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Horizon Music Fest a Huge Success

(GERING, Neb.) – Horizon Music Fest, 2026 edition, ran September 5 and 6, 2026, featuring an eight-artist lineup across two nights at Five Rocks Amphitheater. Beyond the concerts, the festival includes food vendors, activities for kids, and a Sunday morning community worship service, and organizers describe its mission as uniting churches, families, and friends from across the region around a shared gospel message.

Austin Joyce, Jamie Kimmett, Austin French, and Cochren & Co. performed Saturday. Jamie Kimmett and Kenny Hampton lead the Sunday morning service. Then the weekend finished off with Evan Craft, Bodie, Tasha Layton, and Rend Collective. Attendees expressed joy and gratitude as we “Worshipped Through It”.

- *Grateful that I was able to take my 7 year old son to experience his first concert "Horizon". And even better when "God" is in the picture.* ~ Omar Pena
- *Thank you for this amazing event in our area! It is always such an uplifting weekend. We can't wait for next year!* ~ Kristen Charrier
- *What a great weekend of music and worship and testimonies! God is so good!* ~ Brenda Spath
- *Thank you for providing the Awesome weekend of entertainment for the whole family!* ~ Tammy Anderson
- *Such a powerful experience! Tasha Layton told a powerful story through her music!* ~ Andi Hale



Save the date for next year’s Horizon Music Fest on September 4-5, 2027.

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Revenge Move Proves Costly

PROPERTY FOR SALE



(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – A revenge move by all-nude strip club owner Shane Harrington backfired after an attempt to ‘get back at’ the community fails miserably. It also may have contributed to his early retirement from selling sex on the street. According to now ex-wife Jasmine, Shane has retreated to Florida and is retiring.

Back in June of 2026, Jasmine Harrington reported that Shane vowed to open the club after Scottsbluff attorney Maren Chaloupka and attorney Todd Flynn filed a federal sex-trafficking lawsuit against him on behalf of a teenager who was exploited at a former strip club between Kearney and Lexington, with which Harrington has financial ties.

The revenge move failed and he is still under investigation.

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Community

Shop Fresh & Local

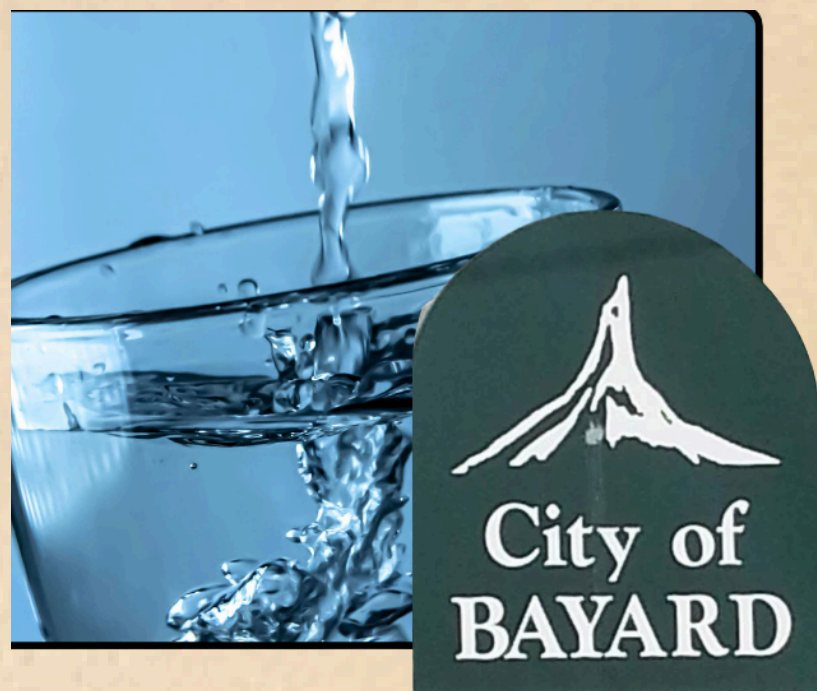
(PANHANDLE OF NEBRASKA) – If you've never perused a farmers market out here, you're missing out. Buying straight from the grower means fresher food, more nutrients, and way less of the packaging and shipping that grocery store produce goes through. It's also just good for the region: your money stays local, supporting the ranchers and growers who keep small-town agriculture alive. Even though school has started and fall is in the air, the farmers markets are still going strong, so there's likely one near you worth checking out.

- **18th Street Farmers Market** – Downtown Scottsbluff, Saturdays 8–11 a.m. Jun-Sep
- **Scottsbluff Winter Farmers Market** – Legacy of the Plains, 1st & 3rd Saturdays 1–4 p.m. Nov-April
- **Morrill Farmers Market** – Hess Lane in Morrill, Saturdays 11 am - 2 pm Jun-Oct
- **Bridgeport Farmers Market** – 409 N Main St, Bridgeport, Wednesdays 4–7:30 p.m., accepts SNAP/EBT.
- **Alliance Farmers Market** – 3rd & Box Butte Ave., Alliance, June–Oct: Saturdays 8 a.m.–1 p.m. and Tuesdays 5–6:30 p.m.
- **Chadron Farmers Market** – Dawes County Courthouse lawn, 400 Main St, Chadron, Jul–Sep
- **Gordon Farmers Market** – 100 E Hwy 20, Gordon Saturdays, 8 am - 1 pm
- **Rushville Farmers Market** – Frontier Repair, West Hwy 20, Rushville. July-Sep Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m
- **Sidney Farmers Market** – historically Fridays, May–October, downtown Sidney
- **Kimball Farmers Market** – Gotte Park, 2nd & 4th Sat, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., May–Oct
- **Torrington Artisan Market** – Goshen County Library on Saturdays, 9 am – 12 pm June 20th - Sep 26th.

Megan's Market

(GERING, Neb.) – Tracy Gifford and his daughter Megan have locally grown, fresh, farm-to-table produce, located 13 miles south of Gering on Hwy 71 at Rd 34. Open 7 to 7 daily. Also, watch their facebook page for Scottsbluff or Gering pop-up locations!

Bayard Issues DO NOT CONSUME Notice



(BAYARD, Neb.) – The City of Bayard has issued a “Do Not Consume” notice for its drinking water after testing found nitrate levels significantly above the state’s health-based threshold.

The city reported a nitrate concentration of 61.6 milligrams per liter on August 31, 2026, exceeding the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy’s unreasonable risk to health level of 20 milligrams per liter.

Under the notice, residents are instructed not to use tap water for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes or food preparation. Officials specifically warned that infants younger than 6 months, pregnant women and nursing mothers should not consume the water.

The city also advised residents not to boil the water, noting that boiling does not reduce nitrate levels and may increase their concentration as water evaporates.

The city said a sample collected August 27 showed a nitrate level of 6.1 milligrams per liter. Follow-up sampling is underway, and officials said results will be confirmed to ensure the water has returned to a safe level. Officials are currently waiting on results from a state-certified lab in McCook.

The city is working with the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy to address the elevated nitrate levels and return the water system to compliance. Officials said the expected resolution is “ASAP.”

Nitrate can enter drinking water from natural, industrial or agricultural sources, including septic systems and runoff. Levels can also vary throughout the year.

The city will notify residents when testing confirms nitrate levels have returned below the applicable standard.

(MITCHELL, Neb.) – Ever wonder where the things we enjoy every day come from? Behind so many of them are local farmers, ranchers, and producers who work hard to bring them to our tables. And sometimes, those local products come with a pretty sweet story, especially this one.

Kiowa Honey Company is a great example of a local producer turning hard work—and a whole lot of busy bees—into something we can enjoy.

So today, take a closer look at what’s made close to home. Buy local, know your producers, and support the people who help feed our communities.

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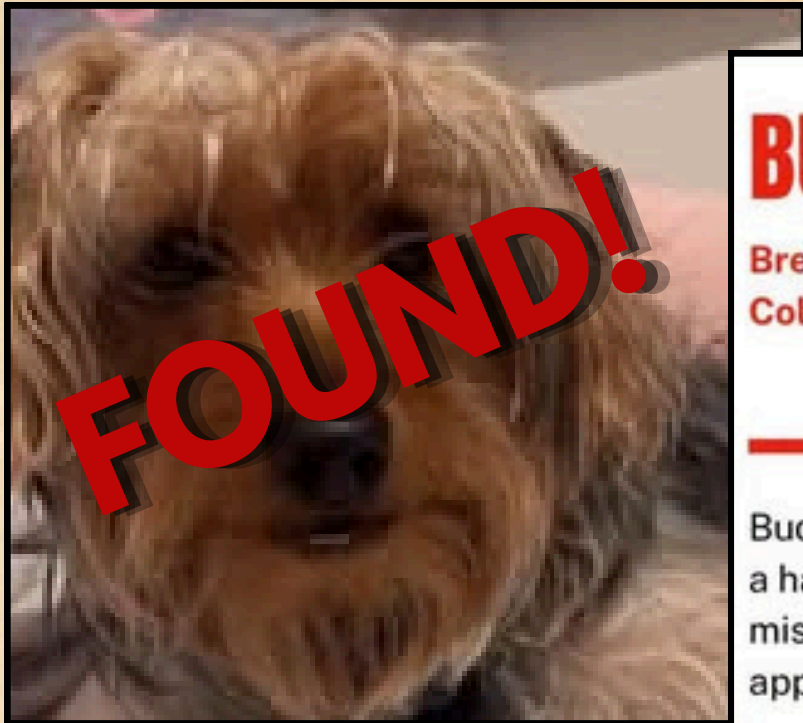
MISSING PERSONS
AND PROPERTY



The Lost Have Been Found!

(HEMINGFORD, Neb.) -- The Hemingford community put out a notice on Thursday for a missing 9 year old boy, Abel Eisenhart. The Box Butte County Sheriff's Office reported that he was located in just a couple of hours.

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) -- A Yorkie named Buddy came up missing near Applebee's in Scottsbluff, but was located the same day.



BUDDY
Breed: Yorkie
Color: Golden brown

Buddy is about four and a half years old, he went missing in the area of applebee's.

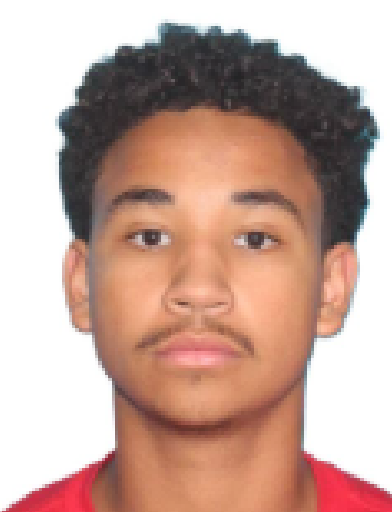
(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) - 71 year old Kenneth Holloway left home walking on Labor Day evening around 8:30 p.m. wearing a blue polo shirt, shorts and possibly a light jacket. He was reported missing the next day. A friend reported *"Ken is 5 ft 10 in, weighs about 240 lbs and has shown signs of dementia."*

Local Law Enforcement, CERT and scanner followers all searched for him. Thankfully, Kenneth was found safe and returned home Wednesday.



(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) - Scanner traffic indicated a missing juvenile on Wednesday, September 9 at 3:30 a.m. Nathaniel Allen Williams, 16 year old white male, 5 ft 8 in tall and 140 lbs. has brown hair and was wearing black sweats. As of the publishing of this paper, the Nebraska State Patrol no longer has him listed as missing.

Sixteen Year Old Still Missing



Name: [ANGELO COFFMAN BLANCO](#)

Missing Date: 06-22-2026

Age Missing: 16

Current Age: 16

Agency Name: Scotts Bluff CO SO Gering

Eyes:Brown
Hair:Brown
Height:5'06"
Weight:140

(SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, Neb.) - Angelo is a 16 year old male. At the time of his disappearance, he was 5'06" tall and weighed 140 lbs. He has Brown hair and Brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a red shirt and black shorts.

If you have any information, please contact the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office at 308-436-6666 or The Nebraska Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-877-441-LOST(5678).

CERT Team Assists with Search Efforts



(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) - The CERT/SAR Members were activated for the search for Kenneth Holloway Tuesday night. The team reported that the search was very difficult due to downed trees, branches hanging down, holes, uneven ground and dark conditions.

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--- police & crime ---

**BOND INCREASED FOR
DRUG CHARGES**

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) — A Scottsbluff man, Timothy Scheufele, is facing multiple felony and misdemeanor drug charges following a law enforcement investigation that led to a residential search warrant, his arrest and a subsequent bond increase in Scotts Bluff County Court.

According to court affidavits, the investigation began May 21, 2026, when officers conducted a traffic stop on Scheufele near East 15th Street and 15th Avenue for a turn signal violation. During a consensual search of his vehicle, officers discovered a baggie containing methamphetamine in the trunk. Scheufele was arrested and cited for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

On August 26, 2026, investigators executed a search warrant at a residence in the 2500 block of Avenue D following surveillance and a confidential tip. Inside an upstairs bedroom containing Scheufele's identification and mail, law enforcement recovered 150 M30 fentanyl pills, a digital scale, hundreds of distribution baggies and glass methamphetamine pipes.

Scheufele was subsequently charged with distribution of fentanyl, possession of fentanyl with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to affix a drug tax stamp.

During a court appearance September 9, 2026, Judge Andrea Miller reconsidered Scheufele's original \$11,500 bond. The court increased his bond to \$20,000, with a 10% deposit required.

Under the modified terms, Scheufele is prohibited from leaving the state or changing his residence without court approval, must maintain contact with his attorney and must sign an extradition waiver.

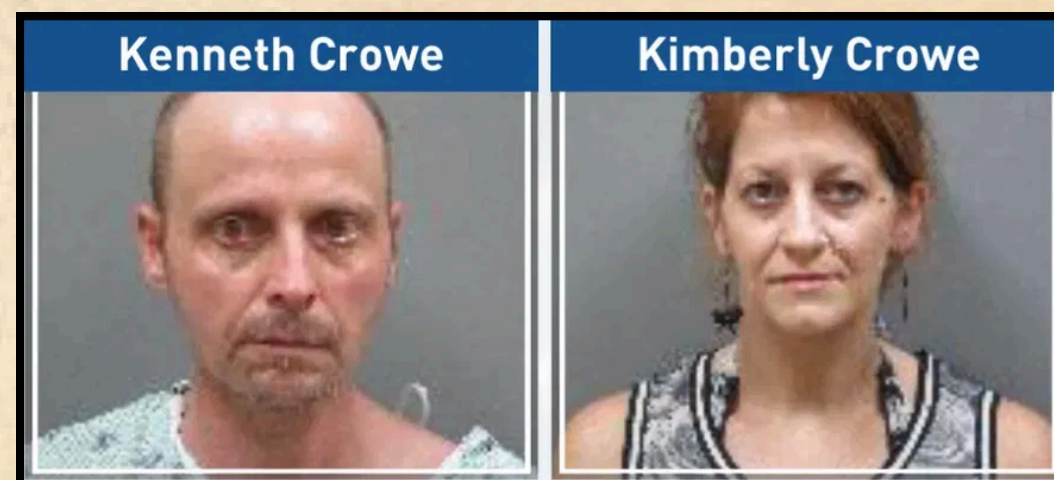
TWO ARRESTED AFTER DRUG INVESTIGATION

(OSHKOSH, Neb.) — Two Oshkosh residents were arrested following a suspicious activity report that led Garden County Sheriff's Office deputies to a residence and the execution of a search warrant.

According to a press release from the Garden County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded September 4 to a residence in Oshkosh regarding a report of suspicious activity.

Upon arrival, deputies made contact with Kimberly Crowe, 39, and Kenneth Crowe, 43. During the investigation, deputies reported observing suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in plain view inside the residence.

A search warrant was subsequently obtained and executed. Deputies reported recovering suspected methamphetamine, various drug paraphernalia, drug-related packaging, a firearm and ammunition.



Kimberly Crowe and Kenneth Crowe were arrested and lodged on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. The investigation remains ongoing, and additional charges are pending, according to the sheriff's office.

The Garden County Sheriff's Office reminded residents that investigations into illegal drug activity often begin with a call from a concerned citizen and encouraged anyone with information regarding illegal drug activity to contact local law enforcement.

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THE SUNDAY SCANNER**--- police & crime ---****Police Pursuit Ends with Woman's Arrest**

(ALLIANCE, Neb.) — An Alliance woman was arrested Wednesday evening after allegedly fleeing from police during a vehicle pursuit that ended with four children inside the vehicle, according to the Alliance Police Department.

Officers were initially called to Dollar General at 1229 West 3rd Street at approximately 6:30 p.m. September 9 for a reported disturbance. While officers were investigating, the vehicle involved returned to the area.

Officers attempted to stop the vehicle using emergency lights and verbal commands, but the driver allegedly fled. Officers later located the vehicle traveling eastbound on West 3rd Street and attempted another traffic stop. The driver again failed to stop, prompting a pursuit.

The vehicle briefly reached approximately 55 mph before pulling into a driveway in the 600 block of Sweetwater Avenue. Officers conducted a felony traffic stop and arrested the driver, identified as 24-year-old Lylian Rose Star of Alliance.



Police said officers observed signs of impairment and conducted a DUI investigation. According to the department, Star submitted to a chemical test that showed a blood alcohol concentration of .176, more than twice Nebraska's legal limit. Police also said Star admitted to using methamphetamine earlier in the day.

Four children, ages 9, 9, 8 and less than 1 year old, were found inside the vehicle.

Police said Star also resisted officers while being placed into a patrol vehicle.

Star was booked on suspicion of four counts of felony intentional child abuse with no injury, felony operation of a motor vehicle to avoid arrest, four counts of transporting a child while intoxicated, DUI with a blood alcohol concentration of .15 or greater with one prior conviction, resisting arrest, driving while revoked, willful reckless driving and unlawful acts relating to drugs.

The vehicle was towed and placed in the Alliance Police Department impound lot.

Alliance Police Chief David Leavitt credited officers with bringing the incident to a safe conclusion.

"This incident could have ended very differently," Leavitt said. "Driving impaired is dangerous under any circumstances. Fleeing from officers while impaired and with four children inside the vehicle created an unacceptable risk to those children, our officers, and everyone else on the roadway. I am thankful our officers were able to bring this incident to a safe conclusion without anyone being injured."

Sidney PD to Host PepperBall Instructor Certification Course

(SIDNEY, Neb.) – The Sidney Police Department will host a PepperBall Instructor/Armorer Certification Course April 14-15, 2027, in Sidney, Nebraska.

PepperBall is a less-lethal system used by law enforcement to help manage certain situations while providing officers with an option between verbal commands and more forceful responses. The system uses specially designed projectiles and launchers and requires proper training for safe and effective use.

The two-day course will provide attendees with certification as a PepperBall instructor for their agency, along with comprehensive instruction on the system's operation, safety, maintenance and deployment.



Law enforcement professionals from Nebraska and surrounding states are invited to take advantage of this training opportunity and bring PepperBall knowledge and instructor capabilities back to their respective agencies.

For registration information, visit PepperBall.com. For questions regarding the local course, contact Lt. Jose Ruiz with the Sidney Police Department.



FIRE & RESCUE

Juvenile Injured in Mini Bike Crash



(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) — Initial scanner traffic Friday night reported a motorcycle accident on West 27th Street in Scottsbluff, with police on scene and one male injured. West 27th Street between Avenue B and Broadway was temporarily closed before reopening at approximately 10:09 p.m.

Scanner information is preliminary and can change once officers arrive on scene and complete their investigation. According to the Scottsbluff Police Department, the incident involved a 13-year-old boy riding a motorized mini bike and a vehicle.

At approximately 9:54 p.m. September 11, a Scottsbluff police officer heard a collision near West 27th Street and Avenue B and observed the juvenile and his mini bike lying in the westbound lanes. The officer immediately requested emergency assistance.

According to a witness, the juvenile was traveling eastbound on the sidewalk when a white Dodge Durango driven by Kira Poor Bear exited the FTC parking lot without stopping and the two collided.

The juvenile reported severe pain in his left leg and was transported to Regional West Medical Center for treatment of a suspected broken left leg.

Poor Bear was cited for failing to yield the right of way when exiting a driveway. The juvenile was cited for violating the city's mini bike ordinance.

MOONSHINE FIRE FORCES EVACUATIONS

(WHEATLAND, Wyo.) – A lightning-sparked wildfire burning in the Laramie Range of southeastern Wyoming has grown to 6,494 acres, but crews have pushed containment to 26% as cooler weather and reinforced control lines help slow its advance. Structure protection work in the evacuated Bookout Ranch area is nearly finished.

Background

The Moonshine Fire ignited on Monday, September 7, about 17 miles southwest of Wheatland in Albany County, sparked by lightning. It burns through timber, grass and brush in rugged, hard-to-access terrain, which slowed early containment efforts. The fire grew quickly through its first week — from about 2,600 acres Wednesday to nearly 4,900 acres by Friday — pushed by red flag conditions and gusts up to 45 mph. Albany County ordered an evacuation of the Bookout Ranch area Friday, and two minor structures were lost during the fire's initial push.

Latest Update

A cold front moved through overnight, bringing cooler temperatures and lighter winds that have aided the roughly 292 personnel now on the fire. The fire was most active on its northeastern edge, backing downhill toward the Laramie River; crews used tactical firing operations, aided overnight by a drone-assisted aerial ignition module, to anchor control lines into the river. On the south end, crews are patrolling and securing lines from Slate Creek Road to Government Peak Road and into Moonshine Gulch, aiming to fully secure that section over the weekend.

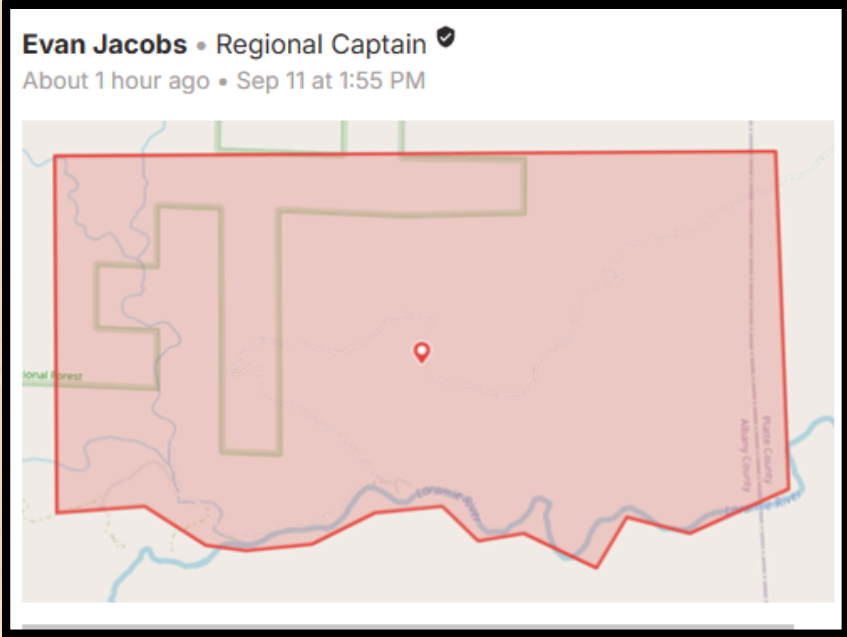
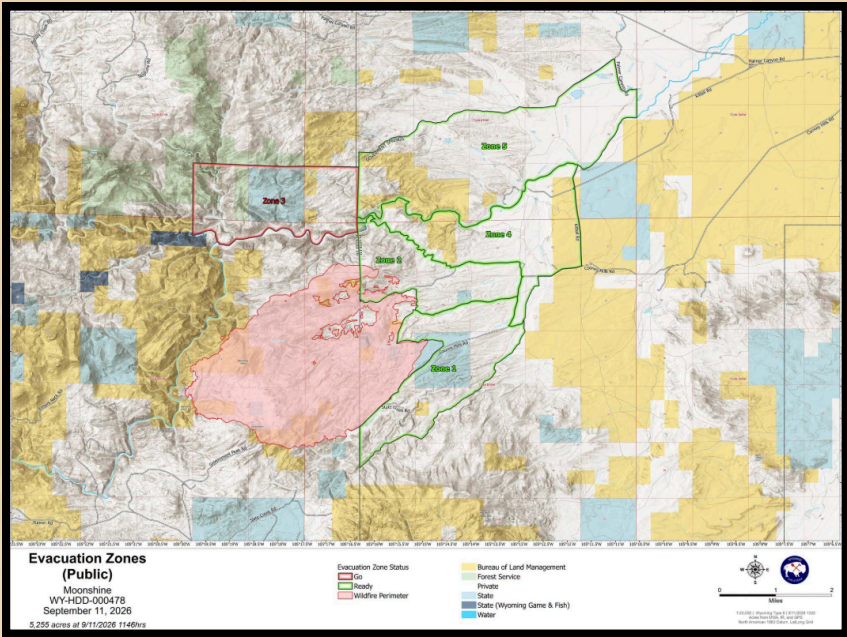
Across the river in the Bookout Ranch area, structure protection work is nearly complete. No civilian injuries have been reported, and officials say Wheatland is not currently threatened. A temporary flight restriction remains in place, and the public is asked to avoid flying drones near the fire.

Incident Commander Fred Tucker emphasized the stakes for the community, noting the fire has touched homes, ranches, livestock and livelihoods, and crediting the team's positioning for recent progress.

Outlook

A chance of storms remains in the forecast, raising the risk of gusty, erratic winds even though meaningful rain is unlikely. Officials' priorities remain firefighter and public safety, protecting structures and ranching land, and limiting further spread. Fire information: (307) 295-2770 or 2026.moonshine@firenet.gov.

This is a developing situation; figures may change quickly.



THE SUNDAY SCANNER**FIRE & RESCUE****LOOKOUT FIRE 71% Contained Near Spearfish**

(SPEARFISH, S.D.) — The Lookout Fire burning in the Black Hills north of Spearfish has settled into a smoldering, low-activity phase, according to Saturday's national incident situation report, with area and trail closures still in place as crews continue to patrol the 444-acre burn scar.

The fire broke out shortly after 3 p.m. on Labor Day, September 7, near the 3500 block of Cactus Place in Lawrence County, close to Interstate 90 on the north side of Lookout Mountain, according to the wildfire-tracking app Watch Duty. Driven by gusty winds, it tore through timber and grass, growing from an initial estimate of about 40 acres to several hundred acres within hours.

The fast-moving fire prompted Lawrence County Emergency Management to issue an emergency evacuation order that evening for residents along Lookout Mountain, Kerwin Road, Lookout Vista Road and surrounding neighborhoods. Aircraft made suppression drops while ground crews built containment lines to protect homes, and one northbound lane of I-90 was closed between mile markers 10 and 12 for several days because of smoke and active firefighting operations.

Growth stopped overnight, and the fire has held at roughly 444 acres since. A Type 3 Interagency Incident Management Team took over the response, drawing state, federal, local and out-of-state crews.

Officials confirmed this week that the fire was human-caused, sparked by burning hay bales left smoldering in a roadside ditch.

Containment climbed steadily through the week — 0% Tuesday, 29% Wednesday, 54% Thursday morning and 71% by Thursday evening, the last figure released before the incident management team issued its final daily update. Evacuated residents were allowed to return home Tuesday night, though the area remained closed to non-residents, with checkpoints requiring proof of residency. Local roads and I-90 have since fully reopened, and the temporary flight restriction over the fire has been lifted.

Crews spent Wednesday and Thursday reinforcing containment lines ahead of a forecast wind event, using burnout operations — deliberately igniting fuel between the fire's edge and a containment line — to secure vulnerable flanks. The lines held through gusts of 25 to 35 mph Friday without significant new growth.

Management transitioned Friday from the interagency team to a local unit. As of Saturday's federal incident situation report, the Lookout Fire remained listed among active South Dakota Division of Wildland Fire incidents, showing minimal fire behavior with smoldering and continued area and trail closures in the burn footprint.



Further updates are expected to be posted as warranted to the "Lookout Fire 2026" Facebook page and tracked on Watch Duty, available on panhandlescanner.com under the Resources tab.

Residents with questions can call or email Steve Long.

605-923-8868
steve.long@state.sd.us

Krone Baler Fire

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) — On September 10, 2026 at approximately 2:25 pm, the Scottsbluff Rural Fire Department was dispatched to a hay baler on fire. The baler, upon catching fire, was promptly unhooked from the tractor by the owner. The Krone baler was unfortunately a total loss. All units cleared the scene shortly after 6:00 p.m.

Hay Bale Fire

(MINATARE, Neb.) - On September 11, 2026 at 6:50 p.m., scanner traffic indicated a hay field on fire near CR 24 & Lake Minatare Rd.



The Scottsbluff Rural Fire Department responded to the fire north of Lake Minatare Road and CR 24. The fire was extinguished and all units cleared scene at 7:30 p.m.



Scottsbluff Rural Fire Protection District

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FIRE & RESCUE

9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

(SIDNEY, Neb.) — Twenty-five years after the September 11 terrorist attacks, Sidney Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Stephen Tuma climbed in memory of those who never came home.

Tuma completed a 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb on Friday, September 11, using a stair climber at The Training Room fitness facility in Sidney.

The climb honored the 343 firefighters who died responding to the attacks on September 11, 2001, along with law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel and others who lost their lives that day.

"Today, I participated in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in remembrance of the 343 firefighters who tragically lost their lives while doing the profession they loved," Tuma said.

Tuma completed the climb in his firefighting gear, using the physical challenge as an opportunity to remember the first responders and civilians whose lives were lost 25 years ago.

"I climbed not only for those brave firefighters, but also for the law enforcement officers, EMS personnel, and all the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and never got the chance to go home to their families," Tuma said.

His climb was one part of a day of remembrance by Sidney firefighters. The Sidney Volunteer Fire Department also planned a September 11 tribute near the former Cabela's corporate offices, displaying a ladder truck and American flag. For Tuma, the anniversary remains about remembering the people behind the numbers.

"Twenty-five years later, we still remember," Tuma said. *"We still honor. We still carry their names and their sacrifices with us. Today, I climbed for every life that was lost on September 11, 2001."*

Risk of Nitrates and What to Do

Nitrate exposure risks depend a lot on who's exposed — infants are by far the highest-risk group, but there are concerns for others too.

Infants (highest risk) — "blue baby syndrome" / methemoglobinemia

- Nitrate converts to nitrite in an infant's gut, which interferes with the blood's ability to carry oxygen
- Warning signs: bluish tint to skin, lips, or nail beds (especially around the mouth and hands), shortness of breath, lethargy, irritability, vomiting, diarrhea
- This is considered a medical emergency — infants under 6 months are most vulnerable, especially if formula is mixed with contaminated water
- Pregnant women are also advised to avoid high-nitrate water, since it's linked to risks for the developing fetus

Adults and older children

- Acute high-dose exposure can cause headache, dizziness, weakness, and in rare severe cases similar oxygen-carrying problems as in infants, though adults are much more resistant
- Gastrointestinal symptoms — nausea, stomach cramps, diarrhea — have been reported with high exposure
- Long-term/chronic exposure is the bigger concern for adults: research is examining possible links between nitrate exposure and thyroid disease and certain cancers, along with ongoing research into links with Alzheimer's, diabetes, and Parkinson's disease
- Nebraska has notably high rates of some pediatric cancers, which researchers are investigating for a possible link to agrochemicals like nitrate in drinking water

What to do if you're in an affected area

- Don't give city tap water to infants or use it to mix formula until the advisory is lifted
- Watch infants closely for any bluish skin discoloration or breathing difficulty — this warrants immediate medical attention (ER or urgent pediatric care)
- Boiling doesn't help — it actually concentrates nitrate rather than removing it
- Bottled or another verified safe water source is the recommended alternative during a do-not-consume notice
- If anyone in the household — especially an infant or pregnant person — develops symptoms after exposure, contact a doctor rather than waiting it out

Lake McConaughy Rescue Efforts

(LAKE MCCONAUGHY, Neb.) – The emergency response began Saturday afternoon when crews were dispatched to Beach Access 5 for a dive rescue and possible drowning. On Saturday night, rescue teams also assisted Keith County Emergency Medical Services with a mutual aid medical emergency.

Earlier in the evening, we received tip from a scanner follower of an ongoing search & rescue for several kids that went missing during the severe storm that rolled through with 70+ MPH wind gusts. The report of the search for the missing children was from the north side of the lake, although no other media outlets picked up on this specific rescue, they did report multiple rescues over the weekend.

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PANHANDLE SPORTS



Sugar Beets to Take the Field in 2027

(GERING, Neb.) -- Gering will have a new summer baseball team in 2027 as the Gering Sugar Beets make their debut in the Independence League Baseball season.

The collegiate summer team will play its home games at historic Oregon Trail Park Stadium, bringing affordable, family-friendly baseball to the Panhandle from late May through early August.

Organizers aren't starting from scratch when it comes to building a successful summer baseball franchise. The ownership group previously launched the Canyon County Spuds in Caldwell, Idaho, as one of the seven founding teams of Independence League Baseball in 2021. The franchise later relocated to Casper, Wyoming, in 2024.

That experience will now be brought to Gering as the organization works to build a team that becomes part of the community and gives families another reason to fill the stands during the summer.

*"It's your team as much as it's ours,"
the organization said.*

*"Get ready, Gering. Roots run deep,
and we're just getting started."*

More information is available at
geringsugarbeets.com



Gering Girls Volleyball on Fire at 11-0

(GERING, Neb.) — The Gering High School girls volleyball team has opened the 2026 season with an impressive undefeated start, climbing into the top 10 of the Nebraska Class B coaches poll. Gering has now won 10 of their last 12 games on the road. That gives them an 11-0 record this season.

Gering's early schedule has included wins over Kimball, Bridgeport and North Platte, giving the Bulldogs momentum as they move deeper into the season. Ranked No. 8 in Class B in the September 7 coaches poll, Gering will look to continue its strong start as it takes on increasingly challenging competition.

Mitchell Invitational

(MITCHELL, Neb.) – The Scottsbluff boys and Chadron girls cross country teams took top honors at the annual Mitchell Invitational. In the boys varsity division, the Scottsbluff Bearcats secured a commanding team victory, anchored by a dominant individual performance from standout runner Hans Bastron, who crossed the finish line first to claim the individual title.

Scottsbluff Girls Golf

(MITCHELL, Neb.) – Led by an individual tournament-best round of 83 from MayLee Smith, the Scottsbluff Bearcats girls' golf team captured the regional team title at the Mitchell invitational meet.

Sidney Middle-Schooler Wins Access to Center

(SIDNEY, Neb.) - Sidney Middle School seventh grader Joyce Brauer won a free yearlong membership to the Cheyenne County Community Center through a drawing conducted by the Sidney Raider Athletic Booster Club.

Students who purchased a \$25 Student Membership to the Booster Club were entered into the drawing for the membership. Brauer was selected as this year's winner.

Brauer is already putting in plenty of miles this fall as a member of the Sidney Middle School cross-country team.

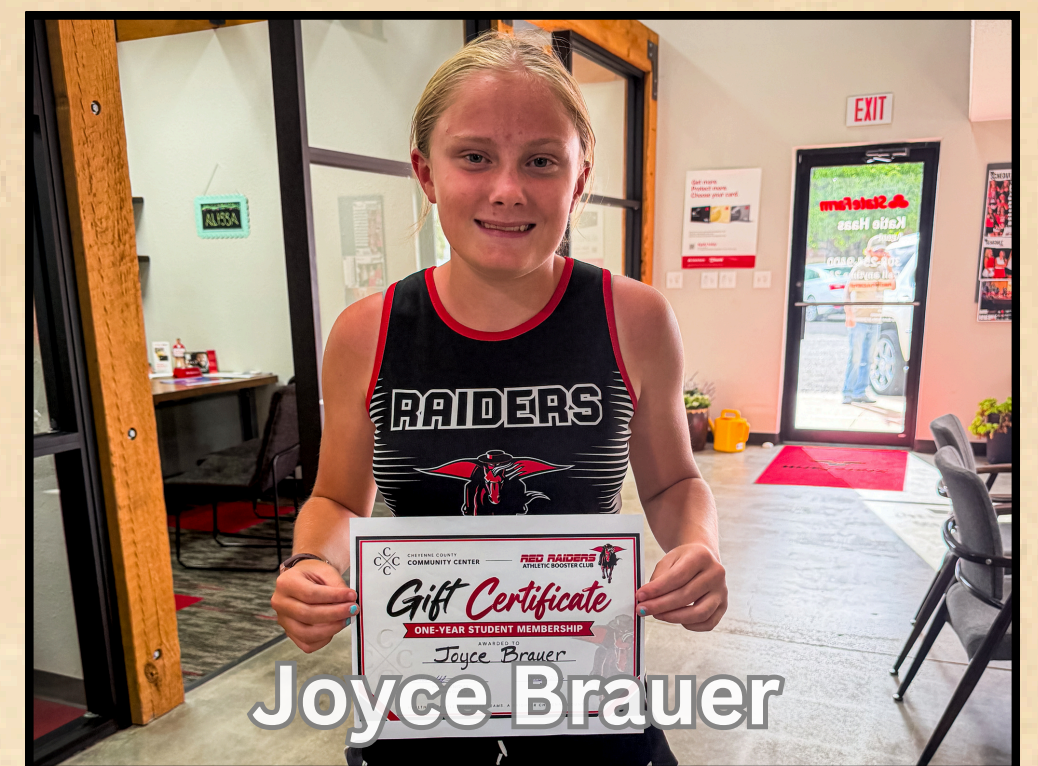


Photo Courtesy: Katie Haas / Sidney Raider Athletic Booster Club

The Booster Club works to encourage student participation in athletics and community support for Sidney athletic programs.

The Cheyenne County Community Center donated the membership as an extension of its mission to provide opportunities for local youth to stay active and develop healthy habits.

The annual membership gives Brauer access to The Center's fitness and recreation opportunities throughout the coming year.

For more information about memberships, youth sports and other programs available through the Cheyenne County Community Center, visit cccsidney.com or call (308) 254-7000.

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PANHANDLE
SPORTS



FOOTBALL
SCOREBOARD

- York 7, **Scottsbluff 30**
- **Sidney 42**, Gering 0
- **Chadron 41**, Broken Bow 0
- **Alliance 24**, Holdrege 7
- **Gordon-Rushville 14**, Bayard 8
- **Hemingford 44**, Kimball 14
- **Minatare 60**, Banner County 25
- **St. Paul 28**, Bridgeport 18
- **Arthur County 30**, Crawford 0
- **Morrill 45**, Creek Valley 0
- **Leyton 39**, Sioux County 7
- **Southwest 21**, Garden County 12
- **Stuart 48**, Hay Springs 14
- Potter-Dix 20, **Peetz (CO) 58**
- Mitchell 29, **Gothenburg 45**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Garden County	0	6	0	6	12
Southwest	0	7	7	7	21

(BARTLEY, Neb.) – The 13 game winning streak for Garden County has come to an end with a tough loss to Southwest, 21-12.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Leyton	--	--	--	--	39
Sioux County	--	--	--	--	7

(HARRISON, Neb.) – The Leyton Warriors football squad scored 39 points and limited the host Sioux County Warriors to 7 in the battle of the Warriors.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Stuart	--	--	--	--	48
Hay Springs	--	--	--	--	14

(HAY SPRINGS, Neb.) – On Thursday, the Stuart varsity football team came to play a non-conference game. Hay Springs lost at home by a score of 48-14.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Hemingford	14	16	8	6	44
Kimball	0	0	6	8	14

(KIMBALL, Neb.) – The Longhorns took a blow against the Hemingford Bobcats on Friday, falling 44-14.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
York	0	7	0	0	7
Scottsbluff	7	10	0	13	30

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – The Scottsbluff Bearcats moved to an unblemished 3-0 on the year by completely dominating York at Bearcat Stadium. Mason Schmer led the ground attack with 153 rushing yards and a touchdown in the 30-7 win in front of the home crowd at Bearcat Stadium.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Banner County	0	12	6	7	25
Minatare	20	12	28	0	60

(MINATARE, Neb.) – On Thursday, the Minatare Indians triumphed over the visiting Banner County Wildcats by a tally of 60-25.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Bridgeport	--	--	--	--	18
St. Paul	--	--	--	--	28

(ST. PAUL, Neb.) – Bridgeport suffered its first setback against St. Paul. The Bulldogs fought hard but a costly fourth-and-short fumble recovery by St. Paul late in the game ultimately iced the 28-18 decision. They are currently 2-1 in the 2026 season following a highly anticipated transition back to the 11-man football format.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Chadron	--	--	--	--	41
Broken Bow	0	0	0	0	0

(BROKEN BOW, Neb.) – The No. 8 ranked Chadron Cardinals moved to a perfect 3-0 on the season with a dominant 41-0 shutout blowout victory on the road.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Bayard	--	--	--	--	8
Gordon-Rushville	--	--	--	--	14

(GORDON, Neb.) – On Friday, Sep 11, 2026, the Bayard Varsity Boys Football team lost their game against Gordon-Rushville High School by a score of 8-14.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Creek Valley	0	0	0	0	0
Morrill	--	--	--	--	45

(MORRILL, Neb.) – Morrill blew past the Creek Valley Storm 45-0. The victory made it back-to-back wins for the Lions.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Sidney	7	7	28	0	42
Gering	0	0	0	0	0

(GERING, Neb.) – After a competitive, lower-scoring first half, the Sidney Red Raiders completely blew the game open with a 28-point third quarter explosion. Sidney's star running back, Rhys Dorcey, dominated on the ground, racking up 261 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Hemingford	14	16	8	6	44
Kimball	0	0	6	8	14

(KIMBALL, Neb.) – Bobcat followers went home in high spirits Friday as they saw their football team victorious over the host Kimball Longhorns, 44-14.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Holdrege	0	0	7	0	7
Alliance	8	16	0	0	24

(ALLIANCE, Neb.) – The Alliance Bulldogs secured a decisive victory in Week 3, defeating the Holdrege Dusters 24-7 on Friday night at Bulldog Stadium. Quarterback Shelmadine paced the aerial assault, completing 9 of 28 passes for 93 yards but making them count with three touchdown passes.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Potter-Dix	--	--	--	--	20
Peetz	--	--	--	--	58

(PEETZ, Colo.) – Peetz scored 58 points and limited Potter-Dix Coyotes to 20 on Friday. The Coyotes travel to Leyton to meet the Warriors on Thursday.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Arthur County	22	8	0	0	30
Crawford	0	0	0	0	0

(CRAWFORD, Neb.) – After flying high against Creek Valley, Crawford came back down to earthwith a 30-0 loss at the hands of the Arthur County Wolves.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Mitchell	8	6	7	8	29
Gothenburg	15	16	7	7	45

(GOTHENBURG, Neb.) – The Tigers lost their Week 3 matchup against the Gothenburg Swedes by a score of 45-29.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Kimball and Leyton Cash In

(KIMBALL, Neb.) – Kimball Public Schools and Leyton Public Schools (Dalton) have each won \$5,000 through T-Mobile's \$5K Fridays giveaway – the entry-level tier of the carrier's nationwide Friday Night 5G Lights competition. Leyton's check arrived at the district's Friday-night tailgate party, with T-Mobile reps on hand as the Warriors took the field. Kimball's came the year before at a home game against Perkins County, after T-Mobile staff spent a couple of days in town and called Kimball's pep rally louder than some they'd seen in much bigger schools.

What the Contest Is

Now in its third season, Friday Night 5G Lights celebrates small-town (population under 150,000) high school football with more than \$8.4 million in prizes:

- \$5K Fridays – 1,000 schools win \$5,000 in weekly random drawings (the tier Kimball and Leyton landed in)
- Spotlight School awards – \$5,000 for standout social media videos
- Division finalists – 40 schools win \$25,000 and a home game celebration
- Division Champions – top vote-getters in each region win \$250,000 and a Gronk Fitness weight room
- Grand prize – one national winner gets a \$1 million field upgrade

Every applicant is automatically entered in the \$5K drawings, and communities boost their odds by posting spirited photos/videos tagged #FN5GL #Entry.

What's Next

Winning \$5,000 doesn't knock a school out of the running for the bigger prizes. Applications and weekly \$5K drawings continue through September 18, then judges pick 40 division finalists. Public voting runs October 8th through the 25th to crown four Division Champions, who face off October 29 through November 8, with the grand-prize winner announced November 12, 2026.

Stage Hounds Announce One Act Cast List

(GERING, Neb.) – This season, the Gering One Act promises to be a rootin'-tootin', sharp-shootin' show! GHS Stage Hounds have announced their cast list for Annie Get Your Gun. With this talented group, we already know they've hit the bullseye.

Keep your eye out for performance dates and times this fall!



GHS Student Council Serves Community

(GERING, Neb.) – Twelve Gering High School Student Council members partnered with local National Guard members on September 11 to launch a youth service drive at the Panhandle Humane Society. The initiative was part of a national remembrance program by the 9/11 Day Foundation marking the anniversary of the attacks with community engagement.



GPS administration posted "Today, we remember 9/11, we are proud of our student leaders for choosing to honor that memory not only by remembering, but by putting good into the world through service." And we tend to agree. Thank you for serving!

Teens Get a Front Row Seat in the Workplace

(PANHANDLE, Neb.) – Now in its third year, **Career Cabs** gives Nebraska Panhandle tenth graders a firsthand look at careers in their own communities – not just a classroom presentation, but a day spent inside real workplaces.

The event runs in three regional hubs this fall: Chadron (September 24), Scottsbluff/Gering (October 22), and Sidney (November 19), drawing students from 23 school districts across the Panhandle's 11 counties. Students choose a career pathway that interests them – options include healthcare, trades, agriculture, criminal justice, education, arts and communication, and more – then board buses to visit four local employers in that field over the course of the day.

The program was built directly around a youth-engagement gap: organizers found that only 17% of Panhandle students said adults had talked with them about opportunities in their own communities. Career Cabs exists to close that gap by putting students face-to-face with local employers actively looking for future talent.

Students themselves point to that exposure as the highlight. One student said their favorite part of Career Cabs was seeing the different types of jobs available and learning how they could succeed in the career they want. At the Chadron hub alone, nearly 300 sophomores from across a 100-mile radius took part, choosing from pathways like agriculture, criminal justice, education, health sciences, and trades.

Since launching, the event has reached more than 1,250 students alongside over 100 employers and 100 volunteers – a scale organizers hope keeps growing as more Panhandle teens get an early, direct look at the careers waiting for them close to home.

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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.

Sidney To Host Youth Range Judging Contest

(SIDNEY, Neb.) – The Nebraska State Range Judging Contest is one of the state's longest-running youth agricultural competitions – it's now in its 70s in terms of annual editions, run through a partnership between Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts (NRDs), the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nebraska Extension, and the Nebraska Section of the Society for Range Management. The contest promotes range management and conservation practices among Nebraska's youth, with six area contests culminating in a state contest.

How it works: Students compete in three divisions – senior (juniors/seniors), junior (sophomores and below), and adult (graduated) – and are scored on plant identification, ecological site assessment, and grazing/land-use recommendations. Contestants identify plants, assess soils and site characteristics, and determine the degree of grazing use, applying what they know about plant communities and proper range management to keep rangeland productive.

The Panhandle region holds its own qualifying event each September (usually called "Area 1"), which regional schools use to advance to the state contest. Last year's Area 1 contest, 18 high schools met in Kimball County, with roughly 150 participants judging grasses, plants, and shrubs in a pasture near Oliver Reservoir. Schools that regularly compete in the Panhandle qualifier include Chadron, Scottsbluff, Banner County, Sidney, Gordon-Rushville, Creek Valley, Ogallala, Leyton, Hay Springs, Alliance, Mitchell, Minatare, Bridgeport, Sioux County, Morrill-Mitchell, and Cody-Kilgore.

2026 Area 1 Range Judging Contest

- Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 (three days from today)
- Location: Cheyenne County, near Sidney, NE – check-in at the Sidney Shooting Park (trap houses), 8:30–9:00 a.m.
- Sponsors: South Platte Natural Resources District, USDA NRCS, Nebraska Extension, and the Nebraska Section of the Society for Range Management
- Coordinator: Yolanda Hruska (South Platte NRD)
- Divisions: Junior (10th grade and below, including junior high), Senior (up to 12th grade), and Adult (instructors, parents, chaperones)

Registration: \$5/contestant, pre-registration required by September 10



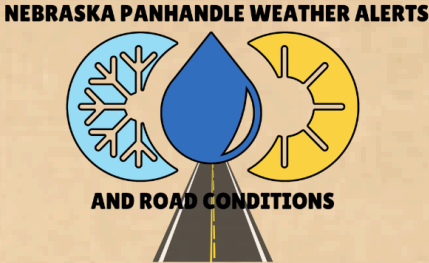
Photo by the UNL Extension Center

Chadron State College hosts the annual Nebraska Youth Range Camp each June, which draws high schoolers from across the state (including many Panhandle students) for hands-on training in plant ID, ecological sites, and range management, culminating in a mock judging contest that helps prep students for the fall season.

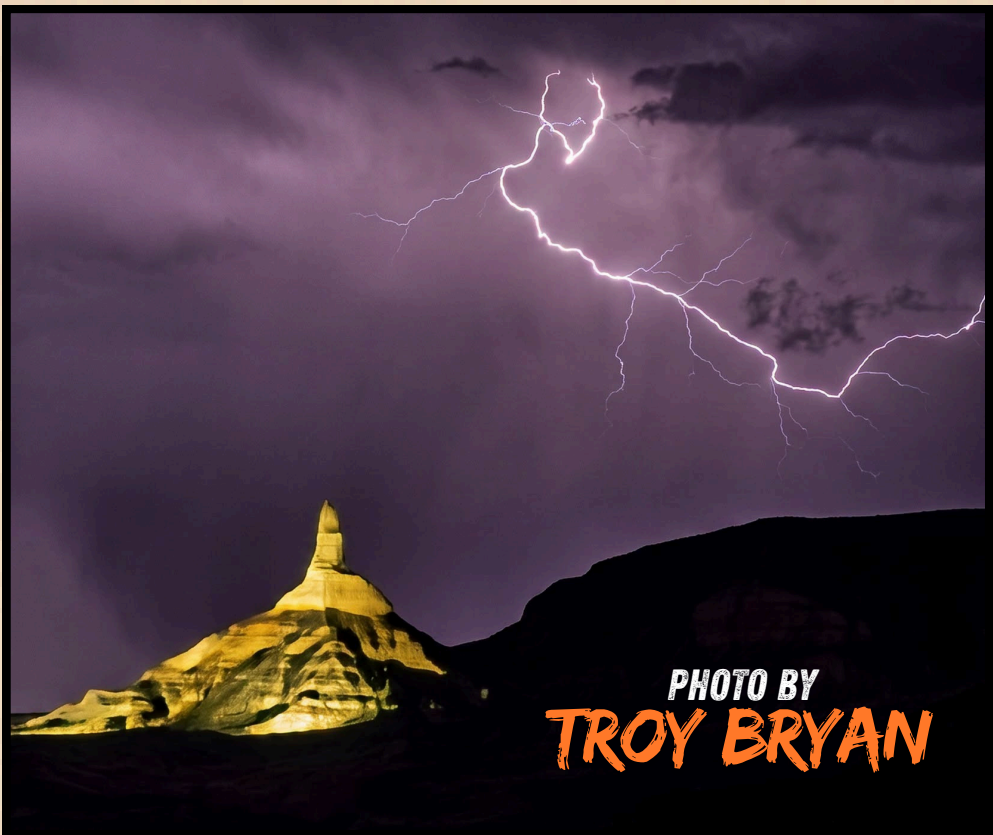
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WEATHER



This Week in Weather Photos



LIGHTING UP CHIMNEY ROCK
(BAYARD, Neb.) – The famous Oregon Trail landmark is visible for several mile dues to large floodlights that light up much of Chimney Rock south of Bayard, Nebraska until midnight each night.

Supplementing the floodlights on this night, this photo is yet another amazing capture by one of our favorite local photographers, Troy Bryan.



September 7, 6:30 p.m. - Ominous Clouds
(GERING, Neb.) -- Ominous looking clouds and a little rain in the Wildcat Hills area.

September 10, 8:42 a.m. - LOW VISIBILITY
(MINATARE, Neb.) – This photo by Trish Hartshorn of thick fog between Minatare and Bayard, submitted to our favorite weather group on Thursday morning.



Weekly Outlook



The weather outlook for the Nebraska Panhandle from September 13-19, 2026, features a warm start followed by increasing cloud cover and a distinct rainy period mid-week.

- Sunday, Sep 13 – Monday, Sep 14 (Past Days): The week began with fluctuating temperatures and variable cloudiness, following a cold front that moved through the region.
- Tuesday, Sep 15 : Expect sunny skies with a high of 70°F and an overnight low around 47°F. Breezy conditions persist out of the east at 14 mph.
- Wednesday, Sep 16: Clouds move back into the region as temperatures climb to a weekly high of 78°F before dropping to 53°F overnight.
- Thursday, Sep 17: Wet conditions take over with a 65% chance of rain and showers likely throughout the day. Highs will be noticeably cooler, maxing out at 67°F with a low of 59°F.
- Friday, Sep 18: The rain clears out, leaving mostly cloudy skies but warming back up to 78°F during the day and dipping to 58°F at night.
- Saturday, Sep 19: Expect light daytime rain transitioning to a higher 65% chance of evening showers, accompanied by a daytime high of 72°F and a low of 53°F.

After a major storm, OUTSIDERS come pouring into town.
Before signing anything, start here.



CONSUMER TIP

CHOOSE A LOCAL REPAIR SHOP YOU CAN TRUST

TIP #1

- 1.Choose a repair shop with an established **local** reputation.
- 2.Ask who will be standing behind the repair after the storm chasers leave town.
- 3.Don't let free gifts, cash incentives, or giveaways influence an important repair decision.

Your vehicle is one of your largest investments. The quality of the repair matters long after the free steak dinner, gift card, or promotional item is forgotten. Take your time, ask questions, and choose a repair facility you trust.



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BUSINESS NEWS



KIOWA HONEY UP FOR SALE

(MITCHELL, Neb.) — After eight years of building Kiowa Honey Company into an established Nebraska Panhandle business, owners Manuel and Carissa Prieto are preparing to sell the company and move their family out of Nebraska.

The bittersweet announcement came from Carissa Prieto, who said Nebraska will always feel like home for the family. Their years with the business have included raising children, growing the company, traveling and becoming deeply connected to the communities they served.

“We feel that we have grown to the extent of our abilities here in Nebraska, and we believe bigger things are waiting for us elsewhere,” Prieto wrote.

The family hopes the sale will allow Kiowa Honey Company to continue serving customers throughout the Panhandle. The established business has more than a dozen retail locations, an existing product line, loyal customers and a recognized brand.

The sale can include the Kiowa Honey Company name, recipes, retail accounts, branding, label and jar inventory, with equipment, bulk honey, the website and shipping inventory available for negotiation.

“You’re not starting from zero,” Prieto said. “You’re stepping into 8 years of work, relationships, reputation, infrastructure, and a brand that people already know and trust.”

A commercial kitchen will be required to supply existing store accounts.

The family’s country home also will soon be available for rent, while the farm store building will eventually be offered for sale and must be moved by the buyer.

For the Prietos, the decision marks the end of an important chapter, but they hope the business will continue under new ownership.

“We would absolutely love to hand our business baby over to someone who will love it, grow it, and care for it as much as we have,” Prieto wrote.

“This isn’t goodbye,” she added. “It’s see you later.”

But don’t worry, until the business sells, Carissa promises that “we will still be attending The Heirloom Market and we will still be operating as normal until it sells, so order online, visit the grocery store, etc, you shouldn’t see any change in honey and honey butter availability.”

The candles will sell out and the new owners are not expected to take over the candles. Everything in the farm store besides honey is final sale and will not be replaced so get it while you can.



CONGRATULATIONS !!
Kiowa Honey Company

Over 300 votes were cast in our 2025 3rd Quarter Favorite Local Small Business contest, with Kiowa Honey Company securing 28% of the votes for the sweet victory and the \$500 marketing package from Hale Multimedia! The future owner of this business will have our support.

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Broadwater Country Store #1

(BROADWATER, Neb.) – Population of Broadwater, Nebraska: 95. Population of people who apparently think its country store is the best thing since sliced bread: seemingly all of them, plus a healthy chunk of Highway 26 traffic! The Broadwater Country Store – gas, groceries, cold beer, gifts, and evidently a great bathroom tree – has quietly become the kind of place people go out of their way to talk about. It even picked up the title of 3rd Quarter Panhandle Scanner Favorite Local Small Business in the biggest upset in three years, taking over two businesses that had over 100 nominations each going into the voting. This store has the people’s support and ours as well.

The Basics, Briefly

Founded in 2005 and run by a small, dedicated crew, the store is open roughly 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. – prime hours in a town where "rush hour" might be two tractors and a mail truck. For a village this size, it's less a convenience store and more a community hub with a fuel pump attached.

What the Reviews Say

The internet's verdict is basically unanimous: this is the platonic ideal of a small-town pit stop. One traveler, running on fumes and pulling in before opening, said they were greeted with *a friendly smile and a tank of gas*. Another described going out of their way for the place, noting they prefer *supporting small, locally owned businesses as they travel across the country*. A third simply called it a *great "mom & pops" store* after the owner helped them out of a tire jam that had nothing to do with snacks or gas at all.

And then there's the bathroom – home to an artificial tree that has, somehow, become a minor tourist attraction in its own right. More than one visitor has joked that using it feels like relieving yourself in the world's tidiest outhouse.

The Verdict

No neon signs, no loyalty app, no 44-ounce fountain drink dispensed by robot – just a store where the owner remembers your face, the coffee's hot, and the bathroom has better landscaping than some backyards. In a town of 95 people, that's apparently more than enough to become a legend of the highway.

HIRING EVENT - Scottsbluff Western Sugar September 16-17

Al's Market Set to Close September 15

(BAYARD, Neb.) – After a little over three years, Bayard's only grocery store is closing its doors.

Bayard had gone more than two years without a grocery store when local resident Mike Harimon bought the former Bayard Grocery building at 305 Main Street and reopened it as Al's Market in June 2023. The family-owned shop offered a full range of groceries, grab-and-go sandwiches, and even wild game, quickly becoming a fixture of the small downtown.

The store announced it will close for good, citing a lack of funds for needed repairs and insufficient revenue to keep operating. As part of the wind-down, all merchandise is 10% off, no new inventory is coming in, hours stay the same this week except for a closure on Tuesday, September 15th.

With Al's Market gone, Bayard will once again be without a grocery store, sending residents back to Scottsbluff, Gering, or Alliance for full shopping trips – the same situation the town faced before Al's opened in 2023.



3rd Quarter Winner - Broadwater Country Store

Scottsbluff Considers \$2.35M Bond

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) — The Scottsbluff City Council is considering a \$2.35 million bond issue to help fund local street improvements and infrastructure work.

Representatives from Piper Sandler presented information to the council regarding the proposed General Obligation Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds. The bonds would have a five-year term and allow the city to finance eligible street projects without waiting to accumulate the full amount through annual funding.

The proposed financing would use highway allocation funds toward repayment of the bonds. Scottsbluff has used similar financing in the past, including bond issues in 2020 and 2023 for street improvements.

Specific projects to be funded with the proposed \$2.35 million have not been detailed in the information provided.



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Revenge Move Proves Costly

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Scottsbluff Joins the fight against Sex Trafficking

Many people do not know the entirety of events that have transpired over the past decade in the fight against human trafficking in Scottsbluff and the panhandle.

We joined the fight early on as well. Andi and I (Brian Hale) have a podcast dedicated to trafficking and other most heinous crimes entitled, The Ugly Truth. Also, Panhandle Scanner held their annual meeting in 2023 at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Scottsbluff and PREVIEWED "THE SOUND OF FREEDOM" a year before it came out. This film by Tim Ballard, starring Jim Caviezel (Jesus in the Passion of the Christ) was a international eye opener to the number one grown crime in the world.

Shane Harrington has an extensive track record of selling off or transferring clubs once they face allegations of sex trafficking and other human labor violations.

Here is the outline of events that led to The Club That Never Opened...

- Scottsbluff attorney Maren Chaloupka and attorney Todd Flynn filed a federal sex-trafficking lawsuit against Shane Harrington on behalf of a teenager who was exploited at a former strip club between Kearney and Lexington with which Harrington has financial ties.
- **Harrington's Retaliatory Suit:** In response, Harrington filed a separate \$5 million lawsuit against Chaloupka and Flynn in Douglas County District Court. He claimed the sex-trafficking allegations against him and his dissolved corporation, Meltech Inc., were "frivolous" and "100% false".
- **Lawsuit Dropped:** On September 11, 2026, Harrington dropped his \$5 million lawsuit against the two attorneys.



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In Other Scanner Traffic...

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Motocross Accident - Sep 6 11 pm

(POTTER, Neb.) - Scanner traffic indicated an Airlink scene flight for a male involved in a motocross accident near Potter, Nebraska on Sunday evening.

Scottsbluff Injury Accident - Sep 9 3 pm

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) - Scanner traffic indicated 3 patients transported in a 2 vehicle collision at highway speeds with one vehicle rolling 3-4 times, Ave I and 42nd Street.

Scottsbluff Disturbance - Sep 9

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) - A disturbance was reported around East 24th and 5th Avenue. Scottsbluff PD and Scotts Bluff County Deputies responded.

Possible DUI Driver - Sep 9

(GERING, Neb.) - Scanner traffic indicated a Black Cadillac leaving Gering on Hwy 71, with reporting party advising that the female had been drinking for hours prior to leaving.

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.