

**(Neb.)-Panhandle Couple Lose Home, Dog To Fire**

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SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - A Nebraska Panhandle couple have lost their home and dog to a fire.

Authorities say Vance and Barbara Siedenbug awoke to smoke and flames around 3:30 a.m. Saturday at their rural Scottsbluff house. They fled to a neighbor's house and called firefighters.

Assistant Fire Chief Paul Reisig of Scottsbluff Rural Fire Department says the house roof was already caving in when firetrucks arrived. Reisig says the total loss is estimated at \$450,000.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Mike Turner says the blaze was caused by an electrical problem.