Issue # 2642

Week of October 18 - 24, 2026

page 1

THE SUNDAY SCANNER

A publication of Hale Multimedia LLC

Website Development and Small Business Marketing since 1996

WWW.HALEMULTIMEDIA.COM WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

News and Views from across the State of Nebraska with a focus on the Panhandle

Pledges Pouring in for Proposed Aquatic Center

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – For years, the vacant Kmart building at the high-traffic intersection of Highway 26 and East 27th Street has stood as a quiet symbol of changing retail tides in Scottsbluff. Today, that nearly 110,000-square-foot aging commercial shell sits at the epicenter of the community's most fiercely debated civic proposal in recent memory. If approved by voters via Proposition One, this single lot will transform into a $25 million state-of-the-art Aquatics and Senior Center. Funded primarily by a proposed half-cent municipal sales tax under Nebraska's LB 357 framework, the project represents an ambitious gamble on the city's economic future.

A Collaborative Coalition

Behind the initiative is a highly coordinated partnership uniting the City of Scottsbluff, the Scottsbluff Family YMCA, and a vocal coalition of local business leaders.

To demonstrate community buy-in, organizers have secured $1.35 million in private pledges.

These private contributions are anchored by a $1 million commitment from Platte Valley Companies and Kosman Inc., alongside a $250,000 pledge from the Shane Aulick Family and $100,000 from Security First Bank.

However, these come with a major catch: every dollar of private capital is strictly contingent on the public sales tax passing at the ballot box.

Financial Reality of the Kmart Note

While the $25 million public bond proposal promises a transformative indoor water park, a competition-grade lap pool, therapy pools, and a dedicated senior center, the immediate financial roadmap faces significant real estate hurdles. Public property records from the Scotts Bluff County Register of Deeds reveal that the former Kmart location is wrapped in a complex web of commercial debt.

The property was acquired in December 2022 for $2.45 million by Scottsbluff KM Redevelopment, LLC, a single-purpose entity managed by Houston-based commercial real estate firm Rockstep Capital. Public transaction logs indicate an active commercial mortgage note—structured as a Deed of Trust—amounting to $2,541,957.

continued on page 23

IN THIS ISSUE #2642



- FRONT PAGE STORIES P1
- COMMUNITY NEWS P2-3
- MISSING PERSONS P4
- POLICE & CRIME P5-12
- FIRE & RESCUE P13-16
- PANHANDLE SPORTS P17-18
- SCHOOL NEWS P19
- AGRICULTURAL NEWS P20
- PANHANDLE WEATHER P21
- BUILDING A STRONGER MIND P22
- BUSINESS NEWS P23
- SCANNER TRAFFIC P24

TOP STORIES

- Pledges Pouring in for Aquatic Center p1
- Bayard Water Restriction Lifted p2
- The Panhandle Coffee Map p3
- Diversion Coordinator Explained p6
- Truck Grab Goes Sideways p7
- Traffic Stop Turns Up Trouble Set p7
- Felony Assault Amended p8
- Box Truck Pursuit p10
- That's Not My Car? p10
- No Plates, More Problems p11
- Texas Fugitive Waives Extradition p11
- Fake Plates, Real DUI p12
- Serious Hwy 71 Semi vs Semi MVA p14
- Chances for Snow by Halloween p21

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY R&C WELDING

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

Community

VALTS program is HIRING!



Looking for an opportunity to make a difference? ESU 13's Valley Alternative Learning Transitioning School (VALTS) in Scottsbluff is seeking a teacher or long-term substitute for the remainder of the 2026–27 school year.

Science or Social Studies backgrounds are preferred, but other subject areas are welcome to apply. Student teaching opportunities are also available!

Join a supportive team helping students find their own path to success. Learn more by going to our website and clicking on Employee Opportunities.

BAYARD WATER RESTRICTION LIFTED



(BAYARD, Neb.) – The City of Bayard, Nebraska, has officially lifted its "Do Not Consume" water order as of Oct. 19, 2026.

The restriction, which had been in place for well over a month following a Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy mandate, was resolved after recent well samples showed nitrate levels dropped back down to safe parameters.

DO NOT CONSUME
ORDER
LIFTED

On Aug. 27, 2026 a routine water sample detected a spiking nitrate level of 61.6 mg/L, significantly over the state's Safe Drinking Water Act limit of 10 mg/L and the 20 mg/L threshold deemed an "unreasonable risk to health".

On Sep. 8, 2026, the City of Bayard issued the official Do Not Consume notice. Residents are told not to use tap water for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, preparing food, or washing dishes, noting that boiling the water would only concentrate the nitrates further.

On Sep. 9, 2026, follow-up sample results from city wells measured nitrate levels down to 6.70 mg/L and 7.26 mg/L, safely below the risk threshold.

The city is currently bypassing treatment plant components to pinpoint the precise source of the temporary nitrate spike.



Scottsbluff Vision Clinic is hiring a Full-Time Optical Assistant!

Whether you're an experienced optician or someone with great customer service skills who is eager to learn, we want to meet you.

- No Weekends
- Paid Holidays
- Vision Benefits for You & Your Family
- 401(k) after 1 Year of Service

Email your resume to Dr. Natasha Jenkins at eyedocsbvc@gmail.com to apply.

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY HOME INSTEAD OF SCOTTSBLUFF

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

Community

Demolition Time for Old Alliance Motel



(ALLIANCE, Neb.) – The Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) has completed the purchase of the 1st Interstate Inn property, with the transaction closed and the deed filed. This milestone advances the City of Alliance and CRA's efforts to address blight and substandard conditions and position the site for future economic development.

With the property acquisition complete, the effort moves toward demolition and site preparation. A demolition contract was awarded to Peltz Company following the close of bids on October 2, 2026. Removing the deteriorated structures will help improve the property and clear the way for future redevelopment.

The goal is to remove deteriorated structures, improve the condition of the property, and prepare it for a productive future use. By addressing conditions that can discourage investment, the City and CRA aim to make the site more attractive for redevelopment and support Alliance's long-term economic growth.

"This is an opportunity to turn a property that would have been a huge challenge for any developer to take on into a site with significant potential," said CRA President Jess Wimmer. "The cleanup of this property is an example of the CRA's work to address blighted and substandard conditions and create a foundation for future investment. Taking these steps helps support Alliance's development and growth."

This project was made possible through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding awarded to the City of Alliance. The CRA plans to use its remaining allocated ARPA funds to support this effort within the applicable funding timeframe. These federal resources help advance redevelopment while reducing reliance on local revenues.

Preparing the property is an important step toward attracting interest and opening opportunities for investment. The City and CRA will continue advancing the project and keep residents informed as demolition and redevelopment efforts move forward.

For more information, please contact J. D. Cox, CRA Manager at the City of Alliance at (308) 762-5400.

Introducing...
The Panhandle Coffee Map



The weather is getting colder (40's this weekend) and the coffee is hot, so let's get all the best coffee businesses on the map. If your business is related to coffee in some way and you are located in the WyoBraska region (Western Nebraska and Eastern Wyoming) contact us!

Once we have enough participation to make a nice map, we will publish it as an interactive online map, and provide a printed version to be distributed around the panhandle.

Bates Bros COFFEE

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY BATES BROS COFFEE

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

MISSING PERSONS

AND PROPERTY

STILL MISSING; GINA BOS



Age at Missing: 40
D.O.B.: Nov. 4, 1959
Hair Color: Auburn
Eye Color: Brown
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 105 lbs.
Gender: Female
Race: Caucasian
Case #: A1-116020



(LINCOLN, Neb.) – Regina Marie Bos has been missing since 2000 and is our featured cold case again this week, with the recent activity on the case.

Gina was last seen around 1 a.m. leaving Duggan's Pub in Lincoln, Nebraska on Oct. 17, 2000. She is a musician and had participated in the Open Mic. She told friends she planned to pick up her boyfriend and then go home to be with her three children for the night. She left the pub carrying her guitar and her music. She never arrived at her boyfriend's home and has never been heard from again. The next morning, her car was located across the street from the pub with the trunk ajar and her guitar inside. Foul play is suspected.

NOTE: Gina's sister, Jannel Rap, founded the GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation (411GINA.org) in Gina's honor.

According to a late-August 2026 update, new technology could potentially reveal additional clues in the case. Then, this week, the Lincoln Nebraska Police Department wrapped up their newest search effort based on a longtime tip. See story on this page titled, "No Body Under the Concrete".

She has a tattoo of a small yellow rose on her back, pierced ears, and freckles. She wears wire frame glasses or contact lenses. Her maiden name is Rap and her previous married name is Williams. She was last seen wearing a short-sleeved shirt, fitted black pants, and ankle-high black boots.

Contact Lincoln Police Department with any information at 1-402-441-7204.

No Body Under the Concrete

(LINCOLN, Neb.) – The Lincoln Police Department ended its two-day basement excavation of 6745 Burlington Avenue in the Havelock neighborhood on October 23, 2026, finding no human remains or evidence tied to the disappearance of Regina Bos.

Regina Bos has been missing since October 2000, making her case the oldest unsolved missing persons investigation for the Lincoln Police Department.

Investigators acted on a tip received a few months prior regarding a deceased former homeowner who had connections to both Bos and Duggan's Pub. Crews broke through roughly 4 inches of concrete and excavated a 10-foot-by-13-foot section of a basement bedroom using ground-penetrating radar data.

After working for roughly 12 hours on Thursday and returning Friday morning, CSI technicians wrapped up the site with nothing of evidentiary value found.

Police arranged to have the basement concrete and property restored at no cost to the current homeowner, who stayed at a hotel during the search.

Anyone with information regarding the Regina Bos case is asked to call the police at 402-441-6000.

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY ALARM SECURITY TECHNICIANS

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

police & crime

Toddler Left Home Alone

(GERING, Neb.) — A Scottsbluff couple faces child abuse charges after police reportedly found a 2-year-old child locked in an upstairs bedroom while both parents were allegedly out drinking at a local bar.

Autumn A. Fabela, 28, also known as Autumn Aleman, and Dante R. Aleman, 29, have both pleaded not guilty in Scotts Bluff County Court to Class 1 misdemeanor charges of negligent child abuse without injury. Fabela also faces a Class 1 misdemeanor charge of false reporting.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit filed by Scottsbluff Police Officer Mason, officers were dispatched to 527 W. 40th St. at 12:58 a.m. Aug. 22 after a caller reported that the toddler had been left home alone while the parents were at a bar.

Upon arrival, officers found the residence's front door wide open and the child locked inside an upstairs bedroom.

Investigators determined the child had been left without adult supervision for approximately four hours, according to the affidavit.

Police reported that Fabela and Aleman appeared intoxicated and gave conflicting accounts about who was supposed to be watching the child.

An arrest warrant for Aleman was issued Sept. 29, with bond set at $7,500 and a 10% cash option. A warrant for Fabela was issued Oct. 7, with bond set at $10,000 and a 10% cash option.

Attorney Landers represents Aleman, while attorney Hansen represents Fabela. Both defendants have posted bond.

Pretrial hearings for Fabela and Aleman are scheduled for Nov. 30, 2026, at 9 a.m. in Scotts Bluff County Courtroom No. 2.

MEANWHILE...

charges from the second incident

- DUI with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.15 or greater or refusal, with two prior convictions — Class IIIA felony
- Carrying a concealed handgun while under the influence
- Carrying a concealed handgun without disclosure
- Refusal to submit to chemical testing

Trooper Makes Critical Stop

(GERING, Neb.) — Just weeks after an arrest warrant was issued in a pending child abuse case involving him, 29-year-old Dante R. Aleman was jailed again over the weekend, this time facing a felony drunken-driving charge and weapons-related misdemeanors following a traffic stop in Mitchell.

Aleman, of Torrington, Wyoming, was pulled over at approximately 6:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, after a Nebraska State Patrol trooper observed his red Dodge Durango fail to signal a lane change on Highway 26.

According to court documents, troopers noticed open Coors Banquet beer bottles on the floorboard and smelled alcohol on Aleman. He refused field sobriety tests and chemical testing, according to the filings.

A search of the vehicle uncovered a loaded handgun concealed inside the center console, along with a yellow THC vape pen.

Aleman remains in custody at the Scotts Bluff County Detention Center on $35,000 bond. Scotts Bluff County Court Judge Kristen D. Mickey scheduled his preliminary hearing for Monday, Oct. 26, at 11:15 a.m.

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY ALARM SECURITY TECHNICIANS

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

police & crime

Scotts Bluff County Prosecutorial Team

The Scotts Bluff County Attorney Office has 6 Deputy County Attorneys on its official staff roster serving under County Attorney Dave Eubanks:

- Helen Winston
- Paul Payne
- Kirk Fellhoelter
- Allison Witcofski
- Steven Lyman

James Jackson is listed on the County's website as the Special Investigator.

Tammy Frye is listed as the Diversion Coordinator.

Fourth Time Isn't a Charm



(KIMBALL, Neb.) — On Oct. 19, 2026 the Kimball County Sheriff's Office arrested George Melo (26) for felony DUI, 4th Offense and Driving while revoked from DUI.

Diversion Coordinator Explained

A diversion coordinator manages programs that steer qualifying individuals away from the formal criminal justice system or traditional court processes. Instead of facing trial and potential jail time, participants complete specific requirements—such as community service, counseling, or restitution—to have their charges dismissed or reduced.

Primary Responsibilities

- Screening Applicants: Reviewing police reports, criminal histories, and eligibility criteria to determine if a defendant qualifies for a diversion program (usually first-time or non-violent offenders).
- Creating Case Plans: Conducting intakes to assess the participant's needs and designing a customized contract, which may include substance abuse treatment, anger management, mental health counseling, or educational classes.
- Monitoring Compliance: Tracking the participant's progress, checking drug test results, verifying completed community service hours, and ensuring restitution fees are paid to victims.
- Reporting to Court Officials: Notifying prosecutors, judges, or defense attorneys when a participant successfully completes the program (leading to dismissed charges) or fails to comply (resulting in the case being sent back to court for traditional prosecution).

Common Types of Diversion Programs

- Juvenile Diversion: Focuses on rehabilitating youth through accountability, family counseling, and school performance tracking to prevent a permanent criminal record.
- Adult Criminal Diversion: Gives adults a second chance, often focusing on bad check restitution, minor theft, or first-time drug offenses.
- Mental Health & Drug Courts: Specialized diversion tracks that heavily emphasize clinical treatment and close judicial supervision rather than incarceration.

THIS PAGE MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR EXCLUSIVE SPONSORS

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

police & crime

Truck Grab Goes Sideways

(GERING, Neb.) — Michael T. Carrera faces a felony theft charge in connection with the alleged theft of a truck and a misdemeanor charge of reckless driving.

He pled not guilty to both charges. A judge scheduled a pretrial hearing for Dec. 9, 2026, and a jury trial for Jan. 4, 2027.

The alleged incident occurred June 18, 2026, at Backaracks Bar in Scottsbluff. According to court documents, Neil Blanton had borrowed his mother's 2001 Dodge Dakota. Security footage showed Carrera and Blanton getting into the truck that night.

Blanton briefly exited the vehicle, and Carrera moved into the driver's seat. Blanton attempted to stop Carrera from taking the truck. According to the allegations, Carrera backed up, dragging Blanton, then drove forward, causing Blanton to fall, before speeding out of the parking lot.

Scotts Bluff County District Court Judge Leo Dobrovolny presided over a bond hearing Oct. 16, 2026, and allowed Carrera to be released from custody without posting bail. As a condition of his release, Carrera was ordered not to contact Blanton.

From $60 Deal to Prison

(GERING, Neb.) — Judge Andrea Miller sentenced Trever J. Ballheim to prison Oct. 16, 2026, in two separate drug cases.

Ballheim was sentenced to 15 to 20 years in prison for selling methamphetamine near a park after pleading no contest to the felony charge. The case stems from a July 21, 2025, controlled buy arranged through Facebook by a confidential informant, according to court records.

The informant arranged to purchase $60 worth of methamphetamine from Ballheim. The transaction took place near the Lakota Lutheran Center, which is near a playground at Overland Park. Laboratory testing confirmed the substance was methamphetamine.

After completing that sentence, Ballheim must serve an additional 12 to 24 months in prison for a second felony conviction. He pleaded no contest to possessing methamphetamine on May 6, 2026.

According to court records, officers found Ballheim outside the same Lakota Lutheran Center that day and arrested him on an active warrant. A search of his backpack revealed a bag and a digital scale containing methamphetamine.

Ballheim was also ordered to pay a $100 fine for possession of drug paraphernalia, along with court costs in both cases. He received credit for 164 days already served in jail.

Traffic Stop Turns Up Trouble

(GERING, Neb.) — Scottsbluff Police arrested Jeremiah D. Smith on Sept. 21, 2026, on drug-related charges, including felony possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to court documents, an officer stopped Smith's white 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe at approximately 8:49 a.m. while he was driving south near Ninth Avenue and East Overland in Scottsbluff. The SUV signaled a westbound turn but turned east instead.

Smith consented to a search of the vehicle. The officer found two glass pipes with a burned white residue that tested positive for methamphetamine, according to court documents.

Smith pled not guilty to both charges on Oct. 16, 2026. Judge Leo Dobrovolny released him from custody without requiring bail and appointed a public defender. Smith's pretrial hearing is scheduled for Feb. 17, 2027, and his jury trial is set to begin March 1, 2027.

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY BUMPER TO BUMPER COLLISION CENTER

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

--- police & crime ---

Felony Assault Amended

(GERING, Neb.) — A 27-year-old Gering man was facing felony domestic assault and misdemeanor child abuse charges after an incident involving a woman was captured on surveillance video, according to court documents filed in Scotts Bluff County Court.

Did the video tell a different story? A preliminary hearing resulted in amended charges from child abuse and domestic assault down to disturbing the peace. Stahla has pled not guilty to disturbing the peace.

We received extensive feedback on this article as soon as it was posted. We felt it would be good to show you a few of the immediate comments that we received.

“Sounds to me like the victim created the whole situation by climbing on the hood and trying to get in the car when the guy was just trying to leave if the coin was flipped and he did those things he would have been arrested for doing it. Instead he gets arrested for trying to defuse the situation.“ - Dave Radomski

“When I read this, my first thought was why the hell would you jump on a moving car??? Why would you try to get in the car? Wait….HE is the one that got arrested????” - Jessica David

“She admits he was trying to leave, she admits SHE attempted to stop him from leaving, which is holding someone against their will, she jumps on a moving vehicle PREGNANT and HE’S the one arrested? Wouldn’t throwing your self onto a car and admittedly putting your unborn child’s in harms away be child endangerment and abuse itself?” - Aaron Ott

“I’m sorry, what? So he did what everyone is told to do and get away from the situation, but is now in trouble for doing as such? What about the woman? Is she getting any charges?“ - Hannah Brown

“Well, I can tell you from experience if he called communications over a battery / domestic dispute, the responding officers will laugh at him and not do anything but a simple dismissal report.” - Ethan Napper

Logan P. Stahla was arrested Oct. 5 following an investigation by the Gering Police Department. He was originally charged with third-degree domestic assault on a pregnant person, a Class IIIA felony, and negligent child abuse without injury, a Class I misdemeanor.

According to an affidavit of probable cause, the victim told police that Stahla attempted to drive away following an argument.

The victim reported climbing onto the hood of Stahla’s vehicle as he drove toward 14th Street. After coming to a stop, she got off the hood and attempted to open the passenger-side door. She told officers Stahla rapidly accelerated away while she was holding the door handle, causing her to fall to the ground.

According to the affidavit, the footage confirmed the victim was on the hood while the vehicle moved, climbed off when it stopped on 14th Street, and was thrown to the ground and rolled when Stahla accelerated while she held the door handle. Officers observed visible scrapes on her legs.

Stahla was taken into custody at the direction of Scotts Bluff County Attorney Kirk Fellhoelter and booked into the Scotts Bluff County Detention Center.

During his initial court appearance, County Court Judge Mark L. Kovarik set Stahla’s bond at $20,000 with a 10% cash deposit allowed. As conditions of bond, Stahla was ordered to have no contact with the victim or the child and was granted permission to leave the state solely for employment purposes.

Charges were reduced to disturbing the peace and Stahla pled not guilty.

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY VALLEY ROOFING AND RESTORATION

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

--- police & crime ---

Disturbing The Peace

(GERING, Neb.) — A 29-year-old Gering woman was sentenced Oct. 14 to seven days in jail after pleading no contest to an amended charge of disturbing the peace following an August disturbance, according to Scotts Bluff County Court documents.

Shayla Otero entered the plea to the amended municipal ordinance charge, an infraction, after original charges of assault or battery were reduced.

Officers with the Gering Police Department responded to a residence on North Street on Aug. 23 around 9:30 p.m. following a report of a physical altercation.

The reporting party stated that he had been struck with a metal level following an argument regarding alcohol delivered to the residence.

Responding officers noted fresh blood on the victim's left middle finger and a slight scratch on the right side of his neck. The victim declined medical assistance.



During the investigation, officers confirmed a standing probation order requiring Otero to be taken into custody if she tested positive for alcohol or refused a preliminary breath test.

After initially refusing a breath test at the scene, Otero was transported to Regional West Medical Center for medical clearance, where she provided a breath sample testing at 0.039 BAC.

She was subsequently booked into the Scotts Bluff County Detention Center on charges of simple assault and a probation violation.

During the court appearance, Scotts Bluff County Court Judge Kristen D. Mickey sentenced Otero to seven days in jail and credited 46 days of time served toward her $500 fine and $49 in court costs. The additional seven days brought the total time-served credit to 53 days.



Backseat Passenger Pleads Not Guilty

(GERING, Neb.) — Alexis C. Brening faces one felony drug charge and two misdemeanor drug offenses. She pled not guilty to all three charges on Oct. 16, 2026. The felony charge is possession of a controlled substance. The misdemeanor charges are possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of 1 ounce or less of marijuana.

According to court documents, a Nebraska State Patrol trooper arrested Brening on Sept. 15, 2026, after stopping a black GMC truck on Highway 26 at approximately 2:22 a.m. The truck had a defective headlight and traveled onto the shoulder of the highway. Brening was a passenger in the back seat.

A search of the vehicle revealed a glass pipe containing white crystalline residue inside the rear passenger-side door panel, according to court documents.

Brening failed to appear for a court hearing on Oct. 2, 2026, and a judge issued a warrant for her arrest on Oct. 5. The warrant was returned on Oct. 13.

On Oct. 16, Scotts Bluff County District Court Judge Leo Dobrovolny released Brening from custody without requiring bail. Her pretrial hearing is scheduled for Feb. 17, 2027, and her jury trial is set to begin March 1, 2027.

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY VALLEY ROOFING AND RESTORATION

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

--- police & crime ---

Box Truck Pursuit

(GRANT COUNTY, Neb.) — Two occupants were taken into custody Oct. 17 after a box truck allegedly failed to stop for law enforcement while traveling on the wrong side of the highway and speeding on Nebraska Highway 61, according to the Grant County Sheriff's Office.

The incident began near mile marker 142 on Highway 61, where Grant County deputies attempted to stop the truck for the reported driving violations. The vehicle allegedly failed to yield to emergency lights and sirens and continued south into Arthur County.

The Arthur County Sheriff's Office was notified of the vehicle's location and direction of travel. An Arthur County deputy positioned a patrol unit ahead of the truck in an effort to intercept it, but the vehicle drove around the patrol unit and continued southbound.

Arthur County deputies were able to get ahead of the vehicle and deploy stop sticks, bringing the truck to a stop near mile marker 129 on Highway 61. Authorities conducted a felony traffic stop and took both occupants into custody without further incident.

The sheriff's office did not release the identities of the occupants or specify whether charges had been filed.

That's Not My Car?

(GERING, Neb.) — A 30-year-old Denver man was bound over to Scotts Bluff County District Court on Oct. 14 to face a felony drug possession charge following an encounter in a Gering gas station parking lot, court records show.

Gabriel Alfredo Hutchins Rosales was bound over after a preliminary hearing in Scotts Bluff County Court before Judge Kristen D. Mickey. He is charged with possession of a controlled substance, a Class IV Felony.

According to an affidavit of probable cause, law enforcement was alerted to Rosales on the evening of Oct. 4 after an off-duty dispatcher reported a suspicious individual at the Pony Express Station on Kimball Avenue in Gering. A vehicle registration check through the National Crime Information Center revealed that the vehicle Rosales was operating had been reported stolen in Montana.

When an officer arrived and pulled in behind the parked vehicle, Rosales backed up and struck the patrol car. Neither vehicle sustained damage, according to court documents.

During questioning, Rosales said he was homeless and believed he owned the vehicle. He stated that he had recently recovered it but had not notified law enforcement.



However, dispatch records indicated that the vehicle belonged to a Montana resident and had been reported stolen by another individual.

A search of the vehicle turned up a corner of a plastic bag containing white crystalline residue that tested presumptively positive for methamphetamine, a clear glass smoking pipe with residue, a plastic syringe containing liquid and an open can of malt liquor, according to the affidavit.

During the Oct. 14 preliminary hearing, charges of receiving stolen property valued at $501 to $1,499, possession of an open alcohol container and possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed without prejudice at the prosecutor's request.

Rosales appeared by video and bound over for arraignment in Scotts Bluff County District Court, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 23, 1 p.m.

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY SIMPLY REAL ESTATE

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

police & crime

No Plates, More Problems

Court Report
NO PLATES, MORE PROBLEMS

(GERING, Neb.) — Nebraska State Patrol troopers arrested Dana M. Scott on Sept. 3, 2026, in Scottsbluff. She faces seven charges, including multiple felonies related to drugs and weapons.

According to court documents, troopers observed Scott's 1991 Chevrolet pickup at an Essential Fuels gas station at approximately 3:06 a.m.

The truck had no front or rear license plates. Scott did not have a driver's license, proof of insurance or documentation showing ownership of the vehicle.

A trooper observed a THC vape pen in the passenger-side door. Scott then told troopers there was a methamphetamine pipe inside the vehicle.

A search of the truck uncovered approximately one gram of a white crystalline substance that tested positive for methamphetamine, along with drug paraphernalia and a kitchen knife with a 5-inch blade, according to court documents.

Scott has a prior felony conviction from April 2023. Because of that conviction, she is prohibited from possessing a deadly weapon, according to the charges.

Scott pled not guilty to all seven charges on Oct. 2, 2026. The charges include possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony and possession of a weapon by a prohibited person.

Scotts Bluff County District Court Judge Leo Dobrovolny left Scott's bond at $2,500 during an Oct. 16 court review. Scott appeared by video from the Scotts Bluff County Detention Center.

What is Scanner News?

Scanner News is the result of the initial Scanner Traffic after enough facts have been gathered to make an actual news report or full article from it. In other words, we dig deeper to get the rest of the story.

Most Scanner based businesses will not go any further than the traffic.

With this double duty of providing not only the raw traffic, but also the follow-up, we have to constantly remind people who visit our facebook page that Scanner Traffic is NOT the final story, it's the preliminary report only, and will likely change or be updated.

We like to see ourselves as the Paul Harvey of the scanner world.

TEXAS FUGITIVE WAIVES EXTRADITION

Court Report
TEXAS FUGITIVE WAIVES EXTRADITION

(GERING, Neb.) — A 23-year-old Texas man wanted on a felony child sex offense warrant has agreed to be extradited back to Texas following a court appearance Wednesday, Oct. 14 in Scotts Bluff County Court.

Abel Savan Mendoza, of Midland, Texas, appeared via video stream before County Court Judge Kristen D. Mickey on a charge of being a fugitive from justice.

Court records show Mendoza was wanted by the Midland County Sheriff's Office in Texas on an arrest warrant issued Sept. 28 charging him with indecency with a child, a felony offense. Bond on the Texas warrant was set at $150,000 cash or surety.

Mendoza was taken into custody in Scotts Bluff County on Sept. 29.

During Wednesday's proceeding, Mendoza waived extradition and agreed to voluntarily return to Texas to face the pending charge. Judge Mickey signed an order on the waiver of extradition in open court and remanded Mendoza to the custody of the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff to await transfer to Texas authorities.

A status hearing on the extradition process has been scheduled for Nov. 20 at 11:30 a.m. in Scotts Bluff County Courtroom 2 in Gering.

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY BUMPER TO BUMPER COLLISION CENTER

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

--- police & crime ---

FAKE PLATES, REAL DUI

(GERING, Neb.) — A 23-year-old Keenesburg, Colo. man was sentenced Wednesday to 45 days in jail and ordered to pay a $500 fine in connection with an August drunk driving arrest in Henry, according to court documents.

Jerry Dalton Jones entered a guilty plea in Scotts Bluff County Court to an amended charge of driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of .15 or higher, a Class W misdemeanor.

According to an affidavit of probable cause, law enforcement officers responded to Henry on Aug. 25 around 4:38 p.m. following a report of an intoxicated driver operating an older-model Ford F-150.

An anonymous reporting party directed officers to a park, where deputies located a white Ford F-150 displaying fictitious Colorado license plates.

Deputies observed Jones lying across the front bench seat of the truck. Inside the vehicle, officers noted an open Coors beer can in the center console and three open Coors Banquet boxes in the driver's side foot area.

When instructed to exit the pickup, Jones was unsteady on his feet and almost fell multiple times, according to the affidavit. Deputies noted a strong odor of alcohol coming from Jones, whose eyes were watery and bloodshot.

Jones was transported to Regional West Medical Center for a blood draw after consenting to chemical testing.

During Wednesday's hearing, Jones' driver's license was revoked for six months, and he was ordered to install an approved ignition interlock device on any motor vehicle he operates following the required non-driving period.

Judge Mickey also ordered Jones to pay $175 in court costs and lab fees. Payment of $675 in total fines and costs was suspended until Nov. 13, at 8:00 a.m., when a show cause hearing is scheduled in Scotts Bluff County Courtroom 2.

90 Day Sentence for DUI, Assault, Death Threats

(GERING, Neb.) — A Scottsbluff woman was sentenced to jail Tuesday following a drunken-driving crash during which she allegedly threatened to kill police officers.

Donna M. Douville, 47, was sentenced by District Judge Miller after pleading no contest to three charges.

Scottsbluff police responded to a hit-and-run crash April 5. Officers found Douville in the driver's seat of a parked red Ford Escape, with the keys in the ignition and an open bottle of beer in the cup holder.

According to reports, Douville smelled of alcohol, slurred her speech and had difficulty maintaining her balance. She refused sobriety tests and allegedly made multiple threats to kill officers while being transported to the hospital. A passenger confirmed that Douville had been driving during the crash after drinking, according to court records.

Under a plea agreement between defense attorney Hansen and prosecutor Winston, prosecutors dismissed felony charges of terroristic threats and hit-and-run.

Douville pleaded no contest to the following charges:

- Driving under the influence, first offense
- Third-degree assault (menacing) — two counts

Judge Miller sentenced Douville to 60 days in jail for the DUI and 90 days for each assault count. All sentences are to run concurrently.

Douville received credit for 27 days already served and was taken into custody to serve the remainder of her sentence. Her driver's license was revoked for six months, and fined $500 plus $148 in court costs.

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY VALLEY ROOFING AND RESTORATION

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

FIRE & RESCUE

Check Your Carbon Monoxide Alarms



(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – Year to date, the City of Scottsbluff Fire Department has responded to 16 carbon monoxide incidents, an increase from the previous year.

Carbon Monoxide is known as the "Silent Killer" because it's a poisonous gas that you cannot see, taste, or smell, and may be deadly if not detected early enough.

Carbon Monoxide detectors usually expire after 7 years, and if you haven't changed out the batteries in a while now is a great time to do that.

We also encourage all property owners to ensure their furnaces are in proper working order by having them serviced by a licensed technician. We also encourage those with fireplaces or wood burning stoves to have the chimney cleaned and inspected.

Symptoms of CO poisoning include mild headaches, nausea or vomiting, dizziness, shortness of breath, and feeling fatigue.

Severe symptoms may include altered mental status, blurred vision, muscle weakness, seizure, loss of consciousness, and death.

If your CO alarm goes off, or you are experiencing any of the above symptoms, exit the building and call 911 immediately, and do not re-enter the building until the fire department or utility company gives you the okay to do so.

Large Response near Robidioux Road

(GERING, Neb.) -- Several people in the community have asked about the significant emergency response on Hwy 71 south of Gering. Wednesday night just after 7:30 p.m., scanner traffic indicated a 67 year old male who had experienced a medical incident and crashed into a power pole near Hwy 71 and Rubidoux Road just south of Gering, Wednesday.

Further traffic indicated airbag deployment and power lines possibly down on Robidioux Road, but none on the highway. Also, there were fortunately no injuries reported on the way to Regional West.

Teen Driver Safety Week



Getting that driver's license is a pretty big deal. Freedom, independence... and suddenly Mom and Dad have a few more gray hairs.

Teen drivers are still learning, so slowing down, putting the phone away, buckling up and paying attention can make a big difference.

Remember, learning to drive doesn't stop when you get the license.

At Midwest Auto Used Parts, they know vehicles inside and out. But the most important thing inside any vehicle is the person behind the wheel.

So to all our new drivers: Take your time, stay alert and make it home safely.

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY VALLEY ROOFING AND RESTORATION

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

FIRE & RESCUE

Serious Hwy 71 Semi vs Semi MVA



(SIOUX COUNTY, Neb.) -- According to scanner traffic, a potentially fatal Semi vs Semi accident occurred Monday morning around 3:40 a.m. just south of Pink School House Road on Hwy 71.

One patient was reported as conscious and breathing with glass on his face, but driver number two was initially reported as a possible DOA. Both lanes of traffic were temporarily blocked while crews responded.

Whenever there is a 10-65, or death, law enforcement requests the accident reconstruction team.

In this case, we can confirm that it was not a 10-65, but a serious 10-45 or Injury Accident. One patient was listed in Green condition and transported by one ambulance, while a second unit transported the patient in more serious RED condition.

We continue to pray for the recovery of all accident victims.

Scottsbluff Rural Fire Protection District Spotted in Terrytown

(TERRYTOWN, Neb.) – The Scottsbluff Rural Fire Protection District was spotted having some fun with all the kiddos in Terrytown recently with some candy, costumes and chili! What a combination!

They thanked the kids for coming to see them and announced their Chili Cook-Off Winner.

They wrote, “Congrats to Dario Santos, our Firefighter who won 1st place in the chili cook-off.”



The district operates through a unified structure consisting of the Rural Fire Board (the overall governing committee), the Rural Firefighters Association, and active volunteer firefighters.

While the city of Scottsbluff's municipal fire department provides career-staffed 24/7 protection within city limits (and enforces codes 2 miles out), the Rural Fire Protection District handles the larger surrounding territory in Scotts Bluff and Sioux Counties.



Photos by Scottsbluff Rural Fire

The Scottsbluff Rural Fire Protection District covers an area of 280 square miles across Scotts Bluff and Sioux Counties in Nebraska.

They also span the rural sections around the city, specifically including the city of Terrytown and the Winters Creek area.

The department's rural station is headquartered at 1717 E 15th Street in Scottsbluff.

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY THE KENDELL HENDERSON AGENCY, INC.

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

FIRE & RESCUE

Local Fire Departments Cooking Up a Storm

(BIG SPRINGS, Neb.) – Local fire departments from around the panhandle are cooking it up in a variety of ways. For the Big Springs Fire Department, it's a Bull Fry; one they've done for 26 years prior. The 27th Annual Bull Fry and Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Pancake Breakfast at New Venue a Huge Success



(MITCHELL, Neb.) – The Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department held their annual breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Scotts Bluff County Fairgrounds. This was a new venue for the breakfast, boasting plenty of parking and space to eat.

The plan turned out better than expected, with the official count at 342 patrons served a delicious breakfast.

Kiowa Honey, Cornerstone Coffee, GT Mart, and Highland Dairy partnered with the fire department for the event, making this possibly the best equipped breakfast in the panhandle.

CORNERSTONE COFFEE
Kiowa Honey Co. Mitchell, NE Shafter, CA

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY CUSTOM MADE FENCING

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

FIRE & RESCUE

Four Ejected in Fatal Crash

(NORTH PLATTE, Neb.) — One person died and four others were injured Thursday after a vehicle rolled multiple times in a ditch along West South River Road in Lincoln County, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

The crash occurred Oct. 22, 2026, approximately three-quarters of a mile west of South Buffalo Road. A 2002 Chevrolet TrailBlazer was traveling west on West South River Road when the driver lost control while navigating a curve, causing the vehicle to enter the south ditch and roll multiple times.

Five people, ranging in age from 14 to 18, were inside the vehicle. Four occupants were ejected during the rollover, while the driver, who was wearing a seat belt, remained inside.

Deputies arrived at the scene and provided aid to the injured occupants. All five were transported by North Platte Fire and Rescue to Great Plains Health for treatment.

One male occupant, 18 years old, suffered life-threatening injuries and later died. The Sheriff's Office was notified of his death at 3:22 p.m. Thursday. The other occupants sustained serious injuries but were reported to be in stable condition.

Sheriff's Office accident reconstructionists are investigating the crash. Speed is believed to have been a contributing factor, while alcohol is not believed to have been involved, according to the Sheriff's Office.

YODER HAYSTACK FIRE



(YODER, Wyo.) -- Yoder Fire Department remained on scene Sunday morning, Oct. 25, assisting the property owner with spreading out a haystack fire along Wyoming Highway 92 to allow the remaining hay to burn in a controlled manner.

The fire is contained, with no concerns about it spreading.

THE CITY OF CHADRON ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

(CHADRON, Neb.) – The City of Chadron is holding their chili cook-off and annual fundraiser to help the local volunteer fire department Friday, Oct. 30, at the fire hall.

This past year, CVFD responded to 359 rescue operations, 33 active fires, 18 mutual aid requests, 5 transports, 5 auto accidents, and 9 public service responses.

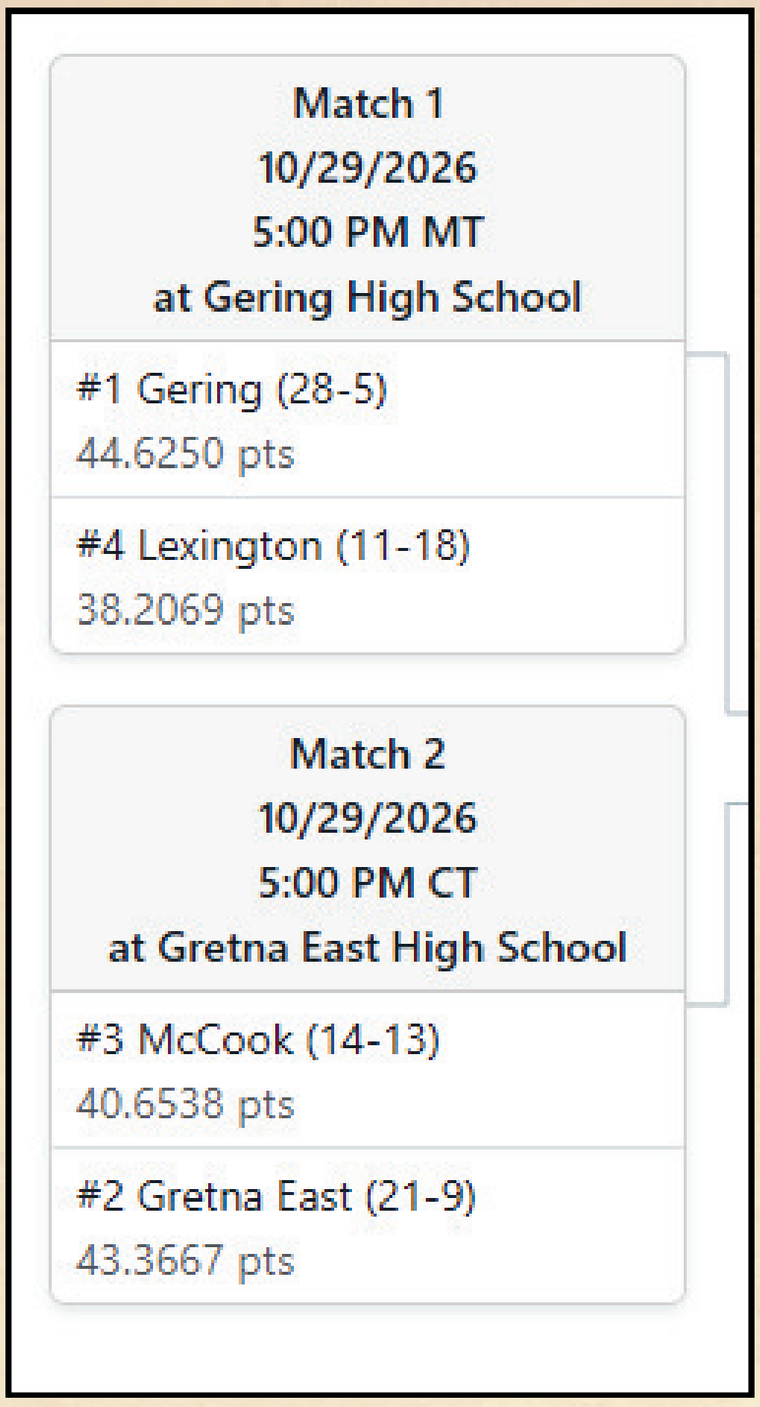


THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

PANHANDLE SPORTS

Nebraska Volleyball District and Subdistrict Play

2026 Class B - Gering Bracket



Subdistrict C1-10 Tournament, Valentine HS (Valentine, NE)

- Monday Match 1 (3:30 p.m.): Chadron vs. Chase County
- Monday Match 2 (5 p.m.): Sidney vs. Ogallala
- Monday Match 3 (6:30 p.m.): Valentine vs. Winner Match 2
- Tuesday (6 p.m.): Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3

Subdistrict C2-10 Tournament, Hershey High School (Hershey, NE)

- Monday Match 1 (4 p.m.): Bridgeport vs. Mitchell
- Monday Match 2 (5:30 p.m.): North Platte St. Pats vs. Perkins County
- Monday Match 3 (7 p.m.): Hershey vs. Winner Match 1
- Tuesday (6 p.m.): Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3

Subdistrict D1-12 Tournament, Garden County HS (Oshkosh, NE)

- Monday Match 1 (5 p.m.): Kimball vs. Gordon-Rushville
- Monday Match 2 (6:15 p.m.): Hemingford vs. Bayard
- Monday Match 3 (7:30 p.m.): Garden County vs. Winner Match 1
- Tuesday (6 p.m.): Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3

Subdistrict D2-11 Tournament, South Platte HS (Big Springs, NE)

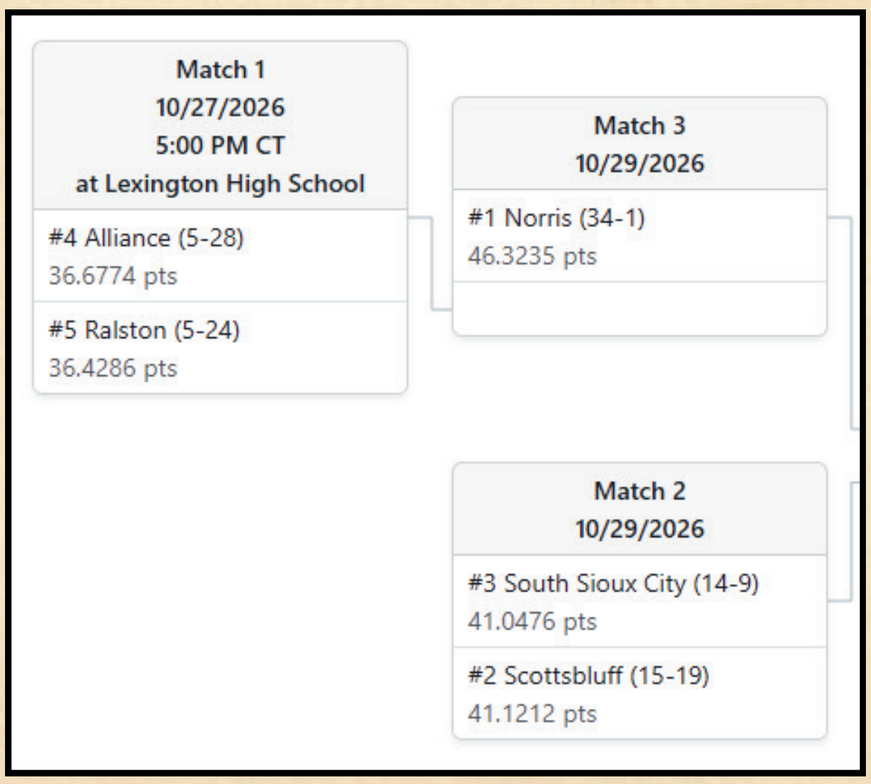
- Monday Match 1 (3 p.m.): Creek Valley vs. Leyton
- Monday Match 2 (4:30 p.m.): Banner County vs. Potter-Dix
- Monday Match 3 (6 p.m.): Winner Match 1 vs. South Platte
- Tuesday (6 p.m.): Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3

Subdistrict D2-12 Tournament, Hay Springs HS (Hay Springs, NE)

- Monday Match 1 (5 p.m.): Hay Springs vs. Minatare
- Monday Match 2 (6:30 p.m.): Crawford vs. Morrill
- Tuesday (6 p.m.): Winner Match 1 vs. Winner Match 2

Playoff brackets provided by the official NSAA website, however, all information is subject to change at any time. This is the best information we had at the time of publication.

2026 Class B - Alliance / Scottsbluff Bracket



Bumper to Bumper Honored and Thankful

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – For more than 40 years, their goal has stayed pretty simple: provide quality repairs and take care of people.

“Thank you, Western Nebraska, for your votes, your business, and your continued trust. We truly appreciate the privilege of serving this community!” - B2B

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY OREGON TRAIL PLUMBING AND HEATING

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM
PANHANDLE SPORTS

Hale Multimedia 28 YEARS 1998 - 2026
WESTERN NEBRASKA LANDSCAPING

Sidney Red Raiders Undefeated, Defensively Dominating

9-0 Sidney Red Raider Playoff Picture

2026 Class C1

#1 Sidney (9-0), 44.5556 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#16 Central City (4-5), 38.5556

#9 Adams Central (8-1), 42.1111
Friday, Oct 30th
#8 Wahoo (7-2), 42.1111 H

#5 Syracuse (7-2), 42.8889 H
Friday, Oct 30th 6:00 PM cst
#12 ONeill (6-3), 40.3333

#13 Cozad (4-5), 39.2222
Friday, Oct 30th
#4 Pierce (9-0), 43.3333 H

#3 Chadron (8-1), 43.7778 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#14 Auburn (5-4), 39.1111

#11 Omaha Roncalli Catholic (7-2), 40.8889
Friday, Oct 30th
#6 Ashland-Greenwood (7-2), 42.5556 H

#7 Lincoln Christian (7-2), 42.1111 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#10 Minden (8-1), 42.0000

#15 Alliance (5-4), 39.0000
Friday, Oct 30th
#2 Boys Town (9-0), 44.3333 H

(SIDNEY, Neb.) – The Sidney Red Raiders are putting together a historic football season, currently sitting at an undefeated 9-0 record and ranked #1 in Nebraska's Class C1. Under head coach Ryan Smith, the Raiders have established themselves as a formidable championship contender after finishing state runner-up last season.

Star Impact Players

- Rhys Dorcey (Sr., RB/OLB): A Class C1 Player of the Year finalist.
- Kash Knobbe (Sr., CB/WR): The primary weapon on the outside.
- Kale Kaiser (Sr., MLB): The defensive heart of the unit.
- Carter Lipska (Jr., FS): A versatile ball-hawk in the secondary.

The Sidney Red Raider defense recorded four shutouts, holding their opponents to an average of less than 6 points per game.

Date	Opponent	Score
Aug 28	@ Broken Bow	29-6
Sep 4	vs Sterling (CO)	49-7
Sep 11	@ Gering	42-0
Sep 18	vs Adams Central	20-0
Sep 25	@ Chadron	7-6
Oct 2	vs Ogallala	24-0
Oct 9	vs Kearney Catholic	42-0
Oct 16	@ Alliance	20-8
Oct 23	vs Cozad	35-19



THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY ARTHUR'S PIZZA OF SCOTTSBLUFF

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

PANHANDLE SPORTS

FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Official final regular-season football scores for the teams across the 11 Nebraska Panhandle counties (Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux) as reported by MaxPreps for this week (October 22–23, 2026):

- GI Northwest 44, Scottsbluff 37 (OT)
- Sidney 35, Cozad 19
- Chadron 47, Ogallala 0
- Alliance 27, Mitchell 13
- Crofton 79, Gordon-Rushville 14
- Hershey 21, Bridgeport 14
- Hastings 44, Gering 7
- Hay Springs 44, Crawford 40
- Garden County 60, Leyton 6
- South Platte 77, Creek Valley 6
- Morrill 33, Minatare 8
- Cody-Kilgore 1, Sioux County 0 (Forfeit)
- Potter-Dix 1, Banner County 0 (Forfeit)



(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – The Bearcats suffered not only the first loss of the regular season, but also a devastating injury to Mason Schmer, considered one of the elite backs in the state.

2026 Class B

#1 Gretna (9-0), 45.0000 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#16 Lincoln Pius X (2-7), 35.1111

#9 Norris (4-5), 38.8889
Friday, Oct 30th
#8 Northwest (7-2), 41.5556 H

#5 Omaha Skutt Catholic (7-2), 42.2222 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#12 Ralston (4-5), 37.4444

#13 York (4-5), 36.8889
Friday, Oct 30th 7:00 PM cst
#4 Aurora (8-1), 42.4444 H

#3 Scottsbluff (8-1), 42.4444 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#14 Omaha Gross Catholic (2-7), 35.7778

#11 McCook (4-5), 37.5556
Friday, Oct 30th
#6 Blair (8-1), 42.1111 H

#7 Waverly (7-2), 41.8889 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#10 Elkhorn (4-5), 38.2222

#15 Hastings (2-7), 35.4444
Friday, Oct 30th 8:00 PM cst
#2 Gretna East (8-1), 43.4444 H

2026 Class C2

#1 Grand Island Central Catholic (9-0), 45.8889 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#16 Hershey (5-4), 38.3333

#9 Bishop Neumann (7-2), 41.8889
Friday, Oct 30th
#8 Malcolm (7-2), 42.2222 H

#5 Yutan (8-1), 43.4444 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#12 Wilber-Clatonia (6-3), 40.1111

#13 Fillmore Central (6-3), 39.8889
Friday, Oct 30th
#4 Ord (7-2), 43.6667 H

#3 Cedar Catholic (9-0), 44.0000 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#14 Lincoln Lutheran (5-4), 39.5556

#11 Mitchell (6-3), 40.7778
Friday, Oct 30th
#6 Boone Central (9-0), 43.0000 H

#7 Gothenburg (7-2), 42.3333 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#10 Scotus Central Catholic (6-3), 41.5556

#15 West Point-Beemer (5-4), 39.4444
Friday, Oct 30th 7:00 PM cst
@ Heedum Field
#2 Bergan Catholic (9-0), 45.6667 H

2026 Class D2

#1 Shelby-Rising City (9-0), 45.7778 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#16 Fullerton (5-4), 38.4444

#9 Aquinas Catholic (6-3), 41.0000
Friday, Oct 30th
#8 Hemingford (7-2), 41.3333 H

#5 Lourdes Central Catholic (7-2), 43.0000 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#12 Hitchcock County (6-3), 40.5556

#13 Neligh-Oakdale (7-2), 40.5556
Friday, Oct 30th
#4 Loomis (9-0), 43.3333 H

#3 Laurel-Concord-Coleridge (8-1), 44.0000 H
Friday, Oct 30th 5:00 PM cst
#14 BDS (6-3), 40.1111

#11 Wilcox-Hildreth (6-3), 40.6667
Friday, Oct 30th
#6 Creighton (7-2), 42.1111 H

#7 Howells-Dodge (7-2), 41.5556 H
Friday, Oct 30th 7:00 PM cst
#10 East Butler (6-3), 40.8889

#15 Bertrand (6-3), 39.3333
Friday, Oct 30th
#2 North Platte St. Patrick's (9-0), 44.2222 H

2026 Class D6

#1 Stuart (8-0), 44.7500 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#16 Crawford (5-3), 39.5000

#9 Leyton (7-1), 41.8750
Friday, Oct 30th 3:00 PM cst
@ Spalding
#8 Riverside (7-1), 41.8750 H

#5 Red Cloud (7-1), 43.0000 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#12 Hay Springs (5-3), 41.0000

#13 Sterling (5-3), 40.2500
Friday, Oct 30th
#4 Diller-Odell (7-1), 43.7500 H

#3 Garden County (7-1), 43.7500 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#14 Meridian (5-3), 39.8750

#11 Lewiston (6-2), 41.6250
Friday, Oct 30th 3:00 PM cst
#6 Medicine Valley (7-1), 43.0000 H

#7 Arthur County (6-2), 42.3750 H
Friday, Oct 30th
#10 Southwest (5-3), 41.7500

#15 High Plains Community (5-3), 39.5000
Friday, Oct 30th
#2 Wallace (7-1), 44.5000 H

THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY HAMPTON INN AND SUITES

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

AGRICULTURE

Our Daily Broadcast Lineup

- **Elevate Your Day**
  Airs Monday - Friday on Rumble, on halebroadcasting.com, and through any podcast network.
- **Scanner News**
  Airs Monday - Friday on KCMI-FM, on halebroadcasting.com, and through any podcast network.
- **Harvest USA Report**
  Airs Monday - Friday on 14 Radio Stations in 8 states, on halebroadcasting.com, and through any podcast network.
- **Horseman's Corner**
  Airs Monday - Saturday on 5 Radio Stations in 3 states, on halebroadcasting.com, and through any podcast network.
- **Cattleman's Corner**
  Airs Monday - Friday on 8 Radio Stations in 5 states, on halebroadcasting.com, and through any podcast network.

www.halebroadcasting.com



Harvest Fuel Relief Program

The $8 billion Harvest Fuel Relief Program and the $917.4 million safety net payout represent a major federal push by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to offset intense financial pressure on producers from rising diesel costs and depressed commodity prices.

How Payments Work: Rather than requiring farmers to submit individual fuel receipts, the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) will calculate payments using a standardized regional formula.

Eligible Crops: Proportional payments apply broadly across Title I commodities (such as corn, wheat, and soybeans). Commodity-specific payment rates are scheduled for release in November 2026.

Special crop growers, livestock producers, and others can submit fuel impact data directly to HarvestFuel@usda.gov to be considered for separate rates.

Requirements: Crop insurance participation is not required to qualify. However, the USDA strongly urges farmers to set up or verify their Login.gov accounts linked to USDA services, as pre-filled digital applications will be deployed online in January 2027.

Nebraska's $917.4 Million Farm Safety Net & Conservation Boost

Over $832 million of this funding comes directly via the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. These payouts protect producers against steep drops in market revenue or crop prices, coming at a critical juncture for Nebraska's 44,000 farms.

An additional $85 million is integrated into this package to support localized agricultural conservation and land stewardship efforts.

The December 11, 2026 deadline is a strict cutoff for producers to make their program elections and enroll for the 2026 crop year.

Unlike the temporary, combined allowances seen in 2025, producers must explicitly choose between ARC and PLC for their designated base acres. Failing to enroll by December 11 will result in a complete forfeiture of 2026 crop year program eligibility.

Producers can analyze and compare the programs using university-backed evaluation software (such as tools provided by Texas A&M or the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Center for Agricultural Profitability). Final sign-ups and elections must be filed directly through your county's local USDA Farm Service Agency service center.

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

WEATHER

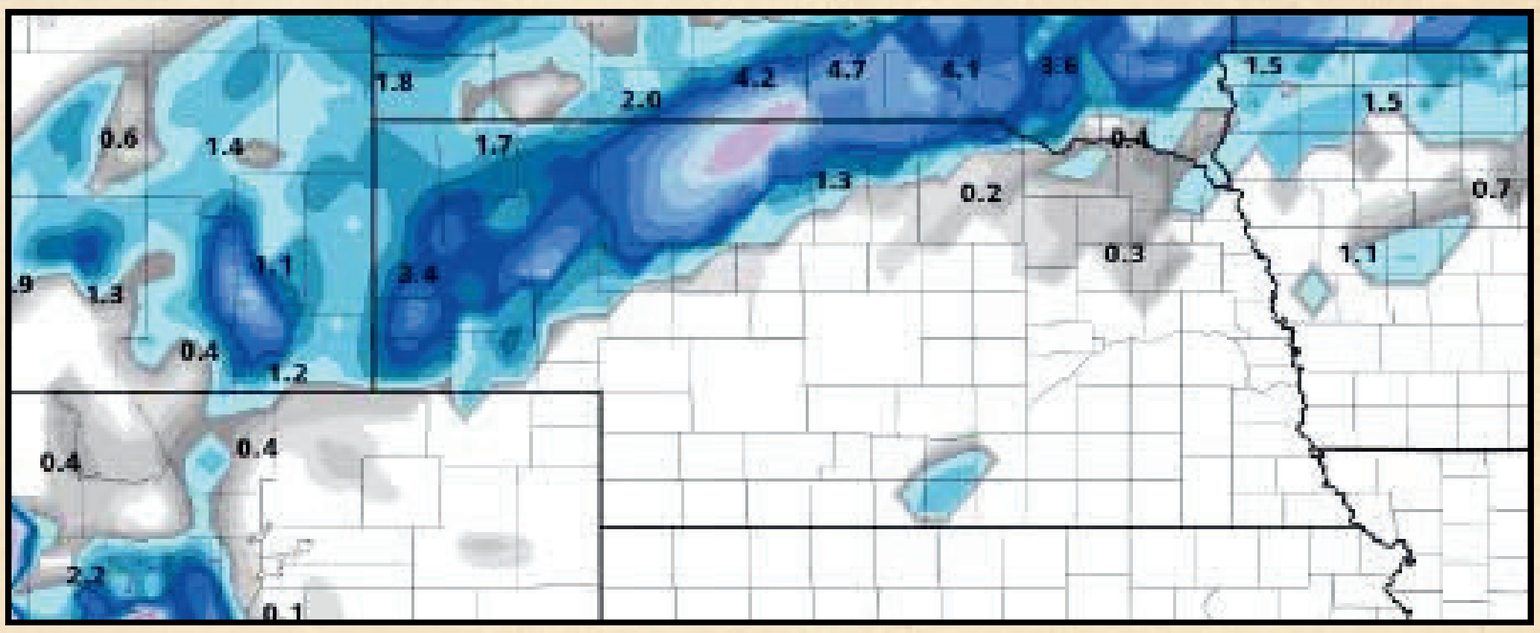
Chances for Snow by Halloween

(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) – The chances for snow in the Nebraska Panhandle between now and Halloween (October 31, 2026) are low to moderate, with a brief window of potential morning snow or rain-snow mix expected around Sunday, October 25, followed by a stronger cold system tracking into early next week.

Warm Mid-Week (Oct 21–23): Above-average temperatures and mostly sunny skies continue, with daytime highs reaching the upper 70s to near 80°F by Friday.

Weekend Cool-Down (Oct 24–25): A cold front moves through Saturday, dropping highs into the 50s and lows into the 30s. The National Weather Service notes a 40% chance of morning snow or rain-snow showers on Sunday, October 25.

Halloween Outlook (Oct 26–31): Meteorologists are monitoring a stronger incoming system toward Tuesday and Wednesday (Oct 27–28) that could bring a transition to colder and wetter conditions, though direct accumulating snow on Halloween night (Saturday, Oct 31) remains uncertain and dependent on the exact storm track.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, Oct. 25: High: 39°F | Low: 34°F. Cloudy and cold with a 45% chance of morning snow or a rain-snow mix. Light snow showers may linger into the evening.

Monday, Oct. 26: High: 44°F | Low: 33°F. Mostly cloudy with a slight 15% chance of early morning snow flurries, clearing up late with a cold, clear night.

Tuesday, Oct. 27: High: 57°F | Low: 35°F. Warmer and partly sunny. Winds will pick up out of the south, gusting around 17 mph.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: High: 62°F | Low: 35°F. The warmest day of the week under partly sunny skies. Breezy conditions continue with northwest winds reaching 18 mph, bringing a slight 20% chance of rain turning to light snow flurries overnight.

Thursday, Oct. 29: High: 58°F | Low: 34°F. Partly sunny and crisp with light southern winds around 14 mph.

Friday, Oct. 30: High: 52°F | Low: 34°F. Slightly cooler and partly sunny. Overnight conditions will remain mostly cloudy but dry.

Halloween (Saturday, Oct. 31): High: 48°F | Low: 38°F. Partly sunny and chilly during the day. For trick-or-treating forecast hours, temperatures will hover in the low 40s to upper 30s under partly cloudy skies. The chance of rain or snow is currently under 5%.

KENDELL HENDERSON AGENCY, INC
AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE®

CUSTOM MADE FENCING
303-243-0706

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

BUILDING A STRONGER MIND

Panhandle Public Health District

Understanding Attention Deficit Disorder

Behavior therapy is an important part of treatment for children with ADHD.

ADHD (attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder) can affect a child's ability to pay attention or sit still at school, and it also can affect relationships with family and other children.

Behavior therapy is a treatment option that can help manage daily challenges and reduce impulsive, risky, or disruptive behaviors. It is often helpful to start behavior therapy as soon as problems are diagnosed.

Behavior therapy first

Behavior therapy is the recommended treatment for ADHD in children under 6 years of age. The type of behavior therapy that is most effective for this age is parent training in behavior management, meaning that therapists work with parents and teach them the skills needed to help their child better manage their ADHD.

For older children, the best treatment is often a combination of behavior therapy and medication. However, for children under 6 years of age, experts recommend that ADHD be treated with behavior therapy first, before trying medication.

Behavior therapy works as well as medication in young children with ADHD in helping to manage symptoms. Studies have shown that families who receive training in behavior therapy notice improvements for several years after treatment.

The CDC has several valuable resources on their website at https://www.cdc.gov/adhd/php/partner-toolkit/resources-for-families.html.

For younger children

Teaches parents, teachers, and other caregivers how to give children the support and structure they need.

For older children

Helps children recognize their symptoms and better manage their own behavior. Often includes parents and teachers.

AAP treatment recommendations

Behavior therapy is a treatment option that can help reduce problem behaviors and can help increase self-regulation skills. It is often helpful to start behavior therapy as soon as a diagnosis is made.

For children under 6 years of age, the AAP recommends that ADHD be treated with behavior therapy first, before trying medication. The type of behavior therapy that is most effective for children under 6 years of age is parent training in behavior management.



THIS PAGE SPONSORED BY J-E-DOUBLE N'S BOUTIQUE & TANNING

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

BUSINESS NEWS

Pledges Pouring in for Proposed Aquatic Center

continued from page 1

Because the property cannot cleanly transfer ownership with an active lien, the city's acquisition strategy faces a hard financial floor. Roughly ten percent of the entire $25 million public project budget must immediately go toward satisfying Rockstep Capital’s outstanding debt note before a single shovel touches the ground.

The Water Table Issue

Beyond the financial line items, critics and civil engineers have sparred over the physical realities of the site itself. The intersection of Highway 26 and 27th Street sits above a historically high water table. Though regulated by the local Scottsbluff Drain to stay roughly eight feet below the surface, digging deep diving wells and competition pool vaults into waterlogged sand poses unique structural challenges.

Civil engineers representing the steering committee have sought to calm public fears of a shifting foundation, noting that similar hydrostatic pressure challenges were successfully overcome during the construction of the North Platte Aquatic Center. Furthermore, building on a pre-developed site eliminates the millions of dollars it would take to run brand-new high-voltage utility and sewer mains to an undeveloped parcel on the edge of town.

Still, opponents point out that building "on the hill" north of town would completely bypass expensive dewatering efforts, multi-million dollar land acquisition premiums, and the substantial costs required to demolish the massive Kmart structure.

The Battle for Public Opinion

To bridge the gap between optimistic planners and skeptical taxpayers, a citizen-led steering committee launched a major public outreach blitz. Informational town halls held at the historic Midwest Theater drew packed crowds anxious to dissect the logistics of the half-cent sales tax. Proponents emphasize that a sales tax model shields local property owners by shifting a heavy portion of the funding burden onto out-of-town visitors who shop along Scottsbluff's primary commercial corridor. The committee also went to great lengths to clarify that the new indoor facility is meant to complement, not replace, the popular outdoor Westmoor Pool.

Despite these assurances, a determined contingent of voters remains unconvinced. Critics argue that municipal entertainment projects frequently transform into long-term taxpayer liabilities and that public resources would be better spent fostering high-paying job growth.

As the community weighs the clear financial premiums against the promise of a year-round regional asset, the future of the Kmart site rests entirely in the hands of the voters.

PROPOSITION ONE

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Voter Guides are available online https://www.ballotready.org/us/ne-scotts-bluff-county

"Shall the City Council of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, impose a local sales and use tax in the amount of one-half percent upon the same transactions within the City on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, for the purpose of financing the construction, acquisition, and equipping of a municipal aquatic center and senior center facility?"



Who has a key to your building right now? Current staff? Former staff? Someone who left two years ago?

No more handing out keys, no more rekeying every time someone leaves — you control who gets in, and you can change that without changing the lock.

Call or message Chadron Lock!

THE SUNDAY SCANNER
WWW.PANHANDLESCANNER.COM

SCANNER TRAFFIC & MORE

OUR REACH THIS WEEK

Panhandle Scanner Facebook
82,622 Followers
1.6 Million Views
133,605 Unique Viewers

Digging Deeper News Page
24,935 Unique Readers

Podcasts & Streaming
2,221 Unique Listeners

Advertising; Call or Text 941-942-4361

advertising

THE SUNDAY SCANNER

PRICING PER WEEKLY ISSUE

1/12 PAGE	$100.00
1/6 PAGE	$150.00
1/3 PAGE	$250.00

20% DISCOUNT FOR ANNUAL SPONSORS
50% DISCOUNT FOR EXCLUSIVE SPONSORS

Digging Deeper, Panhandle Scanner, Scanner FM and The Sunday Scanner are produced by
Hale Multimedia LLC
www.halemultimedia.com

BRIAN HALE - OWNER / EDITOR
RAUL FERNANDEZ - GENERAL MANAGER
ANDI HALE - PUBLISHER / OFFICE MGR
TIMOTHY MENDEZ - PRIMARY ADMIN
NATE BAYLESS - SE WYOMING ADMIN
BRAYDEN HALE - ASSISTANT EDITOR
ARIANNA HALE - GRAPHICS ARTIST
KENZEY RAMIREZ - CONTRIBUTOR
BRIDGET LEHMAN - CONTRIBUTOR
CODY MARTIN - CONTRIBUTOR
BRILEY DARLEY - CONTRIBUTOR
ADYN FLORES - CONTRIBUTOR

What is Scanner Traffic?

Scanner Traffic is unmistakenly different than your regular everyday newscast. Most news organizations will typically wait to hear from 'officials' on scene for the story before reporting anything to the public.

In some breaking news situations, reporters are able to see the situation at hand and report on it without official input, but they typically will not publish or broadcast anything until they know it's the approved story.

When breaking news happens, there is always an RP, or reporting party. They are the ones who initiate the response by officials by calling 911 to report something. This is where Scanner Traffic begins.

These initial 911 calls contain unverified information and need further investigation. Dispatchers then relay this information over public radio frequencies to the appropriate officials, so that they can respond and investigate further. That is what is referred to Scanner Traffic.

Scanner Traffic is provided by Hale Multimedia LLC, Streaming by Broadcastify

In Other Scanner Traffic...

Listen to Scanner Traffic - www.panhandlescanner.com/listen

Male Bleeding From Groin - Oct 18
(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) -- Scanner traffic indicated officers out with a male bleeding at Essential Fuels on East Overland in Scottsbluff Sunday night.

Man Stumbling on Hwy - Oct 19
(HARRISBURG, Neb.) -- Scanner traffic reported indicated a male in a light blue hoodie stumbling around on the highway. He's heading north in the northbound lane on Hwy 71 approx mm 34.

Trooper 10-6 (Testing) - Oct 20
(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) -- Scanner traffic indicated a Trooper on Hwy 71 near the Ace Hardware who is 10-6 (testing) and called for a 2nd unit (routine) from Kimball County Sheriff's Office.

Possible Injury Accident - Oct 18
(SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb.) -- Scanner traffic indicated an injury accident on E 24th and 3rd Ave. Medical has been requested, again after the initial refusal.

CPR In Progress - Oct 19
(HENRY, Neb.) – Scanner traffic indicated there was a medical situation with CPR in progress in Henry. Unfortunately further scanner traffic indicated a visit by the County Coroner.

Possible Shots Fired - Oct 22
(BAYARD, Neb.) -- Scanner traffic indicated possible gunshots fired on the west side of Bayard. Residents were advised to stay inside and tuned for further updates as details develop.

Scanner Traffic reports are ever-evolving and seldom tell the final story.
We report what comes across traffic verbatim whenever possible.