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WEC WILL UNDERGO CONVERSION

On Friday, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) Director Rob Jeffreys spoke with McCook Mayor Linda Taylor and City Manager Nate Schneider about public safety and community impact of the Work Ethic Camp (WEC) as it undergoes conversion to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center. NDCS provided the information below in response to questions from McCook leaders. The information has been categorized based on subject areas. WEC will house an adult population with minor criminal records and nonviolent felonies. There is no plan for federal detainees to work in the community. A perimeter fence and intruder detection system will be added at the facility, as well as an armed, patrolled perimeter, which will be manned by NDCS staff. Safety procedures will be governed by ICE detention standards, which NDCS anticipates will be similar to procedures currently utilized at the facility. Emergency preparedness standards, which are utilized at all NDCS facilities, will be reviewed and if necessary, adjusted to meet the needs as a federal detention facility. Approximately up to 65 staff positions will be added at WEC. These will be state positions and will include additional medical personnel. Multi-purpose spaces within the facility will be re-purposed to accommodate additional beds.

PACKED CAPITOL

Nebraskans packed a Capitol hearing room Friday to oppose Gov. Jim Pillen's plans to turn the McCook Work Ethic Camp into an ICE detention center. For nearly four hours Friday, dozens of testifiers criticized Pillen's proposal, which would turn the low-security McCook Work Ethic Camp into a holding facility for people who Immigration and Customs Enforcement intends to deport. No one testified in support of the proposal. Many of the testifiers called the planned facility inconsistent with Nebraska values. Among them was Leonor Fuhrer of Norfolk, who said her parents were Mexican immigrants and now citizens. "Instead of sowing division and harvesting hate through creating inhumane and horrible detention centers, why not be a state that demands and amplifies the need for immigration reform?" she asked. Another testifier, Gary Heusel, said he worked with international visitors, and sarcastically criticized ICE for using masked agents. "The fact that we've got ICE agents, disguised as bank robbers, pulling people off the street and now we're going to volunteer to detain them in Nebraska? Nebraska nice?" he asked. Doug Koebernick, inspector general for Corrections, testified that there are still many unanswered questions, including where the men currently at the camp will go, whether the programs they currently receive will be available, and whether women also be housed at the new ICE facility. Sen. Stan Clouse of Kearney, a Republican, lamented the lack of information.

DEPARTMENTS FACING POTENTIAL ELIMINATION

Several departments are facing potential elimination as part of efforts to address the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's \$21 million budget deficit and an additional \$6.5 million in proactive cuts, Nebraska Public Media has learned. According to a memorandum obtained by Nebraska Public Media, six academic programs would be discontinued: community and regional planning; earth and atmospheric sciences; educational administration; landscape architecture; statistics; and textile, merchandising and fashion design. Four other departments could potentially merge — the entomology department with the plant pathology department, and the agricultural leadership, education and communication department with the agricultural economics department. Also, two colleges, the College of Engineering and the College of Arts and Sciences, would see a combined reduction of \$550,000 for state-aided funding for graduate assistantships.



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ON THIS DAY IN 1949

"The Lone Ranger"
premiered on ABC.
Clayton Moore was
the Lone Ranger and
Jay Silverheels was
Tonto.

The McCook Bison boys tennis team won the York Invite on Friday. The Bison are in Kearney for a triangular today. The Bison girls golf team finished with a team score of 404 at the Lexington Invite on Friday. MHS senior Kapri Loop finished 14th overall with a round of 92. The Bison girls were fourth and the boys seventh at the Broken Bow Cross Country Invite on Saturday. Emma Cappel was third overall. The Bison will host their own invite on Thursday. The Bison football team dropped their first game of the season Friday vs. Waverly, 42-7. McCook will travel to Crete on Friday. The Lady Bison volleyball team will host Goodland and Cheylin tonight at the MHS gym. The Bison softball team will host Holdrege at the Jaycee Sports Complex.

Dylan Raiola led Nebraska to points on each of its first six drives in the first half to build a 38-0 halftime lead on its way to a 59-7 win over visiting Houston Christian on Saturday afternoon. Playing in front of the 405th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium, the 3-0 Huskers rolled up 554 yards of total offense, including 362 passing and 192 on the ground. Four Husker quarterbacks combined to go 23-of-29 through the air, while eight Big Red rushers averaged 5.1 yards per carry on 38 totes. Raiola, a sophomore quarterback, continued his efficient play by completing 15-of-21 passes for 222 yards and two touchdowns in the first half alone, before freshman quarterback TJ Lateef took the reins of the Husker offense to start the second half. Lateef continued his efficient contributions as well by leading the Big Red to touchdowns on each of his three second-half drives, completing 5-of-5 passes for 126 yards, including a 62-yard touchdown pass to Cortez Mills Jr. in the fourth quarter. Lateef added three carries for 15 yards with a seven-yard rushing touchdown on NU's opening drive of the third quarter.

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TODAY'S PUZZLE

HOME OF BISON SPORTS!



ACROSS

- 1 Fat
- 4 Expires
- 8 Meat alternative
- 12 Wonder
- 13 American state
- 14 Allege
- 15 Imprint of foot
- 17 Not women's
- 18 Expression of surprise
- 19 National capital
- 21 Exchange for money
- 24 Whiff
- 26 Toothbrush brand
- 28 Rises
- 32 Division (abbr.)
- 33 Get worse
- 35 Is
- 36 Seabird
- 38 What a helicopter needs
- 40 BB Player Abdul Jabar
- 42 Idiot
- 43 Contends
- 46 Peculiar
- 48 Tug
- 49 Unlike
- 54 Bench
- 55 See
- 56 Record
- 57 Whirl
- 58 Aborts
- 59 Toilet

DOWN

- 1 Clod
- 2 The other half of Jima
- 3 MGM's Lion
- 4 Course
- 5 Tiny amounts
- 6 Ram's mate
- 7 Dry
- 8 "Hot ___"
- 9 Kitchen appliance
- 10 Defend
- 11 ___ Major (Big Dipper)
- 16 Lanky
- 20 Stomach sore
- 21 Turfs
- 22 Canal
- 23 Volcanic rock
- 25 Tree
- 27 Chap
- 29 World organization
- 30 Fall
- 31 Withered
- 34 Amazing
- 37 Imperfect
- 39 Chances of winning
- 41 Minibike
- 43 Church part
- 44 Feared
- 45 Pleased
- 47 Chewy candies
- 50 Pigsty
- 51 Ailing
- 52 Also
- 53 Self

