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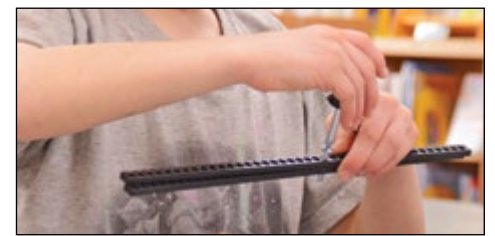
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New budget process gives taxpayers an early look at proposed rates

BY GORDON WOLF

Property taxpayers in Iowa will receive a new letter from their county auditors this budget season.

The letter will inform taxpayers of upcoming hearings on proposed property tax levies for the cities, schools and the county.

The letter will contain the following information.

- The date, time and location of the school, county and city public hearings where the proposed property taxation for the next fiscal year will be presented.

- The current property tax rate and current property tax revenue.

- The effective tax rate, which is a rate produced by holding current taxation levels constant while using the next fiscal year's taxable values.

This new process of sending out letters for the proposed property tax hearing is one of the changes brought about by House File 718, which was passed last year.

The county auditor's office will send out the letters to taxpayers by March 20. It will require a quick turnaround as the deadline is March 15 for the cities, schools and county to file their information with the Department of Management. For that reason, in a letter to each city and school district, the Crawford County Auditor's Office urged submitting information to the Department of Management by March 5. This would allow the auditor's office time to download and merge the data with taxpayer information in time for the March 20 mailing. A company, Mail Services, LLC, is assisting the auditor's office with the mailing.

The new proposed property tax notice hearings cannot be conducted until March 25.

No action will be taken at the proposed property tax notice hearings. Formal action would come at the final public hearings on the budgets in April.

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Presenting Matilda



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

The Denison Middle School Vocal Department presented the musical Matilda Jr. last week Thursday at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center. The musical tells the story of an extraordinary girl who is unappreciated by her parents. Matilda is sent to a school where she makes friends, but she and her friends must face the bullying of the headmistress, Agatha Trunchbull. In this picture, Agatha Trunchbull (Lauren Lambert) gives the students double-time exercises to break them. Matilda (Olivia Devore) is in the front left of the photo. See more photos inside.

Boyer Valley grad part of winning FCS team

Addie Wood's career goals inspired by parents

BY GORDON WOLF

Addie Wood, of Dow City, a 2021 graduate of Boyer Valley, is a member of a first-place, prize-winning team in a national video and digital poster contest designed to promote the value of family and consumer sciences (FCS) programs.

The contest was hosted by the National Partnership to Recruit, Prepare and Support FCS educators; it was facilitated by the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Association (FCSEA).

Another purpose of the public service announcement contest was to address the critical need for FCS educators.

Addie is on track to be one of those educators. The Wayne State College junior is majoring in FCS education. Once she graduates, she will have a middle school and high school FCS education degree and a work-based learning endorsement.

Addie has great mentors that influenced her to pursue her career. Her mother, Julie, is the FCS instructor at Denison High School, and her father, Chris, is the industrial technology and art teacher for the Charter Oak-Ute elementary and middle schools.

Both parents are Wayne State College graduates.

FCS, PAGE 3 Addie Wood



Rockin' the Fine Arts Center



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Billy McGuigan rocked the Fine Arts Center at Denison High School Tuesday night with his Pop Rock Orchestra. The concert was part of the Crawford County Arts series and was presented by Crawford County Arts and Broadway Dental.

Denison School Board proposes lower property tax levy

BY GORDON WOLF

After a presentation on Monday night, the Denison School Board is proposing an overall property tax levy that will be just more than 34 cents lower than the current year's levy.

The fiscal year 2024-2025 budget for Denison Community School District will go through two public hearings under a new state requirement.

The first one will take place at noon on March 25 in the district office. That budget presentation will cover only the property tax levies and will not address income tax surtaxes. It will show the following.

- The current overall property

SCHOOL BUDGET, PAGE 3

Denison FFA celebrates special week



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Denison FFA members • Front, from left: Ms. Dresen (Advisor), Jaxson Henningsen (Vice President), Brady Lutz (Secretary), John Graeve (President), Calli Korner (Student Advisor), Mylie Kaub (Treasurer), Kysa Neddermeyer (Reporter), Brittany Musgrave (Sentinel), Alex Von Tersch (Officer at Large), Ms. Tucker (Advisor) • Second row: Gavin Bral, Jett Paulsen, Michael Collins, James Lemon, Kiyea Krajicek, Skyler Hartwig, Jesse Carter, AJ Dammon, Eryn Wilson, Norah Huebert • Third row: Jayden Denker, Cole Kastner, Jackson Graeve, Brock Schneider, Sawyer Sonnichsen, Ryan Slechta, Brayden Adams, Josie Koenig, Dawson Stephens, Adilyn Herbert, Isabelle Westphalen • Fourth row: Owen Fink, Trae Hartwig, Lucas Schneider, Wrynn Auen, Marley Boettger, Malana Gillmor, Kinley Wiebers, Lylian Morgan, Gracen Plagge, Alisyn Ullrich, Brayton Johannsen, Lydia Hennings • Fifth row: Hunter Wilson, Zach Koch, Tyson Hennings, Stetson Kaub, Clayton Stoppel, Chase Braasch, Haley Lutz, Grace Collins, Ann Wessel, Alliah Hull • Sixth row: Morgan Wood, Holden Wessel, Derek Jepsen

Members of the Denison FFA have been celebrating National FFA Week, February 17-24.

They participated in the following dress-up days at school.

- Tuesday: Pajama Day
- Wednesday: Camo Day
- Thursday: America Day
- Friday: Flannel Day

Information from Sen. Chuck Grassley's Office says that there are 257 FFA chapters in Iowa composed of approximately 18,600 members. As of 2024, there are nearly 945,000 FFA members nationwide and 9,163 chapters spread across the country, making FFA the world's largest agricultural youth organization.

Earlier this week, Grassley applauded unanimous Senate passage of a resolution designating February 17 through February 24, 2024 as "National FFA Week," in recognition of Future Farmers of America (FFA) and its impact on American agriculture. Grassley advanced the effort alongside 54 bipartisan colleagues, including Sens. Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Chris Coons (D-Del.).

"National FFA Week is a meaningful week for members across our country as we celebrate an organization that is welcoming to all and crucial to

developing the next generation of leaders and those who will fill the ever-growing need in the talent pipeline," said National FFA Advisor Dr. Travis Park. "Not only is it an opportunity to share our message with a broader audience, but it's also an opportunity for our FFA chapters and members to celebrate agriculture and agricultural education while thanking their supporters - their local alumni and supporters chapters, agriculture teachers, or local businesses."

Denison chapter officers tell of FFA experiences

A number of officers with the Denison FFA chapter responded to two basic questions asked by The Denison Free Press - most memorable FFA experiences and how FFA has helped them grow.

Brittany Musgrave, Sentinel

• My most memorable experience in FFA is just getting to go to the different events our chapter participates in and seeing many different people. I love getting to go back and see the people we have already met plus meet new people. I love doing this because it is something I don't normally do. We get to meet people from all around Iowa and even the country with different ethnicities and backgrounds.

• FFA has helped me grow as a person because I have learned that there is more to agriculture than farming. I have learned many of the different aspects that are involved in agriculture and FFA. I have also grown as a person because I have been able to grow my social skills. I do this by talking to new people at our different events. Another way FFA has helped me grow as a person is by giving me leadership skills. I have learned how to help lead different people in many different situations.

Kysa Neddermeyer, Reporter

• My most memorable experiences in FFA would have to be driving all the way to National Convention (which is in Indianapolis). In that car ride I found out so many different things about the individuals who were in that car with me. Going to the National Convention was one of the best experiences I have ever had in FFA. I got to see many different buildings, landscapes, and I got to meet many different people all around the U.S. that enjoy the very same thing that I enjoy, which is FFA.

• Being in FFA has helped me grow individually in many ways. Doing the contests that the FFA organization offers taught me how to grow outside of my shell, and those contests helped

me become more confident in my own skin. FFA has taught me leadership and how to take action when necessary. It has taught me to be a very successful person and to never give up when you have a feeling to do so. Overall, FFA has changed my individual self in a positive way.

Mylie Kaub, Treasurer

• The competitions we participate in are what I remember most about FFA. We spend a lot of time and put lots of effort into these competitions, so entering, performing, and receiving an excellent score is really satisfying. My favorite aspect of these competitions isn't only meeting new people; it's also being placed in the top three. The state and national conventions are among my other favorites. These conventions have an incredibly uplifting atmosphere. It's an incredibly exciting experience that makes up for the sleep you lose throughout your three days there.

• I have benefited so much from FFA in numerous ways. I find it really easy to talk in front of people now that I have been in FFA. I feel more confident now as well. Your benefits from the FFA organization increase with your level of involvement. I have also made a ton of friends from throughout the nation as well as the state of Iowa because of it.

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FCS, FROM PAGE 1

Addie said her mom inspired her to pursue an FCS education degree.

"She was a big part of it. I've always cooked with her growing up. And as my dad is also a teacher, I just kind of knew that I wanted to be at a school and get to coach and be a teacher," she said.

"I really love cooking with my mom and baking with her and decided that was the field I wanted to go into," she added.

The purpose of the contest was to create an original video or digital poster to deliver information about the value and impact of family and consumer sciences education for individuals, schools, and/or communities. The contest was open to FCS students (middle, secondary, post-secondary, or graduate level) and FCS professionals, according to the FCSEA website.

The Wayne State PSA video was produced by the college's Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Professionals (AFCSP) club. AFCSP helps other students majoring in FCS to connect with each other and learn more about what FCS is. The group also gives students opportunities for expanding connections outside the college.

Other club members involved in the video production are Emma Kirk of Missouri Valley, Bridget Vaith of South Dakota, and Doe Carder, Reggie Lawson, Harleigh Claussen, Paige Nolan, Stacy Frisch and Evan Landauer, all of Nebraska.

Addie is one of the speakers in the video, which can be viewed at this link: <https://www.fcse.net/fcs-educator-day/psa-contest>.

Addie's part is about 28 seconds into the video. She is in the second group of students to speak, and her line is "to be a role model for any student." Spoken lines in the first part of the video answer the question "Why FCS?" Lines in the second part of the video answer the question "Why FCS Education?"

"The president of the AFCSP club brought the script to one of our meetings and said we could pick whatever we wanted to say or come up with our own saying," Addie explained.

"We were all really excited that we won first place," she added. "We talked about it in some of our FCS classes because our professor is also our advisor. We thought it was cool that we had won."

"We really enjoyed looking at other people's submissions," Addie continued. "It really inspired us seeing the little kids involved (in the videos) and the fact that they just really enjoy FCS and what they're learning."

First place also came with a \$500 prize, which will go to the club.

In the future, Addie plans to teach at a school close to home. She said she would prefer to teach FCS at a middle school but would be fine teaching FCS at the high school level as well.

DES third graders going "buggy" in musical

The Denison Elementary third graders will perform the musical "Bugz" on Tuesday, February 27, at 7 p.m. at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center.

Following is a synopsis of the musical.

There's going to be a picnic and everyone is pitching in. The Lady Bugs are in charge of proper etiquette, the Army Ants will handle security, the Fireflies are in charge of lighting, and entertainment will be provided by the Bumble Bees. It looks like everything is set! But what's this? The stinky bug wants to come too. Buzz on over to the country-style hoedown and help the critters rescue the party.

SCHOOL BUDGET, FROM PAGE 1

tax levy rate: \$12.26376; it generated \$5,924,688 in property taxes

• What the overall property tax levy would be if the dollars stayed the same as this year: \$11.08692

• The proposed overall property tax levy: \$11.91814; it would generate \$6,367,186 in property taxes

Business Manager Scott Larson said it has been about 20 years since Denison's property tax levy has been less than \$12 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The second public hearing, set for 5:30 p.m. on April 15, will present all aspects of the budget, including money raised through income surtax.

In compiling the budget, Larson used 2.5% as the anticipated increase in state supplemental assistance. That percent increase would add \$191 to the current per-student cost of \$7,635, making it \$7,826 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Larson pointed out that a 2.5% increase is what the governor is proposing but he believes the legislature has talked about a 3% increase.

The per-student cost is multiplied by this year's enrollment of 1,958.5 full-time equivalent students to generate \$15,327,221. That figure is \$143,580 less than the current year because enrollment dropped by 67.8 full-time equivalent students as of the certified enrollment count day in October.

Because of the decrease in enrollment and the low state supplementary assistance, the Denison Community School District proposes to use the budget guarantee for the next fiscal year.

The budget guarantee means that the district will receive at least 101% of the funding it received this year, resulting in nearly \$300,000, all raised through property tax.

Following are some other highlights of the budget as presented by Larson.

• The combined district cost plus the preschool is proposed to be \$23,255,291, up \$235,221 compared to the current year.

• Property valuations are up 10.78% district wide.

• The general fund levy is proposed to be \$9.73717. It is \$10.19916 this year.

• Through the Instructional Support Levy, districts can generate up to 10% of their combined district cost through property tax or income surtax or a combination of both. This year the income surtax rate is 3% and is generating \$309,161. It is proposed to be 6% and will raise \$640,474. The tax levy rate is \$1.14 and raised \$566,950. It is proposed to be 54 cents and would generate \$292,369.

• Last year the school district raised \$500,000 through a management fund levy of \$1.02. The management fund pays for early retirement, unemployment and property insurance. Larson said property insurance this year cost \$475,000. He anticipates it will increase again and asked the school board to consider \$650,000 in the management fund next year, raised through a tax levy of \$1.20.

• The board approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy is 33 cents every

year. This year it raised \$163,161. Next year it will raise \$178,525 due to the increase in property valuations.

• The debt service levy is 70 cents and generated \$348,857. It is proposed to be 64 cents and would raise \$348,082.

Larson said the numbers he presented could change slightly depending on what the state decides for the state supplemental assistance and if the Department of Management makes any adjustments.

Information provided by Denison Community School District Business Manager Scott Larson shows the general fund revenue sources and expenditures by object for fiscal year 2022-2023. He noted that the percentages listed don't change much year to year. The information is provided to show where the school receives its money and what it is spent on.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCES

- State aid: 51.56%
- Property taxes: 18.43%
- Other state sources: 14.50%
- Other local sources: 7.01%
- Federal programs, 6.21%
- Income surtax: 2.28%

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT

- Salaries: 62.6%
- Benefits: 18.0%
- Supplies: 7.3%
- Purchased services: 7.1%
- Other items (AEA): 3.8%
- Property: 1.2%

March 4 DHS band concert to feature ISU Wind Ensemble

On Monday, March 4, the Denison High School Instrumental Music program will present its annual March concert, featuring the 9-10 and 11-12 Concert Bands.

This year the music department will also welcome as special guests the Iowa State University Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Michael Golemo.

The 9-10 Concert Band, under the direction of Ryan Meyer, will begin the concert with a concert march, "The Pinnacle," followed by a programmatic piece entitled "Terracotta Warriors." They will close the 9-10 portion of the concert with an overture, "Spring River Fantasy."

The 11-12 Concert Band, under the direction of Ruben Newell, will perform a waltz by 20th century composer Dmitri Shostakovich, and a hymn based on "It Is Well With My Soul." Then, the lights will go out for the Daniel Bukvich piece, "Voodoo," which is performed in the dark.

Making the trip from Ames, Dr. Golemo and the Iowa State University Wind Ensemble will take the stage to finish the concert with a selection of music that will include a tango, music from the movie, "Silverado," and a classic march, conducted by Newell. The ISU Wind Ensemble will also feature Denison clarinetist, James Garcia (DHS Class of 2022).

"It's a very special treat for us to get to host the ISU Wind Ensemble," said Newell. "We are humbled and excited that they chose Denison to share a concert with this spring."

The Wind Ensemble is the top auditioned concert band at ISU and is one of the most respected concert bands in the Midwest, having performed in many venues around the nation as well as in parts of Europe. Dr. Golemo is completing his 25th year as Director of Bands at Iowa State, where he oversees a band program that includes multiple concert bands, jazz bands, pep bands, and the Iowa State University Cyclone "Varsity" Marching Band. The Wind Ensemble represents 60 of the best musicians among the over 700 current band members at ISU.

The concert on March 4 starts at 7 p.m. in the Denison High School Fine Arts Center, and admission is free.

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Pops concert at Denison High School Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 24, 2024

Your First Quilt Program at Norelius Community Library, 10 a.m. This program is for adults ages 19 and older. Class size is limited. Registration is required. Registration is available at <https://norelius-ia.whofi.com/calendar/event/5227320>.

Storytime Norelius Community Library, 10:00 a.m. Stories, songs and a special activity at the end of each story time. Each story time session lasts approximately 30 minutes including playtime. Storytime is for children ages 0-5.

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Manilla American Legion Auxiliary, Soup Lunch & Bingo, 11 a.m. Free-will donation. Bingo at 2 p.m. Everybody is welcome. Delivery available in Manilla. Contact Pat Palmer (712) 269-4217

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Norelius Library Board Meeting, 5:15 p.m.

Euchre Night at Ricketts Community Building, 7 through 8 p.m. A fun night of card playing, socializing, treats, and beverages. The card game will start at p.m. The entry fee is \$5 and there is no need to bring a partner.

Crawford County for Life Meeting in Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Storytime at Norelius Community Library at 2 p.m. Stories, songs and a special activity at the end of each story time. Each session lasts approximately 30 minutes including playtime. Storytime is for children ages 0-5.

Euchre Night in Charter Oak, 7 p.m., at the Charter Oak Community Building. No need to have a partner before the game. Will be "partnered" up, randomly throughout the night.



Annie's project inspires additional women in ag programs

Loretta Reimers of Crawford County learns ways to improve farm

BY CHRIS KICK AND MADELINE SCHULTZ/ISU EXTENSION AND OUTREACH

When Loretta Reimers first took Annie's Project in 2013, it was one of many women in ag programs she would go on to complete.

The 86-year-old Crawford County farm owner has spent her life learning more about the farming industry and ways to improve her 400-acre crop farm. She's been involved with decision-making from the start, working in partnership with her husband, the late Clifford Reimers, who died in 1996.

She keeps detailed, hand-written records on her farm and says women need to be just as involved with the farming operation as men.

"They need to know what the banker is telling them, what the prices are for the buying and the selling of inputs, how to establish fair rents and so forth," said Reimers. "Without knowledge and education, you have no idea what your land is worth, what the soil needs, or the other things that need done."

Reimers said she feels at home when she attends programming for women in ag, and she learns from people from different backgrounds.

"To me, these ladies are like-minded and it's easier to talk to people who are like-minded," she said. "I enjoy the presentations and the time to interact with the other participants."

Like thousands of women who have taken Annie's over the years, her educational experience only continued. She has since taken a wide variety of courses commonly referred to as Annie's-inspired programs, geared toward agricultural risk management.

In all, there are 10 Annie's-inspired programs offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's Women in Ag Program. These include Women Marketing Grain, Advanced Grain Marketing, Women Managing Cattle, Women Managing Farmland and Women Managing Farm Finances.

Each Annie's-inspired program goes more in-depth on topics that are covered in Annie's Project courses. This allows women to seek out the type of information that pertains specifically to their situations and educational needs.

Annie's Project courses cover all five areas of agricultural risk management: financial, human resources, legal, marketing and production. While it's never a requirement that women complete Annie's Project first, many often do, according to Madeline Schultz, current president of the national Annie's Project board of directors and manager of the farm management team's Women



in Ag Program.

"Once women are finished with Annie's Project, they find themselves wanting to learn more," said Schultz. "As their desire to learn continues, they often enroll in one or more of the Annie's-inspired courses."

Tim Christensen, farm management specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, enjoyed having Loretta in several programs he has offered.

"It's nice to see women of all ages learning with and from each other," he said.

Christensen has facilitated multiple Annie's programs and offered "Women Marketing Grain" as well as "Advanced Grain Marketing for Women." In 2024, he plans to also offer "Women Managing Cattle."

"I've had great experiences offering Annie's over the years and the women always tell us what they want to learn next," he said. "The Annie's-inspired programs are often smaller and more specialized, so there's more opportunity for the women to network and learn from each other."

Over the past two decades, Annie's Project has been offered in 38 states plus the U.S. Virgin Islands, and it continues to be offered in new places each year.

To date, more than 19,000 people have completed the program, with more than 2,200 from Iowa alone.

According to Schultz, Annie's Project is as relevant today as when it first began, and because there are so many Annie's-inspired programs, women can find a learning opportunity that appeals to them and meets their goals.


"The topics and the presenters change because life around us changes, but in reality, the focus has always been the same – empower women to be successful in agriculture through education, resources and networks," said Schultz. "The risk management topics covered remain relevant today, and we do our best to listen to women and keep the programs relevant for the future." Some of the new topics covered are cybersecurity, family living benchmarking and mental health.

Detailed descriptions about the programs offered for women by the farm management team are available on the program website. Another way to stay informed about course offerings is to sign up for the Women in Ag newsletter.

NORELIUS COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Norelius Library Board meets Tuesday

The Norelius Community Library Board of Trustees will conduct its monthly business meeting on February 27 at 5:15 p.m. in the Library Fireside Room. Following is the agenda: trustee training, public forum, review of monthly reports, library director's report, bills, and committee reports. Old business: server project updates, building and content security, and patron accounts. Board meetings are subject to Iowa Open Meetings Laws. The meetings are open to the public with the exception of personnel issues. Contact the library at 712-263-9355 for more information.



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Loretta Reimers is seated at the table reviewing farm records. Reimers, of Crawford County, is a strong advocate for women in agriculture programs.



Loretta Reimers is pictured on her Farmall 400 tractor that she uses for cleanup and maintenance on the family farm. The tractor has been in the family since 1966 and was restored in 2012.

Federal court jury finds Wendt guilty on 11 of 15 charges

COMPILED BY GORDON WOLF

The following article is an update to a story that was published in the February 15 edition of *The Denison Free Press*.

On Wednesday, February 14, a jury in federal court in Des Moines found Bradley Eugene Wendt, 47, of Denison, guilty on 11 of 15 counts pertaining to making false statements to the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) and for the illegal possession of a machine gun.

Wendt is the chief of police for the City of Adair. He also owns BW Outfitters, a federal firearms licensee (FFL) with locations in Anita and Denison. BW Outfitters has Special Occupational Tax (SOT) status which allows the business, in certain circumstances, to possess and deal in machine guns regulated by the National Firearms Act and Gun Control Act.

A release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa, explained that generally, machine guns made after May 1986 are illegal to transfer and possess. But law enforcement agencies can buy machine guns for their official use and authorized dealers can get machine guns to demonstrate to a police department for the department's future possible purchase. If a police department wants to purchase or receive a demonstration of a machine gun, it can submit a letter to ATF, referred to as a "law letter," expressing its need for and interest in the machine gun.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said that between July 2018 and August 2022, Wendt wrote nearly 40 law letters, requesting the purchase or demonstration of 90 machine guns for the Adair Police Department. In the law letters to purchase machine guns for his two-man department, Wendt said he was buying the machine guns for the official use of his department and was not getting the machine guns for resale. In the law letters requesting demonstrations of machine guns, Wendt said the Adair Police Department wanted a demonstration for the department's future possible purchase of the requested machine guns.

The jury found Wendt guilty of Count 1, conspiracy to make false statements to and defraud the United

States. In voting guilty on Count 1, the jury also found Wendt guilty of conspiracy to make false statements to the ATF and that he conspired with two individuals.

Counts 2 and 3 pertain to the crimes of false statements to the ATF in purchase law letters. Wendt was found not guilty on Count 2 and guilty on Count 3.

Counts 4-14 charged Wendt with the crimes of false statements to the ATF in demonstration law letters. The jury found Wendt guilty on eight of those counts and not guilty on three of those counts.

Finally, the jury found Wendt guilty on Count 15, the illegal possession of a machine gun, a belt-fed, M60 machine gun registered to the Adair Police Department. The U.S. Attorney's Office said that Wendt, along with his gun store, BW Outfitters, hosted a machine gun shoot in April 2022, where he charged the public to shoot machine guns, including several registered to the Adair Police Department. The jury found Wendt was not acting within the scope of his official duties when he possessed the M60 machine gun.

The release from the U.S. Attorney's Office also says that evidence at trial showed that Wendt purchased machine guns for the Adair Police Department, but later resold those machine guns at a personal profit of nearly \$80,000; and that the evidence showed Wendt used demonstration law letters to purchase machine guns for his own gun store, BW Outfitters, including a .50 caliber machine gun called a "Ma Deuce," which he immediately mounted to his personally owned armored Humvee.

Another duty of the jury was to decide on which guns possessed by Wendt should be forfeited to the United States. The jurists voted that 15 of the 35 guns listed should be forfeited.

The trial began on February 5.

Sentencing for Wendt is scheduled for June 14 at the United States Courthouse in Des Moines. He faces up to five years' prison on the conspiracy count, five years' prison for each false statement charge, and up to 10 years' prison for illegal possession of a machine gun. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the United States sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors.

CRAWFORD COUNTY EXTENSION NEWS

Seed treatment course set for February 20

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Crawford County will host a seed treatment continuing instruction course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is 35 South Main Street, Denison. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Kathy Thul at the ISU Extension and Outreach Crawford County office at 712-263-4697.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in category 4.

Topics covered will include application equipment use, maintenance, and calibration; safe application techniques; and pests, and pest management and pesticides.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this program. Interested participants should bring their CCA number.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP program can be accessed at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP>.

ISU receives funding to improve nutrition and physical activity in Crawford County

Iowa State University recently received \$510,000 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the first year, in the five-year High Obesity Program (HOP). HOP funds universities working with local cooperative extension services in mostly rural counties where 40% or more of adults are obese.

Obesity in the United States affects more than 100 million adults (42%) and 14 million children (20%) and accounts for approximately \$173 billion in annual health care costs. Obesity is a complex, common and costly chronic disease associated with poorer mental health outcomes, stigmatization and reduced quality of life. Obesity also puts people at risk for many other diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and many cancers.

According to local county data, 42% of Crawford County adults are dealing with obesity. Iowa State University is implementing CDC's HOP program in Crawford County. The HOP funding will allow Crawford County Extension to address health disparities related to poor nutrition, physical activity and obesity.

Lyndi Buckingham-Schutt, Iowa State University assistant professor and state extension specialist in community nutrition and health, will lead this effort in six counties in Iowa.

"We will work through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and local partners to leverage the partnerships, resources and investments in Iowa to increase access to healthy food and physical activity in six Iowa counties," Buckingham-Schutt said.

The HOP program will implement proven public health strategies for the following:

- Food and nutrition security - promoting food service and nutrition guidelines and expanding fruit and vegetable voucher incentive and produce prescription programs.
- Safe and accessible physical activity - connecting transportation networks to everyday destinations.

"CDC is excited to announce this new HOP funding to land grant universities in communities with high rates of obesity," said Terry O'Toole, program development and evaluation branch chief in CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity. "This funding supports local programs to improve access to fresh, healthy foods, and opportunities for physical activity with the goal of reducing chronic diseases."

Contact Ana Villa, extension educator with the Crawford County Extension office, at 35 South Main Street, Denison. Phone 712-263-4697 or email Ana Villa at anavilla@iastate.edu for more information about how to become involved with this program.

New school year; similar calendar

BY GORDON WOLF

The calendar for the 2024-2025 school year at Denison will look much the same as this year's calendar.

On Monday night the Denison School Board set 5:30 p.m. on March 18 for the public hearing on the calendar.

By state law, the earliest start date for school is on August 23. That falls on a Friday this year. Superintendent Mike Pardun said the first day of school is when students get introduced to their routine so he saw no problem with starting the school year on a Friday.

Pardun also mentioned that because Christmas falls on a Wednesday this year, students will get two full weeks of winter vacation. Teachers will get 11 days of winter vacation.

The calendar is set for 1,118 total student hours; the number of student hours required is 1,080. Total faculty hours contracted are 1,480.

Following are some of the key dates for the draft 2024-2025 calendar.

- August 12-16: New teacher inservice
- August 20-22: Teacher inservice
- August 23: First day of school
- September 2: Labor Day, no school

- September 16: No school, teacher inservice
- October 14: No school, teacher inservice
- October 25: End of first quarter
- October 28: Start of second quarter
- Week of October 28: Parent/teacher conferences
- November 1: No school, conference trade day
- November 11: No school, teacher inservice
- November 27-29: No school, Thanksgiving
- December 20: End of second quarter and first semester
- December 23-January 2: No school, winter vacation
- January 3: No school, teacher inservice
- January 6: Start of second semester and third quarter
- January 20: No school, teacher inservice
- February 14: No school, winter break
- February 17: No school, teacher inservice
- March 17: No school, teacher inservice
- March 21: End of third quarter
- March 24: Start of fourth quarter
- Week of March 24: Parent teacher

- conferences
- March 28: No school, conference trade day
- April 17 and 18: No school, spring break
- April 21: No school, teacher inservice
- May 16: Seniors last day
- May 18: Graduation
- May 23: Last day of school, three hour early out; all staff inservice in the afternoon
- May 26: Memorial Day
- May 27: Snow make-up hours begin accordingly pending total hours in the year

As a reminder, following are the school building times.

- Denison Elementary: 8:20 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Broadway Elementary: 8:15 a.m.-3:25 p.m.
- Denison Middle School: 8 a.m.-3:08 p.m.
- Denison High School: 8:05 a.m.-3 p.m.



To the Editor:

Leave social studies education to trained Iowa social studies teachers

When I read that a House bill will require "the study of and devotion to the United States' exceptional and praiseworthy history" it became evident that Iowa Republicans want to

indoctrinate our students with a false narrative of American history. Avoiding the open discussion and debate of concepts like American exceptionalism or the degree that racism is systemic in our history prevents students from acquiring and discussing evidence to arrive at their own conclusions. Celebrating America's achievements is vital but excluding the darker parts of our past, say the Wounded Knee massacre, would truly indoctrinate students in a false image of America.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) has been an integral part of teacher training in Iowa. There are no SEL classes nor SEL teachers. Instead, the program weaves throughout the

curricula a classroom culture which promotes student self-awareness, empathy, relationship skills, self-motivation and decision making, all of which are needed outcomes for success as adults.

Critical Race Theory (CRT) is a threat only on Fox News. It does not exist in the Iowa core Curriculum and needs not be outlawed. Trust Iowa teachers to expose their students to the very real problems of race in American history and contemporary society.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) are three words that describe our American principles. They have always supported good teaching practices. They have always supported good

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teaching practices. It is a responsibility of public education to address the conditions that perpetuate inequities. If we don't take on this responsibility, then democracy will erode. Public education is often the only space where citizens are exposed to a variety of ideas. Through this exposure, people can form educated opinions. DEI is the cornerstone for building a strong, educated and equity-minded citizenry along with maintaining a thriving democracy.

Martin L. Peterson,
retired American history teacher
and Morningside College Teacher Intern Trainer, Denison

COURTHOUSE NEWS

February 4-19, 2024

NON-SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

- Jessie Ray Schofield, Mapleton, DUS, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked, \$347.50.
• Juan Carlos Zamora Cardenas, Denison, DUS, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or suspended, \$491.25.
• Darcie Jo Boll, Dow City, driving while license under suspension, \$491.25.
• Tracy Lyn Reit, Denison, failure to stop in assured clear distance, \$180.75.

SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

- Ada Elizabeth Anaya Balon, Denison, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way, \$287.88.
• Jesus Agular Morales, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.
• Julia E. Herrera, Denison, operating non-registered vehicle, \$135.50.
• Chaisen Charles Hampton, Wilton, dark window or windshield, \$135.50.
• Madison Keely Miller, Vail, dark window or windshield, \$135.50.
• Reginald Louis Jenkins Jr., Denison, failure to prove security against liability, non-accident, \$342.50.
• Reginald Louis Jenkins Jr., Denison, operating non-registered vehicle, \$135.50.
• Ambyr R. Brown, Denison, failure to yield upon left turn, \$210.25.

SPEEDING (6-10 MPH OVER)

- Juan Carlos Zamora Cardenas, Denison, \$149.88.

- Steven John Kasperbauer, Denison, \$118.25.
• Thun Htoo, Denison, \$118.25

SPEEDING (1-5 MPH OVER)

- Eileen Marie Madrigal, Denison, \$89.50.
• Andres Domingo Ramirez, Denison, \$89.50.
• Martin Charles Murdock, Woodbine, \$89.50.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Against: Jason Andrew Gorden, Dow City. In favor of: Unifund CC, LLC. Amount: \$1,383.13 plus \$95 costs.
• Against: Tanner Phillip Brotherson, Schleswig. In favor of: Cavalry SPV I LLC. Amount: \$2,304.81 plus \$95 costs.
• Against: Kay Mathy Lovan. In favor of: Midland Credit Management Inc. Amount: \$628.34 plus \$95 costs.
• Against: Angelique Diana Burk, Denison. In favor of: Onemain Financial Group LLC as Servicer for (ASF) Wilmington Trust NA as issuer loan. Amount: \$4,037.38 plus \$95 costs.
• Against: Michele Mae Muhlbauer, Vail. In favor of: Capital One Bank USA NA. Amount: \$4,169.78 plus \$95 costs.
• Against: Angela Rose Kraushaar, Denison. In favor of: LVNV Funding LLC. Amount: \$1,752.72 plus \$95 costs.

LAND TRANSACTIONS

February 9-15, 2024

Warranty Deeds

- Richard Liddy and Joanne Liddy to Conwell Larson and Sheryl Larson. SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 24, Otter Creek Township; SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 24, Otter Creek Township; \$37,500.
• Nick Fisher to Frank Romero Nunez:

Lot 14, Block 33, City of Manilla; \$100,000.

State Tax Liens

- Iowa Department of Revenue against Chad M. Wood. \$103,235.10.
• Iowa Department of Revenue against James L. Powers. \$2,804.68.

ON THE SCANNER

Sonia Marlene Linares Hernandez, 26, of Denison, was arrested for identity theft over \$10,000. The identity theft occurred between January 1 and February 5. According to the criminal complaint filed in district court, the violation occurred at Tienda El Mexicano, the place of her employment. Identity theft of over \$10,000 is a Class C felony.

February 7, 3:54 p.m.: The Good Samaritan Thrift Shop reported the theft of a pair of black shoes with an approximate price of \$30.

February 10, 1:23 a.m.: Brandon Enrique Ayala, 24, of Denison, was arrested for violation of parole.

February 10, 10:43 a.m.: A two-vehicle accident occurred on 4th Avenue North in Denison. Jordan William Follmann, 37, of Denison, was driving a 1994 U.S. Postal Service truck and was making a right turn onto 4th Avenue North off North Main Street. He made a wide right turn and collided with a black 2011 Nissan being driven by Lajune Ann Lauer, 65, of Vail. Lauer was stopped at the stop sign on 4th Avenue North. No one was injured. The Lauer vehicle received \$1,500 damage to the front driver side corner. The USPS truck was not damaged.

February 11, 4:50 p.m.: Marcial Antonio Solis Ramirez, 49, of Denison, was arrested for operating while under the influence, 1st offense.

February 11, 10:48 p.m.: Kevin Alexis Ramirez, 18, of Denison, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance - marijuana - 2nd offense, manufacture/deliver to a minor, 2nd offense. The latter charge, a Class A felony, was dismissed by the court on February 13 with costs taxed to the state. Bond was modified from \$6,000 cash or surety to \$300 unsecured signature bond.

February 12, 4:18 p.m.: Erika Estrada Suarez, 34, of Denison, was driving a silver 2016 Chevrolet Silverado pickup. Her pickup struck a black 2012 Nissan Versa at the T-intersection of

14th Street and 5th Avenue South in Denison. Suarez was traveling south on South 14th Street and the Nissan, being operated by Sharelyn Alicia Melendrez, 16, of Denison, was traveling west on 5th Avenue South and turned south at the T-intersection of 14th and 5th Avenue South. Melendrez stated she looked both ways and did not see the other vehicle. No one was injured. The Estrada Suarez vehicle received \$3,500 damage to the front driver side corner and the Melendrez vehicle received \$3,500 damage to the middle passenger side. Melendrez was cited for violation of conditions of restricted license. Estrada Suarez was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle.

February 12, 6:46 p.m.: A vehicle vs. deer accident happened at Donna Reed Drive and Highway 30. Christi Saucedo, 52, of Denison, was driving a silver 2005 Toyota west on Highway 30 when her vehicle struck a deer that was crossing the road. The driver was not injured. The vehicle received \$1,500 damage to the front driver side corner.

February 15, 4:56 p.m.: A two-vehicle accident happened in Westside. Arlan Keith Lueders, 65, of Westside, was driving a black 2021 Chevrolet Silverado and was turning north onto Main Street when his vehicle struck a black Toyota RAV4 that was at the stop sign on Main Street. The RAV4 was operated by Delia Lee Osborne, 60, of Westside. Lueders stated he checked traffic to the south but didn't check traffic to the north. No injuries were reported. The RAV4 received \$8,000 damage to the front driver side. The Lueders vehicle received \$5,000 damage to the driver's side.

February 16, 5 a.m.: The Crawford County Sheriff's Office covered a one-vehicle accident that happened on Highway 30. Alfonso Amador Uscanga, 31, of Denison, was driving a blue 2007 Honda. He stated he had lost control of his vehicle due to the icy road conditions. His vehicle went into the ditch, hit a culvert pipe and rolled over. The driver was not injured. The vehicle received \$10,000 damage.

CITY OF KIRON DISBURSEMENTS

August 14th, 2023

GENERAL FUND:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes IPERS, benefits (\$542.75), EFTPS, 941 taxes (\$958.12), MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, city hall electric (\$38.23), SCHALLER TELEPHONE, city hall phone (\$36.58), MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, city shed electric (\$18.19), DENISON BULLETIN/REVIEW, publishing (\$133.20), ANGILA TREMBLAY, employee, general fund 1/3 (\$446.72), HERMAN KOHNEKAMP, employee, general fund 1/2 (\$506.84), IOWA ONE CALL, underground location (\$13.80), DENISON DO-IT-BEST, city hall supplies (\$26.85), INTUIT, check order, QB's payment (\$201.88), CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE & SMALL ENGINE, city shed supplies (\$9.95), Total (\$2,933.11)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, fire station (\$19.79), MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, fire siren (\$11.02), JOHNSON PROPANE, seasonal propane contract KFD (\$810.00), Total (\$840.81)

SEWER

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, sewer plant (\$1,388.37), JOHN LARSON, employee, sewer fund 50% (\$343.11), ANGILA TREMBLAY, employee, sewer fund 1/3 (\$394.28), ISG, operator services (\$500.00), FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LABORATORY, sewer testing (\$331.25), Total (\$2,957.01)

WATER

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes WCIRWA, water purchase (\$5,288.40), WCIRWA, loan payment (\$570.88), MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, Eureka St well (\$10.98), MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, water tower (\$100.73), ANGILA TREMBLAY, employee, water fund 1/3 (\$446.72), HEMER PLUMBING, repair water shut off/leak (\$1,167.17), IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, water permit (\$210.00), JOHN LARSON, employee, water fund 50% (\$343.11), Total (\$8,137.99)

PARKS

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes DENISON DO-IT-BEST, city hall supplies (\$26.85), MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, Eureka St shelter (\$46.20), KIRON LUMBER STORE, N Park supplies (\$49.95), NICOLE BARNHOUSE, return of park deposit (\$20.00), KAYLA CLARK, return of park deposit (\$20.00), TAMI ECK, return of cancelled rental (\$65.00), BRYCE BLUNK, return of park deposit (\$25.00), JACK PINGEL, return of park deposit (\$20.00), STEVE SKARIN, return of park deposit (\$20.00), MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ballfield (\$0.00), MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, N Orchard shelter (\$13.41), Total (\$306.41)

ROAD USE TAX

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, Hwy 39 traffic light (\$10.37), MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, N Grove street light (\$292.39), HERMAN KOHNEKAMP, employee, 1/2 street fund (\$506.84), MIKE LICKTEIG, employee (\$89.20), Total (\$898.80)

GARBAGE

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes R&S WASTE, garbage hauling (\$2,071.00), Total (\$2,071.00), TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: (\$17,785.13)

RECEIPTS: August 2023

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes GENERAL FUND (\$939.06), WATER FUND (\$4,709.62), SEWER FUND (\$6,379.89), GARBAGE FUND (\$2,013.00), ROAD USE TAX (\$3,803.05), LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (\$2,613.67), PERMITS (\$0.00), TOTAL RECEIPTS (\$20,458.29)

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BUDGET PROCESS,

FROM PAGE 1

A person who owns multiple parcels of property in multiple taxing districts would receive all the information in one mailing.

County Auditor Terri Martens asks that anyone who has questions about the letter they receive to call her office at 712-263-6045.

The county board of supervisors will be setting the dates for the county's hearings at Tuesday's meeting.

The Denison School Board already set the dates for the school districts' hearings. (See story on page one.)

Denison City Clerk Jodie Flaherty gave the following schedule for the city's budget process.

February 21: Set public hearing for the consolidated general fund tax levy

April 2: public hearing on the consolidated general fund tax levy

April 2: set public hearing for the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget

April 23: public hearing on the budget

Meeting Minutes

CITY OF KIRON REGULAR SESSION February 12th, 2024

The City Council of Kiron met in regular session on February 12th, 2024 at the Kiron City Hall. Mayor Mike Lickteig called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Hoaglund, Kastner, and N. Tremblay answering roll call. Also present were Herman Kohnekamp, Ron Streck, John Larson, Angila Tremblay, and Josh Burns.

Motion by N. Tremblay/Hoaglund to approve agenda. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoaglund/Kastner to approve minutes of the previous meeting as published. Roll call vote: ayes: Hoaglund, N. Tremblay and Kastner. Absent: Eck and Henrich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The clerk was instructed to send out nuisance abatements.

Motion by Hoaglund/Kastner to approve the clerk's budgetary report and treasurer's report. Roll call vote: ayes: Hoaglund, N. Tremblay, and Kastner. Absent: Eck and Henrich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by N. Tremblay/Kastner to pay all bills. Total disbursements of \$25,402.93. Roll call vote: ayes: N. Tremblay, Hoaglund, and Kastner. Absent: Eck and Henrich. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Disbursements/Receipts listed on separate document.

Motion by N. Tremblay/Kastner to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Ayes all.

Mike Lickteig, Mayor

ATTEST: Angila Tremblay, City Clerk



Senior Lunch Menu

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

Friday, February 23: cook's choice

Monday, February 26: Greek marinated chicken, brown rice, stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, peaches

Tuesday, February 27: crispy baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, mixed fruit

Wednesday, February 28: ham and bean soup, cornbread, peanut butter cookie

Thursday, February 29: herb-rubbed roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, pears, whole wheat roll

Denison FFA competes in sub-district contest

On February 7, the Denison FFA sent 14 members to Tri-Center High School to compete in five different sub-district contests.

Following are the results. Grace Collins, Creed Speaking, Gold Rating, advances to districts in March

Calli Korner, Ag Broadcasting, Gold Rating, district alternate
Norah Huebert, Job Interview, Gold Rating
Chapter Program composed of Brittany Musgrave, Brady Lutz and Jaxson Henningsen, Silver Rating
Conduct of Meetings team composed of Owen Fink, Ali Ullrich, Haley Lutz, Kinley Wiebers, Marley Boettger, Ann Wessel, Brayton Johannsen and Trae Hartwig, Silver Rating



Chapter Program team
Front: Jaxson Henningsen; middle: Brittany Musgrave; back: Brady Lutz.



Job Interview and Ag Broadcasting
Norah Huebert (left) and Calli Korner



Conduct of Meetings team
Front, from left, Marley Boettger, Kinley Wiebers, Grace Collins, Ali Ullrich, Ann Wessel and Haley Lutz. Back: Owen Fink, Trae Hartwig and Brayton Johannsen.

Denison and Schleswig students selected for honor choir

On Tuesday, March 5, eight fifth grade students from Broadway Elementary and six fifth and sixth grade students from Schleswig will participate in the Southwest Iowa Choral Directors Association Elementary/Middle School Honor Choir.

Denison students selected are Ezra Bygness, Jaxon Edick, Bryon Elizondo, Ashley Medrano, Jamila Parr, Malia Potts, Manasseh Santamaria and Seth Ullrich.

Schleswig students selected are Zoie Ferguson, Morgan Jepsen, Sophia Luth, Izzi Miller, Calvin Segebart and Averi Valentine.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. at the Underwood High School Gymnasium. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

The concert will feature the fifth and sixth grade choir under the direction of Amanda Stevenson and the seventh and eighth grade choir.



Denison students: Front, Manasseh Santamaria; middle, from left: Jaxon Edick, Bryan Elizondo and Ezra Bygness; Back: Jamila Parr, Ashley Medrano, Seth Ullrich and Malia Potts

Funeral Notices

Berniece Segebart

Funeral services for Berniece Segebart, 94, of Denison, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, February 23, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Denison with burial at the Hayes Township Cemetery in Westside.

The Huebner Funeral Home in Denison is in charge of arrangements where friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, February 22.

She passed away Wednesday, February 14, at Gracewell in Denison.

Survivors include her children, Debra and her husband, Kieth Osborn, of Denison, Cole Segebart and his wife, Deborah, of Virginia, Jim Segebart and his wife, Carol, of Denison, Ryan Segebart and his wife, Kari, of Denison, and Doreen and her husband, Jason Buls, of Ankeny; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty Bilsten, of Denison; a sister-in-law, Arlis Petersen, of Ute; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services are entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



brother-in-law, Charles Anderson, of Wall Lake; sister-in-law, Mary Langner, of Nemaha; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

Kathy Korner

Funeral services for Kathy Korner, 72, of Schleswig, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 20, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig with burial at the Morgan Cemetery.

The Huebner Funeral Home in Schleswig was in charge of arrangements.

She passed away Tuesday, February 13, at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Survivors include her husband, Mike Korner, of Schleswig; daughter, Kim and her husband, Jerod Petersen, of Schleswig; sons, Curtis Korner and his wife, Angela, of Schleswig, and Jason Korner and his wife, Tammy, of Nebraska; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Wilma, David, Larry, Lowell, and Bonnie; sister-in-law, Connie; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



Ramona Anderson

Funeral services for Ramona Anderson, 80, of Kiron, were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, February 19, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

She passed away Monday, February 12, at her home in Kiron.

Survivors include her children, Connie Anderson and her significant other, Dan Stankoski, 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, and Angela and her husband, Curtis Korner, of Schleswig; 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; brothers, Roland Huisenga and his wife, Pat, of Sibley, Roger Huisenga and his wife, Gloria, of Odebolt, and Robert Huisenga, of Sioux City; sister, Ruby Custer, of Soldier;



Gaylord Boeck

Funeral services for Gaylord Boeck, 93, of Schleswig, were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 18, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig.

Burial was at Crawford Heights Memory Gardens in Denison.

He passed away Monday, February 12, at Gracewell in Denison.

Survivors include his sons, Alan (Jeynnell) Boeck, Curtis (Robin) Boeck, and Gary (Susan) Boeck; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; a stepson, Jim (Kristi) Bell; a sister, Bonnie (Virgil) Ewoldt; and other relatives and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home in Schleswig.



Schleswig students: Front, from left, Morgan Jepsen, Izzi Miller and Calvin Segebart. Back: Sophia Luth, Zoie Ferguson and Averi Valentine.

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Monarchs

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS BOWLING

Monarch bowlers represent well at state

Monarch bowlers Jake Fink and Brianna Musgrave notched second places in Class 2A at the state tournament on Monday, and Brittany Musgrave took 16th place.

Head Coach Shelby Brawner said Jake started off with a great game, rolling a 225.

"He stuck a few 10 pins, but the number of strikes he threw made up for that," she said.

Jake continued to do well in the second game and bowled a 235. He threw a 202 in the third game and was able to place seventh, giving him the chance to compete in the bracket.

In the bracket, Jake went up against Damien Timm from Urbandale.

"They went frame for frame right up until the 10th where Jake won 231 to 229," said Brawner. "He was now in the top four."

His next matchup was against Jacob Shaffer from Marion.

"Again they went frame for frame, but Jake ended up beating him 238 to 234 landing him in the finals," she said.

Jake's final matchup was Kendall Bell from Council Bluffs Jefferson. He lost 203 to 176 but ended up placing second in the state.

Brawner said Brianna Musgrave started out well.

"She bowled a 235 in her first game, going strike for strike with Brittany (Musgrave). She really struggled in the second game," the coach added. "With a few tough breaks and opens, Brianna threw a 135."

"She knew she needed to have a great score her third game to compete. She found her mark quickly and was



Jake Fink

able to bowl a 248 for her last game," Brawner said.

That performance landed Brianna in fifth place to advance her to the bracket.

Brianna bowled against Faith Renshaw from Lewis Central in her first game and won 203 to 178. That put her in the top four.

Her next matchup was against Bailey Gill from Le Mars.

"Brianna struck out from the frame frame and beat Bailey 213 to 191," said Brawner. "This landed her in the finals where she was bowling against Jaelynn Ketterer from Keokuk. Brianna lost 205 to 179 but ended up placing



Brianna and Brittany Musgrave

second in the state."

Brawner said that Brittany Musgrave started off strong in her first game with a 233.

"She had a wide range of boards she could throw over and still hit the pocket," the coach said. "She struggled in her second game. She had three opens in the beginning but managed to throw strikes or spares to finish her game and bowl a 163."

Brittany's last game was about the same as her second; she bowled a 160.

"She wasn't able to throw the strikes like she did in the first game but was able to pick up her spares to stay in it,"

said Brawner. "She gave it a good run and finished 16th in the state with a 556 series. Compared to scores last year, this series would have placed her seventh. The level of competition across the state has improved quite a bit this year."

"It was a great showing for Denison-Schleswig in the individual competition," Brawner added. "We couldn't be prouder of how well everyone did today. It's great watching their hard work throughout the season pay off."

The Monarch boys' team competed at state on Wednesday afternoon.

USCCB Hispanic Ministry document 'good reminder' as diocese becomes more diverse

BY DAWN PROSSER
Director of Communications

As the number of Hispanic Catholics are increasing in the many U.S. dioceses, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church released a national pastoral plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry in December 2023.

The USCCB approved moving forward with the creation of the pastoral plan, Missionary Disciples Going Forth with Joy at their June 2023 meeting. The general directive of the document is to have a church that "corresponds to the lived reality of the Hispanic/Latino people in the context of a culturally diverse society."

Dioceses and parishes are encouraged to implement integration and inclusion in today's multicultural church. Church leaders are to first "analyze the reality of the Hispanic/Latino community" and the gifts they bring to the local church.

The State Data Center of Iowa and the Office of Latino Affairs reported there were 221,805 Iowa residents self-identifying as Hispanic or Latino origin, or 6.9% of the state population in 2022.

The Diocese of Sioux City continues to grow in diversity, with Hispanic/Latino parishioners making up the largest immigrant group. Diocesan parishes have offered Spanish language Masses for over 30 years. Currently,

Spanish Masses are offered in Denison, Estherville, Fort Dodge, Hawarden, Le Mars, Rock Valley, Sheldon, Sioux Center, Sioux City and Storm Lake.

Weekend Mass pew counts were collected in every parish across the diocese every other month in 2023. Of weekend Mass attendees, 13% were attending a Spanish Mass last year in all 24 counties of the diocese. In the southwest deanery, which includes part of Plymouth County, Woodbury, Monona and Ida counties, 23% of the faithful attended Spanish Masses.

However, there are individual parishes where Spanish Mass attendance outnumbers English Masses. At the Cathedral Parish, 84.82% of those attending Mass in 2023 participated in a Spanish Mass, with 4.75% attending a Vietnamese or Latin Mass. The parish includes Cathedral of the Epiphany, St. Boniface and St. Joseph Churches.

Denison St. Rose of Lima parishioners reported that 30.56% of Mass attendance in 2023 was at Spanish Masses. The parish includes churches in Denison, Manning, Manilla and Vail as well as church buildings in Charter Oak and Dow City.

Storm Lake St. Mary Parish saw 37.24% of those attending parish Masses participate in Spanish Masses. The parish includes parishioners from Buena Vista and northern Sac County as it includes Early Sacred Heart, a church building.

Going Forth with Joy encourages pastors and pastoral leaders to follow Christ's example of accompaniment, "by meeting people where they are and listening to them and then move into encouraging, guiding, supporting, uniting and advocating for their needs." The U.S. bishops encourage cultural competency education to help priests and parish leaders to best serve their Hispanic and Latino parishioners.

Father Paul Kelly, pastor of parishes in Armstrong, Estherville, Emmetsburg and Graettinger, has been serving Hispanic/Latino parishioners for over two decades. He said he has read a number of USCCB Hispanic ministry documents over the years with similar information, which can serve as a good reminder for diverse dioceses and parishes as they strive to serve the faithful in their territories.

"The sense I felt is that it was not anything new from what I've been reading over the last 20 years in terms of we need to embrace, accompany encounter and value the gifts and seek leadership (in the Hispanic community)," he said, noting the U.S. bishops don't want parishes to lose sight of the growth in Hispanic Catholics in the dioceses and parishes.

Father Kelly said as the church is always changing, including recent mergers and consolidations, we shouldn't "forget about our Hispanic brothers and sisters and let's make sure they don't fall through the cracks."

The Diocese of Sioux City created an Office of Hispanic Ministry decades ago. However, with the growth of numerous cultural groups in the diocese

from Africa, Southeast Asia and others, it was transformed to the Office of Multicultural Ministries.

The diocesan Office of Multicultural Ministries is reviewing the needs of the Hispanic faithful with Bishop Walker Nickless and his senior advisors, noted Deacon Mark Prosser, coordinator of multicultural ministries.

"We have started to put together a job description for a coordinator under the umbrella of multicultural ministries that would be specific to Hispanic ministry that we could put into the field to assist parishes who deal with diverse populations," the deacon said.

He said the hope is to put some or all of the recommendations of the document "into action steps to serve their Hispanic communities" as an additional resource.

"We're looking for a mobilizer who can work with our pastors and our parishioners within our Hispanic populations to help mobilize and encourage," Deacon Prosser said.

Aside from the recommendations of the USCCB document, which are numerous, Father David Esquiliano, pastor of the Sioux City Cathedral Parish, said the approach of the church can be as simple as being welcoming.

"This is a nation of immigrants and people are still coming from different places," he said, noting he has one piece of advice for the faithful. "I think the invitation is to see Christ in other people, regardless of what language you speak, what color the skin is, what passport they have or how they got to the country. Welcome them as you would welcome Christ."

Supervisors pass resolution setting elected officials' salaries

BY GORDON WOLF

On Tuesday the Crawford County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution setting the fiscal year 2024-2025 salaries for the elected officials.

The compensation board used a dollar amount increase this year instead of a percent increase. That board recommended a \$10,000 salary increase for each elected official.

The supervisors reduced that proposed increase to \$3,000 for each

elected official.

The following salaries will be in place for the next fiscal year.

Auditor: \$69,252.81

County attorney: \$129,675.50

Recorder: \$69,252.81

Sheriff: \$97,983.25

Supervisors: \$33,281.29 (Note, the chairman will receive a \$750 stipend)

Treasurer: \$69,252.81

The supervisors complimented the compensation board members for the amount of research they put into their

recommendation this year.

Also on Tuesday the supervisors set the a one-year contract renewal for County Engineer Paul Assman for the coming fiscal year. That was also done by a dollar amount to stay consistent with the salary increases for the elected officials.

The supervisors voted for a raise of \$6,960.50 which puts the salary at \$150,000.

Supervisors Dave Muhlbaier and Jean Heiden spoke about the millions of dollars in grants that Assman has brought to the county.

"If you look at his tenure, he's put one heck of a stamp on improving

our road systems, the money he has brought in throughout the years," said Muhlbaier. "He put himself at the front of the trough and brought a lot of dollars back to Crawford County. That is something to me is outstanding, not just one year at a time, but since 2001."

Heiden and Muhlbaier were the supervisors' representatives to work on the contract renewal.

Supervisor Ty Rosburg pointed to Assman's ability to do survey work, which saves the county money.

The supervisors also mentioned that Assman is contemplating retiring and may not serve the entire year.

Sports

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS BASKETBALL

Monarch girls fall in quarterfinal

The Denison-Schleswig girls' basketball team led Carroll 11-10 after the first quarter before the Tigers when on a 21-11 run in the second period of last Wednesday night's Class 4A Region 8 quarterfinal. Carroll ended up winning 53-42.

The Monarchs outscored Carroll 11-8 in the third quarter to come within six points, 39-33. Carroll scored 14 points in the last period to eight for the Monarchs.

Whitlee Auen paced the Monarchs with 22 points. Kiana Schulz and Mayah Slater added five each, Addison Inman scored four, Gaby Cardenas put in three and Claire Leinen scored two points.

Schulz brought down eight rebounds. Inman had six, Leinen had five and Slater and Cardenas had four each. Auen pulled down one rebound.



Whitlee Auen wraps a pass around a Carroll defender.



Mayah Slater rebounds and scores two on the inside in the quarterfinal game.



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Lance Arkfeld puts up a shot from under the basket against Carroll in the Substate 8 game.



Luke Wiebers fights to hang onto the ball against Carroll defenders. Carroll won 78-59.

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On stage with Matilda



A chorus of students sing the school song upon the first day of classes at Matilda's school. The production used various lighting techniques to set the mood.



Matilda (Olivia Devore) and Miss Honey (Claire Olsen) sing a duet about what they wish to do when they grow up. Miss Honey is a teacher at Matilda's school.



The Escapologist (Jackson Boettger) and the Acrobat (Lyrisa Wiese) are characters of Matilda's creation and act out a story as it is told to the librarian.



Matilda (Olivia Devore), Miss Honey (Claire Olsen) and Mrs. Phelps (the librarian) discuss the future now that Agatha Trunchbull, the overbearing schoolmistress, has left.



Matilda's father, Mr. Wormwood (Jasper Christensen), tells his scheme to sell old cars as new luxury cars to Russian businessmen. Mrs. Wormwood (Addison Schillerberg) stands by Matilda's chair, and Michael Wormwood (Jayden Ghislandi) is on the left.



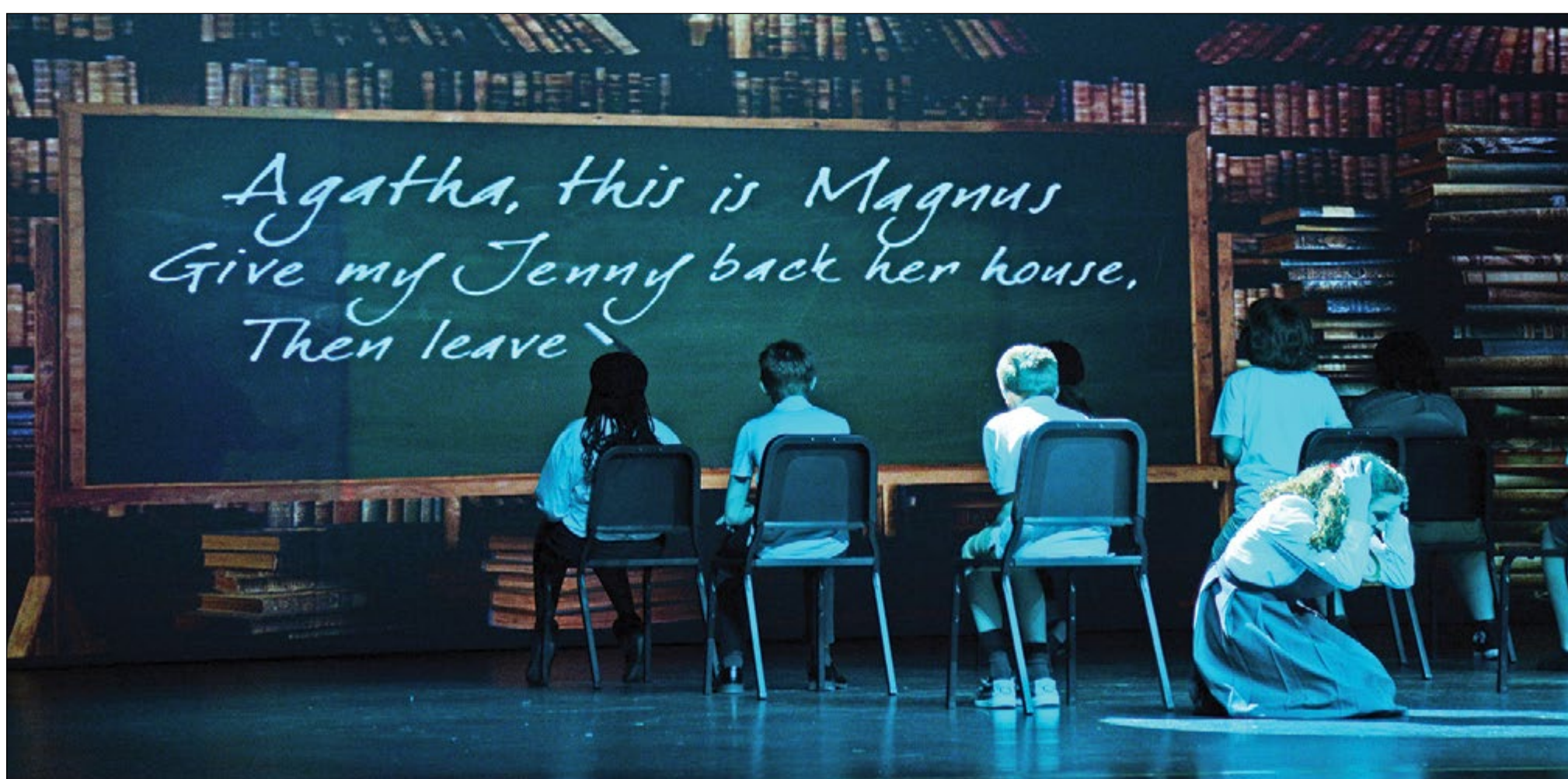
Nigel (Autumn Koch) pretends to wake up after a supposed bout with a sleeping disorder. He is trying to escape punishment for playing a trick on Agatha Trunchbull. Matilda devises the scheme to cover Nigel with coats and tells Trunchbull that Nigel has been asleep under the coats for an hour. His punishment would have been to be put in the chokey, a closet lined with nails, spikes and broken glass.



Under the glaring gaze of Trunchbull, Bruce (William Mathies) devours the chocolate cake piece by piece, but at the end, Trunchbull still wants to put Bruce into the chokey.



In this scene, the students cheer on Bruce as he eats an entire chocolate cake that Miss Trunchbull made him eat. From left are Claire Olsen (Miss Honey), Nyadaang Koang (Alice), Quinn Vetter (Tommy), Olivia Devore (Matilda), Scarlet Torrey (Hortensia), Jessie Schmidt (Erica), Autumn Koch (Nigel), Ella Bahnsen (Amanda), and Jaylinn Koch (Lavender).



In this scene, Matilda (Olivia Devore, in the foreground) uses her power to write a message on the blackboard to tell Agatha Trunchbull to give her father's house back to her niece, Miss Honey.



Kacie Schulte hands a gift to the director, Tylor Schulte. The card says "Farewell from your favorite maggots," using the word that Miss Trunchbull called the students.

Talent at Unity Ridge



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Unity Ridge students gathered in the school gym to show off their talent last week Tuesday as part of Lutheran Schools Week. Students competed for prizes. Third place received a homework pass. Second place meant leading music class for a day. And first place offered a VIP lunch of choice with the pastors. Pastor Bill Wrede, Pastor Merle Mahnken and Pastor Pedro Lopez were the judges for the night. In this picture, Adah Gosch, as the littlest goat, tries to cross the wooden bridge without being stopped by the troll, played by Amos Gosch. Siblings Zeke and Silas Gosch rounded out the characters for the Three Billy Goats Gruff re-enactment.



Juliet Bergman won first place with her aerial silks act performed to the song "What a Beautiful Name It Is."



Junior Montepeque and Bentley Brown announced the acts and told jokes.



Morgan Fernading and Juliet Bergman won second place with their gymnastics act performed to the song "Joy."



Brylee Hodgson and Mariah Kropf sang "Jesus Loves Me."



"The School Supply Guys" – James Bergman, Andrew Earl, Zeke Gosch, Jacob Menjivar and Dierk McCollough, won second place pretending to play instruments to the song "Lutheran's Morning Prayer."



Areli Torreson performed "Defying Gravity" on the piano.



Teachers and staff performed a parody skit, "Disney Teacher Life." It was a special act to close out the evening.



Why I Will Not Advance HF2256

Many of you have no doubt seen memes on social media, or received a flyer at home regarding a so-called pro-life bill, HF2256, asking you to contact me to advance the legislation. Here is why I did not and will not advance this bill:

HF2256 is horribly written legislation that would allow women who abort their children to be prosecuted and jailed. This is something that no credible person in the pro-life community I have spoken to believes is acceptable. A similar bill is being resisted in Louisiana. Pro-life efforts have never been about prosecuting women, but rather about protecting unborn children.

HF2256 is deeply concerning in its implications. It appears that the concept of prosecuting women comes from "abortion abolitionists," a group I had never heard of until now.

Consider this open letter to lawmakers from the Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America group, representing all of the major pro-life groups in America, dated May 22nd, 2022:

"Women are victims of abortion and require our compassion and support as well as ready access to counseling and social services in the days, weeks, months, and years following an abortion."

As national and state pro-life organizations, representing tens of millions of pro-life men, women, and children across the country, let us be clear: We state unequivocally that we do not support any measure seeking to criminalize or punish women and we stand firmly opposed to include such penalties in legislation."

Once pro-life groups in Iowa determined that HF2256 would allow for the prosecution of women, every one of them withdrew their support. No pro-life group in Iowa is registered in support of this bill. The website listed on some of the memes I have seen appears to have been created simply to pressure me to advance the bill. This group is not a pro-life group registered to lobby in Iowa. I had never heard of them until this bill came up.

I will continue to work with the pro-life community in advancing legislation that makes sense and will advance the fight for life. I will not advance horrific, poorly written legislation that goes after women, such as HF2256 does.

I am honored to serve as the State Representative of District 12.

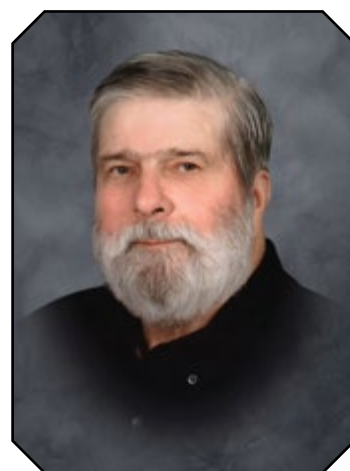
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In Remembrance



Kenneth Carl Neumann
May 28, 1939 - February 17, 2024

Kenneth Carl Neumann was born on May 28, 1939, the son of Carl and Bertha (Thies) Neumann on the family farm. He attended Zion Lutheran School and cherished the memories of helping his father on the farm. He later enlisted in the Army, showing his commitment to serving his country.

On November 6, 1965, Ken was married to Betty Olney and from this union, one daughter, Kimberly was born. The couple later divorced. In his professional life, Kenneth dedicated many years to working at the IBP plant in Denison and farming before relocating to Seattle, Washington, where he worked at Exxon Mobil Gas Station. His strong work ethic and passion for agriculture were evident in all that he did.

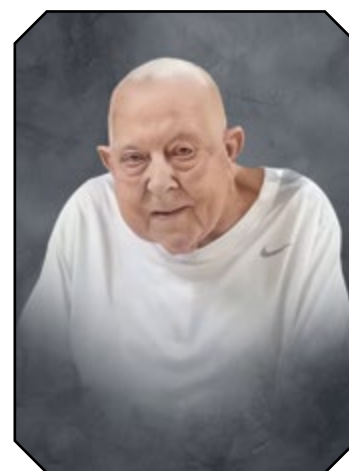
He returned to the Crawford County area and on February 27, 1999, he was married to Joyce Thiedeman at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Together, they took many trips to Branson and they'd often watch the entertaining acts. Ken's favorites were the Oak Ridge Boys and Charley Pride. Ken also attended Sturgis where he liked seeing all the bikes; while his Harley stayed home in the garage. He always enjoyed the Sunday afternoon rides on his Harley, admiring nature's beauty through bird-watching in the back yard, and tending to his garden where he took care of his many flowers and roses.

Ken was diagnosed with congestive heart failure in May of 2022 and passed away on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at his home in Denison, at the age of 84.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Bertha Neumann; brothers: Fred Neumann and Bill Neumann; and brothers-in-law: Wayne Schroeder and Jim Frederick Sr. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Neumann of Denison; brother, Dale (Maureen) Neumann of Denison; sisters: Carolyn Schroeder of Ida Grove, Kathy Wilwerding of Harlan, Coleen Fredericks of Arthur, Karlen (Russell) Watson of Dow City, Maxine (Steve) Winey of Deloit; and sisters-in-law: Rodonna Neumann of Arcadia and Beth Neumann of Denison; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services were held 10:30 A.M., Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison, Iowa with Rev. Bill Wrede officiating. Organist Karen Kahl provided accompaniment for congregational hymns "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Serving as pallbearers were Scott Winey, Matt Winey, Clint Winey, Nate Winey, Mike Wilwerding and Daniel Schroeder. Interment was in Morgan Cemetery with Military Honors provided by Schleswig VFW Post 3930 and American Legion Post 645. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

In Remembrance



Milton LeRoy Morrison
October 8, 1931 - February 12, 2024

Milton LeRoy Morrison, 92 of Denison, Iowa, peacefully passed away on February 12, 2024 surrounded by loved ones at Maple Heights Nursing Home in Mapleton, Iowa.

Milton was born on October 8th, 1931 to Lenox and Minnie (Jefferis) Morrison in Little Sioux, Iowa. At a young age, Milton began helping his father on the farm before embarking on his lifetime career in the grain industry. His passion for agriculture led him to become a grain inspector and trainer where he dedicated almost 50 years before retiring in 1997.

Milton's life was intertwined with love and family. It was during a double date with his cousin Ed and Vera's sister Norma in Crescent, Iowa when fate introduced Milton to Vera Knapp. They instantly connected and were married on December 24, 1950. Together they navigated through life's joys and challenges, raising five wonderful children: Colleen, Michael, Jolene, Janet, and Carla. After their marriage, Milton and Vera initially resided in Council Bluffs, Iowa before embarking on an adventure by moving to Texas in 1959. Subsequently, they returned to Nebraska and Iowa before finally settling in Denison, the place they called home.

Milton possessed many talents and interests that enriched his life and brought smiles to those around him. In his early years, he had a passion for boxing and even competed as a member of the Golden Gloves. He would often tease his grandkids that he came up with Muhammad Ali's famous quote: "Float like a butterfly sting like a bee." Music was another great love of Milton's life; he could always be found playing the guitar or singing along to George Jones songs. However, above all else, Milton cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren. They brought him immeasurable happiness, and he treasured every moment with them.

Milton was preceded in death by his loving wife, Vera; daughters: Colleen Bubke and Carla Rankin; parents, Lenox and Minnie; sons-in-law: Leon (Pork) Bubke and Dennis Rogers; 14 siblings; many sisters and brothers-in-law; great granddaughter, Jalynn Williams; grandson-in-law, Joey Rathbun. Milton is survived by his son, Michael (Diane) Morrison; daughters: Jolene Strom and Janet Rogers; grandchildren: Jeffrey (Carrie), Michelle, Alisha (Mason), Angie (Kevin), Jonathan (Deneka), Nathan (April), Travis, Shannon (Dan), Katie, Alex and Josh; 20 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Jeannie Knapp; and special friend, Nancy Kuehl; along with many other family and friends.

Funeral Services were held 11:00 A.M., Friday, February 16, 2024 at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison, Iowa. Ricky Morrison officiated the service with interment in Crawford Heights Memory Gardens in Denison. Recorded musical selections included "How Great Thou Art" by Carrie Underwood, "The Old Rugged Cross" by Alan Jackson, "When I'm Gone" by Joey and Rory, and "The Cowboy Rides Away" by George Strait. Serving as pallbearers were Jeffrey Morrison, Justin Niles, Jacob Williams, AJ Duffy, Conner Wallace and Nathan Strom.

Following the burial, the family invited everyone to the Community of Christ Church in Denison, Iowa. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

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Manilla Fire and Rescue awards



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Manilla Fire and Rescue had its awards night on February 17. More than 125 years of experience is represented by the department members pictured with plaques. From left: Chief Corey Gaskill, Jarad Gaskill (5 years with Manilla), Adam Mohr (5 years), Zach Rasmussen (10 years), Assistant Chief Kenny Steckelberg (15 years), Shane Gaskill (30 years), Steve Vollstedt (30 years), and Captain Chad Gaskill (35 years).

Working off some STEAM



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Saturday was STEAM Day at the Children's Library at Norelius Community Library in Denison. Pictured, Quillan and Thane Guthrie test out grabbing devices they made from materials supplied. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Day takes place once a month at the library.



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