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## Tomorrow last day to complete survey for superintendent search

BY GORDON WOLF

Tomorrow (Friday, January 12) is the last day people can respond to a survey to help choose the next superintendent for the Denison and Schleswig school districts.

Grundmeyer Leader Services is conducting the search to find a replacement for Mike Pardun, who announced in December he will be retiring as of June 30 after serving as superintendent for 20 years.

The survey can be found at the following URL, <http://tinyurl.com/denisonsupt>, or by going to the Denison Community School District's Facebook page.

The short survey asks respondents to do the following.

List strength areas or points of pride for the school districts

State their perceived challenges facing the districts

Choose from a list of options the three most important professional skills and qualifications they would like to see in a superintendent

Choose from a list of options the three most important personal traits or qualities they hope to have in a new superintendent and to state why they believe those qualities are the most important

State any advice they would give to the new district superintendent

The survey is anonymous unless respondents provide their names voluntarily.

The application period for superintendent candidates will end on January 28, and the candidate applications will be reviewed the week of February 5.

During the week of February 11, screening interviews will be conducted with the semifinalists, and during the week of March 4 formal interviews will be conducted with the finalists.

Asked if community members will have a further role in helping to choose the next superintendent, Pardun said the school board hadn't made that decision yet but added he is pretty confident that the board will want a community group to be a part of the interview process when the search gets to that stage.

Grundmeyer Leader Services was selected by the school board in December from among four firms that submitted proposals.

## The legacy of Hortense Pautsch New sponsor needed for historic items at Dow City Park



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

These historic items, which once belonged to Hortense Pautsch, need a new sponsor to manage their upkeep.

BY DAN MUNDT

The Dow City Community Club is looking for an individual or group to take over care and maintenance of

three historic items located at the Dow City Park.

A railroad caboose, an authentic  
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## Golf Course trees come down

Emerald Ash Borer to blame



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

A crew from Hipnar Lawn & Tree cuts up some of the ash trees that were taken down at Majestic Hills Golf Course last week.

BY DAN MUNDT

The Emerald ash borer beetle (EAB), an invasive insect that has spread through most of Iowa's counties, was responsible for the removal of trees

that took place at Majestic Hills Golf Course last week.

The insect, which is native to Asia, has been discovered in 36 states and  
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## Supervisors approve three-way split of \$250,000 pledge

Funds contingent on CAT grant approval

BY DAN MUNDT

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved an additional \$83,333 pledge to the Crawford County Recreation & Wellness Center project.

The supervisors made the pledge dependent upon the project receiving a \$1 million Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant from the CAT Committee of the Enhance Iowa Board.

The county's new pledge would match identical pledges from the Denison Municipal Utilities (DMU) board and the City of Denison.

At a special meeting on December 21, the DMU board pledged an additional \$250,000 to the wellness center project and offered an additional \$83,333 if the city and county would each match those funds for a total of \$250,000.

The City of Denison approved the \$83,333 matching pledge at the January 2 city council meeting.

The supervisors covered a wide range of topics concerning the wellness center in a 50-minute discussion with wellness center committee members Tim Stuart and KR Buck on Tuesday.

Topics included the wellness center's value as an attraction for new businesses, as a place for residents and specifically senior citizens to get exercise during the winter months, its value to area sports teams preparing for spring sports, and its economic value as a draw for events such as soccer tournaments.

Concerns were expressed last week and this week that actions by the Iowa Legislature have made the county budgeting process more difficult and that budgets will likely have to be reduced.

Supervisor Kyle Schultz made the suggestion that the new \$83,333 pledge should be made as a lump sum out of the county's general fund rather than as a pledge of about \$20,000 in each of the years from 2026 through 2029.

The supervisors spoke last week about not wanting to commit the  
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PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Cocktails and more

## Becca Mae's opens in Vail

BY DAN MUNDT

"It has kind of a city feel for a small town," said Becca Mae Luft of her new Vail bar, called "Becca Mae's."

Her focus on cocktails adds to the city feel.

"That's something that you don't get around here very often," she said. "I'm just trying to fill the gap of some of the things we don't have."

She said she makes the very best dirty martini.

Becca Mae's also offers a large variety of beer and a small variety of food.

"We do a little bit of food," Becca Mae said. "On Fridays, I'm doing these

awesome pork carnitas – those are going over really well."

She also offers soft pretzels through the week and plans to add charcuterie in the near future.

"It's a work in progress, but I'm slowly adding things to the menu," she said.

Becca Mae's is located at 111 Highway 30 in Vail in the former location of The Chub Pocket, which was owned and operated by her parents, Marc and Jodie Luft.

"My dad grew up in Vail and my grandma still lives here," she said.

Becca Mae grew up in Carroll and is a 2013 graduate of Carroll High School.

She worked at the Carroll A&W for eight years and worked for her mother at two different bars.

After graduation, she spent several years in Arizona, where she did a lot of bartending and learned about signature cocktails.

She moved back to Iowa three years ago.

Her parents decided to close The Chub Pocket last summer.

"This was the next natural step," Becca Mae said. "My parents own the building and it was just sitting empty. I decided to rent it because it was a good opportunity."

She leaned on her experience in  
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## Snow fun on a Denison hillside



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

A few individuals braved the cold wind on Tuesday to take advantage of great snow for sledding on the hillside by the United Presbyterian Church in Denison. In one photo, Andrea Flores and Brian Cordero, both of Denison, laugh as they anticipate their quick and slick ride down the hill. In the other photo, BrookeLynn Green, of Denison, catches serious airtime off a bump in the hillside. A number of sledders had been aiming their sleds for this area of the hill.



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# CAT grant could be jeopardized without additional funds from county

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county to expenses that had not been approved by future members of the board of supervisors.

"If we do this, it should be on our shoulders," said Supervisor Ty Rosburg. Chairperson Jean Heiden said the community has been working on getting a wellness center since the early 1990s and "this is the closest we've ever come..."

Supervisor Dave Muhlbauer, who expressed the deepest reservations among the supervisors on Tuesday, asked whether the additional pledge would make or break the project.

Buck said the funds could make or break the \$1 million CAT grant that committee members will seek today (January 11) when they travel to Des Moines to make a presentation to the

CAT grant board. In December, the CAT grant board asked the wellness committee to close a \$1 million gap in the funds raised to date as a requirement to be considered for the CAT grant.

Stuart said the \$1 million grant could be jeopardized without the additional funds from the county, which could result in changes to the design of the facility.

Rosburg suggested making the \$83,333 pledge contingent on the wellness center receiving the CAT grant.

He said it would be a good investment if it would lead to the project receiving \$1 million.

The supervisors voted 4-1 to approve the additional pledge; Muhlbauer voted against.

# Schleswig Basic Fund donors listed

The Schleswig Basic Fund, Inc. conducted its annual Christmas Tree of Lights to raise funds to support worthwhile community projects.

Following is the list of those that supported the fundraiser. Listed first is the person or persons memorialized and second is the donor.

- + All Veterans: American Legion #645
- + Mike Kruse: Ricky Barnett
- + Herbert and Arlene Teut: Nancy Bielenberg
- + Fred and Judy Teut Glover: Nancy Bielenberg
- + Gary Teut: Nancy Bielenberg
- + Christiansen Cousins: Nancy Bielenberg
- + Teut Cousins: Nancy Bielenberg
- + Andrew Blair: Nancy Blair
- + Ruth Blair: Nancy Blair
- + Lillie Klink: Nancy Blair
- + Otto Klink: Nancy Blair
- + Bliesmann Family: Wayne and Ina Mae Bliesmann and family
- + Lill Family: Wayne and Ina Mae Bliesmann and family
- + Loved Ones: Derick and Amanda Bruhn
- + Family and Loved Ones: Tim and Lila Bubke
- + Glen and Helen Comstock: Jerry and Barb Ernst
- + Merle and Lois Ernst: The Ernst Kids
- + Merle and Lois Ernst: Jerry and Barb Ernst
- + Jurgen and Lena Grill: Larry Grill
- + Louie and Julia Grill: Larry Grill
- + Octavus and Erma Grill: Larry Grill
- + Loved Ones: Richard and Becky Hanlin
- + Leslie and Eileen Grill: Loren and Janice Jepsen and families
- + Raymond and Lucille Jepsen: Loren and Janice Jepsen and families
- + Ruth Jackson: Loren and Janice Jepsen and families
- + Larry Jepsen: Loren and Janice Jepsen and families
- + Betty Johannsen and Family Members: Murlin Johannsen

- + Betty Johannsen: Leisha Kragel and family
- + Donation: Marvin Lopez-LC Construction L.L.C.
- + Kevin Lafrentz: Janet Lafrentz
- + Pamela Allen: Janet Lafrentz
- + Harlan and Barb Buffum: Janet Lafrentz
- + Wayne and Nola Lafrentz: Janet Lafrentz
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- + Wilbur and Evelyn Reimer: Harry and Kay Riessen
- + Dan Ruser: Dorothy Ruser and family
- + Wayne Schroeder: Carolyn Schroeder and family
- + Bruce and Alvera Hanneman: Diana Schultz and family
- + Marlowe Schultz: Diana Schultz
- + Curt Schultz: Jan Schultz
- + Harold and Bonnie Segebart: Steven and Joyce Segebart and girls
- + Loved Ones: Jim and Cheri Streck
- + Date Bumann; UCC Christian Service Fund
- + Deceased Members: VFW Ladies Auxiliary #3930
- + For all military personal: VFW Post #3930
- + Loved Ones: Glenn and Jerrie Wigg

# Democrats to caucus on January 15

The Iowa Democratic Party Crawford County caucus will take place Monday, January 15, at 7 p.m.

Participants must be in line or signed in by 7 p.m. to participate.

Crawford County Democrats will meet at the Denison High School library.

At this year's caucus, participants will take the following actions.

- + Discuss and adopt proposed resolutions to be added to the county platform
- + Elect unbound delegates and alternates to the county convention
- + Elect precinct committee persons to the county central committee

All Iowa Democrats are encouraged to attend, especially those who will be 18 on election day, November 5, 2024.

Because the Iowa caucuses are no longer allowed to announce presidential preference, there is an option to express preferences with preference cards. People can request a Presidential Preference Card online through the Iowa Democratic Party website, <http://iowademocrats.org>. The card will be mailed on January 12, prior to the January 15 caucus, and should be returned by February 19. The results will not be released until the Super Tuesday primaries on March 5.

For answers to questions, call Larry Peterson at 712-269-0919 or the Iowa Democratic Party helpline at 515-216-3893.

# CRAWFORD COUNTY EXTENSION NEWS

## Calendar

The Crawford County Extension office will be closed Monday, January 15, to observe the holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 16, at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, January 23: Calving clinic at St. Peter's Catholic Parish Hall, Defiance, 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24: Crop Advantage at the Templeton Center, Templeton, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Crop Advantage meetings provide a solid foundation of current, research-based crop production information to help make smart, informed decisions in the farming operation.

## Private pesticide continuing instruction course

To maintain a private pesticide applicator certification, applicators must either pass an exam every three years or attend an approved Private Continuing Instruction Course (P-CIC) between December 1 and April 15 each year the certification card covers.

The best option to maintain certification is to attend a live P-CIC training customized to your location provided by Extension field agronomists. To register, call the county Extension office at 712-263-4697 to determine dates and any pre-registration requirements. In-person training is \$30. In the event of bad weather, contact the county Extension office for updates.

The Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) is hosting three live-streamed P-CIC online trainings as an additional option to in-person training. To register, select one of the following dates and complete the registration form through the Iowa State University Extension Store.

February 20, 1 p.m.: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16910>

March 12, 1 p.m.: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16912>

April 2, 6 p.m.: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16916>

Note that registration closes at 9 a.m. the day prior to each program. Live-stream training is \$35. Contact PSEP at 515-294-1122 with any questions.

The county Extension office may choose to offer a "Last Chance" P-CIC training April 8-12 and 15. The training will be shown by Blu-Ray disc. Contact the county Extension office at 712-263-4697 for more information. Last Chance training is \$30.

## Iowa farmland values rose higher in 2023, but at slower pace

Iowa's farmland values rose again, although at a slower pace than the last two years.

The annual Iowa State University Land Value Survey found that farmland values increased 3.7% or \$424, to \$11,835 per acre.

The modest increase for 2023 year follows a 17% increase in 2022 and a near-record 29% increase in 2021.

The nominal value of an acre of farmland is again higher this year than at any point since Iowa State began surveying values in 1941. When adjusted for inflation, the 2023 average value surpasses 2022's inflation-adjusted values by 0.5%.

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11,597	13,736	14,425	14
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Monona	Crawford	Carroll	
11,253	13,274	13,710	
10,887	13,060	13,682	
Harrison	Shelby	Audubon G	
11,905	12,750	12,588	
11,557	12,372	12,301	

County estimates of the average dollar value per acre for Iowa farmland was based on U.S. Census of Agriculture estimates and the November 1, 2023, Iowa Land Value Survey conducted by Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Iowa State University and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The top figure is the estimated value as of November 1, 2023; the bottom figure is the estimated value on November 1, 2022.

# Denison and Schleswig superintendent comments on Perry school shooting

## Says school authorities constantly reviewing security measures

BY GORDON WOLF

In the wake of the school shooting in Perry last week, Mike Pardun, superintendent for the Denison Community Schools and Schleswig Community School, expressed his shock and said he was saddened by what occurred.

On Thursday, January 4, a student, later identified as 17-year-old Dylan Butler, opened fire at Perry High School, using a shotgun and a small-caliber handgun. A Perry Middle School student, Ahmir Jolliff, age 11, died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds, and seven other individuals – three staff members and four students – received wounds or injuries of varying degrees, according to the Iowa Department of Public Safety. Among the staff injured was Perry High School Principal Dan Marburger, who acted selflessly and placed himself in harm's way in an apparent effort to protect his students.

Butler died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

"The safety of our students and staff is our top priority," Pardun said. "We are constantly reviewing our security measures to ensure that we are doing everything we can to protect our students and staff. We urge everyone to speak up if they see or hear anything that could represent a potential threat to school safety."

"We want our families to know that we are in close contact with our local law enforcement officials on a regular basis and are working with our county emergency responders to evaluate our processes and procedures."

Pardun concluded, "As I stated, the safety of our students, faculty, and staff is our top priority. We continue to keep the school and community of Perry in our thoughts."



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# Local Calendar

## SATURDAY JANUARY 13, 2024

**Boy Scout Paper Drive**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Walmart parking lot. Scouts will help you unload your tied, bundled or sacked newspapers. Acceptable papers may be brought in paper bags or cardboard boxes; no plastic bags. Please limit the amount of cardboard.

**Read & Play at Norelius Community Library**, 10-11 a.m.; stories, songs and special activities. This storytime is aimed at children ages 2-4, but any child is welcome to attend.

## SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2024

**Speech Home Show**, 2-5 p.m. at Denison High School

## MONDAY JANUARY 15, 2024

**Monday Funday** at the United Methodist Church from 1:00-4:00 for children TK through 5th grade. Activities planned include crafting, storytelling, group games, science, board games, recreation, and a lesson connected to living a Christian life. A mid-afternoon snack is included.



## TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2024

**Crafternoon at Norelius Community Library**, 4-6 p.m. p.m. Crafting projects for adults, teens and tweens.

**Euchre Night at the Community Building in Ricketts** starting at 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$5 and there is no need to bring a partner.

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17, 2024

**Read & Play at Norelius Community Library**, 10-11 a.m. This storytime is aimed at children ages 2-4, but any child is welcome to attend.

**Euchre Night at the Charter Oak Community Building**; games begin at 7 p.m. No partners needed.

## THURSDAY JANUARY 18, 2024

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)** meets on Thursdays at United Presbyterian Church in Denison. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.; meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. Coffee provided. Call Carmen Swertzic at 712-269-6689 for more information.

**Game Night at Norelius Community Library**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Pizza, snacks and games for ages 12 and up.

Submit events at [denisonfreepress.com](http://denisonfreepress.com)

## DNR PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR AN OPEN FEEDLOT OPERATION

Joshua Pudenz has submitted a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on behalf of Josh Pudenz Feedlot, an open feedlot operation with a capacity of 2,000 animal units. This operation is located in Sheridan Township, Carroll & Crawford County, and plans to apply manure in Sheridan, Wheatland, Glidden & Hayes Township(s), Carroll & Crawford County(s). The NMP is on file at the DNR Field Office #4 1401 Sunnyside Lane, Atlantic, IA 50022 and is available for public inspection, Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. In determining whether to approve the NMP, the DNR will consider written comments regarding whether the NMP complies with Iowa law. The DNR will conduct a public hearing regarding this NMP if a request for hearing is received within 10 days of the publication date of this notice. Persons requesting a public hearing will be notified of the time and place for the hearing at the address, telephone number or e-mail address provided in the request for a hearing. Information regarding electronic submission of comments and requests for public hearing may be obtained at the following internet address: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Animal-Feeding-Operations/index.html> under "AFO e-News." Written comments or requests for a public hearing must be submitted to: Kelli Book, Attorney, 502 E 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50319. Both comments and hearing requests must be received by the Department within 10 days of the publication date of this notice.



## Senior Lunch Menu

Served at the Senior Center on South Main in Denison  
Call 712-263-4950 before 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, January 12:**  
meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, whole wheat bread, broccoli, peaches

**Monday, January 15:**  
baked cod with lemon cream sauce, roasted red potatoes, broccoli raisin salad, pears

**Tuesday, January 16:**  
Philly Sloppy Joe on whole wheat bun, green beans, cake with mixed berries

**Wednesday, January 17:**  
cooks' choice

**Thursday, January 18:**  
tuna melt, tossed romaine salad, apricots

**Friday, January 19:**  
tater tot casserole, peas, bread, banana cream pudding

## Golf course will continue to plant new trees to replace those killed by ash borer

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the District of Columbia, according to the USDA.

Ash trees generally die within one to three years of infestation by EAB.

Tim Kinsey, Majestic Hills course superintendent, said the action to remove the trees had been planned for a while.

"We realized during the summer that the trees were pretty much completely dead and we were going to have to remove them," he said. "Andy (Hipnar) has taken down 56 of them, mainly on the back 9, the older part of the golf course."

Many people responded to an announcement from the golf course that individuals could come out and cut up the remains of the trees for firewood or other uses.

"We've had some volunteers from the

golf course come in with equipment and help clean up, too," Kinsey said.

He said the golf course will continue with a program to replace the trees.

"We started that process a few years ago when we knew the ash borer was going to be a problem and more than likely take out all of our trees that we had," he said. "We had been doing some planting in the last five years and we'll probably continue to do more planting."

He does not expect that the tree removal process will impact play at the course when warmer weather returns.

"It will change the course a little bit, but we are hoping to be able to play right away in the spring," Kinsey said. "It's just an unfortunate thing that has happened, and it's happened everywhere. There was not much we could do to stop it, so this is the consequence and we're just dealing with it."



PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDOT



### The 2024 Republican Precinct Caucuses will be held on Monday, January 15, at 7 PM at the locations listed below for each precinct.

Precinct	Location	Address	Delegates
Charter Oak	Denison High School	819 N 16th Street, Denison	4
Dow City, Arion, Buck Grove	Denison High School	819 N 16th Street, Denison	6
Denison Ward 1	Denison High School	819 N 16th Street, Denison	5
Denison Ward 2, Denison TWP	Denison High School	819 N 16th Street, Denison	5
Denison Ward 3, Goedrich TWP	Denison High School	819 N 16th Street, Denison	8
Northeast	Denison High School	819 N 16th Street, Denison	7
Southeast	Denison High School	819 N 16th Street, Denison	8
Schleswig, Ricketts, Kiron	Denison High School	819 N 16th Street, Denison	7

#### The Precinct Caucuses will perform the following functions:

- A. Elect 4 persons, Republican residents of the precinct to serve on the County Central Committee.
- B. Elect delegates and alternate delegates to the Crawford County Republican convention held on Saturday, February 17, 2024. The number of delegates to be elected at each caucus is listed above.
- C. Propose and vote on platform planks to send to County Convention.

Voter registration forms will be available to register or to update your information.



# Letters TO THE EDITOR

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### Police department issues reminder about Denison's snow removal policy

Denison residents are reminded by the Denison Police Department that when there is two inches of measurable snow, the city will be placed into a snow emergency. At that time, all vehicles shall be removed from the city snow routes and parking spaces before 2 a.m. the next day.

Notification of snow emergencies will be via KDSN radio, the Denison Police Department Facebook page, city hall post, the city's Facebook page, and the three signs placed in the major intersections in the uptown area.

Residents who are not on a snow route are asked to park their cars off the street if possible. During snow removal operations, they may park across a sidewalk or in the right-of-way until snow has been cleared. Snow removal crews will not plow roads they cannot safely maneuver.

Following is the city's ordinance for the snow removal policy. 68.15 SNOW REMOVAL.

1. No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle in any of the following snow removal zones during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. (Code of Iowa, 321.236[1])

A. Exchange Street on both sides from 1st Avenue North to Broadway;

B. South 12th Street on both sides from Broadway to 1st Avenue South;

C. Avenue C on both sides from 1st Avenue North to Broadway;

D. Main Street on both sides from 3rd Avenue North to 1st Avenue South;

E. 14th Street on both sides from 2nd Avenue North to 1st Avenue South;

F. 1st Avenue North on both sides from Exchange Street to North 15th Street;

G. Broadway on both sides from 11th Street to 16th Street;

H. 1st Avenue South on both sides from South 12th Street to South 15th Street.

I. South 11th Street on the west side from 1st Avenue South, south towards 2nd Ave South, but ending at the alley way. (Ord. 1555 - Jan. 23 Supp.)

2. Police Officers and Public Works Officials shall have the authority to order the impoundment of any vehicle parked, abandoned, or left unattended in any public street, right of way, or parking lot that they determine to hamper snow removal efforts. If a vehicle is declared to hamper snow removal efforts by a Police Officer or Public Works official, the Police shall order that the vehicle be impounded. The owner of the impounded vehicle shall be responsible for paying the costs of towing and storing the vehicle. (Ord. 1515 - Dec. 19 Supp.)

People can contact Denison City Hall at 712-263-3143 or the Denison Police Department at 712-263-3195 with any questions.

### Ricketts to host January 21 fundraiser for 125th anniversary

The Ricketts Community Club will host a pancake brunch on January 21 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ricketts Community Building

A freewill offering will be taken for the brunch.

Proceeds from the brunch will go towards expenses for the Ricketts 125th anniversary celebration that will take place on June 29 and 30 this year.

Served on the brunch will be pancakes, French toast, ham, applesauce and a variety of rolls and pastries.

Take-out will be available.

### Funeral Notices

#### Edward Anderson

Funeral services for Edward Anderson, 85, of Odebolt, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday January 12, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison with visitation one hour prior to the service. He passed away Thursday, January 4, at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha.

Survivors include his wife, Ramona Anderson, of Odebolt; children, Connie Anderson, of Nebraska, Lori and her husband, Roman Balogh, of Texas, Scott Anderson, of Kiron, Mike Anderson and his wife, Michelle, of Walford, James Anderson and his wife, Liz, of North Sioux City, South Dakota, and Angela and her husband, Curtis Korner, of Schleswig; 19 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; a brother, Charles Anderson, of Wall Lake; a sister, Mary Langner, of Nemaha; brothers-in-law, Roland Huisenga and his wife, Pat, of Sibley, Roger Huisenga and his wife, Gloria, of Odebolt, and Robert Huisenga, of Sioux City; a sister-in-law, Ruby Custer, of Soldier; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Services are entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.



#### Ivan Rickers

Memorial services for Ivan Rickers, 88, of Westside, will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 13, at United Church in Westside with inurnment at the Westside Cemetery.

Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, January 12, at United Church in Westside.

He passed away December 29 in Woodward.

Survivors include his children and their spouses, DeAnn (Jim), Denise (Jerry), Lou (Deb), and Bill (Rashelle); 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Lois (Lowell) Rickers; in-laws, Dean (Jan) Preston, Henry (Maria) Preston, and Lory (Jeff) Krummen; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Services are entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



#### Roy Johnson

Funeral services for Roy Johnson, 95, of Schleswig, were conducted 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 11, at United Church of Christ in Schleswig with burial at the Morgan Cemetery.

He passed away Thursday, January 4, at his home in Schleswig.

Survivors include his stepdaughter, Zola Friedrichsen, of Schleswig; two step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home in Schleswig.



### ON THE SCANNER

**January 2:** Jaqueline Enriquez, 27, of South Sioux City, Nebraska, was arrested and charged with 10 counts of identity theft in amounts of under \$1,500, aggravated misdemeanors; one count of theft in the 4th degree, a serious misdemeanor; and two counts of theft in the 5th degree, simple misdemeanors. Theft in the 5th degree is charged when the amount of theft is less than \$300, and theft in the 4th degree is charged when the amount of theft exceeds \$300 but does not exceed \$750. According to court records, it is alleged that from November 27, 2023, through January 4, Enriquez made three online purchases totaling nearly \$836 from Hy-Vee using the names and addresses of three other people; that from December 12 through December 21, 2023, she made six attempted online purchases totaling nearly \$2,050 from Hy-Vee using the names and addresses of five other people; and that on November 27, 2023, she attempted to make one online purchase for nearly \$375 from Walmart using the name of another person and address. On January 3, Enriquez posted a surety bond of \$10,000. A court appearance date was set for January 12.

**January 3, 11:59 a.m.:** Fausto Margarito Perez, 32, of Denison, was arrested on a Crawford County warrant for violation of probation on the original charge of assault while displaying a dangerous weapon. Court records show that the original charge was filed on May 16, 2022, and that Perez had previously pleaded guilty to violation of probation charges on April 27, 2023, and November 21, 2023. The current charge of violation of probation is being brought because on January 3, Fausto was charged by the Denison Police Department with possession of a controlled substance, 3rd or subsequent offense, which allegedly occurred on August 27, 2023, and because he did not show up to a probation appointment on December 20, 2023.

**January 3, 5:43 p.m.:** A two-vehicle accident happened at Highway 30 and the ramp to go west on Highway 30 and south on Highway 59. Thomas Joseph Schulte, 74, of Earling, was driving a gray 2019 Kia Soul heading south, and Meng Cam Lai, 65, of Storm Lake, was driving a tan 2018 Toyota Tundra Crewmax, heading east. Schulte was stopped on Highway 59 and the intersection with Highway 30 and Highway 59. Lai was traveling east on Highway 30 entering the intersection. Schulte failed to yield and struck the left rear side of Lai's vehicle. Lai had possible injuries (complaint of pain) but was not transported for medical treatment. Schulte was cited for failure to obey a stop sign and yield the right of way. Schulte's vehicle received \$5,500 damage and was disabled. Lai's vehicle received \$12,000 damage and could be driven away.

**January 3, 6:15 p.m.:** Diana Negrete, 27, of Denison, was arrested for domestic abuse assault, 1st offense, at a private residence on 1st Avenue North in Denison.

**January 4, 10:38 p.m.:** A two-vehicle accident happened at the Highway 59 and Highway 30 intersection. Michael J. Nelson, 52, of Enders, Nebraska, was driving a gray 2021 Ford F150 pickup north on Highway 59 at the split-off with Highway 30 and did not stop at the stop sign. Javier Martinez Magana, 26, of Denison, was driving a black 2016 Dodge Charger west on Highway 30 and was proceeding from a stop at the stop sign at the intersection. His vehicle struck the trailer that Nelson's vehicle was pulling. Nelson was cited for failure to obey a stop sign. Nelson's

vehicle received \$1,500 damage. Magana's vehicle received \$5,000 damage. It was disabled and a tow was arranged by the officer. No injuries were reported.

**January 5, 12:09 p.m.:** A two-vehicle accident happened near the 2nd Avenue North and Avenue A intersection. Ada Elizabeth Anaya Bailon, 51, of Denison, was driving a red 2019 Ford EcoSport southwest on 2nd Avenue North. She proceeded through the intersection, and her vehicle was struck on the passenger side by a blue 2003 Pontiac Montana van, being driven by Juan Carlos Montanez, 49, of Denison. Montanez was traveling southeast on Avenue C. Anaya Bailon was cited for failure to obey a stop sign and yield the right of way. She stated that she did not see Montanez's vehicle. Anaya Bailon had possible injuries (complaint of pain) and was transported by Crawford County Ambulance to Crawford County Memorial Hospital. Each vehicle received \$10,000 damage, were considered totaled and had to be towed away.

**January 6, 5:12 p.m.:** Denisse Guadalupe Garcia Gastelum, 27, of Denison, was driving a silver 2006 Honda Accord LX and was attempting to travel west on Highway 30. She lost control of her vehicle due to the slick road conditions and it went into the north ditch off the Highway 30 westbound ramp. No injuries were reported. Her vehicle received \$1,000 damage to the front middle.

**January 6, 5:42 p.m.:** Michael Lynn Ranniger, 42, of Stillwater, Minnesota, was driving a red 2003 Ford F150 pickup eastbound in the 900 block of Highway 141. He lost control of his vehicle; it crossed the center line and went into the north ditch on its side. The road conditions were icy. Ranniger was uninjured. The pickup received \$5,000 damage and was towed.

**January 6, 6:35 p.m.:** Reggie R. Kock, 33, of Bennington, Nebraska, was driving a white 2021 Chrysler Pacifica van westbound on G Avenue, a Level B road in the county. It was snowing and the roadway was extremely slick. Kock was driving down a curved hill; his vehicle began to slide and struck the north embankment. A juvenile in the back seat received a contusion on his head from the accident. The injury was listed as minor, and treatment was refused at the scene. The driver, who is the child's father, took his son to the hospital to be checked out. The vehicle received \$5,000 damage and could be driven.

**January 7, 3:20 a.m.:** It was noticed by Denison Police Department officers that the stop sign at North 20th Street and 8th Avenue North had been struck and knocked down. Tire tracks in the snow showed that a vehicle went off the road while attempting to negotiate a left turn from North 20th Street onto 8th Avenue North, then returned to the road a short way down 8th Avenue North. The road was very slick due to ice at the time, but no accident was reported by the driver or any witnesses. Denison Public Works was notified, and the workers set up a temporary stop sign until the permanent one could be replaced.

**January 8, 6:02 p.m.:** Rony Baltazar Reynosa Aquino, 26, of Schleswig, was driving a blue 2003 Honda CR-V on Highway 59 near intersection with Highway 141 north of Denison when the vehicle slid off the road due to ice and snow conditions. No damage was done, and no injuries were reported.

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# LAND TRANSACTIONS

December 29-January 4, 2024

### Warranty Deeds

- Zelda C. Inman Irrevocable Trust, Linda Virgin and Andrea Lane, Trustees to Paul John Assman and Jody Lynn Assman: NE1/4 SW1/4 Section 32, Milford Township; SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 32, Milford Township; SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 32, Milford Township; NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 32, Milford Township; \$1,258,765.
- Thomas A. Domek and Amy Stern-Domek to Todd Jepsen and Tara Jepsen: SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 15, Soldier Township; \$4,500.
- Alan Ted Wickersham and Michelle A. Wickersham to Brian L. Wickersham: Lot 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 162-1/2, City of Denison; Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block 168, City of Denison.
- James L. Halbur to Gary E. Odendahl Trust and Karen L. Odendahl Trust: SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 23, Hayes Township; SE1/4 Section 23, Hayes Township; \$1.00.
- Alfredo Jose Valle Gonzalez and Beatriz Gonzales to N&J Farms LLC: SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 34, Milford Township; \$160,000.
- James L. Halbur to Justin John Heiman and Caitlynn Rose Heiman: SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 23, Hayes Township; SE1/4 Section 23, Hayes Township; \$1.00.
- Next Generation Properties of Nebraska LLC and Next Generation of Properties of Iowa LLC to Hospital Foundation of Crawford County: SE1/4 Section 3, Denison Township; \$290,000.

### Contract

- Gary B. Quandt to James Jepsen and Angel R. Jepsen: Lot 4, Valley View Addition, City of Denison; \$180,000.

### State Tax Lien

- Iowa Department of Revenue against Joshua L. Rosburg: \$43,810.75.

### Quit Claim Deeds

- Thomas J. McCord and Elaine M. McCord to Thomas J. McCord and Elaine M. McCord Revocable Trust, Thomas J. McCord and Elaine M. McCord, Trustees: NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 30, Boyer Township; SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 19, Boyer Township.
- William J. Heiden, Jerome K. Heiden, Jean L. Heiden, Jay C. Heiden, Kimberly Heiden, Patricia A. Heiden, John G. Heiden, and Shauna Heiden to Heiden Farms LLC: W1/2 SW1/4 Section 17, East Boyer Township.
- William J. Heiden to Heiden Farms LLC: N1/2 NW1/4 Section 19, East Boyer Township; NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 19, East Boyer Township; NE1/4 Section 20, East Boyer Township; N1/2 SE1/4 Section 20, East Boyer Township; E1/2 SE1/4 Section 18, East Boyer Township; SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 18, East Boyer Township.
- Donald James Watje to Donald James Watje Revocable Trust, Donald James Watje, Trustee: W1/2 SE1/4 Section 8, Washington Township; SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 8, Washington Township; W1/2 SW1/4 Section 16, Washington Township; E1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 17, Washington Township; NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 17, Otter Creek Township; NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 29, Washington Township; NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 29, Washington Township; E1/2 NW1/4 Section 29, Washington Township; Lot 6, Block 2, City of Buck Grove.
- Auto Sales San Juan LLC to Denison 258 LLC: Lot 5 and Lot 6, Block 41, City of Denison; Lot 6, Block 16, City of Denison.

## A nice, clean bar that feels like home

COCKTAILS, FROM PAGE 1

bartending and working at restaurants. "I've been doing this for a really long time, so there wasn't much training involved," she said.

Becca Mae didn't do any remodeling of the bar, which already has a very modern and new appearance.

"I did a lot of painting, a lot of decorating," she said.

The bar had a soft opening on New Year's Eve.

"I didn't say much beforehand because I didn't know what my timeframe was going to be. I didn't want to rush myself, so I just flipped the lights on one day and it's worked out," Becca Mae said. "It's been a really good week. I think word of mouth was a huge deal."

At present, Becca Mae's is open every day from 4 p.m. to whenever closing happens to be.

"It's whenever everybody leaves," she said. "If there are people here, I'm going to serve them."

Patrons of Tiney's Steakhouse, just around the corner on Main Street, often find their way to Becca Mae's later in the evening.

"They close around 10 (p.m.), so I've been getting a lot of business from

there," Becca Mae said.

She prefers to leave the restaurant business to Tiney's and concentrate on her bar.

"I don't want to be a restaurant. I'm not going to just do the same thing," she said. "I want it to be a cocktail bar – that was the main idea."

In the coming weekend or the next, she plans to open earlier on Saturdays and Sundays for football games.

Becca Mae isn't looking to hire any additional help, at present.

"I have a couple girls that are going to come help me out, but for now I'm just doing it all on my own," she said. "I'm seeing what I could afford to pay and what kind of hours I'm going to have."

She said the bar is turning out to be what she hoped it could be.

"I love it – I'm glad I did it," Becca Mae said. "I was very, very nervous at first, but I'm kind of getting the hang of things, now. It's kind of nice to have something that's your own. No one can tell me what to do, but I still have to be accountable."

She said she likes to move around a lot, but right now she feels that Becca Mae's is where she wants to be, and she hopes others will feel the same about the bar.

"I've worked at a lot of dive bars and this is a very nice, clean bar, and I want it to feel like home," Becca Mae said.

"Come check it out."



PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDT



## COURTHOUSE NEWS

December 29-January 4, 2024

### NON-SCHEDULED TRAFFIC FINES

- Erik Yoshua De La Cruz Garcia, Denison, DUS- driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked, \$359.00.

### SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

- Marlyn Mendoza, Bellevue, NE, no valid driver's license, \$503.30.
- Raquel Lindsey Wessel, Denison, dark window or windshield, \$135.50.
- Buit Moo, Omaha, NE, failure to use child restraint device, \$210.25.
- Jon Robin Zenk, Denison, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.
- John Edward Keim, Des Moines, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.
- Yasmin Baez Rodriguez, Denison, violation of instruction permit limitation, \$135.50.
- Rosario Ana Velazquez, Schleswig, failure to prove proof of financial liability, \$428.75.
- Adonay Nicolas Arellano, Denison, careless driving, \$112.50.
- Erik Yoshua De La Cruz Garcia, Denison, failure to prove security against liability, accident, \$630.00.
- Xavi Alonzo Fonceca, Denison, failure to prove security against liability, non-accident, \$342.50.
- Katelyn Lea Janett, Vail, operating non-registered vehicle, \$175.75.
- Omar Campa, Denison, unsafe backing on highway, \$210.25.

### SPEEDING (6-10 MPH OVER)

- Rodney Isaiah Hughes T. Fleshman, Denison, \$118.25.
- Azael Jose Cruz Rogue, Early, \$118.25.
- Salvador Ornelas, Denison, \$118.25.
- Lauren Elizabeth Schwade, Denison, \$118.25.
- Jolene Marie Melby, Castana, \$118.25.

### SPEEDING (1-5 MPH OVER)

- Melissa Mae Teeters, Carroll, \$89.50.
- Carrie L. Meggers, Dow City, \$89.50.
- Martha Paz Niles, Denison, \$89.50.
- Nicholas Joseph Bierl, Arcadia, \$89.50.
- Eldikar Ismaili Gonzalez Diaz, Denison, \$89.50.

### SMALL CLAIMS

- Against: Zuleima Marlen Licona Zamora, Denison. In favor of: Midland Credit Management Inc. Amount: \$796.49 plus \$95 costs.
- Against: Julie Colleen Miller, Manilla. In favor of: LVNV Funding LLC. Amount: \$819.51 plus \$95 costs.
- Against: Maricizabeth Perez Barajas, Denison. In favor of: Midland Credit Management Inc. Amount: \$6,206.58 plus \$95 costs.
- Against: Kay Mathy Lovan, Denison. In favor of: Midland Credit Management Inc. Amount: \$2,643.09 plus \$95 costs.

## Hunger Fighters drive-through food distribution is January 16

The Crawford County Hunger Fighters food distribution is planned for Tuesday, January 16, at the United Presbyterian Church, 205 North 24th Street in Denison. Drive-through pickup will be from 3 to 5 p.m.

Families in need of food assistance will verify their income level eligibility with the TEFAP form which is completed once every year. Forms may be picked up in advance at the bench

in front of the Presbyterian Church or filled out that day.

Proxy consent forms used for picking up another person's food will not need to be renewed unless there are changes. People are asked to abide by the policy of one allotment of food per household.

Monetary donations made to Crawford County Hunger Fighters may be dropped off at V & H Tire, The Hoffman Agency, or Our Savior Lutheran Church.

KDSN radio will announce any weather-related cancellations.

Those who would like to volunteer to help at the drive-through food distribution can call the Presbyterian Church office at 712-263-4130.

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## Four added to DHS Distinguished Alumni gallery

BY GORDON WOLF

Four pictures were added to the Denison High School Distinguished Alumni gallery in the Fine Arts Center lobby in December.

The photos of Gordon Locke, Dr. James Christensen, Bernie Saggau and Brandon Scherff joined those of Clarence D. Chamberlin, Donna (Mullenger) Reed and Dr. James Hanson, which were the first three photos to be displayed in the gallery.

The Denison High School Distinguished Alumni gallery is a project of the Denison Alumni Association. The criteria to be included in the gallery is to be a Denison High School graduate who is known nationwide in a positive light.

**Gordon Locke**, 1898-1969, a 1917 graduate, was a two-time all-American football player from the University of Iowa. He was inducted into the Iowa Sports Hall of Fame in 1958 and the College Football Hall of Fame in 1960. In 1989, University of Iowa fans selected an all-time Hawkeyes football team for the 100th anniversary celebration of Iowa football; Locke was selected to the defensive backfield. Additionally, in 1999, Sports Illustrated selected Locke as the 20th greatest sports figure in the history of Iowa.

According to the information from the University of Iowa Sports Hall of Fame, Locke was a second team all-American selection in 1921 and a consensus first team all-American selection in 1922. He was a first team all-Big Ten fullback in 1921 and 1922, set a Big Ten scoring record in 1922, was awarded a conference medal for excellence in scholarship and athletics in 1923, was captain of the 1922 football team, was a member of the undefeated conference championship teams in 1921 and 1922, and was member of the National Football Hall of Fame and Helms Foundation Hall of Fame.

According to his obituary published in the Denison Bulletin, Locke went on to become an attorney and practiced law in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1926-1939. In 1939 he moved to Washington, D.C. where he served as attorney in the Interstate Commerce Commission's (ICC) bureau of motor carriers; he became assistant chief counsel for the ICC in 1943.

Locke was enlisted in the Marine Corps during World War I and was an Army Air Corps major in the African theater during World War II.

**Dr. James Christensen**, 1937-2016, a 1955 graduate, was president and host of "The Heaven & Home Hour" for 38 years. The program is a Christian-



centered radio show that is broadcast daily on WGS radio.

He served on the board of the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) from 1987 through 2004 and was the president of the Western Chapter of NRB.

According to his obituary, he was primarily raised by his grandparents on a farm in Denison.

He lettered in multiple sports, including baseball, and played minor league baseball for the Red Sox.

He lived in La Crescenta, California, for 25 years where he was a radio minister and acting interim pastor for a number of churches and a senior pastor at San Gabriel Union Church.

He earned the following degrees: bachelor of arts from the University of La Verne, California; Bachelor of Arts in Ministry from Berean Christian College and Seminary; Master of Arts from Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary; Doctor of Divinity from Berean Christian College and Seminary; Doctor of Ministry from California Graduate School of Theology; Doctor of Philosophy California Graduate School of Theology; teacher's diploma from Evangelical Teacher Training Association; and Fellow at California Graduate School of Theology.

Christensen was also an honorary member and chaplain for the 8th Armored Division, liaison to graduate students at Talbot Theological Seminary and guest speaker at many camps and evangelical events and schools. He taught young men seeking to become ministers in Singapore for the Asia Evangelistic Fellowship and led tours to the Holy Land and visited more than 35 countries around the world.

**Bernie Saggau**, born in 1928, a 1946 graduate, served as executive secretary of the Iowa High School Athletic Association for 38 years.

His narrative on the Distinguished Alumni gallery says, "His impact on the landscape of Iowa high school activities is far reaching: establishing a football playoff system and basketball classification, fostering the nation's largest state wrestling and track meets, opening doors for soccer programs, and

creating the Iowa Hall of Pride.

The Iowa Hall of Pride transitioned to a digital format in 2022 with the launch of the IHSAA online program, Achieve.

Saggau was inducted into the Officials Hall of Fame in 1977.

His biography on his speaker's web page lists the following jobs and honors: high school and college basketball and football referee for more than 30 years, past president of the National Federation of State High School Associations, chairperson for the National Basketball Rules Committee for eight years, served on the Football Rules Committee for 25 years, was appointed to the United States Olympic House of Delegates Committee, recipient of the National High School Coaches Distinguished Award, and recipient of the Award of Merit from the National High School Athletic Directors Association.

In 1989 the IHSAA established The Bernie Saggau Award, which honors an outstanding citizen athlete in every one of the high schools in Iowa.

In 2016 he was named as the 222nd member of the Des Moines Sunday Register's Iowa Sports Hall of Fame.

He served as the supervisor of Big Eight basketball officials for seven years, beginning in 1982. Before that he was a Big Eight basketball official for 17 years.

**Brandon Scherff**, born 1991, a 2010 graduate, is an offensive guard for the National Football League Jacksonville Jaguars after playing for the Washington Redskins (now Washington Commanders) for seven seasons from 2015 to 2021. He was drafted by Washington as the fifth pick in the first round of the 2015 NFL draft.

He was named All-Pro by the Associate Press in 2020.

Scherff was named to the Pro Bowl in 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

In 2021 he was named to the NFL's list of the top 100 players.

Scherff played football at the University of Iowa. He was redshirted in 2010 and played from 2011 to 2014.

According to his bio on the University of Iowa Hawkeyes web page, Scherff started all 26 games in his final two seasons at left tackle and had 36

career starts. He started the first seven games of the 2012 season before an injury prevented him from playing in the remainder of the season's games. He was one of five seniors named to the 2014 Leadership Group and was a member of the Leadership Group for four consecutive years.

In 2014 he won the Outland Trophy, was a unanimous consensus all-America, was named the Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year in the Big Ten Conference and was a first team all-America selection by the American Football Coaches Association, Associated Press, Walter Camp Foundation, and a number of other media organizations. He was named first team All-Big Ten for the second straight season and was one of 12 semifinalists for the 2014 Rotary Lombardi Award.

**Previous Distinguished Alumni honorees**

**Clarence D. Chamberlin**, 1895-1976, 1912 graduate, was an American aviation pioneer. He was the second man to pilot a fixed-wing aircraft across the Atlantic Ocean. He was joined on the flight by the first transcontinental passenger.

**Donna (Mullenger) Reed**, 1921-1986, 1938 graduate, was an American film and television actress and producer. Her career spanned more than 40 years, with performances in more than 40 films. She is well known for her role as Mary Hatch Bailey in Frank Capra's 1946 film *It's a Wonderful Life*. In 1953 she received the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her performance in the war drama *From Here to Eternity*. She starred in *The Donna Reed Show* on television from 1958-1966.

**Dr. James Hanson**, born in 1941, a 1959 graduate, is best known for his research in climatology. From 1981-2013 he was the head of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York City, a part of the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. As of 2014, Hansen directs the Program on Climate Science Awareness and Solutions at Columbia University's Earth Institute.

## Political parties set to caucus on Monday

BY GORDON WOLF

The Democratic and Republican parties are set to caucus this Monday, January 15.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties in Crawford County will caucus at Denison High School beginning at 7 p.m.

People are advised to arrive early to be checked in by 7 p.m.

At the Republican Party caucuses,

participants express their preference for the presidential nominee, elect delegates to the county convention and conduct other party business.

The Democratic caucuses have changed in format since 2020. It now consists of two parts – a mail-in expression of a presidential preference and the in-person caucuses on Monday.

For the mail-in preference, Iowa Democrats must request a presidential preference card by going to the Iowa Democratic Party website <http://iowademocrats.org>. The last day to

request a preference card is February 19. Results of the mail-in presidential preference will be released on March 5.

At the in-person caucus on Monday, Democrats will elect unbound delegates and alternate delegates to county conventions, elect county central committee members and discuss platform resolutions that can be shared at county conventions.

Only registered Iowa Democrats who are eligible to vote in the November 5 election may participate in the Democratic caucus. Iowans must be registered as a Democrat by February

19, 2024.

To take part in the Republican caucus, a person has to be a registered Republican voter in Iowa. If a person is not already registered, they can do that in-person at the caucus site. People need to bring a valid form of ID on caucus night. A valid form of identification and proof of address is required to register to vote.

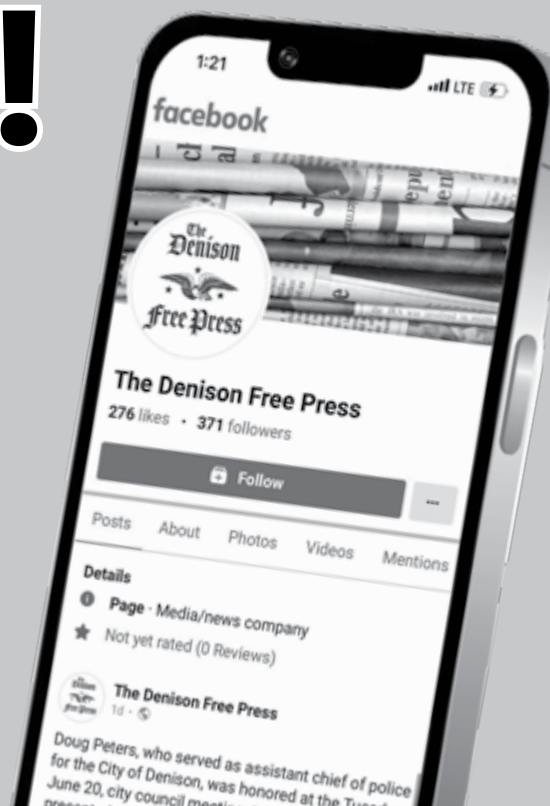
For more about the caucuses, go to the Iowa Republican Party website [www.iowagop.org/2024caucus](http://www.iowagop.org/2024caucus) or the Iowa Democratic website <https://iowademocrats.org/caucus/>.

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# Monarchs

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS BASKETBALL

### Monarchs lead Creston at all stops in home basketball game

The Monarch boys topped Creston 65-46 in a home conference game on Friday.

The win put Denison-Schleswig's record at 4-5 overall and 4-1 in conference play.

The Monarchs outscored Creston in each quarter, leading 17-11 after one period, 35-25 at the half and 51-39 after three periods.

Head Coach Derek Fink said the Monarchs got off to a good start on offense but were a little rusty on defense.

Both teams got into foul trouble in the first half, and the game became a free throw shooting contest for a while.

Fink said the Monarchs settled in defensively in the second half, and got consecutive stops, which led to transition points.

Luke Wiebers led the Monarchs and all scorers with 22 points. Jake Fink and Gage Head each added 11 points and Lance Arkfeld scored nine.

Other scorers were Blaine Grady (5), Kole Towne (4) and Easton Emery (3).

In J.V. action, the Monarchs fell to Creston 43-36. Camdyn Nemitz led the team in scoring with nine points.



Luke Wiebers goes for the steal against Creston.



Jake Fink drives to the hoop in a Monarch win against Creston on Friday.

PHOTOS BY RHONDA RAUCH

### Monarch girls top Creston, MVAOCOU in week's action

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch girls came through with a big third quarter to top Creston 55-42 on Friday.

The win put the team's record at 6-4 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

Creston led 15-13 after the first quarter and 27-22 at the half. Then the Monarchs outscored Creston 21-10 in the third quarter to take a 43-37 lead and capped off the win with a 12-5 margin in the final period.

Kiana Schulz and Whitlee Auen each scored 20 points. Schulz added five rebounds, four assists and seven steals. Auen had seven rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Following are the stats for the other players.

Addison Inman: 5 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals

Samantha Chandler: 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal

Kamden Bruhn: 1 rebound

Claire Leinen: 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 2 steals

Mayah Slater: 5 points, six rebounds, 3 steals, 3 blocked shots

Gaby Cardenas: 3 points, 4 rebounds

In J.V. action, the Monarch girls topped Creston 47-22. Kamden Bruhn led the team in scoring with 11 points.

On Saturday, the Denison-Schleswig Monarch girls outscored MVAOCOU 14-6 in the fourth quarter to secure a 60-50 win in a home non-conference basketball game.

The Monarchs trailed 13-9 after the first quarter and gained a two-point lead at the half, 28-26. The Monarch girls maintained the two-point lead after both teams scored 18 points in the third quarter.

Kiana Schulz paced the Monarchs



Mayah Slater grabs an offensive rebound in the Monarchs' win over Creston on Friday.

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Sam Chandler plays straight up defense down in the post against Creston.

in scoring with 19 points. She grabbed 12 rebounds, had one assist, two steals and one blocked shot.

Whitlee Auen added 16 points, along with eight rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Following are the stats for the

other players.

Quinlan Bygness: 1 rebound

Addison Inman: 6 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals

Samantha Chandler: 9 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals

Claire Leinen: 3 rebounds, 4 assists

Mayah Slater: 7 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 blocked shot

Gaby Cardenas: 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal

In the J.V. game, Denison-Schleswig topped MVAOCOU 38-22. Kamden Bruhn led the team in scoring with 14.



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# Sports

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS WRESTLING

### Monarch girls fourth at Lo-Ma wrestling tournament

The Monarch girls scored 116 points and placed fourth at the Lo-Ma wrestling tournament on January 6. Coach Jacob Brawner said the team

had a tough quarterfinal round with only one match won, but seven of the 11 Monarchs were able to battle through the backside of the bracket and wrestle for a chance at fifth place.

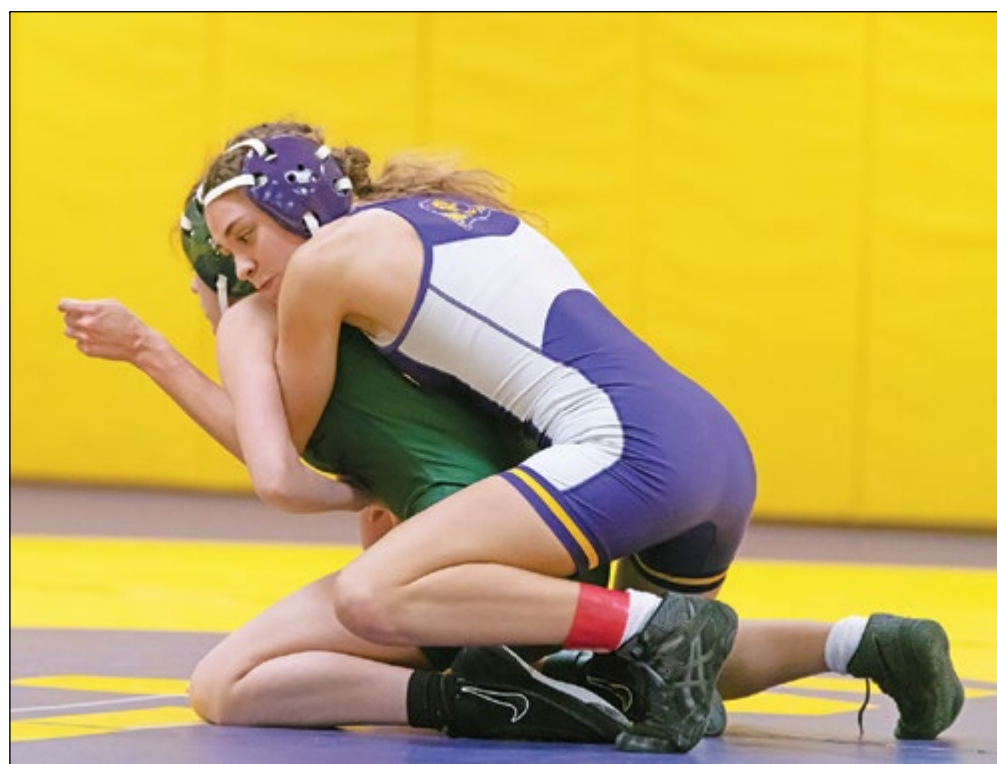
Five of the seven girls - Alexa Tremblay, Taya Adams, Angie Rivera, Giana Garcia, and Taylor Totten - all placed fifth in their weight classes, the highest place they could get after losing

in the quarter finals.

"The fourth-place team finish was a bit surprising, with Andrea Alcaraz being our highest individual placer at fourth," said Brawner. "We never really talk about team scores throughout the day but when we looked up at the end,

we were sitting in fourth. We'll certainly take it and it's a testament to our girls' relentlessness and mindsets."

Other Monarch wrestlers that placed are Grace Collins, 6th; Kassandra Barroso, 6th; Addison Ransom, 7th; and Ana Castillo, 8th.



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Alexa Tremblay makes a move on her opponent to bring her to the mat in the Lo-Ma tournament at Logan. Tremblay placed fifth in her weight class.



Andrea Alcaraz tries to get the upper hand on her opponent. She placed fourth in her weight class at the Lo-Ma tournament.

### Four Monarch boys place in highly competitive wrestling tournament

Nick Bradley, the head coach for the Denison-Schleswig boys' wrestling team, said Atlantic's annual Rollin Dyer Tournament has always been tough and that it was even more competitive this year (on January 6) with 19 teams and numerous ranked wrestlers who qualified for the state tournament in the past.

He said it was a huge improvement

that four of the 10 Monarchs that wrestled placed at the tournament, as the Monarchs didn't have anyone who placed last year.

Jackson Graeve placed 7th in the 126-pound division, and Joel Murillo (190 pounds), Luis Chan (215 pounds) and Garret Plagge (285 pounds) all placed sixth.

Bradley added that a few Monarchs

just missed the cut for placing.

The team is a young group this year but is making tremendous growth, and he believes the Monarchs will be extremely competitive in the next few years, he said.

The six other Monarchs that wrestled in the tournament are Trae Hartwig (113 pounds), Jayden Bradley (120 pounds), Fransisco Escalante (144 pounds), James Lemon (150 pounds) Javier Medina (157 pounds), and Ismael Alfaro (175 pounds).

The Monarchs scored 50 points in

the tournament and placed 14th.

In other action within the last week, on January 4, the Monarch boys in Atlantic against Harlan Community and Atlantic.

Highlights from the matchups came from James Lemon and Jackson Graeve.

Lemon battled through two tough matches and came out with two victories; both wins by fall.

Graeve matched up against two tough opponents and went 1-1. His one victory came in a win by fall against a Harlan wrestler.

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS BOWLING

### D-S boys' bowling team battles Abraham Lincoln and St. Albert

The Monarch boys' varsity bowling team lost its triangular match against Abraham Lincoln and St. Albert on January 4.

High games from the varsity team

include Ethan Totten with 250, Blaine Brodsky with 198, Jackson Steinkuehler with 197, Jake Fink with 196, and Grant Fink with 192.

Ethan Totten had the high series of

462 with games of 212 and 250.

They finished the first round with a total of 1886.

The varsity boys were in third going into bakers. Their first three baker games were 179, 226, and 210. They were able to close the gap with Abraham Lincoln to only a 56-pin difference. However, the boys

struggled in their fourth game and threw a 145. They tried to make up the pins they lost and threw a final game of 236.

The boys ended up placing third with a score of 2882. St. Albert placed first with a score of 3107 and Abraham Lincoln placed second with a score of 2944.



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## Hortense Pautsch created a museum of historic artifacts on her farm near Arion

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rural school and the original Dow City Jail were moved to the park in 1990 following an effort by the community club and local residents to raise funds for the purchase of the historic artifacts.

Dustin Durbin, president of the Dow City Community Club, said the City of Dow City recently told the community club that the club owns the items and is responsible for their upkeep.

The issue came up when an individual presented a fairly substantial bill for maintenance work to the city.

"It came up that it's not really the city's responsibility to pay for the upkeep and insurance," Durbin said. "At the community club, we did our roof project (on the Community Club Building) and that really took a lot of our funds, so when it comes to asking how much we can give or donate, we really don't have the funds to do that."

Upkeep of the park display will take a significant amount of funds going forward, he said.

The community club doesn't receive any funds from the park display and no tours of the display have been conducted for many years, Durbin said.

On a Facebook post about the issue, several individuals suggested the park display items could be moved to the Dow House area in Dow City.

Vail archaeologist Christy Rickers said the Dow House is on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and that placement of unrelated structures there would compromise its integrity because they do not fit within the historic narrative that qualifies the Dow House for the NRHP. She said placing several historically-unrelated buildings by the Dow House would turn it into a "building zoo," which is undesirable.

"We want to save them and keep them in Dow City," Durbin said. "We need a group willing to keep up with the needs of the buildings and maybe

even get back to showing tours."

According to stories printed in the Denison Bulletin and Review between 1970 and 1990, the cabooses, jail building and schoolhouse were originally the property of elementary school teacher Hortense Pautsch, who displayed them for the public to see on her farm south of Arion.

She purchased the 1909 Rock Island Railroad cabooses, called "Peek-a-Boose," in 1970.

In 1979, she purchased the schoolhouse, which had been located in Battle Creek.

She added the jail, which was Dow City's original jail, to her collection in 1980.

Pautsch and others spent many hours restoring the artifacts.

Among other items, she displayed a fire truck and a recreation of an old country store on her farm.

Hundreds of people, including many schoolchildren, visited her exhibits over the years.

Pautsch died in 1989 at age 81.

The Dow City Community Club and residents made an effort to purchase some of the larger items from her farm at the estate auction that September.

The club purchased the three large items along with desks and the school's bell.

The Crawford County Secondary Road staff helped move the cabooses to Dow City.

Earlier this week, a farm family offered to take the park exhibit items.

Durbin said that offer would be discussed at a January 29 meeting at Two Doors Down in Dow City.

Connie Garrett, a Dow City council member, will be the city liaison at the meeting, which will be for anyone interested in the future of the park display items.

Garrett has stated that the items may remain on the park property, but the city would like to see a committee or group formed to take on providing insurance and upkeep of the property, Durbin said.



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This 1909 Rock Island Railroad caboose was purchased by Hortense Pautsch in 1970 and was originally located on her farm near Arion.



Pautsch purchased this schoolhouse, which was located near Battle Creek, in 1979.



The original Dow City Jail was added to Hortense Pautsch's exhibit in 1980.

## Lefebvre begins practice at CCMH Medical Clinic

The Board of Trustees of Crawford County Memorial Hospital announced that Kylee LeFebvre, RN, MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), will begin her practice at CCMH Medical Clinic on January 15.

"I'm really looking forward to offering health care services to the people of Crawford County and surrounding areas," LeFebvre said. "As the delivery of services continues to change, I'm pleased to be able to offer the one-on-one, personal relationship that patients expect from their medical provider. I want to be a partner with my patients for their improved health."

LeFebvre received her Family Nurse Practitioner designation from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City. Previously, she had received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) from Briar Cliff University as well.

LeFebvre has 12 years of nursing experience including emergency medicine, medical-surgical, process improvement, leadership, and vascular



specialty.

LeFebvre previously served in various roles on the CCMH nursing staff from 2012-2018. She intends to see patients of all ages and genders. Patients can call the CCMH Medical Clinic at 712-265-2700 to schedule appointments. People can also go online at [www.ccmhia.com](http://www.ccmhia.com) to request an appointment. Office hours for LeFebvre will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Drive-through window burglar arrested in Denison

The Denison Police Department announced on Wednesday that it charged a suspect in connection with the burglary of three businesses in the community.

On November 4, One Stop Shop at 306 North 7th Street reported that its drive-through window had been broken out. Surveillance video shows a suspect entering through the broken window, damaging and taking a cash register with money in it, and taking vape cartridges from the counter area.

On November 11, Beer Thirty at 923 4th Avenue South reported that its drive-through window had been broken out. Surveillance video shows a suspect entering through the broken window, damaging and taking a cash register with money in it, and taking vape cartridges from the counter area.

On December 30, El Michoacano at 924 4th Avenue South reported that its drive-through window had been broken out. Surveillance video shows a suspect entering the business through the broken window; he took

the cash that was in the register, threw two registers out of the drive-through window and began to walk through the business, entering the office area. It is believed he was looking for other items of value.

During the investigation, it was observed that the same subject had entered the businesses wearing a very distinct backpack, a dark colored jacket, gloves, and a specific shoe type. This subject would arrive at the business, walk around the buildings to verify no one was around and would hide in the shadows if a vehicle approached.

On January 9, a suspect was identified, and a warrant search was conducted at his residence. During this search, items matching what investigators were looking for were located and seized.

The suspect, identified as John Tartiso Ayoub, of Denison, was arrested and charged with three counts of burglary in the 3rd degree.

Suspects are presumed to be innocent until they are proven guilty.



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*In Remembrance*



**Marilyn M. Kuehl**  
October 2, 1929 - January 1, 2024

Marilyn M. Kuehl was born on October 2nd, 1929 at her home in Crawford County, Iowa. She was the daughter of Herman and Marie (Kuhlmann) Schultz. She was baptized at St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak and attended St. John Lutheran School. On October 15, 1950, Marilyn was united in marriage to Norman Kuehl and from this union, they were blessed with two children. The family made their home in Charter Oak and later moved to Denison. In her professional journey, Marilyn shared her skills and dedication with various organizations. She worked for Worldwide Meats for six years, then contributed six years of service to Dialock, Best Western Motel for six years and then she spent eleven fulfilling years at Eventide Lutheran Home where she selflessly cared for others. Throughout her life, Marilyn's greatest joy came from spending time with her family. She adored her children and grandchildren and treasured the moments they shared together. Her warm smile and caring nature touched the lives of countless friends and relatives. Her legacy will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to have her in their lives. Marilyn passed away peacefully on Monday, January 1, 2024 at Gracewell - Eventide Lutheran Home, attaining the age of 94 years, 2 months, and 30 days. In addition to her parents, Herman and Marie Schultz, she was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Kuehl; sisters; Marcella Harbaugh, and Vernet Wessel; and brother, Charles Schultz. She is survived by her son, Wayne Kuehl and his wife Cecelia of Mill Creek, Washington; daughter, Janet and her husband James Bielfeldt of Arion; granddaughters: Lera and Maria; great grandchildren: Mariana, Abel, and Axel; sister, Ruth Reincke of Denison; and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral Services were held 10:30 AM, Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison, Iowa. Rev. Chad Trunkhill officiated the service with interment in Crawford Heights Memory Gardens in Denison. Recorded musical selections included "Amazing Grace" and "I'm But a Stranger Here." Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



**Elaine E. Friedrichsen**  
December 9, 1929 - January 3, 2024

Elaine E. Friedrichsen was born on December 9, 1929, the daughter of Carl and Frieda (Kuester) Jeschke, on the family farm between Ute and Ricketts. She was baptized on December 29, 1929 and later confirmed her faith on April 2, 1944. Elaine graduated from the Mapleton High School with the Class of 1948. After completing her education, she worked for a grocery store and also spent a few years as a hired hand before devoting herself fully to her role as a wife and mother. On July 31, 1949, Elaine was married to the love of her life, Freddie Friedrichsen at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig where they remained longtime members. They made their home in Schleswig where they raised four children: David, Inez, Nancy and Andrew. Together, they built a strong foundation based on love, respect, and shared values. Soon after Freddie passed away, Elaine moved to Mapleton where she's lived for the last 16 years. Throughout her life, Elaine found great joy in pursuing various hobbies and interests. An avid reader of magazines, she also exhibited her literary skills by writing articles for farm publications. Additionally, Elaine enjoyed going dancing, sewing, gardening, and playing cards. She cherished the friendships she formed through pen pals and valued her time spent teaching Sunday School. Elaine's devotion to her family knew no bounds. She embraced the roles of a loving farmwife and nurturing mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother with unwavering dedication. Her unconditional love served as a source of strength for her family. Elaine passed away peacefully at the age of 94 years and 25 days on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at the Maple Heights Nursing Home in Mapleton. She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Frieda Jeschke; parents-in-law, Henry and Roma Friedrichsen; and her husband, Freddie Friedrichsen. Left to cherish her memory are her two sons: David Friedrichsen and his wife Jac of Schleswig, and Andrew Friedrichsen and his wife Sylvia of Mapleton; two daughters: Inez and her husband Craig Voss of Mapleton, and Nancy and her husband Steve Feauto of Oakland, Iowa; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson; sister, Betty Nielsen of Mapleton; sisters-in-law: Gaylene Steckelberg of Owatonna, Minnesota, and JoAnn and her husband Dennis Couch of Omaha, Nebraska; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral Services were held 10:30 A.M., Monday, January 8, 2024, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig, Iowa. Rev. Merle Mahnken officiated the service with interment in the Morgan Cemetery in Schleswig. Organist Marlene Hight provided accompaniment for congregational hymns "How Great Thou Art," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Lift High the Cross." Serving as pallbearers were Matt Friedrichsen, Tyler Friedrichsen, Travis Friedrichsen, Brandon Brink, Garet Friedrichsen and Chad Petersen. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Melissa Larson, Danita Wickens, Stacie Voss, Dani Hopkins, Kasey Lee, Gracie Friedrichsen and Allison Friedrichsen. Following the interment, the family invited everyone to return to the church for a time of fellowship and a lunch. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

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# Cordoned off

BY DAN MUNDT

The main entrance to the Donna Reed Theater and the entry door to the Donna Reed Museum were cordoned off last Friday after chunks of a decorative strip of limestone fell onto the sidewalk.

Denison Mayor Pam Soseman said the Donna Reed Foundation Board met with city representatives on Monday to discuss the issue.

"They have a firm coming in to look at the limestone and to fully restore the limestone that is crumbling on the theater building," Soseman said.

"Hopefully that will be this week, weather permitting."

The area in front of the theater doors and museum will remain blocked off until the repair is complete.

"The rest of the area with that limestone didn't seem to be affected, so our building inspector opted to leave the businesses open on each side of that building," she said.

Those businesses are the Bake Shop and Café, Crawford County Abstract, La Prensa Hispanic Newspaper and The Denison Free Press.

On Wednesday morning, a crew from Williams Construction, of Omaha, arrived to begin the repair process.



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Chunks of limestone fell to the sidewalk in front of the Donna Reed Theater on Friday of last week.



Representatives of the city and WESCO gathered at the theater and quickly cordoned off the area where more limestone seemed most likely to fall.



The area of damage is part of a decorative strip of limestone on the parapet of the theater building.



A crew from Williams Construction, of Omaha, began removing loose pieces of limestone on Wednesday morning.

# Snow days



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City crews were out in the dark early on Tuesday while snow was still falling to start the task of cleaning up snow from streets and parking lots. Early on Wednesday, the crews were back out to remove the long piles of snow from the streets.

