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## STOCKS

<b>DOW</b>	↑	<b>NASDAQ</b>	↓
142.21 TO		46.50 TO	
37,895.52		15,636.87	

## WEATHER

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>
Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Showers
High 58	High 57	High 50

## MPCC BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

The Mid-Plains Community College Board of Governors met for its regularly scheduled meeting in McCook last night. Cesilia Iniguez, outreach administrative assistant for the MPCC Imperial Campus, was introduced to the Board. The Board was also introduced to Terra Michaelis, MCC Learning Commons assistant. The Board was introduced to Miriam Voehl and Harmonie Rodgers, members of MCC's Phi Beta Lambda chapter. Member Ethan Brousseau was recognized but unable to attend the meeting. All three placed in the top five at the recent FBLA Collegiate State Leadership Conference in Kearney. Additionally, Brousseau was named to Who's Who in Nebraska FBLA-Collegiate, and the MCC chapter received the Gold Excellence award. The Board was introduced to members of the MCC women's basketball team. The team earned a share of the Nebraska Community College Athletic Conference championship, while finishing the 2023-24 season with a 17-15 overall record. Gemma Gruettner-Bacoul and Audra Vine were both selected to the Region IX's All-South Team while Gruettner-Bacoul also earned All-Defensive-Team honors and was named to the All-Tournament Team. Additionally, Gruettner-Bacoul, Vine and Suzan Sisman were named to the NCCAC All-Conference Team. Gruettner Bacoul was also named to the Omaha World-Herald's All-Midlands Junior College First Team and Vine was Honorable Mention. The Board approved the Medical Laboratory Technician program review as presented and the forwarding of the report to the Coordinating Commission for Post Secondary Education. The Board approved a five-year contract for Jenzabar Campus Marketplace software at a cost of \$248,653.41.



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**McCOOK CLINIC PC**

**WALK-IN HOURS**

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

**SATURDAY**  
8 AM-10 AM

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

1401 EAST H STREET  
344-4110

## NEW BILLS IN HOPES TO STRENGTHEN NEBRASKA

As time winds down for the 2024 session, Attorney General Mike Hilgers is pleased with the passage of new bills that strengthen protections for vulnerable Nebraskans who have been exploited. Hilgers says he's especially grateful to Sen. Bosn and Sen. Armendariz for successfully carrying the bills. He says as a result, his office will be better able to protect Nebraskans from financial exploitation and stand up for survivors of sex trafficking, abuse and assault. Senator Carolyn Bosn sponsored and prioritized LB934 which allows the Attorney General to impound or freeze stolen money or assets, increasing the likelihood that consumers are made whole. The bill also harmonizes Nebraska's two main consumer protection statutes and allows for consumer claims to be heard by juries. Senator Christy Armendariz sponsored LB1096 to combat the proliferation of child exploitation, human trafficking, and sexual assault content online, with the primary goal of standing up for survivors. The bill is a continuation of the ongoing partnership between the Legislature, the Attorney General, and the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force. The two bills were combined and the resulting priority bill, LB934, passed 46-0 on April 10. Governor Jim Pillen signed LB 934 into law on April 15. The bill took effect immediately because it had an emergency clause attached.

## RADIO JOB LINK

**LISTEN WEEKDAYS**  
8:05 AM  
12:45 PM  
**ON YOUR BISON SPORTS STATION**

**96.1 KICX**

**THE CLAY TRAVIS & BUCK SEXTON SHOW**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY 11-2**

## SOCIAL MEDIA STUDY WITH NEW MOMS

After Ciera Kirkpatrick had her first baby, she started seeing more posts from mom influencers on social media and quickly realized it was impacting her perception of her own abilities as a mom. Kirkpatrick, an assistant professor of advertising and public relations at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Journalism and Mass Communications, started connecting what she was feeling with a previous project she did on body image comparisons on social media. "When we're showing off our physical appearances on social media, we might use filters or crop certain things out of the image or have a certain angle of our body," Kirkpatrick said. "The same thing happens with motherhood, where we first make sure that our hair and makeup is done, and we move clutter out of the background." That connection led her to her most recent study, which was published in early March. The study focused on moms with at least one child aged three or younger to see how different portrayals of motherhood online made them feel about themselves. Before Kirkpatrick could start having new moms participate in the study, she had to collect a series of Instagram posts from both influencers and non-influencers. Some of the posts were idealized, meaning the moms had their hair done, were wearing makeup and had a clean house. The other posts were non-idealized and showed less curated images with captions discussing some of the hardships of motherhood. After she finalized the images, moms looked through them and were then asked how they felt about their own abilities as a parent.

**FRIDAY @ 6:40 vs. BALTIMORE ORIOLES**



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## JUST FOR FUN

**Riddle: What would you do if you broke a tooth while flossing?**

**Answer: Use tooth paste to glue it back together.**

## SPORTS

McCook Bison Varsity and Junior Varsity teams competed in the Ron Coleman Invitational at Heritage Hills Golf Course. There were 13 teams in the field and the varsity team finished second and the JV team finished 12th. York won the invite with a score of 307 and the Bison finished with a 318. Holdrege was third in the event with a score of 355. Reid Loop led the Bison individually with a runner up finish with a score of 75. Landon Kmoch was a top 5 finisher (5th place) with a score of 78. Cole Graham was a top 10 finisher (8th place) with a score of 81, and Kolton Koeter was a top 15 finisher (12th place) with a score of 84. Trenton Raile carded a 90. Jalen Collicott led the JV team with a score of 89. Other JV scores included Cruz McCarty 97, Cason Waugh 99, Kyson Barger 99, and Brody Anthony 99. "Beautiful weather conditions at Heritage Hills. Proud of how the guys played today. We showed that we can compete with the best in Class B. Reid Loop continues to show that he is one of the top individual players in the state. Landon Kmoch struggled a little on the front nine, but battled back and shot even par on the back. Super proud of this grit. Cole Graham once again takes home a medal. He is a couple holes away from being a top 3 finisher in the event. Kolton Koetter is still getting over an illness and I am so proud of how he finished his back nine with a score of 40." The Bison are competing in the Gothenburg Invite at Wild Horse today.

The Bison boys JV's were first at yesterday's Hitchcock County Track and Field Invite in Trenton. McCook scored 83 points, two better than Hitchcock County. Wauneta-Palisade won the girls division with 93 points. The Bison JV's were fifth with 44 points. The Chase County teams swept the team titles in their own invite yesterday in Imperial. Perkins County was runner-up in the girls division while Ogallala was second in the boys division. The North Platte St. Pat's boys and Elm Creek girls won the team titles at yesterday's Jim Mather Invite in Arapahoe. Cambridge was second in the girls and boys divisions. Arapahoe will host next week's RPAC Conference meet on Thursday.

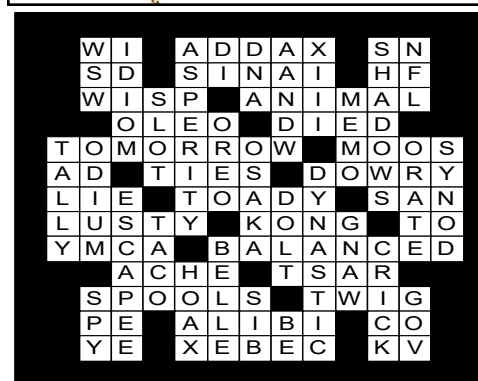
## Looking for L♥VE? Find it at the McCook Humane Society!



McCook Humane Society  
100 South Street, 345-2372  
Hours: M-F: 2-5, Sat: 12-4



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## TODAY'S PUZZLE

## HOME OF BISON SPORTS!



- ACROSS**
- Wood chopper
  - Brew
  - Pain unit
  - Makes a hole
  - Brand of non-stick spray
  - Fats
  - Sound of relief
  - Swelled
  - Wading bird
  - Eskimo home
  - Afloat
  - Visible light
  - Baby's dinner seat
  - Free of
  - Roberto's yes
  - Incorporated (abbr.)
  - Time period
  - Annex
  - Enact
  - Make lace
  - Superman's Ms. Lane
  - Trunk
  - Plant fiber used in ropes
  - Of arbitrators
  - Decay, like metal
  - Look
  - Sorbet
  - Scorch
  - Opens lock
  - Chief executive officer
  - Parch

- DOWN**
- Advertisements
  - Thirteen
  - Toasted chewy bread roll type (2 wds.)
  - Baboon
  - Careless
  - Type of reasoning
  - Prank
  - Margarine
  - Hallucinogen
  - Exclamation
  - One
  - Seaweed substance
  - Part of a min.
  - Unconcerned with documented history
  - Garden tool
  - Unwell
  - Picnic visitor
  - Gave out again
  - Internal Revenue Service
  - Morse code dash
  - Orient
  - Bow
  - Deceivers
  - Snip
  - Beech
  - Heed
  - Russian ruler
  - Request
  - Expert
  - Sign of the zodiac
  - Strive

