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STOCKS

DOW	NASDAQ
129.97 TO 48,833.98	135.41 TO 23,458.44

WEATHER



TODAY	SAT	SUN
Partly Sunny High 39	Partly Sunny High 37	Sunny High 38



WALK-IN HOURS
Monday - Friday
7am - 4:30pm
Saturday
8am - 10am

No Appointment Necessary

THE
CLAY TRAVIS &
BUCK SEXTON
SHOW



MONDAY-FRIDAY
11-2



STATE SENATORS WILL TOUR DETENTION CENTER

State senators on Monday will be able to tour the detention center the state runs for Immigration and Customs Enforcement in McCook. Meanwhile, state officials are refusing to say how many people are detained there. Despite a Nebraska law saying legislators can visit state-run prisons anytime, Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh said this week she was denied access to the McCook facility in November. But Thursday, Cavanaugh said a tour has been arranged for Monday afternoon. Pillen spokesperson Laura Strimple said it would be open to any senator who completes the required federal paperwork. Meanwhile, state officials are refusing to say how many detainees are being held at the facility. The New York Times reported Sunday that the average daily count for November was 28. Gov. Jim Pillen said in early November he expected there would be about 200 by Thanksgiving. A spokesperson for the Department of Correctional Services said they were not giving out numbers for reasons of safety and security, at the request of their federal partners, but that the number was significantly higher than reported by the Times. Asked about the situation Wednesday, Pillen also declined to give a number. "The bottom line is, what we're focused on is keeping Nebraska safe, keeping our state safe. I'm not zeroed in on exactly how many people are at that" (facility)," Pillen said.

HEALTH CARE FREEDOM FOR PATIENTS ACT

The U.S. Senate rejected two plans to address health care costs Thursday as federal subsidies to lower Affordable Care Act premiums are set to expire at the end of the year. Both of Nebraska's Republican senators voted for the GOP-backed measure, known as the Health Care Freedom for Patients Act. Instead of extending ACA tax credits, the bill would provide between \$1,000 and \$1,500 in payments to health savings accounts held by Americans earning less than 700% of the federal poverty level around \$225,000 for a family of four. The bill would also prohibit the coverage of gender transition procedures as an essential health benefit. Democrats proposed a three-year extension of the existing enhanced premium tax credits, which were introduced through the American Rescue Plan Act in 2021. The provision allowed additional households to become eligible for the credit, lowering payments toward premiums for some plans offered through health insurance exchanges. In a statement following the vote, Sen. Pete Ricketts said the Democrats' plan would only make the problems worse. "The Republican plan gives money to people, not insurance companies," Ricketts said. "It includes common-sense reforms to lower health care costs and combat waste, fraud and abuse. It builds on the successes of the 'Working Families Tax Cuts Act,' which expanded access to health savings accounts. These solutions allow people choice and will improve health care access and affordability for Nebraskans." Sen. Deb Fischer said extending the credits would have helped insurance companies instead of addressing the root cause of rising costs.

SATURDAY'S POWERBALL IS UP TO \$1 BILLION

The Powerball jackpot for Saturday's drawing is \$1 billion (\$461.3 million cash option). This is the 7th largest jackpot in the history of the game. There have been 41 consecutive Powerball drawings since September 8 without a jackpot winner. Because of the high jackpot, the Nebraska Lottery reminds customers to set spending and time limits. This jackpot run has produced two large Nebraska winners. In the November 5th drawing, a \$50,000 Powerball winning ticket was sold at Git 'n Split #09, 951 West O Street in Lincoln. And in the December 1 drawing, a \$50,000 Powerball winning ticket was sold at Stop 'n Shop #7, 5640 South 16th Street in Lincoln. Ten Powerball jackpots have been won in Nebraska since July 1994. The largest jackpot won in Nebraska was in February 2006 when a group of eight coworkers at the ConAgra Foods ham and corned beef plant in Lincoln split a \$365 million jackpot. Because of the high jackpot, the Nebraska Lottery encourages customers to set limits and play within their means.



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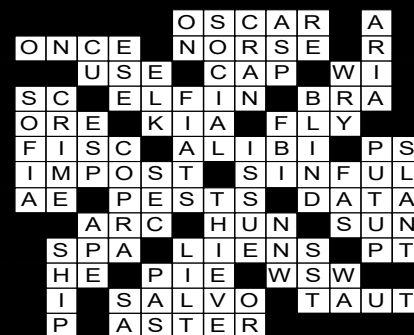
The McCook Bison basketball teams won their opening games of the Goodland Topside Tournament yesterday. The MHS girls won their first game of the season, knocking off Burlington, 44-36. The Bison girls will face Goodland in the championship semifinals at 7 p.m. CST. Pregame coverage on KICX 96.1 and the KICX 96.1 YouTube channel starts at 6:40. The Bison boys had no trouble with Norton, winning their second game of the season, 73-33. The Bison boys will also face Goodland in the semifinals. That game will follow the Goodland-McCook girls game. The Cattle Trail Tournament continues tonight in McCook. The four championship semifinals will be played at the Graff Events Center starting at 3:30. Coverage can be heard on 103.9 The Hawk. The four consolation semifinals will be at the McCook High School gym starting at 3:30. Those games can be heard on 101.1 KFNF.

The McCook Bison wrestling teams picked up dual wins last night in Cozad. The MHS girls head to Stapleton tomorrow for the Sandhills Tournament. The Bison boys will have head to North Platte St. Pats for matches tonight. The Bison varsity will compete at the Holdrege Invite tomorrow. The Bison swimmers/divers head back to Hastings for an invite today. The Bison bowling team will head to Hastings for a girls/boys invite.

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TODAY'S PUZZLE

HOME OF BISON SPORTS!



ACROSS

- 1 Agent
- 6 Cubic centimeter
- 9 Capital of Vietnam
- 10 Metric linear unit
- 13 Defense
- 15 Bucks
- 17 Money institution
- 19 Part of the "KKK"
- 20 Tonight Show host (2 wds.)
- 23 Funny stories
- 26 Academy (abbr.)
- 27 Sandwich cookies brand
- 29 Albuquerque locale
- 30 Play on words
- 31 Sarcastically
- 32 Cell stuff
- 33 Near
- 34 Imitation chocolate
- 35 Paul's former name
- 36 Asian country
- 38 Oxygen inhaler
- 40 Sword handle
- 42 Bide
- 43 Belief
- 46 Bust
- 49 Zero
- 50 Music used as practice
- 52 Newspaper
- 53 Pampered

DOWN

- 1 Backbone
- 2 Scale note
- 3 Tip
- 4 Chess piece
- 5 Party-poopier
- 6 Boston locale
- 7 Caesar's 49
- 8 Citizen of Libya
- 10 Wet
- 11 Little Rock locale
- 12 Mississippi (abbr.)
- 14 Bare scalp
- 16 Country in SE Asia
- 18 Seasoner makers
- 20 Asian nation
- 21 Critical
- 22 Constellation
- 24 Doldrums
- 25 Petite
- 28 Shove
- 31 Lagged
- 32 Perch's relative
- 34 First murderer
- 35 Toss
- 37 Day-time tv's Mr. Donahue
- 39 Cut with a saw
- 41 Dorothy's dog
- 43 ___ line
- 44 3.14...
- 45 Walnut
- 47 Calif.
- 48 Kilogram
- 51 Dover locale

