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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND

All of us at High Plains Radio wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday weekend. The High Plains Radio offices will be closed on Friday. There will be no Openline program and no Newsflash. Offices will reopen on Monday morning at 8 a.m. The Southwest Nebraska Freedom Fest begins tonight at 6 p.m. at the Red Willow County Fairgrounds in McCook. Indianola will have games, food and baseball at their ballpark tonight. Prairie Pioneer Days kick off today through Saturday in Arapahoe and Culbertson July 4th activities begin later today with their swimming pool BBQ fundraiser.

CURTIS MEDICAL CENTER CLOSES

Community Hospital has announced the difficult decision to close Curtis Medical Center, located in Curtis, Nebraska. An exact date for the closure is yet to be determined. Inflation over the past few years combined with the current uncertainty of future federal funding has led to this decision. Curtis Medical Center has proudly served the Curtis community and surrounding areas for over 30 years, providing essential healthcare services to families, students, and individuals in this rural region. The decision to close the facility was not made lightly and follows extensive evaluation of financial sustainability and resource allocation. "This transition will take place over the coming months, and our top priority throughout this process is the well-being of our patients," said Troy Bruntz, President and CEO of Community Hospital. "We are deeply grateful to the Curtis community for their unwavering support and trust over 30 years. This clinic has been a vital part of our mission to deliver quality healthcare close to home. Unfortunately, the current financial environment, driven by anticipated federal budget cuts to Medicaid, has made it impossible for us to continue operating all of our services, many of which have faced significant financial challenges for years. We remain committed to supporting our patients through this transition and ensuring continuity of care." At this time, Community Hospital plans to continue to serve Curtis and the surrounding communities with its Community Hospital Behavioral Health program, providing important mental health support and resources to the community.

SIX APPLICANTS FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Six have submitted their names for District Court Judge in the 11th Judicial District after the resignation of Judge Matthew D. Neher. The six that have submitted for the vacancy include Greg M. Ariza (Lincoln), Shane M. Cochran (Kearney), Chawnta M. Durham (North Platte), Stephen B. King (North Platte), Terry L. VanEaton (Lexington), and Tyler J. Volkmer (Brady). They all have submitted applications for appointment as District Court Judge in the 11th Judicial District. That district consists of Arthur, Chase, Dawson, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, Red Willow, and Thomas counties. The second public hearing of the Judicial Nominating Commission will be at the Dawson County Courthouse in Lexington (700 North Washington Street, District Courtroom, third floor) at 1 PM on Tuesday, July 22. The Commission will interview all applicants for the office.





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SPORTS

The MNB Bank Seniors dropped a doubleheader in Bro- 🖣 ken Bow yesterday, falling by scores of 13-8 and 2-1. Both First Central Bank Juniors and MNB Bank Seniors will travel to Holdrege for games on Saturday. The McCook Rebels Firecracker Softball Tournament is Saturday and Sunday at the Jaycee Sports Complex.

Ava Miles an ESPN top 100 recruit committed to the Nebraska women's 2026 class on Wednesday. That was one day after she surprised the Husker coaches with an in-person commitment. The 6-foot guard from Kansas City plays AAU basketball for Mokan and high school for Staley in Missouri. ESPN ranked Miles the No. 81 recruit among seniors to be. "I love KC, and it's honestly part of the reason why I chose Nebraska because Nebraska reminds me of my high school, but a college version," Miles said. She's the first known member of Nebraska's 2026 class. The Huskers have one true freshman for the upcoming season in guard Alanna Neale. Miles held several other Power-Four offers, including Maryland, Louisville, Virginia Tech, Arkansas, Arizona State and Michigan State. She made official visits to Nebraska, Maryland and Michigan State.





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- A Small World...
- 13 Seaweed
- 15 Insane
- 17 Cause of sickness
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- 22 Yuckier
- 25 Attorney General (abbr.)
- 26 Metal bar
- 28 Leave
- 29 Last scale note
- 30 Decade
- 31 San Diego attraction
- 34 Hey!
- 35 Little Rock locale
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- 38 Promethium (abbr.)
- 39 Eyelash liner
- 43 Feisty
- "we are the _
- 46 Pan's partner
- 47 Give off
- 49 U.S. Air Force
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- 57 Storage buildings

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- Two sets of wings
- Large (abbr.)
- Birmingham's locale
- Negative
- Hair straightener
- Moses' mountain
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- Charleston locale
- Boundary
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- Spanish "one"
- Unleavened bread
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- 50 Florin
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