy 26 mm 36, (CR 33) a few miles west of Bayard. Airlink responded and transported one female patient to RWMC with non life-threatening injuries.

The roadway was reduced down to one lane while debris was cleared.

**12th Street Non-Injury Accident**

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – Scanner traffic indicated a two vehicle accident in the 900 block of 12th Ave Scottsbluff on Sunday around 1:00 p.m.

We received an update from an eyewitness on scene, "I'm the person that lives at the address. It was a 2 vehicle accident luckily no one was injured. It was a Toyota and a mustang, the young driver that was driving the Toyota was at fault for failing to yield to the right and he got cited for driving with a expired drivers license that was from a different state, and it was his uncle's car. The lady was driving the red mustang she had a young child in the backseat. Luckily no one was injured everyone got checked out by ems. And both cars were towed away since they were not drivable."

**Professional Website
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Hale Multimedia launches another website!



(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – RPM Auto Sales LLC recently launched its new digital platform with a website from Hale Multimedia LLC. It serves as the new sales division for the family behind local staple Art's Repair Service.

You can find their live vehicle inventory and mechanical services directly on the new RPM Auto Website.

Operating out of the old Wolf Auto building, they specialize in used vehicle sales and general automotive care.

- 1914 E 20th St, Scottsbluff, NE 6936
- (308) 633-4815
- M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Hale Multimedia has actively expanded its portfolio well beyond its primary regional offices, scaling to design hundreds of custom websites across the country and internationally.

Their long-standing milestone includes developing platforms for clients in 20+ states and 3 foreign countries. Their updated service reach has grown to represent over 1,000 distinct website builds across agricultural expos, custom saddleries, radio broadcast affiliates, and local businesses.

FIRE & RESCUE

National Preparedness Month



Does your home have an
Emergency Supply Kit?



An emergency supply kit is a collection of items that you have stored in your home, business, or car that could be used during an emergency. These items are chosen based on the hazards you might expect to encounter. For example, you might choose to keep a radio in your kit so you can get weather updates while sheltering for a tornado.

A flashlight, toilet paper, money, water, prescription pills medications, a sleeping bag, and pet food are a few top suggestions.

For a complete list of ideas, or more information about preparedness visit www.ready.gov/kit.

Wildland Fire Prepared at Lyman-Kiowa

The Lyman-Kiowa Volunteer Fire Department (LKVFD) serves the Lyman, Nebraska area and surrounding rural communities, and provides mutual support, not only in state, but across several borders when needed.

In June 2026, the department received a \$25,972 grant from an anonymous donor to fully upgrade its wildfire response gear. The funds enabled LKVFD to outfit its crew with specialized wildland firefighting equipment, including new boots, helmets, gloves, tools, and packs equipped with fire shelters. As a result of this investment, every member of the department now has current personal protective equipment (PPE) designed specifically for fighting high-risk grass and wildland fires.

Due to ongoing seasonal drought conditions, the department has frequently issued warnings to local residents regarding strict compliance with Red Flag Warnings. Crews have been actively monitoring cross-border smoke columns from neighboring fires burning west of the state line near Lagrange, Wyoming.

- Address: [301 N. Jeffers St, Lyman, NE 69352](#)
- Primary Phone: 308-787-1444 (Always dial 911 for immediate emergencies)

Equipped and Ready;
Minatare-Melbeta
VFD

(MINATARE, Neb.) – The Minatare-Melbeta Volunteer Fire Department (MMVFD) provides critical fire protection, rescue, and specialized dive team services across a 300-square-mile district covering Minatare, McGrew, Melbeta, Lake Minatare, and portions of Banner and Sioux counties.

- Specialized Water Rescue & Dive Training: In August 2026, the department's dive team completed a comprehensive training and equipment refresher alongside the Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department. The MMVFD features six dive-certified firefighters, allowing them to provide specialized rescue capabilities for nearby Lake Minatare.
- Recent Incident Response: On September 2, 2026, emergency crews responded to a structure fire with visible smoke on Lake Minatare Road, requiring mutual aid from Gering Fire after flames temporarily sparked back up.
- Community Events: MMVFD regularly engages with local families, hosting the annual Tabor Days pancake feed fund-raiser at the station, organizing the city's community fireworks display, and visiting schools to lead fire prevention and "Stop, Drop, and Roll" safety demonstrations.

The department relies heavily on local volunteers to staff its two stations and is actively recruiting.

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Gering Hosts Cross
Country Meet

(GERING, Neb.) – The Gering Cross Country Invitational took place on Friday, September 4, 2026, at Five Rocks Amphitheater in Gering, Nebraska.

Individual Results (Varsity)

- Girls Winner: Gracie Calkins (Chadron)
- Girls Runner-Up: Brittney Dehning (Gordon-Rushville)
- Boys Winner: Austin Benda (Hemingford)
- Boys Runner-Up: Asher Saka (Alliance)

- 1st: Hemingford – 35 points
- 2nd: Sidney – 44 points
- 3rd: Gering – 58 points
- 4th: Gordon-Rushville – 63 points
- 5th: Chadron – 70 points
- 6th: Alliance – 82 points
- 7th: Mitchell – 102 points
- 8th: Kimball – 125 points

Bridgeport Bulldog
Cross Country and Golf

(BRIDGEPORT, Neb.) – The Bulldogs of Bridgeport are off to a great start this year.

School officials recently wrote, “Another great day of competition for our golf and cross country teams! Our athletes put in work, competed hard, and represented our school with pride. Great job to all of our golfers and runners!”

In Cross Country at Gering Ron Varner finished in 3rd place, Janessa Lussetto in 7th place, and Lucy Tretter in 10th place.

Golf results from Creek Valley included Alyvia Harless taking 1st place shooting a 91! Braylen Schmidt shot 114, Olivia Corman with a 118, and Jane Plummer finished at 149.

Gering Girls Golf Results

(GERING, Neb.) – The Gering girls' golf team recently finished sixth at the Chadron Girls Golf Invite.

TEAM RESULTS

- 1ST: VALENTINE – 383
- 2ND: SIDNEY – 384
- 3RD: SCOTTSBLUFF – 396
- 4TH: ALLIANCE – 419
- 5TH: CHADRON – 420
- 6TH: GERING – 431
- 7TH: MITCHELL – 519

Olivia Erdman led the Bulldogs, cracking the individual top 10 with a final score of 97.



UPCOMING GIRLS' GOLF SCHEDULE

The girls' season is currently in full swing, with major upcoming invites scheduled through Bound Nebraska:

- Sept 11: Lexington Golf Invite (Lakeside Country Club)
- Sept 14: Gering Girls Golf Invite (Gering High School)
- Sept 17: North Platte Girls Golf Invite (River's Edge Golf Course)
- Oct 12-13: Class B State Championships (Hosted locally at Monument Shadows Golf Course in Gering).



Flyin' High Again

(CHADRON, Neb.) – Brooke Smith Photography captured this well-timed action shot, while the Cardinals captured the win. They have outscored their opponents 70-21 and are 2-0 to start the season.



B. Smith Photography

5 Set Comeback
for Gering Girls

(GERING, Neb.) – Congratulations to the Gering Girls Volleyball team who scored a thrilling 5 set comeback after trailing 2-1 early on.



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FOOTBALL
SCOREBOARD

Thursday, September 3, 2026

- **Crawford** 69, Creek Valley 6
- **Wallace** 50, Hay Springs 22
- Minatare 0, **Paxton** 59
- **Morrill** 68, Banner County 24

Friday, September 4, 2026

- **Scottsbluff** 24, Norris 17
- **Chadron** 54, Torrington (WY) 21
- **Gering** 24, Lexington 7
- **Alliance** 35, Chase County 7
- **Sidney** 49, Sterling (CO) 7
- **Hemingford** 80, Gordon-Rushville 18
- **Kimball** 56, Perkins County 0
- **Bridgeport** 16, Wheatland (WY) 14
- **Bayard** 22, Mullen 14
- **Mitchell** 34, Doniphan-Trumbull 26
- **Leyton** 65, Guernsey-Sunrise (WY) 7

	Minatare	6	Final
	Paxton	54	

(PAXTON, Neb.) – The Minatare Indians football team fell to Paxton on Thursday, September 4, 2026, during the second week of the football season.

	(#16) Scottsbluff	24	Final
	(#17) Norris	17	

(FIRTH, Neb.) – The undefeated and ranked Bearcats defeated another ranked team from Lincoln, the Norris Knights behind a two-touchdown effort by Eric Sabala who caught one touchdown pass and ran a kickoff return 99 yards back to the house, and a goal line stand to end the game.

	Bridgeport	16	Final
	Wheatland	14	

(WHEATLAND, Wyo.) – Bridgeport Senior James Jeffords spearheaded the comeback, rushing for a massive 181 yards. He sparked the rally with a 56-yard touchdown run in the third quarter and later punched in the decisive, game-winning 2-point conversion.

	(#23) Chadron	54	Final
	Torrington	21	

(TORRINGTON, Wyo.) – The Cardinals hit the road for an interstate clash and put on an offensive clinic, defeating the Torrington (WY) Trailblazers 54-21.

	Mullen	14	Final
	Bayard	22	

(BAYARD, Neb.) – The Tigers moved to 2-1 on the season after securing a hard-fought 22-14 victory over the Mullen Broncos.

	Morrill	68	Final
	Banner County	24	

(BANNER COUNTY, Neb.) – Morrill captured a massive 68-24 blowout victory on the road against Banner County.

	Gordon-Rushville	18	Final
	Hemingford	80	

(HEMINGFORD, Neb.) – The Hemingford Bobcats continue their promising season cruising past Gordon-Rushville 80-18 at home Friday night September 5, 2026.

	Gering	24	Final
	Lexington	7	

(LEXINGTON, Neb.) – Trailing at halftime, Gering rattled off 21 unanswered points. Defensively, Evan Strom completely shut the door on the Minutemen, scoring on a 5-yard run and later sealing the victory with a defensive fumble return touchdown. Gering over Lexington, 24-7.

	Chase County	7	Final
	Alliance	35	

(ALLIANCE, Neb.) – Junior running back Trini Trejo single-handedly dismantled the Longhorns defense racking up an incredible 255 rushing yards and scoring all 5 of the Bulldogs' touchdowns. The team amassed 372 total rushing yards for the victory in front of the home crowd.

	Sterling	7	Final
	(#15) Sidney	49	

(SIDNEY, Neb.) – The Red Raiders returned home and put on an offensive clinic, cruising to a 49-7 blowout win over the interstate visitor Sterling (CO) Tigers.

	Crawford	69	Final
	Creek Valley	6	

(CHAPPELL, Neb.) – Crawford bounced back in a massive way on Thursday night, demolishing the Creek Valley Storm 69-6 to pick up their first victory of the year.

	Doniphan-Trumbull	26	Final
	Mitchell	34	

(MITCHELL, Neb.) – Doniphan-Trumbull fought back to within 21-14 in the third quarter, but the Tigers held on, 34-26.

	Leyton	65	Final
	Guernsey-Sunrise	7	

(GUERNSEY, Wyo.) – The Warriors hit the road for an interstate matchup defeating the Guernsey-Sunrise (WY) Vikings 65-7. Leyton led 51-0 by halftime.

	Wallace	50	Final
	Hay Springs	22	

(HAY SPRINGS, Neb.) – The Hay Springs Hawks lost to the Wallace Wildcats by a final score of 50-22 on Thursday, September 3, 2026.

	Perkins County	0	Final
	Kimball	56	

(KIMBALL, Neb.) – The Kimball Longhorns shutout the Perkins County Plainsmen with a dominant 56-0 victory.

SCHOOL NEWS

Gering High School's
Annie Get Your Gun

Auditions set for September 8 and 10

(GERING, Neb.) – Gering High School Stage Hounds Set Sights on ‘Annie Get Your Gun’.

The Wild West is coming to the stage at Gering High School this fall as the Stage Hounds prepare to take audiences on a rootin’-tootin’ theatrical adventure.



Gering High School has announced that its 2026 one-act production will be Irving Berlin’s classic musical “Annie Get Your Gun.” The production promises plenty of laughs, memorable music, friendly rivalry and a healthy dose of Wild West fun.

Set against the backdrop of the American West, Annie Get Your Gun tells the story of sharpshooter Annie Oakley and her journey into the world of competitive shooting and show business. Berlin’s musical features well-known songs and plenty of opportunities for student performers to showcase their talents.

For students interested in joining the Stage Hounds production, tryouts will be held September 8 and 10 after school in Mr. Thompson’s room.

With the Stage Hounds ready to saddle up, Gering High School audiences can look forward to seeing students take their shot at bringing this classic musical to life on stage this fall.

Bridgeport Wins
National Award

One of Only Two in the State

(BRIDGEPORT, Neb.) – Bridgeport Elementary School was one of only 63 schools nationwide—and one of just two in Nebraska—to be named a 2025 National ESEA Distinguished School.

The award was issued by the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education.

Why Bridgeport Elementary Won

The school was recognized under Category 1: Exceptional student performance and academic growth. To qualify for this highly competitive national title,

Bridgeport Elementary met several strict benchmarks:

- **Effective Use of Federal Funds:** The school successfully leveraged its Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) federal funding—primarily Title I dollars meant for low-income student support—to directly boost academic outcomes.
- **High Growth & Achievement:** Students demonstrated widespread, measurable academic growth and high state test achievement.
- **Demographic Resilience:** Qualifying schools must meet accountability criteria while serving a student population with at least a 35% poverty rate.

Bayard Growing and not Slowing Down

(BAYARD, Neb.) -- Bayard Public Schools has kicked off its 2026–2027 school year with a busy lineup of academic updates, leadership transitions, and fall sports action for the Bayard Tigers.

- The district is operating under new leadership of Zach Nesbitt as Superintendent of Bayard Public Schools.
- The district continues to utilize ParentSquare for unified parent communication, including crucial district alerts & schedule updates.
- Bayard Elementary School reports that 42% of students are proficient in reading and 47% are proficient in math.
- Bayard Secondary School maintains a stable 93% graduation rate with 42% math proficiency and 27% reading proficiency metrics across grades 7–12.

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AGRICULTURE



The Horseman's Corner is a long-running, syndicated radio program and podcast dedicated to the western equine industry.

Established in 1994 by the late Howard Hale, the broadcast features practical horsemanship tips, training advice, and interviews with the world's top trainers, breeders, and clinicians.

Today, the legacy continues under Hale Broadcasting, with Brian Hale hosting and producing the daily segments for stations in Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas.



The Harvest USA Report is a staple syndicated agricultural radio program and podcast delivering up-to-date harvest news.

First established in 1985 by the late Howard Hale, the show provides timely updates on crop conditions, yields, regional weather impacts, and custom harvesting operations across North America.

Today, the program is produced by Brian Hale under Hale Broadcasting and hosted by David Woodruff.



The Cattleman's Corner is a syndicated daily radio program and podcast dedicated to the North American livestock and beef production industry.

Originally created in 1994 by the late farm broadcasting legend Howard Hale, the program focuses on connecting cattle producers, ranchers, and beef enthusiasts.

Following his passing in 2023, the tradition continues under Hale Broadcasting, produced by his son Brian Hale.

For Anyone Who Eats Beef

(CRAWFORD, Neb.) – The Livestock business has been getting alot of national attention lately, and the Crawford Livestock Market wrote something recently that we feel is worth sharing in it's entirety.

From Crawford Livestock Market

"I'm certainly not telling anyone anything new when I talk about the cost of living and the cost of doing business these days. We're ALL living it.

Minimum wage in Nebraska is now \$15 an hour. That impacts small businesses well before it ever makes a dent in a large corporation.

Our situation is a little unique because we NEED good, qualified employees, but we generally only need them one or two days a week. We can't offer them 40 hours a week or even guarantee them several days of work. We're asking good, dependable people to keep one day a week available for us, show up when we need them, and do a job that requires experience and skill.

To get and keep those kinds of employees, we're realistically paying \$20-\$27 an hour, and quite frankly, they're doing us a favor by continuing to show up and work when we need them.

Then there's insurance. Our line of work certainly isn't considered low risk. Between livestock, equipment, trucks, employees and the general nature of a livestock market, our insurance costs us \$175,000 a year or MORE, depending on workers' comp claims. And then there are all the other costs that come with keeping the doors open.

I'm not complaining about a single one of them, and I know I'm preaching to the choir. Every rancher, farmer and small business owner reading this understands that the cost of doing business has gone up. You're dealing with the exact same thing in your own operations.

But I do want to address one thing.

If you ever have questions about our commission or what it costs to sell cattle at Crawford Livestock Market, PLEASE come straight to the source. Don't listen to idle gossip or what somebody heard from somebody else. Come talk to us. Ask us. We're happy to answer.

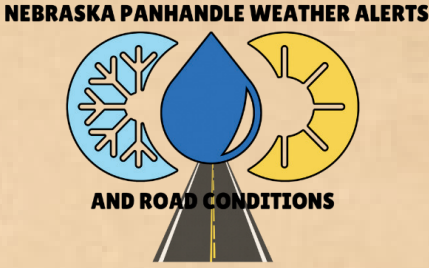
Our commission rates are public knowledge. We've always tried to be transparent, and that information is available through the USDA. But, for your viewing pleasure, I've also added our commission rates directly to the homepage of our website.

We appreciate every person who walks through our doors, buys cattle from us, sells cattle with us, works for us, or supports this market. At the end of the day, our goal is pretty simple: serve our customers the best we possibly can, take care of our employees, pay our bills, keep the doors open, and make sure Crawford Livestock Market is here serving our ranchers, our communities and this area for generations to come. We appreciate you all more than you know."

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WEATHER



Historic and Extreme Flash Flooding

(ALLIANCE, Neb.) – The Alliance Police Department advised residents that the City of Alliance was experiencing extreme flooding. Residents were urged to stop driving around town and remain where they are unless travel was absolutely necessary.

Alliance experienced historic and extreme flash flooding over the weekend after severe thunderstorms dumped 3 to 4 inches of rain in just a few hours. The slow-moving storm system struck on Saturday night, September 5, 2026, completely inundating intersections and turning local streets into rivers.

Flooded streets quickly stranded vehicles, blocked emergency access, and placed drivers and passengers in danger. Never drive through standing or moving water. Turn around and use a safe alternate route.



Photo by John Maser



Photo by Sarah Troester

Emergency Services agencies put out repeated warnings to please avoid flooded areas, follow all road closures and barricades, and allow emergency crews to work safely. Remember, if you are in immediate danger, call 911. Best best in inclement weather is to stay home and stay off flooded streets to best stay safe.

Weekly Outlook



The weather for the Nebraska Panhandle (observed at Scottsbluff Western Nebraska Regional Airport) from August 6 to August 12, 2026, was consistently hot, with daytime high temperatures mostly hovering in the 90s and peaking just over 100°F.

- Thursday, Aug 6: High of 98.1°F | Low of 57.0°F | No rain
- Friday, Aug 7: High of 89.1°F | Low of 57.0°F | No rain
- Saturday, Aug 8: High of 93.0°F | Low of 62.1°F | No rain
- Sunday, Aug 9: High of 96.1°F | Low of 60.1°F | 0.35 inches of rain
- Monday, Aug 10: High of 98.1°F | Low of 59.0°F | No rain
- Tuesday, Aug 11: High of 100.9°F | Low of 60.1°F | No rain
- Wednesday, Aug 12: High of 90.0°F | Low of 62.1°F | 0.04 inches of rain



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OPINION



Two Sides of the Street

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Shane Harrington, a Nebraska businessman, adult entertainment entrepreneur, and former attorney, has a prolific decade-long history of legal battles with local and state officials in Nebraska. His operations frequently involved opening clubs as "private membership clubs" or BYOB "bottle clubs" to bypass traditional municipal regulations and liquor licensing bans.

However, his legal challenges have escalated heavily from zoning disputes and civil rights lawsuits into serious federal wage theft and sex trafficking allegations.

Harrington and his corporation, MelTech Inc., are currently embroiled in a major federal lawsuit under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

- **The Allegations:** The lawsuit alleges that Harrington was financially tied to **Paradise City**, a strip club located between Kearney and Lexington, Nebraska. The suit claims he and his company shared revenue, dancers, and control of the venue where a teenager was allegedly sex-trafficked.

Harrington's Counter-Action: Harrington has strongly denied the claims, stating he did not own Paradise City when the alleged acts occurred as his defense.

In July 2026, Harrington filed a \$5 million retaliatory lawsuit against the victim's attorneys, calling their suit "frivolous". He also sued two insurance companies that denied his coverage and defense for the trafficking claim.

When the City of Scottsbluff said there is nothing they can do to stop this club from opening, we came to town and prayer walked the street, asking God to open the eyes of whomever needed to have them opened. We prayed for the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Attorney by name in hopes that God will intervene in a big way.

We also prayed for local businesses, such as The Bible Book Shop, Huff Law, Pineapple Express, The Dugout, & Little Dreamers Play Place.

We have been following this ugly side of the street since May 29, 2026 when we learned about their questionable pre-opening tactics of hoping to make a big splash in public and on social media, virtually daring the City to tell them they couldn't.

Their planned strategy, which they have used multiple times shown below, is to sue the City for a ridiculous amount of money, then settle on some sort of agreement that allows them to open.

Looks like the City of Scottsbluff has not chosen that route. They chose to tell the public that there was nothing they could do to stop it from opening.

When they have opted to sue the City, the following illustrates their nearly 0% success rate in suing Cities.

In the federal case, a 22-year-old Nebraska woman, who filed the lawsuit under the pseudonym Jane Doe, alleges the manager of Paradise City and others participated in her trafficking as a 15-year-old and benefited from it.

The trafficking came to light in January 2020, when the girl told her brother-in-law. **William Quinn was sentenced to an effective life sentence for it in 2021 following a two-week jury trial.**

In the federal civil lawsuit, the victim seeks compensatory and punitive damages against Harrington and Meltech Inc., who sold the club in 2018 but still owned the property, and others, including Timothy Jeys, the club manager.

Harrington has become filthy rich selling sex, and we do not want them here. Our children are not for sale.

Paradise City (Kearney/Lexington) Sex Trafficking Civil Suit

Ongoing (2026); Harrington filed counter-lawsuits against the victim's attorneys.

Club Omaha (Omaha)

Wage theft & dancer retaliation

Injunction (2020); Federal court blocked Harrington from threatening dancers.

Club Omaha / Hustler Club

"Bottle club" BYOB loop-holes

Settled (2019); **Compromised** with Omaha to keep one club nude (no alcohol) and the other bikini-only (with alcohol).

Midwest Girls Club (Hall County)

Anti-nudity ordinances & zoning

Dismissed (2016); \$110M lawsuit against the county thrown out by a federal judge.

Midwest Girls Club (Hastings)

Lack of adult entertainment permits

Settled (2015); **Dismissed** his \$100M suit in exchange for operating as a private, non-alcoholic venue.

Smooth Nightclub (Lincoln)

Liquor License Denial

Settled (2016); Lincoln paid Harrington \$5,000 to drop his discrimination lawsuit.

Bridge Remains Intact

(BROADWATER, Neb.) – Recent scanner traffic initially reported that the bridge near Broadwater, Nebraska on Highway 26 was washed out. However, follow-up reports from local drivers and scanner monitoring clarified the impact.

The disruption was actually caused by a broken irrigation canal in the area, resulting the impact on a small creek bridge a few miles west of Broadwater along Highway 26. The main river bridge remains completely intact.

BUSINESS NEWS

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Questions call 308-635-2522 or email kbenzel@uwvn.org

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VOTING RESULTS ARE IN!

The third quarter of 2026 received the absolute most nominations ever for our favorite local small business program, with Trujillo Services and JAY's Duct Cleanings LLC getting over 100 nominations over a period of a few weeks. They headed into the top 10 ready for a classic showdown between the big two.

Last quarter a new business from a small town of Hay Springs, a business started by the people, Farm to Family Cooperative pulled off an upset last quarter. Then they almost did it again. The cooperative ended up as runner-up this quarter.

Congratulations to the fine town and the people of Hay Springs!

Back to the top two... Who pulled it off? Was it Trujillo with his fantastic personal touch, or was it the clean air that we get to breathe because of Jay's Duct Cleaning?

Actually, neither...

Both of those businesses deserved to win, we feel. But it was an incredible upset from the fourth place nominee, where Broadwater Country Store takes the 3rd Quarter Title with an incredible come from behind victory to edge the pack!

3RD QUARTER

BROADWATER COUNTRY STORE
SMALL TOWN, BIG VALUES

BROADWATER COUNTRY STORE

2026 FAVORITE LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS



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I Give Up, I Can't Do This Anymore!

Do you ever feel that way when caring for an elderly person in your home? Contact **Hands They Trust**, a new respite ministry for caretakers. Contact Juliet at Caretech for more information on how you can get involved.



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Traffic Complaint Sep 2 1 pm

(SIDNEY, Neb.) - Scanner traffic indicated a White Box truck driver on the phone and unable to maintain lanes, mm 54 on I-80 Eastbound.

Traffic Complaint Sep 4 5 pm

(SIDNEY, Neb.) - Scanner traffic indicated a White Truck, unsafe passing and speeding near mile marker 126 on Hwy 71 Southbound.

Lyman Rollover Accident Aug 30 6 pm

(LYMAN, Neb.) - Scanner traffic indicated a single vehicle rollover accident near Lyman on CR 2 near Packer Lake.

Bayard Assault Reported Aug 30 12 pm

(BAYARD, Neb.) - Scanner traffic indicated a reported assault on a female in Bayard on Wednesday around noon.

Carbon Monoxide Call Aug 30 10 pm

(TERRYTOWN, NEb.) - On Sunday, scanner traffic indicated a carbon monoxide alarm going off on Woodyly Park Road in Terrytown.

Probable Cause Search Sep 2 11 pm

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) - Scanner followers alerted Panhandle Scanner of a PC Search by NSP at the gas station near the Sugar Factory on Wednesday.

Cows Out Hwy 26 Aug 30 4 pm

(MINATARE, Neb.) - Scanner traffic indicated several black cows out on Hwy 26 approximately 1/2 mile east of town.

Goats on the Loose Sep 2 10 am

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) - Scanner traffic indicating several goats out on the shoulder of Hwy 71 near mile marker 66 near Lake Minatare turn off.

Scanner Traffic is ever evolving and not meant to be the final story, and seldom is. We report what comes across traffic verbatim whenever possible.