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# Newsflash

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## STOCKS

<b>DOW</b>	↓	<b>NASDAQ</b>	↓
496.87 TO		159.669 TO	
24,100.51		6,910.66	

## WEATHER

<b>Today</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Chance Showers
High 55	High 49	High 50



### WALK-IN HOURS

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**7 AM - 5 PM**

**SATURDAY**

**8 AM-10 AM**

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

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344-4110

## JUST A REMINDER



**SANTA BUCKS EXPIRE**

**DECEMBER 24TH.**

IF YOU RECEIVED A CALL YOU HAVE 48 HOURS TO PICK THEM UP AT THE STATION.



## 2019 LEGISLATIVE SEASON

The opening of the 2019 legislative session is a few weeks away and lawmakers are gearing up to address key issues. Three state senators spoke at a legislative kickoff event in Grand Island last week: Curt Friesen who represents Aurora and Central City, Dan Quick of Grand Island and John Lowe of Kearney. Senator Friesen, who serves on the Revenue Committee, says sometimes even the smallest issues can spark a big debate. "I remember the first year I was there, we spent I don't know how long, it was a full-fledged filibuster on raising the cost of a marriage license," Friesen says. "I think in the end, we raised it five bucks but we spent hours on it. We did learn the rules and it's going to be interesting again." Senator Quick, who is on the General Affairs Committee, says substance abuse is a big concern in Nebraska and he thinks the state can handle it better, especially opioids

## CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

A campaign is underway to get the legalization of medical marijuana on the 2020 Nebraska ballot. Lincoln State Senators Anna Wishart and Adam Morfeld filed the initial paperwork Thursday. Senator Morfeld says this paves the way for the formation of a ballot committee that will work with national organizations to conduct public opinion research and come back with language and submit for filing in the 2020 election. The issue of recreational marijuana use was also addressed. Senator Morfeld says, "That is certainly a possibility but right now our focus is on definitely making sure medical marijuana is legalized. Depending on what we hear from Nebraskans. What we hear from polling. Depending on what we hear from the steering committee, it could be broader." Senator Morfeld says the legislature isn't getting the ball rolling on this issue so he and Senator Wishart will. He says, "We are doing this because the legislature has failed to take action despite the fact that medical marijuana, in particular, has the broad support of Nebraskans. If the legislature won't do what they should do then we are going to take it to the ballot." Senator Morfeld says this will not only provide medical relief to hundreds of Nebraskans who are traveling to other states for medical marijuana, it will also help the state's bank account.

## BUSIEST PLACE IN TOWN

Post offices in Nebraska are the busiest places in town. Stacy Hopwood is with the U.S. Postal Service in Omaha and says things are going very smooth this holiday season and there have been no delays in handling the increased volume. She says they start preparing for the holiday season in July and hire extra people who are needed to handle package delivery alone. Hopwood says we have consistently experienced about a 10% increase in our e-commerce deliveries, which is your package deliveries, people shopping online. That has been consistent for over five years." The Omaha Postal Service Distribution Center is processing about 200,000 packages each day and that is expected to increase as the December 25th deadline nears. Hopwood says the have a new sorting machine that allows them to process nearly 6,500 pieces of mail per-hour. They also hired about 70 seasonal employees to help with the extra volume and for some that will turn into permanent positions. December 20th is the deadline for 1st Class packages, Christmas cards and for priority mail. The Postal Service also started Sunday deliveries this past weekend.



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DEC. 24 @ 7:15  
PM VS  
OAKLAND**



**DAVE RAMSEY  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
6 A.M.-9 A.M.**



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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

There are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder.  
**Ronald Reagan**

## SPORTS

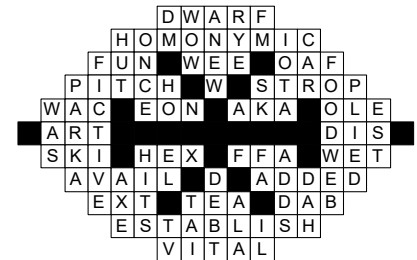
The McCook Bison basketball teams picked up a couple of road wins on Saturday in Holdrege. The Lady Bison won their second game of the season, picking up a 44-38 win in the opener. Mackenzie Smith led the MHS girls with 16 points. The Bison boys held on for a 45-42 win in the nightcap. James Mockry led the 3-3 Bison with 16 points. Both McCook teams host Broken Bow on Thursday, then travel to Valentine on Friday. The Bison wrestlers finished seventh at the Valentine Invite on Saturday. Alec Langan and Colin Giron were runners-up at 182 and 220 pounds. The Bison wrestlers will travel to Ogallala on Thursday for duals against the Indians and Sidney.

It was another five-set thriller at Target Center Saturday night, as the Husker Volleyball team fell just short, losing to Stanford 3-2. Nebraska dropped a very tight first set, 28-26, and then tied up the match, winning 25-22 in set two. The first two sets were close throughout, but not the next two. In set 3, Stanford jumped out to an early 5-point lead, and later rattled off another 7 unanswered points, going away winning 25-16. Then the Huskers fought back in set 4 to hand the Cardinal its worst loss of the season, 25-15. In set 5, a controversial call was reversed, as ball that looked clearly out, was ruled in and put Stanford at match point 14-11, eventually winning 15-12. According to Coach John Cook "I've had more fun coaching this year, more satisfaction, more enjoyment because of where we started, all the mountains we had to climb, and we get to this and play as competitive a match against a great Stanford team, they've already won a national championship, all these players.

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### ACROSS

- 1 Large van
- 4 Droops
- 8 What a hockey player hits
- 12 Radioactive chemical element
- 14 Winter precipitation
- 15 365 days
- 16 Dealing with marriage
- 18 Belongs to us
- 19 Bitty
- 20 Ill-being
- 22 North of downtown
- 25 Kudos
- 27 Small licorice treats
- 29 Realm
- 30 Apple type
- 33 Compass point
- 35 Part of a semester
- 36 Wields
- 37 Marry
- 39 Empty \_\_\_
- 42 Belted
- 46 Digital audio tape
- 47 Part of a min.
- 49 Scrape down
- 50 Small tree
- 53 Land measurement
- 54 Captain (abbr.)
- 55 Liberal Buddhism branch
- 57 Helen of \_\_\_
- 58 Stolen goods
- 59 Lysergic acid diethylamide

### DOWN

- 1 Bog
- 2 Sap (2 wds.)
- 3 Found
- 4 Street (abbr.)
- 5 Aspire
- 6 Bite
- 7 Dried up
- 8 Pressure unit
- 9 Not cognizant
- 10 Dyer
- 11 Kilowatt (abbr.)
- 13 Pyromaniac
- 17 Ball holder
- 21 Cheese
- 23 Madison locale
- 24 North by west
- 26 Flume
- 28 Compass point
- 30 Support
- 31 Drive (3 wds.)
- 32 German Secret Police
- 34 Hairpiece
- 38 Roman six
- 40 Escudo
- 41 Cleans a hole
- 43 Decorative picture printed on sticky, glossy paper
- 44 Merits
- 45 Fear
- 48 Animal stomach
- 51 Pigpen
- 52 Expression of surprise
- 54 Hartford's st.
- 56 Silver (abbr.)