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PIONEERS TO HOST FRONT RANGE LEAGUE ALL-STAR SPECTACULAR

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GERING, NE – The Western Nebraska Pioneers today announced that Gering will host the 2025 Front Range League All-Star Spectacular at Oregon Trail Park Stadium. The two-day event is scheduled for July 7 and 8 and is presented by Arrowhead Distributing.

Day one of the Spectacular will feature an exhibition game between the Pioneers and the Nebraska Army National Guard All-Stars, a seven-inning game. Following the game will be the Front Range League Home Run Derby, featuring one player from each FRL team. The winner of the Home Run Derby will receive a \$500 scholarship check, courtesy of Michael Engelhaupt Allstate Insurance.

Day two starts with the All-Star Luncheon at the Gering Civic Center, with a keynote speaker to be announced. At 6:35 p.m., the Front Range All-Star Game features two teams made up of players selected by FRL coaches. Players for the two teams will be selected by FRL coaches, along with college and professional scouts who will attend the game. The game will be followed by a fireworks show from Allred Brothers, presented by Culver's Restaurants.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring the first Front Range League All-Star Game to Western Nebraska," Pioneers owner Chuck Heeman said. "As we formed the FRL, there were a lot of elements all the team owners wanted to include, and the All-Star event was high on the list. Our goal is to highlight the best players in the league, host college and pro scouts at the event, and advance our players in their careers. Of course, as the Pioneers, we also want to put on a show our fans and stakeholders expect. This will be a whirlwind two-day event and a great thing to bring to our communities."

The FRL All-Star Spectacular wraps up a five-day holiday weekend Baseball Festival, which kicks off July 4 when the Pioneers host the U.S. Military War Dogs traveling team. July 5 brings a double header with an exhibition featuring two teams from the Colorado Vintage Baseball organization, playing under rules from the 1860s. That exhibition will be followed by a Pioneers game against the Spradley Collegians. On July 6, the Pioneers will host the Collegians to wrap up the FRL league series.

"We're jamming a lot of baseball into the Fourth of July weekend," Heeman said. "We can't wait to put on a show for our communities and kick off the first year of the Front Range League with these events."

Tickets for all home games will go on sale on April 1, and all games are included in Pioneers season ticket packages. Season tickets are available now at www.wnpioneers.com or by calling the team at 308-633-2255.

The Pioneers and the Front Range League begin their inaugural season on May 29. For information on the Front Range League visit www.frontrangeleague.com and for more information on the Pioneers visit www.wnpioneers.com.

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