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Tut gives HHS track team a boost.



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George Anderson stands in the field at the east edge of Hastings that will be ready for limited racing May 1.

Race almost on!

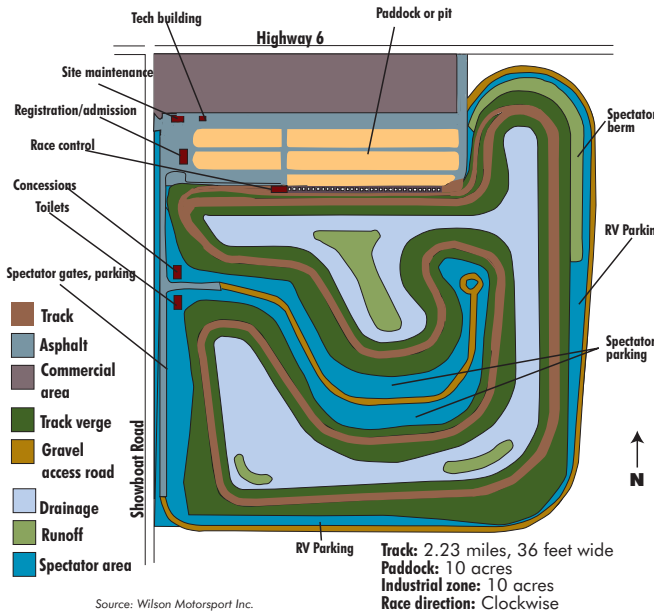
LINDA GARCIA
Hastings Tribune

Motorsports Park Hastings looks like any other farm field right now. A corner was left to grass and dandelions, but the rest was worked up after last fall's harvest and looks ready for spring planting. But what Hastings developer George Anderson plans to grow here at the corner of U.S. Highway 6 and Showboat Road could turn Hastings into a regional racing hotspot for both club and rally racing. Anderson is working with Wilson Motorsport Inc. of Colorado to build a 14-corner asphalt road race track that will be about 2.23 miles long. "There are a lot of crazy angles on some of these corners that'll just be a ball," Anderson said.

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Preliminary plans

Developer George Anderson recently released the tentative layout of his Motorsport Park, located at U.S. Highway 6 and Showboat Road.



Source: Wilson Motorsport Inc.

JENNIFER KALVELAGE/Tribune

Moussaoui pleads guilty; could face death penalty

PETE YOST
The Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Zacarias Moussaoui pleaded guilty Friday to conspiring with the hijackers in the Sept. 11 plot and declared Osama bin Laden personally instructed him to fly an airliner into the White House in a separate assault. Over the objection of his lawyers, Moussaoui calmly admitted his guilt in a courtroom a few miles from where one of the hijacked planes crashed into the Pentagon in 2001, setting up a showdown with prosecutors who quickly reaffirmed they will seek Moussaoui's execution.

"I will fight every inch against the death penalty," Moussaoui told U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema as he became the only person convicted in a U.S. court in connection with the Sept. 11 plot that killed nearly 3,000 people.

The unshackled Moussaoui, wearing a beard and green prison jumpsuit, told the judge he had not been promised a lighter sentence for his guilty pleas. Then he added, "I don't expect any leniency from the Americans."

Moussaoui, a 36-year-old French citizen, pleaded guilty to six felonies, four of which carry the death penalty.

Upper Big Blue water levels drop, but farmers face no new requirements

STATE DECLARATIONS COULD CHANGE THAT PICTURE, HOWEVER

ANDY RAUN
Hastings Tribune

Irrigators in the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District will have at least one more year before they are required to report their irrigated acres and water usage figures to the district.

The reprieve is a result of spring water table readings in the district. The readings, which were completed recently, indicated an average water table decline of just .79 of a foot.

That leaves the average underground water level at .35 of a foot above the acreage reporting trigger, as set forth in rules and regulations for the UBBNDR's Groundwater Management Area No. 1.

The reporting trigger is 3 feet above a benchmark 1978 average groundwater level for the district. If or when the 1978 average was reached, irrigators would be required to install flow meters on all their wells, not just derive water usage figures based on factors like engine fuel consumption or pumping hours.

They also would be required to adhere to a usage allocation — 48 inches of water per acre for the initial three-year period.

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Song and symbolism

NEW EDITION AT JUNIATA ELEMENTARY DEDICATED

JOHN HUTHMACHER
Hastings Tribune

JUNIATA — Singing, foot stomping and the solemn formality of Mason tradition were used to celebrate the dedication of Juniata Elementary School's new building Friday.

Grand Lodge officers from the Masons — including Grand Master Ivan Vrtiska — presided over the hour-long ceremony, which included the Presentation of Arms by Juniata American Legion, a symbolic dedication of the cornerstone, and three songs by a choir representing grades K-6 led by music teacher Kristin Lukow.

Virtually everyone in the building was acknowledged in one way or another during the ceremony: students, teachers, parents, visiting Lodge members, Lodge wives, school board members, and others.

"We had been wanting to add onto the building for the last 10 years and finally got to a point where we felt we could," Juniata Principal Julie Heber said. "We waited on the Legislature a long time to see what they would do with Class 1 schools, and so we've just kind of been biding our time."

The 3,500-square-foot addition will house the computer lab, library media center, and a music/band multi-purpose room.

"It's just going to change everything for us because it's been so crowded here and we have been very cramped for space," Heber

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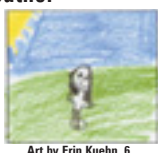


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Masonic Grand Master Ivan A. Vrtiska (right) applies symbolic mortar to the cornerstone that will be placed in the new Juniata Elementary School addition during ceremonies Friday afternoon.

Weather

Hi: Sunny today and Sunday. Clear tonight.
58
Lo: 32



Art by Erin Kuehn, 6, Minden East Elementary

STATE EMPLOYEE IN FIFTH UNDERAGE SEX CASE

LINCOLN — Lincoln police said they plan to issue an arrest warrant for a state employee who already is charged in four other cases of having sex or attempting to have sex

State

with underage girls.

A search of Travis Warnings's computer turned up evidence of his allegedly having sex with another 15-year-old girl, Lincoln police investigator DeAnna Hager said Friday.

"He's able to gain the trust of somebody," Hager said. "He's able to

use that and get them to do something they normally wouldn't do. I'm surprised at the number of girls he was able to do it with."

Warnings, who is employed by the state Health and Human Services system, remains in Cass County Jail.

The Associated Press

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Water: No new requirements

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The Upper Big Blue district includes all of Hamilton County, as well as northeastern Adams County and large portions of Clay and Fillmore counties in Tribland. GWMA No. 1, a water quantity control area, includes the entire district, minus a chunk of southeastern Fillmore County and a larger acreage near Seward.

The district's average spring underground water level rose every year between 1995 and 1999 before falling every year since then.

In a news release Thursday, John

Turnbull, UBBNRD general manager, cautioned that while irrigators do not need to report their irrigated acres to the district this year, they should be sure their local county assessor's office knows which of their acres are irrigated.

That's because it is possible that at some point in the future, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources could declare that all or part of the UBBNRD lies in a "fully appropriated" river basin.

In the event of such a declaration, a moratorium on well drilling and the

adding of irrigated acres would be imposed immediately, and allocations could be imposed. County assessors' records would be used to distinguish which acres were irrigated and which were dryland at the time of the declaration.

"It pays to be alert and ready, because complacency could work against you," Turnbull said.

NDNR's authority to declare all or part of a river basin as "fully appropriated" or "overappropriated" arises from LB962, a new Nebraska water management law that took effect in

July 2004.

The Republican River Basin and the Platte River Basin above Elm Creek already face restrictions based on NDNR declarations. Republican Basin irrigators also are restricted under terms of an interstate lawsuit settlement.

Speaking at a public meeting in York last week, Turnbull said he believed at least part of the UBBNRD would be declared "fully appropriated" by Jan. 1, 2006.

Still, Turnbull said in Thursday's news release, farmers and landowners shouldn't run out and drill wells in

panic mode.

"What we are telling our district citizens is that if you think you need to drill a well because it will assist you in your farming operations, then go ahead and put down a well," he said. "But if you are wanting to drill a well just for the sake of fearing an impending moratorium, this probably does not make the best economic sense."

"In the meantime, we are strongly encouraging producers to begin the process of checking your irrigated acres with your county assessor so that you are not caught unprepared."

Race: New Hastings track getting closer to holding events

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That includes a hair-raisingly tight turn at No. 14, which should offer an exciting finish to races. Racers can get some high speed going on the straightaways to the east and south, which are connected by a gentle Turn 3, before they have to slow down to make the tighter Turn 4.

According to West Pierce, 2005 activities director for the Nebraska Region Sports Car Club of America, the asphalt track primarily will be used for club racing, while the infield may be used for some rally cross events.

Club racing is more along the lines of a Grand Prix event, with wheel-to-wheel racing on an asphalt track. Rally cross racing is an off-road style event where cars race one at a time. "Essentially, you're going up against the clock. There's nothing to hit but dirt clods and pylons," Pierce said in a telephone interview.

The closest similar tracks are in Topeka, Kan., and Glenwood, Iowa, he said.

Some events may be planned to attract motorcycle riders, too.

Anderson sees the track being used by club groups who gather to check out each other's vehicles and would love an opportunity to show off on a track like this.

The track also could be used for test driving and training by organizations like law enforcement.

The plans for Motorsport Park Hastings include space on the east side of the track for a drag strip that could be built later, and 10 acres on the north for an industrial park.

Anderson said he has a developer interested in designing the whole industrial park, but it's too early for plans to be discussed.

"With the industrial park, we hope to get started within 60 days after we get started with the dirt work on the track," he said.

The industrial park likely will include condo-garages where owners can keep their cars between events, car-related businesses and shops and possibly a hotel.

Anderson anticipates starting dirt work in preparation for the track by August, with a goal of having the asphalt for the track done by fall so it can cure over the winter.

Right now he's in the process of finishing the design and getting ready for bids.

A number of partners make up the Motorsport Park Hastings LLC, which is funding the majority of the project. The industrial park development and potential sale of the land will help bring down the cost

to the partners, Anderson said.

EARLY EVENT

Some Sports Car Club of America members could get a taste of future events at a non-spectator dirt race planned for May 1.

"There is a lot of Nebraska Region SCCA rally cross people coming for a couple of reasons," Anderson said. "One is to see the plans for the track, and also to run a small event."

Pierce said he's excited to try his car on the half-mile dirt track that Anderson will build in the next week.

"We're considering it kind of a warm-up to an event that we're going to have later in the year," Pierce said.

Pierce expects to come out sometime next week to help lay out the half-mile dirt track, and Anderson said he's looking for someone with a tractor and disc to help smooth the course out.

The course will take up the southeast corner of the parcel.

In October, Anderson and the SCCA are planning a Motorsport Mile race on a dirt track that likely will be laid out around the asphalt track.

A couple of events also are planned for the 2006 season. Rally cross is for more amateur drivers, Pierce said, and the speeds and safety are tightly governed.

Anderson said safety would be a priority at the track at all times, with the latest safety features built in by the race track designer.

"The only safe race is the race that never takes place, but we'll design this to be as safe as we can for the motorcycle riders and drivers," he said.

Spectators likely will be able to watch races from a variety of locations around the track, from permanent and portable bleachers that can be adjusted per event. Most events will be held during daylight hours, although Anderson expects a few special events to last into the evening.

Motorsport Park Hastings is still in early stages. But Anderson said he couldn't have accomplished so much without help from city and county governments as well as his investors.

"Right now my real goal is to collect a lot of numbers. I have to get a lot of detail on what it's going to cost," he said.

Anderson thinks that building the track will offer opportunities for local industries. And other businesses in town will benefit as racers and their families see what else is available.

For more information on racing, check out www.nrscga.com for the Nebraska Region SCCA, or the main Sports Car Club of America Web site www.scca.com.

School: Juniata Elementary has new edition dedication

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said. "Now we're going to have lots of room."

The \$401,000 project, which began in August of last year, also will include the installation of fire sprinklers throughout the building in compliance with fire code regulations. Also included will be updated lighting and ceilings in the hallway and the replacement of asbestos tile in the hallways and kitchen.

"The new rooms are finished now," Heber said. "The (rest) will be done when school gets out in the summer."

Scott Barwick, president of the school board, said a good portion of project funding was set aside over the years by previous boards for building improvements. Additional funds were provided from a cooperative fund by Adams Central School District. A loan will cover the remaining

\$150,000.

"It's great," Barwick said of the addition. "It's been some areas we've been needing for a long time. Our library and computer room has been very crowded and a lot of times we were having class in that room, so there's only certain people who could use the room at certain times during the day."

Prior to the addition, music classes were held on the gymnasium stage, a situation the fire marshal frowned upon, he said.

"We were getting pressure from the fire marshal to come into code," he said. "We needed to come up with a five-year plan of how we were going to fix the violations we were having. That was one of the things that kind of prompted it (the project)."

Barwick said all work is scheduled to be completed prior to the start of the school

year in mid-August.

"They're going to come back to a totally redone school," he said.

Rob and Shelly Harpham, parents of Juniata students Kiya and Miranda Harpham, both took time off work to show appreciation for the project.

"I think it's a good thing," Rob said. "They needed it. The library, I understand, is very small and the music room is on the stage ... I mean, there's just nothing there."

"I have not been through it yet (but) it will be good for the town," Shelly said.

Both said they were impressed by the dedication ceremony.

Symbolism and tradition were used throughout the ceremony to emphasize certain points. A brass time capsule casket containing class photos and a roster of

area Lodge members and photos was presented and will be buried beneath the symbolic cornerstone on campus.

The uniformed Mason officers measured the cornerstone with a square, level and plumb, then anointed it with corn, wine and oil poured from gold-colored chalices.

After dirt was troweled along the ledge of the stone, Girl Scouts from Troops 490, 456 and 468 placed carnations on it as decorations.

Grand Orator Kent Broynhill then shared recollections of his earliest classroom memories.

Near the end of the program, the student choir received a standing ovation for its lively performance of the song, "We are Thankful For the School We Have."

A prayer wrapped up the afternoon presentation.



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