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#### EUSTIS AREA THEFT INVESTIGATION

The Frontier County Sheriff's Office reports one arrest and two others are pending in connection to thefts in the Village of Eustis early Saturday morning March 29, 2025. The investigation revealed three males entering about 10 vehicles and a garage where they stole items. Surveillance video was gathered from homes in the area. With assistance from other law enforcement agencies, the Sheriff's Office was able to identify the vehicle involved along with the identity of one of the suspects. On Monday, March 31, 2025, the Frontier County Sheriff's Office obtained a search warrant on a residence in Elwood and was assisted in the execution by Gosper County Sheriff's Office. There they were able to locate one individual involved and stolen items were located in the residence. The suspect from Elwood was charged with Theft by Unlawful Taking, Burglary and Possession of a Stolen Firearm. The other two suspects are from Kearney and charges are pending against them. Sheriff Michael Jordan that the assistance of the Gosper County Sheriff's Office and the citizens who provided video footage. Sheriff Jordan also commended the efforts of his deputies "in bringing this case to a quick and successful conclusion."

## MINIMUM WAGE FOR YOUNG WORKERS

Senators in the Nebraska Legislature voted 32-17 Tuesday to give first-round approval to a measure setting a lower minimum wage for young workers than the wage regulation approved by voters three years ago. But one senator who helped get it to that first round vote said he still wants to see a change in the proposal. Tuesday's vote followed a wide-ranging debate on Sen. Jane Raybould's bill, LB258. Instead of allowing the minimum wage to rise to \$15 an hour next January, as approved by voters four years ago, it would allow paying 14 and 15 year olds \$13.50 an hour. It would also raise the training wage for the first 90 days of employment for 16-19 year-olds to \$13.50, instead of the current \$5.44 an hour. And it would limit annual increases, currently pegged to the consumer price index, or cpi, to 1.5%. Sen. John Cavanaugh objected to weakening that link to inflation. "Pegging it to the CPI means that the purchasing price of the minimum wage will stay in parity with inflation," he said. "If you artificially decrease the increase, which is what Senator Raybould is doing here at 1.5%, then you are going to continually erode the parity or the value of the minimum wage." Sen. Megan Hunt said a lower minimum wage for young workers is age discrimination.

## **KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

York County Sheriff Paul Vrbka is asking for farmers and residents in the rural areas of the county to keep an eye out for suspicious people, suspicious vehicles and suspicious activity as there has been an escalation of thefts of copper wires from pivots. "Well, it's early spring and we've already had two thefts of copper wire," Sheriff Vrbka said. "The good news is that we've solved one of those cases, as the thief was caught selling off stolen copper at a salvage yard in lowa. But we are also hearing how they are investigating a number of these types of theft in Lancaster County right now as well. "I remember, how back in 2015, we got hit really hard with copper wire thefts here, as we had about 20 of them from pivots," Sheriff Vrbka said. "It's really important for people in the rural area if you see a vehicle, which doesn't seem to belong out there and you feel something is suspicious, try to get a license plate number and notify us right away. "I remember, how in the past, people saw suspicious vehicles but didn't tell us for a few days, so the thieves got away," Sheriff Vrbka said. "But when people called us right away and we head right out, right away, we were able to catch them and get convictions. "So if you see a vehicle that just doesn't seem to belong in your area of the county, out in the country, try to jot down the information and give us a call as soon as possible," the sheriff continued. "Copper prices are really high right now and it looks like thieves are trying to capitalize on that."





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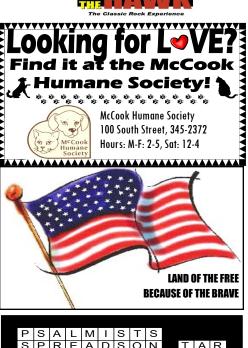
If you ever get caught sleeping on the job, slowly raise your head and say, in Jesus' name Amen.





SPORTS The McCook Lady Bison tennis team stayed unbeaten in duals with a win over Hastings yesterday at the Bison and Elks tennis courts. The Bison head to Kearney for an invite tomorrow. Loomis won the Cambridge Golf Invite at Cross Creek yesterday. Tyson Essex of Loomis defeated Micah Gerlach of Cambridge in a playoff for first place. Both golfers finished with rounds of 82. The Loomis girls and Bertrand boys won the Hi-Line Track and Field team titles yesterday in Elwood. Tomorrow's Gothenburg/McCook golf dual has been moved up to 10 a.m. because of colder temperatures moving in. Friday's LeRoy Hoehner Track and Field Invite in McCook has been moved to Monday because of weather. The Perkins County Invite in Grant has been moved to April 12th.

The Nebraska men's basketball program returns to action Wednesday night, as the Huskers face Georgetown in the quarterfinals of the College Basketball Crown in Las Vegas. Tipoff between the Huskers and the Hoyas from the MGM Grand Garden Arena is set for 8:30 p.m. (central) and will be televised on FS1. Nebraska (18-14) comes off an 86-78 win over Arizona State in the tournament opener on Monday night. Nebraska shot 65 percent in the second half en route to overcoming a 10 -point deficit in the final 15 minutes. Nebraska's depth played a major role in the comeback, as Connor Essegian had all 17 of his points in the second half while Cale Jacobsen set career bests in both assists (five) and steals (three) helping the Huskers outscore ASU, 47-29, over the final 15 minutes.





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