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In commemoration of Arbor Day 2024, Community Hospital proudly placed a chinkapin oak tree on its premises Tuesday, April 23, symbolizing a dedication to growth, resilience, and environmental consciousness. Embracing its role as a cornerstone of regional health, Community Hospital recognizes the profound impact of green spaces on fostering healing and well-being. The introduction of the oak tree underscores the hospital's steadfast commitment to sustainability and the preservation of nature for future generations. "We are delighted to receive this splendid chinkapin oak to our hospital grounds," remarked Troy Bruntz, Community Hospital President and CEO. "Beyond its provision of shade and natural beauty, this tree serves as a poignant reminder of our unwavering commitment to nurturing a healthier, greener space for our patients, staff, and community." The planting ceremony was attended by Community Hospital staff, and esteemed representatives from the City of McCook's Tree Advisory Board, which included Mayor Linda Taylor, who delivered a proclamation. Chrissy Land, Western Nebraska's Community Forest Specialist, provided invaluable insights into the importance of tree planting for sustainable practices. Common Scents Nursery and Greenhouse played a pivotal role in preparing the ground and facilitating the tree planting process. "Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the City of McCook's Tree Advisory Board, Mayor Linda Taylor, Chrissy Land, and Common Scents Nursery and Greenhouse for their essential contributions," added Bruntz.

LOOK UP AND LOOK OUT FOR POWER LINES

Nebraska Public Power District reminds large equipment operators to look up and look out for power lines, especially as farmers head back to the fields for planting season. When large equipment gets too close to a power line, electricity can arc to the equipment, leaving the equipment damaged with the potential to cause serious or fatal injuries to the operator. "It's important for farmers, and other large equipment operators, to identify where power lines travel along their land or the areas they are working, so they can maintain a safe distance with their equipment," says NPPD Vice President of Energy Delivery Scott Walz. "Taking the extra time to check your surroundings can help ensure someone doesn't accidentally unfold a tall piece of equipment under a power line or get too close to a line while they are working." If a vehicle or piece of equipment is in contact with a power line, call 911 or your local power provider and remain inside the vehicle until help can arrive and deenergize the power line. When a power line is touching a vehicle, it can electrify both the vehicle and the ground in the surrounding area. If a fire forces you to exit the vehicle, then do so by jumping away from the vehicle, landing on two feet, and shuffling as far away from the area as possible. NPPD encourages farmers to review the following safety precautions before entering the fields to begin harvest operations. Find more information on farm safety at NPPD.com.

DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING CAMPAIGN

Troopers with the Nebraska State Patrol removed 18 impaired drivers from the road during a weekend campaign focused on drunk and drugged driving. One of the arrests was for driving under the influence of drugs. "Impaired driving can take multiple forms," said Colonel John Bolduc, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. "Every time you get behind the wheel, you should be sober. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs endangers yourself and everyone else on the road." The effort, which ran from Friday, April 19, through Sunday, April 21, coincided with a national campaign organized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In addition to the 18 arrests for driving under the influence, troopers also cited drivers for speeding (286), driving under suspension (26), minor in possession (5), open alcohol container (14), no seat belt (9), and improper child restraint (7). Troopers also assisted 78 motorists in need of help over the weekend. "As the summer travel season approaches, now is the time to get into the safe driving mindset," said Colonel Bolduc. "Make your mind up now that you'll always have a plan for a sober driver after summer parties, community events, and family gatherings." This effort was made possible thanks in part to a grant from the Nebraska Department of Transportation - Highway Safety Office.





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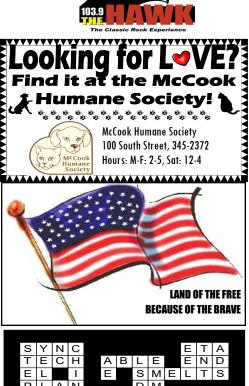




SPORTS

The McCook Bison Boys golf team won the Hastings St. Cecilia Invite at Southern Hills Golf Course yesterday. The Bison came away with the victory with a 🖡 team score of 320. Adams Central and Grand Island Central Catholic tied for second with teams scoring 331. Landon Kmoch led the Bison with a tie for 2nd 🖡 finish scoring a 77. Bison also brought home two more medals with Reid Loop 5th carding a 78, and Kolton Koetter 7th with an 80. Other Bison scores were Cole Graham scoring an 85 and Trenton Raile scoring a 93. Bison coach Ben 🕻 Vetrovsky said it was really nice to come away with a team victory at the St. Cecilia Invite. He said the number one goal for the day is for the players to play the district site, and to play well is awesome to see. This should give us some confidence leading into the last few weeks of the season.

The McCook Community College baseball team shutout Hastings College JV Wednesday 12-0. Sophomore Jackson Finder picked up his first collegiate win pitching four scoreless innings, and MCC took advantage of five Bronco errors and 11 free passes to take the game in seven innings. "I thought Jackson really went out and set the tone for us today," said MCC Coach Jon Olsen. "He threw really well the first four innings and allowed us to build a lead, we pitched really well today." The Indians go to 25-20 on the season and have a short turnaround Thursday with their seventh and eighth game in six days. Weather has changed the weekend Region IX series against Western Nebraska. The doubleheader in Scottsbluff was moved up from Friday and the two teams will begin the series Thursday at 2 p.m. (CT). The McCook Community College softball team closed out the regular season Wednesday on the road and lost two games to Central Community College. The Raiders won 4-0 and 6 -3. Central kept MCC bats cold with just two baserunners in a 4-0 shutout. CCC goes to 20-13 and 4-4 in the Nebraska Community College Athletic Conference. MCC falls to 33-19 and finishes at 2-6 in the NCCAC. The doubleheader scheduled for Sunday in Colby was cancelled. The next action for Lady Indians will be as one of four Region IX teams that qualified for the post-season tournament, gaining the No. 3 seed. MCC will travel to La Junta, Colo. to take on second seed Otero Junior College in a three-game series starting May 4.





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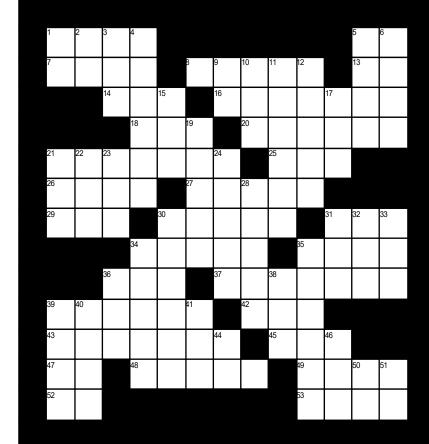
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