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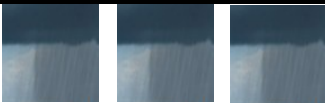
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WEATHER



TODAY	THURS	FRI
Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Showers
High 59	High 59	High 64

BEEF MONTH & RENEWABLE FUELS MONTH

Yesterday, on the Senate floor, U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts (R-NE) expressed his support for Nebraska farmers and ranchers and highlighted Nebraska's leadership in beef and renewable fuels. May is Beef Month and Renewable Fuels Month. Senator Ricketts also discussed the MARKET Act, legislation he introduced today to identify new export markets for American ag products and ensure our farmers and ranchers are not beholden to Communist China. "Last week the Senate passed my resolution to proclaim May as Beef Month throughout the entire country, and again, this is our leading industry in Nebraska, the beef industry," said Ricketts. "We are the leading state for exporting beef, \$1.7 billion worth. We're a leader in the categories that describe beef. In fact, we've got over 6 million head of cattle. We've got the three highest beef-producing counties in the country, in Nebraska. We're very proud of our beef industry, and of course it's the best-tasting beef in the entire world...It's also Renewable Fuels Month, and Nebraska is again a leader in renewable fuels 2.2 billion gallons. Not only is this important for creating jobs in our small towns and rural communities, but this is one of the ways that consumers can save money at the pump."

COMMUNITIES ASSESS DAMAGE AFTER STORM

Several southeast Nebraska communities were assessing damage Tuesday after severe storms swept through the region Monday evening, with Nemaha and Richardson counties among the hardest hit. Auburn, located in Nemaha County, declared a local disaster following the storms. Straight-line wind damage and flooding left approximately 20 to 25 homes, several downtown commercial buildings, and the Nemaha County courthouse roof damaged. A farm west of town also lost grain bins and three Morton buildings. Around 2,000 customers lost power, though service has since been restored. Some downtown buildings may be structurally unstable, according to preliminary information from The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, or NEMA. Erv Portis, assistant director of NEMA, said the response remains at the local level, and no state disaster declaration is expected at this time. "The locals have all told us their response is well within their control," Portis said. He said Richardson County sustained significant tornado damage from Monday's storms, with several confirmed touchdowns destroying grain bins and sheds and damaging rural homes. Downed power poles and electrical lines were also reported. Damage assessments are ongoing. Suzanne Fortin, meteorologist in charge at the National Weather Service Omaha/Valley office, said survey teams departed Tuesday morning to assess damage along the US 75 corridor between Auburn and Dawson. The office has five preliminary tornado reports from Monday's storms, though the final count is pending. "We're actually out conducting damage surveys at the moment, so we don't have the final tally of the storms yet," Fortin said.

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

Eighteen Nebraska State Troopers and Crime Lab personnel have been recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their efforts to enforce and prevent impaired driving in Nebraska. The team received the MADD Heroes Award in multiple categories of focus. "The mission of preventing impaired driving and removing drunk drivers from the road is critical to roadway safety in Nebraska and beyond," said Colonel Bryan Waugh, Superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol. "From our troopers patrolling the road, to our troopers providing education to young drivers, to our scientists at the Crime Lab working to test evidence in criminal cases, our team remains dedicated to maintaining safe roads across the state. Thank you to MADD for their work in this mission and for recognizing the efforts of our NSP personnel across Nebraska." Each year, MADD honors troopers, officers, deputies, and subject matter experts from across Nebraska for their work to prevent drunk driving. Those honorees work in areas of enforcement, education and awareness, and advocacy. In total, 18 troopers and NSP professional staff were honored today.



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SPORTS

The Nebraska state track and field meet begins today in Omaha. Classes A and B will start this morning with field events at 9 a.m. Running events will start at 1:30. Classes C and D will be on Friday and Saturday. Listen for hourly reports from Burke Stadium on KICX 96.1 and 103.9 The Hawk. Cambridge won the Class D4 district golf tournament at Lakeside. The Trojans shot a team score of 358, five strokes better than Overton. North Platte St. Pat's also qualified with a third-place finish. Cambridge's Micah Gerlach was the runner-up with a round of 79. Southwest senior Houston Billeter also qualified for the state meet, finishing eighth with a round of 86. Hitchcock County won the Class D5 district in Ogallala today. The Falcons shot a team score of 348. Falcon senior Jack Baker finished first with a round of 74.

The No. 1 Nebraska softball team (49-6) is set to host its first NCAA Super Regional in program history, as NU will welcome the No. 15 Oklahoma State Cowgirls for games on May 21, May 22 and if necessary, May 23. Thursday's action will start at 8 p.m. (CT) and first pitch on Friday is set for 4 p.m. (CT). If Saturday's game is necessary, first pitch will be at 4 p.m. (CT). NU is the No. 4 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament and the Cowgirls are the No. 13 overall seed. The two teams played and split two games earlier this year before the third was cancelled due to impending inclement weather. NU finished the regular season with a 43-6 (.878) record, good for the best regular-season winning percentage in program history. The Huskers went 23-1 in Big Ten play, which tied the Big Ten record for conference wins in a season, and clinched an outright Big Ten regular-season title. The Huskers also won the Big Ten Tournament last weekend to grab their 22nd overall conference title. NU downed South Dakota once and Grand Canyon twice in the Lincoln Regional last weekend to advance to Super Regionals. The 10th regional title in program history was powered by pitching, as Jordy Frahm and Alexis Jensen allowed only four hits and one run across three games.

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FUN FACT

Erosion at the base of Niagara Falls has caused the falls to recede approximately seven miles over the past 10,000 years.

TODAY'S PUZZLE

HOME OF BISON SPORTS!



ACROSS

- 1 Purses
- 5 Acid drug
- 8 Oxygen
- 11 Whim
- 12 Boxer Muhammad
- 13 Misprint
- 14 Noise
- 15 Affirmative
- 16 Prayer ending
- 17 Uncanny
- 19 Type of tea
- 21 What's owed
- 22 Chief ancient Philistine god
- 24 Children's game
- 27 Hot cereal
- 28 "Home, home on the ___"
- 30 Veneer
- 33 Youth ___
- 34 Maggot
- 35 Rise (2 wds.)
- 36 United Parcel Service
- 37 Banter
- 39 Behind
- 42 Depend
- 43 ___ bird
- 45 North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 48 Miss
- 50 Harvest
- 51 Forehead
- 52 East northeast
- 53 Stake
- 54 Teensy
- 55 Scrap
- 56 Singing voice

DOWN

- 1 Two-footed
- 2 Adios
- 3 Literary composition
- 4 Rice wine
- 5 Set
- 6 Santa's vehicle
- 7 70's music
- 8 Exercise place
- 9 Baboon
- 10 Male offspring
- 13 Little bit
- 18 Train
- 20 One the way (2 wds.)
- 23 Fire remains
- 24 Dynamite
- 25 Stage of life
- 26 Hair stuff
- 27 I want my ___
- 29 Poisonous snake
- 30 ___ shot (2 wds.)
- 31 Drink
- 32 Internal Revenue Service
- 33 Term of affection
- 35 South American country
- 38 Young boys Rags-to-riches author
- 39 Playing field
- 40 Apartments
- 41 Kinds
- 42 Scull
- 44 Middle East dweller
- 45 Compass point
- 46 Is
- 47 Foot extension
- 49 Limb

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