

Local

ROAD CLOSED

Showboat Boulevard is closed today from Assumption Road to Nebraska Highway 74 for a culvert replacement.

The road was closed Friday for one replacement and is closed today for a second culvert replacement, said Adams County Roads Superintendent Dawn Miller.

While the culvert replacement is only in one area of the 5 1/2-mile stretch, Miller said traffic is being redirected along the entire roadway to prevent any accidents or backups in the area around the construction.

The culvert replacements need to be completed as soon as possible, Miller said, as Werner Construction plans to start work on resurfacing the five and a half mile stretch as early as next week.

All resurfacing projects in the county will be completed under traffic; however, Miller said drivers should expect some traffic delays during this year's construction season, but that Showboat will most likely be open tomorrow.

State

BODY IN LAKE

OMAHA — Omaha police are investigating the death of someone whose body was found floating in a private lake in western Omaha.

Omaha television station KETV says the body was taken to the shore of Regency Lake on Monday and had been covered by a sheet.

Omaha police did not immediately return a message from The Associated Press.

MURDER-SUICIDE

WAHOO — Tests show a 45-year-old woman who killed her husband and 12-year-old daughter before setting fire to their farmhouse near Ithaca and killing herself had been drinking but had not taken drugs.

Saunders County Attorney Scott Tingelhoff says no evidence of drugs was found in the body of Toni Hindman. Nor were drugs found in the bodies of the people she stabbed to death in February: her 47-year-old husband, Tim, and her daughter, Ardena.

Tingelhoff says blood samples drawn a day after the deaths showed Toni Hindman's level was 0.12 percent, which would have been beyond the legal limit for driving. Tim Hindman's blood had half the legal limit.

Tingelhoff said previously that Toni Hindman was being treated for depression. She bought the hunting knife the day before the killings.

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Calendar

HASTINGS

◆ **Graham Gallery presents "Hastings College Jr. Thesis"** now through May 31, 617 W. Second St. For more information, call 402-463-2555 or visit www.graham-gallery.com.

◆ **Hastings College Junior Art Thesis** artwork on display at Graham Gallery, 617 W. Second St., through May 31. For information, call 402-463-2555.

◆ **Hastings College student ensembles: Men's Choir and HC Singers concert**, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at HC Fuhr Hall of Music, Perkins Auditorium.

◆ **Westernaires Square Dance Mainstream dance**, 8 p.m. Tuesday at Zion Lutheran Church, 465 S. Marian Road. Steve Bailey is calling the event.

◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, noon, 5:15, and 8 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.; and 7 p.m. (Women's group), 907 S. Kansas Ave. Tuesday.

◆ **Circle of Strength Widow/Widower Support Group**, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Blue Moon Coffee Co., 635 W. Second St.

◆ **Crystal Meth Anonymous**, 7:45-9 p.m. Tuesday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.

Lotteries

WINNING NUMBERS

Sunday
Kansas Pick 3 **3-7-4**
2by2 **Red 4-26, White 15-16**
Saturday
Powerball **6-13-15-32-41-PB-3**
Power play 2 jackpot \$25 million
Nebraska Pick 5 **6-12-14-25-35**
Jackpot: \$70,000
2by2 **Red 1-13, White 14-16**
Kansas Pick 3 **3-8-7**
Nebraska Pick 3 **2-6-8**
MyDaY **12-4-12**
Super Kansas Cash **1-3-6-10-22**
Super Cashball x
Hot Lotto **1-17-28-32-36**
Hot Ball 19

UNL booted from top research group

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — After 102 years as a member of the Association of American Universities, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has been booted from the group of 63 top research universities.

UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman informed faculty and staff Friday of the development via e-mail, saying that two-thirds of AAU members recently voted to end UNL's membership.

UNL has been ranked at the

bottom of the organization's membership for more than a decade, the Lincoln Journal Star reported in its Saturday edition.

"We have known we were at risk of this for 10 years and successfully fought off a similar threat in 2000," Perlman said. "I had hoped our extraordinary accomplishments and steep trajectory would have made us less vulnerable, but the AAU's approach to the review made this result inevitable."

Rank is based on research expenditures, the number of

faculty belonging to the National Academies of sciences and engineering and the Institute of Medicine and specified faculty awards and citations.

That criteria put UNL at an unfair disadvantage, Perlman said, because Nebraska's four-campus university system has a separate campus for its medical school. Most AAU institutions have in-house medical schools, which tend to get large amounts of research dollars, Perlman said.

The association also does not recognize research funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture — a major source of funding for UNL.

A study conducted last year by The Chronicle of Higher Education showed Nebraska's four-campus system would have outpaced those of at least 11 AAU members.

Perlman told the Lincoln Journal Star that he believes UNL's membership in the AAU was a factor in the Big Ten Conference's invitation last year

to UNL. All other members of the Big Ten are AAU members.

"I honestly don't think it's going to change anything," Perlman said of UNL losing its membership in the association. "I suppose it will be, in the short-term, an embarrassment."

The AAU decision will not affect efforts to win research grants, because those grants don't take into account whether an applicant is an AAU university, said Prem Paul, UNL vice chancellor for research and economic development.

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DO THE BREW BRINGS OUT 500, DEEMED A SUCCESS

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More than 500 people from across the state gathered at Hastings City Auditorium to sample some of the area's finest craft beers and some national offerings as well at the Do the Brew event Saturday.

The first local beer sampling event in years — or perhaps ever — the unique occasion attracted visitors from around the state to sample a diverse selection of lagers, ales and porters from 20 different breweries.

With a video of the Rolling Stones showing on the projection screen, the event had a distinct club feel to it, with participants mingling at tables and on foot as they interacted over some of the state's finest beer offerings.

A few other alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks were also served, but for the most part, it was beer that was the main attraction of the day.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hastings Arts Council.

Randy Chick, executive director of the Community Redevelopment Authority, is the man behind the event. He credits the many people who have persistently encouraged the city to offer a beer tasting event for jumpstarting his involvement.

"It wasn't really my idea," he said. "People have been saying we needed to do some sort of Oktoberfest, brewfest or beer fest, and it's just been in the back of mind. Finally, since nobody else seemed to be doing it, we decided to do it."

About 300 tickets were sold in



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Rick McMickell (left) talks to Boulevard Brewing Co. Regional Sales Manager Jim Lyons of Kansas City, Mo., during the first ever Downtown "Do The Brew" beer and wine tasting in the Hastings City Auditorium Saturday.

advance of the event, which drew about 100 more people than expected, Chick said. He anticipates that — based on its success — that the event will be repeated annually, whether by himself or other sponsors.

"I don't think anybody is going to let me not do this," he said. "It might not be me, but somebody will pick it up and it'll be annual, because it's been successful so far."

Kaleena Fong, executive director of Adams County Visitors and Convention Bureau, said she was encouraged by the wide draw of attendees at the event.

"It's fun to see so many people out and about in downtown Hastings," she said. "An event like this shows people that there is a lot going on in the community and that Hastings is a vibrant community that supporting a new industry in the state in terms of breweries."

"It's a huge demographic that this event targets, and people are very satis-

fied. It's nice to spend an afternoon drinking a beer with friends and listening to good music. I don't think there have been any complaints so far."

Trevor Schaben, 39, of Kearney, founder of Thunderhead Brewing in Kearney, was one of the participating brewers at the event.

"This is fantastic," Schaben said. "I'd say there's twice as many people here as I figured there would be for a first-time event."

"When we started in 1999, there were maybe only one or two events a year in the state. Now there are lots of little towns who are doing beer-tasting events. Alcohol and beer in general is just a nice way of breaking the ice. It lubricates social interaction."

Connor DeWalt, 22, of McCook, said he learned of Do the Brew from his father, Craig, of Hastings. Sporting an "I Love Beer" shirt, he said he had sampled about 34 different brews and was impressed by most of them.

"I'm glad we got the VIP pass," he

said. "My favorite is the Cutthroat Porter by Odell. That's good stuff."

"I've been to a couple of wine tastings before, but I'm enjoying this quite a bit more. It's a lot of fun."

Tricia Allen, 36, of Blue Hill attended the event with several of her lady friends, including Lori Meents, 49.

"It was something different to do, to get out with the girls," Allen said. "It's good fun. I like Blue Moon best. I like wheat or Belgian ale, something on the lighter side. I really don't like lagers."

Meents said she had sampled just two beers at that point: Git-R-Done by Schilling Bridge and a peach ale by another brewery.

"They were both pretty good," she said. "I like different beers, but I won't buy a variety of different beers. So this gives me an opportunity to find something maybe that I like that's different than the usual."

She said the early evening getaway with her friends was turning out to be an enjoyable occasion.

Hastings girl wins top Cather scholarship

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RED CLOUD — When the winners of the 2011 Norma Ross Walter Scholarship were announced here Friday morning during the 56th annual Willa Cather Spring Conference, it was a big day for Hastings.

Jaime DeTour was the scholarship recipient and Laura Sunderman was the second runner-up. Blair High School student Emily Burns was the first runner-up.

DeTour said Hastings High School Department of English faculty members teach students they're "not just reading the story to read the story," but to find an underlying meaning in the text.

"I think that shows a lot about at least our English Department at Hastings, how well the teachers have taught the students to write and be critical of the reading," she said.

Sunderman said the awards also show how those teachers inspire in their students a passion for literature.

"It also shows the great amount of dedication and the love that the teachers give to the students," she said, "not just the education they give, but also the inspiration that the students receive from the teachers about literature."

Norma Ross Walter, who died in 1982, left a bequest to the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation to create a scholarship for female students who graduated from Nebraska high schools and planned to continue their education as English majors in college.

The scholarship was established in 1987. Because this is the 25th anniversary of the award, many previous recipients returned for the ceremony this year.

Among those recipients present in Red

Cloud Friday was the inaugural winner of the scholarship, Minden native Karen Hartmann Roggenkamp.

After receiving the scholarship in 1987, Roggenkamp attended the University of Michigan, then received a doctorate in English from the University of Minnesota. She is an associate professor of English at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

As someone who thought as a high school student about majoring in history or political science and becoming a lawyer, the Norma Ross Walter Scholarship provided an existential solution for Roggenkamp, she said.

"It really set the course for being able to go to college where I wanted to go, at the University of Michigan," she said. "It was a very expensive school. This was a huge scholarship. It made the difference, literally, between being able to go to college and not. More than that, it made me hone in on what I wanted to do academically, having that decision made for me. 'OK, I'm interested in this, I'm interested in that, but it's going to be English.' Then it was just a matter of following that path, which led to graduate school, becoming a professor."

It was an honor to return to Red Cloud for the anniversary celebration, she said.

"When I heard that Virgil (Albertini, chairman of the scholarship committee) was organizing this, I was elated and jumped at the chance," she said. "I've been back for a couple of other award ceremonies, but not since 1993. The opera house is new to me, being able to come to more of the conference is a new experience. Just to meet some of the other recipients has been a sheer pleasure."



TONY HERRMAN/Tribune

Jaime DeTour of Hastings, winner of the 2011 Norma Ross Walter Scholarship, is congratulated on stage by Virgil Albertini, chairman of the scholarship committee, Friday in Red Cloud at the 56th annual Willa Cather Spring Conference.

It was an honor for DeTour, too, to meet some of her predecessors.

"It's very, very special," she said. "I love the fact they were able to come back and be here for it. Once again, it really is an honor to be part of this. The fact that it's the 25th anniversary it just makes it that much more special."

Sunderman also was impressed to be surrounded by so many people whose lives were changed by Willa Cather.

"I thought it was remarkable the (number) of people here who mean so much to the foundation and love so much of Cather," she said.

Evadne Vaughan of Hastings, who died recently, was a friend of Sunderman's family who also was an avid Cather reader and frequent attendee of the spring conferences.

"Before she died she helped me write the essay, and so I know regardless of anyone who was here, I know she was watching and that's what made this moment special for me," she said.

DeTour is the second Norma Ross Walter Scholarship winner from Hastings. Angela Turek received the award in 1997.

Six of the 25 scholarship winners are from Tribland schools.