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# Newsflash

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STOCKS	
<b>DOW</b> ↓	<b>NASDAQ</b> ↓
62.84 TO 42,279.40	182.15 TO 19,190.62

## WEATHER

<b>TODAY</b> Sunny	<b>SAT</b> Sunny	<b>SUN</b> Sunny
High 39	High 51	High 65

## WEDNESDAY MORNING STRUCTURE FIRE

The City of McCook Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire early Wednesday morning, December 18th in McCook. Numerous 911 calls advised the fire was located at 1301 Country Club Drive. Heavy flames could be seen from several blocks away and first arriving fire department crews reported heavy fire coming from an attached garage that had spread into the residence at that location. Fire crews quickly knocked down the fire located in the garage area but not before the fire had spread throughout the top two levels of the home. The homeowner was able to escape, along with one dog. Two other dogs were later located deceased in the structure. One victim was transported from the scene to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Fire crews remained on the scene for over four hours extinguishing hot spots and investigating the fire. Mutual Aid was provided by the Red Willow Western Rural Fire Department. A State Fire Marshal Investigator was requested due to the significance of the fire damage to the structure and contents. The investigation determined that the fire started in the garage area and quickly spread into the interior of the house. It appears the fire in the garage had been burning for some time before smoke detectors in the home alerted the resident. The Red Cross was called and responded to provide assistance to the homeowners. Initial damage estimates were \$180,000 to the structure and another \$200,000 to the contents. Horizon Bank in McCook has established a donation account for the owners of the home, Mark and Patty Brown.



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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

## FIRST PEDIATRIC INFLUENZA RELATED DEATH

The first pediatric influenza-related death in Nebraska has been reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) this season. Nationally, there have been two additional pediatric flu-related deaths this season according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There have been two flu-related deaths in Nebraska this season. Antiviral drugs like oseltamivir, commonly known as Tamiflu, should be used as early as possible in people with flu-like illnesses. For those who are not sick, common preventive measures along with flu vaccines can help prevent flu and other winter illnesses. Tamiflu can safely treat symptoms in infants as young as two weeks old. Protect yourself and loved ones from the flu by: avoid close contact with individuals who are sick. If you are sick, limit your contact with others as much as possible. Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands. You can resume normal activities when you have not had a fever for over 24 hours and your symptoms are overall getting better. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash immediately after you use it. The flu virus is thought to spread mainly by droplets made when individuals cough, sneeze, or talk.

**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**

**1300**  
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## FEDERAL AVIATION ADMIN. ISSUES BAN ON DRONES

The Federal Aviation Administration issued a ban on drone operations in dozens of areas of New Jersey and New York until mid-January, unless operators are granted special permission from the government due to "special security reasons." Uncrewed aerial drones have been lighting up the sky at night in New Jersey and nearby states for weeks, since about mid-November, leading to concern from residents and speculation online. Some had demanded answers from local and state officials for answers. "At the request of federal security partners, the FAA published 22 Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) prohibiting drone flights over critical New Jersey infrastructure," the FAA said in a statement Thursday. The temporary flight restrictions in New Jersey, which are set to last until Jan. 17, have been implemented beginning Wednesday in the following locations: Hamilton, Bridgewater, Cedar Grove, North Brunswick, Metuchen, Evesham, Camden, Gloucester City, Westampton, South Brunswick, Edison, Branchburg, Sewaren, Jersey City, Harrison, Elizabeth, Bayonne, Winslow, Burlington, Clifton, Hancocks Bridge and Kearny. A Department of Homeland Security spokesperson said the flight restrictions were issued "out of an abundance of caution."

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Christmas is a togethery sort of holiday. That's my favorite kind."

A. A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh

## SPORTS

The McCook Bison basketball teams will host Kearney Catholic tonight at the MHS gym. Girls pregame coverage on KICX 961 starts at 5:40 with tip at 6 p.m. The Bison teams head to Holdrege tomorrow for a pair of afternoon games. Girls pregame coverage on KICX 961 and the KICX 961 YouTube channel starts at 2:10 with tip at 2:30 p.m. Arapahoe will travel to Southwest tonight on 103.9 The Hawk. Girls pregame coverage begins at 5:25 with tip at 5:45. The Bison wrestling teams head north to the Valentine Invite. The Bison girls will compete today with the boys division tomorrow.

The No. 3 Nebraska volleyball team's season came to an end in the NCAA Semifinals with a 3-2 (25-23, 25-18, 23-25, 26-28, 13-15) loss to No. 2 Penn State on Thursday night in front of a crowd of 21,726 at the KFC Yum! Center, the largest crowd to ever attend an indoor NCAA volleyball match. Harper Murray had 20 kills and 15 digs with six blocks and three aces. Andi Jackson had a career-high 19 kills and hit .630 with five blocks. Taylor Landfair tallied 10 kills, and Rebekah Allick and Merritt Beason each had eight. Allick also led the team with 10 blocks. Lexi Rodriguez had 15 digs to break the career school record of 1,890 held by Justine Wong-Orantes. Rodriguez finished her career with 1,897 digs. Bergen Reilly had 55 assists and 15 digs. Nebraska (33-3) hit .262 for the match, while Penn State (34-2) hit .242. The Huskers had 15 blocks to 10 for the Nittany Lions. Penn State had seven aces, while Nebraska had six. The Nittany Lions had 14 service errors to seven for the Huskers. Penn State will face No. 4 Louisville in the NCAA Final on Sunday at 2 p.m. (CT).

## Looking for L♥VE?

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## TODAY'S PUZZLE

## HOME OF BISON SPORTS!



### ACROSS

- 1 Hobby
- 8 Hairspray type
- 9 More confident
- 14 What sunbathers get
- 15 U.N.'s home
- 16 Grows acorns
- 17 Ribosome producers
- 19 Female sheep
- 21 Free of
- 22 Every
- 24 Green Gables dweller
- 26 Poem
- 27 Affirmative
- 28 Two
- 29 Cake
- 33 Southwest
- 34 Nervous system
- 36 Hertz
- 37 Grub
- 39 Primed
- 40 Downwind
- 41 Surface to air missile
- 42 Porch
- 45 Terminal abbr.
- 48 Lacking entirely
- 49 Gunny
- 51 Humor
- 52 Achieves
- 53 Loss by deterioration

### DOWN

- 1 El \_\_\_ (Texas city)
- 2 Greenish blue
- 3 Hollow
- 4 Make lace
- 5 Void
- 6 Restaurant dinner listing
- 7 Movie alien
- 9 Seed sower
- 10 Card game
- 11 Electrical device
- 12 Worst
- 13 Sun god
- 15 Soar
- 18 Forded
- 20 Newly \_\_\_\_, Nearly Dead
- 23 Statutes
- 24 The alphabet
- 25 Ancient Assyria capital
- 30 Pastry
- 31 Use money
- 32 Beverage
- 35 Actor Martin
- 38 Famous female pilot Earhart
- 41 Closes
- 43 Fish eggs
- 44 Father
- 46 Zest
- 47 Church part
- 48 White House locale
- 50 Gnawer
- 52 Ouch!

