



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

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59.24 TO		108.30 TO	
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MONDAY-FRIDAY 11-2

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2025 HERITAGE DAYS

Heritage Days 2025 officially kicked off last night with the McCook Chamber of Commerce mixer at MNB Bank. Chamber Director Sarah Schneider announced the Heritage Days royalty. Congrats to Bill Donze (Mr. Bill) for being named this year's Parade Marshal. Joe Townsley was named Volunteer of the Year. This year's Heritage Days Honor Family are Rick and Pam Klug. And the Grand Marshal is Phyllis Coolidge. Heritage Days activities continue tonight with the Third Thursday event at Norris Alley hosted by Prairie Plains CASA.

RICKETTS TOUTS SOCIAL SECURITY

Nebraska U.S. Sen. Pete Ricketts said Wednesday he's working to protect Social Security, but added he's not ready to comment on potential solutions for keeping the system solvent. In a conference call with reporters Wednesday, Ricketts touted what he said were improvements to Social Security. He said Social Security benefits had been untaxed from 1935 to 1983, when 50% of them were subject to taxation. He said that increased to 85% in 1993. But he said the budget and tax bill Congress passed in July would eliminate taxation on Social Security for 88% of seniors up to 265,000 people in Nebraska. And he said he's introduced legislation to phase out federal income taxes on Social Security benefits entirely. The Social Security trustees reported in June the system's old age and survivors trust fund would run out of reserves in 2034. Social Security's chief actuary wrote that the budget and tax bill passed in July, which Ricketts supported, speeds that up to 2032. Various ideas have been suggested to keep the system solvent, including changing how it accounts for inflation, raising the cap on earnings that are taxed, raising the tax rates, or raising the retirement age. Ricketts declined Wednesday to endorse those or any other proposals. "There's a number of solutions that are being floated around from both Republicans and Democrats, and there is, I would say, no consensus around which approach to take, and until there is a package that is going to address it, I don't really have any direction to give you with regard to what might pop up in the future. So we're going to have to tackle this at some point down the road, but I can't tell you... which way it's going to go," he said.

DOJ DEMANDS NEBRASKA'S VOTER DATA

The U.S. Department of Justice has called on Nebraska's chief election officer to share the state's unredacted voter registration data. In a letter dated Sept. 8, the agency asked that Secretary of State Robert Evnen provide a copy of Nebraska's statewide voter registration list, including names, addresses, dates of birth, drivers license numbers and the last four digits of Social Security numbers. Dozens of other states are known to have received similar requests from Harmeet Dhillon, an attorney who oversees the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. The agency cited the National Voter Registration Act and the Help America Vote Act in those requests, asserting that the information is necessary to ensure states maintain accurate voter registration rolls. In her letter to Evnen, Dhillon requested the information be provided within 14 days, designating a deadline of Sept. 22. Whether Evnen and his office will comply remains to be seen. The letter was shared with the Nebraska Attorney General for "review and advice," said Rani Taborek-Potter, a spokesperson for the Secretary of State. "We will inform the U.S. Department of Justice that we have done so," Taborek-Potter said, "and we will communicate with them further after we receive the Nebraska Attorney General's advice." The attorney general's office declined to comment.



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Microsoft tried a 4-day work-week in Japan as part of a "Work-Life Choice Challenge" by shutting down offices every Friday. Productivity, measured by sales per employee, increased by almost 40% compared to the same period the previous year."

The McCook Lady Bison volleyball team will travel to Colby tonight for a pair of games. Coverage begins at 3:45 on KICX961 and the KICX 961 YouTube channel. The Bison girls softball team will host Wray and Yuma later today at the Jaycee Sports Complex. The Bison boys tennis team will compete in the Lexington Invite today. Today's McCook Cross Country Invite has been cancelled because of too much water on the Heritage Hills course.

Tickets for the Nebraska men's basketball scrimmage against BYU at Pinnacle Bank Arena are now on sale. The Huskers begin their quest for a third straight post-season appearance, bringing back four players who have made at least 15 starts in NU careers. The Huskers are led by All-Big Ten forward Rienk Mast, who returns after missing all last season following knee surgery. Two years ago, Mast averaged 12.3 points and led NU in both rebounding (7.5 rpg) and assists (3.0 apg). NU also brings back returning starters Berke Büyüktuncel (6.0 ppg, 5.5 rpg) and Sam Hoiberg (3.9 ppg; 1.9 apg) and regains the services of Jamarques Lawrence, who started 23 games on NU's 2023-24 NCAA Tournament and started 31 games at Rhode Island last season.

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TODAY'S PUZZLE

HOME OF BISON SPORTS!



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- 5 10 grams (abbr. for dekagram)
- 8 Truss
- 11 Opera solo
- 12 ___ fide
- 13 Reduced (abbr.)
- 14 "Mister" (German)
- 15 Flightless birds
- 16 Caesar's twelve
- 17 Biscuit
- 19 Royal treasury
- 20 Large land mass
- 23 Lysergic acid diethylamide
- 25 Coast bird
- 27 El ___ (Texas city)
- 30 In possession of
- 31 Defense
- 33 Wing
- 35 Not this
- 37 Neighboring area
- 39 Drink
- 41 Script
- 42 Child's transportation
- 45 Breadth
- 47 Billion years
- 48 Composer Johann Sebastian
- 49 Fatty
- 53 Wonder
- 54 Location
- 55 Memorization
- 56 Crude
- 57 Scarlet
- 58 Aborts

DOWN

- 1 Morse code dash
- 2 Miner's goal
- 3 Mr.
- 4 Insect
- 5 Stadium
- 6 Gripping surface
- 7 Vapor
- 8 Ride on the runway
- 9 Wading bird
- 10 Little Mermaid's love
- 12 Happen to
- 18 Pointed
- 19 Those who make the food laws (abbr.)
- 20 Fire remains
- 21 Deed
- 22 Irresponsible
- 24 Mood
- 26 Rim
- 28 Boat's wind catcher
- 29 Tub spread
- 32 Far Eastern religion's diet
- 34 August (abbr.)
- 36 Dined
- 38 City in Pakistan
- 40 Informed
- 42 Suffer
- 43 American state
- 44 Had known
- 46 Chilled
- 48 Pub
- 50 Charged particle
- 51 Limited (abbr.)
- 52 Okay

