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156.50 TO	133.18 TO
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WEATHER



TODAY	SAT	SUN
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
High 60	High 68	High 75

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week gets into full swing this week, involving federal, state and local efforts. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) promotes Red Ribbon Week as a time to speak to students and loved ones about drug abuse and build awareness that help is available. Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen signed a proclamation October 21, declaring October 23-31, as Red Ribbon Week across the Cornhusker State. Governors in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota will follow suit in the coming days. Altogether, 10 landmarks across the Division will be lit red, including the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge and Fountain Ridge in Omaha. Through the first nine months of 2024, DEA investigators noted a slight increase in methamphetamine and fentanyl seizures across the five-state division. Agents have removed nearly 3,000 pounds of methamphetamine and approximately 3.5 million lethal doses of fentanyl both in pill and powder form. Nationally, DEA has removed more than 286 million lethal doses of fentanyl, including close to 40 million pills.

RECORD DRY IN SOME AREAS

In case the dust and fire danger warnings haven't been enough of a clue, it's been record dry in Nebraska and western Iowa the past couple of months. In fact, it's been record dry in some areas. While official numbers aren't available for Nebraska as a whole, preliminary evidence suggests September 2024 was the driest September on record, according to a climate summary drafted by Eric Hunt, an agricultural meteorology and climate resilience specialist with the University of Nebraska extension service. The numbers aren't official because the headquarters of the National Centers for Environmental Information, an arm of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration situated in Asheville, North Carolina, isn't fully functional after being severely impacted by Hurricane Helene. But September 2024 was officially the driest September on record in Omaha and Norfolk, Nebraska, Hunt said. The lack of rain has increased the risk of wildfires, particularly when combined with warm conditions and high winds, and impacted crops and pastures, although effects on yields aren't yet clear since the harvest not yet complete. And it has farmers, ranchers and others hoping for enough moisture to improve the situation before next spring. Dry conditions have continued into October, although some areas have gotten a bit of a reprieve. October 2024 won't be the driest October in Omaha, Hunt said, thanks to the 0.16 of an inch of rain that fell Monday at Eppley Airfield. The record for the month is a trace in October 1952. But this October hasn't exactly been flush with moisture. The 60-day period counting back from Tuesday, in fact, is the driest that particular span of time has been in Omaha since record-keeping began.

TIKTOK ASKS JUDGE TO DISMISS LAWSUIT

An attorney for social media giant TikTok asked a Lancaster County judge Wednesday to dismiss the Nebraska attorney general's civil case against the company, calling the allegations the state leveled within it a matter of opinion and "puffery." "This type of claim is simply not cognizable as a misrepresentation under consumer protection laws," Los Angeles-based attorney Blaine Evanson told District Judge Lori Maret. In the lawsuit filed here in May, Attorney General Mike Hilgers' office accused TikTok of falsely marketing and promoting its "addictive and otherwise harmful product" to Nebraskans. "Defendants cannot be allowed to mislead Nebraskans about the safety of TikTok, to fuel a youth mental health crisis in Nebraska, to interfere with the rights of Nebraska's parents and guardians to protect their children, and to hide the evidence," the complaint said. To put an end to the alleged wrongdoing, the Attorney General's Office said it was seeking civil penalties and injunctive relief under the state's Consumer Protection Act and Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, likening the case to claims brought in the 1990s against Big Tobacco. Specifically, the lawsuit accuses TikTok of making misrepresentations by calling its product a "family friendly" platform that is safe and appropriate for users 12 and up, and by representing to users that it doesn't allow content that may put young people at risk and that it removes content that violates its community guidelines. The state alleges the app's safety features are "grossly ineffective" and its enforcement of guidelines "haphazard at best." In a Lincoln courtroom Wednesday, with Hilgers on the other side of the counsel table, Evanson took issue with the case being filed in Nebraska based on static statements on its website that weren't specifically aimed at Nebraskans.



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SPORTS

Three High Plains Radio listening area football teams advanced in the state football playoffs with wins last night. Dundy County-Stratton, Arapahoe and Hitchcock County picked up wins over Boyd County, Sutton and Wilcox-Hildreth. Matches next Friday include DCS will host Lourdes-Central Catholic, Arapahoe at Shelby-Rising City and Hitchcock County at Wynot. Cambridge lost their Class D2 first round game at St. Mary's 52-12. The Bison football team will wrap up their regular season tonight when they host Lexington at Weiland Field. Wagner-Ford pregame on KICX 961 begins at 6 p.m. with kickoff at 7. Medicine Valley will host Wauneta-Palisade in their final six-man regular season game. Community Hospital pregame on 103.9 The Hawk begins at 6:35 with kickoff at 7. The state cross country meet is today in Kearney. Bison runners Emma Cappel and Brecken Gale will run in the Class B division. The Bison volleyball team heads to Broken Bow for the Southwest Conference Tournament. MHS will face Ogallala in their opener. The MCC volleyball team will host NJC tonight and Western Nebraska tomorrow in their final home matches of the season.

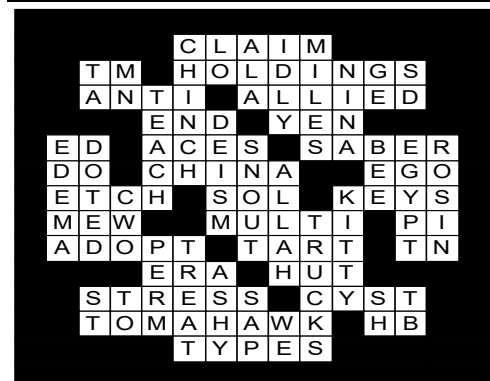
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart. ~Nelson Mandela~

The Nebraska men's basketball team has its final rehearsal for the 2024-25 season this Sunday, Oct. 27, as the Huskers take on Grand Valley State in an exhibition. Tipoff between the Huskers and Lakers is set for 1 p.m. Nebraska enters the 2024-25 season looking to build off last season's 23-11 record and trip to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2014. NU brings back returning starters Brice Williams (13.4 ppg; 5.5 rpg; 2.5 apg) and Juwan Gary (11.6 ppg, 6.1 rpg) for Big Ten Coach of the Year Fred Hoiberg, who begins his sixth season in Lincoln. In all, NU has seven returning letterwinners from a team tied for third in the Big Ten, although All-Big Ten forward Rienk Mast (12.3 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 3.0 apg) will miss the 2024-25 season after knee surgery in May.



TODAY'S PUZZLE

HOME OF BISON SPORTS!

- ACROSS 1 Gold (abbr.) 3 Plant 8 Deutschmark (abbr.) 10 South Dakota 12 Ivory 13 Away 14 Satisfy 16 Feigned 18 Groan 20 Green Gables dweller 21 Scottish "one" 23 Proximo abbr. 25 Medication amounts 28 Road (abbr.) 29 Resources 31 Eat 32 Canal name 34 Time period 35 Syllables used in songs (2 wds.) 36 Fall mo. 37 Disney's elephant 39 Education (abbr.) 40 Tie holders 43 Baths 44 Second scale note 45 Stack 47 Ditto 49 Pirate's wooden leg 51 Nick 53 Spacecraft detachment 54 Alcove 56 Elevated railway 57 Caesar's 51 58 Analyze properties 59 Hartford's st.

- DOWN 2 Ship initials 3 Uses a pointed weapon 4 Helium (abbr.) 5 Knock 6 Major (Big Dipper) 7 Mix 8 Twosome 9 Metric ton (abbr.) 11 Dike 13 City in the former USSR 15 Transparent gem 17 Card game 19 Smelled 21 Malicious burning 22 Deduce 24 African ground squirrel 26 Swiss mathematician 27 Hand shovel 30 West Coast Fl. city 33 Engraved 35 Trench 38 Plainly 41 Container 42 Popular condiment 46 House animals 48 Less than two 49 Luau dish 50 Fuel 52 What a nurse gives 53 Place (abbr.) 55 Louisiana (abbr.)

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