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797.90 TO 47,457.22	536.10 TO 22,870.36

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Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High 78	High 68	High 66



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UNCERTAINTY OVER FOOD ASSISTANCE

The federal government shutdown is over and full Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program payments on the way, but Nebraskans are still facing uncertainty over food assistance. Partial SNAP monthly payments were disbursed Wednesday night by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services when the shutdown ended. Some Nebraskans received up to 65% of their monthly payments, while others received less or nothing at all. Full and remaining payments should be on the way soon. "After guidance was received from the USDA authorizing partial issuances, the team immediately worked to ensure these payments were issued as soon as possible," DHHS Office of Economic Assistance Director Shannon Grotirian said in a press release. "Now that the federal government is officially reopened, we will work to distribute the remaining benefits as soon as the USDA provides final authorization." Eric Saviano, program manager for food and nutrition access at Nebraska Appleseed said full payments are expected by end-of-day Friday. "This is our best guess at the moment," Saviano said. "With that guidance from USDA, there's nothing stopping DHHS from putting out the benefits as quickly as possible." Calculations to prevent overpayments and underpayments are underway. Saviano said the partial payments from Nebraska DHHS were helpful, but not enough for those who rely on SNAP.

RETAIN TAX INCREASES

Four conservative state senators in the officially nonpartisan Nebraska Legislature are making a pledge ahead of the 2026 session to restrain tax increases. The pledge drafted by senators Bob Andersen, Tanya Storer, Jared Storm and Paul Strommen vows not to not increase the total tax burden on taxpayers and provide "direct and explicit dollar-for-dollar decreases in other taxes, if any tax rate is increased or tax base expanded." All four said they would like to see a decrease in state spending and an overall decrease in the size of government. "We don't have a revenue issue," Storm said. "We have a spending problem." He said the core group is firmly united in trying to lower taxes and cut spending. Storer pointed to the recent \$1.6 billion injected into the state's budget to offset the property tax burden, yet taxpayers have seen only a \$6 million decrease in total property taxes collected. Analysis by Statehouse Reporter Fred Knapp shows it's true that total property taxes levied decreased only \$6 million from 2023 to 2024 - from \$5.308 billion in 2023, to \$5.302 billion in 2024. But that does not reflect the fact that by converting what had been a state income tax credit to a property tax credit, the state in effect paid a much larger portion of those property taxes. In fact, the share of school costs paid by local property taxes decreased from \$2.619 billion in 2023-24 to an estimated \$2.013 billion in 2024-2025, according to the Nebraska Department of Education.

LA NINA TO PLAY STARRING ROLL

Climate troublemaker La Niña will play a starring role in the United States' winter weather, federal forecasters from the Climate Prediction Center said Thursday, Nov. 13. "La Niña continued over the past month, as indicated by the strengthening of below-average sea surface temperatures across the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean," the prediction center said in a statement. La Niña is a part of a natural climate cycle officially known as El Niño-Southern Oscillation, what scientists call ENSO. The cycle swings between warmer and cooler seawater in a region along the equator in the tropical Pacific Ocean. La Niña is marked by cooler-than-average ocean water in the region. Those subtle changes can have big ripple effects across the globe's climate, with the cycle at times increasing the chances for rain, drought, hurricanes and other chaos. The effects vary drastically by region, even within the United States. Although on the weak side, federal forecasters still say this La Niña will be the primary driver of winter weather in the United States. Its impact is likely to be strongest during the winter season and so plays a large role in the CPC's recently released winter outlook, Jon Gottschalck, chief of the operational prediction branch of the Climate Prediction Center, told USA TODAY.



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2012 - The game Candy Crush Saga was released as a mobile app for smartphones.

The Nebraska state high school football semifinals are tonight. Southwest will travel to Red Cloud in one of two six-man semifinals. Both teams are 10-0. Pregame coverage on 103.9 The Hawk starts at 5:30 with kickoff at 6 p.m. The Southwest/Red Cloud winner will face the Stuart/Garden County winner in next week's championship game in Kearney. The two Class B semifinals have Gretna vs. Gretna East and Waverly vs. Bennington. Millard South will face Omaha Westside in the Class A semifinals. McCook High School grad DJ Gross is an assistant coach at Millard South.

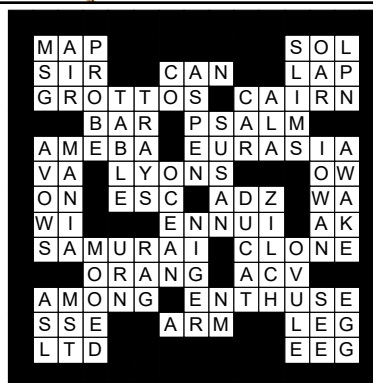
Fourteenth ranked Butler Community College raced past the McCook Community College women Thursday in the Butler Classic. The Grizzlies won 72-41. Freshman Nevaeh Lucero (Thornton, Colo.) saw her first action of the season and came off the bench to lead the Lady Indians with 12 points. In 19 minutes of playing time, the 5-3 point-guard made five of 11 field goals, hit both her free throws and grabbed six rebounds. "The one bright spot there was Nevaeh. She hasn't played due to a concussion, and she came out and competed," said Pritchett. "Smallest player on the floor and she got six rebounds. We just need everyone on that same page." Sophomore Laia Izquierdo Altimira (Barcelona, Spain) scored nine points. Miriam Wahlqvist (sophomore, Helsingborg, Sweden) led MCC with eight rebounds to go along with four points. The Grizzlies improve to 4-0 on the season. MCC goes to 2-4 and will continue in the Butler Classic Friday taking on Coffeyville Community College at 4 p.m. The Red Ravens improved to 5-0 with a 79-51 win in the opening game of the Classic Thursday afternoon over the Bethany College JV. The MCC men will host Fort Hays Tech Northwest tonight at the Graff Events Center. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

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ACROSS

- 1 For
- 5 Artist Chagall
- 7 Vice
- 11 Carbon oxide
- 12 Constrictor
- 14 Last month
- 15 Imitate
- 16 "___ Mice and Men"
- 18 Married woman
- 20 Animal kingdom division
- 22 The air inhaled and exhaled in respiration
- 25 Moray
- 26 Snaky fish
- 27 Objects
- 29 Fermium (abbr.)
- 31 Chatter
- 32 Evildoing
- 33 Bind
- 34 Canadian prov.
- 35 Approximate date
- 36 Relative
- 37 Males
- 38 American plover of inland waters and fields
- 40 Repeated sounds
- 43 Long-term memory
- 44 Scale note
- 45 Laundry detergent brand
- 46 Kitten's cry
- 48 Directory (abbr.)
- 50 Barium (abbr.)
- 51 Unexpressed
- 52 Mark
- 55 Made a hole

DOWN

- 1 Promethium (abbr.)
- 2 Sun god
- 3 Bolus
- 4 Idyll
- 6 Unconscious states
- 8 Mr. ___ (tv horse)
- 9 Representative
- 10 Plot
- 11 Computer part
- 13 Creative work
- 15 Both
- 16 Heeds
- 17 Strange looking person
- 19 Bake eggs
- 21 Yea
- 23 Moose relative
- 24 Hold fast
- 28 Electronic communication
- 29 Given a fee
- 30 Railroad track
- 32 Movie theater
- 33 Second day of the wk.
- 35 Executive director
- 36 Allow in
- 37 Megahertz
- 39 Type of partnership
- 40 Tides
- 41 Central Intelligence Agency
- 42 Part of a min.
- 47 Wisconsin (abbr.)
- 49 Free of
- 53 Copper (abbr.)
- 54 Kilogram

