

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Hannah Crawford, 7, Juniata Elementary



BREEZY TODAY
High: 63 Low: 38
Wind: North 15-25
A 40 percent chance of rain after midnight.



RAINY WEDNESDAY
High: 48 Low: 32
Wind: North 10-20 with gusts to around 30 mph
Chance of rain 50 percent.



SUNNY THURSDAY
High: 52 Low: 33
Clear Thursday night.



SUNNY FRIDAY
High: 57 Low: 33
Clear Friday night.



SUNNY SATURDAY
High: 58 Low: 42
Mostly clear Saturday night.

Today's weather records

High: 89 in 1927
Low: 19 in 1975

Local weather ♦ From 7 a.m. Oct. 24 to 7 a.m. Oct. 25

High Monday	83
High in 2010	66
Overnight low	50
Overnight low in 2010	47
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
October precipitation	1.34
October 2010 precipitation	.08
Year to date precipitation	25.71
Jan. to Oct. '10 precipitation	25.74

Local

DRUG CASE BOUND OVER

The case of a 36-year-old Juniata man accused of distributing methamphetamine was sent to the district court.

Adams County Judge Michael Burns bound over the case against Savage K. Smith after he waived a preliminary hearing on Monday. In exchange for waiving the hearing, prosecutors agreed to provide the defense with investigative reports.

Smith faces two counts of distributing meth. According to the arrest affidavit, he sold meth to a confidential informant on June 21 and June 29 at his former residence in Hastings.

Distribution of a controlled substance (meth) is a Class 2 felony punishable by up to 50 years in prison.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR DUI AFTER DRIVING INTO LAKE

A 48-year-old Hastings woman was arrested Saturday morning for driving under the influence of alcohol after putting a vehicle in the lake and backing another into a pillar.

Mary L. Christensen of 3132 N. Lakepark Lane reportedly drove a blue 2002 Volkswagen Eurovan into the north part of Lake Hastings about 2 a.m. The vehicle was partially submerged in the lake.

Police were notified about 9:08 a.m. and the van was towed out of the lake. Christensen was located and admitted to driving the van into the lake.

At 9:43 a.m., Christensen reportedly backed her silver 2000 Ford Focus into a brick pillar at the end of the driveway at her residence.

Hastings police conducted a DUI investigation and Christensen blew a 0.20 on a preliminary breath test. She was booked at the Adams County Jail at 10:13 a.m.

IDENTITY RELEASED

Hastings police have released the name of a 58-year-old Hastings man who died under suspicious circumstances Thursday.

Danny R. Weyers of 822 N. Lexington Ave. was found dead in his apartment 3:39 a.m. Thursday by an acquaintance.

Police waited to release his name until family members were notified.

Evidence found at the scene led officers to believe Weyers didn't die of natural causes. An autopsy was conducted Friday, but the results haven't been released.

Anyone with information about the death should contact police at 402-461-2364.

LASER LIGHT SHOWS OPEN

The Hastings Museum will once again be hosting a series of laser shows in the J.M. McDonald Planetarium starting Thursday.

For the last several years, the museum has hosted laser light shows one weekend in the fall to raise funds for the museum and the planetarium.

"Due to very popular demand, we decided to offer two weekends of laser light shows this year," said Becky Matticks, the museum's director.

The music of the Beatles, Metallica, Duran Duran, Led Zeppelin, Les Greenwood, Pink Floyd and many others will be heard during this year's various laser shows.

Shows run Thursday through Sunday and Nov. 4-6. Individual shows range in length from 30 to 50 minutes.

For a full schedule of shows, including music list and show length, visit www.hastingsmuseum.org.

Seating is limited to 48 for each show. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, call 402-461-4629 or 800-508-4629.

Patrons sound off on AC bond issue

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Smaller class sizes and busing were two of the main concerns brought up by Adams Central patrons during a town hall meeting Monday.

"If the bond fails and there's no busing, what do you expect two-income families to do?" asked Wallace parent Ramona Thomas. "Honestly, do I need to quit my job so I'm available in the middle of the day?"

Thomas was one of more than 30 parents and patrons to meet with the Adams Central Board of Education regarding the proposed \$13.9 million bond issue to build a new single-site elementary school.

If the bond is approved, a new single-site elementary would be built at the north end of the existing junior/senior high school building. Busing would be provided for all district students.

If the bond fails, the Ayr and Tri-View elementary sites would be closed at the end of this school year. The Wallace, Juniata and

District 15 sites would be updated to house the students. All busing to and from school would be eliminated.

Thomas, who has children at Wallace where busing is offered, said she thought it was unfair for busing to be eliminated for all when the other schools never had to begin with.

Busing for students currently is offered only at Wallace and Juniata elementary schools.

Thomas said she believes the board's statement that busing would be eliminated if the bond fails is a threat to patrons.

"That's when it turned into an ultimatum for me," she said. "Vote for the one site or this will happen. That is a big deal for a lot of families. We utilize the bus service every day."

Board Chairman Randy Kort said if the bond fails, those parents should talk to the parents from Ayr, Tri-View and District 15 who have dealt with no busing for many years.

Thomas said she didn't understand why those parents were so

adamant about now having busing when they didn't have it before. "They're not going to have a school right where they live," Kort said.

Kort said he believes the demand for busing will increase significantly if the bond passes simply because of the size of the district and the number of children attending the single site.

Centura and Sandy Creek school districts both have single-site elementary schools. Centura's bus participation in the elementary is 90 percent. It's 70 percent at Sandy Creek.

"There's a lot of stuff that is going to be new to us, but we can turn to these other places," Kort said of the other schools. "It's going to take some time. I'm not unrealistic."

Thomas said she also had concerns about the new school that would have a student population larger than any Hastings Public Schools elementary facility.

"Small schools produce big

results," she said. "I don't think we're realizing what we're sacrificing to save money."

Thomas said there will be no space big enough for elementary programs or for students to showcase their work to parents and families with the large number of students.

"How many things are we going to sacrifice to do this?" she asked.

Rural Juniata patron Jerrad Strub also had concerns about the class sizes, even asking the board members if they could put something down in writing to prove they will keep the small class sizes.

"HFS has some situations where they have 50 kids for a class and instead of hiring another teacher, they have 25 per section," he said. "You need to make a real commitment to saying we're going to hire a real teacher."

Board member Gaylord Johnson said class size has been a major concern for him and is something that he will continue to focus on.

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Guitar virtuoso



JOHN HUTHMACHER/Tribune

Classical guitarist Peter Fletcher returned to the Hastings Public Library for the first time in more than two years for an intimate guitar recital Monday night. Fletcher, whose selections included music from the Baroque period through the modern era, performed a set of songs transposed for guitar from other instruments by himself and others. The New York City resident will perform at Carnegie Hall for the second time Jan. 10, 2012.

Trick or Treat Street hits HC

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With its annual Trick or Treat Street Sunday afternoon, Hastings College will provide area youngsters with an opportunity other than Halloween to wear their costumes.

Trick or Treat Street from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the HC Circle Drive — 800 N. Turner Ave. — is a carnival with games throughout campus, said Hauli Sabatka, senior director of alumni relations and campus events.

"It's mainly on our Circle Drive where they can stop and play games and celebrate the holiday at our campus," she said. "They're able to trick-or-treat at the dorms. I think it's a great way for families to come enjoy the fall weather and celebrate."

The event always occurs the Sunday before Halloween to give children an opportunity other than the holiday itself to wear their costumes, Sabatka said. It also offers a family friendly event.

Volunteers will hand out maps that show where all of the Trick or Treat Street activities are located.

The event is sponsored by the



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The 2010 Hastings College Trick or Treat Street, shown here in this file photo, brought out plenty of characters in search of treats. This year's event is set for Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

HC Student Alumni Ambassadors and Hastings College Foundation. "Those two groups felt it's important to give back and have a fun

time with kids in the community," Sabatka said.

Trick or Treat Street allows college students to be children enjoying Halloween again and allows community members to see the changing fall colors on campus.

Among the activities included in Trick or Treat Street are a fishing pond, duck pond and pumpkin bowling. This is the first time the event will include spooky stories and coloring in the HC library.

The event culminates with a costume parade at 3:45 p.m. around the Circle Drive.

"I think it's just a neat opportunity to see all the kids together," Sabatka said. "Everybody likes to march and be a part of a little parade."

Prior to 2010, Trick or Treat Street always occurred in Kiewit Gymnasium.

"Last year we thought, 'It's such a beautiful campus, let's move it outside,'" Sabatka said.

She said she hopes if the weather is cooler Sunday, that families remember to dress their little trick-or-treaters appropriately.

Library cooks up some dough

COOKBOOK

PROJECT SERVES AS FUNDRAISER

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Hastings cooks and bakers can submit their favorite recipes to help the Hastings Public Library's Renew capital campaign.

The library is collecting recipes for a cookbook that Director Amy Greenland said is expected to be published in time for Valentine's Day. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will go toward the Renew fundraising campaign to renovate the library building.

"We're trying to gather recipes from patrons who have a long history with the library, people who just feel strongly about the mission of the library in the community, our local city leaders, and we've requested some celebrity recipes, as well," Greenland said. "We'll see if those come through."

"We want everyone that participates with the library in some way or has a connection some way with the library to have a recipe published in the cookbook. We're really hoping that it's all-encompassing of everybody in the community and that it's reflective of the diversity in our community."

Recipes can be submitted online at www.hastings.lib.ne.us/events/cookbook or in person at the library. Each person can submit up to five recipes and the deadline is Nov. 15.

Morris Press in Kearney will publish the cookbook, which is expected to feature several hundred recipes as well as historical photographs and information on the library. The books will be \$20 each. Those submitting recipes can reserve one or more cookbooks in advance on the recipe submission form.

There will be a tasting party, prizes awarded for favorite recipes and other special events to celebrate the cookbook's publication.

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Schools join campus public service group

HC AMONG 12 IN NEBRASKA AFFILIATE TO CAMPUS COMPACT

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Twelve colleges and universities said Monday that they have formed a Nebraska affiliate to Campus Compact, joining more than 1,100 U.S. educational institutions that have committed to promoting community service and civic engagement as important aspects of academic life.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will serve as the institu-

tional host for the Nebraska Campus Compact. A council composed of the campus CEO of each member institution governs the group. UNI Chancellor Harvey Perlman chairs the council.

"The 12 charter institutions are coming together to share insights and ideas that will benefit all their students as we work together to reinforce and further the concepts of civic engagement and service learning," Perlman said in a news release.

To join the compact, institutions must pay an annual fee, national dues and a membership fee based on the school's full-time equivalent

enrollment of both graduate and undergraduate students. The hope is that membership will allow participating schools to bring in more funds for community service projects through grants and endowments, said Juan Franco, UNI's vice chancellor for student affairs and interim executive director of the Nebraska Campus Compact.

The state compact's first project will be with AmeriCorps. Thirty-six students from the 12 institutions will work either in after-school projects for at-risk youth or participate in Volunteer Income Tax Assistance programs in local com-

munities in exchange for stipends.

Other members of Nebraska Campus Compact are College of St. Mary, Doane College, Hastings College, Nebraska Methodist College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Peru State College, University of Nebraska at Kearney, University of Nebraska Medical Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Wayne State College and Western Nebraska Community College.

Nebraska is the 35th state to form an affiliate to Campus Compact, whose member colleges and universities represent about 6 million students.