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Tearful man apologizes for robbing group of McCook men at knife point.
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Premium Protein's Hastings plant sold

BUYER PLANS TO CREATE 150 NEW JOBS

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A meat packing plant south of Hastings that has been idle for nearly nine months will be reopening soon under new ownership.

Hastings Acquisitions LLC purchased Premium Protein Products LLC's former Hastings plant Monday in a bankruptcy auction in Omaha. Premium Protein also has a plant in Lincoln, which Hastings Acquisitions has an option to purchase, as well.

Dee Haussler, Hastings Economic Development Corp. executive director, said the com-

pany has 14 days to acquire the Lincoln facility and 75 days to finalize the deal. He said about 150 new jobs will be created when the Hastings facility reopens.

Since the plant closed June 11, 2009, Haussler said many of the former employees have had to seek work elsewhere.

"We're excited to be able to offer job opportunities to get

back those folks and have them live in Hastings and work in Hastings," he said. "We're just anxious to get back to the point where we were nine months ago."

Jim Stevens, managing partner with Hastings Acquisitions, did not return calls to the Tribune this morning, but other media reports stated the facility will continue to operate as a

slaughterhouse and meat packing plant. Owners hope to get the facility up and running within 60 days with hiring starting in three or four weeks.

Nearly 500 employees in Hastings and Lincoln have been without pay since June 2009, when Premium Protein announced a two-week furlough. Since that time, the furloughs were continually extend-

ed through a recorded message on the company's phone.

On Nov. 10, 2009, Premium Protein filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which is used to reorganize debts while continuing to operate, usually filed by businesses. In its filing, the Lincoln-based company estimated between \$50-100 million in liabilities among nearly 1,000 creditors.



BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

St. Cecilia center Zach Sterup hopes to add another state basketball championship banner to the wall in Chapman Gymnasium.

DOMINATING FORCE

STERUP CENTERS ON LEADING STC INTO STATE

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After watching mostly from the bench as his brother, Matt, helped lead the St. Cecilia Bluehawks boys basketball team to back-to-back state titles, junior Zach Sterup now finds himself in a position to do the same.

But though he nearly mirrors his older brother in physical stature, the 6-

foot-10, 260-pound center brings an altogether different game to the court. And if he's to help the No. 2 ranked Bluehawks (22-1) capture their third straight state title, it'll be his own unique moves and shots that get it done.

St. Cecilia takes on unranked Tekamah-Herman (20-4) in the first round of Class C-1 action at 2 p.m. Thursday in Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium.

"Zach has more basketball skills than Matt had," St. Cecilia coach Kevin Asher said Monday. "Matt was a very intelligent wide body who could face

up and shoot the 15-foot shot and was good at free throws. Zach has more post moves and can play stronger with his back to the basket. Basketball-wise, their games are a lot different, but their court sense is similar."

As the only junior on the starting team, Sterup has less experience than most of his senior Bluehawk counterparts. But what experience he does have is golden. He has played on two state champion teams in basketball and one in football. And since grade school, he has shared the court or

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TONY HERRMAN/Tribune

First-year Minden boys basketball coach Shannon Lovin oversees practice Monday at Hastings College's Lynn Farrell Arena.

Lovin touch

MINDEN COACH GETS JOB DONE QUIETLY

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MINDEN — Max Anderson, a senior on the Minden basketball team, remembers early in the season bracing for an earful from the team's new coach after making a mistake.

Coach Shannon Lovin, 42, succeeded former coach Dave Mroczek and came to the Whippets program this year after serving as assistant on the Silver Lake girls basketball team for four years.

Anderson said often his mistakes would happen when he'd force a play. Not getting yelled at strengthened Anderson's play, he said.

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"That happened to me a couple of times," he said. "I'd screw up and then I'd look over at the bench ready for him. He'd just look at me and say, 'Calm down, take your time, you know what you need to do.' That was really reassuring to me."

Minden begins play in the Class C-1 state tournament with a game against Falls City at 10:45 a.m. Thursday in Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium.

"Coach Mroczek got a little intense during the games," Anderson said. "He yelled a lot."

Lovin takes more of a laid-back approach, Anderson said. "If you do something wrong, he'll let you know about it but he's a little more relaxed about it," he said. "He'll sit you down and tell you what you need to do."

Senior Peter Trausch said Mroczek definitely got his

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BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Tiffany Heidtbrink plays the accordion her grandfather gave her after she graduated from college.

FACES OF TRIBLAND: Tiffany Heidtbrink

'I play the accordion' no joke

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When Tiffany Heidtbrink and her friends come together to play worship music, most of the musicians are playing traditional instruments like guitars and pianos.

Only a few weeks ago, Heidtbrink, a classically trained pianist, admitted to her friends in Hastings that she also plays the accordion.

And she admits that is sort of a strange hobby for a 26-year-old.

"It's one of those things that

you say in that game 'Two Truths and a Lie' that you do at summer camp. 'I play the accordion.' 'No way, I don't believe it,' she joked.

Heidtbrink, who grew up in Gresham, started her musical training at a young age when her mother enrolled her in piano lessons.

As the third of four daughters, Heidtbrink was the only one who stuck with the lessons. She found it almost therapeutic, too.

"It was a relaxing thing for

me to come home and just play after a stressful day at school. It was something I could get lost in," she said.

Growing up, Heidtbrink and her cousins would always watch as her maternal grandfather Roger Burke would play both the piano and the accordion for them.

When Heidtbrink started taking piano lessons, her grandfather would always be in the audience.

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Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that profiles people within Tribland. To submit ideas, contact news director Deann Stumpe at 402-461-1252 or tribune@hastingstribune.com.

Weather

Lo: 35
Hi: 42
Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain tonight.



Art by Aaron Kotschwar, 10, Thayer Central School

SELLING SOULS

WELLINGTON, New Zealand

— The rare spirits that went under the gavel at a recent online auction in New Zealand weren't aged brandies or hard-to-find liqueurs. Instead, two glass vials purport-

World

edly containing the ghosts of two dead people sold for \$1,983 at an auction that ended Monday night.

The "ghosts" were put up for bidding by Avie Woodbury from the southern city of Christchurch. She said they were captured in her house and stored in glass vials with stoppers

and dipped in holy water, which she says "dulls the spirits' energy."

She said they were the spirits of an old man who lived in the house during the 1920s, and a powerful, disruptive little girl who turned up after a session with a spirit-calling Ouija board.

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Obituaries

ELSA P. DAFFORD

Burr Oak, Kan., resident Elsa P. Dafford, 76, died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at St. Joseph, Mo.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Christian Church in Burr Oak with the Rev. Richard Cox officiating. Burial

will be at Burr Oak Cemetery. Visitation is 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Simonson-Williams Funeral Home in Red Cloud; and 11 a.m. until the service Wednesday at the church.

A memorial fund has been established by the family.

RUDOLF ‘RUDY’ H. GRIESS

Sutton resident Rudolf “Rudy” H. Griess, 88, died Thursday, March 4, 2010, at Sutton Community Home in Sutton.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday, at the Federated Church in Sutton with the Rev. Eric Biehl officiating. Burial will be at

Sutton Cemetery. Visitation is Friday, March 12, 2010, from 1-8 p.m. with the family present 4-8 p.m. at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton.

Memorials may be directed to the Federated Church in Sutton.

MABLE B. TEGTMEIER

Kenesaw resident Mable B. Tegtmeier, 93, died Sunday March 7, 2010, at Haven Home in Kenesaw.

Services are 1:30 p.m. Friday at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Kenesaw with the Rev. Paul Duffy officiating. Burial will be in Zion Wanda Lutheran Cemetery in Holstein. Visitation is 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Jackson-Wilson Funeral Home in Kenesaw.

Memorials may be given to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Kenesaw or to the Lutheran Hour.

Mable was born to William and Augusta (Utecht) Nienhueser on Nov. 6, 1916, at Kenesaw. She received her gift of Faith through the sacrament of Holy Baptism at Zion Lutheran Church at Wanda. She made a public confession of that faith at her confirmation on December 14, 1930. Her confirmation verse was “Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.” Rev. 2:10. She went to Hatckson County School to the 8th grade and then to high school in Sidney, Neb., until 1935. On May 28, 1938, she married William

Tegtmeier in Sidney, Neb. Her husband taught in the parochial school system for 35 years. During this time, Mable was a stay-at-home mother for her daughter Cynthia until she started school. Mable began cooking for school lunches. She cooked for St. Paul’s Lutheran School for 10 years. Then after the flood in 1967, she went to Kenesaw Public School for an enjoyable 25 years. She loved working with the students.

She belonged to several ladies organizations at the church, had a quilting group at the church and quilted twice a week. She enjoyed being with the various groups.

Mable is survived by two brothers, Vearn and Ray Nienhueser; three sisters, Irene Fischer, Helen Koester and Eldora Schubarth all of Sidney, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Tegtmeier, on Sept. 20, 1986; daughter, Cynthia Marie Tegtmeier on April 24, 1996; and four brothers, Herbert, Victor, Clifford and Arthur Nienhueser.

Utah funeral service held for Marie Osmond’s son

JENNIFER DOBNER
The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — Marie Osmond’s 18-year-old son was remembered at a funeral service Monday with fond words, laughter and music from his famous singing family.

Michael Bryan’s uncle, Donny Osmond, also appealed to God in an opening prayer.

“Bless my sister,” he said, breaking into tears. “Bless my sister and her family.”

Bryan was then memorialized by six of his seven siblings as a lighthearted person and a deep thinker who had a brilliant sense of humor and a kind, generous heart.

“He was a man of his word. He wasn’t a talker, he was a doer. He was reliable,” Bryan’s sister Rachel Blossil, 20, said, struggling to express herself through tears. “He knew my hopes, he knew my dreams, my secrets, things that nobody knows. He was my best friend.”

Police in Los Angeles have said Bryan died Feb. 26 from an apparent suicide after jumping from the eighth floor of the Metropolitan apartment building. An official cause of death is pending the results of an autopsy and toxicology tests.

Police said Bryan left a note but have provided no details about its contents.

One of five children adopted by Marie Osmond, Bryan previously used his adoptive father’s last name, Blossil. Records from Utah’s 4th District Court, however, show a judge had granted him an October 2009 petition for a legal name change.

Marie Osmond and Brian Blossil divorced in 2007 after two decades of marriage. She also has three other children from marriages to Blossil and first husband, Stephen Craig, whom she divorced in 1985.

In 2007, Marie Osmond said her son had entered a rehabilitation facility but did not disclose why he was being treated.

About 450 mourners attended Monday’s services at a chapel

near the Provo temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including church President Thomas S. Monson, who offered words of comfort to the family.

Bryan was a first-year student of apparel manufacturing at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising and had planned on a career in retail marketing and design, according to a biography of his life read by the family’s Henderson, Nev.-based church bishop, Gary C. Milne.

The life sketch, a traditional part of Mormon funeral services, described Bryan as a hard-working, self-motivated person who loved sports, the arts, traveling and a good meal — from sushi to Peking duck and Italian pastas. An accomplished musician, Bryan played five instruments and wrote his own songs. He was also dedicated to service and since high school had been working with special needs children, Milne said.

In sharing their memories, Bryan’s siblings painted a portrait of a close-knit family, where laughter and music — along with whipped cream fights in the family kitchen and other games — were often present, with Bryan at the center of the fun, despite his sometimes quiet manner.

“He was an intricate part of our family,” said Stephen Craig, 26, the eldest of Marie Osmond’s children.” Each member of our family and every person here is better for having met him.”

In somewhat of a jest, each of Bryan’s siblings proclaimed themselves to be their brother’s favorite.

“My brother Michael loved me the most,” said 7-year-old Abigail Blossil, who drew laughter from the congregation as she launched the friendly, family competition. “My brother wrote a song about me that said I made him very happy. See, he did love me the most.”

SUBURBAN NY MAYOR SAYS ‘SNL’ GOT HER CITY WRONG

PEEKSKILL, N.Y. — A suburban New York mayor wants to correct the record after “Saturday Night Live” made fun of her city.

First, Peekskill isn’t upstate. Second, it’s not a hellhole.

The city of 24,000 residents was mentioned on the NBC comedy show Feb. 27. An actor playing Gov. David Paterson said he planned to tour “upstate New York — hellholes like Plattsburgh and Peekskill.” He said residents there are “rock eaters” and “freaks.”

Mayor Mary Foster pointed out Monday that Peekskill is in Westchester County, just north of New York City. She says Peekskill has a scenic setting and a vibrant art community.

The mayor and supervisor of upstate Plattsburgh also aren’t amused by “Saturday Night Live.”

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT LAUDS LOCAL FILM’S OSCAR

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Argentine President Cristina Fernandez is congratulating the director and actors of the “The Secret in Their Eyes,” a local film that won the Oscar for best foreign-language film.

Fernandez called the film “a fantastic movie that I saw twice and that had a real impact on me.”

The movie portrays the activities of the Argentine Anti-communist Alliance. That “Triple A” death squad has been connected to the deaths and disappearances of 1,500 people during the 1974-76 rule of former Argentine President Isabel Peron.

The film was directed by Juan Jose Campanella, who also directed the movie “Son of the Bride,” which was nominated for best foreign film in 2002.

EDWARDS SEX TAPE DISPUTE BACK IN N.C. COURT

PITTSBORO, N.C. — Lawyers are returning to court in North Carolina in a dispute over a tape purportedly showing two-time presidential candidate John Edwards in a sexual encounter.

Superior Court Judge Abraham Penn Jones has scheduled a hearing for 10 a.m. on Tuesday on how the tape was handled by former Edwards aide Andrew Young.

The judge has put Young under a contempt order and asked during a court hearing two weeks ago for Young to submit a complete affidavit that accounts for his handling of the tape and other materials.

Edwards’ mistress, Rielle Hunter, has sued Young for invasion of privacy and sought the return of the videotape. That video has been turned over to the court and placed under seal.

D’ANGELO ACCUSED OF SOLICITING PROSTITUTE

NEW YORK — Authorities say D’Angelo was caught in New York City trying to pay \$40 for sex with an undercover cop posing as a prostitute.

Police said Monday that the 36-year-old R&B singer was arrested early Saturday

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International Women’s Day



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Singer Kerry Washington (left) and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright applaud as President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama participate in a ceremony honoring women from around the world and their achievements for International Women’s Day in the East Room of the White House in Washington Monday.

while behind the wheel of his Range Rover.

D’Angelo’s real name is Michael Archer. He says in a statement that he pleaded not guilty and plans to fight the charge.

BROOKE BURKE JOINS TOM BERGERON ON ‘DANCING’

NEW YORK — Former “Dancing With the Stars” winner Brooke Burke will be Tom Bergeron’s new partner when the series starts again later month.

She’ll replace Samantha Harris as co-host. Bergeron made the announcement Monday on ABC’s “Good Morning America.”

As a contestant, Burke won during the season that ended in November 2008. She has hosted TV shows including CBS’ “Rock Star” and E!’s “Wild On.” The mother of four children has also built her own business on parenting issues, with an online baby products store and job as the “mommy correspondent” on the syndicated show “The Doctors.” She has more than 1.7 million followers on Twitter.

Contestants this season include former “Baywatch” babe Pamela Anderson, reality star Kate Gosselin, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and Olympics figure skating gold medalist Evan Lysacek.

The new season begins March 22.

BIRTHDAYS

Former Sen. James L. Buckley (Conservative-N.Y.) is 87. Singer-actress Keely Smith is 78. Singer Lloyd Price is 77. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 76. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 74. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 74. Actress Trish

Van Devere is 69. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 68. Former ABC anchorman Charles Gibson is 67. Rock musician Robin Trower is 65. Singer Jeffrey Osborne is 62. Country musician Jimmie Fadden (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 62. Actress Jaime Lyn Bauer is 61. Magazine editor Michael Kinsley is 59. TV newscaster Faith Daniels is 53. Actor-director Lonny Price is 51. Actress Linda Fiorentino is 50. Country musician Rusty Hendrix (Confederate Railroad) is 50. Actress Juliette Binoche is 46. Rock musician Robert Sledge (Ben Folds Five) is 42. Rapper C-Murder is 39. Actor Emmanuel Lewis is 39. Actress Jean Louisa Kelly is 38. Actor Kerr Smith is 38. Rapper Chingy is 30. Actor Matthew Gray Gubler is 30. Actress Brittany Snow is 24. Rapper Bow Wow is 23. Actor Luis Armand Garcia is 18.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Delay is the deadliest form of denial.” — C. Northcote Parkinson, British author (1909-1993)

The Associated Press

FACT OF THE DAY

In 2002, Hispanics became the largest minority population in the United States, at 13.5 percent of the population; by 2010, that percentage is projected to increase to 16 percent.

NUMBER OF THE DAY

90 — percentage of U.S. girls between ages 3 and 10 who owned at least one Barbie doll in 2008.

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Vehicles reportedly driven by Nichole R. Haack of 314 N. Delaware Ave. and Sharon E. Hamilton of Plainview collided Saturday at 1510 N. Burlington Ave.

Eagles, Wednesday, taco night, 6:00 p.m. All welcome. -Adv.

Wilton Course I - Discover Cake Decorating begins April 6th. Sign up now. Call Allen’s Housewares at 463-5633. -Adv.

Allen’s Senior Day, Thursday, March 11. Get your coupons in-store Thursday. Free coffee, cookies 9:00 to noon. Register to win \$25 gift certificate. -Adv.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Mario Ferralo of 820 S. Pine Ave. No. 193 Friday struck a parked vehicle owned by Aide Y. Munoz of 1406 E. C St. No. 6 at 820 S. Pine Ave. No. 47.

Bob Sass Flowers, dozen wrapped roses for \$19.99. -Adv.

Rosalina Lagunas of 400 S. Woodland Ave. reported Sunday that her vehicle was damaged in the 400 block of South Woodland Avenue.

National Wild Turkey Federation 10th annual banquet March 19, Garden Cafe Banquet Hall. Doors open 5:30, dinner at 7:00. 462-2505. -Adv.

Marion Wolfe of 233 N. Hastings Ave. No. 314 reported Sunday that a vehicle was damaged in the 200 block of North Hastings Avenue.

Come see Mark Biede for all your insurance needs at Gary Thompson Agency, 463-0596. -Adv.

A parked vehicle owned by Dannie A. Hess of 420 S. Garfield Ave. was reportedly struck Sunday by a hit-and-run driver in the 400 block of South Garfield Avenue.

Tole Painting a Birdhouse, March 13. Susan at Central Community College, 402-461-2431 or srinker@cccneb.edu -Adv.

He’s back! Comedian Nick Hoff, Hastings, March 19, 20, Knights of Pythias; \$13 at pinkribboncomedytour.com or Uncle Neal’s. 30% to research. -Adv.

FWF, Wednesday, lamb fry basket, full menu; lunch chicken fried steak. All welcome. -Adv.

A parked vehicle owned by Karissa A. Holsan of 503 E. Sixth St. was reportedly struck Friday by a hit-and-run driver on Cedar Avenue near Sixth Street.

Bingo, Knights of Columbus, Wednesday, 7:00; two pigs, 57 number bonanza. Lots of fun! -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Melanie Strong of 426 Hawthorne Circle and Shawn H. Hoover of 735 E. Fifth St. collided Saturday on Seventh Street near Turner Avenue.

For your convenience, the Hastings Tribune has a drive-up payment box in our north parking lot. This may be used for subscription and advertising payments. -Adv.

Sghetti’s Tuesday, Wednesday spaghetti dinners \$5.00. -Adv.

Think Spring! Great selection of new artificial flower bushes - Allen’s Lower Level. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Taryn Donley of 2905 Lakepark Lane and Jasmine D. Romshek of 314 W. Fifth St. collided Sunday at Seventh Street and Kansas Avenue.

Grief Therapy/Support Group, “Walking Through Mourning”, third Wednesday of every month, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital, 715 North St. Joseph Avenue, Hastings, Medical Services Building (north building, Classroom G, basement). Group facilitator: Jessica Hunt, MS, PLMHP, General Counseling, LLC. Sponsored by Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center. For more information, call Jessica, 402-984-9754. -Adv.

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Vehicles reportedly driven by Mark A. Kisela of Juniata, Felix S. Aguilar of 846 S. St. Joseph Ave. and Nathan L. Schumm of Harvard collided Saturday on U.S. Highway 281 near Kansas Avenue.

Home Business/Craft Show Saturday, 20th, 9:00 to noon, Trumbull Community Center. -Adv.

John Deere Day 2010, Thursday, March 11, 11:30 lunch and film. Oregon Trail Equipment, Fairfield, Nebraska. -Adv.

Let us sell your car. No lot fees. Jackson’s Car Corner, Inc. -Adv.

Large selection of Zhu Zhu Pets - Allen’s Toy Department. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Steven R. Matkins of Wilcox and Marcia A. Fries of Lexington Ave. collided Monday at Burlington Avenue and 16th Street.

Free cordless pleated shade upgrade. Interior Gallery. Ends soon! Highway 6 and Wabash. -Adv.

Looking for H1N1 Vaccination? All ages eligible for Free H1N1 vaccine! Plus, kids can complete their second dose for free. Contact South Heartland District Health Department for locations in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster counties. 1-877-238-7595. -Adv.

It was reported Monday that windows, doors and building owned by Chart Properties LLC, 208 S. Burlington Ave. No. 101 were damaged at the business.

Fish Fry, Glenvil American Legion, Friday, March 12, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All welcome. -Adv.

Hey, sports fans! You’ll find results of local and area games first at hastingstribune.com -Adv.

Area funerals

Wednesday

◆ **Elsa Dafford**, 76, of Burr Oak, Kan., 2 p.m. at the Christian Church in Burr Oak.

Friday

◆ **Mable Tegtmeier**, 93, of Kenesaw, 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Kenesaw.

Saturday

◆ **Rudolf ‘Rudy’ Griess**, 88, of Sutton, 2 p.m. at the Federated Church in Sutton.

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OHIO STATE

SHOOTING

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio State University employee opened fire today at a campus maintenance building, killing a co-worker and wounding another, the university said. A suspect also was wounded and was taken into custody, officials said.

University Police Chief Paul Denton told a news conference that the two wounded workers were taken to Ohio State University Medical Center, where one was in critical condition and the other was in stable condition. It was not immediately clear which was the suspected shooter. The third employee was pronounced dead at the scene.

Heavily armed campus officers searched buildings in the area, including a university power plant, and the person who police believe was responsible for the shooting was taken into custody, Denton said.

Police did not release any names. Investigators were trying to determine the suspect's motive, Denton said.

Ohio State, the nation's largest university, said no students were hurt and that classes would be held as scheduled.

MISSIONARY FREED

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

— A U.S. missionary held for more than a month in Haiti on kidnapping charges flew back to the United States after being released from prison, while the leader of her Baptist group remained in custody.

Charisa Coulter and Laura Silsby were the last two missionaries still in custody of 10 that were arrested for trying to take 33 children out of Haiti after the earthquake. The other eight were released Feb. 17.

Coulter, 24, was freed Monday and whisked from her jail cell to the airport by U.S. Embassy staff.

Wearing a red tank top and sunglasses, she declined comment as she quickly got into an SUV that took her to the Haitian airport, where she caught a flight back to the United States.

SHOOTING NEAR SCHOOL

NEW YORK — A police officer in Brooklyn has fatally shot a man who the NYPD says was brandishing a fake pistol near a school.

Police said they received a 911 call Monday afternoon from a parent reporting a man with a handgun near an elementary school.

They say that when officers arrived, the 22-year-old man pointed the phony gun at them during in a confrontation on the street outside the school. A uniformed officer responded by firing three shots.

The Associated Press

Politics and retail
a no-win mix

EMILY FREDRIX
AND GREG BLUESTEIN

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Guns. Religion. Abortion. These are the no-win arguments that spoil family gatherings — and the stuff of retailers' nightmares.

Starbucks has found itself in the middle of just such an argument as its stores became forums for demonstrations by both pro-gun and gun-control advocates. All for a firearm policy that hasn't changed and is the same as most retailers': follow the local law. If it's legal to carry a firearm in town, it's allowed in the stores.

In recent months, the "open-carry" arm of the gun-rights movement, which advocates that gun owners carry visible weapons as they go about their daily business, have been exercising their rights. They've been proudly displaying their sidearms in public places, sometimes meeting up in groups.

Starbucks' association with a politically liberal, "latte sipper" ethos, made it a tempting target for gun-control advocates. The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence attracted more than 26,000 signatures demanding that Starbucks "offer espresso shots, not gunshots."

Starbucks' response? It reiterated its policy of following state and local laws and politely asked everyone to leave it out of the debate.

It's frightful territory for a business, which risks alienating customers and losing sales by taking sides on such emotional debates.

"They want you to like them.

They don't want to be red brands or blue brands," said Allen Adamson, managing director of branding firm Landor Associates in New York. "Generally, Starbucks wants to be socially responsible and not take stands on divisive issues. Clearly they're being pulled in here because people want to use them to do that."

Starbucks' situation is unusual in that it became a symbol of a debate not of its own making. But other companies have dealt with politically fraught situations where they risk alienating customers no matter what they do.

This holiday season, the Christian group American Family Association urged a boycott of retailers, including The Gap and Old Navy, for not using the word "Christmas" in their holiday advertising. But other customers resent focusing on the Christian holiday.

Marketing experts say standing firm was probably the best option Starbucks had.

Charles R. Taylor, professor of marketing at Villanova School of Business. Changing its position would diminish the company's reputation and alienate people on the opposite side of the debate.

Some businesses are taking a stand, even if it costs them customers. California Pizza Kitchen and Peet's Coffee & Tea banned customers with guns after open-carry advocates started showing up earlier this year. So has Great American Restaurants, a chain of 10 restaurants and a bakery in northern Virginia.

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Aaron Kotschwar, 10, Thayer Central School



RAINY TODAY
High: 42 Low: 35
Wind: Northeast 10
Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain tonight.



RAINY WEDNESDAY
High: 41 Low: 32
Wind: North 10
Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain.



RAINY THURSDAY
High: 40 Low: 30
Cloudy and brisk with a 50 percent chance of rain and snow.



RAINY FRIDAY
High: 42 Low: 30
Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow.



PARTLY CLOUDY SATURDAY
High: 48 Low: 30
Partly cloudy at night.

Today's weather records

High: 78 in 1936
Low: -2 in 1996

Local weather ♦ From 7 a.m. March 8 to 7 a.m. March 9

High Monday	49
High in 2009	55
Overnight low	43
Overnight low in 2009	29
Precipitation last 24 hours	.94
March precipitation	1.60
March 2009 precipitation	.00
Year-to-date precipitation	2.50
Jan.-March 2009 precipitation	.99
Snowfall last 24 hours	.00
March snowfall	1.40
March 2009 snowfall	.00
Season-to-date snowfall	44.60
Season-to-date 2008-09 snowfall	18.00

Gates praises troops in southern Afghanistan

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The Associated Press

FORWARD OPERATING

BASE FRONTENAC, Afghanistan

— U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates told a hard-hit battle unit today that its heavy losses have helped the U.S. begin to push back against the Taliban in southern Afghanistan.

Gates visited a small, remote outpost 30 miles north of Kandahar, where the Fort Lewis, Washington-based Stryker unit has lost 22 men and suffered an additional 62 wounded since arriving here last summer.

The latest injuries came Monday night, and the latest death three days ago.

"You all have had a very tough time," especially at the start of the tour, Gates told members of the 800-soldier unit. "You came into an area totally controlled by the Taliban. You fought for a critical battle space, you bled for it and now you own it."

He told the troops that as the fight shifts toward securing Kandahar itself later this year, they will again be "at the tip of the spear."

Brigade commander Lt. Col. Jonathan Neumann explained one of its missions: securing a highway that locals use to bring crops to market in Kandahar.

"If people can't move freely on the highway," Neumann

said, "they'll never feel connected to their government and like they are out from under the thumb of the Taliban."

Neumann said his troops also protect the local population from bandits and extortionists who try to waylay travelers and exact illegal tolls.

He said it can be hard to measure success when it means subtle changes of heart and intention among the locals instead of something dramatic, like taking a city.

"The metric that stares you in the face is our casualties," Neumann said.

Gates later walked a dusty street in Now Zad, where Marines pushed out the Taliban last year with help from some of the first reinforcements ordered by President Barack Obama last year.

The Pentagon chief stopped to speak to shopkeepers who are among about 2,500 people who have returned to the city. Now Zad, once the second largest city in Helmand province, sat empty

for four years, save for U.S., NATO and Taliban fighters.

"This place was a ghost town, a no-go zone," Gates said as he thanked Marines for an operation that served as a model for this year's battle in nearby Marjah.

Gates flew to Kandahar early today for meetings with U.S. and British generals overseeing the military campaign in Marjah. He presented Silver Stars for valor to two Army aviators before his visits with U.S. forces at bases elsewhere in the south.

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WEEPING ROBBER

LINCOLN — Lincoln police say a 20-year-old robbed a group of men at knifepoint, but was immediately overcome with remorse.

Police say Corey Schneider began crying and offering apologies to the three McCook men he'd just robbed Thursday night in Lincoln. He returned the items he allegedly took and waited at the scene until officers arrived.

Schneider was being held Saturday in the Lancaster County jail. Bond was set Friday at \$10,000.

Court records say he's charged with terroristic threats.

The county public defender's office has been assigned to his case. A message left Saturday with the office was not immediately returned.

OMAHA SHOOTINGS

OMAHA — Police have identified the three people killed in shootings last weekend in northeast Omaha.

The three people were killed in two separate shootings that occurred early Sunday morning.

Police said Monday the shootings appeared gang related, but no arrests had been made.

In the first shooting, 19-year-old Paul Richards was killed and another man suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

In the second shooting, 24-year-old Qjuan Moore and 23-year-old Jonas Amerson were killed.

AXING TREASURER

LINCOLN — Nebraska lawmakers are set to debate whether the state treasurer's office should be eliminated.

Debate on the measure (LR284CA) introduced by Sen. Dennis Utter of Hastings was scheduled to begin today.

He says he introduced it to save the state money and that services now done by the office such as returning unclaimed property could be done by other state agencies.

Current State Treasurer Shane Osborn opposes the measure even though he isn't running for re-election. He says it's important residents have someone they've elected to help oversee the state's finances.

If OK'd by lawmakers, the proposal would go to a statewide vote. If approved, the office would be gone in 2013.

POT CHARGE

KEARNEY — A California woman was arrested after a traffic stop in south-central Nebraska, accused of having more than 40 pounds of marijuana.

The Nebraska State Patrol said in a news release Monday that the woman was stopped for speeding a little after 8 p.m. Saturday night near the Gibbon interchange.

The patrol says a drug dog was taken to the scene, and it led troopers to the car trunk. More than 40 pounds of pot was found inside.

The 37-year-old driver, who was traveling alone, was arrested. She was identified as Naeema Mstallah Rightner of San Francisco.

A Buffalo County jail spokesman said Rightner was still in custody Monday. Court records don't list her attorney's name.

The Associated Press

Calendar

HASTINGS

- ◆ **Narcotics Anonymous**, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.
- ◆ **Al-Anon**, 8 p.m. Wednesday, First United Methodist Church.
- ◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.; noon, 8:35 S. Burlington Ave. No. 114; and 8 p.m., First United Methodist Church basement, 614 N. Hastings Ave. Wednesday.

Lotteries

WINNING NUMBERS

Monday
Nebraska Pick 5 . . . **3-16-18-19-29**
Jackpot: \$58,000
2by2 **Red 1-7, White 3-17**
Kansas Pick 3 **8-3-8**
Nebraska Pick 3 **3-5-6**
MyDay **12-22-65**
Super Kansas Cash . **6-19-23-24-28**
Super Cashball 6

Mayor: Uniform building codes needed

TRI-CITIES CAN ALIGN NOW

SHAY BURK

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Hastings Mayor Vern Powers expressed serious interest Monday in aligning the city's building codes with Grand Island and Kearney.

"Mayor [Margaret] Hornady and I discussed this for 20 minutes one day and we agree we want them to all be the same across the board. This shouldn't be a turf war," Powers said.

On Monday, the City Council unanimously approved adopting the 2009 International Codes for residential, building,

mechanical, plumbing and property maintenance.

City building inspector Mark Evans said the city traditionally updates the building codes every three years to adopt the latest versions.

Powers said he doesn't want to wait another three years to adopt codes that are in line with those in the other two of the Tri-Cities.

Evans said he knows that both communities are currently in the process of making some changes to their codes as well.

Currently, he said the building code is pretty much the same for the three communities. The main difference is with

the electrical and mechanical codes.

Powers said he would like to see changes brought back to the council within a year making everything align among the three communities.

"We're at a point where we don't have a lot of building permits so we're at a time that we can do this," he said.

While much of the updates adopted Monday are simply new versions of the existing code, one addition was made to the Hastings City Code regarding mobile homes.

The change would require a permit be obtained for the placement of a mobile home or manufactured home within the

city. That home would then need to be inspected prior to occupancy.

Evans said some of the things that would be inspected would include the sewer and utility hookups in addition to the installation of smoke detectors.

That last piece, he said, is important because of the Dec. 15, 2009, fire that took the lives of a man and two children.

"I think it would be our goal to look at the basic life safety issues like a means of egress, a second escape from a room and the presence of smoke detectors," Evans said.

During Monday's meeting, the council also:

- ◆ Unanimously approved the preliminary/final plat of Good Samaritan Village Second Subdivision.

- ◆ Unanimously approved awarding the \$28,560 bid to Frontier Ford for a one-ton diesel engine cab and chassis.

- ◆ Unanimously approved the resolution to express intent to issue tax-exempt Industrial Development Revenue Bonds for Bubba Foods LLC.

- ◆ Unanimously approved the 2010 incremental annexation of Eaton Corp., 300 E. 39th St.; Nebraska Cold Storage, 600 E. 39th St.; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., 3800 Osborne Drive East; Van Diest Supply Co., 1600 W. G St.; ECHO Co., 1502 Park West Drive; L-H Manufacturing, 1605 I St.; and Central Logistic Service, 1850 Centennial Ave.



JOHN HUTHMACHER/Tribune

Clinician Peter Benson (left) and Shaun Whisler lead a group of high school singers during the Youth in Harmony barbershop clinic Monday at Hastings College.

Preaching to the choir

CLINICIAN EXPOSES YIH PARTICIPANTS TO ART OF BARBERSHOP SINGING

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Nearly 100 high school boys from all over — including Kansas — gathered at Hastings College Monday to perfect their harmonic tones at the 4th annual Youth in Harmony Festival.

Award-winning barbershop singer and clinician Peter Benson of Minnesota led students through each of four parts of two songs, "Hush," and "In My Room," assisted by Back in Business, a quartet based in Lawrence, Kan. The students, many of whom have attended previous YIH events, later showed off their vocal prowess at an evening concert in French Memorial Chapel.

"I hope they will get out of it what I got out of it when I first started when I was about 14 years old," Benson said. "And that is just a love of singing four-part harmony. It's something they can do for the rest of their lives."

"Nothing wrong with football, but there's a point where that ends. You can do this well into your 70s and 80s."

Lonnie Miner, Chorus of the Plains director, said the YIH program was introduced four years ago to give area high school boys an opportunity to experience the sounds of the unique art form on a much larger scale than most of them are used to hearing it.

"We wanted to expose high school kids in our area to the barbershop style



JOHN HUTHMACHER/Tribune

High school students sing along at a Youth in Harmony barbershop clinic Monday at Hastings College. The clinic was presented by Chorus of the Plains.

of music," he said. "A lot of these kids come from very small choruses, like 10, 12 or 15. We've got 90 boys sitting in here singing barbershop music, and that's a whole different sound than what we do with 10 to 15 boys."

Though not a recruitment tool per se, Miner said he's always glad to see a new young face or two join the chorus.

Miner, who has been with Chorus of the Plains for more than 20 years, said it is the sweet blend of four-part harmony that ultimately wins listeners over to barbershop music.

"Once you get that under your skin, it stays there and just keeps eating on you until you want more of it," he said. "And then you sing it and that's even more fun. Once you get to sing

in a small group, a quartet, or even a large chorus, it's just heaven."

For Greg Dwyer, 16, a Hastings Senior High School junior, the clinic represented his third straight appearance at the YIH event. A bass singer in a quartet at the high school, he has been flexing his vocal chords with different choirs since first or second grade. He was one of about 20 singers from Hastings High to attend this year's festival.

"It's fun to sing with other people in a big group," he said. "I came to get some new music — which we've already gotten — and to gain some more experience singing a different style of music with lots of people."

"It's really fun, not something you get to sing in a normal choral setting. It adds variety."

Adams Central Board gets lessons in becoming great

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Three Adams Central Board of Education members had the opportunity during their regular meeting Monday evening to slam a straw through a potato.

The other board members and administrators applauded Bill Lindsteadt, Mark Johnson and Randy Kort as they successfully completed one of the activities from a new program at Adams Central called "8 to Great."

Secondary Principal Dave Barrett asked math teacher

Twila Knehans to lead the program as an experiment, Knehans said.

"About a year ago, Mr. Barrett came to me and said 'would you be interested in teaching a new class to our junior high students,'" she said.

Initially, she was opposed to the idea because it would require more time and planning. But, she said it has changed her life making her a better wife, mother and teacher.

In addition to working with seventh-grade students, Knehans also worked with the

high school boys basketball team.

"What is it? It's basically eight highways that hopefully are teaching our kids to make positive choices, which will then result with success for them," she told the board.

The first highway is about dreams. She said that includes the formula "conceive it, believe it and then you will achieve it."

Like the board members, the students who go through "8 to Great" have to stick a straw through a potato. Like the

board members, often the staples weren't sure how to do it.

"If you think you can do it, then you can do it," Knehans said.

Highway number two is about risk-taking.

Knehans, a math teacher, switched assignments briefly with an Adams Central art teacher to show that risk-taking is essential to success.

"If you know anything about mathematicians and artists, they are totally on opposite ends: left brain versus right brain," she said.

Engineers: Ice dusting working on Platte

The Associated Press

PLATTSMOUTH — Ice dusting along the Platte River in eastern Nebraska appears to be working, although there's still some concern about ice jams, engineers said.

Pilots hired by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency spread 77 tons of coal ash over nine sites along the Platte last month. The coal ash was intended to thaw ice slowly to prevent flooding caused by ice jams.

Without the dusting, a rapid thaw could occur, causing large chunks of ice to form dams that force water onto land, causing flooding.

On Friday, engineers conducted an aerial inspection of the river. Marlin Petermann of the Papio natural resource district said the coal ash appears to be doing its job. But, he said, the ice remains intact north of the confluence of the Platte and Elkhorn rivers.

Fears of flood-causing ice jams along the lower Platte were included in the National Weather Service's latest flood outlook. The statement released Friday also said minor to moderate flooding is expected this spring in the Elkhorn and Big Blue river basins, and melting snow presents some potential for flooding along the Missouri River.

CSI chief's lawyer asks to withdraw from case

The Associated Press

PLATTSMOUTH — The attorney for an Omaha-based crime-scene investigator facing trial this month in an evidence-tampering case is seeking to drop his client.

A motion filed Monday by attorney Steve Lefler asks that he be allowed to withdraw as David Kofoed's attorney.

Kofoed is accused of tampering with evidence in a 2006 Cass County case in which two men were wrongly charged in a double murder.

Kofoed was acquitted in September of federal charges in a case related to the tampering accusations. His state trial in Cass County is set to begin on Monday.

Lefler's motion to withdraw says Kofoed "has not been able to fulfill his contractual obligation."

Lefler did not immediately return a message left by The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Knehans mentioned examples of several different students who went outside they're comfort zone with presentations in front of their classmates.

Highway number three is being responsible for their words and actions. One activity they do with this is spend a week listing on a card each time they blame someone else or complain about something.

"I think that's something we've seen with the boys basketball team," she said. "We were talking about some of their

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Local

LWV PROGRAM
The Hastings League of Women Voters will be discussing the issue of human trafficking Friday.
Leticia Bonifas with the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition will be sharing knowledge about the issue of human trafficking within the United States.
The program is noon at the YWCA, 604 N. St. Joseph Ave. A lunch will be available for a fee at 11:45 a.m.
For more information, call 402-463-7615.

Region
PANCAKE FEED HOLSTEIN — Holstein Fire and Rescue will sponsor its annual pancake feed fundraiser at the fire hall here Sunday.
Pancakes, sausage, eggs and drinks will be served from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Door prizes and raffle drawings for cash prizes also are planned.
Proceeds from the event will go toward the purchase of a fire truck.

State
GOOD NEIGHBOR
The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation and the Omaha World-Herald have announced that nominations for the 2010 Good Neighbor Awards program now are being accepted.
The program honors individuals cited by neighbors for performing unselfish, neighborly deeds during without compensation or personal gain in 2009. Nominations are accepted from organizations and/or individuals throughout Nebraska and western Iowa.
Nomination forms and instructions are available online at www.aksarben.org or by calling 402-554-9600, ext. 100.
Nominations must be received no later than March 15. Honorees will be chosen by a statewide judging committee and announced in early June. They will receive certificates commemorating the occasion.

MANSLAUGHTER
GERING — A 20-year-old Scottsbluff man has pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the August stabbing death of another man.
Artie Lowery also pleaded guilty Monday to tampering with physical evidence and tampering with a witness. In exchange for his guilty pleas, prosecutors reduced the charges from second-degree murder and felony weapon use.
He faces up to 30 years in prison when he's sentenced April 30 in Scotts Bluff County District Court.
Lowery fatally stabbed 20-year-old James Mendoza in August during a dispute that began in a parking lot.
Lowery's brother, 20-year-old Joseph Lowery, and wife, 18-year-old Rozlyn Lowery, 18, have been charged with being accessories to the crime.

CONVICTED
LINCOLN — A 30-year-old Lincoln man has been found guilty of robbing a convenience store last March and raping the store's clerk.
A Lancaster County jury found Armon Dixon guilty on Monday.
During his trial, Dixon testified that he was with friends during the early morning hours when the rape and robbery happened. Prosecutors said two condoms found near the scene of the attack bore the DNA of both Dixon and the victim.

The Associated Press

Markets
Tuesday's noon local markets
Corn3.43
Soybeans8.87
Milo2.89
Wheat4.13

Stocks of local interest
The following stocks of local interest were traded today:

	Last	Chg.
BN Santa Fe	100.21	0.00
Berkshire Hathaway A	123,797.01	-2.99
Berkshire Hathaway B	82.555	-0.235
ConAgra	25.315	+0.075
Eaton Corp.	72.522	-0.078
Ingersoll Rand	34.14	+0.11
Level 3	1.5895	+0.0295
McDonald's	65.3101	+0.1901
PepsiCo	64.45	+0.30
TierOne	0.69	+0.07
Tricon Global Restaurants	36.8785	+1.4685
Union Pacific	71.00	+1.51
Wells Fargo	28.88	-0.01
Williams Cos.	22.76	-0.10
Wal-Mart	54.32	+0.17

Region/State

Database can crack missing person cases

STEVE KARNOWSKI
The Associated Press
MINNEAPOLIS — A new online database promises to crack some of the nation's 100,000 missing persons cases and provide answers to desperate families, but only a fraction of law enforcement agencies are using it.
The clearinghouse, dubbed NamUs (Name Us), offers a quick way to check whether a missing loved one might be among the 40,000 sets of unidentified remains that languish at any given time with medical examiners across the country. NamUs is free, yet many law enforcement agencies still aren't aware of it, and others aren't convinced they should use their limited staff resources to participate.

Janice Smolinski hopes that changes — and soon. Her son, Billy, was 31 when he vanished five years ago. The Cheshire, Conn., woman fears he was murdered, his body hidden away.
She's now championing a bill in Congress, named "Billy's Law" after her son, that would set aside more funding and make other changes to encourage wider use of NamUs. Only about 1,100 of the nearly 17,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide are registered to use the system, even though it already has been hailed for solving 16 cases since it became fully operational last year.
"As these cases become more well known, as people learn about the successes of NamUs, more and more agencies are going to want to be part of it," said Kristina Rose, acting director of the National Institute of Justice at the Justice Department.
Before NamUs, families and investigators had to go through the slow process of checking with medical examiner's offices one by one. As the Smolinski family searched for clues to Billy's fate, they met a maze of federal, state and nonprofit missing person databases that weren't completely public and didn't share information well with each other.
NamUs, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, allows one-stop sleuthing for amateurs, families and police. Anyone can enter all the data they have on a missing person, including descriptions, photos, fingerprints, dental records and DNA. Medical examiners can enter the same data on unidentified bodies, and anyone can search the database for potential



DAVE WEAVER/AP
In this picture taken Feb. 25, Detective Jim Shields of the Omaha Police Department speaks at the Omaha Police headquarters in Omaha. Shields had heard about NamUs during a presentation at a conference, and later used it to solve a case involving Luis Fernandez, who had been missing for nearly a year before his family went to police in 2008.

matches that warrant further investigation.
So far, about 6,200 sets of remains and nearly 2,800 missing people have been entered, said Kevin Lothridge, CEO of the National Forensic Science Technology Center in Largo, Fla., which runs NamUs for the Justice Department.
Detective Jim Shields of the Omaha Police Department hadn't heard about NamUs until he saw a presentation at a conference in 2008. He then had a local volunteer associated with NamUs input his data on several missing people.
Among them was Luis Fernandez, who had been missing for nearly a year before his family went to police in 2008. Shields didn't have a lot on Fernandez, a known gang member who'd been in and out of jail — only gender, race, height, weight, age and some data on his tattoos.
It proved to be enough. Just a few weeks later, similarities were spotted with the unidentified remains of a homicide victim found in a farm field in Iowa in 2007. In January, a lab informed Shields it had a DNA match — and that he could break the news to Fernandez' family.
"I could say fairly certainly that this would never have been solved if not for NamUs," Shields said.
Some other recent successes:
♦ Paula Beverly Davis, of the Kansas City, Mo., area, had been missing for 22 years until a relative saw a public service announcement on TV in October for NamUs and told her sister, who gave it a try. Among the 10 matches her sister found were a body dumped in Ohio in 1987 that had the same rose and unicorn tattoos as her sister. DNA tests confirmed the body was Davis.
♦ Sonia Lente disappeared in 2002. Last June, an amateur cybersleuth with the Doe Network, a nationwide volunteer group that helps law enforcement solve cold cases, noticed similarities between Lente's description in NamUs and an unidentified body found near Albuquerque, N.M., in 2004. Dental records later established it was Lente.
Detective Stuart Somershoe of the Phoenix Police Department said his agency,

which has over 500 open missing persons cases, just finished entering 100 cases into NamUs. He's hopeful his department can make a match.
"It's kind of time-consuming but I think it's a worthwhile program," Somershoe said.
NamUs grew out of a Justice Department task force working on the challenge of solving missing persons cases. One need that the task force identified was to give people who could help solve cases better access to database information.
"Billy's Law" sailed through the House late last month and is pending in the Senate, where supporters are confident it will easily pass.
The bill would authorize \$10 million in grants annually that police, sheriffs, medical examiners and coroners could use to train people to use NamUs and to help cover the costs of entering data into the system. It would also authorize another \$2.4 million a year to run the system and ensure permanent funding.
The bill would also link NamUs with a major FBI crime database that's now available

only to law enforcement, partly because it contains sensitive information about ongoing investigations. That confidential data would be withheld from NamUs when necessary.
Billy Smolinski, of Waterbury, Conn., was last seen Aug. 24, 2004, when he asked a neighbor to look after his dog. His pickup truck was later found outside his home, though not where he usually parked it. His wallet and other belongings were still inside.
The Smolinski family first struggled to get police to take a missing adult case seriously. It took a long time for investigators to finally conclude Billy had been killed, perhaps as a result of a love triangle gone sour. The family put up reward posters, searched places where they thought his body might have been hidden and kept pressure on police.
Smolinski said she came to see how police were often overwhelmed, but to her NamUs is a "no-brainer."
"If they find remains I'm hopeful they'll identify him through NamUs," Smolinski said.

Neb. lawmakers will debate prenatal-care measure

NATE JENKINS
The Associated Press
LINCOLN — A legislative committee today ensured that lawmakers will debate whether to allow illegal immigrants and some legal residents to continue receiving prenatal care.
The Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee voted to advance the measure (LB1110) to the full Legislature, where it is expected to be the most hotly debated issue of the current legislative session.
"We really have to stop and

think — you wouldn't want your family not to have prenatal care," Sen. Gwen Howard of Omaha said before voting to advance the measure.
Gov. Dave Heineman opposes the measure, saying that at its core, the bill amounts to giving taxpayer-funded benefits to illegal immigrants. His opposition means supporters may have to muster 30 votes to overcome a veto. It normally takes 25 votes to pass a bill.
The bill is a reaction to federal notification late last year that the state had been breaking fed-

eral rules by allowing unborn children — not just their mother — to qualify for Medicaid.
For nearly 30 years, that allowed women who didn't qualify for Medicaid to get Medicaid-covered care because their children qualified. All children born in the U.S. are U.S. citizens, regardless of their parents' immigration status.
Last fiscal year, more than 2,800 pregnant, illegal immigrants in Nebraska received Medicaid services.
Some of the debate on the bill, which is supported by the state's main anti-abortion group, is expected to focus on costs.
Over the current, two-year budget that ends July 1, 2011, the measure would cost about \$3.7 million less than continuing to provide Medicaid — had federal officials not forced lawmakers to cease using it for unborn children.
The total estimated cost of the proposed program over the remainder of this year and the next two years is \$6.9 million.
Opponents of the measure

argue the state should take the opportunity to save that money, especially in the current economic climate. Lower-than-expected revenues have forced lawmakers to make budget cuts, and more may be on the way.
"Do we spend taxpayer money knowing we're going into a period where many programs," may be cut, said Sen. Dave Pankonin of Louisville. He was the only member of the Health and Human Services Committee that voted against advancing the bill to the full Legislature.

AC: Board learns about program

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actions when they were younger and it was easy to point fingers at teammates, coaches and officials."
The have decreased that blaming and complaining, she said.
Highway number four is about feelings. One of the activities with that highway was listing a high and low point in each of their lives.
"A lot of times they can write the high points just like that," Knehans said, snapping her fingers. "It's the low points, sometimes, they have a hard time writing down and talking about their feelings."
One of the students said his low point was when he had to miss two periods of 8 to Great class because of snow days.
"You can tell that it is positively affecting these kids in wanting to be there," she said.

Because she only had the students for one quarter, she was only able to make it through four of the highways. The other four are the following: honest communications, forgiveness, graditudes and hope for the future.
"We're getting some of these kids to talk to us and communicate with us whether it's through the journaling or through class discussion," she said.
During the meeting, the board members also took the following action:
♦ Approved 6-0 the March general fund bills in the amount of \$763,117.96.
♦ Unanimously the school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year.
♦ Unanimously approved the contract with the Nebraska Safety Center for summer driver education classes.
♦ Unanimously approved the contract of Keala Heneger, currently employed by Clay Center, as the Adams Central literacy coach for

the school's new reading program. Heneger was on hand at the meeting and introduced herself to the board members.
♦ Unanimously approved the contract of Neile Anderson as the business education teacher to replace Jane Craig.
♦ Unanimously approved with regret the resignation of elementary teacher Phyllis Senff at the end of the school year.
♦ Unanimously approved with regret the resignation of teacher Melanie Denny.
♦ Went into executive session to discuss contracts and negotiations.
♦ Returned to regular session and then approved contracts for the district principals, special service director and the activities director.
♦ Received dates from Superintendent Shawn Scott for upcoming town hall meetings in which to discuss the bond election for a new elementary school building. Those meetings will be held March 29 at Elementary School 15, April 7 at Juniata Elementary School, April 14 at Adams Central High School, and April 28 as a telephone town hall.

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Dominating: Sterup plays pivotal role

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field with most of his teammates at some point or another, whether on traveling teams or school playgrounds.

And then there is the invaluable practice time he shared with teammates on the three state champion teams, battling for playing time against older, more experienced talent. In many ways, he counts that experience as even more valuable than the actual game time he has logged in Bluehawk uniforms, he said.

"We've had talented classes ahead of us, so that has pushed us more in terms of being competitive with each other," Sterup said Monday. "That's probably helped more than even varsity basketball experience, going into practice every day and having to battle for your spot."

After three years of battling, he has certainly carved out his own niche on the court. Averaging 13 points, eight rebounds, and three blocked shots per game, he has made himself an indispensable force on both sides of the court, a leader in word and deed.

"Zach was a starter in football on the state championship

team and I thought he stepped up as the season went along," Asher said. "He's played his best basketball in our toughest games of the year, and that's probably why we've had so much success. That is what you want to see out of your better players."

"He really complements and looks for his teammates in those games. He does all the little things. He can dominate on the defensive side or the offensive side. That's what's so impressive with him."

To Sterup, what he does on the court is simply to play basketball the way he believes it ought to be played, following the examples set by his older brother and teammates during the last two years.

"That class really set a great example for how hard we had to work," Sterup said. "Just getting after it every day and leading by example, they worked hard and led practices. Then everybody started working hard."

He stays in regular contact with his older sibling, who now plays offensive tackle on the Northwest Missouri State football team.

"I usually talk to him or text

him once or twice a week," he said. "He always knows when I have games and always checks in after them. We talk pretty regularly."

Matt's advice — though nothing Zach hasn't heard before — is nevertheless valued.

"He just said, 'Play your game and keep your head and you guys will win,'" he said. "He knows what we can do."

Likewise, Sterup is confident his team can compete well at state. That said, he envisions the journey will be an uphill climb from game one.

"I think teams will respect us, but I don't think they are at all intimidated," he said. "We go out every night with a target on our back because everyone wants a piece of what we've had the last two years. They're not just going to lay down because our uniform says 'St. Cecilia.'"

"I think we've got a good chance as long as we play within ourselves and play hard and smart. If we do that, it's going to be real tough to beat us. If we get down on ourselves and don't play together and just play dumb, anything can happen."



BRENT McCOWN/Tribune
St. Cecilia's Zach Sterup grabs the ball during practice Monday afternoon in Chapman gym.



BRENT McCOWN/Tribune
Tiffany Heidtbrink credits being raised on a farm for her ability to play a man's accordion. A woman's accordion is smaller and lighter but the one she plays was given to her by her grandfather.

Heidtbrink: Hastings woman plays accordion

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During many of those recitals, Heidtbrink's piano teacher would entertain both her students and the audience with a little accordion music.

"Everyone would think it was fun. The kids would say it was so cool and my grandpa would think it was cool too, cause it was," she said.

After her senior recital, Burke asked if she would be interested in learning to play the accordion.

So for about a month between graduation and start of her freshman year of college, Heidtbrink learned the basics of accordion playing from her piano teacher on her grandfather's accordion.

After returning the accordion to her grandfather, Heidtbrink also put her piano playing on hold during her college years.

When she graduated from college her grandfather gave her the accordion as a gift.

"He has 24 grandkids, so it's kind of a big deal," she said. "I don't even know if they're supposed to know I have it. It's kind of a big deal."

Since then, Heidtbrink also received a piano as a gift from a roommate as some people in her church were giving it away.

Now, Heidtbrink is able to play music again and still plays the piano on a daily basis.

Through the worship group's jam sessions at Evangelical Free Church, Heidtbrink has even learned how to write her own music and do a little improvisation, something classically trained musicians often struggle with.

"It's been a good experience though to do what's inside of you rather than just what's on paper," she said.

While she's working to improve her improv skills on the piano, Heidtbrink said it's a lot easier with the accordion.

"It's a lot better with the accordion to not read music and just go off the chords," she said.

She told her friends that the clunky old suitcase in her living room actually holds an accordion.

"One of the guys freaked out and said, 'That is the coolest thing ever' and I'm like, 'I'm glad you think so,'" she said.

Since then Heidtbrink has started incorporating her limited knowledge of the accordion into the group's music.

"There's a distinct sound that comes out so I don't think it works for most performances," she said. "But I think it would fit in for some more of the Celtic or folk music."

While the worship group's performance in the church's upcoming talent show is more of a joke than a serious gig, Heidtbrink said it should be entertaining.

Since she's started playing the accordion again, Heidtbrink said her skills are back to where they were when she finished her lessons.

And her grandpa is happy to hear that.

"He bothers me every time I go home to know if I have been practicing. I haven't been practicing probably what he wants me to practice though," she said. "He's definitely into the polka and older gospels."

Heidtbrink said that while most people think of the accordion as a polka instrument, that's not how she uses it at all.

"I know how to do the oom-pa-pa, oom-pa-pa thing. But there's no desire to learn polka really," she said.

In fact, Heidtbrink said there's a lot more to the accordion than polka.

Heidtbrink has a friend from Jordan who said instead of a guitar, it is common to see someone playing an accordion around the campfire in Jordan.

"So really, I think it's just getting outside of the polka to do some things that are more appealing to me," she said.

Lovin: Minden coach quiets players' fears

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point across about what he wanted to say.

While Lovin is a little quieter than Mroczek, Trausch said, being less vocal doesn't make it any more difficult for Lovin to get his point across.

"You know Coach Lovin, he's a football coach, so if he wants it done, you'd better get it done and if you don't get it done right, we're going to run," Trausch said. "He knows how to be his own and get his point across without yelling."

Besides being an assistant at Silver Lake, Lovin was also the head girls coach at Eustis-Farnam and at Wilcox-Hildreth, plus an assistant for the boys basketball team at Wheeler Central.

Lovin came to Minden from Silver Lake, he said, because his wife Connie has taught math at Minden High School for eight years and that's where

the family lives. Connie is also the school's track coach.

"That's how we ended up there and it's hopefully where we'll stay," Lovin said.

Minden has made the state tournament each of the last two years. They lost in the first round of the tournament both times, to St. Cecilia in 2008 and to Bennington last year.

"It was something they wanted to continue," Lovin said of making the state tournament. "I think we made the transition smooth enough by keeping a lot of things they did in the past."

Lovin said one of his focuses with the team this year has been defense.

"I really preach the defense to them," he said. "We're trying to get better and do things better all the time. I think that was the area, coming in, that I thought we could improve the most."

Lovin said he hopes to sustain and build upon the team's recent successes.

"We lost a great group of seniors. Some of these guys will have to step up, look to your younger kids to step up. More kids come in and we can continue that," he said.

In a few years, Lovin should receive help from his own family.

He and Connie have three sons: Jonas, an eighth-grader; Josiah, a sixth-grader; and Elijah, a third-grader.

"They all love the game of basketball, which is great for me and my wife," he said.

He teaches second grade at East Elementary School in Minden. Teaching 7- and 8-year-olds, he said, does have some benefits when it comes to coaching teenagers.

"I guess with teaching elementary students, a person does have to have good organization skills," he said. "Also,

you have to have patience. Your days aren't always going to go as you planned, so you learn to adjust and be flexible."

It helps, he said, that this team in Minden has been easy to coach.

"They give me everything they have," he said. "They don't mess up on purpose."

His sons are a big motivating factor of his composure on the court, Lovin said.

"I think about my kids coming up and the coaches I would like them to have," he said. "I don't want coaches who will just yell at them."

Plus, he said, if players are tense around their coach, that might have a negative effect when a game is on the line. He wants them to play relaxed and with confidence.

"I hope that I'm helping in that way," Lovin said. "If I'm staying composed maybe that will help them on the court."

Colorado rock slide rains boulders on I-70

SAMANTHA ABERNETHY
The Associated Press
DENVER — A rock slide punched gaping holes in a bridge and left huge boulders on Interstate 70, closing a 17-mile stretch in western Colorado and prompting Gov. Bill Ritter to declare a disaster emergency Monday.

The slide struck around midnight Sunday near Hanging Lake Tunnel in Glenwood Canyon, a deep, narrow chasm about 110 miles west of Denver, the Colorado Department of Transportation said.

No injuries or damage to vehicles were reported. All lanes were closed from Glenwood Springs east to the town of Dotsero. Up to 25,000 vehicles a day travel that section of the major east-west artery, department spokeswoman Stacey Stegman said.

Because of the rugged terrain, the shortest detour adds about 200 miles around the mountainous Flat Tops Wilderness Area. Adding to the traffic mess, U.S. 50 was closed over Monarch Pass due to adverse conditions.

Stegman said the rock slide took out median barriers, steel guardrails and at least one light-pole.

"To me, it looks like a war zone," she said. She said that from an engineering perspective, though, the damage was less than originally thought.

Ritter declared a disaster emergency for the highway, allowing the state to seek funding from the Federal Highway Administration to help pay for repairs.

Transportation officials planned to regroup Tuesday to

plan rockfall mitigation for another loose boulder above the highway, Stegman said.

The largest hole in the roadway was 10 by 20 feet in the westbound lane. About 20 boulders ranging from three to 10 feet long were scattered on the highway, with the largest weighing 66 tons, officials said.

Crews were drilling holes in the large boulders to insert explosives and blast them into smaller pieces. She said once the crew clears the debris, they will be able to find out which lanes can be reopened.

Prius with stuck accelerator glides to safe stop

The Associated Press
EL CAJON, Calif. — A California Highway Patrol officer helped slow a runaway Toyota Prius from 94 mph to a safe stop on Monday after the car's accelerator became stuck on a San Diego County freeway, the CHP said.

Prius driver James Sikes said that the incident Monday occurred just two weeks after he had taken the vehicle in to an El Cajon dealership for repairs after receiving a recall notice, but he was turned away.

"I gave them my recall notice and they handed it back and said I'm not on the recall list," Sikes said.

In a statement, Toyota said it has dispatched a field technical specialist to San Diego to investigate the incident.

On Monday, Sikes called 911 about 1:30 p.m. after accelerating to pass another vehicle on Interstate 8 near La Posta and finding that he could not control his car, the CHP said.

"I pushed the gas pedal to pass a car and it did something kind of funny ... it jumped and it just stuck there," the 61-year-old said.



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AT HOME

◆ Involve your children in meal planning and preparation so they can learn about healthy eating habits and good nutrition. Experiment with kid-friendly recipes, such as Flag-Waving Peanut Butter Cookies and PB&J French “Toastwich,” which can be found at nationalpeanutboard.org.

◆ Keep a can of peanuts handy to munch on while working around the house, reading with your children or watching television.

◆ Make a batch of Munch ‘N’ Go Mix — a quick trail mix with dried fruit, peanuts

and chocolate — to keep on hand. Put single servings into resealable plastic bags and you have a great, on-the-go snack ready all the time.

AT WORK

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◆ Two-ounce peanut butter travel packs from companies such as Sunland and Jif are easy-to-pack, portion-controlled snacks for travel. Try pairing them with freshly sliced fruit and vegetables.

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Makes 4 servings (each serving = 3 tablespoons dip and 1 cup fruit/veggies)

½ C. low-fat plain yogurt
2 T. chocolate syrup
¼ C. creamy peanut butter
1 t. chocolate or colored sprinkles
4 C. fresh fruit and vegetables cut in “dip-able” shapes (carrots sticks, sliced cucumbers, celery sticks, sliced apples and pears.)

In a standing mixing bowl, mix yogurt and chocolate syrup on medium speed until well blended.

In a microwave-safe bowl, microwave the peanut butter at 70 percent power for about 1 minute or until melted; stir half-way through. Pour peanut butter into chocolate yogurt mixture and mix until smooth.

For each serving, spoon 3 tablespoons dip into a small serving cup and sprinkle with sprinkles. Serve with one cup of fresh fruit and/or vegetables.

Note: This dip may also be served with pretzels or spread on graham crackers.

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1 C. dried cranberries
1 C. candy-coated chocolate pieces

Toss all ingredients together. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 months.

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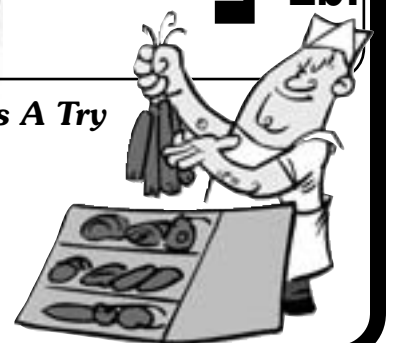


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Patriots not getting 'any respect'

ADAMS CENTRAL IN
SEARCH OF FIRST STATE
TOURNAMENT WIN

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All season long, the Adams Central boys basketball team has thrived on the underdog role.

So when the Class B state tournament opens later this week, with the Patriots — despite being the No. 3 seed — surely to be considered the underdog for their first-round matchup against sixth-seeded Ralston, Adams Central will try to use that to its advantage as it goes for its first-ever state win.

"It's unbelievable to me these guys aren't getting their due respect," said coach Tom Slechta, whose Patriots (20-3) will take on the defending champion Ralston Rams (17-8) Thursday morning at 10:45 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln. "But we don't care. That does fuel us a lot. We're going to continue to use it."

Boys state tournament

See pages B2 and B3 for more on the state tournament. For complete coverage, see hastingstribune.com. See Wednesday's Tribune for a look at the rest of the Triblind teams to qualify for state.

Despite starting the year 12-0 and posting the most wins of any team in Class B, the Patriots have flown under the radar for much of the season.

The Patriots entered the postseason unranked by Omaha World-Herald before moving into the top 10 this week at No. 8 after beating McCook for the district title last week.

"Tell me why we're not ranked in the top 10 in Class B?" Slechta said Saturday before the new ratings came out. "We're 7-0 against Class B competition. If you look, there are teams that have been ranked. They ranked Lexington; we beat them by 18. They've ranked McCook. ...

"It goes beyond insane that we're not ranked in the top 10. So we're going to go down with a little bit of a chip on our shoulders. I think that's good for these guys."

Said AC senior guard Zach Hunt: "(Ralston has) got something to lose. We don't. Nobody is giving us any respect. We've got nothing to lose. We can go out and play. We can just play our game."

Regardless of what happens Thursday, Adams Central already has enjoyed one of the best seasons in school history.

The Patriots have won a school-record 20 games. They won a district title for the first time since 2000 after relying on a wild-card berth in 2005 and 2006 when they last went to state. Adams Central also captured its first LouPlatte Conference tournament title since 2000.

For Adams Central's three seniors — Hunt, Nate Arlt and Connor Lyons — it's been a great end to their careers.

Lyons still remembers being a water boy in Lincoln for the 2000 state tournament with older brother Kramer Lyons, who was a senior last year.

"It's definitely a dream come true," Connor Lyons said. "We've been working on this for a long time. It's always been a goal and a dream to go to state. And it's happening."

Hunt remembers being a student manager when Adams Central last went to state, a first-round game the Patriots lost 73-60 to Norfolk Catholic in 2006 when this year's group of seniors were eighth-graders.

"It's satisfaction accomplishing a goal I've had for a really long time," said Hunt, who hit a game-winning 3-pointer in the closing seconds of Adams Central's district title game with McCook last week. "I think I've been to every state tournament since I was 5 years old. So it's really cool to get to go down there and play for once."

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BRENT MCCOWN/Tribune

Adams Central's Brady Barrett (left) hugs teammate Connor Lyons after the Patriots defeated McCook for the district title March 2 in Kearney.



AMY ROH/Tribune

Hastings College sophomore Alicia Statler has had a breakout year as an intimidating force under the basket in her second year with the Broncos.

Statler comes on strong

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Alicia Statler may be listed as a sophomore on Hastings College's roster this season, but the 6-foot-1 post player admits she feels as fresh as a freshman this season.

And that's been evident by the numbers she's putting up this year for the NAIA Division II No. 1 Bronco women's basketball team. Statler's career got off to a slow

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More on the NAIA Division II women's national tourney.
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start as she missed the first part of last season recovering from mononucleosis and a severely sprained ankle that had her sidelined on crutches through the beginning of December.

Statler returned before Christmas last season and played both varsity and junior varsity basketball to try and get back into game shape.

"I was really frustrated last year because I got into shape, then I got mono, then when I was healthy enough to practice, I sprained my ankle in like my second day back. So I had to do a lot of catching up," said Statler, a Grand Island Central Catholic graduate who hails from St. Libory, about 10 minutes north of Grand Island. "It was so frustrating not being able to play while everyone else was having fun playing."

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HC women not taking first-round foe lightly

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There isn't much Lindsay Ducey, Heather McKeon, Rachel Isherwood, Kim Faimon and Elyse Schlake haven't done in their past four years at Hastings College.

Just about the only thing this year's senior class hasn't done is lead the Hastings College women's basketball team to a national championship.

They're hoping to change that over the next week.

The Broncos enter the NAIA Division II national tournament Wednesday with as many expectations and as much pressure as they've ever had entering the tournament.

Hastings, the No. 1 team in the country and the No. 1 overall seed in the tournament, begins tournament play Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. against Maine-Fort Kent at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

This is the fourth national tournament appearance for this group of seniors — as they bowed out in the quarterfinals as freshmen, the semifinals as sophomores and then fell in the championship game last year as juniors.

The senior class boasts two 1,000 career point scorers (Isherwood and McKeon) and the college's all-time leading scorer (Ducey with 2,020 points). This season, the seniors led Hastings to the outright regular season Great Plains Athletic Conference title as well as the postseason tournament title.

The team suffered just one home loss in the last two years.

The Broncos (30-3) enter this year's tournament with the best record in school history since the team went into the 1993 tournament 30-1 overall (that year, the NAIA national tournament was not split up into Division I and Division II).

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Giltner goes from 'done' to state-bound

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GILTNER — Shay Hinrichs had called it a career.

When he left the locker room shortly after Giltner's 60-55 loss to Sterling in the subdistrict finals last Tuesday, the senior point guard thought his team still had a chance to earn a wild-card spot to the state tournament if a few other district finals went the right way.

However, when Hinrichs was told Sumner-Eddyville-Miller lost to Hayes Center, he thought — no, he knew — it was over.

"When we found out they (S-E-M) lost, we all knew we were done. We didn't think there was any possible way that we could get in," Hinrichs said. "It was rough for the seniors."

Hinrichs' disappointment didn't last for long.

Hours after Giltner left its district final thinking the season was over, Hinrichs got a phone call from his father saying it appeared Giltner would indeed earn a wild-card berth to the state tournament.

The conjecture proved to be accurate as Giltner received one of two wild-card berths to this week's Class D-2 state tournament where the Hornets will meet No. 2 Hay Springs in the opening round Thursday at 10:45 a.m. at Lincoln Southeast.

"Right when we kind of settled down, that's when all the news started happening that we might be in," Hinrichs said. "It was a bad night, but it turned into something good. So there must have been a basketball god on our side."

For fellow senior and Giltner's leading scorer Nate Most, the emotion that came with learning the season would continue was one of the best moments of his high school career.

That is saying something considering Most has reached the state tournament last year and played in the state championship game in football this season.

"It ranks up there with those feelings," Most said. "Everybody was kind of getting themselves mentally prepared to start running for track and then we get lucky and get to play some more basketball, so that is pretty exciting."

The Hornets intend to make the most of their unexpected second chance.

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Minden making third straight state tournament appearance as wild-card team

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The Minden boys basketball team sure has this whole wild-card thing figured out.

For the third straight year, the Whippets enter the Class C-1 state tournament as one of the two wild-card teams.

This time, though, the Whippets want to experience a win in Lincoln. "It's good to be back," senior post

player Peter Trausch said. "Hopefully this year we can go past the first round, win our first game and go a ways in the tournament."

Unlike the last two years, when Minden fell in the subdistrict tournament, the Whippets didn't have to wait long this year to find out they got a wild-card berth.

They knew not long after falling to Chadron in the district title game they were headed back to Lincoln.

"When we were showering, actually. Coach came in and said we made it," Trausch said. "It was hard, because we wanted to win against Chadron. But we're glad now to know that we have a chance to play Chadron again if we make it past the first round and get revenge. But it would have been nice to win the first time."

Said fellow senior Max Anderson: "It's pretty relieving. After our loss to Chadron, we didn't know for sure if

we were going to go. Going into Chadron, we kept saying to think like you need to win and to play like you need to win."

While Minden enters the state tournament as a wild-card team after falling to Chadron in the district final last week, the Whippets feel they have momentum on their side.

The sixth-seeded Whippets, who play 23-2 Falls City in the opening round Thursday at the Pershing

Center in Lincoln at 10:45 a.m., are 18-4 and had won 10 games in a row before falling to Chadron 42-34 in a game that wasn't decided until the final minute.

"We play a schedule that prepares us for the state tournament," first-year coach Shannon Lovin said. "All four of our losses are to teams in the state tournament, and a couple of those are games we had chances in."

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Scoreboard

Baseball

Spring Training Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	3	0	1.000
Tampa Bay	5	1	.833
Toronto	5	1	.833
Boston	4	2	.667
Chicago	2	2	.500
Detroit	3	3	.500
Kansas City	2	2	.500
Minnesota	3	3	.500
Oakland	2	2	.500
Seattle	3	3	.500
New York	3	4	.429
Los Angeles	1	2	.333
Texas	1	3	.250
Baltimore	1	5	.167

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	5	1	.833
Chicago	3	1	.750
New York	6	2	.750
Atlanta	5	2	.714
Colorado	5	2	.714
Florida	4	2	.667
Houston	2	3	.400
Milwaukee	2	3	.400
Cincinnati	1	2	.333
Los Angeles	1	2	.333
Pittsburgh	2	4	.333
Philadelphia	1	3	.250
San Diego	1	3	.250
St. Louis	1	4	.200
Arizona	1	5	.167
Washington	0	6	.000

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Monday's Games			
Tampa Bay 4, Pittsburgh (ss) 3, 10 innings			
Boston 7, St. Louis 6			
N.Y. Mets 11, Florida (ss) 2			
Florida (ss) 11, Washington 2			
Toronto 4, Houston 1			
N.Y. Yankees (ss) 6, Pittsburgh (ss) 0			
Minnesota 5, Baltimore 0			
N.Y. Yankees (ss) 7, Philadelphia 5			
Atlanta 12, Detroit 4			
Milwaukee 6, Seattle (ss) 2			
L.A. Angels 13, Texas 9			
Cincinnati 14, Kansas City 5			
Chicago Cubs 10, Oakland 3			
Cleveland 3, Arizona 2			
San Francisco 3, L.A. Dodgers 2, 10 innings			
Colorado 5, San Diego 4			
Seattle (ss) 5, Chicago White Sox 4			

Tuesday's Games			
Boston vs Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.			
St. Louis vs Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.			
Tampa Bay vs Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.			
Detroit vs Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.			
Pittsburgh vs N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.			

Wednesday's Games			
Cleveland vs Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
Chicago White Sox vs San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
Colorado vs L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
Milwaukee vs Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
Oakland (ss) vs Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
Arizona vs Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
Philadelphia vs Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 6:05 p.m.			

Thursday's Games			
N.Y. Yankees vs Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.			
N.Y. Mets vs Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.			
Tampa Bay vs Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.			

Washington vs St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.			
Florida vs Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.			
Philadelphia vs Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.			
Milwaukee vs San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
Chicago White Sox vs Oakland at Phoenix, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
San Francisco vs Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
Arizona vs L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
Seattle vs Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
Cincinnati vs L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
San Diego (ss) vs Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.			
Kansas City vs Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.			
Baltimore vs Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 6:05 p.m.			

Basketball

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Boston	40	21	.658
Toronto	32	29	.525
Philadelphia	23	39	.371
New York	22	41	.349
New Jersey	15	55	.214
Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct
Orlando	44	20	.688
Atlanta	40	23	.635
Miami	32	31	.508
Charlotte	30	31	.492
Washington	21	39	.350
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	50	15	.769
Milwaukee	33	29	.532
Chicago	31	31	.500
Detroit	22	41	.349
Indiana	20	43	.317

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Dallas	43	21	.672
San Antonio	36	25	.590
Memphis	32	31	.508
Houston	31	31	.500
New Orleans	31	32	.492
Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Denver	42	21	.667
Utah	40	22	.645
Oklahoma City	38	24	.613
Portland	37	28	.569
Minnesota	14	49	.222
Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct
L.A. Lakers	46	18	.719
Phoenix	40	25	.615
L.A. Clippers	25	38	.397
Sacramento	21	42	.333
Golden State	17	45	.274

Monday's Games			
Cleveland 97, San Antonio 95			
New York 99, Atlanta 98			
New Jersey at Memphis, 8 p.m.			
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.			
Golden State at New Orleans, 8 p.m.			
Tuesday's Games			
Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m.			
Philadelphia at Indiana, 6 p.m.			
Houston at Washington, 6 p.m.			
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 6 p.m.			
Utah at Chicago, 7 p.m.			
Boston at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.			
Sacramento at Portland, 9 p.m.			
Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games			
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.			
Memphis at Boston, 6:30 p.m.			
Utah at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.			
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 6:30 p.m.			
Denver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.			

New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.			
New Jersey at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.			
New York at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.			
Toronto at Sacramento, 9 p.m.			

The AP Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kansas (63)	29-2	1,623	2
2. Kentucky (2)	28-2	1,553	3
3. Syracuse	28-3	1,500	1
4. Duke	26-5	1,348	4
5. Ohio St.	24-7	1,344	6
6. Purdue	26-4	1,252	7
7. West Virginia	24-6	1,231	10
8. New Mexico	28-3	1,188	8
9. Kansas St.	24-6	1,063	5
10. Villanova	24-6	1,016	9
11. Michigan St.	24-7	1,015	11
12. Butler	27-4	796	12
13. Wisconsin	23-7	710	15
14. BYU	28-4	690	14
15. Tennessee	23-7	650	16
16. Pittsburgh	24-7	644	17
17. Temple	26-5	552	20
18. Gonzaga	26-5	534	18
19. Maryland	23-7	499	22
20. Vanderbilt	23-7	480	13
21. Baylor	24-6	474	21
22. Georgetown	20-9	277	19
23. Texas A&M	22-8	271	23
24. Xavier	23-7	136	25
25. UTEP	24-5	134	24

Others receiving votes: N. Iowa 48, Richmond 41, Utah St. 12, Virginia Tech 12, Texas 10, Marquette 6, Notre Dame 6, Cornell 3, Louisville 3, California 2, Oklahoma St. 1, Siena 1.

Boys State Basketball Tournament Schedule

CLASS A			
First-Round Thursday, March 11			
At Devaney Sports Center			
Grand Island (9-13) vs. Norfolk (20-2), 2 p.m.			
Omaha Bryan (18-5) vs. Omaha Creighton Prep (19-4), 3:45 p.m.			
Millard South (12-11) vs. Lincoln Southeast (19-3), 7 p.m.			
Omaha Central (20-4) vs. Lincoln High (16-5), 8:45 p.m.			
Semifinals Friday, March 12			
At Devaney Sports Center			
Grand Island-Norfolk winner vs. Omaha Bryan-Omaha Creighton Prep winner, 7 p.m.			
Millard South-Lincoln Southeast winner vs. Omaha Central-Lincoln winner, 8:45 p.m.			
Final Saturday, March 13			
at Devaney Sports Center, 7 p.m.			
Consolation Saturday, March 13			
at Lincoln Southwest, 2 p.m.			
CLASS B			
First-Round Thursday, March 11			
At Devaney Sports Center			
South Sioux City-Sidney winner vs. Sidney (15-6), 9 a.m.			
Ralston (17-8) vs. Adams Central (20-3), 10:45 a.m.			
At Pershing			
Crete (7-14) vs. Omaha Skutt (19-6), 7 p.m.			
Lincoln Plus X (17-4) vs. Beatrice (17-5), 8:45 p.m.			
Semifinals Friday, March 12			
At Devaney Sports Center			
South Sioux City-Sidney winner vs. Ralston-Adams Central winner, 2 p.m.			
Crete-Omaha Skutt winner vs. Lincoln Plus X-Beatrice winner, 3:45 p.m.			
Final Saturday, March 13			
at Devaney Sports Center, 1:30 p.m.			
Consolation Saturday, March 13			
at Lincoln Northeast, 10 a.m.			
CLASS C1			
First Round Thursday, March 11			
At Pershing			
Wilber-Clatonia (20-3) vs. Chadron (21-1), 9 a.m.			
Minden (18-4) vs. Falls City (23-2), 10:45 a.m.			
Hastings SC (22-1) vs. Tekamah-Herman (20-4), 2 p.m.			
Norfolk Catholic (22-2) vs. Grand Island CC (21-4), 3:45 p.m.			
Semifinals Friday, March 12			
At Devaney Sports Center			
Wilber-Clatonia-Chadron winner vs. Minden-Falls City winner, 9 a.m.			

Hastings SC-Tekamah-Herman winner vs. Norfolk Catholic-Grand Island CC winner, 10:45 a.m.			
Final Saturday, March 13			
at Devaney Sports Center, 11:30 a.m.			
Consolation Saturday, March 13			
at Lincoln Southwest, 10 a.m.			
CLASS C2			
First Round Thursday, March 11			
At Lincoln Southeast			
Dundy County-Stratton (16-7) vs. Axtell (22-1), 2 p.m.			
Archbishop Bergan (20-7) vs. Hartington CC (18-4), 3:45 p.m.			
Ravenna (22-3) vs. Sutton (14-8), 7 p.m.			
Johnson County (22-3) vs. Burwell (22-1), 8:45 p.m.			

Semifinals Friday, March 12			
At Pershing			
Dundy County-Stratton-Axtell winner vs. Archbishop Bergan-Hartington CC winner, 7 p.m.			
Ravenna-Sutton winner vs. Johnson County-Burwell winner, 8:45 p.m.			
Final Saturday, March 13			
at Devaney Sports Center, 9 p.m.			
Consolation Saturday, March 13			
at Lincoln Northeast, 2 p.m.			
CLASS D1			
First Round Thursday, March 11			
At Lincoln Northeast			
Sandhills/Theford (18-6) vs. Freeman (23-2), 9 a.m.			
Emerson-Hubbard (20-6) vs. Humphrey (20-3), 10:45 a.m.			
Overton (19-3) vs. Randolph (14-7), 2 p.m.			
Humphrey SF (16-6) vs. Exeter-Milligan (18-6), 3:45 p.m.			

Semifinals Friday, March 12			
At Pershing			
Sandhills/Theford-Freeman winner vs. Emerson-Hubbard-Humphrey winner, 9 a.m.			
Overton-Randolph winner vs. Humphrey SF-Exeter-Milligan winner, 10:45 a.m.			
Final Saturday, March 13			
at Devaney Sports Center, 9:30 a.m.			
Consolation Saturday, March 13			
at Lincoln Northeast, Noon.			
CLASS D2			
First Round Thursday, March 11			
At Lincoln Southeast			
Heartland Lutheran (20-3) vs. Ewing (23-1), 9 a.m.			
Giltner (19-4) vs. Hay Springs (23-1), 10:45 a.m.			
At Lincoln Northeast			
Hampton (21-1) vs. Lynch (12-10), 7 p.m.			
Hayes Center (21-2) vs. Sterling (19-5), 8:45 p.m.			
Semifinals Friday, March 12			
At Pershing			
Heartland Lutheran-Ewing winner vs. Giltner-Hay Springs winner, 2 p.m.			
Hampton-Lynch winner vs. Hayes Center-Sterling winner, 3:45 p.m.			
Final Saturday, March 13			
at Devaney Sports Center, 5 p.m.			
Consolation Saturday, March 13			
at Lincoln Southwest, Noon.			

Hockey

NHL Standings							
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	66	40	22	4	84	211	189
New Jersey	64	38	23	3	79	169	154
Philadelphia	64	34	26	4	72	195	173
N.Y. Rangers	66	28	28	9	67	157	179
N.Y. Islanders	65	26	31	8	60	169	206
Northeast Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	64	35	20	9	79	174	161
Ottawa	66	36	25	5	77	181	189
Montreal	67	32	29	6	70	178	185
Boston	64	29	24	11	69	157	167
Toronto	65	20	33	12	52	168	226
Southeast Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	66	44	13	9	91	260	186
Florida	66	40	10	6	86	265	186
Tampa Bay	64	27	26	11	65	172	196
Florida	64	26	28	10	62	168	188
Carolina	65	27	31	7	61	182	206

Class C-1 boys state tournament preview

MINDEN (18-4) vs. FALLS CITY (23-2)

- ◆ **Start time:** 10:45 a.m. Thursday
- ◆ **Site:** Pershing Center

Probable starting lineups

Minden				
	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
Max Anderson	6-3	Sr.	9.3	3.6
Carson Blum	5-10	So.	10.5	3.9
Ryan Bergstrom	6-2	Sr.	8.0	2.6
Derek Kissinger	6-1	So.	10.8	3.7
Peter Trausch	6-4	Sr.	8.7	7.2
Falls City				
	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
Dillon Lotter	5-7	Sr.	11.3	1.9
Michael Huettnier	5-11	Sr.	4.9	2.9
Logan Falter	6-3	Jr.	4.4	2.7
Trenton Harling	6-5	Sr.	20.3	10.2
Jared Dishong	6-3	Sr.	5.0	1.7

◆ **The matchup:** For the third straight year, Minden enters the state tournament as a wild-card team. The Whippets fell to Chadron in their district final but received a wild-card berth thanks to a season that included 18 wins. This time, Minden would like to go to Lincoln and get a win, something the Whippets haven't done since 1975.

The Whippets were a powerhouse in the 1950s, winning the state title in 1952, 1955 and 1958. The Whippets also were runner-up in 1950, 1959 and 1963. But since 1963, Minden is just 1-4 in state tournament games. With that in mind, first-year coach Shannon Lovin had two former players from that 1963 team came to the school to talk to the Minden players earlier this week. In 1963, Minden was runner-up to Falls City in the Class B state tournament. That's the last time Falls City has appeared in the state tournament.

There's no question who Falls City's leader is. Trenton Scheitel, a 6-foot-5 senior forward, averages a double-double of 20.3 points and 10.2 rebounds per game. He also has 62 assists (third on the team), 60 steals (third on the team) and 83 blocks (first on the team). Dillon Lotter, a 5-7 senior guard, adds 11.3 points per game while ranking second on the team in assists (66) and first in steals (72). No other players average more than five points per game for

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the Tigers.

Minden is much more balanced offensively. While no players average more than 11 points per game for the Whippets, five average at least eight points per game. Leading the way is sophomore Derek Kissinger at 10.8 points per contest. Fellow sophomore Carson Blum adds 10.5 points per game, senior Max Anderson 9.3 points, senior Peter Trausch 8.7 points and senior Ryan Bergstrom 8.0 points. Trausch leads the Whippets with 7.2 rebounds per game and 64 total blocks.

Both teams have strong defenses, with Minden holding its opponents to 45.4 points per game and Falls City allowing only 40.0 points per contest. The loss to Chadron in the district final snapped a 10-game winning streak for the Whippets, whose four losses this year are all to state tournament qualifiers. Falls City reached the state tournament with a pair of close wins, downing Syracuse 41-36 in its subdistrict title game before beating Bennington 42-39 for the district championship.

◆ **Minden coach Shannon Lovin says:** "They play pretty good defense. They've got a couple kids who average three steals a game. It's going to be physical, which could be to our advantage or it may not be to our advantage. But we played some physical teams this year, and I think we'll be able to handle that. The key is whatever team can get its offense going. I think both defenses are going to play hard and get after it. But we're both going to have to find some offense somewhere."

ST. CECILIA (22-1) vs. TEKAMAH-HERMAN (20-4)

- ◆ **Start time:** 2 p.m. Thursday
- ◆ **Site:** Pershing Center

Probable starting lineups

St. Cecilia				
	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
Dalton Sealey	6-2	Jr.	14.2	3.8
Joe Ryan	6-2	Sr.	5.2	1.6
Paul Goedert	6-4	Sr.	9.9	7.9
Beau Schwenka	6-2	Sr.	8.7	1.7
Zach Sterup	6-10	Jr.	12.7	8.0
Tekamah-Herman				
	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
Tyler Panko	6-5	Sr.	5.6	2.6
Christian Andrew	6-4	Sr.	5.5	3.2
Jacob Bryant	6-5	Sr.	5.8	2.1
Trevor Bryant	6-4	So.	18.2	6.5
Anders Olson	6-7	Sr.	15.8	11.0

◆ **The matchup:** The two-time defending state championship St. Cecilia Bluehawks haven't missed a beat from the last two years, entering the state tournament as the No. 1 seed with a 22-1 record. Since losing back in December to Class B foe Gretna in an overtime setback, St. Cecilia has rattled off 17 straight wins. The Bluehawks cruised through their district, with no game closer than 14 points.

While St. Cecilia is making its fourth straight trip to Lincoln and is in search of its third straight state title, Tekamah-Herman is making its first state tournament appearance since 1998. The Tigers have yet to win a game at state.

Tekamah-Herman has won six straight this season since falling to Wisner-Pilger in the East Husker Conference tournament championship. The Tigers knocked off Wisner-Pilger, a team that is responsible for two of Tekamah-Herman's four losses this season, in the subdistrict championship before beating Bishop Neumann for the district title.

As has been the staple of their state championship teams, defense is where it starts for the Bluehawks. St. Cecilia is allowing only 36.9 points per game. That's best in the Class C-1 state tournament field. The Bluehawks have allowed an opponent to score more than 50 points only three times this season.

Offensively, St. Cecilia is led by Zach Sterup and Dalton Sealey. Sterup, a 6-10 junior center, is averaging 12.7 points and 8.0 rebounds. Sealey, a 6-2 senior guard who started at state each of the past two years, averages 14.2 points per game. The

two are pretty good defensively, too, as Sealey leads St. Cecilia with 38 steals and Sterup has 64 blocks. Paul Goedert, a 6-4 senior, provides the Bluehawks another solid inside threat with Sterup and is averaging 9.9 points and 7.9 rebounds per game.

Tekamah-Herman is led by 6-4 sophomore forward Trevor Bryant and 6-7 senior center Anders Olson. Bryant is averaging 18.2 points and 6.5 rebounds per games, while Olson averages a double-double with 15.8 points and 11.0 rebounds. Olson also has 65 blocks. No other player on Tekamah-Herman's roster averages more than six points per game.

While the Tigers don't have anybody who can match up with Sterup's height for St. Cecilia, they may hold a height advantage across the board. Tekamah-Herman's six leading scorers are all at least 6-3.

◆ **St. Cecilia coach Tom Slechtsa says:** "Tekamah is big. Their starters are 6-7 through 6-4. The one thing I've recognized about the entire group is they're smart basketball players. They really pass the ball well. They use their big people as good as anybody we've seen all year long. They handle the press well. They play solid defense for a big team."

The rest of the field

Wilber-Clatonia (20-3) — Wilber-Clatonia fell to St. Cecilia in the subdistrict tournament but is going to state as a wild-card team after posting a 20-win season. The Wolverines had won 10 straight before falling to the Bluehawks 51-36. Wilber-Clatonia is allowing only 38.3 points per game, second best to St. Cecilia among Class C-1 state qualifiers. The Wolverines feature three players — all seniors — averaging in double figures, led by 6-2 guard Mason Needles at 12.2 points per game. Sam Newmyer adds 11.4 points per game, while Andrew Pryor is averaging 10.1 points.

Chadron (22-2) — The Cardinals will be trying to get back to the state title game for the second straight year after falling to St. Cecilia in the Class C-1 championship last year. Chadron appears primed to get back there, taking a 22-2 record into state. The

Cardinals are unbeaten against Class C-1 competition, with their lone losses coming to Omaha Skutt, the top-seeded team in the Class B state tournament field, and to a team from Oregon. Chadron no doubt is led by senior center Elliott Eliason, a 6-11 Minnesota recruit. Eliason is averaging 18.4 points and 10.3 rebounds per game while also leading the Cardinals in assists (74) and blocks (95). Another senior, 6-5 guard Zach Bergen adds 15.0 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. Chadron is averaging 59.0 points per game this season, second only to Norfolk Catholic among C-1 state qualifiers.

Norfolk Catholic (22-2) — Although Norfolk Catholic has made 18 state tournament appearances over the years, the Knights are still looking for their first state title. Since starting the year 5-2, Norfolk Catholic has strung together 17 straight wins. The Knights cruised through their district tournament, outscoring Lutheran High Northeast 72-47, Pierce 67-40 and Valentine 74-35. On the year, Norfolk Catholic is outscoring its opponents by more than 20 points per game on average. The Knights are led by 6-1 senior guard Jarren Heng, who is averaging 17.5 points per game. But they've also got four other players who are scoring at least 7.9 points per game. Ethan Brozek, a 6-6 junior, is averaging 10.8 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. Benjamin Uhing, another 6-6 junior, adds 10.3 points and 5.0 rebounds per game.

Grand Island Central Catholic (21-4) — Bill Gavers' Grand Island Central Catholic Crusaders enter the state tournament as the No. 4 seed after surviving Columbus Scotus 34-32 in their district final. GICC started the year 15-0 before losing four of its next six games. But GICC bounced back to win four straight heading into the state tournament. The Crusaders have seen their share of close games this year, with 11 of their past 14 games being decided by 10 or fewer points. GICC is led by 6-0 junior guard Turner Fahey, who averages a team-best 18.7 points per game while also leading the Crusaders with 90 assists and 81 steals. Casey Wiens, a 5-11 senior guard, adds 11.6 points per game. Brandon Meyer is averaging 8.2 points and 4.6 rebounds.

GILTNER (19-4) vs. HAYS SPRINGS (23-1)

- ◆ **Start time:** 10:45 a.m. Thursday
- ◆ **Site:** Lincoln Southeast

Probable starting lineups

Minden				
	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
Sean Findley	5-10	Jr.	2.9	3.3
Cody Schacht	6-1	Sr.	8.1	4.2
Shay Hinrichs	5-11	Sr.	12.2	7.0
Nate Most	5-11	Sr.	14.1	5.6
Drew Ott	6-4	Soph.	12.6	10.5
Falls City				
	Ht.	Yr.	Pts.	Reb.
Trenton Kuhn	6-0	Jr.	11.7	4.7
Lars Backward	6-1	Sr.	23.8	4.1
Heath Lee	5-11	Jr.	6.8	2.7
Travis Kuhn	6-0	Jr.	10.8	4.5
Wacey Schmid	6-4	Jr.	9.7	5.1

◆ **The matchup:** Something is going to have to give in Thursday's matchup when Hay Springs' high-powered offense matches up with Giltner's tight defense in the Class D-2 opening round. Third-seeded Hay Springs enters the state tournament as the highest scoring team in the D-2 field averaging 75.7 points per game, while Giltner is allowing just 39.2 points per game this season. No. 2 Hay Springs has scored more than 80 points in 11 different games this season and has eclipsed the 100-point mark on three occasions, while fifth-ranked Giltner has allowed 38 points or fewer 13 times this season and held three opponents to less than 30 points.

The contrasting on-court styles is far from the only difference between these two returning state qualifiers.

Hay Springs has cruised through the regular season portion of its schedule, losing only once, defeating opponents by an average of 34.6 points per game and playing only two games decided by fewer than 10 points. Giltner on the other hand has dropped four games, has won its games by an average of 15.8 points and has played six games decided by eight points or fewer, including a pair of overtime games. The Hawks played four teams that won 16 games or more this season, are 0-1 against state tournament qualifiers and had one game against a team that won 20 or more games. Giltner played eight games against teams with more than 16 wins, is 4-4 against state tournament teams and has played five games against 20-win teams. And Hay Springs enters the state tournament having won three in a row, while Giltner needed a wild-card to reach the state tournament after falling to defending champion Sterling in the district finals.

Hay Springs is led by one of the most prolific scorers in Class D-2 in senior guard Lars Backward. The 6-1 Backward averages 23.8 points per game and also averages team-highs of 6.2 assists and 4.3 steals per game. Despite his gaudy numbers, Backward is far from Hay Springs only scoring option as the Hawks feature three other players that average at least 9.7 points per game.

Trenton Kuhn, a 6-0 junior, averages 11.7 points per game, while Travis Kuhn, a 6-0 junior, posts 10.8 points per game. Wacey Schmid, 6-4 junior, averages 9.1 points and a team-best 5.1 rebounds per game, while 6-5 junior Chris Cover adds 5.9 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

The Hawks aren't strangers to the state tournament, having reached the state semifinals last year before falling to eventual champ Sterling. Hay Springs' only loss this season came at the hands of the only state tournament qualifier it faced, Class C-1 No. 1 Chadron.

Giltner returns to the state tournament for the second straight season hoping to improve on last year's fourth-place finish. The Hornets are one of the most balanced teams in the D-2 field, with four players averaging between 8.1 and 14.1 points per game.

Giltner's top scorer is 5-11 senior Nate Most, who is scoring 14.1 points per game this season. Most also averages 5.6 rebounds per game, one of four Hornets to average 4.2 or more boards per game. Senior point guard Shay Hinrichs has been a sparkplug for the Hornets each of the past two seasons and is averaging 12.2 points, 4.6 points and 7.0 rebounds per game this year.

One of the biggest keys for Giltner this season has been the health of sophomore Drew Ott. Since his return from an elbow injury sustained in football, Ott has averaged a double-double of 12.6 points and 10.5 rebounds per game. The 6-4 sophomore has also blocked 58 shots this season.

Giltner is battled tested after facing a schedule that included eight games with state tournament qualifiers, including three with D-2 top-seeded Hampton. The Hornets own wins over tournament qualifiers Exeter-Milligan in D-1 and D-2 qualifiers Hampton and Heartland Lutheran.

◆ **Giltner coach Matt Drew says:** "They are a quick team in they have a great shooter in the Backwards kid. If they are on shooting, we are going to be in trouble, you

have to hope they have an off night and play as good as defense on Backward as we can and make sure the other guys don't hurt us. They aren't just a one-man team from the panhandle. They have five good athletes.

"They shoot the ball from 3-point range lights out and they play man defense and they are aggressive in it. I think the key to beating them is us being physical and us getting the ball inside and making it a slow down game and not letting them run."

The rest of the field

Heartland Lutheran (20-3) — Welcome to the state tournament, Heartland Lutheran. The Red Hornets will be making the first state tournament appearance in school history this week when they take on defending state runner-up Ewing in the opening round. Ranked seventh entering the state tournament, Heartland Lutheran has to be one of the biggest surprises in D-2 and across the state this season. In the seven-year history of the program the Red Hornets had never won more than 13 games before posting 20 wins this season. Leading the way for Heartland Lutheran this season is 6-8 senior Cole Kowalski. The senior big man is averaging a double-double of 13.4 points and 11.6 rebounds per game and also averages 4.5 blocks. Kowalski has had plenty of held this season as senior Jacob Salter (13.3 ppg) and junior Dylan Dreher (12.8) both average in double figures. Another starter, senior Joshua Messersmith averages 6.6 points per game and leads Heartland Lutheran with 71 steals.

Ewing (23-1) — Plain and simple, any conversation about Ewing needs to start with Austin Kaczor. The 6-4 senior is one of the top players in Nebraska, regardless of class, and enters the state tournament averaging 27.6 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. Equally effective on the perimeter or in the paint Kaczor posses matchup problems for nearly every opponent. The senior forward also averages 2.6 assists per game, leads Ewing with 3.7 steals per game and has blocked 22 shots. Though Kaczor is the only Ewing player to average in double figures, the Tigers are far from a one-man show. Troy Thramer, a 6-5 junior, averages 9.0 points and 4.9 rebounds per game, while 6-4 senior Chad Rokahr averages 7.5 points and 4.9 rebounds a contest. Top-ranked Ewing will enter the state tournament as one of the favorites in the Class D-2 field, with the Tigers' only loss this sea-

son coming by one point to Class C-2 No. 1 Axtell. Ewing could be considered somewhat untested with only one win over a state tournament qualifier, but the Tigers do have 14 wins against teams with a winning record.

Hampton (21-1) — The Hawks haven't skipped a beat this season under first-year coach Trevor Hoegh, who took over for long-time coach Jerry Eickoff, who left Hampton as the state's all-time leader in wins. In his first season on the bench Hoegh, who played for Eickhoff at Hampton, has led the Hawks to a 21-1 record and their third straight state tournament berth. No. 6 Hampton needed a wild-card berth to reach the state tournament for the 26th time in school history after falling to Hamilton County and Crossroads Conference rival Giltner in the subdistrict finals. The Hawks had won 21 straight before dropping a 54-51 overtime decision to the Hornets at subdistricts. Hampton is led by a pair of talented juniors in Marcus Garrison and DJ Barnesberger. The 6-4 Barnesberger leads Hampton in scoring at 14.4 points per game and rebounding with 6.7 rebounds per outing, while the 6-1 Garrison averages 10.5 points and 4.7 rebounds per game. Senior Carson Klute averages 9.0 points per game for Hampton though the Hawks calling card remains defense. Hampton enters the state tournament team as the top defensive team in the D-2 field allowing just 33.5 points per game, nearly six points less than any other qualifier.

Lynch (12-10) — The Eagles couldn't have picked a better time to start playing their best basketball of the season. Lynch, started the season 6-10 and was in the middle of a four-game losing skid in early February before a later season surge sent the Eagles into the state tournament for the first time since 2004. Lynch brings a six-game winning streak into the state tournament, a stretch that includes a three-point overtime win over Newcastle in the district final. Leading the way for Lynch is 5-9 senior Dustin Black who is one of the top scorers in the Class D-2 field at 16.6 points per game. Christopher Heiser, a 6-0 junior guard, averages 10.3 points per game while 5-10 senior Clay Classen adds 8.6 points and 5.2 rebounds per game and also leads the Eagles in assists with 87 and steals with 75. No current player on the roster has state tournament experience, as Lynch hasn't qualified for state since 2004. The Eagles are making their 10th all-time

appearance at state but just the fourth since 1928. Lynch qualified for the state tournament three straight years from 2002-2004 winning the D2 title in 2003.

Hayes Center (21-2) — Hayes Center enters the state tournament as a possible sleeper and a bit of an unknown. The third-ranked Cardinals have played just one game against a state tournament qualifier and are 6-2 against teams with winning records but are coming on an impressive 18-point win over 19-5 Sumner-Eddyville-Miller in the district final and have been impressive throughout the season. The Cardinals have been impressive thus far this season defeating opponents by an average of 33.5 points per game while averaging 72.1 points per contest. Hayes Center is no stranger to the state tournament and will be making its third straight appearance in Lincoln after finishing third each of the past two seasons. Hayes Center features perhaps the best back court combinations in D-2 in seniors Keifer Messersmith and Tyler Clifford. The 6-0 Messersmith averages a team-high 16.7 points per game while the 6-2 Clifford adds 15 points, a team-best 7.1 rebounds per game and 4.1 steals per game. The Cardinals have six players that average better than six points per game as 6-1 sophomore Tyler Rehbein adds 9.3 points and 5-11 senior Alex Wach posts 8.8 points per outing.

Sterling (19-5) — The defending state champion Jets needed a late rally in their district final win over Giltner to reach the state tournament but now that they are here, they are a serious contender to win a second straight D-2 crown. Sterling is one of the most experienced teams in this year's field, as the Jets return several key contributors from last year's team that edged Ewing 49-48 in the state title game. The list of returning players begins with all-stater Zach Lemпка. The 6-5 senior averages 11.6 points and 9.5 rebounds per game and is second on the team with 47 assists. Joining Lemпка in the paint is 6-8 junior Connor Malone who averages 8.1 points and 3.3 rebounds per game and gives the Jets perhaps the best post combination in the D-2 field. Junior guard Jake Wirthlehe leads Sterling in scoring at 13.2 points per game and also has a team high 49 steals while senior point guard Jesse Salberg leads the Jets with 62 assists. Junior Klay Heusman averages 9.6 points per game, as Sterling features four players that scored at least 8.1 points a game.

AC: Seniors enjoying 'dream season'

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Hunt, Lyons and Arlt have all played vital roles for Adams Central this season.

Hunt does it all for Adams Central, leading the Patriots in scoring at 15.7 points pre game. He also leads the team in rebounds, assists and steals.

"Zach Hunt has really turned himself into a distributor," Slechtsa said. "Even though he's our leading scorer, he's really transformed himself into a facilitator — a guy who just shares the basketball. But at the same time, he can step up and make big shots for us. "But Zach means more than that. He has carried our program the last couple years."

Lyons has done a little bit of everything for the Patriots this season. He's played in the paint and out on the perimeter and is averaging 8.3 points per game.

Arlt, who averages 8.4 points per game, is what his teammates and Slechtsa call the Patriots' "engine."

"He's our intensity. He's the engine. He's the guy who gives us our fire," Slechtsa said. "But he's also a guy who has scored 20 points. He can be a facilitator or a scorer."

The three seniors have grown close over the years.

"We're like brothers," Arlt said. "We know what each other is thinking on the court. It helps to have that."

Up to this point, the three agree it has been a dream senior season.

"Right now, I don't think we could have asked for anything more," Lyons said. "We knew we were good at the beginning of the year. I don't know if many people thought we were going to be this good. But we knew we were going to be this good. It has been a dream year. Hopefully we can keep it going."

UConn wins NCAA record 71st straight game

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HARTFORD, Conn. — The Connecticut Huskies didn't celebrate after the game. Just another night's work for coach Geno Auriemma's latest dynasty.

After their ho-hum 59-44 win over Notre Dame put them in the championship of the Big East tournament on Monday night, the Huskies just shook hands with the Irish — same as they have after pretty much every other game during their incredible streak.

No, the Huskies weren't all that excited about their record-setting 71st straight victory. Even though they broke an NCAA mark held by a previous UConn dynasty for most consecutive victories in women's college basketball.

Now if UConn can extend that streak to 72 on Tuesday night against No. 9 West Virginia in the title game, maybe then Tina Charles, Maya Moore and the rest of the Huskies will get excited.

"I can't think anything is more important than winning and playing in the Big East championship for these kids," Auriemma said.

Auriemma conceded that his team may reflect a little bit between the Big East tournament and the NAAs.

"I want to keep the focus where it is," Auriemma said. "Wednesday, Thursday, Friday — probably until we get to the NCAA tournament may be a little bit of a look back for everybody. But then you've got to get back to focusing on the things that are important."

UConn surpassed its own mark set from Nov. 9, 2001, to March 11, 2003. Unlike that amazing run, which ended in a loss in the Big East conference tournament semifinals to Villanova, this Huskies team has thoroughly dominated its opponents in every game, winning all of them by double digits.

"After the season, the last game we play we can look back and see what we've done," said Kalana Greene, who scored 15 points. "You don't want to

celebrate about wins. We don't plan on our season being over any time soon."

The Huskies (32-0) are just seven wins away from a seventh national championship and becoming the first team to have back-to-back undefeated seasons.

Even top teams haven't posed much of a challenge for the Huskies since they beat Georgia Tech to start this run on Nov. 16, 2008.

With Monday's win over Notre Dame (27-5), UConn improved to 13-0 against top-10 opponents, winning by an average of 26.2 points. Even second-ranked Stanford lost by 12 when the teams met in late December.

UConn has rarely even trailed during its streak. The Huskies have been behind for a total 86 minutes in the 71 games. It's been even more uncommon for UConn to be down in the second half — only facing a deficit three times after intermission. None of those scares lasted long. There hasn't been a need for any late-game rallies or last-second shots by the Huskies.

Statler: Sophomore comes on strong for Hastings

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“But, it felt really good to come back, although I could only play a few minutes at a time — I was so out of shape I could barely breathe. It was just good to be back.”

Statler played very sparingly at first last year, then saw an immediate increase in her minutes as fellow post player Lindsay Ducey ran into foul trouble during HC’s home game against Dakota Wesleyan on Jan. 11. Statler stepped up in the opportunity and recorded six points and four rebounds in nine minutes of play, while Ducey was limited to just two points in 26 minutes.

“I was definitely nervous for that game,” Statler said. “Because I hadn’t really played with the varsity before. I wasn’t sure what I could do out there. But, we won, that’s all that matters.”

As a freshman, Statler played in 25 games, but didn’t start any. She averaged 4.4 points and 3.1 rebounds per game while tallying 14 blocks and 15 steals.

That’s a far difference from what

she’s done on the court this season.

Statler credits working alongside Ducey, a two-time first-team all-American, as a major reason why she’s been able to take such strides this season.

This year, Statler has increased every statistical category — averaging 11.7 points per game and 7.8 rebounds. She ranks fifth nationally by hitting 59 percent of her field goals and she’s 14th nationally with 61 blocks. She’s also tallied 42 steals and posted seven double-doubles this season.

“Playing against Ducey every day in practice has really helped me a lot,” Statler said. “She pushes you and she always gives her best effort, so you have to do something to try and stop her. That’s really helped me a lot.”

Said HC coach Jeff Dittman: “We’ve seen a big jump in improvement from her and I think that late start last year probably has something to do with that. Last year, she came in and gave us good minutes. This year, she’s really an important part of our starting lineup.” Statler has started 31 of 33 games

this season, and each game from the fifth game of the season to now.

“No. 1, Alicia gives us a shot blocker. Last year, when we got beat on the perimeter, there were times people either gave up layups or got fouls. This year, we know if we make a mistake defensively or get beat, Alicia is going to be there. No. 2, she gives us a good rebounder. She’s probably been our most consistent offensive rebounder. She moves well without the ball and gets in good rebound position,” Dittman said. “The third thing is, one-on-one, she’s destroying people. In the last couple of weeks, we’ve started to see her get double teams when she catches the ball, just as Lindsay does.”

Said Statler: “I feel like a freshman again because I didn’t have all the injuries at the beginning of the year. I was just happy that I was able to get out and play this year and I wasn’t hurt.”

Hastings College assistant coach Dawn Dittman, a fellow post player herself during her playing days in college, works with Statler and Ducey on a

daily basis in practice. She says having that extra year of experience under her belt has helped Statler’s development.

“I think during her freshman year, she didn’t really have a good feel for the game. She was still trying to figure everything out,” Dawn Dittman said. “She was strong last year too, but I don’t think she used her strength. She’s so strong, that’s a big key for her. This year, she understands how to use her strength and she understands the game so much better.

“Playing with Lindsay has certainly helped her development too. She had the tools before, she just didn’t know how to use them. She’s figuring that out this season.”

Statler, a bio-psychology major, is hoping to help lead the Broncos to their fourth national title in school history. The Broncos — the top seed in the NAIA Division II national tournament — begin tournament play Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. against Maine-Fort Kent at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

The team fell in the championship

game of last year’s national tournament and hasn’t won a title since 2006. The team has five seniors on this year’s squad — including four starters. So Statler understands the importance of this year’s tournament and she knows that it will be up to her and fellow sophomores Becky Tesch and Sophia McDermott to continue the Bronco basketball legacy next season.

“I think there’s a lot of pressure on us this year because everyone wants to beat the No. 1 team. I feel like everyone gives us their best game. There’s a lot of pressure, but if we take care of things, I’m confident we have a good chance at winning it,” Statler said. “As far as next year, it’s going to be very different. We won’t have Ducey in there, or Heather (McKeon’s) NBA 3-pointers, or Kim (Faimon’s) quickness. But other people will step up. I know I’ll probably get the double teams next year when Ducey is gone and I’m not real excited about that. But still, I’m looking forward to that challenge. We know it won’t be easy next year, but we’re still excited about that.”

NAIA players to watch

Tanaeya Worden, Morningside, 5-6 junior guard

Worden transferred in to Morningside this year after playing last year at NCAA Division II Christian Brothers University in Memphis (Tenn.) and her freshman year at Southern Illinois. The lightning-quick guard might be the best one-on-one player in the conference as she is averaging 17.5 points per game this year and she leads the team with 116 assists and 93 steals. She led the team in scoring in 21 games so far this year and put up a season-high 31 points against Hastings College in the team’s win Jan. 30. The all-conference selection is shooting 44 percent from the floor and has hit on 88-of-120 free throws this year.

Becca Hurley, 5-9 junior guard and Randa Hulstein, 6-1 senior forward, Northwestern

This dynamic duo has helped lead the Red Raiders back into national championship contention. Hurley is a returning first team all-American selection who earned all-GPAC honors again this year by leading her team in scoring (16 ppg). She ranks fifth nationally in free throw percent (87.3) as she’s hit 96-of-110 foul shots. She also leads the team with 125 assists and 68 steals. Hurley has hit 52 3-point shots and posted five double-doubles this season.

Hulstein is one of the best defensive post players in the nation — and she’s not bad offensively either. Hulstein earned honorable mention all-American honors last season and earned first-team all-American honors for the volleyball team in the fall. During the semifinals last year, Hulstein set the tournament record by bringing down 26 rebounds in her team’s loss to Morningside. This year, she averages 13 points, 8.7 rebounds, has hit 61.8 percent of her field goals, tallied 35 blocks and posted seven double-doubles.

Liz Grider, Briar Cliff, 5-11 senior guard

This do-it-all player has brought Briar Cliff back to prominence. The Chargers are making their first trip back to the national tournament since 2002 thanks in large part to the play of Grider — the GPAC player of the year this year. She leads the nation in scoring, averaging 25.9 points per game with a season-high of 46. She also leads the team with 70 made 3-pointers and she’s hit 216-of-275 free throws (78.5 percent). Grider is shooting 46.7 percent from the field and leads the team averaging 5.2 rebounds, has 88 steals, 30 blocks and she’s second with 103 assists. Grider, who earned second team all-American honors last year, has scored 30 or more points 11 times this season and broke the 40-point plateau twice.

Kallie Benike, Davenport, 5-8 junior guard

NAIA Division II No. 2 Davenport leads the nation in nine different offensive statistical categories, and Benike is a key reason why. She averages a modest 12.97 points per game as she’s hit on 50 percent of her field goals this year. She leads the team hitting on 81-of-118 free throws (68 percent) and rebounding (6.6 per game), while she’s second with 89 steals and 104 assists. This first team all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and returning first team all-American selection has also posted six double-doubles this season.

Alison Lemon, Cedarville, 5-7 senior guard

Earned American Midwest Conference player of the year honors after leading the team to their sixth conference title in the past nine years. Lemon averages 17 points per game with a high of 27 points. She leads the team with 58 3-pointers on the year and is second on the team, hitting 105-of-134 free throws (78 percent). She’s posted three double-doubles this season, including one triple-double. Lemon, a returning third team all-American also leads the team with 151 assists, 66 steals and she’s second on the team averaging 6.4 rebounds.

Bessie Jenkins, Saint Francis (Ind.) 5-11 senior guard

Jenkins leads the team averaging 15 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. She’s hit 116-of-152 free throws (76 percent) and 49 percent of her field goals. She’s second on the team with 44 3-pointers and she’s also recorded 50 assists and 46 assists. The first team Mid-Central College Conference selection has also posted five double-doubles and earned national player of the week honors once this season.

Elaine Hessel, Indiana Wesleyan, 5-10 junior forward

Hessel, a returning honorable mention all-American selection, was named as the Mid-Central College Conference player of the year this year. She averages 19 points per game while ranking third in the nation, hitting on 60.6 percent of her field goal attempts. She’s also hit 146-of-183 free throws (79.8 percent) while leading the team averaging 5 rebounds per game. Hessel has also posted 57 assists and 37 steals and eclipsed the 30-point scoring mark twice this season.

Sharon Houston, Indiana Northwest, 6-4 sophomore forward

Indiana Northwest might not be in the national tournament long enough for people to get much of a chance to watch Houston, as the team plays No. 3-rated Northwestern in the first round Thursday, but Houston has been one of the most dominating players in the NAIA this season. She’s posted 28 double-doubles and was named the Association of Independent Institutions basketball player of the year (the second time she’s received this honor). Houston received NAIA national player of the week honors twice this year and earned honorable mention all-American status last year. She enters the tournament leading the NAIA in rebounding (14.9 per game) and is second in scoring (25 per game). Houston is also tops with 115 blocks and is shooting 57 percent from the field. She’s set new school records, besting her previous records, of 43 points, 26 rebounds and 12 blocks in separate games this season.

Probable Starting Lineups

Hastings College (23-7)

Coach: Jeff Dittman				
Kim Faimon	Ht. 5-5	Yr. Sr.	PPG 9.4	Other 95 assists
Heather McKeon	5-9	Sr.	10.5	96 3-pointers
Rachel Ishenwood	5-10	Sr.	9.0	76 steals
Lindsay Ducey	6-1	Sr.	19.2	9.1 rebounds
Alicia Statler	6-1	So.	11.7	61 blocks

University of Maine-Fort Kent (19-8)

Coach: Lucas Levesque				
Morgan Chasse	Ht. 5-4	Fr.	9.8	53 steals
Amber Garrison	5-3	Jr.	7.8	92 assists
Kristen Violette	5-11	Sr.	17.0	51 field goal %
Malisha Caesar	5-11	So.	8.3	8.0 rebounds
Talisha Herring	5-9	Sr.	12.7	95 assists
◆ Site: Tyson Events Center (Sioux City, Iowa)				
◆ Time: 1:45 p.m. Wednesday				
◆ Radio: KHAS 1230 AM				

the national average for scholarships. But, that number is changing in the near future, he said.

“It’s always a tall order for us (once we get to the national tournament). It’s our goal every year to get there. We look forward to going out there and drawing on the experience. We’d certainly like to play the No. 15 seed, instead of the No. 1 seed,” Levesque said. “We had the chance to see Hastings play last year when we were (at the tournament). They’ve got a great group of girls — they’re very talented — the GPAC is always tough and they’re well coached. We’re just looking forward to going out there again this year — it’s such a great experience for our kids.”

Despite being conference champions and earning their way into the tournament with an automatic bid, the Bengals are the lowest seeded team in the tournament. Much of that has to do with the team’s strength of schedule (the Maine Fort-Kent men’s team also plays the No. 1 overall seed in the men’s national tournament).

“We’ve found, when we go to nationals, the biggest difference is the speed of play,” Levesque said. “In the GPAC, the posts run as fast as a lot of the guards do in our conference. We’ve really got to work on our transition defense — make sure we get back and eliminate easy baskets for Hastings. And we can’t turn the ball over.

“Our strength of schedule has a lot to do with our defensive numbers. But we spend a lot of time working on our defense. When you play a team like Hastings, you just can’t make any mistakes. It’s a tall task for us, but we’re looking forward to the opportunity.”

Said Dittman: “They’re holding opponents to 50 points a game this year. When you play that well defensively, it’s going to keep you in ball games. We understand that everyone is capable of winning when you come into the tournament. We can’t overlook anybody.

“The key for us, making that run last year, was our defense. And Morningside proved how important that was in the championship game, when we got up on them by six with about seven minutes to go, they shut us down and that’s how they got back into it. We’re going to have to work hard for our shots, and we’ve got to hit them when we have them. And we’ve got to do a good job on the offensive boards.”

A win Wednesday would move Hastings into the second round

Men’s tourney

See Wednesday’s Tribune for a look at NAIA Division II men’s tournament.

Friday at noon. There, the Broncos will see the winner between Wednesday’s matchup of No. 15 Minot State (N.D.) and No. 17 Grand View (Iowa).

If the Broncos keep winning, they’ll play in the quarterfinals at 1 p.m. on Saturday; the semifinals at 6 p.m. Monday and the national championship is slated for 9 p.m. March 16. That game will be televised live nationally on CBS College Sports Television.

All other tournament games will be video-streamed by NeuLion with different subscription plans available for coverage. For more information, visit www.watchnaia.com.

GETTING TO KNOW MAINE-FORT KENT

◆ Fort Kent is in the far northern tip of Maine, near the Canadian New Brunswick border right along the St. John river.

◆ While Hastings has had one of its heaviest winters over the past two or three years this year, accumulating 44 inches of snow, that doesn’t come close to the winter of 2007-08 that hit Fort Kent. The town, which has a population around 4,200, was hit with nearly 200 inches of snow. That forced the evacuation of about 600 residents as the St. John river flooded in April.

◆ Fort Kent and Sioux City, Iowa, are about 1,700 miles apart. The team arrived in Sioux City on Monday after taking part on the following trek: Unable to catch a flight out of Maine’s largest two airports in Bangor or Portland, the team drove eight hours south to Boston to catch a 3 1/2 hour long flight to Omaha. From there the team completed its trip north with another 1-1 1/2 hour drive into Sioux City.

◆ The Bengals are led by first-team All-Sunrise Conference selections Talisha Herring, a 5-9 senior guard, Amber Garrison, a 5-3 junior guard and Kristen Violette a 5-11 senior forward. Coach Lucas Levesque was selected as the conference’s coach of the year.

◆ Eight hour drives are not all that uncommon in the Sunrise Conference — with competing teams in Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont and New York.

◆ The Bengals are making their fifth appearance to the national tournament — all coming in the last seven years under coach Levesque — and the third straight overall. But, the team is still searching for its first national tournament victory.

◆ Maine-Fort Kent is coming off its third straight Sunrise Conference championship and has suffered just one conference loss in the past two seasons combined.

◆ The Bengals lead the nation this year, defensively, as they are holding opponents to an average of just 50.3 points per game.

◆ Maine-Fort Kent has been outscored by an average of 88.8-38.8 in its first four national tournament appearances.

◆ The Bengals have just 10 players on their roster this season, but will be making the trip to the national tournament with just nine players total. The school has around 1,300 students enrolled at it this year.

◆ While the trip to Sioux City is a long haul for the basketball team, it pales in comparison to the trip the women’s soccer team made to Azusa Pacific (located near Los Angeles) in November for a first round match in the NAIA national championship tournament. The women’s soccer team is also coached by Lucas Levesque — the head coach of the women’s basketball team.

GAME NOTES

◆ Hastings College is making its

By Bil Keane

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'Alice' opens with \$116.3M, a 3-D record

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NEW YORK — Tim Burton and Johnny Depp's trip down the rabbit hole drew huge crowds, as "Alice in Wonderland" earned a whopping \$116.3 million in its opening weekend — a record for a 3-D film.

The surprisingly huge total easily surpassed all other films in release and gave Walt Disney Studios an even bigger opening than that of the hugely popular 3-D film "Avatar." It also marked the biggest opening weekend for a non-sequel.

"This is just one of those cultural phenomena that has caught everybody's interest," said Chuck Viane, Disney's president of distribution. "They don't come like this very often."

The film beat forecasts that ranged between \$65 million-\$75 million, and the surprising results added some

intrigue to Oscar Sunday. Before the weekend, Disney and 20th Century Fox competed over the available 3-D ready screens; screens outfitted for 3-D are rapidly rising, but still amount to fewer than 4,000 in the U.S. and Canada.

Before "Alice," many of those screens were still dedicated to Fox's box-office behemoth, "Avatar," which is up for nine Academy Awards on Sunday, including best picture.

In its 12th week of release, "Avatar" earned \$7.7 million over the weekend, bringing its cumulative domestic total to \$720.2 million.

Asked whether fewer 3-D and IMAX screens hurt "Avatar," Chris Aronson, head of distribution for Fox, said, "No question."

"Are we disappointed? Sure," said Aronson. "But there are certain market forces that are beyond anything we can do. To have an 11-week window is pret-

ty much unheard of. It certainly allowed this movie to be discovered and witnessed by so many people."

"Avatar" isn't disappearing, though, and it can be expected to regain 3-D and IMAX screens, especially if it wins best picture.

"We'll have that negotiation tomorrow morning with exhibition, without a doubt," said Aronson.

It also seemed likely that "Alice" benefited from the "Avatar"-effect in galvanizing audiences for 3-D movies. "Alice in Wonderland" is the first film released in 3-D since James Cameron's epic. "Alice" was shot in 2-D, but transferred to 3-D in post-production.

"In the wake of the impact of 'Avatar,' there's a whole new audience that's been indoctrinated to 3-D," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "That paid off big for 'Alice in Wonderland.'"

The weekend's second best performer at the box-office was Overture's "Brooklyn's Finest," Antoine Fuqua's gritty police thriller, which earned \$13.5 million in its first weekend, according to studio estimates.

Martin Scorsese's "Shutter Island" for Paramount followed closely with \$13.3 million in its third week of release, bringing its cumulative total to \$95.8 million. Warner Bros.'s comedy "Cop Out" came in fourth, adding \$9.1 million for a two-week total of \$32.4 million.

But "Alice" thoroughly dominated the weekend, surprising even Disney. Worldwide, it took in \$210.3 million.

It was a record release for the first quarter of the year, typically a time of lower box-office expectations and critically acclaimed Oscar contenders. The previous first quarter record was Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ," which

opened with \$83.8 million in Feb. 2004.

"We went into Friday thinking that we really had a big hit with us, and then all of a sudden the numbers started to roll in," said Viane. "Alice" went on to make \$41 million on Friday alone.

"We said, 'Oh my gosh. This is bigger than any of us could have anticipated,'" said Viane.

Though reviews were mostly respectfully negative, much of the film's draw was surely in teaming director Burton and his frequent collaborator, Depp, who plays the Mad Hatter. It also presented moviegoers with a 3-D updating of Lewis Carroll's beloved classic. Though at times dark, it gained a PG rating from the MPAA (for, among other things, "a smoking caterpillar"), which meant a large number of kids could attend.

Bidding may give it away

There is always a problem with using an accurately descriptive bid. It helps partner to judge the best final contract, but it might also assist the defend-



Phillip Alder

Look at only the West hand and choose your lead. South opens and closes the auction with three no-trump, which shows a solid seven- or eight-card minor and no side ace, king or void.

It is textbook to lead an ace against the gambling three no-trump, as this opening is called. You hope that the dummy will make the correct continuation clear-cut. Well, after starting with the club ace, what would you do next?

When leading, you use a set of "rules." For example, at trick one, you lead fourth-highest from your longest and strongest when you have at least one honor in the suit. And in the middle of the play, if you shift to a low card, you guarantee at least one honor in the suit and say that you are trying to win tricks in this suit. But not always. Here, since you need four spade tricks to defeat the contract, you must lead the 10. Luckily this cannot fool partner, because South denied a side ace or king.

East will take dummy's spade queen with his ace and return the spade four. You win with your king, then return the spade two through dummy's eight-five into the jaws of East's jack-seven.

Look out for the unblocking middle-card lead.

North			
♥Q853			
♦AKJ10			
♠72			
♣KQJ			
West			
♥K102			
♦874			
♠643			
♣A942			
South			
♥96			
♦Q2			
♠AKQJ1098			
♣85			

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Phillip Alder is a columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

A multitude of musical efforts for Haiti

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The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Kirk Franklin saw the devastation caused by the earthquake in Haiti, he immediately reacted — through song. In a matter of days, the Grammy-winning gospel star enlisted some of the genre's top stars to record a charity single to help with relief efforts.

"You want to respond based on what it is you know to do," he said of "Are You Listening," recorded by more than two dozen artists under the moniker Artists United for Haiti.

They were hardly the only ones. Since the Jan. 12 earthquake, there has been a flood of musical odes and projects for Haiti. While other tragedies have inspired telethons, concerts and charity songs, it seems as if Haiti's misfortune has caused a musical overflow.

There's the all-star "We Are the World" remake that debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart (there is also a Spanish-language version with Latin stars); the Jay-Z, Bono, The Edge and Rihanna charity single, "Stranded (Mon Amour Haiti)"; the Simon Cowell-produced remake of "Everybody Hurts," featuring Susan Boyle, Mariah Carey, Michael Buble and others; the digital album "Download to Donate for Haiti," featuring unreleased tracks by Jack Johnson, the Dave Matthews Band and others, presented by the Linkin Park-led Music for Relief; the Nas and Damian Marley song "The Strong Will Continue"; and Eddie Vedder's remake of "My City of Ruin."

Retail store American Outfitters and Filter magazine have released a music CD for Haiti available in all American Eagle stores, and Jamaican artists — including Maxi Priest and Barrington Levy and Toots — have put out the single "Listen2theCall." There's also the "Hope for Haiti Now" CD, featuring music from the telethon, which was a top seller on iTunes; several songs from



KEVIN MAZUR, WATW/AP

In this Feb. 1 file photo provided by WATW, singers and celebrities, including Barbra Streisand (center) perform at the "We Are the World 25 Years for Haiti" recording session held at Jim Henson Studios in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

the telethon rose on the Billboard charts.

"I know there's a lot of people on it, but that's not a bad thing," said Quincy Jones of the musical efforts for Haiti. He orchestrated the first "We Are the World," session 25 years ago, and the latest rendition, which features Barbra Streisand, Lil Wayne, Miley Cyrus, Wyclef Jean and dozens of other music stars.

"It's the kind of thing everybody should contribute to and let everything fall where it may," Jones said.

Among the songs available on Amazon.com is will.i.am's remix of The Who's "My Generation," featuring Slash.

"The response has been very strong from the music community," said Kristin Smith, senior manager of digital music at

Amazon, comparing the artistic output to that seen after the tragedies of Katrina and 9/11. "It has been very generous in terms of what artists have done."

It's also come about very quickly. Linkin Park's Mike Shinoda managed to cobble an entire album of new material for the organization Music for Relief in a matter of days with

help from other artists who donated tracks for the project.

"It really showed that if you really want to do something and time is of the essence, the music industry can really mobilize and get something great together quickly," he said. "That's a product of people's will to do it and it's a product of the technology that we've got at our fingertips."

David Saltzman, executive director of the Robin Hood Foundation and one of the advisers for the "Hope for Haiti Now" telethon, said there are more musical efforts today to help Haiti than for past tragedies because of how easy it is to record and share music.

"More artists who feel compelled to do something can get their music in the hands of people who are excited about purchasing it and saving lives," he said.

But Franklin wonders if it can be too much and worries that with a multitude of releases, some good efforts might get lost.

"Sometimes, when we have too many, when it becomes too fragmented, sometimes it can lose its power," he said. "But you've still got to let people move and do what's in their hearts. You've got to do what's in your heart and not respond to the numbers."

Shinoda said he had some concerns that his project, which is still being added to by artists online, could get lost, but thinks that fans who know what they want will find it.

"Hopefully, the stuff that you like filters to the top and you can listen to that, or you have a way of searching through all the madness and finding the stuff that you like," he said.

Carlos Santana, who was on the "We Are the World" remake, thinks it can never be too much if it's helping save lives.

"The tsunami or Katrina or this situation experienced in Haiti," he said, is an indication "for all of us as humans to take care of one another. There will be other ones and anything we can use with music ... is always welcomed. It's never enough to be of service to humanity. It's never enough."

Preliminary ratings show Oscars up over last year

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — An estimated 41.3 million people saw "The Hurt Locker" top the popular "Avatar" for best picture in the most-watched Academy Awards telecast since 2005.

Oscar viewership was up 14 percent over last year, the Nielsen Co. said Monday.

In true film fashion, the Oscars built to a big climax when the Iraqi war thriller "The Hurt Locker" and its director, Kathryn Bigelow, topped

"Avatar," directed by her ex-husband James Cameron. Bigelow was the first woman to win the Oscar for best director.

The audience was up from the 36.3 million who saw

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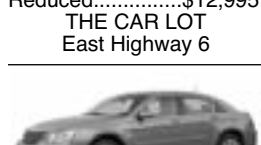
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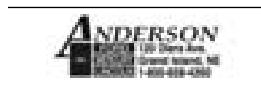
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109 Business Property

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Notice

In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska Estate of MARY BETH SYKES, Deceased. Estate No. PR10-20

Notice is hereby given that on February 16, 2010, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, T.J. Sykes, whose address is 8016 Colby Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68505, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before April 26, 2010, or be forever barred.

Tom Hawes
County Court Clerk
Magistrate
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Hastings, Nebraska 68902

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TS No.: 09-0183992 TSG No.: 09-6-569904A The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the Adams County Courthouse, 500 West 4th Street, Hastings, Nebraska, on March 19, 2010, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (12:00 a.m.): ALL OF LOT FOURTEEN (14), AND THE EAST FIFTY-TWO (52) FEET OF LOT THIRTEEN (13), BLOCK ONE (1), D.W. PALMER'S PROSPECT PARK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HASTINGS, ADAMS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. All subject to any and all: (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions, ordinances, and resolutions of record which affect the property, and (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and trust deed of record and (6) ground leases of record. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property. By: Milton Phan, Team Member RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., Trustee 2380 Performance Drive, TX2-985-07-03 Richardson, Texas 75082 Phone: (800) 281-8219 Fax: (805) 553-6392 ASAP# 3432053

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 2010

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SOUTHWEST AUTO SALES & LEASING, LLC

1. The name of the Company is Southwest Auto Sales & Leasing LLC.
2. The address of the registered office is 4890 West 12th Street, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.
3. The general nature of the business is to transact any and all other lawful business for which limited liability companies may be organized under the law of the State of Nebraska, other than banking or insurance.
4. The Company's existence commenced on the filing and recording of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State and shall be perpetual.
5. The affairs of the Company shall be conducted by its sole member, Walter C. Bienkowski III

D. Charles Shoemaker
Sullivan, Shoemaker, Witt & Burns
P.O. Box 309
Hastings, Nebraska 68902
March 2, 9, 16, 2010

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF

RELIANT AUTO SALES, LLC

Notice is hereby given of the organization of Reliant Auto Sales, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company.
1. The name of the company is Reliant Auto Sales, LLC.
2. The address of the registered office of the company is P.O. Box 609, 3303 West 12th Street, Hastings, Nebraska 68902.

3. The general nature of the business to be transacted is to do all other acts or engage in all business permitted by the laws of the State of Nebraska.
4. The company commenced existence on February 25, 2010 and shall exist for a term of twenty years unless sooner terminated as provided in the Articles of Organization and Operating Agreement.
5. The affairs of the company will be conducted by its Members.
Dated March 1, 2010.

Joseph E. Kirk, Member
Anna L. Stehlik, Attorney at Law #15621
P.O. Box 609
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-0609
March 9, 16, 23, 2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in the Lobby of the Adams County Courthouse, 500 West 4th Street, Hastings, Nebraska on the 14th day of April, 2010, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.:

Lots 197 and 198, in the Village of Juniata, Adams County, Nebraska more commonly known as 1141 North Juniata Avenue, Juniata, Nebraska 68955

The property is being sold "as is" and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes, assessments and any lien or interest superior in right which may affect the subject property. The highest bidder will deposit \$500.00 in cash or certified funds with the Trustee at the time of the sale, which shall be non-refundable, and the remaining amount due must be paid in cash or certified funds to the Trustee by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the sale; except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the current Beneficiary. The successful bidder shall be responsible for applicable transfer fees or taxes including the documentary stamp tax.
DATED 2nd day of March, 2010.

STEFFI A. SWANSON,
Substitute Trustee (12002)
Law Offices of Steffi A. Swanson, P.C., L.L.O.
1902 Harlan Drive, Suite A
Bellevue, Nebraska 68005
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