

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Jill Parr, 7, Silver Lake Elementary



BREEZY TODAY

High: 92 Low: 55
 Wind: South 15-25 with gusts to around 35 mph
 Clear tonight.



BREEZY WEDNESDAY

High: 83 Low: 54
 Wind: South 15-25 with gusts up to 35 mph in the afternoon



WINDY THURSDAY

High: 82 Low: 61
 Wind: South 20-30 with gusts to around 35 mph
 Partly cloudy at night



RAINY FRIDAY

High: 78 Low: 57
 Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.



STORMY SATURDAY

High: 72 Low: 54
 Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely.

Today's weather records

High: 93 in 1938
 Low: 30 in 1935

Local weather

From 7 a.m. Oct. 3 to 7 a.m. Oct. 4

High Monday	83
High in 2010	65
Overnight low	54
Overnight low in 2010	33
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
October precipitation	.00
October 2010 precipitation	.00
Year to date precipitation	24.37
Jan. to Oct. '10 precipitation	25.66

Local

SEXUAL ASSAULT CHARGE

A 42-year-old Hastings man has been accused of having sex with an incompetent 38-year-old Hastings woman between Jan. 1 and May 16, 2008.

Harold M. Lee Jr. of 1120 E. South St. No. 5 was charged with first-degree sexual assault on Sept. 22.

On Thursday, Adams County Judge Michael Burns scheduled Lee's preliminary hearing in the case for Dec. 1 at 3:30 p.m.

First-degree sexual assault is a Class 2 felony punishable by up to 50 years in prison.

HOUSE DAMAGED

A 62-year-old Hastings man reportedly drove into a house Monday at 1326 N. Burlington Ave., according to a police report.

A white 1993 Dodge Caravan owned by Terry G. Parker of 1002 W. 13th St. had been parked facing the residence before the collision. Parker drove forward and struck a dresser that was pushed into a wall, causing an estimated \$5,000 in damages to the house owned by Brent Hinrichs of Hildreth.

There were no injuries reported.

State

PARENTS PLEA IN CASE

OMAHA — The parents of a 10-month old girl who weighed less than 10 pounds have entered pleas in the case and will be sentenced in December.

KMTV reported 23-year-old Celeste Hunt pleaded guilty recently to felony child abuse and 24-year-old Jamaal Hunt pleaded no contest. A second charge of child abuse against both parents was dismissed.

Police say the couple's baby was very dehydrated and malnourished when she was hospitalized last June.

KMTV says that doctors told police that the child weighed what an average one-month-old baby would weigh and that she likely has suffered significant brain damage as a result.

Jamaal Hunt admitted to police he and his wife had fed their daughter a mixture of water, baby food and oatmeal because they couldn't afford to buy milk.

KEARNEY MAN ID'D

KEARNEY — Authorities in Buffalo County have identified a Niobrara man who died after he was flipped into a treatment pool at the Kearney wastewater treatment plant.

The Buffalo County attorney's office issued a news release Monday, identifying the man as 75-year-old William Aschoff.

Aschoff was operating a piece of equipment Friday when it flipped into a treatment pool at the plant.

The investigation is continuing.

KNOCKED OUT

LINCOLN — Police in Lincoln say they are investigating an assault in which a man was knocked unconscious and robbed as he took a walk.

KOLN-TV reported that police were called the area about 1:15 a.m. Tuesday.

Police say the 25-year-old man was walking and thought he heard someone behind him. As he turned to look, he was struck in the head.

Police say the man was knocked out. When he came to, he found he was missing a small amount of money.

The victim was treated at the scene.

The Associated Press

State will wait for health care ruling

GRANT SCHULTE
 The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Nebraska will not enact a health care exchange mandated by the federal health care

overhaul until officials know for sure whether the measure is constitutional, Gov. Dave Heineman said Monday.

Heineman told reporters that the state is planning and designing a program in case the U.S. Supreme Court rules in favor of President Barack Obama's health care law.



Heineman

But the Republican governor said it doesn't make sense to build a formal proposal before the court decides. He said he doubted most states could meet the federal deadlines because of lingering confusion about what they will need to enact to comply with the law.

"Once they rule, then we'll know what we need to do," Heineman said in a conference call. "But don't know" right now.

A ruling could come by June 2012, in the heat of the presidential campaign. The high court began its new term Monday. The health care law, one of Obama's major domestic accomplishments, seeks to extend health insurance to more

than 30 million people now without coverage.

The state exchanges are meant to offer a one-stop-shop for Americans to buy health insurance coverage. The state exchanges must be federally certified by January 2013 and operational by the start of 2014.

State officials must decide whether Nebraska will join the federal exchange, participate in a regional exchange with other states, or launch an exchange of its own to comply with federal law. State officials have said a regional exchange appears unlikely, because each state has different regulations and needs.

Heineman said state officials are

applying for federal aid to help enact a program, if it survives in court. He said the law would be a "financial disaster" for Nebraska.

The health care exchanges are expected to surface as a significant issue when lawmakers convene a new session in January.

A state-commissioned study released last August determined the new federal law will increase Nebraska's Medicaid costs by \$526 million to \$766 million over the next decade. In May, a state-by-state report commissioned by the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured estimated a much lower cost of between \$106 million and \$155 million.



LAURA BEAHM/Tribune

Jeb Brant recently remodeled his rental property on the corner of Third Street and Hastings Avenue. The 800-square-foot, one-bedroom apartment features large windows and hardwood floors. The apartment will be a stop on Thursday's Downtown Upper Level Living Tour.

Investing in downtown living

UPPER LEVEL LIVING
 TOUR FEATURES
 COMPLETED HOMES, \$2
 MILLION IN INVESTMENT

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There is more than \$2 million invested in the 10 properties on the Downtown Hastings Upper Level Living Tour Thursday.

"Obviously that's a substantial amount of money, but the fact that it's just in 10 properties is pretty incredible," said Randy Chick, executive director of the Business Improvement District.

The fifth annual tour of downtown living spaces is 5-8 p.m. and costs \$10. Tickets are available at Graham Gallery and the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chick said seven of the 10 properties on the tour are 100 percent complete, two are about 95 percent complete and the last property is The Listening Room's new location, which is still under construction.

"Last year we had about half of our properties still under construction. Those half that were still under construction last year are finished this year, so people



LAURA BEAHM/Tribune

Jeb Brant removes protective paper from the hardwood floors in one of his rental properties on the corner of Third Street and Hastings Avenue on Monday.

should really get a great idea how they look while they're occupied and furnished and things like that," Chick said.

One of the nearly finished

properties is an 800-square-foot, one-bedroom apartment on the southeast corner of the intersection of Third Street and Lincoln Avenue. Owner Jeb Brant bought

two apartments in the building in March and is renovating them as both an investment and a hobby.

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Superior firefighters injured in single vehicle accident

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JEWELL COUNTY, Kan. — Two Superior firefighters were transported by life flight helicopter to a Lincoln hospital after their fire truck crashed into a tree Sunday evening, a fire department official said today.

Brian Lueking was released Monday from BryanLGH Medical

Center West after receiving internal bruising, and Terry Lemke was scheduled to have surgery there today for neck injuries, said Ken Rempe, president of the Superior Volunteer Fire Department.

The pair were two of four Superior firefighters in a fire engine responding to a blaze in a soybean field southwest of Hardy owned by John Kaldahl of rural Hardy. The

crash occurred as the truck was turning into the address to which it had been dispatched — an address that, as it turned out, was nearly two miles west and one mile north of the fire.

The crash was reported to the Jewell County Sheriff's Office at 5:51 p.m. Sunday. The location was about six miles west of the Republic County line and three or

four miles south of the Nebraska state line.

Rempe said Lueking, who was driving, is an experienced fire engine driver but was unfamiliar with the minimum-maintenance road, which had limited visibility.

"It's gravel up to the driveway," Rempe said. "The guy who was driving, he panicked and tried to

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Local

**START OVER ROVER
WINS \$1,000 PRIZE**

Start Over Rover, a non-profit, no-kill animal rescue based in Hastings, has won a \$1,000 prize for getting the most votes in the state in The Animal Rescue Site and Petfinder.com Shelter Challenge.

Supporters of the organization helped win the prize by voting online.

The shelter challenges began in 2008 and in the most recent round of voting, the top vote-getters in each state won \$1,000.

**SKATE PARK EVENT
TO BENEFIT****CANCER SURVIVOR**

Proceeds from a skate competition Saturday will benefit a Hastings woman's fight with cancer.

Hollie Cline is a mother of three and beat breast cancer in 2005. She recently was diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer.

Registration for the event is 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and the competition starts at 1 p.m. at the Hastings Skate Park. There is a registration fee, and there are beginner, intermediate and advanced divisions. Prizes will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place finishers in each division. Concessions will be available and raffle prizes will be awarded.

The event is being organized by City Life Skate. For more information, call 402-462-1600.

**CCC-HASTINGS
CLASSES**

Central Community College-Hastings will be hosting several craft and educational classes for the public in October.

The sewing class, "Apparel Embellishment: Wearable Art Shirt," will be 6:30-9 p.m. Oct. 19.

Anyone interested in learning how to use Facebook can attend a class 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 26.

The sewing class, "Wool Felting," will be 7-9 p.m. Oct. 26, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9. Students will learn the basics of needle felting by making a pillow of their own design choice.

Hastings resident Renee Thomsen will teach "Couponing 101" 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 27.

All classes are in the Platte Building at CCC.

For more information or to enroll in any of these classes, contact Hastings Community Education Coordinator Susan Rinker at 402-461-2431 or 877-222-0780, ext. 2431 or by email at srinker@cccneb.edu.

State

**HOT DOG VENDOR
WINS LAWSUIT**

AGAINST HICKMAN LINCOLN — A judge has ruled that a Hickman hot dog vendor can continue to store his cart and food in his garage.

According to the Lincoln Journal Star, a Lancaster County district judge has ruled in favor of Steve and Carolyn Parker, owners of Steve O' Dogs, saying the couple didn't violate Hickman city code by parking a hot dog cart and storing food in their garage.

The couple filed a lawsuit against the city last fall after the city notified them they were violating city code that required a permit for home-based catering business.

The judge issued his ruling last Friday.

The Associated Press

Cemetery Tour brings cast from the past to life

**LOCAL ACTORS TO PORTRAY
RESIDENTS OF PARKVIEW
CEMETERY AT FUNDRAISER****JOHN HUTHMACHER**

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A cast of local actors will bring to life local historical figures at a fundraising Cemetery Walk at Parkview Cemetery Friday through Sunday.

Guests will follow guides to six different gravesites, where interpreters will portray six cemetery residents who left their mark to varying degrees upon the history of Adams County.

Tours begin at 5:30, 6 and 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3, 3:30 and 4

p.m. Sunday. Funds raised will benefit Hastings Community Theatre and Adams County Historical Society.

Scot Dewitt, funeral director at Dewitt Funeral Home, came up with the idea of the cemetery tour. His vision is to not only make the tour an annual event, but to expand it to also include additional cemetery residents buried in Adams County.

"It's more of just learning the history of Hastings and Adams County through the individuals who are our forefathers," Dewitt said. "In future years, we also want to portray people at Highland Cemetery next to the museum and even Juniata Cemetery. There are a lot of people who had a

good part in the beginning of Hastings and Adams County who are buried out there."

Gravesites featured on the tour are Hastings Tribune founder Adam Breede; Jonas Proffitt, Hastings' last streetcar driver; A.W. Cox, builder of the fourth house in Hastings and member of its first City Council; Civil War soldier William Buchanan; Dr. William Milton Phelps, a young physician; and James Laird, a congressman.

Directed by Randal Kottwitz, the cast of characters will be portrayed by Cheryl Aubrey, Patrick Crawford, Dewitt, Paul Hamelink, Jesse Nielsen and Rita Peshek.

Scripts for the interpretations were

written by Shay Burk and Ben Hinds based on research by Catherine Renschler, executive director of Adams County Historical Society.

"Catherine helped pick out the characters," Dewitt said. "They already had written pamphlets on these individuals."

"We hope that it will create a conversation along the way so that once people have gone through the tour they can tell us stories of individuals they know buried here so that we can maybe feature them on a future cemetery tour."

Reservations are limited to 20 people per tour. For tickets, call 402-463-5838 or by email at achs@inebraska.com.

Hastings College royalty



Courtesy

Hastings College celebrated its homecoming last month. Photographed (from left) are the semifinals and finalists: (front row) Jill Kroll, Kinsi Coleman, Susan Hartman, Quincey King, Amy Kaestner; (second row) Dyllann Barbee, Abi Burrows, Taylor Powers, Allison Kern, Erin Ptak; (third row) Ashton Lambie, Zack Peterson, Jeremy Murman, Jake Holmquist; (fourth row) Mark Hewitt, Nick Raimondo, Jake Marvin, Jordan Borell, Jason Arizmendi. Homquist of Burwell and Kaestner of Gibbon were named homecoming king and queen, respectively. Marvin of Lincoln and Kind of Fort Collins, Colo., were named prince and princess, respectively.

State Fair board gets positive feedback for 2011

The Associated Press

GRAND ISLAND — The Nebraska State Fair board has gotten positive feedback for 2011, the event's second year being held in Grand Island.

A survey of nearly 10,800 people showed 72 percent of fairgoers felt the 2011 event was "better or much better" than the previous year's fair, the Grand Island Independent reported. More than 94 percent of people polled said they would recommend the fair to others.

The fair board discussed the results at its Friday retreat.

The fair was staged in Lincoln for more than a century but was moved to make way for a University of Nebraska high-tech research park. Lawmakers voted in 2008 to move the fair to Grand Island, which is closer to the state's geographic center but farther from the much larger eastern Nebraska population.

Last year's fair drew more than 300,000 people, less than the final fair in Lincoln but still one of the largest crowds in recent history. The 2011 fair drew even more attendees, about 330,000 people.

Some 37 percent of fairgoers were from central Nebraska.

Investing: Upper Level Living Tour set for Thursday

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In the completed apartment, he removed the carpet to expose the original wood floors. Brant also put in new windows where the old sills were rotting, did new wiring and plumbing, installed new kitchen cabinets and appliances and opened up part of the ceiling to show the old brick walls. The apartment also has a new washer and dryer and new bathroom fixtures.

"We tried to do things right so we won't have long-term problems," Brant said. "We're wanting to be on the higher end of things because you get good people that way."

The only negative part of the apartment is the tall staircase up to the entrance that Brant called "my own personal stair stepper."

He started working on the apartment in July and said he tried to finish the job quickly, but it wasn't easy fitting the renovation between his family and his job selling insurance for Shelter Insurance.

As a downtown resident, Brant said he was excited to invest in downtown project. "Downtown has come a

long ways in the last five to 10 years. It's great for me to get into another project that will save an old building," he said. "If you build something up and make it nice, it increases the value of the property you own. The other thing I like about downtown is it's commercial businesses, so people take care of their places better than residential."

Brant already has a few potential tenants vying for the finished apartment and another tenant lined up to rent the unfinished apartment.

Chick said that's not unusual, and there are currently no vacancies in downtown apartments. There is one condo for sale that is on the tour.

"There's a pretty good demand," he said. "We get calls pretty consistently. I know some of the building owners actually have a few people on a waiting list. I get calls weekly on available vacancies. Part of that is Hastings is pretty full right now, or at least it seems to be, but we've also got strong interest in people living downtown. When a vacancy does come up, it's usually

filled pretty quickly. The interest seems to be pretty strong."

Proceeds from the tour will benefit the Live Downtown event fund for summer concerts in Central Park. Last year, Chick said the proceeds were given to the Hastings Community Arts Council, which handled the scheduling for the concert series.

"We got them involved and I think they enjoyed doing that. It's great to get more people involved and those people are very interested in doing that," he said. "They brought in some entertainment we had not had before and I think they'll mix it up a little bit better than maybe we were doing. It's a great deal."

Who DUNNIT?

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