

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

KCOW-AM/FM Alliance, NE
KAAQ-FM Chadron, NE
KQSK-FM Alliance, NE
KCNB-AM Chadron, NE

3rd Quarter
July 1, 2023- Sept 30

Description of Programing

News Stories that aired on KCOW-AM/FM, KAAQ-FM, KQSK-FM & KCNB-FM over the course of the 3rd quarter.

- July 1, 2023

Kearney, NE - An Alliance native and University of Nebraska Kearney student recently earned a 1st place award at a National Leadership Conference. Courtney Cox of Alliance was one of eight UNK students who earned ten awards at the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference from, June 22-25 in Atlanta Georgia. Courtney won the first place award in the Foundations of Finance category and the Alliance native also took Fourth place in the Finance Case Competition.

The annual conference gives FBLA members from colleges and universities across the country an opportunity to network, attend leadership workshops and compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills. The top 10 performers in each event were recognized June 25 during the Awards of Excellence Ceremony.

- July 6, 2023

Scottsbluff, NE - The Nebraska Department of Transportation announced projects to done in the Nebraska Panhandle through 2028 and 2029 recently. The Star Herald reported on Wednesday that there was a 40.9 million dollar project for District 5 that includes 11 counties in the panhandle.

That project will be working to resurface 9.1 miles of Nebraska Highway 71, north of Scottsbluff in Sioux County. Another project will be south of Watson Ranch and will run toward Box Butte County. More details about the NDOT projects can be found in their Surface Transportation Program book.

- July 14, 2023

Alliance NE - A Nebraska man rode his bike over 100 miles on Thursday and stopped in Alliance. Robb Finegan is an ultra-gravel cyclist originally from Alliance who now resides in Lincoln this week, and his website joypoweradventures.com follows his biking exploits. From Monday to Friday, Finegan has rode over 800 miles over the last five days. Finegan's says that on he is going through Crawford and will end up on the South Dakota border on Friday.

Finegan's cycling is a part of project called the Great Plains Gravel Route Nebraska Project where his journey is being documented by Three Pillars Media documenting the whole experience. The video will showcase the diverse landscape that Nebraska has to offer. For more info on Finnegan's journey, visit his website at <https://www.joypoweradventures.com/>

- July 21, 2023

AllianceThe Alliance Police Department has focused their efforts in the last couple of years on lowering the crime rate in town and Police Chief Phil Lukens says that the evidence and numbers point to that happening.

Lukens says that when he was hired in December of 2020, in March of 2021 there was an article that Alliance was in the Top 10 Worst Cities to live in State of Nebraska, and Lukens explains what the Alliance Police Department has done and what the results have shown. "In our Strategic Plan, we have worked very hard at implementing a lot of programs, working with the community and really having a dialog together," Lukens said. "At the end of the day, this last march 2023 Alliance was rated in the top ten safest cities to live in Nebraska."

Lukens says that with the current rate of improvement, he envisions Alliance being the safest city in Nebraska at some point in the near future. Looking at the numbers, overall crime in Alliance was down 31% in 2022 compared to 2021, and 2023 could be a record low year if trends stay the same. Currently there have been 100 crimes against people this year in Alliance compared to 226 in 2022. To look at the full statistics, go to cityofalliance.net and click on departments and Police.

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- Aug 8, 2023

Heminford, NE - On Tuesday, WESTCO announced that with their partnership with the Land O' Lakes Foundation, they contributed \$10,000 to the Hemingford Food Pantry.

The release states that the contribution was made possible by the Land O' Lakes Foundation's Member Coop Match Program, Feeding Our Communities, which focuses specifically on helping alleviate hunger in rural America.

Land O'Lakes Foundation Executive Director Morgan Kinross-Wright says that the foundation aims to improve the quality of life in their local communities and that matching donations by member cooperatives is a way to do that.

The Member Co-op Match Program matches dollar-for-dollar the cash donation of member cooperatives, thus doubling the funds available for hometown projects and programs.

WESTCO General Manager David Briggs added, "WESTCO is grateful for the opportunity to partner with Land O' Lakes once again in supporting our local food pantries. The Hemingford Food Pantry continues to provide an important service to Hemingford and the surrounding area."

- Aug 12, 2023

Alliance, NE - A man is lucky to be alive after his truck and trailer struck a train in Box Butte County on Friday afternoon.

Authorities say the incident happened a 4:14 p.m. Friday when a man driving a white pick up truck and trailer was going over Madison westbound and struck the train.

No details have emerged about what caused the accident, but law enforcement officials say the man is fortunate to not have any injuries, though the truck did sustain some damages.

Nebraska State Patrol and the Box Butte County Sheriff's Office were on scene and were assisted by the Alliance Police Department.

- Aug 21, 2023

Alliance, NE - PPHD announced their their first West Nile Virus death for the 2023 season.

The name of the deceased individual has not been released, but the PPHD said in a statement that since 2002, there have been 101 reported deaths in Nebraska according to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS).

Melissa Haas, Environmental Health Coordinator with PPHD says that there are certain precautions people should take.

“As school is back in session, we know people are excited for activities like football, but please be mindful that mosquitoes primarily feed at dawn and dusk so as Panhandle residents go to support their favorites athletes, it is particularly important to take important precautions.” Haas said. "Put on bug spray until it freezes for the first time.”

- Suervisor
- Superviso

Alliance, NE - Box Butte County Sheriff Tammy Mowry's last official day is coming up on Thursday, August 31st.

Mowry announced her retirement to Panhandle Post at the beginning of August after serving in the position since 2007.

Last week, J.D Sutphen was appointed interim sheriff as Box Butte County is currently accepting applications for sheriff. The deadline to submit applications are Sept. 27.

- Aug 23, 2023

Chadron, NE - A Wyoming man was arrested following a pursuit in Dawes County on Monday night. The Nebraska State patrol were informed that Fall River County Sheriff's Deputies were pursuing a vehicle traveling South towards Nebraska on Highway 385 at 8:40 p.m. MT.

Troopers responded to an area in Northern Dawes County where they spotted the Motorcycle riding at 98 miles per hour on highway 385 North of Chadron.

Troopers started to pursuit the vehicle after it failed to stop as it crossed 20 west of Chadron. Troopers were able to stop the rider when he reached a fence line and turn around, and as he was able to stop the motorcycle.

31 year-old Gerald Hobbs of Cheyenne was arrested after authorities found controlled substances, and a concealed weapon in his backpack.

- Aug 31, 2023

Alliance, NE -The City of Alliance announced on Thursday that Phillip Lukens has submitted his resignation as Police Chief of Alliance.

Lukens has held the position since Dec. 2020, and his resignation is effective beginning Sept. 15, 2023.

Lieutenant Kirk Felker has been appointed Interim Police Chief while the city completes their search for a new Chief.

Alliance City Manager Seth Sorensen issued a statement on Luken's resignation stating: "On behalf of the City of Alliance, we wish Chief Lukens the very best in his future endeavors."

As of this release, no reason for Lukens's resignation has been made known to the public and he has not issued a statement on his resignation at this time.

- Sept 6, 2023

Terrytown, NE Terrytown native was arrested on Tuesday night after striking a man at Short Stop on 2002 Ave I. Scottsbluff Police arrived on scene at 7:20 pm where they found a 1992 green Honda Goldwing lying on its side and a 2005 green Ford Freestyle parked on a gas pump.

An investigation by Scottsbluff Police determined that the Ford Freestyle driven by 62-year Renee Mueller Fieck, continued backing in a circle when she struck 49-year-old Brent Kreiling, a pedestrian from Terrytown who was standing next to the Honda Goldwing.

Kreiling was transported to Regional West Medical Center by Valley Ambulance for treatment of his injuries. Fieck was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, Disorderly Conduct, and No Operators License.

The Scottsbluff Police Department was assisted by The Scottsbluff Fire Department, Valley Ambulance, and the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office.

SEVERE WEATHER updates – All 5 radio stations interrupted regular programing multiple times over the quarter to give updates on Severe Weather that was impacting the area. Counties included are: Box Butte, Dawes, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux, and Morrill.

Open Mic - Open Mic is a talk show about opinions and local stories that airs every weekday from 10 a.m to 11 a.m