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## "FUNDAMENTALS OF DESIGN THROUGH ART"

This is the final week of the "Fundamentals of Design through Art," exhibit at the Wrigtstone Fine Arts Gallery on the McCook Community College campus. This is an exhibit on loan from the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA) in Kearney. That exhibit continues through Friday. MCC art students in the "Fundamentals of Design Through Art" class, for the secondary level of Family and Consumer Science, will be exposed to general elements and principles of design including: line, color, texture, balance, emphasis, and rhythm. MCC Art Instructor Rick Johnson said this exhibit gives MCC students the opportunity to analyze career paths within the housing, interiors, and furnishing industry; to evaluate housing design concepts in relation to available resources and options; and to apply the principles and elements of design. He also hopes this exhibit will help those who see this exhibit analyze the psychological impact that the principles and elements of design have on the individual as well as for aesthetics and function. This exhibition was structured for MCC students; it and all showings - is open to the public and free of charge. The Wrightstone Gallery is open from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m Monday through Friday and Tuesdays and Thursdays until 9:30 p.m. In February, the gallery gives way to the McCook High School Showcase featuring a selection of works from the MHS art department. The show runs Feb. $4-22$ with an opening reception to be announced.

## FORTH CASE CONFIRMED

A fourth confirmed case of acute flaccid myelitis (AFM), a condition that causes muscle weakness, was reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The child is from northeastern Nebraska and is currently hospitalized. There have been three other confirmed AFM cases in Nebraska. One additional reported case is undergoing further testing and expert review at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). DHHS will be updating state-specific case information as it becomes available at www.dhhs.ne.gov/AFM. DHHS has shared information on recognizing, managing and reporting potential cases of AFM with health care providers and local health departments across Nebraska. There is nationwide focus on AFM and state and local health departments are working with federal partners to help find answers.

## NEBRASKA'S NEXT STATE POET

An Omaha man has been chosen as Nebraska's next State Poet. Matt Mason was chosen through a selection process led by the Ne braska Arts Council, Humanities Nebraska and the Nebraska Library Commission. Those agencies presented finalists for the honor to Gov. Pete Ricketts, who announced the new state poet Wednesday. Mason is executive director of the Nebraska Writers Collective, through which he has run the Louder than a Bomb: Great Plains youth poetry festival each year since 2011. He also won a Pushcart Prize and two Nebraska Book Awards for his own work. He represented Nebraska as a member of six teams at the Nebraska Poetry Slam. Ricketts says Mason "will help celebrate Nebraska and bring our state together around our shared love of the Good Life." For information about hosting the state poet with the Nebraska Arts Council's "Presenting the State Poet" grants, visit artscouncil.nebraska.gov or contact the office at (402) 595-2122.

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## INTERESTING FACT

Nikola Tesla on Thomas
Edison: "He had no hobby, cared for no amusement of any kind and lived in utter disregard of the most elementary rules of hygiene."

## SPORTS

McCook Community College sophomore transfer JR Maldonado was recently named to the "Perfect Game" Top 300 Junior College Prospect for the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft. JR Maldonado "Perfect Game" or PG is an organization promoting baseball by hosting amateur events and providing opportunities and information to players, families, MLB organizations, college coaches, and fans. Maldonado, 6-3, 205 pounds, who bats and throws right, was the only player in Region 9 to make the list. He plays first base. Last year as a freshman at Luna Community College in Las Vegas, New Mexico, Maldonado played in 52 games batting .364 in 203 plate appearances. He led the Rough Riders with 11 home runs and 46 RBIs. He had a .433 on-base average and a . 612 slugging percentage. Luna is located in Region 5 and also plays Division 1 baseball like MCC. The PG database and scouting reports, as well as the PG player rankings, have been proven to be a valuable resource for all college coaches and MLB scouts.

McCook Community College Softball team will open the season in Texas for the third straight year, taking on Western Texas College Friday in a doubleheader at Snyder Texas starting at 11 a.m. and moving on to Vernon Saturday to take on Vernon College. The Lady Indians are coming off a 29-25 season in 2018, good for fifth place in Region IX but a championship in the Nebraska Community College Athletic Conference. "We're looking to make a big step up in our overall competitiveness within our region as well as nationally," MCC Softball Josh Barnes said. "Every year, our goal is to create better human beings, who positively impact those around them. This group of 10 sophomores and 11 freshmen are definitely high character individuals."



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1 Governor
4 Doctoral degree
7 Off-Broadway award
9 Curdle
10 Corner
11 Truss (2 wds.)
13 Measuring device
15 Mutt
17 Cop car topper
20 Canal
21 Cooped
23 Former magistrate of Ven-
ice
24 Lean
25 Struts
27 Irony
28 Judicious
30 Assumes the prayer position
32 North northwest
33 Advertisements
34 Real
37 Tastes of
40 Pride
412 or more troops
43 Expression of surprise
45 Nails
47 Handles
48 Cain killed him
49 Hauls
51 Seagull
52 Coarse
53 Cubic decimeter
55 Electronic mail
57 Studied
58 Challenge
59 Licensed practical nurse
60 Affirmative

1 Overcharge
2 Double-reed instrument
3 Seven
4 Luau dish
5 Tints
6 Celtic priest
8 Put into a container
9 Newly washed window blemish
10 Clever remarks
12 Skulk
13 Comprehend
14 Opera solo
16 Good grief!
18 Aegis
19 Web
21 Narrow walk over stage or arena
22 Electrical generators
25 Sunrise
26 Automobile
29 Explosive
31 Escudo
34 Seaweed substance
35 Programming language
36 Cut open
37 Wept
38 Capital of Afghanistan
39 Slough
40 Finish
42 Also
44 Brew
46 Eddy
48 Sign of the zodiac
50 Tier
52 Feel concern
54 Bolted
56 Can


