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BAN ON SYNTHETIC CANNABIS PRODUCTS

An increase in Delta-8 retailers across Nebraska has the attention of many state senators. Some hope to ban most synthetic cannabis products, while others would rather regulate the industry. Cannabis shops started appearing in Nebraska after the 2018 federal farm bill legalized hemp-derived CBD, products and cannabis products with a THC content not exceeding 0.3% of its dry weight. Tetrahydrocannabinol, better known as THC, is the primary component of marijuana which causes someone to get high, while CBD, short for cannibidiol, has been found to reduce anxiety and relieve pain without the intoxicating effects. Nebraska's state law currently mirrors the federal law after the passage of the 2019 Hemp Farming Act. But Sen. Kathleen Kauth said retailers have taken advantage of loopholes in those regulations in recent years to sell more concentrated marijuana products, leading her to introduce her own bill this session. "The need for this legislation is an insult to this body. Taking a statute meant to establish hemp farming and twisting it to peddle dirty synthetic products that harm Nebraskans was certainly not contemplated when my former colleagues passed the Hemp Farming Act," she said. Under her legislation, LB316, products with THC that is greater than or equal to 0.3% of its total weight or contains more than 10 milligrams total per package are not legal. After a safe harbor period until the end of the year, people possessing or selling such products could be charged with a felony. The bill also includes a 10% excise tax on cannabidiol products that remain legal.

WEATHER



TODAY

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WALK-IN HOURS Monday - Friday

7am - 4:30pm Saturday 8am - 10am

No Appointment Necessary

NATIONAL FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) proudly joins community organizations, law enforcement agencies and public health partners in recognizing National Fentanyl Awareness Day, Tuesday, April 29. Fentanyl is the greatest drug threat facing the United States as drug-related overdoses remain the leading cause of death among Americans ages 18-44. The fentanyl crisis has touched every corner of the country and the Midwest is not immune. In 2023, more than 105,000 Americans died from drug poisonings with nearly 70 percent of those deaths attributed to synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl. Provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) predicts a 17.4 percent decline in drug overdose deaths year-over-year in Nebraska, while nationally, a 26.5% decline in drug overdose deaths year-over-year is predicted. Still, the DEA encourages communities to remain vigilant about the risks involved with synthetic drugs and the extreme threat of fentanyl in our communities. "Countless families across the nation sit down at dinner each night with an empty chair at the table," DEA Omaha Division Acting Special Agent in Charge Rafael Mattei said. "A loved one was taken too soon by a substance so potent and yet so small, it can fit on the tip of a pencil. National Fentanyl Awareness Day provides us with a time to sound the alarm once again to the dangers of this drug.'

SEVERE WEATHER

A tornado powerful enough to topple train cars swept across north-central Nebraska Sunday night, according to the National Weather Service. Meteorologist Chris Butler told Nebraska Public Media News the tornado was located west of Ashby in Grant County. Reports say the mile-wide tornado derailed as many as 130 coal cars along Nebraska Highway 2, with no reports of injuries. Butler also said a house was destroyed on a ranch northeast of Ashby. Three-inch hail was reported east of Bingham in Sheridan County and Whitman in Grand County. Golf -ball sized hail was reported north of Rushville and Ellsworth in Sheridan County. National Weather Service survey crews plan to use drones Monday to assess the damage. The severe weather threat now moves to the eastern part of the state, with cities such as Norfolk and Lincoln in a slight risk for severe storms and Omaha and Falls City in an enhanced risk. There's also a red flag warning in effect this afternoon and evening for a dozen counties in an area stretching from Lancaster County in the east to Hamilton County in the west and from Butler County to the Kansas border. High winds gusting up to 40 mph will combine with temperatures in the mid to upper 80s and humidity around 20% to create dangerous fire conditions. The dry conditions last week prompted Gov. Jim Pillen to issue a statewide burn ban through the end of the month after a wildfire in central Nebraska that started when a prescribed burn got out of control, burned more than 7,000 acres.



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FUN FACT

A weird fact about height is that when in space, astronauts can grow almost up to two inches.

SPORTS

After having to postpone Monday's scheduled game at Colby, the McCook Community College baseball team has added a Tuesday home game at the Jaycees Sports Complex. MCC will play Dodge City in a nine-inning game starting at 3 p.m. The Indians are 26-24 on the season and 10-7 at home. Dodge City is 28-22 on the season. The Conquistadores beat MCC 13-7 in their only matchup this season, coming March 11 at Dodge City. MCC will conclude the regular season at home this weekend hosting first-place Southeast Community College. Doubleheaders are set to start at 2 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday.

Britt Prince claimed one of Nebraska's top athletic honors when she was named the Female Freshman Athlete of the Year across all sports at the 35th annual "A Night at the Lied" awards ceremony on Sunday, April 27 in downtown Lincoln. Prince, a 5-11 point guard on the Nebraska women's basketball team in 2024-25, earned the honor after being named to the Big Ten All-Freshman team. The Omaha, Neb., native who was a two-time Nebraska High School Player of the Year after leading Elkhorn North to four consecutive state championships, averaged 13.4 points, 4.0 rebounds and team bests of 3.8 assists and 1.7 steals for the Huskers. Prince started 30 games while helping the Big Red to the NCAA Tournament with a 21-12 overall record. Nebraska women's basketball's co-Most Valuable Player alongside fourtime All-Big Ten selection Alexis Markowski, Prince was the USBWA National Freshman of the Week and Big Ten Freshman of the Week after leading the Huskers to an 87-84 overtime victory at lowa (Jan. 16) by scoring a game-high 22 points to go along with seven rebounds, five assists and a career-high six steals.





TODAY'S PUZZLE



HOME OF BISON SPORTS!



- Tennis player Steffi Border
- Reverence
- 11 Vehicles
- **Environmental protection** agency (abbr)
- 14 Pay
- 15 Wary
- Yang's partner
- Rummy (card game)
- Loose gown worn at mass
- Picture taker
- Mournful 26 Gilt
- Stray
- Type of food
- Ram's mate
- Powdered chocolate
- Peaked
- Time period
- 36 Jumps Wash
- Going inward
- Heavy cloth
- 43 Fasten
- Vane direction
- Unpleasant
- Water retention Obnoxious noises
- Lodge
- 53 Unit of electric capacitance
- Eastern Time
- Beverage
- 56 Challenging

- Girl
- Regret
- Snacked
- Search for food
- _! (call attention)
- Heroic
- Nicaragua capital
- Winged being
- Strange
- 10 Bunsen burner
- 12 GS
- 19 Pork
- Day of wk.
- Before, poetically
- Hushed
- 24 Evening
- 25 Spiny plants
- Toilets
- 31 Unmarried couple living
- together
- 32 Promissory note
- 33 Licensed practical nurse
- Acid drug
- 35 I want my
- Camel seat
- 37 Explanation
- Concerning
- 40 Steak
- 41 Surrender
- 42 Sensible
- Genetic code
- 48 Epoch
- 49 Deface
- Attention-Deficit Disorder (abbr.)

