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# Movie night



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Jim and Tomi Becker (right) watch "Paul Blart: Mall Cop: in Hastings' downtown greenscape park Friday night.

## FREE FILM CHRISTENS NEW DOWNTOWN PARK

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**D**errick Nelson of Hastings got a nice surprise for his 11th birthday party Friday evening. In addition to an overnight stay with some of his friends, Derrick's parents decided to bring the boys to Hastings' downtown greenscape park to watch a movie projected on one of the building walls.

"I think it will be fun," he said. "I was surprised when I heard about it."

One of his friends, 10-year-old Cole Shardelow of Hastings, said he has seen the featured film, "Paul Blart: Mall Cop," before but thought it would be fun to watch it again with friends.

"I think it's pretty cool," he said.



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Hastings Parks and Recreation Superintendent Jeff Hassenstab adjusts the projector at the downtown greenscape park Friday.

A light gray wall on the eastern side of the park was turned into a movie screen Friday evening for the first official

event held in the park. The Hastings Parks and Recreation Department hosted a showing of "Paul Blart" starting at dusk.

Guests brought lawn chairs or blankets for seating during the movie, and concessions, like popcorn, candy and pop, were available during the movie.

Angela Graham, a member of the committee that created the park, said there have been a few small activities in the park, but this was the first official event held in the park, located in the 800 block of Second Street.

"I'm just excited to see a lot of activities in the park," she said. "I think it's great. We're wanting it to function like an outdoor venue."

For some, like Wilma Uden of Hastings, the venue brought back old memories

"I haven't been to a free movie outdoors since the '40s or '50s," she said.

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# Iran rivals both claim victory

**ANNA JOHNSON AND BRIAN MURPHY**  
 The Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran** — Hard-line incumbent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was heading for a surprise landslide with nearly 80 percent of votes counted in Iran's stormy presidential elections, the Interior Ministry said today. But his reform rival countered that he was the clear victor and accused authorities of fraud.

The dispute sharply boosted tensions, raising the possibility of a standoff after an intense monthlong race between the combative president and his main challenger, Mir Hossein Mousavi, who is backed by a growing youth-oriented movement. A large turnout at the polls had boosted victory hopes for Mousavi supporters.

At a news conference around midnight, Mousavi declared himself "definitely the winner" based on "all indications from all over Iran." He accused the Islamic ruling establishment of "manipulating the people's vote" to keep Ahmadinejad in power and suggested the reformist camp would stand up to challenge the results.

"It is our duty to defend people's votes. There is no turning back," Mousavi said, alleging widespread irregularities.

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# Mary Lanning names new CEO

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Bradley D. Neet will succeed W. Michael Kearney as president and chief executive officer at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital when the latter retires this fall, a hospital news release announced late Friday afternoon.

Neet, a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, will oversee all hospital fiscal and clinical operations, including the delivery of surgical services, diagnostic imaging and emergency services. He will direct all operations related to medical clinics in Sutton, Blue Hill and Edgar and at the Primary Care Center, Community Health Center and The Lanning Center for Behavioral Services in Hastings.

"The selection process has been challenging," trustee president Dr. Robert Anderson said in the release. "The board sought to continue to forward progress and advancement realized under W. Michael Kearney's tenure. We are excited about the talent, insight and experience that Bradley Neet will bring to the hospital, the community, and in the advancement of our healthcare services."

Neet, who earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Indiana State University and master of business administration degree from the University of Houston, served in management positions in nursing and hospital administration at facilities in Texas, Illinois and Stevens

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Matthew Kramer (left), Mikayla Schultz (center) and Lindsey LaBrie of Doniphan act out a scene from the game Stand, Sit and Lie Down during an improv camp for middle school students Wednesday at the Hastings Community Theatre.

# Workshop keeps actors on their toes

## CREATIVE JUICES FLOW AS STUDENTS LEARN FUNDAMENTALS OF IMPROV

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"Welcome to 'Whose Line Is It Anyway,' the show where everything is made up and the points don't count."

Those were the famous words host Drew Carey used to open every episode of the improvisation show "Whose Line Is It Anyway."

This week, a group of about 10 middle schoolers from across the area learned the art of improvisation — similar to that done on the show — from Tony Schik, Hastings Senior High's drama director.

"Improv really challenges them

because they don't have a script in front of them. They have to use their own creativity and they have to think fast," Schik said.

Thinking on their feet as an actor was something both Tristan Stock of Doniphan and Joseph Quinn of Hastings hoped to learn at the workshop.

"I wanted to learn more about acting to help me do better in plays," Stock said.

Both boys said they had a few fears in the beginning with the unknowns of acting without a set script.

"It's kind of hard coming up with characters, but you get more ideas as you go along," Quinn said.

Schik said he started out the week by engaging the students in games to help them learn the fundamentals of improv.

"Today, we're focusing on conflict and how conflict really pushes a scene," he said Wednesday. "And then we're going to build into larger improv-type games like you see on 'Whose Line Is It Anyway.'"

Schik said you can't just jump into something like that without learning those fundamentals.

Conflict was the theme of Wednesday's lesson, partly because Schik said the building of conflict tells the story.

"Conflict is really the basis of any good scene," Schik told the students.

Schik had two students act out a scene with one being an authority. Scenes included a boy caught shoplifting, a brother/sister conflict and a child/parent relationship.

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**Weather**

**Hi:** 75  
**Lo:** 58

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms this afternoon.



Art by Alex Goracke, 9, Harvard Public School

**SHACKLED BIRTH**

**CHICAGO** — A former Cook County Jail inmate has sued the county Sheriff's office, saying she was handcuffed to her hospital bed until just before she gave birth. Marilu Morales was eight months

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pregnant in April 2008 when she was jailed for possession of controlled substances.

In a lawsuit filed Thursday in federal court, Morales says that when she was in labor at Stroger Hospital, a Sheriff's deputy shackled her hand and foot to her bed and

unchained her at a doctor's request shortly before she gave birth.

Morales is seeking \$200,000 in damages.

Sheriff's department spokesman Steve Patterson said the deputy followed department policy.

The Associated Press

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## State

## CHILD ABUSE CASE

**BEATRICE** — The husband of a rural southeast Nebraska woman missing since April last year has been given several prison terms in an unrelated case.

On Thursday, Judge Daniel Bryan Jr. of Gage County District Court sentenced William Kelley to five years on each of two counts of child abuse, five years on each of two counts of being a felon possessing a firearm and 20-60 months for lying on a firearm application.

After a plea agreement, a sex-assault charge was lowered to child abuse and the felony and misdemeanor drug charges were dropped.

Kelley's wife, Ann Kelley, disappeared April 15, 2008, after she dropped her four children off in Beatrice.

William Kelley has not been charged in connection with her disappearance.

The children are staying with relatives.

## RELATIVE ARRESTED

**CRAWFORD** — The 79-year-old grandfather of a teen shot and killed by police has been accused of threatening one of the officers involved in the boy's death.

Ron Britton of Crawford was arrested this week after police say he threatened Nebraska Game and Parks Conservation Officer Dan Kling during the trial of suspended Crawford Police Chief Rick Thompson. Thompson was acquitted Thursday of second-degree assault in the October 2007 shooting death of 16-year-old Jese Britton.

The shooting happened when Thompson and Kling went to a vacant Crawford bar to check out a suspected burglary. Authorities say Thompson shot Britton after the boy failed to lower a gun.

The elder Britton is accused of threatening Kling outside the courtroom during a break in Thompson's trial, then trying to attack Kling.

## VA GETS GRANT

**OMAHA** — The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded \$4.1 million to an Omaha-based VA unit to establish a new health care resource center.

The Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System will set up the Veterans Engineering Resource Center as part of its focus on transforming health care.

The Omaha unit is one of four VA medical centers nationwide that were selected for the resource centers. The others are in Boston, Pittsburgh and Indianapolis.

The VA says the centers will apply industrial engineering tools and principles to improve health care delivery, safety, effectiveness and efficiency.

## COOKIE ICE CREAM

**OMAHA** — Dairy Queen has developed another Girl Scout cookie flavored treat after serving more than 10 million Girl Scout Thin Mint Cookie Blizzards last year.

Dairy Queen plans to offer a Girl Scout Peanut Butter Pattie Blizzard flavor this summer as the flavor of the month in July.

And the Thin Mint Blizzard will be back in August.

## CLASSES RESUME

**SCOTTSBLUFF** — Classes resumed Friday at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, but water damage from severe storms this week means the library remains closed.

Storms pounded the area Wednesday, causing water damage on the campus.

The Associated Press



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Josh Jarmer jumps up and down while celebrating Derrick Nelson's birthday (top center) with Nathan Zimmerman (left), Bladyn Hogan (lower center) and Rishav Srivastava (right) during movie night at the downtown greenscape park.

## Movie: Free film christens park

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Chuck and Jodie Knott of Hansen also remember watching movies outdoors, but usually did it inside a vehicle.

"It's just like going to the drive-in theater," Chuck said. "I think it's a good thing and they should do it more often."

Graham said showing movies was one of the original plans of organizers two and a half years ago when planning

on the park began. She said a movie was projected on a wall during the Celebration of Lights in 2007 before the park started really to take shape.

"We had two very blank walls on the east and west sides," she said. "We felt that if we did want to show a movie, we could do it on one of those walls."

For Kirk Marble of Prosser and Kati Rodeman of Cairo, the movie was a good way to

get away from summer classes at Central Community College.

"I enjoy the outdoors," Marble said. "And it's free, so why not?"

Jeff Hassenstab, recreation superintendent, said the department already had access to the projector and speakers used to show the movie, and the only extra cost was for renting the film from a company that could allow it to be

shown outdoors.

Hassenstab estimated capacity for the park at about 75 and about that amount attended the event.

"We were trying to fill it up as much as possible," he said.

The Parks and Recreation Department is planning to offer two more outdoor movies this summer: July 16 at the Aquacourt Water Park and Aug. 7 at the downtown park.

## Improv: Workshop keeps actors on their toes



BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Tony Schik gives direction to Tristan Stock (left), Andy Fanning, Abbey Lyons and Matthew Kramer during an improv camp at the Hastings Community Theatre Wednesday.

## Machines OK

The Associated Press

**LINCOLN** — Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale says a hand count of thousands of ballots cast in the 2008 general election show the state's voting machines are extremely accurate.

Results in 17 randomly selected precincts were audited to test the accuracy of the equipment.

A total of 7,239 ballots were hand-counted in three contests.

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## Iran: Rivals claim victory

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Before dawn today, Tehran's streets were deserted, but there were worries of protests by Mousavi supporters if he is declared the loser. Bringing any showdown into the streets would certainly face a swift backlash from security forces. The political chief of the powerful Revolutionary Guard cautioned Wednesday it would crush any "revolution" against the Islamic regime by Mousavi's "green movement."

The Interior Ministry banned all rallies until after the formal announcement of results today. A series of cyber-strikes — blackouts of text messaging, blocks on pro-Mousavi Web sites and widespread Internet disruptions — also raised worries that authorities were prepared to exert further pressures on the communications lifelines of the rejuvenated reformist movement.

Moments after Mousavi's news conference, Iran's state news agency IRNA reported Ahmadinejad the winner.

## Hospital: Mary Lanning names new CEO

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Point, Wis. The former president of St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point, he brings more than 25 years of direct patient care and hospital management experience to the position.

"I'm excited about continuing Mary Lanning's long-term commitment to excellence," Neet said in the release. "My family and I are looking forward to becoming part of the community."

Neet said he plans to move his family to Hastings over the summer. He is expected to take over for Kearney in August.

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He forced each duo to build up the conflict, even pushing them by yelling "Force it. Force the conflict" as they acted out the scene.

Mikayla Schultz and Abbey Lyons played older and younger sisters who were fighting because the younger had stolen the older sister's boyfriend.

The two then got into a fight and Schultz threatened to tell the boyfriend one of Lyons' secrets.

"I'll tell him you still play with Barbie dolls," she yelled as she ran across the stage.

"They're action figures," Schultz retorted.

In a later scene Schultz acted alongside her little brother, Shane. The two got to take out their sibling aggressions by playing siblings in a confrontational skit. Shane took full advantage of the event by jumping on his sister and wrestling her to the ground several times.

The other students burst into laughter as the two sparred on

stage.

In a game taken from the show, they played Party Quirks. One person plays the party host, who must guess what character each of the party guests is portraying based on his or her actions.

Some of the party-goers included a first-time skydiver, a choking mime, a nomad wandering the desert, an exploding can of pop and the Hunchback of Notre Dame.

Schik said he really enjoyed teaching middle schoolers about improvisation, because it's a good age to help them break down those walls and have no fears about action.

"They haven't learned much about it so you can really teach them the building blocks and go up from there," he said.

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