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STOCKS

DOW	↓	NASDAQ	↓
375.12 TO		100.99 TO	
38,085.80		15,611.76	

WEATHER

TODAY	SAT	SUN
Showers Likely	Showers Likely	Showers Likely
High 68	High 70	High 62

MORE RAIN IN THE FORECAST

The High Plains Radio listening area received some much-needed rainfall last night and this morning. Reports of two inches or more came from listeners in Red Willow, Furnas, Frontier and Hayes counties. There were reports of hail from a few of the storms last night. The National Weather Service office in Goodland says another round of showers and thunderstorms are in the forecast for today, tomorrow and Sunday.

NEBRASKA LIBRARY INTERNSHIP GRANTS

The Nebraska Library Commission recently awarded Nebraska Library Internship Grants totaling \$21,000 to eighteen Nebraska public libraries. These internship grants will support public library interns who will contribute to the scope and value of the diverse programs and activities in Nebraska's public libraries. "The internships are a great opportunity for students to get involved in library work. Beyond earning money and gaining valuable work experience, the student is exposed to the broad range of library services and programming. Internships provide an opportunity for the student to view the library as a viable and satisfying career choice. In addition, interns bring a fresh perspective and their own unique talents to the library," said Nebraska Library Commission Director Rod Wagner. Student interns will learn about library work as they shadow staff, assist with day-to-day library operations, and implement special projects. Some of the activities that students will participate in include: Summer Reading Programs for youth, teens, and adults. Help plan and conduct makerspace classes, STEAM activities, story time, computer classes, and Pioneer Days events. Assist with library outreach at the Farmer's Market. Partner with local historian to work in the Heritage Room. Field trips to visit other public libraries and partnerships with the Community Club, Library Foundation, 4-H, FFA, and County Extension. The Palisade Public Library will be one of the libraries receiving a grant.

NEW BIDEN MANDATE FOR NURSING HOMES

This week, the Biden administration announced a new staffing mandate for nursing homes in the United States. The Nebraska Health Care Association is pushing back on the new mandates. President and CEO of the NHCA, Jarlene Carpenter said the new mandate would make issues in Nebraska nursing homes worse. "We have a health care workforce crisis right now. And if this mandate would go into effect, it would exacerbate it to the point where many, many rural facilities would close," Carpenter said. The specific mandates include: Nursing homes should have at least one registered nurse working 24/7. Each patient should be guaranteed 33 minutes of a nurse's time each day. Each resident should have 2.5 hours of certified nursing assistant care every day. There should be at least one certified nursing assistant for every 10 residents. This applies to all nursing homes funded by Medicaid and Medicare. According to Carpenter, most Nebraska nursing homes accept Medicare and Medicaid. Only a handful do not. Carpenter called the new mandate 'unnecessary and unfunded.' "I think it's important to just acknowledge the fact that facilities have a staffing requirement right now. We have a high quality of care and our nursing facilities across the state," Carpenter said. Nebraska U.S Senator Deb Fischer has introduced legislation prohibiting the U.S Department of Health and Human Services from finalizing the proposed mandates. The Protecting Rural Seniors Access to Care Act has been endorsed by over 90 organizations across the U.S., including the NHCA. The legislation would also establish an advisory panel on nursing home staffing to identify real solutions that won't harm senior's access. This is according to a press release from Sen. Fischer's official site.



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MONDAY - FRIDAY
7 AM - 5 PM

SATURDAY
8 AM-10 AM

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

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344-4110

THE CLAY TRAVIS & BUCK SEXTON SHOW

MONDAY-FRIDAY
11-2



RADIO JOB LINK

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



TODAY @ 12:10 PM
SATURDAY @ 5:10
SUNDAY @ 12:40
vs. DETROIT TIGERS



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RIDDLE ME THIS

I am higher without a head. What am I?

Answer: A pillow.

SPORTS

The Wallace girls and Cambridge boys won the RPAC Conference Track and Field titles yesterday in Arapahoe. Hitchcock County won the RPAC Golf Invite in Cambridge yesterday. The Falcons shot a team score of 349, 34 strokes better than Southwest. Hitchcock County's Jack Baker was the medalist. The Chase County track and field teams won the SPVA Conference meet titles in Hershey yesterday. Weather permitting, the Lady Bison tennis team will host Scottsbluff today and their own invite tomorrow at the Bison and Elks Tennis Courts. The Bison track and field teams will compete in the Southwest Conference meet tomorrow in Minden. The MCC volleyball team will host spring matches at the Graff Events Center today and tomorrow.

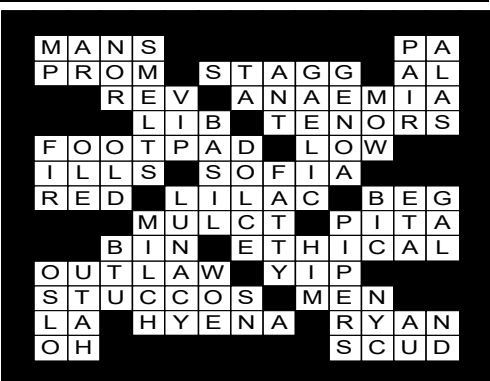
Nebraska football head coach Matt Rhule met with the media following Thursday's practice. He spoke on his mindset about playing real football during the spring game and why he organizes it like that. "I just think it's playing football, and we're 5-7. I've said that from day one. We're 5-7, we have to earn everything we get. I've never not done this. I think for a lot of our young players, what an unbelievable opportunity. They haven't played in Memorial Stadium. What an opportunity for them to go out there and play and play in front of their family and friends and show what they can do. I'm excited." He discussed the importance of the team's performance in front of a crowd and how telling it will be. "That's what I mean. I want to know who is going to go out there. Like I've said to our team, the Tuesday/Wednesday Huskers were better than the Saturday Huskers. The Saturday Huskers last year — doubt, fear, fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of 'what are they going to say about me?.' All of that stuff affects performance for young people.

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TODAY'S PUZZLE

HOME OF BISON SPORTS!



ACROSS

- 1 Adios
- 9 Hot cereal
- 11 Killed in action
- 13 What a cow chews
- 14 Terror
- 16 Truths
- 18 Crawling vines
- 19 Capital of the Ukraine
- 21 Joint
- 22 Sheet
- 24 Small Mediterranean boat
- 26 North northwest
- 29 Three-toed sloth
- 30 Seed bread
- 31 Emergency room
- 32 BB association
- 34 Adroit
- 36 Pigpen
- 37 Apple type
- 39 "no ___ luck"
- 41 Chip at
- 43 Merchandise
- 45 Note of debt
- 46 Before (prefix)
- 49 Speak softly
- 50 SE African country
- 53 Originally said "open sesame" (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 Raccoon-like animal
- 2 Laughter sound
- 3 And so forth
- 4 Flightless bird
- 5 Scarlet
- 6 Des Monies locale
- 7 ___ Oyl (Popeye's girlfriend)
- 8 Also known as (abbr.)
- 10 Baboon
- 12 Yucky
- 15 Bearing
- 17 Gender
- 18 Incorporated (abbr.)
- 20 Composer
- 21 Holds
- 22 Cake or Bread ___
- 23 Liberal (abbr.)
- 25 So long
- 27 Gain
- 28 Crooked
- 33 Big hairdo
- 34 Ripen
- 35 Pluck
- 36 Scat!
- 38 Screamer's throat dangler
- 40 Hot chocolate
- 42 Cause of sickness
- 44 Twelve (abbr.)
- 46 Pounds per square inch
- 47 Steal
- 48 Airport abbr.
- 51 Railroad track
- 52 No. 2 pencil

