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34.47 TO 52,520.96	150.24 TO 25,315.95

WEATHER

TODAY	FRI	SAT
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Cloudy/ Breezy
High 57	High 52	High 48

MID-PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGISTRATION

Registration for winter and spring classes at Mid-Plains Community College is underway. Winterim is the period between the end of the fall term and start of the spring semester. Most classes begin Dec. 14 and end Jan. 14. The month-long courses offer a unique opportunity to earn credits in a short amount of time and allow students to complete general education requirements over the holiday break. Spring classes begin in January, and students are advised to register early for their selected courses. A variety of formats are available to make pursuing a higher education convenient and accessible for both traditional and non-traditional students. On-site, online, distance learning and hybrid options are offered. Mid-Plains also offers a tuition free dual-credit program that allows high school students to take courses earning both high school and college credit. Students are responsible for course-related fees. An admissions application can be found under the "apply now" tab on the college's website: www.mpcc.edu. A course schedule can be viewed under the "academics" section of the website. It's recommended that those interested in registering make an appointment with an advisor by calling (308) 535-3600 in North Platte or (308) 345-8101 in McCook. MPCC provides numerous scholarships, grants and loans to those who qualify. The 2027-2028 scholarship application deadline is March 1, 2027. More information about financial assistance is available by contacting finaid@mpcc.edu or by calling (308) 221-6444.

NEBRASKA MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS

More than 1,000 Nebraskans have reportedly been denied or lost Medicaid coverage since the state began enforcing new work requirements in May. Nebraska implemented Medicaid work requirements eight months ahead of the federal deadline. Six months later, concerns are growing about whether eligible residents are being turned away because of paperwork problems. Frankie MacGregor, a Nebraska Medicaid applicant, speaking at a recent Omaha town hall hosted by Nebraska Appleseed, shared her experience navigating the state's new requirements. "I was denied again, so two times, for not meeting the work requirements even though I do meet the work requirements but the state of Nebraska never asked," MacGregor recounted. Nebraska's Medicaid program covered roughly 338,000 residents in 2025. About 70,000 Medicaid expansion recipients are subject to the new work reporting rules, which generally require 80 hours of qualifying activities in a month unless an exemption applies. At the town hall, speakers described long telephone wait times, unanswered questions and delays in processing Medicaid applications. Trevor Toteve, policy analyst at the OpenSky Policy Institute, said state figures show many denials stem from missing documentation or unanswered requests rather than a determination applicants failed to work. "Of the nearly 1,400 individuals who've been denied or lost coverage due to the work requirements between May and August, over 80% were denied for being non-responsive. Not because they didn't meet the requirement but because they had missed a call, an email, or a document," Toteve explained.

NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY OUTLOOK

Nebraska Democrats gained ground last week in the governor's race, in all three congressional districts and in the Legislature. But while neighboring Kansas and Iowa saw major statewide victories for Democrats, Nebraska did not. Kansas elected its first Democratic U.S. senator since 1932. Iowa Democrats won a Senate race for the first time since 2008 and flipped the governor's office. Nebraska Democratic Party Chair Jane Kleeb said those states already had a track record of success with Democratic candidates. Kansas has elected Democratic governors, and Iowa had elected Democrat Rob Sand state auditor before he won the Governor's race. "So they had really proof of concept, and they had built up the infrastructure in order to do that," Kleeb said in an interview Monday with Nebraska Public Media News. "And that's exactly what we're working towards." "I often kind of joke that Nebraska's six years behind national trends. So that is a reality for our state," Kleeb said. "We are behind the national trend." Nebraska last elected a Democrat to the U.S. Senate in 2006 and to the governor's office in 1994. Kleeb said the party has "a lot more ground to make up in the 3rd District than in our 1st and 2nd," but said gaining Democratic support in the 3rd District is "not impossible."

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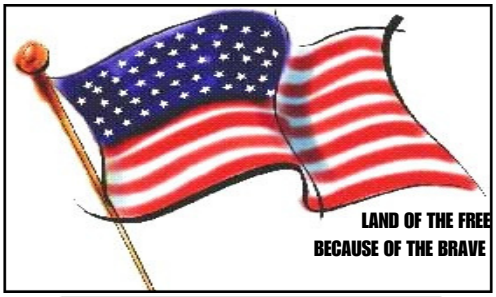
Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul.

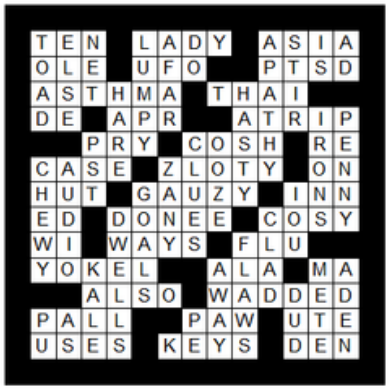
~Emily Dickinson~

Yesterday was a big signing day for a lot of high school seniors around the country. Maywood-Hayes Center senior Caylie Softley signed yesterday to continue her basketball career at Wayne State. The Huskers will add three of the top young women's basketball players in the Midwest, with the signings of Addison Medeck, Brinley Altenburg and MaryAnn Kenyon to join the Big Red for the 2027-28 season. The Husker volleyball team secured the signatures of four of the top prospects in the nation. They are setter Malorie Boesiger (Firth, Neb.), defensive specialist/libero Mallory Johnson (Byron Center, Mich.), defensive specialist/libero Pulelehua Laikona (Gilbert, Ariz.) and outside hitter Shaye Witherspoon (Wildwood, Mo.)

Pryce Sandfort's 22 points led three Huskers in double figures, as the Nebraska men's basketball team took control early in a 94-60 win over Lindenwood Wednesday evening. The Huskers (3-0) blitzed the Lions in the first half, shooting 66 percent in the half en route to a 61-point first half, the Huskers' highest scoring first half in more than 30 seasons. Nebraska led by as many as 38, at 56-18 with just under four minutes remaining in the half and took a 61-32 lead into the locker room. Sandfort led the way with 22 points on 7-of-14 shooting including six 3-pointers, while Damon Wilkinson (19) and Braden Frager (14) also finished in double figures. Wilkinson and Sandfort had 17 points apiece, outscoring the Lions (2-2) in the first half. Sandfort's 22-point effort was his third straight to open the season, while Wilkinson hit 7-of-8 shots, including the first two 3-pointers of his career, in just 18 minutes off the bench.

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1 Those who make the food laws (abbr.)
4 Gauzy
9 Spacecraft detachment
12 Sea eagle
13 Type of acid
14 Antlered animal
15 Greek muse of music
17 Stomach sore
19 Hit
20 Parent groups
21 Ozone
22 Livid
23 Computer
25 Rival
27 Lower
28 Railroad track
29 Has
31 Volume (abbr.)
32 Unusual
34 Popular appliance brand
35 Drug
37 Pooch
38 South Dakota
39 Nifty
40 Beret
42 Sell for money
43 BB Player Abdul Jabar
46 Pump
48 Queer
50 Both
51 Register
53 Stamping tool
54 Con
55 Rhinoceros' nickname
56 Supersonic transport

DOWN

1 Dues
2 Hollow instrument
3 Antibody producer
4 Ticket costs
5 Rascal
6 Palter
7 Minnesota (abbr.)
8 Young people
9 Upper body muscles
10 Bullfight cheer
11 Danish krone (abbr.)
16 Terminal abbr.
18 Cover
20 Sacred poem
22 Around
23 South American country
24 Horse fly
25 Hazes
26 Uncollected
27 Relating to birds
30 Navigational instrument
33 Adds
36 Utensil metal
40 Monte __
41 Also known as (abbr.)
42 Orange juice finding
44 Aegis
45 Contest
46 Swag
47 Sheet
48 __ Lanka
49 Large weight unit
52 New Hampshire (abbr.)

