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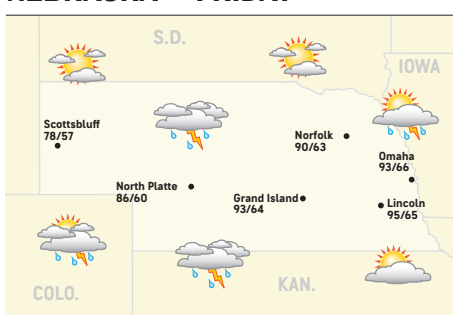
NATIONAL OUTLOOK — FRIDAY



SUMMARY

A 30% chance of thunderstorms early Friday will precede sunshine and a high near 90. Lows will dip to 63 overnight, and a chance of showers will linger through Saturday as sunny skies push the high to 83. A few clouds overnight will come with a low of 59. Sunshine is in store for the early part of next week as highs reach the mid-80s.

NEBRASKA — FRIDAY



A chance of showers and thunderstorms will move across the state on Friday as highs reach the lower 90s in parts of the east and upper 80s elsewhere, but heat-index readings in the Omaha area could remain around 103. Overnight will bring a continuing chance of showers and lows in the 60s. Saturday will be partly sunny in the east, where highs will reach the 80s.

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Norfolk — High Wednesday, 102; low Thursday morning, 68; Record high temperature for Aug. 23, 104 set in 1938; record low, 43 set in 1942. Normal high, 83; normal low, 60.

Precipitation — Wednesday, 0; month, 2.64; departure, -.04; since Jan. 16.30; departure, -3.31.

State/nation — State high Wednesday, 106 at Hebron; state low Thursday morning, 61 at Alliance and Sidney. Nation's high Wednesday, 109 at Gila Bend, Arizona; nation's low Thursday morning, 30 at Polebridge, Montana.

Other data — Sunrise Friday, 6:48 a.m.; sunset Friday, 8:15 p.m.

NORFOLK		NEBRASKA	
Wednesday's high temperature	Thurs. morning's low temperature	Wednesday's high temperature	Thurs. morning's low temperature
102	68	106	61
Record: 104 in 1938	Record: 43 in 1942	Hebron	Alliance and Sidney

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Difficulty: ★★★ 8/24

Grant

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and will take care of any overages that we had," Powell said. Dover also addressed council members, saying that the Johnson Park project was just another great example of the strides that Norfolk had made toward improving the community. "This community is my home," Dover said. "When I think about the future, I would hope that Norfolk would have three things: Growth, life and prosperity."

Dover said these charac-

teristics are needed to attract young families to the community, which will keep Norfolk, and the state, vibrant and growing. He said the renovated park would give young people and families a place to meet and enjoy what the city has to offer. "Who of you don't hope that your grandchildren find the opportunity to work in the field of their choice here in Norfolk?" Dover said. "This is for the future of Norfolk, the future of Northeast Nebraska and, ultimately, the future of our state." Dover said the grant funds

GOP candidates battle each other but mostly line up behind Trump

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Republican presidential candidates vying to be the leading alternative to front-runner Donald Trump fought — sometimes bitterly — over abortion, U.S. support for Ukraine and the type of experience needed to manage an expansive federal government during the first debate of the 2024 campaign.

But when it came to arguably the most consequential choice facing the party, virtually everyone on the debate stage in Milwaukee on Wednesday night lined up behind Trump, who declined to participate, citing his commanding lead. Most said they would support Trump as their nominee even if he is convicted in a series of cases that range from his handling of classified documents to his efforts to overturn the 2020 election and his role in making hush money payments to a porn actress and other women.

"Let's just speak the truth," said tech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy. "President Trump, I believe, was the best president of the 21st century. It's a fact."

In the face of such an unprecedented moment in American politics, that sentiment was a reminder of the power Trump continues to wield in the party and the reluctance of most GOP White House hopefuls to directly confront him or his norm-breaking activity. And it spoke to the struggle of



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BUSINESSMAN Vivek Ramaswamy and former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley speak during a Republican presidential primary debate hosted by Fox News on Wednesday in Milwaukee.

any single candidate in the crowded field to emerge as a credible counter to Trump with less than five months until the Iowa caucuses formally jump-start the GOP presidential nomination process.

That challenge was particularly acute for Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who announced his campaign in May to great fanfare but has since struggled to gain traction. He was sometimes eclipsed on Wednesday by lower-polling candidates, including former Vice President Mike Pence, a generally un-

derstated politician who demonstrated an aggressive side as he positioned himself as the most experienced candidate on stage.

Pence, along with former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, sparred frequently with Ramaswamy. The goal for almost every candidate was to use the event, hosted by Fox News, to displace DeSantis from his distant second-place standing and introduce themselves to viewers who are just tuning into the race.

While the candidates repeatedly tangled — often talking over moderators Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum — most refused to oppose Trump as the nominee, even if he becomes a convicted felon. The question came nearly an hour into the debate and a day before Trump was set to surrender in Georgia on charges of trying to overturn the state's 2020 election.

"Someone's got to stop normalizing misconduct. Whether or not you believe that the criminal charges are right or wrong, the conduct is beneath the office of president of the United States," said Christie, a one-time Trump ally who has since become a fierce critic.

Former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson was the only person who clearly refused to raise his hand, indicating he would not support Trump as the nominee if he was convicted.

Customers

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version, Busskohl said he hopes people seek out reliable sources for news coverage.

"I trust the Daily News. They present the facts and are unbiased," he said. "There is so much bias on TV and some radio."

Busskohl also turns to the Commentary page for insight into topics of the day.

"I usually read something on the editorial page," he said. "Sometimes people make a good point that swings my thinking. It's valuable to be exposed to different viewpoints."

The Daily News has been presenting opposing viewpoints on timely topics since William Huse and his son, W.N. Huse, bought the paper in 1888. In 1892, W.N. became the sole owner. His descendants have owned and operated the paper since then. Today, William (Bill) Huse, W.N.'s, great-great-grandson, is the publisher.

The Daily News also has provided local businesses with the means to tout their products and services to potential customers. Among the many longtime advertisers in the Daily News has been Jim Rutten, owner of Jim's Fine Wine & More in Norfolk.

He likes advertising in the newspaper because "you always have it (the ad) in front of you," he said.

In his ads, Rutten often includes the schedule of upcoming events he has planned in the winery or around town, such as his Thursday night tastings at his store at 2001 Market Lane or wine tastings at area events, such as county fairs.

"With (print) ads ... people cut it out and put in on the refrigerator. They have it right in front of them," he said.

Social media platforms have the same issues — if you miss it, it's gone.

"People see it, but don't always absorb it. With paper, you can always go back to it," he said.

Before opening Jim's Fine Wines, Rutten utilized the Daily News' advertising when working at Lloyd's Pharmacy and for ShopKo.

"I don't think I'll ever change," he said. "I know my customers. They reference the newspaper."

Keeping up with new businesses and industries coming to Norfolk is one of the many reasons why Bob Dudley reads the Daily News.

"I have to stay open to new businesses ... that are a resource for me," said Dudley, the president of Appeara, which has been in Norfolk for more than 100 years.

Like Busskohl, Dudley has been reading the paper since he

was young. A subscriber for almost 40 years, he reads the first section "front to back" to keep up with the city, school board and political news. Those topics, he said, "are important to me."

He trusts the News to publish stories that are "reporting the facts" and not trying to sway his opinion.

He also reads the Commentary page where he is able to "read both sides."

"I'm open to both sides of the story," he said.

Although Dudley utilizes the News' digital formats when out of town, he prefers the print version and laments the fact that people are not subscribing and reading newspapers as they did at one time.

After all, newspapers do more than provide news. For some people, delivering newspapers was where they learned skills and adopted work ethics that influence them the rest of their lives.

"Paper routes taught them so much," Dudley said. "We're losing that employment side."

The bottom line for Dudley is that his company continues to advertise in the paper because he knows it increases name recognition for Appeara.

"We patronize local businesses because we want them to succeed," he said. "The paper is important to me."

AROUND THE WORLD

A brief look at what's happening elsewhere



Presumed dead

TALLINN, Estonia (AP) — Mercenary leader Yevgeny Prigozhin, who led a brief armed rebellion against the Russian military earlier this year, was presumed dead Wednesday after a plane crash north of Moscow that killed all 10 people on board.

Prigozhin was on the plane, according to Russia's civil aviation agency, which cited the airline. The crash immediately raised suspicions since the fate of the founder of the Wagner private military company has been the subject of intense speculation ever since he mounted the mutiny.

At the time, President Vladimir Putin denounced the rebellion as "treason" and a "stab in the back" and vowed to avenge it. But the charges against Prigozhin were soon dropped.

A plane carrying three crew members and seven passengers that was en route from Moscow to St. Petersburg went down almost 185 miles north of the capital, according to officials cited by Russia's state news agency Tass.

U.S. Army private

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. Army private who mysteriously sprinted across the border into North Korea last month has "so many reasons to come home," his mother said Wednesday as she cast doubt on a recent statement that suggested her son, Travis King, might be seeking refuge there or in a third country.

Claudine Gates spoke one week after North Korea released the statement through its state media in which it confirmed for the first time that it had detained the soldier and attributed comments to him criticizing the United States.

"I just can't see him ever wanting to just stay in Korea when he has family in America. He has so many reasons to come home," Gates said.

Credibility

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has faced several challenges over the years related to rumors and false stories spread via social media. Students and parents have shared false information regarding potential threats to our schools, which have caused both fear and a disruption to our learning community."

Schools that are disrupted over false social media information; and a state senator repeating a nonsensical rumor about litter boxes on the floor of the Legislature — how does this sort of thing happen?

Part of it is because of social media's popularity. According to a Pew Research Center fact sheet on social media and news from 2022, more than half of U.S. adults get their news "at least sometimes" from social media. Roughly a third find their news on Facebook, which is far and away the leading social media site.

This isn't necessarily a bad thing. After all, many journalists — including some at the Daily News — maintain public-facing social media accounts they use to cover meetings, sports and other breaking news events live as they happen. It allows for information to be shared prior to more formal news presentations in print.

And social media sites are good for sharing information rapidly, meaning that reliable news can spread quickly, raising awareness of community issues.

But a problem arises when news gathered from social media is misleading, inaccurate or even intentionally falsified.

A complicating factor is revealed from the results of a study by The Media Insight Project. The research identified a trend in social media use all the way back in 2017: People are far more likely to view a piece of news as trustworthy if it's shared by someone they trust, regardless of the trustworthiness of the news source.

On social media platforms like Facebook, which prioritize following people a user knows personally or has some other connection to, misinformation can spread rapidly.

And there aren't many consequences for those who spread misleading or false news on social media.

Facebook, according to its Community Standards site, does attempt to remove mis-

information, but it does so on a case-by-case basis. Even if a misleading post or article is dealt with, it can influence a large number of people before being removed.

So what's the best way to get news in an increasingly social media-dominated media landscape?

Community journalism, like that produced by the Daily News, runs on reputation. If reporters get the facts wrong, they're held accountable, and the paper publishes a correction, ensuring consistent quality and reliability. Moreover, community members can reach out to local journalists directly with questions and concerns.

While social media can be a helpful tool for connecting with people around the world — and can be a good way to interact with and access the work of reputable news organizations — uncritical consumption of information online can lead to the spread of rumors and misinformation of the sort that appeared in last year's legislative session.

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