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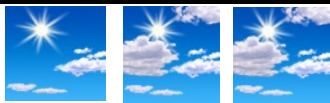
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WEATHER



TODAY	SAT	SUN
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
High 93	High 89	High 90

FURNAS COUNTY SHERIFF ARREST TWO MEN

Two men were arrested this week by the Furnas County Sheriff's Office following a violent assault that occurred in Oxford on Sunday, May 10th, 2026. The FCSO became aware of the incident after a 44-year-old victim was transported by private vehicle to Phelps Memorial Hospital in Holdrege for treatment of significant injuries. According to a news release, investigation revealed that two suspects, 22-year-old Blake P. Waters of Holdrege, and 66-year-old David R. Herrick of Oxford allegedly confronted the victim near his home in Oxford. Waters tackled the victim and strangled him, dislocating the victim's right shoulder, rendering his right arm immobile. Herrick is alleged to have struck the victim at least twice in the head with a baseball bat, causing the victim to fall to the ground. Both suspects then allegedly continued to punch and kick the victim while he was on the ground. Prior to fleeing the scene the suspects allegedly removed a 12-gauge Remington 870 shotgun from the victim's vehicle. The news release states that the assault was preceded by a series of threatening messages sent to the victim and a third party in the days leading up to the incident.

GOV. PILLEN CELEBRATING HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

Gov. Jim Pillen is celebrating the first connection to high-speed internet made possible by federal infrastructure funding. Pillen flew to Ogallala Thursday to see the first high-speed connection made from a tower northwest of the city to a home 11 miles away. The connection means the household now receives speeds exceeding 800 megabits per second download and 200 megabits per second upload well above the federal program's 100 Mbps/20 Mbps minimum requirement, according to Vistabeam, the company that provides the service. The development uses funds from the BEAD program, short for Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment, part of the 2021 infrastructure bill. Under the Biden administration, Nebraska was slated to get \$405 million from the program. Changes by the Trump administration cut that to \$42 million by allowing use of alternatives including satellite connections instead of fiber optic cable, and eliminating labor, environment, and rate regulation requirements. Vicki Kramer, director of the Nebraska Department of Transportation, said the original program was projected to reach 30,000 locations. She said the new version will reach about 14,000, at a much lower cost, and leave other funds available for precision agriculture, public safety and other quality of life improvements. Pillen said he hopes the rest of the money will still come to Nebraska.

SWATTING CALLS ACROSS THE STATE

From Sidney to Lincoln, police have responded to swatting calls at multiple schools across the state this year. Sidney police responded to calls on Feb. 26 and March 4. Lincoln police responded to a call on May 5 at Calvert Elementary. Central Elementary in Kearney, Alliance High School and North Platte High School were the most recent recipients of swatting calls this week. There also was a swatting call at the Walmart in Hastings earlier this month. The FBI defines swatting as a tactic used to call in false reports to emergency responders. Monday's call at North Platte High School was the second one this year, district spokesman Brandon Petersen said. "It was like, kind of like a robot-type voice with it, if that makes sense, and was saying that there was a threat outside of the school building, and so like immediately, obviously, law enforcement was notified," Petersen said. Petersen said police were able to complete a search in under half an hour while holding students in a secure status in classrooms. The first swatting call to NPHS this year was different. The call indicated a threat inside of the building, which resulted in an evacuation, rather than a secure status. Petersen said the calls don't happen a lot, but that they do happen in spurts across the state. "We keep in pretty good contact with other school districts, communication directors also," he said. "If somebody gets one, it's like, hey, keep your eyes open; you might be getting one of these calls."



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The McCook Bison golfers finished fourth at the Ogallala Invite yesterday. Scottsbluff won the meet with a team score of 301. The Bison shot a team score of 324. Cruz McCarty led the Bison with a round of 78, good for tenth place overall. The Bison boys will play in their district tournament at Bennington on Monday. The Bison girls tennis team wrapped up their regular season with a dual win over Adams Central yesterday. The MHS girls will find out on Tuesday who they will face in the Class B state tournament, coming up after the Memorial Day weekend.

Five players from the record-setting McCook Community College softball team were named to the all-Region IX team by a vote of coaches. Sophomore Paige Warren was named Region IX Player of the Year. Others honored included Hannah Schneider, Lyndsay Keogh, Brooklynn Gillen and Josie Wright. Warren, the two-way player from Victoria, British Columbia, led all Region IX players and all players in the nation with 28 pitching wins. Schneider, the lefty pitcher freshman from Alliance, Neb. who attended Scottsbluff High School, was named All-Region IX pitcher. She was second in the league with 16 pitching wins and a 2.11 ERA. In 93 innings, she struck out 82, which was fourth most in the league. Keogh, the freshman from Surrey, British Columbia was named all Region IX infielder at first base. Wright, freshman, Calgary, Alberta, was MCC's centerfielder and named all-Region outfielder. Gillen was an honorable-mention infielder. The freshman shortstop from McCook, hit .305 with a .384 OBP with 13 doubles, four triples, two home runs, 14 stolen bases and 47 runs scored. She helped anchor the defense which led the league with a .956 fielding percentage. These Lady Indians and their teammates won a program best 52 times this season and are headed to the NJCAA Division 1 College World Series May 25-30 at Choccolocco Park in Oxford, Ala.

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TODAY'S PUZZLE

HOME OF BISON SPORTS!



ACROSS

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- 5 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 8 Time period
- 11 Assistant
- 12 Avails
- 13 Airport abbr.
- 14 Torah table
- 15 Egyptian river
- 16 Momma
- 17 Equal
- 19 What legs are attached to
- 20 Character on "Seinfeld"
- 23 That girl
- 25 Behalf
- 27 Realm
- 30 Stake
- 31 Held high
- 33 Monosodium glutamate
- 35 Stack of paper
- 37 Outlying area
- 39 Con
- 41 French Painter, "Sunday Afternoon..."
- 42 Buckeye State
- 45 Loots
- 47 Curtsy
- 48 Jungle plant
- 49 Alack's partner
- 53 Kimono sash
- 54 Pennon
- 55 Beano
- 56 Aurora
- 57 Loose gown worn at mass
- 58 Attorney (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 Chitchat
- 2 Palter
- 3 Admiral (abbr.)
- 4 Fond name
- 5 Continent
- 6 Body components
- 7 Compass point
- 8 Prefix for half
- 9 On top
- 10 Sweet potatoes
- 12 Uncover
- 18 Disrepute
- 19 She
- 20 Recede
- 21 Look
- 22 Stake
- 24 Enmity
- 26 Exceed
- 28 Ruler
- 29 Afloat
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- 34 ___ feeling
- 36 Gone by
- 38 National capital
- 40 Hair care product brand
- 42 Band instrument
- 43 Tramp
- 44 Wading bird
- 46 Middle East dweller
- 48 Future Farmers of America (abbr.)
- 50 Permit
- 51 Picnic visitor
- 52 Chinese sauce

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