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## CAREGIVERS DEDICATION RECOGNIZED

Caregiving for an ill, aging, or disabled family member is a tough and rewarding endeavor. During November, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) recognizes caregivers of all kinds and celebrates their dedication to their vital roles in our community. "It can be difficult to identify as a caregiver. Often times individuals take care of their loved ones automatically without recognizing the physical, emotional, and financial sacrifices they have made to provide extra support to family members with a chronic illness, disability, or agerelated condition," said Tony Green, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities. "Caregivers regularly help their loved one with a broad range of daily needs to help them live in their own homes and as independently as possible. It is okay to take a break or utilize a respite service without feeling guilty. Supportive individuals need a chance to recharge and obtain emotional support, do an activity they enjoy, or be present for their other loved ones. Please remember that you are not alone; support and help are available." In Nebraska, about 179,000 individuals provide an estimated 168 million hours of care each year. This unpaid labor is valued at \$2.8 billion by the latest report by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Valuing the Invaluable series.

### **BIDEN ADMIN. HAS BEEN CHALLENGED LAST FOUR YEARS**

Over the last four years, the Nebraska Attorney General's Office has repeatedly taken on the Biden administration in court. Nebraska led the charge to overturn a federal student loan forgiveness plan, fighting the plan all the way to victory in the U.S. Supreme Court. The state led opposition to rescheduling of marijuana as a less dangerous drug and challenged federal and California regulations promoting heavy duty electric trucks. It fought federal regulations on bump stocks and "ghost gun" assembly kits, joined a lawsuit against new Title IX rules protecting the rights of transgender students, sued to block minimum wage requirements for federal contractors and supported Texas in its battle with the federal government over floating border barriers. Attorney General Mike Hilgers said his office undertook those cases as part of his campaign promise to "fight federal overreach" and "protect Nebraskans against those who would violate the Constitution." "It's been a hallmark of my role as attorney general to fight against those powerful actors around the country who will go outside of that constitutional framework to try to dictate national policy," he said. "In many cases, the only entity that can stand up to it, has the resources to stand up and has the standing to stand up, is the states." So far, most of that work has been paid for with legal settlement dollars. Now Hilgers wants more state taxpayer dollars to support the bureau's work. But State Sen. Danielle Conrad of Lincoln questioned whether the cases and costs are justified.

# BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEMBERS WILL MEET TODAY

Nebraska State Board of Canvassers members will convene in the Governor's Hearing Room at the State Capitol at 1:00 p.m. today. The purpose of the meeting is to certify the results of the November 5, 2024, statewide general election. The Board of State Canvassers includes Governor Jim Pillen, Secretary of State Bob Evnen, Attorney General Mike Hilgers, State Treasurer Tom Briese, and Auditor of Public Accounts Mike Foley. The Board of State Canvassers is required by law to certify the 2024 general election results following the election. County election officials have spent the past few weeks canvassing results and preparing certification materials for the Board of State Canvassers. The canvassing process allows county election officials to account for every ballot cast and ensure each valid vote is included in the official results. If any final certified results of a race fall within the parameters of an automatic recount, a recount will occur on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. In that event, a second meeting of the Nebraska Board of State Canvassers is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the Governor's Hearing Room at the State Capitol in Lincoln. A copy of the agenda is available online and in the Secretary of State's Office during regular business hours. The meeting is open to the public.





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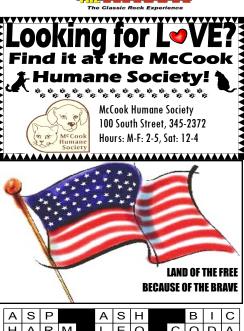
U.S. first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Garth Brooks turned on the lights on the Christmas tree in Manhattan's Rockefeller Center.





The Casper College Thunderbirds hit 10 free throws in the final two minutes of the game Saturday to hand the MCC men a 90-84 loss. The Casper win came in the final game of the Casper Thanksgiving Classic. MCC fell to Western Wyoming in the first game of the tournament Friday, 78-71. "The story of the season so far has been two-minute games," said MCC Coach Dillon Hargrove. "This one was the same and once again the ball didn't bounce our way in those last two minutes." With the win, the T-Birds improve to 9-2 on the よ season. MCC shot 47.1 percent from the field, made 10 of 27 shots from the 3- よ point line (37 percent) and made seven of 13 free throws (47.6 percent). "I thought we probably played our best offensive game of the year and finally put together two good halves of offensive basketball," said Hargrove. Casper shot 41.5 percent from the field, made 10 of 23 shots from distance (43.5 percent) and went 26 of 34 from the free-throw line (76.5 percent). The T-Birds outrebounded MCC 51-26. MCC goes to 5-6 on the season and will play two more Region IX North teams this weekend hosting Laramie County Community College Friday at 7:30 and Eastern Wyoming Saturday at 3 p.m.

The Nebraska volleyball team was selected as the No. 2 overall seed for the 2024 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship on Sunday night and will host the first and second rounds at the Bob Devaney Sports Center this Friday and Saturday. The Huskers, making their 43rd straight NCAA Tournament appearance and hosting the first round for the 39th time, will open the tournament on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. against Florida A&M (27-6), champions of the SWAC. The 4:30 p.m. match will feature Miami (21-10) of the ACC and South Dakota State (27-2) of the Summit League. Friday's winners will meet in the second round on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Pittsburgh was the No. 1 overall seed, followed by Nebraska, Penn State and Louisville as the top four seeds. Should Nebraska advance past the second round, it would host an NCAA Regional on Dec. 12-15 at the Devaney Center. The national seeds in the same region as Nebraska are No. 7 Wisconsin, No. 10 Arizona State and No. 15 Baylor. The NCAA adopted a new regional format this season. Two of the four regionals will be played on Thursday and Saturday. The other two will be played on Friday and Sunday. Regional dates and times will not be announced until the conclusion of the second round.





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