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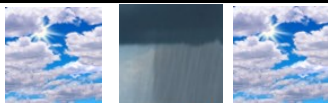
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STOCKS

DOW	NASDAQ
25.29 TO 45,257.18	15.36 TO 21,433.94

WEATHER



TODAY	WED	THURS
Partly Sunny High 77	Chance Showers High 72	Partly Sunny High 78

TWO NEW PETITIONS

Two new petitions to reduce property taxes and limit future valuation growth were announced Monday by Advocates for All Nebraskans. One petition would change state statute to cut the taxable value of property in half while keeping actual valuations steady. Currently, agricultural and horticultural land is valued for taxation at 75% of its actual value. The initiative would reduce that to 37.5%. The other petition would amend the Nebraska Constitution to cap annual property valuation increases at 3% or less. "Our petition effort is about providing immediate tangible relief for the people of Nebraska," said Eric Underwood, the former chair of the Nebraska Republican Party and AFAN agent. "This will also be an opportunity for those who choose to sign the petitions to empower the people of Nebraska. Literally, people are one signature and one vote away from having bold, significant property tax relief." Underwood said the petition drives would be among the largest and most unprecedented the state has seen. He also stressed the grassroots nature of the effort. "We did not discuss with the governor, and we did not coordinate efforts with any state senators," Underwood said. "We believe that there would be an erosion of any relationships that would occur there if we had engaged them first." Nebraska State Board of Education member Kirk Penner said it's time to end school districts' reliance on property taxes for the bulk of their funds.

TREE CITY USA PROGRAM

Thirty-two Nebraska communities have earned recognition through the Tree City USA program, celebrating their commitment to tree care and urban forestry. The Nebraska State Forest Service and the Arbor Day Foundation hosted a recognition ceremony on Thursday, highlighting the achievements of Tree City communities, as well as Tree Campus and Tree Line entities. Chrissy Land, Western Community Forester with the Nebraska State Forest Service, says the program continues to grow statewide. "This year we have 95 Nebraska communities recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as meeting the four standards to be a Tree City," Land said. "We also recognize Tree Campus and Tree Line entities that are doing good tree work on college campuses and within utilities across the state." Tree Line honorees include Nebraska City Utilities, Nebraska Public Power District, and Omaha Public Power District. In addition, 32 Nebraska communities received Growth Awards for 2024, honoring efforts that go above and beyond. These awards are based on point values for activities such as increasing budgets for tree care, updating ordinances, implementing planting programs, or replacing more trees than were removed. "It recognizes communities for the hard work they're doing," Land explained. "They need at least 10 points to qualify, and this year 32 achieved that." In 2024, there were 6,811 trees planted, among the 95 Tree Cities the communities recognized for receiving the 2024 Growth Awards include; Alliance, Arapahoe, Auburn, Beaver City, Bellevue, Chadron, Cozad, Crete, Curtis, Eustis, Farnam, Gering, Gordon, Gothenburg, Grant, Gretna, Hershey, Julian, Laurel, Lexington, McCook, Minden, Mitchell, Morrill, North Platte, Ogallala, Rushville, Scottsbluff, Sidney, South Sioux City, Trenton, and Wallace.

POWERBALL JACKPOT INCREASES TO \$815 MILLION

The Powerball jackpot has soared to an estimated \$815 million for the next drawing on Wednesday night, making it the seventh-largest prize in game history! The jackpot has an estimated cash value of \$367.9 million. The Powerball jackpot rolled Monday night after no ticket matched all six numbers drawn white balls 16, 19, 34, 37, 64 and red Powerball 22. The Power Play multiplier was 3. While the jackpot evaded players, two tickets in Georgia and Texas won \$1 million prizes after matching all five white balls. There were also 26 tickets that won \$50,000 prizes and five tickets that won \$150,000 prizes. In the Double Play drawing, a ticket in Maryland won a \$500,000 prize after matching all five black balls. Double Play is a \$1 add-on feature that allows players to play their Powerball numbers, again, in a separate drawing for a chance to win up to \$10 million. Double Play drawings are live streamed on Powerball.com after the main drawing.



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NATIONAL DOG DAY

The McCook Lady Bison softball team returns to the field today, traveling to face Class B ranked Hastings. Yesterday's games vs. Southern Valley/Alma and Chase County were cancelled because of weather and will not be made up. The Bison girls golf team heads to Sidney and their first big invite of the fall season. MHS will host their own invite at Heritage Hills on Friday. The McCook Community College volleyball team continues their preparation for this weekend's MCC Tournament. Fans are invited out to watch matches at the Graff Events Center on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association announced its preseason coaches' poll for the 2025 volleyball season. MIAA head coaches selected defending MIAA champion Nebraska Kearney to finish at the top of the league again this season. UNK went 30-3 last year and won its seventh MIAA regular season title with a 15-1 league mark. The Lopers then reached the MIAA Tournament finals for a seventh time since joining the league in 2012. Head coach Rick Squiers returns All-American setter Peyton Neff (North Platte), All-American middle Mia Berg (Eureka, Mo.) and All-MIAA selections Emilee Lane (Hays, Kan.) and Abby Rose (Lindsborg, Kan.) while welcoming three transfers and three freshmen to a 20-player roster. UNK tallied 119 points and nine of the 12 first place votes. Central Oklahoma, the 2024 MIAA tourney and Central Region champ, is in second with 111 points and three first place votes. The 2025 MIAA volleyball season officially begins Thursday, September 4, with conference contests beginning Thursday.

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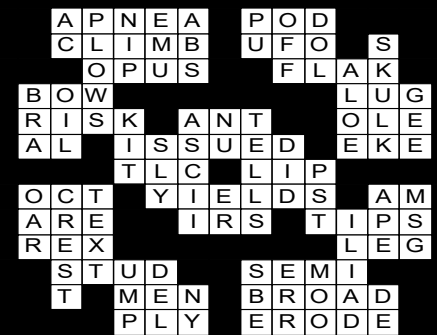
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TODAY'S PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- 1 Choose
- 4 Homesick
- 7 Swiss-like cheese
- 8 Right
- 10 Pigsty
- 11 Manage (2 wds.)
- 12 Ogle
- 14 Pliers
- 16 Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
- 19 Purple vegetable
- 21 Breaking sound
- 23 Long-term memory
- 24 Baby's first word
- 25 Eye
- 27 Decree
- 29 Beano
- 30 Wall support
- 31 Large eastern religion
- 33 Excuse me!
- 34 Actinium (abbr.)
- 36 Reverence
- 37 Japanese dress
- 39 Not amateur
- 41 Buck's mate
- 42 Declines
- 44 Advertisements
- 45 Singer Ronstadt
- 48 Sticky black substance
- 50 Veer
- 51 Zither
- 52 Type of partnership
- 53 Make angry

DOWN

- 1 Poem
- 2 Gasp
- 3 Trademark symbol
- 4 Inscribed stone
- 5 Artist's creation
- 6 Give a nickname to
- 7 Fencing sword
- 9 Eye covering
- 11 Away
- 12 Move away
- 13 Congressional vote
- 15 Capital of Norway
- 17 And so forth
- 18 Greenwich Time
- 20 Has toed
- 22 Peter, for short
- 26 African antelope
- 28 Junk yard
- 29 Assumes the prayer position
- 30 Transport
- 31 Owned
- 32 The other half of Jima
- 33 Opera solo
- 34 Rescue
- 35 Disks
- 38 Additional
- 40 Retired persons association (abbr.)
- 43 Nova
- 46 Sickly
- 47 Eccentric
- 49 Noah's boat
- 51 Hello

