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## STRONG THUNDERSTORMS LAST NIGHT

Strong thunderstorms produced funnel clouds in parts of Hays and Hitchcock counties last night. The storms moved south-southeast through a number of counties in the area. Rain amounts of 1-2 inches fell west of McCook. The McCook area received .60 rainfall. There is a chance of more showers and thunderstorms tonight into tomorrow morning. The forecast is calling for dry conditions the rest of the Labor Day weekend.

## HIGHEST LODGING TAX OF ALL TIME

Nebraska Tourism ended the 2018-2019 fiscal year with the highest lodging tax collection of all time. The total collection from July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019 \$5,922,077, a growth rate of 4.09 percent from the previous fiscal year. The one percent lodging tax that funds Nebraska Tourism is just the tip of the iceberg when describing the economic impact of tourism in Nebraska. For example, June's \$886,725 statewide lodging tax receipt is the largest monthly amount collected ever, which translates into \$88.7 million in revenue for paid accommodations across the state. Further, because lodging is only about 20 percent of total visitor spending, according to Dean Runyan Associates, tourism's total contribution to the Nebraska economy in June was about \$443.4 million.

Much of the success of the Mid-Plains Community College Rodeo Team can be traced back to the Kiplinger Arena complex in McCook. That's according to Garrett Nokes, the team's timed event coach, who said not only has the Kiplinger been a tremendous asset in terms of a practice facility, but it has also served as a valuable recruitment and fundraising tool. The complex, located near the intersection of highways 6 and 83, is a division of the Red Willow County Fairgrounds. It has served as the headquarters for MPCC's timed event competitors for the past four years. "We are just starting our sixth year of college rodeo in McCook," said Nokes. "We used the Kiplinger periodically to begin with - renting it when needed, but there was no formal agreement with the fairgrounds. As our relationship grew, the fair board agreed to let us start building a boarding facility at the west end of the fair-

## MPCC RODEO SUCCESS





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







# **STOCKS**

DOW 326.15 TO 26.362.25

NASDAQ 1 116.512 TO 7,973.39

## **WEATHER**

**TODAY** FRI SAT Cloudy Cloudy Sunny High High High 78 86



**WALK-IN HOURS** 

**MONDAY - FRIDAY** 7 AM - 5 PM

**SATURDAY** 

8 AM-10 AM NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

1401 EAST H STREET

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**McCook Humane Society** 

Society!



100 South Street Sat: 12-4











# **INTERESTING FACTS**

Pitbulls rank high among the most affectionate and least aggressive dogs. Pitbulls are only aggressive when forcibly trained as such; usu ally for illegal dog fighting.

### **SPORTS**

The McCook Lady Bison volleyball team dropped a four-set match at Lexington. The Lady Bison softball team traveled back to Hastings yesterday but lost both games to Omaha Skutt and Omaha Gross. The Bison football team will host Hastings tonight in their season opener. Pregame coverage on KICX starts at 6 p.m. Wauneta-Palisade travels to Hitchcock County on 103.9 The Hawk. Pregame coverage starts at 6:40- p.m. The Bison boys tennis team will travel to Kearney for their season-opening matches later today.

The McCook Community College golf team shot a 305 to open the 2019-2020 season Thursday and stand at second place after one day of the Central Wyoming Fall Invitational Tournament. The Indians trail Eastern Wyoming by 17 shots. The Lancers opened with an even-par round of 288 and posted the top three individual scores on the day. Lucas Howell leads the field with a five-under 67. "The weather was hot with mild wind and the course was in good shape," said MCC Golf Coach Tyler Loop. The Indians hold a 38-stroke cushion over third-place Laramie County Community College. Sophomore transfer Kyle Zimbelman (North Platte) posted the low Indian score on the day with a two-over 74. He is fourth in the individual standings. Chesney Tatman (North Platte) and KC Carlson (Delta, Colo.) are in a three-way tied for fifth place. Both shot a first-round 76. Sophomore Trevor Oberg (McCook) shot a 79, good for 11th place. Freshman Deniz Sari (Koblenz, Germany shot a 94.





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# TODAY'S PUZZLE



## HOME OF BISON SPORTS FOR 42 YEARS!

# **ACROSS**

- 1 Fill
- 6 Ignorant person
- Sun's name
- Compass point
- 12 Yank
- 14 Wiggly
- 16 National capital
- 19 Central processing unit
- 20 Large vehicle
- Fire remains
- 22 Basin
- 24 Wing
- 25 Winter sport
- 26 Pluto
- 27 Eat
- 30 Gross national product (abbr.)
- 33 Squad (TV show)
- What royalty sits on 34
- Wickerwork stuff
- 38 Root vegetable
- 39 Expression of surprise
- 41 Turf
- 42 Boastful talk
- 45 Deepness

- Tin (abbr.)
- Frozen pizza brand
- Pot
- 4 Matador's passes at

### bull

- 5 Radio band
- 6 Promissory note
- 7 Fluent
- 8 Western state
- 9 Add
- 10 Spongy
- Angers (2 wds.)
- Divide
- Greek "M" 15
- State of being
- Alaskan territory
- 19 **Bounder**
- 23 Direct
- 27 Bod
- 28 Not (prefix)
- 29 Truce
- 30 Give an award
- 31 Sodium (abbr.)
- 32 Posttraumatic stress disorder
- 35 Newspaper
- Foot extension
- 40 Skip
- 43 South Dakota
- 44 I see

