

# 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

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

July, 10, 2023

Scottsbluff, NE - There was severe weather in the Nebraska Panhandle on Saturday afternoon that included up to golf sized hail in some areas. Damage included destroyed crops, trees and plants just northeast of Sidney, along with power outages in Chappelle. There were also reports of a rollover accident on Highway 26 east of Minatare.

Hail on the road and dense fog was reported at the time of the accident and there were also flood waters were also seen over county roads near Redington and in Bayard in Morrill County. The severe weather was mostly between 3 and 5 pm on Saturday.

Scottsbluff 6, 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 with 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 13, 2023

Alliance, NE – The Central Park Fountain will be off for minor repairs starting this Friday, July 14th. Repairs are anticipated to be complete by Saturday, July 15th. Thank you for your understanding as we complete repairs on this historic icon of our community. For more information, please contact the Knight Museum at (308) 762-2384.

- 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](http://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 26, 2023

Alliance, NE - The City of Alliance experienced a power outage around 7:10 am Wednesday morning. City Electric Superintendent Kirby Bridge tells Panhandlepost News...The power outage was due to an auto accident, with two poles being hit and knocked down near the intersection of 3rd and Black Hills, resulting in a thrown switch. Power has now been restored to most customers and crews will be working to reestablish the affected poles throughout the day. The outage lasted approximately 40 minutes.

- July 31, 2023

Chadron, NE - The Chadron Police Department asks all businesses and citizens to be on the look out for what the Police Department refers to "Motion Picture Money" or "Copy Money." Chadron Police Chief Richard Hickstein says that the money looks real enough but that they have received dollar bills that have the fake money on the currency. Hickstein advises that if you come across the motion picture money or copy money in your transactions, please contact the Chadron Police Department at their Communications Center at 308-432-0510.

- Aug 11, 2023

Chadron, NE - Starting today (Tuesday), the intersection of East Niobrara Ave and North Main Street in Chadron will be closed. The closure begins at 2:30 p.m until 5:30 a.m on Wednesday. The closure is for street maintenance and there will be a detour is available through the parking lot at the Steadman's vet clinic.

- Aug 8, 2023

Hemingford, 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. 13, 2023

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 16, 2023

Alliance, NE - Box Butte County would like to remind residents that the second half of personal property taxes and real estate taxes are due at the end this month on Aug. 31.

To not be hit with delinquent interest charges, property tax bills must be paid on Aug 31.

Tax receipts can be mailed to the Treasurer's Office at PO Box 655, Alliance NE.

Another option is to visit : [www.nebraskataxesonline.us](http://www.nebraskataxesonline.us) on or before Aug. 31, 2023. Residents can also use the Dropbox on 6th St by the ally between Laramie and Box Butte Avenues. The Treasurer's Office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., for more information contact the Box Butte Treasurer's Office at (308) 762-6975

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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 05, 2023

LINCOLN, NE, The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy have issued a smoke advisory for western Nebraska.

Issued for: Tuesday, Sept. 5, through Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023

Affected Area: Western Nebraska. air Quality Index: Moderate to Unhealthy Air Quality Index (AQI)

Potential Air Quality Impacts from Wildfires, smoke associated with Canadian wildfires may affect the air quality in Nebraska.

- Sept 05, 2023

Alliance, NE – The City of Alliance has started routine maintenance on Elkhorn Tower requiring that it be drained for cleaning and painting in accordance with State Law.

The storage capacity of this facility is 750,000 gallons and represents a substantial portion of the city's water storage capacity. We ask that during the month of September users conserve water to assist with uninterrupted water supply until work is complete.

For more information, please contact the Public Works offices at (308) 762-1907.

**SEVERE WEATHER updates – All 5 radio stations interrupted regular programming 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**