Region

Holiday gathering

FAIRFIELD — Soup, sweets and Santa Claus will be on the agenda here Dec. 4 as Cub Scout Pack No. 94 and the Fairfield Community Club sponsor holiday festivities.

The Cub Scouts will serve soup from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Fairfield Auditorium. A free-will offering will be taken.

Santa will stop by at 12:30 p.m. and hand out sacks of candy. His appearance is being underwritten by the Community Club.

The public is invited to attend.

State

Supreme Court won't take up sex offender law

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court refused today to consider striking down Iowa's law restricting where sex offenders can live.

The 2002 law sets a 2,000-foot buffer zone around schools and day care centers.

A judge in Des Moines ruled the law was unconstitutional, but a federal appeals court disagreed.

Justices were told that with the passage of the law "most sex offenders were banished from towns of any size in Iowa."

Iowa prosecutors and police began enforcing the law this fall after giving offenders living inside the buffer zones time to find new housing.

CO poisoning

OMAHA — Carbon monoxide poisoning sent nine people, including four children, at a child's birthday party to the hospital Friday.

The people, who had been at a South Omaha apartment, were in good condition at the Nebraska Medical Center late Friday.

People at the party for a 5-year-old boy started to feel dizzy and sick to their stomachs, said neighbor Jonatan Cruz, 12.

The Omaha Fire Department found the party-goers outside the apartment, said Battalion Chief Cliff Shepoka. The apartment was one of four residences within a 121-year-old house. Had the people been sleeping, they may not have survived, Shepoka said.

The carbon monoxide may have come from blocked burners on a vintage gas stove, he said, though the exact cause could not be determined. A water heater was improperly installed, he said.

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Calendar

Hastings

◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m. Tuesday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.

◆ **Pianist Kenneth Huber recital**, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Perkins Auditorium, Fuhr Hall at Hastings College.

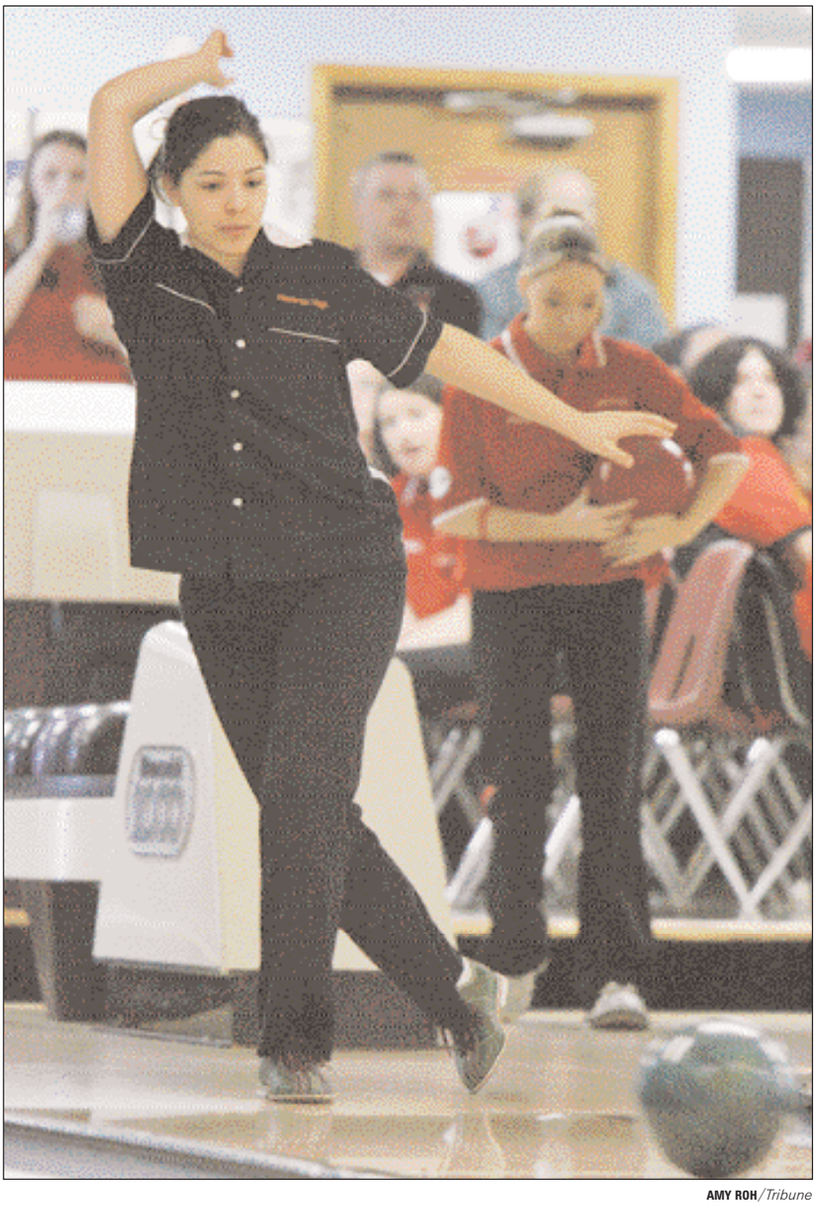
◆ **TOPS**, 4:45-6 p.m. Tuesday, basement of St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral Church.

◆ **Westernaires Plus Dance**, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Veterans of Foreign Wars Club. Caller: Wes Mohling.

Lotteries

Winning Numbers

Sunday
Kansas Pick 3 . . . . . **2-0-0**
Saturday
Powerball . . . **28-34-37-45-53-PB-32**
Power play 5; jackpot $66 million
Nebraska Pick 3 . . . . . **3-1-6**
Nebraska Pick 5 . . . . . **5-7-23-31-34**
Jackpot: $54,000
2by2 . . . . . **Red 4-17, White 11-17**
Kansas Pick 3 . . . . . **5-4-1**
Super Kansas Cash **12-16-21-26-27**
Super Cashball 20
Hot Lotto **6-12-17-21-37**
Hot Ball 11



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Hastings High's Diana Brugera bowls in the first game of the Holiday Kick-Off Classic at Pastime Lanes Saturday.

STRIKE!

High school bowlers pin hopes on teammates at holiday tourney

SHAY GRAVES
Hastings Tribune

More than 150 high school students filled the bowling lanes for a holiday tournament Saturday.

The Holiday Kickoff Classic, held at Pastime Lanes, 1400 W. 18th St., is the season-opening event for the Nebraska High School Bowling Federation.

The federation, founded in 2001, gives high school students the opportunity to bowl on an organized team level.

For the last four years, a holiday tournament has been held in Hastings to kick off the season, said Butch Hogan, the Hastings High bowling coach and event organizer.

In fact, this event has become so popular that Hogan said he reluctantly had to turn teams away, as they are limited to just 32 teams.

But this didn't prevent teams from across the state coming to compete, he said.

Competitors came from as far away as Lincoln and Scottsbluff. Teams also represented Hastings High, Adams Central and Blue Hill.

Even though this sport has gained popularity over the last four years, Hogan said it is not a varsity event sanctioned by the Nebraska School Activities Association.

Right now, it is classified as a club sport, but Hogan said the federation is working to make it a high school event.

Bowling became a sanctioned varsity sport for girls in Iowa and for both girls and boys in Kansas this year, Hogan said.

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Far left: Blue Hill's Randi Pohlmeier gets a high five from teammate Becky Kohmetcher after bowling a spare in the Holiday Kickoff Classic Saturday at Pastime Lanes. Left: Adams Central's Tyson Crosby reacts after one of his attempts. Above: AC's Tyson Crosby (left), Paul Rowbal and Evan Reutter celebrate after teammate Mason Cassens' turn.

Chase suspect pleads not guilty

Hastings Tribune

A 24-year-old Hastings man accused of using a stolen car to repeatedly ram another vehicle Sept. 18 pleaded innocent Tuesday in Adams County District Court.

Mario Guzman of 606 S. Colorado Ave. pleaded innocent Tuesday to second-degree assault, willful reckless driving, carrying a concealed weapon, no operators license, driving under the influence of alcohol and possession of a open alcoholic container.

According to court records, Guzman took a vehicle Sept. 18 and used it to ram into a vehicle driven by Bobbi Baker of 1123 W. Third St. at Saunders Avenue and Third Street that same day. Guzman reportedly chased Baker and struck her vehicle several more times before Guzman lost control of his vehicle and crashed on East Side Boulevard near Forest Boulevard. Both drivers were treated and released at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital the same day.

The vehicle Guzman was driving was owned by Jessy L. Born of 217 W. Fourth St. It reportedly was taken Sept. 18 from the 200 block of West Second Street, where it was unlocked with the keys inside.

Police do not believe Guzman and Baker knew each other before the incident.

Second-degree assault is a Class 3A felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a $10,000 fine. Willful reckless driving is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in jail and a $500 fine. Carrying a concealed weapon is a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a $1,000 fine. No operators license is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in jail and a $500 fine. DUI is a Class W misdemeanor punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a $500 fine. Possession of an open alcoholic container is an infraction punishable by up to a $100 fine.

Chambers joins fight to overturn term limits

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — State Sen. Ernie Chambers is joining the fight to overturn the state's term limit law.

Chambers, of Omaha, said Friday he has an attorney working on a lawsuit to do away with the law and is planning to file it soon. He said "time is of the essence" as 20 of the 49 state senators are scheduled to be forced out in 2006.

Chambers is the longest serving senator, having served 35 years. If the law were upheld, he would have to leave in 2008, along with 16 other senators.

Chambers is the latest to join the fight to overturn the constitutional amendment approved by voters in 2000 that limits senators to serving two consecutive, four-year terms.

State Sen. Dennis Byars of Beatrice said Wednesday he would file for re-election next week even though the voter-approved law forbids him to run again.

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Goodfellows 2005

Dolls are on the top of the wish list to fill the toy collection boxes that have been distributed for the annual Goodfellows campaign.

Cary Beurskens, Goodfellows organizer, said it is too early to tell where shortages will be for the toy drive but there generally is a shortage in dolls. He said Bratz dolls are the most popular for older girls, followed closely by Barbie dolls. Soft baby dolls are favored by younger girls.

Beurskens said most children's toys and family games are good for the campaign. LEGOs, cars and sports balls are some ideas.

Donated toys need to be new in the box. Used toys and bicycles cannot be accepted. Toys that include guns or other weapons are discouraged because they are not included in the gift boxes and must be donated to another cause, Beurskens said.

Toy donation sites through Dec. 19 include:

◆ Dollar General, 705 W. Second St.
◆ Dollar General, 3001 W. 12th St. No. 1
◆ Gordmans, 930 S. Burlington Ave.
◆ Hastings Middle School, 505 N. Hastings Ave.
◆ Hastings Senior High School, 1100 W. 14th St.
◆ Kmart, 3001 W. 12th St. No. 3
◆ Hawthorne School, 2200 W. Ninth St.
◆ Hometown Variety & Crafts, 742 W. Second St.
◆ Lincoln School, 720 Franklin Ave.
◆ Longfellow School, 828 N. Hastings Ave.
◆ Morton School, 731 N. Baltimore Ave.
◆ St. Cecilia School, 521 N. Kansas Ave.
◆ Wal-Mart Supercenter, 3803 Osborne Drive West
◆ Watson School, 1720 Crane Ave.

Monetary donations may be mailed to the Tribune at P.O. Box 788, Hastings, NE 68902; and new toys or cash may be delivered to the Tribune offices at 908 W. Second St. The Tribune subscription payment box located in the alley behind the Tribune building also may be used for cash donations.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court William McDonald #1009
Hastings, Nebraska.....$35
Total **$1,295**