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## Denison city budget hearing on April 23

### Trimmed down for positive figure

BY GORDON WOLF

For City of Denison staff and elected officials, the current budgeting process may be known as the year of the sharp pencil.

After the preliminary 2024-2025 budget figures were compiled, the general fund budget was out of balance by approximately \$500,000.

Trimming of the budget took place over time, and by the March 19 city council meeting, the general fund budget was down to \$28,000 in the negative, which meant that without further trimming, cash on hand in that amount would have to be used to balance the budget.

After the March 19 meeting, the pencils were sharpened again, and at the April 2 meeting, City Clerk Jodie Flaherty announced that the general fund balance was a positive \$16,300 and the overall budget was in the positive by \$230,336.

Flaherty and City Manager Jessica Garcia thanked the department heads and Councilwoman Jennifer Zupp-Smith for their work in trimming next year's budget.

"We went through line by line on some of the (departmental) budgets," said Flaherty.

"I feel that we tried to spread cuts across everybody equally and look for what was actually needed," said Zupp-Smith.

Councilman Greg Miller said at the April 2 meeting that he hopes each department can stay within the budget they've been given.

A public hearing on the budget was set for a special city council meeting for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23.

For fiscal year 2024-2025, the estimate of property taxes to be collected is \$5.2 million and total

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## Skywatchers



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Many people were looking skyward in the early afternoon on Monday in the county, using special glasses to see the partial eclipse of the sun. The path of the total solar eclipse could be seen across portions of Mexico, the central and eastern United States and southeastern Canada. Over Denison, the sun played a game of hide-and-seek with clouds, but the partial eclipse was visible long enough to satisfy anyone who looked up. Pictured, Sheri Rowedder uses the solar eclipse glasses and her phone to snap a photo while Cheryl Lahr uses her glasses. They both work for Crawford County Community Health. The inset photo shows the partial eclipse taken with a cell phone aimed through the glasses. See more photos inside.

## DMU pursues rock riffle dam on Boyer to raise water levels in north well field

BY GORDON WOLF

All recent rainfalls have been welcomed, but a lot of rain must fall to put an end to a drought that is now in its fifth year.

According to U.S. Drought Monitor data as of April 2, part of Crawford County is listed as abnormally dry, and part is in a moderate drought.

To help counteract the effects of the drought, the Denison Municipal Utilities (DMU) Board voted at its most recent meeting to pursue the permitting process to place a rock riffle dam on the Boyer River north of the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

The purpose of the dam is to raise the static water level in the alluvial aquifer, from which DMU's north well field draws water.

As described by Martha Silks with

LRE Water, a firm hired by DMU, the water level in the Boyer River has an indirect effect on the water level in the alluvial aquifer. The effect is indirect because the river's ability to recharge the aquifer is slowed by a clay layer in the soil.

The DMU Board authorized Peter Baudhuin with DGR Engineering, Rock Rapids, to pursue the permitting process with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers for two four-foot-high rock riffle dams or one six-foot-high rock riffle dam.

Baudhuin explained in an email to The Denison Free Press that a riffle dam structure is taller on the upstream end. The backslope of the dam is gentler than the foreslope to allow for

fish and paddle craft passage.

A riffle dam would span the channel of the river, and the length, from the foreslope to the backslope, may be up to a few hundred feet long.

A factor that was somewhat disconcerting for DMU is that the permitting process may take up to 18 months.

But even if the drought ends before the rock riffle dam is constructed, the dam will help the wellfield when droughts occur in the future.

Baudhuin said if the permitting process started right away, completion of a dam or dams could be sometime in 2026. The construction timeline is short compared to the permitting and funding process. Construction could take a month or two and maybe three

to four months if two structures are installed in the river.

The DMU Board's decision to pursue the permitting process followed a presentation of a draft document on the effectiveness of rock riffle dams.

To demonstrate the effectiveness of a rock riffle dam, LRE Water built a computer model and reviewed the area's geology that focused primarily on DMU's north wellfield. Four simulations were run – one four-foot dam, two four-foot dams, one six-foot dam and one 10-foot dam.

The 10-foot dam was used only for comparison and was not seen as feasible; both Silks and Baudhuin said the DNR was unlikely to permit a dam of that height.

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## The big crash



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Nick Bradley, Denison Middle School assistant principal, serves as comedic relief during the performance of "Concerto for Crash Cymbals" at the Denison Middle School band concert on Thursday, April 4, at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center. The song was one of four played by the sixth grade band under the direction of Peter Bekkerus. See more photos inside.

## Auction brings \$355 per acre for county farm ground

BY GORDON WOLF

The Board of Supervisors room at the Crawford County Courthouse turned into an auction venue on April 2 when Jared Muhlbauer with Denison Livestock Auction took bids on just under 129 acres of county-owned farm ground located at the old county farm property east of Arion.

Bidding started at \$300 an acre and stayed at that level until after a short recess. Bids increased to \$335 before another short recess was taken. Then the bidding topped out at \$355 an acre, which was offered by Jim Reiser.

At \$355, the total rent for the 128.8 acres is \$45,724, with \$500 paid right after the auction and the remainder - \$45,224 - to be paid on or before April 20.

The lease expires on February 28 next year.

For months the supervisors have been discussing ways to enroll the old county farm ground into the

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and that intent was listed in the lease agreement.

Supervisors Kyle Schultz and Craig Dozark had reported to the rest of the board at multiple meetings on their efforts to get the land enrolled in the CRP.

"We have been working feverously to get enrolled in a CRP program," Schultz said before the auction. "We have an application filed but it hasn't been approved, but we anticipate it will be approved. By signing the lease (the renter is) also signing termination papers so you don't have to go through that in August."

Schultz noted one change to the lease made on the day of the auction. Previously the lease agreement said there would be no removal of stover. That part was stricken. Stover can be removed but it must be removed no later than December 24 of this year, Schultz explained.

### BEI donates to wellness center



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Mike Cedar, professional landscape architect with Beck Engineering, Inc. (BEI), presents a check for \$2,500 to Denison Mayor Pam Soseman. The donation is going to the Crawford County Wellness Center. Beck Engineering is the city's contracted engineering firm. Among other work, Beck is involved in the planning and design of the new all-inclusive playground at Washington Park.



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### DHS students named to Hawkeye 10 Conference teams

Shelby Kastner and Quinlan Bygness were selected to represent Denison High School on two Hawkeye 10 Conference teams.

Kastner was selected to the Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Team and Bygness was selected to the Hawkeye 10 Character Team.

The Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Team was created to recognize area students who have excelled in academics and demonstrated the characteristics of a successful, well-rounded student. The team is composed of 22 students from Hawkeye 10 schools.

Each Hawkeye 10 school has at least one student on the team provided they have a nomination that meets the criteria. The remaining team members were selected based on total points awarded during the screening process.

Selection is based on academics, leadership, character and school/community service.

Denison High School had eight students that qualified for nomination to the Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Team. In addition to Kastner, they are Addison Inman, Analuisa Cruz-Nieto, David Aldana, Danny Saldana, Chloe Koch, Jake Fink and Jonathan Graeve.

Each school gets to select one student for the Hawkeye 10 Character Team.

The awards were presented at a banquet on April 3 at the Cass County Community Center in Atlantic.

Schools in the Hawkeye 10 Conference are Atlantic, Clarinda, Creston, Denison, Glenwood, Harlan, Kuemper Catholic, Lewis Central, Red Oak, Shenandoah and St. Albert.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Shelby Kaster, who was named to the Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Team, is pictured with her parents, Kurt and Angie Kastner.



Quinlan Bygness, who was named to the Hawkeye 10 Character Team, is pictured with her parents, Ryan and Erika Bygness.



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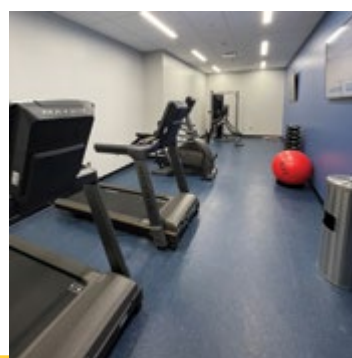
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### CITY BUDGET,

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revenue and other sources are estimated at \$12.5 million. Total expenditures and transfers out are estimated at \$12.26 million.

The property tax levy on regular property will be \$18.86269 per \$1,000 assessed valuation and the ag land levy is \$3.00375. For the current fiscal year, the city's regular property tax levy is \$19.05138. The current ag land levy is the same as the levy proposed for the next fiscal year.

The projected ending fund balance for fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$5,784,124 while the ending fund balance for the current fiscal year is projected to be \$5,553,788.

The current fiscal year (2023-2024) began with a fund balance of \$6,008,692, which means that cash on hand of \$454,904 is projected to be needed to balance this year's budget.

At the March 19 council meeting, Flaherty and Garcia spoke about a call they had with the city's bond counsel on that same day, on the need to balance the budget or have a positive balance. Garcia said this would affect the city's bond rating. She reported at the April 2 meeting that the city had an A rating for bonding.

### Immanuel Schleswig to host LWML spring rally

The LWML group of Immanuel Schleswig will host the Denison Zone LWML spring rally on Thursday, April 18, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig.

Registration for the rally will start at 9 a.m.; the rally will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The theme is "A Light To My Path" taken from Psalm 119:105.

Mission Central Pastoral Advisor and Mission Development Counselor Rev. Steve Schultz, from Mapleton, will be the guest speaker. He will explain why it is necessary to send missionaries around the world to tell other people about Jesus.

Those attending are invited to bring gift cards from Fareway, Hy-Vee and Walmart to help support the guests of Mission Central.

Rally attendees may also bring school supplies and hygiene items for the Orphan Grain Train mission work.

Lunch will be served following the rally and a short informal meeting.

Everyone is invited.

### DMS sixth graders perform in solo contest

On Thursday, March 7, all Denison Middle School (DMS) sixth grade band students participated in a solo festival hosted at the school. Students were given a rating based on their performance. Possible ratings were I+, I, I- (Superior) II+, II, II- (Excellent) and III+, III, III- (Good). Outstanding solos were selected from three centers as the best performances of the night.

Ratings are as follows:

#### Outstanding Performances

Reed Meseck, trumpet  
Paola Sotelo, percussion  
Samantha Gutierrez, clarinet  
Jaylen Centano, trumpet  
Raegan Lambert, clarinet  
Rikki Barton, flute

#### I+ Rating

Kaylee Duarte, Kallen Hipnar, Samuel Franco Jr., Yarezy Flores, Maria Hernandez, Scarlett Diaz, Allen Berrones, Ibrahim Limon, Genesis Iniguez, Emmy Chevez, Emilio Cortez, Kimberly Ibarra, Kyler Aherns, William Swanson, Alexa Mendoza

#### I or I- Rating

Luke Ratliff, Angeth Lual, Braylon Urich, Gareth Flores, Matthias Palencia, Mason Koenig, Donovan

### Leading With Purpose CDC announces annual Women in Business Luncheon

The Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County (CDC) announced that this year's Annual Women in Business Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, April 24, from noon to 1 p.m. at Stables at Copper Ridge in Denison.

Tickets are \$15 per person, which includes a meal prepared by Staley's Catering.

Seating is limited. Attendees should RSVP by Friday, April 19, at www.cdca.org/wib-luncheon or by calling the CDC office at 712-263-5621 or by emailing mnutt@cdca.org.

This year's luncheon will be an inspiring event, featuring a keynote address by none other than Denison Mayor Pam Soseman. Soseman's unwavering dedication to community involvement has made her an icon of inspiration for women across our region. Her passion for empowering women and fostering community engagement is truly remarkable, said Mariah Nutt, CDC office manager and event organizer.

"I am thrilled to welcome Mayor Pam Soseman as our guest speaker for this year's Women in Business Luncheon. Mayor Soseman's leadership shows the importance of community involvement and the impact of women in leadership positions. I am confident that Mayor Soseman's insights will inspire and empower all who attend," she said.

In addition to Soseman's address, the luncheon will feature the presentation of the "Emerging Women in Business" and "Businesswoman of the Year" awards, honoring individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in their business/organization and a commitment to driving positive change in Crawford County.

To nominate women for these awards, go to <https://forms.office.com/r/y4JqA792R4>.

The Annual Women in Business Luncheon is open to all women who wish to celebrate and support the advancement of women in business and leadership roles.

"I am looking forward to once again having the opportunity to host the Annual Women in Business Luncheon." Nutt stated. "As we gather to celebrate the theme of 'Leading with Purpose,' it's a powerful reminder of the positive impact women can have when they embrace leadership roles."

Event sponsors are Black Hills Energy, Cobalt Credit Union, Vision Care Center, Crawford County Memorial Hospital, Monogram Foods and Stables at Copper Ridge.

Thao, Kaylee Duarte, Broc Slater, Emily Bermudez, Gavin Skarin, Kallen Hipnar, Paola Sotelo, Harrison Fink, Maite Sandoval, Samantha Sotelo, Dastin Rangel, Ayvah Nemitz, Addey Schneider, Carlos Paz-Morales, Greyson Henningsen, Fatima Mendoza, Diego Bernal, Julia Cervantes, Jaylen Marquez, Geovani Chile, Stephanie Aviles, Andres Domingo, Joostin Martinez, Pascual Domingo, Laiza Flores, Angelica Lopez, Emanuel Marquez, Yoceili Cifuentes, Yuliana Salazar, Samuel Raymundo, David Lopez, Tucker Gotto, Caleb Reyes, Emily Ramirez, Faith Dukes, Abulla Okwer, Angel Arambula, Yiceli Bartolon, Ezequiel Lopez, Jacky Duarte, Rolando Martinez, Wilmer Ayala, Emmanuel Serrato, Carlos Salguero, Victor Reyes, Landyn Wiese, Aliya Krajicek-Lyman, Heydi Arreola, Brityn Winey, Yamileth Gomez, Maya McMinemee, Alena Lee, Rylee Shimer, Juana Ramirez, Emily Spahn, Dana Alcarez, Caroline Schrum, Kate Hernandez, Lizett Rodriguez, Haylee Velasquez, Giselle Landaverde, Raymond Vrieze, Fernando Lupian

#### II+, II, or II- Rating

Efrain Perez, Faith Neumann, Deylani Polanco, Corallyn Tasich, Atticus Herrin, Evelyn Segura, Eric Pineda, Nereyda Garnica, Alyssa Cordero, Braxton Ghislandi

### RIFFLE DAM,

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In the model for the two four-foot-high dams, the distance between the dams would be about 3,500 feet, Baudhuin told The Denison Free Press.

One four-foot dam placed in the river would result in an increase in the aquifer's static water level of only 215 to 363 gallons per minute, depending on climatic conditions, said Silks. She added that the range of the lowest amount of increase at 215 gallons per minute isn't that good.

Two four-foot dams would yield an increase of 876 to 1,450 gallons per minute, which is the highest of the probable dam constructions.

The next highest is the six-foot dam which would yield 753 to about 1,200 gallons per minute.

Increased water pumping isn't the only consideration. Cost of construction per gallon increase was also examined using DGR's opinion of probable cost and the lower end of water yield increase for each size of dam.

Estimated costs for the various size of dams (excluding the 10-foot dam) would be \$1,716,000 to \$3,219,000, with nearly a \$1 million increase in the projected cost going from one six-foot dam to two four-foot dams.

The highest cost dam based on the increase in water yield was the single four-foot dam.

The two four-foot dams had a projected cost of \$2,218 per increase in pumping rate.

The best economical dam was the six-foot dam at \$1,878 per increase in pumping rate.

Silks said LRE's conclusion was to proceed with permitting for a six-foot dam or two four-foot dams.

Board member Chad Langenfeld asked if any dams had been considered for placement on the river south of the discharge from the wastewater treatment plant, which is about one million gallons per day.

Silks said the factor in placing the dam or dams on the Boyer River north of the fairgrounds had to do with constructability. Farther south, the constructability gets a little more complicated, she said.

Baudhuin added another factor is that the north well field was targeted for the construction of a rock riffle dam because that's where most of DMU's water production comes from. Putting a dam farther south would not benefit the north well field enough for it to be worthwhile.

He also said that the DNR would have to consider the likelihood that a dam would increase the possibility of the river overtopping the banks.

Baudhuin said DGR would use river modeling to show what those flood events could look like with a dam in the river.

A rock riffle dam would not significantly change the amount of water flow downstream, Baudhuin also said.

"If you build a dam and water starts to back up, you get a real temporary downstream reduction in the flow, but then as soon as the water overtops the structure, you're back to the baseline flow of the river to what it was before," he said.

In addition to pursuing the permitting process with the DNR, Baudhuin will have discussions with USDA Rural Development about funding possibilities.

He said that recently, for Regional Water Rural Water Association based in Avoca, DGR was able to get a \$1 million USDA Rural Development grant through the agency's emergency

community water grant assistance program.

He explained what is needed is an emergency event and that right now Iowa is in a drought. DMU must also have to be able to document that the emergency has caused a reduced capacity and show that the reduced capacity has caused the water system to not meet the community's demand or be in danger of not meeting the demand. Baudhuin concluded that DMU has a qualifying event for an emergency community water grant.

Baudhuin continued that with a cost ranging from \$1.7 million to \$3.2 million, depending on the size and number of the dams, and after considering a \$1 million grant, the balance needed to fund the project would be from \$700,000 to \$2.2 million.

He said that USDA Rural Development would provide a low interest loan for the balance of the funding.

DMU could also seek other sources of funding for the balance of the cost. The Hungry Canyons Alliance was mentioned as one possible funding source.

Weis said if a dam is built, DMU would have to see if any water rate increases would be needed to fund the construction.

Langenfeld pointed out the community needs water.

"There's no question about it," he said.

Baudhuin had prepared some rough figures relating to rate increases to fund a rock riffle dam, with the \$1 million grant taken into consideration.

He said the USDA Rural Development loan rate for a community with DMU's income level is currently 2-1/4% on a 40-year loan. Based on a customer base of 3,000, and not considering any other grants to lower the cost, it could mean an increase in the per-customer monthly bill of 76 cents for a single four-foot dam, \$2.35 for two four-foot dams and \$1.31 for a six-foot dam.

Langenfeld asked if the construction of a rock riffle dam would have any downsides attached to it.

Silks didn't see any downsides.

Baudhuin said the only short-term downside he saw was the cost of the project compared to the amount of capacity DMU could gain by drilling more wells. He said DMU could probably get more capacity by drilling more wells in the wellfield; however, if the drought continues, it's going to continue to affect all of DMU's wells.

"The long-term benefit of a rock riffle project like this is that it gives you a minimum water level in your aquifer, so it's a good security measure," he added.

Other advantages of the dam compared to drilling more wells is that the dam would not involve the installation of more power lines and the use of more power and would not require the installation of more water pipeline.

Maintenance to the dam would be deferred for a number of years, Silks said.

The price estimated for the dams was based on using Sioux Quartzite, a durable rock, which would give the dam an estimated 50-year lifespan. Local limestone could be used but has a lifespan of only 10 years. The cost savings by using the less expensive limestone was only 10%.

The DMU Board's motion to proceed included payment of LRE Water's invoice.

Baudhuin was directed to provide DMU with DGR's cost proposal for the permitting and funding phase of the project.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The sixth-grade outstanding woodwind performers are from left Samantha Gutierrez, Raegan Lambert and Rikki Barton.



Pictured are the outstanding brass and percussion soloists. From left, Reed Meseck, Jaylen Centeno and Paola Sotelo.



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# Local Calendar

## SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2024

**Boy Scout Troop 55 monthly paper drive**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Pronto parking lot.

**Storytime – Teddy Bear Picnic – 10 a.m.**, Norelius Community Library. Bring your favorite plushie to the library for stories, songs, snacks, games and a special activity. For children ages 0-5.

**The Story of the Orphan Train, presented by Pippa White with One's Company**, at the Charter Oak Public Library, 2 p.m. Performance is in celebration of National Library Week, April 7-14. The Charter Oak Public Library will also host an open house and a book sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**St. Rose of Lima Catholic School annual spring fundraiser**, "A Night in Nashville," at Stables at Copper Ridge. Doors open at 5 p.m. Meal, catered by Staley's, starts at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment by Radio Rangers and live and silent auctions throughout the night. Tickets are \$45 before the event and \$50 at the door.

**Fiesta Mariachi 2024**, Denison High School gym. Doors open at 6 p.m. Music to start at 6:45 p.m. Tickets for the meal are sold out. Tickets to hear the music without the meal are available at the door.

## SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024

**Crawford County For Life "Rally For Life"** at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2-4 p.m. Free pizza and drinks served from 4-5 p.m. Speakers are Kirstan Gray, author and nationally-known speaker; Pastor Jonathan Conner from Manning; and Pastor Rebecca Erlemeier from Harlan. Christian music performed by Aaron Larson along with local youth. Information presented by Crawford County For Life. \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a local high school senior.

## MONDAY APRIL 15, 2024

**Euchre at the Denison Senior Center**, 6 p.m.

**Schleswig VFW Auxiliary meeting**, 7 p.m., Schleswig Golf Course clubhouse.

## TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2024

**CDC Coffee Conversations**, a networking event for all CDC members at the CDC office, 109 North Main, Denison, 8-9 a.m.

**Crawford County Hunger Fighters drive-through food distribution**, 2:30-5 p.m., United Presbyterian Church in Denison.

**Crafternoon at Norelius Community Library**, for ages 12 and up, 4-6 p.m.

**Euchre Night at Ricketts Community Building**, 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. No need to bring a partner.

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 2024

**Senior Education Series**, exercises for seniors presented by Noel Johnson, physical therapist, 9:30 a.m., Denison Senior Center. Sponsored by Angels Care Home Health and Homestead of Denison.

**Storytime at Norelius Community Library**, 2 p.m. For children ages 0-5. Stories, songs and a special activity. Lasts approximately 30 minutes including playtime.

**Unity Ridge Lutheran School drive-through chicken dinner fundraiser**, 4-7 p.m., Stables at Copper Ridge.

**Euchre Night at Charter Oak Community Building**, 7 p.m. No need to have a partner before the game.

## THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2024

**Denison Zone LWML spring rally at Immanuel Schleswig**. Registration at 9 a.m. Rally at 9:30 a.m. Lunch to be served following the rally.

**Denison Middle School vocal concert**, 7 p.m., Denison High School Fine Arts Center



# NEWS BRIEFS

### Boy Scout paper drive on April 13

The Boy Scouts of Troop 55 in Denison will conduct their monthly paper drive on Saturday, April 13, at the Pronto parking lot. The Boy Scouts will be there from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help people unload their tied, bundled or sacked newspapers. Acceptable papers can be brought in paper bags or cardboard boxes but not in plastic bags. People are asked to limit the amount of cardboard they bring.

### Schleswig VFW Auxiliary to meet April 15

The Schleswig VFW Auxiliary will conduct its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 15, at the Schleswig Golf Course clubhouse. Among the items on the agenda are the banner, a float and election of officers.

### Hunger Fighters food distribution on April 16

The Crawford County Hunger Fighters drive-through food distribution is planned for 2:30-5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, at the United Presbyterian Church, 205 North 24th Street in Denison. 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 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.

The Hunger Fighters ask that people 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.

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

# CRAWFORD COUNTY EXTENSION NEWS

### Last chance private pesticide CIC

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program will offer a "Last Chance" private pesticide applicator continuing instruction course (CIC) for private pesticide applicators on April 15 at participating county extension offices throughout the state. The course will fulfill 2023-2024 continuing instruction requirements for private pesticide applicators.

A list of the county offices offering this course can be found on the Pesticide Safety Education Program website, [www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP/). The course will run for approximately two and one-half hours.

Topics to be covered include application equipment; safe application, including drift; and pests, pest management and pesticides.

The registration fee is \$30. To register or to obtain additional information about the course, contact the Crawford County Extension office at 712-263-4697 or email [kthul321@iastate.edu](mailto:kthul321@iastate.edu).

### ServSafe training offered in Denison

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach-Crawford County is offering a food safety training for food service managers on Tuesday, May 9, at ISU Extension in Denison.

"Certification in ServSafe Manager Course meets the food code requirements in Iowa to have a certified food protection manager in all establishments," said Renee Sweers, class instructor and ISU Extension and Outreach food and health specialist. "We live in a time when food safety hazards and risks are prevalent. Serving safe food is mandatory. This eight-hour program trains food service professionals in food safety requirements and best practices to meet them."

The program is based on the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe certification program and the FDA Food Code. The class is beneficial for foodservice managers from all areas such as schools, restaurants, convenience stores, childcare, senior meal sites and health care. Participants will receive a copy of the ServSafe Manager training manual and will take the ServSafe certification exam at the end of the class. Registration is online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/servsafe>.

The registration deadline is April 18.

For more information about the program, contact Renee Sweers at [rsweers@iastate.edu](mailto:rsweers@iastate.edu) or Kathy Thul, ISU Extension and Outreach-Crawford County, [kthul321@iastate.edu](mailto:kthul321@iastate.edu), 712-563-4239.

## Wind catches sign



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MIKE DAHM

The strong winds on Saturday wreaked havoc on the storefront at Fareway in Denison.

# Letters

## TO THE EDITOR

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# ON THE SCANNER



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Law enforcement direct traffic as this Toyota 4Runner is about to be pulled upright and towed following an accident at the intersection of Broadway and 15th Street in Denison.

**March 29, 2:35 p.m.:** The Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened at the intersection of Broadway and 15th Street. Aseyas Tewelderhan Habteslasie, 23, of Denison, was driving a tan 2004 Toyota 4Runner east on Broadway,

ran a red light and struck a blue 2017 Silverado pickup being driven by Timothy Ray Lamaak, 64, of Lake View. The 4Runner rolled on its passenger side. Habteslasie and a passenger in his vehicle were transported to Crawford County Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

# COURTHOUSE NEWS

March 29-April 4, 2024

### SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

- + Hannah Lynn Cadwell, Dunlap, failure to provide proof of financial liability, \$615.63.
- + Bryce Dana Blunk, Kiron, dark window or windshield, \$135.50.
- + Raymundo Lopez Hilaria, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- + Jesus Deras Hernandez, Omaha, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- + Gage Bogardus, Woodbine, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.
- + Dumel Bien Aime, Mulberry, FL, permitting unauthorized person to drive, \$354.
- + Kinley May Wiebers, Schleswig, improper lane change, \$210.25.
- + Teondre D. Thompson, Ida Grove, operating non-registered vehicle, \$175.75.
- + Daniel Garcia Paz, Denison, violation of instruction permit limitation, \$135.50.
- + Victor Bautista Carreon, Denison, failure to have a valid license or permit for operation of motor vehicle, \$285.

### SPEEDING (16-20 MPH OVER)

- + Cesar Humberto Ponce Moncada, Denison, \$193.
- + Raymundo Lopez Hilaria, Denison, \$193.

### SPEEDING (11-15 MPH OVER)

- + Josie Lynn Koenig, Arion, \$175.75.

### SPEEDING 6-10 MPH OVER

- + Trama Giermann, Westside, \$118.25.
- + Dennis James Vonnahme, Breda, \$118.25.
- + Casey Lynn Polacek, Schleswig, \$149.88.
- + Bailey Christine Schaben, Turin, \$118.25.

### SPEEDING (1-5 MPH OVER)

- + Adam Ross Blum, Charter Oak, \$89.50.
- + Tyson Lee Auen, Schleswig, \$89.50.
- + Alexander Garcia, Denison, \$89.50.
- + Carlo Mario Jimenez Vargas, Deloit, \$89.50.
- + Karley Jo Jocelynn Hagge, Dow City, \$89.50.
- + Madonna Z. Johnson, Omaha, NE, \$89.50.
- + Alexeis Brizuela Ebanks, Denison, \$89.50.
- + William Edwin Haakinson, Des Moines, \$89.50.

### SMALL CLAIMS

- + Against: Monica Enedina Torres Mendoza, Denison. In favor of: Cavalry SPV I LLC. Amount: \$2,396.95 plus \$95 costs.
- + Against: Gabriela Magana Ahumada, Denison. In favor of: Midland Credit Management, Inc. Amount: \$1,668.36 plus \$95 costs.
- + Against: Dennis Michael Nelson, Denison. In favor of: LVNV Funding, LLC. Amount: \$985.99 plus \$95 costs.
- + Against: Deborah Kay Malone, Denison. In favor of: AMVC Veterinary Services. Amount: \$406.72 plus \$95 costs.
- + Against: Randall A. Richardson, Denison. In favor of: Hawkeye Adjustment Service. Amount: \$2,311.16 plus \$95 costs.
- + Against: Joshua Ryan Davis, Dow City. In favor of: H&R Accounts, Inc. Amount: \$3,883 plus \$95 costs.
- + Against: Kari K. Meyer, Dow City. In favor of: Cavalry SPV I LLC. Amount: \$4,813.29 plus \$95 costs.

# LAND TRANSACTIONS

March 29-April 4, 2024

### Warranty Deeds

- + MMM LU LLC to Yan Xunyun and Xu Xiaofang: Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block 157, City of Denison; \$200,000.
- + Rachel M. Simon to M&D Williams Properties LLC: Lot 15, Block 9, City of Dow City; \$80,000.
- + Deborah Kay Keat to Mitchel Kinsey: Lot 3, Block 3, Ridgeway Fourth Addition, City of Denison; \$204,000.
- + Chad Petersen and Danae Petersen to Mark L. Beeck Revocable Trust, Mark L. Beeck, Trustee, Theresa Beeck Revocable Trust, Theresa L. Beeck, Trustee: E1/2 SW1/4 Section 6, Goodrich Township; \$800,000.
- + Mark L. Beeck Revocable Trust, Mark L. Beeck, Trustee, Theresa Beeck Revocable Trust, Theresa L. Beeck, Trustee to Chad Petersen and Danae Petersen: S1/2 NE1/4 Section 31, Otter Creek Township; \$800,000.
- + Mark L. Beeck Revocable Trust, Theresa L. Beeck Revocable Trust, Tracy L. Beeck Revocable Trust and Michael F. Beeck Revocable Trust, Mark L. Beeck, Theresa L. Beeck, Tracy L.

Beeck and Michael F. Beeck, Trustees to DGOCSCHLESWIGIA09202023 LLC: SE1/4 NE1/4 Section 24, Morgan Township; \$45,000.

### Quit Claim Deeds

- + Raquel Elizabeth Requeno De Santamaria and Victor Manuel Santamaria to V&R Investment LLC: Lot 6, Block 113, City of Denison.

### State Tax Lien

- + Iowa Department of Revenue against Diana Totten. \$31,023.89.
- + Iowa Department of Revenue against Joel K. Boeck. \$8,009.99.

### Court Officer Deeds

- + Arnold Alvin Luetje Estate, Paulette Luetje, Administrator to Westside Economic Development Organization Incorporated: Lot 9 and Lot 10, Block 10, City of Westside.

### Contracts

- + Sam Baccam, Sara Baccam and Alex Baccam to PNL Enterprises LLC: Block 133, City of Denison; \$80,000.

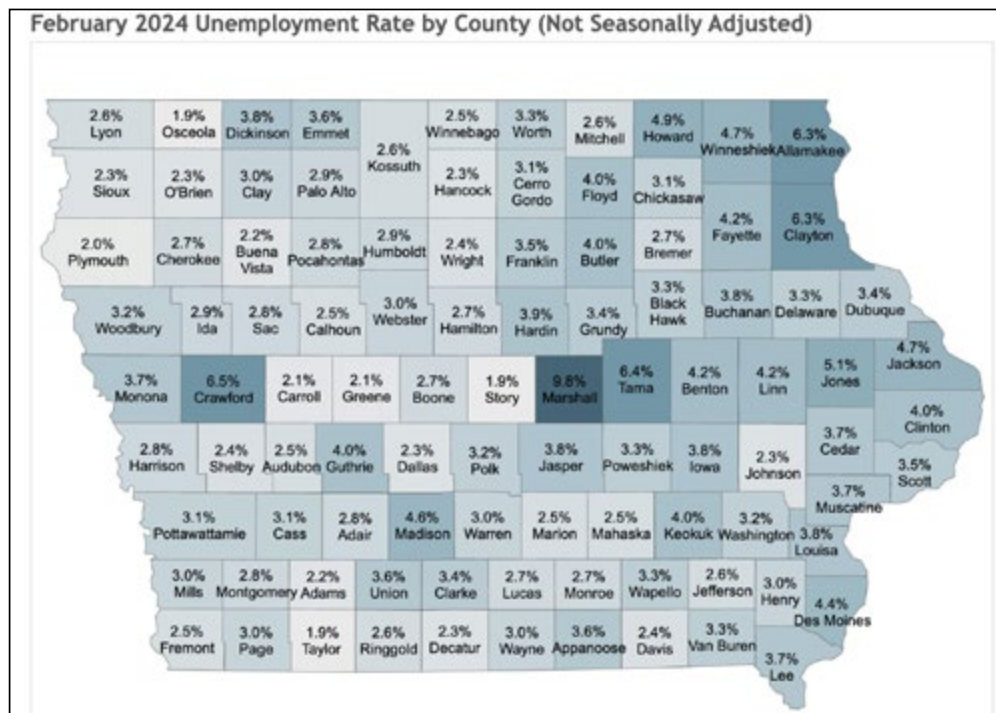
## Lunch and learn for entrepreneurs



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

People gathered at the restaurant at Boulders Conference Center last week Friday for a free seminar to learn about the \$96 million investment set up by the Department of the Treasury to support Iowa's small businesses. Leaders from organizations that distribute the funds to entrepreneurs composed the panel that talked about the State Small Business Credit Initiative programs. The four programs are the Iowa Economic Development Authority Innovation Continuum, Manufacturing 4.0 Loan Participation Program, InnoVenture Iowa Co-Investment Fund and the Small Business Collateral Support Program. The seminar was hosted by the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County.

## Crawford County posts second-highest jobless rate in Iowa



Crawford County recorded the second-highest unemployment rate in Iowa for the month of February with a jobless figure of 6.5% - more than three times the rate of neighboring Carroll County, according to the latest figures from Iowa Workforce Development. Crawford County borders eight other counties, six of which have rates under 3% - Ida, 2.9%; Sac, 2.8%; Carroll, 2.1%;

Audubon, 2.5%; Shelby, 2.4%; and Harrison, 2.8%. The rates in two other bordering counties are 3.7% in Monona County, and 3.2% in Woodbury County. The only Iowa county with a higher unemployment rate for February than Crawford is Marshall, which posted a 9.8% rate, far and away the highest in the state. Iowa's seasonally adjusted

## Middle school musicians



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

The sixth, seventh and eighth grade bands from Denison Middle School performed its spring concert at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center on April 5. For the two lower grade bands, the concert marked only the second time they had played the music as complete groups. The sizes of the sixth and seventh grade bands prevent them from rehearsing as full units except for the rehearsals prior to a concert. Each of the three bands played four songs. Peter Bekkerus and Ryan Meyer were the directors.

unemployment rate decreased to 2.9% in February, down from 3% in January and equal to the rate one year ago. Meanwhile, despite widespread job growth across multiple industries, Iowa's labor force participation rate ticked down from 67.3% in January to 67.2% in February as a large concentration of young Iowans left work for education. The U.S. unemployment rate increased to 3.9% in February. The number of unemployed Iowans decreased to 50,200 in February from 51,100 in January, while the number of working Iowans fell to 1,650,700 in February. The employed figure is 3,000 lower than January and 13,200 lower than one

year ago. "February was warmer than normal, and the impact of that showed up in Iowa's economy," said Beth Townsend, executive director of Iowa Workforce Development. "Iowa businesses added jobs in nearly every major industry last month, from construction and manufacturing to health care and accommodation and food services. At the same time, we also saw a slight decline in the overall workforce, with most who left saying they were doing so to attend classes. Opportunity abounds for anyone who wants to work. IowaWORKS currently has more than 60,000 open job postings, and IowaWORKS career advisors will be happy to help you get started."

# Monarchs

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS SOCCER

### Denison-Schleswig girls start soccer season with 5-0 win



PHOTO BY RHONDA RAUCH

Karla Sanchez scores against Creston.

The Denison-Schleswig Lady Monarchs started its season with a 5-0 conference victory at home against Creston on April 4.

"Tonight was a great win to start the season. Defensively, we dodged a bullet very early as we nearly were down 1-0 right away. After that, we played great defense and stopped almost all of Creston's counters without a shot," said Head Coach Chris Eller. "When they did shoot, Sam Chandler did a

good job of saving all their shots on goal.

"Offensively, we passed the ball pretty well and more importantly the girls played very unselfishly," he added. "Our movement and spacing were pretty solid for most of the game. At times we got bunched up, or we kept the ball on one side of the field and had too many bodies to try to get our

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### Lady Monarchs shut out Riverside in soccer

The Denison-Schleswig Lady Monarchs improved their record to 2-0 with a 6-0 win in soccer over Riverside in an away match on Tuesday.

Denison-Schleswig led 5-0 at halftime.

"We didn't play our best soccer, but we did enough to get a win and also got 23 girls into the match for significant playing time," said Head Coach Chris Eller. "With three games in four days, I didn't want to have anybody play too many minutes tonight."

He added that his team struggled

with its touches as Riverside's grass football field was very bumpy; the ball took a lot of funny hops on passes.

The Lady Monarchs also had a lot of shots go over the crossbar or just wide of the goal. At least three shots hit the post or the crossbar.

"Defensively, we had some breakdowns and dodged a couple of bullets when we substituted," Eller said. "We will need to develop some depth this year because we won't have all of our players for several games this year due to other activities that the girls are involved in. Hopefully, that depth will develop with continued learning at practice."

Shots: D-S 31, Riverside 3

Shots on goal: D-S 13, Riverside 1

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### Monarch boys fall to Lewis Central in soccer

On Tuesday, the Denison-Schleswig Monarch boys dropped a 4-3 soccer match at home against the second-ranked 3A Lewis Central team.

For the Monarchs, Chris Lara, Jackson Saravia and Emmanuel Prado each contributed a goal.

Carlos Zamago had two assists and Richard Gonzalez had one assist.

Sebastian Contreras had 10 saves; four goals found the back of the net.

"It was a very hard-fought performance for a Monarch team that continues to grow," said Head Coach Nate Desy.



PHOTO BY RHONDA RAUCH

Chris Lara scores against Lewis Central.

### Monarch boys shut out Creston in home match

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch boys scored a 10-0 shutout over Creston in a home soccer match on Thursday, April 4.

Richard Gonzalez, Chris Lara and Luke Wiebers led the squad with two goals apiece. Carlos

Zamago, Isai Marquez, Jackson Saravia and Angel Jiminez all had one goal, finding the back of the net.

In the goal, Sebastian Contreras had two saves and Christopher Magana had one save for the night.

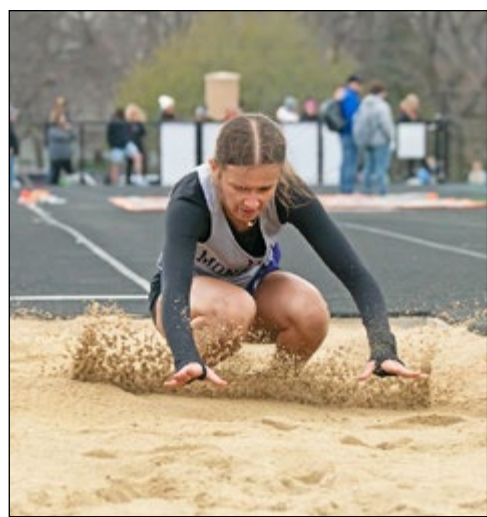


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## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS TRACK AND FIELD

### Monarch girls 2nd, boys 8th at Tiger Relays



PHOTOS BY RHONDA RAUCH

Avery Bock lands in the long jump pit. She took first at the Carroll Co-ed meet with a jump of 16-7.5 which was a new personal record.

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch girls set 10 personal records en route to a second place finish at the Tiger Relays in Carroll on Monday.

Carroll won the girls' meet with 91.5 points, followed closely by Denison-Schleswig with 90 points.

Following are the placings of the other teams: South Central Calhoun, 3rd, 81 points; Woodward Granger, 4th, 68; IKM-Manning, 5th, 61; Ballard, 6th, 53; Audubon, 7th, 48; Perry, 8th, 42; Kuemper, 9th, 27; Greene County, 10th, 24.5.

Following are the event placings for the Monarch girls.

Sprint medley relay: Kamden Bruhn, Alejandra Cardenas, Kyia Clark, Lauryn Turin, 3rd place, 2:00.49

4x100 meter relay: Avery Bock, Lauryn Turin, Alejandra Cardenas, Kyia Clark, 4th place, 55.38



Luke Wiebers hands off to Jake Fink in the final leg of the 4x200 relay. They placed 3rd.

4x800 meter relay: Charlotte Schrum, Jenna Meadows, Analuisa Cruz Nieto, Alexa Tremblay, 2nd place, 11:27.94, personal record

Shuttle hurdle relay: Avery Bock, Alejandra Cardenas, Kysa Neddermeyer, Kamden Bruhn, 2nd place, 1:15.48, personal record

100 meter dash: Sam Chandler, 5th place, 14.20

200 meter dash: Kyia Clark, 5th place, 28.81

400 meter dash: Lauryn Turin, 2nd place, 1:05.44; Piomo Okwer, 4th place, 1:10.02

100 meter hurdles: Avery Bock, 2nd place, 17.63

800 meter run: Lola Mendlik, 4th place, 2:37.08; Alexa Tremblay, 6th place, 2:42.85, personal record

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### Monarch girls 4th at Glenwood track meet

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch girls placed fourth at a track and field meet in Glenwood on Saturday, April 6.

Denison-Schleswig scored 78 points. Atlantic won the meet with 104 points, Glenwood was second with 102 and Lewis Central was third with 98. Rounding out the field were St. Albert in fifth place, with 57 points, Creston with 53, Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln with 47, Red Oak with 19 and Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson with 18.

The following athletes placed for

Denison-Schleswig

3000 meter run: Lola Mendlik, 4th place, 11:41.94

Shuttle hurdle relay: Avery Bock, Alejandra Cardenas, Kysa Neddermeyer and Kamden Bruhn, 1st place, 1:17.99

100 meter dash: Kyia Clark, 2nd place, 13:60

400 meter dash: Lauryn Turin, 2nd place, 1:04.20

100 meter hurdles: Avery Bock, 3rd place, 17.89

1500 meter run: Lola Mendlik, 3rd place, 5:30.43

Long jump: Avery Bock, 1st place, 16-7.5; Kyia Clark, 2nd place, 16-0.75

Shot put: Mayah Slater, 5th place, 29-3

Discus: Mayah Slater, 1st place, 98-8

### Monarch girls 2nd, boys 4th at D-S Co-Ed track meet

The Monarch girls placed second and the Monarch boys were fourth at the Denison-Schleswig Co-Ed track and field meet on Friday, April 5.

The Monarch girls scored 94 points. Tri-Center of Neola placed first with 99 points. Woodbine was third with 90.5 points and Harlan was fourth with 90 points. Rounding out the field were Boyer Valley with 80, IKM-Manning with 78 and Underwood with 50.5 points.

The Monarch boys scored 81 points. IKM-Manning placed first with 129 points, Harlan was second with 127 points and Woodbine was third with 122 points. Rounding out the field were Underwood with 58, Tri-Center of Neola with 43 and Boyer Valley with 17 points.

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### Monarch boys 10th at Ken Carstens Relays

A shorthanded Denison-Schleswig boys track and field team ended in 10th place with 32 points Tuesday at the Ken Carstens Relays in Harlan.

Underwood won the meet with 104 points, followed by Atlantic with 98.5, Harlan with 96 and Woodbine with 95. Rounding out the field of 10 teams were Thomas Jefferson with 88 points, Treynor with 73.5, Lewis Central with 58, Abraham Lincoln with 55 and OABCIG with 38

"We were pretty shorthanded tonight with a lot of activities going on," said Head Coach Willie Baughman. "We continued to have good handoffs and we put together some good individual times."

"Our shuttle ran one of the fastest times I have had as a coach, which is promising," he added. "Anthony Arambula had a good night running

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# Sports

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS TENNIS

### Monarch boys win 9-0 in first tennis meet

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch boys took a 9-0 win from Harlan in the first tennis meet of the year on April 4.

"Harlan took a big hit from graduation last year, losing their top five players," said Head Coach Aaron Ratliff. "With losing four players ourselves, this was a good first outing for our inexperienced squad. Hopefully we can continue to improve throughout the season. I particularly liked our dominant doubles play."

#### Highlights

- Braden Curnyn's forehands kept improving throughout the match. By the end of the doubles matches, they were almost unstoppable.
- Blaine Brodsky's serve was dominant in singles play. When it is on, its power is hard to deal with.
- Hunter Pieper put his volleys away

with authority, while his partner Omar Abarca kept his opponents at bay with solid groundstrokes.

• It was terrific to see the JV pitch a shutout today. It signals good things for future seasons.

#### Singles match scores

- #1 Braden Curnyn, 8-2
  - #2 Blaine Brodsky, 8-0
  - #3 Omar Abarca, 8-4
  - #4 Hunter Pieper, 8-0
  - #5 Danny Saldana, 8-1
  - #6 Adonay Arellano, 8-1
- Doubles match scores
- #1 Brodsky and Curnyn, 8-0
  - #2 Abarca and Pieper, 8-1
  - #3 Arellano and Saldana, 8-0

The J.V. team took a 10-0 win over Harlan.

### Monarch boys fall to strong Sioux City East tennis team

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch boys fell 8-1 in a home meet against Sioux City East on Tuesday.

The doubles team of Blaine Brodsky and Braden Curnyn won the only match for the Monarchs.

"It was a rough outcome today. It is obvious that we need to spend more time practicing net play, overheads and groundstrokes," said Head Coach Aaron Ratliff. "This Sioux City East team is young and will be a powerhouse for the next two years."

#### Highlights

Blaine Brodsky and Braden Curnyn overcame disappointing singles losses to control their doubles match in an 8-5 win. The experience playing with each other in last Saturday's Boone Tournament really helped their doubles play.

Some JV players that showed flashes on Tuesday. Owen Galvin won both his singles match and doubles match with Jayden Bradley. Grant Fink was also dominant in his 6-0 singles win and 6-0 doubles win with Ethan Olsen.

Both Grant Olsen's and Ethan Olsen's powerful serves were on. Ethan won his singles match with a 7-0 tiebreaker win.



PHOTO BY RHONDA RAUCH

Braden Curnyn hits a backhand during a doubles match against Sioux City East. He and his partner, Blaine Brodsky, won their match.

The Monarch boys host Sioux City Heelan today (April 11) at 4 p.m. They travel to Shenandoah on Friday for a 4:30 p.m. meet, and on Saturday the Monarchs will compete in the Shenandoah J.V. tournament, beginning at 9 a.m.

### Monarch boys fall to St. Albert in tennis

The Denison-Schleswig boys tennis team dropped a match to St. Albert, 7-2, on Friday, April 5.

"St. Albert has a young talented squad this year that is particularly strong up top," said Head Coach Aaron Ratliff. "We had some matches that could have turned our way, and I look forward to measuring our growth through the season by seeing how we compete against this same team at the conference tournament."

He said highlights for the Monarchs were Blaine Brodsky playing well in a back and forth singles match against a strong Cole Pekny at No. 2. Brodsky ended up falling just short in an 8-10 loss. Another highlight was Danny Saldana winning both his singles and doubles matches.

"He has improved quite a bit from last season," said Ratliff.

Saldana's doubles partner was Adonay Arellano.

### D-S boys take fourth and fifth places at Boone Tennis Invitational

The Denison-Schleswig boys' varsity placed fourth in the Boone Tennis Invitational and the J.V. boys placed fifth on Saturday, April 6.

Ames, Dallas Center-Grimes, North Polk and South Tama were the other teams that competed in the invitational.

The Monarch varsity scored 123 points to net fourth place. The J.V. team scored 69 points.

Boone won the varsity and J.V. divisions.

This was the third year for Denison-Schleswig to compete at the Boone Invitational.

Head Coach Aaron Ratliff said the tournament format is designed to test the depth of a squad; players had to choose whether to play singles or doubles.

The varsity division featured three flights of singles and three flights of doubles. The J.V. division had two flights of singles and two flights of doubles.

"I placed our six best players in doubles competition, which meant that in the (varsity) singles, our top three J.V. players were usually facing the other teams' varsity players," said Ratliff. "It was a rough outing but they did pull our two wins."

In the varsity division, the doubles

teams of Blaine Brodsky and Braden Curnyn, and Adonay Arellano and Danny Saldana pulled out impressive wins over Ames to both place third.

In the J.V. tournament, Grant Fink had an impressive day going 4-1 and just barely missing out on a second-place finish.

#### Results

- Owen Galvin went 0-5 in the #1 varsity singles flight, 6th place
- Jorge Zuniga went 1-4 in the #2 varsity singles flight, 5th place
- Jayden Bradley went 2-3 in the #3 varsity singles flight, 4th place
- Grant Fink went 4-1 in the # 2 J.V. singles flight, 3rd place
- Blaine Brodsky and Braden Curnyn went 3-2 in the #1 varsity doubles flight, 3rd place
- Omar Abarca and Hunter Pieper went 2-3 in the #2 varsity doubles flight, 4th place
- Adonay Arellano and Danny Saldana went 3-2 in the #3 varsity doubles flight, 3rd place
- Grant Olsen and John Parr went 1-4 in the #1 J.V. doubles flight, 5th place
- Cedar Cardona Jr. and Tyson Stoppel went 0-5 in the #2 J.D. doubles flight, 6th place

### Lady Monarchs top Storm Lake in tennis



PHOTO BY RHONDA RAUCH

Kiana Schulz hits a backhand against Storm Lake. Schulz won her singles match.

The Denison-Schleswig Lady Monarchs registered an 8-1 home tennis meet win over Storm Lake on Tuesday. The meet was rescheduled from April 2.

"I was really proud tonight with how some of the girls responded to adversity,"

said Head Coach Spencer Pauley. "The singles matches were close, but they found a way to win and never gave up. We need to stay focused and have a great few days of practice because we will be tested when Shenandoah comes to Denison on Friday."

#### Highlights

Kiana Schulz had an impressive singles match win. "Winning at #1 is never easy, but she has been playing at a high level helping her beat a great opponent today," said Pauley.

Abby Gutierrez was losing 1-5 in her match but ended up winning 9-8 in a tiebreaker. "This was one of the biggest wins and comebacks for her. I am proud of how she never gave up and continued to fight," the coach said.

Claire Leinen had a lot of great forehands in her singles match, helping her get the win.

Abbey Meseck's serves were on point,

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### D-S girls win Shenandoah tennis tournament

The Denison-Schleswig girls won a tiebreaker to place first at the Fillie Tennis Invitational on Saturday, April 6, at Shenandoah.

Both Denison-Schleswig and Shenandoah scored 13 points. St. Albert ended in third place with eight points and Glenwood was fourth with six points

Kiana Schulz went 2-0 in the to place first in the #1 singles division, and Abby Gutierrez went 2-0 to place first in the #2 singles division.

Zoey Beery and Abbey Meseck went 1-1 in doubles to place second, and Claire Leinen and Lynnae Johnson went 1-1 to place third.

"Today (April 6) was a fun (windy) day of tennis," said Head Coach Spencer Pauley. "We knew coming into today that there were a lot of great teams and players at this tournament in Shenandoah. We played great tennis and ended up placing 1st overall as a team. We tied with Shenandoah with

13 points but won the tiebreaker. This was definitely a goal for us to win the tournament, which is awesome to see it happen."

Pauley said the team is going to use that momentum in this week's three home matches.

He listed the following highlights. "Kiana Schulz and Abby Gutierrez have been dominating their opponents. Their power and consistency has been too much for their opponents. They are both

3-0 in singles play this year.

"Claire Leinen and Lynnae Johnson had a slow start to their day, but the second match they looked a lot more comfortable and aggressive which helped them place third. I was proud of how they overcame some challenges.

"Zoey Beery and Abbey Meseck lost the championship round in a tiebreaker. I was proud of how they never gave up. They played some solid tennis."

### Monarch girls win first tennis meet of season

The Denison-Schleswig Lady Monarchs started off their tennis season with a 9-0 win at home over Harlan on April 4.

"Coming into today (April 4), we hadn't practiced too much because of the weather and spring break," said Head Coach Spencer Pauley. "I knew that they would be in the same boat as us though. I was super proud of how we played."

#### Highlights

• Kiana Schulz picked up a great win at #1 singles. "Her serve looks even more powerful than last year," said Pauley.

• Abby Gutierrez and Claire Leinen had to grind out their wins in singles today. "I was impressed with how they kept their composure all match. They both will be tough to beat," said the coach.

• Lynnae Johnson and Abby Meseck

and Zoey Beery all dominated in their matches. "Their consistent but powerful play was too much for their opponents," said Pauley.

• Abby Ratliff won her first varsity doubles match with Zoey Beery. "I was impressed with how well they meshed together on the court with limited playing time," the coach said.

#### Singles match scores

- #1 Kiana Schulz, 8-2
  - #2 Abby Gutierrez, 8-5
  - #3 Claire Leinen, 8-6
  - #4 Lynnae Johnson, 8-0
  - #5 Abbey Meseck, 8-1
  - #6 Zoey Beery, 8-0
- Doubles match scores
- #1 Schulz and Leinen, 8-2
  - #2 Gutierrez and Meseck, 8-2
  - #3 Beery and Ratliff, 8-2

The J.V. girls registered a 13-3 win over Harlan.

### Monarch girls win 8-0 in tennis over Abraham Lincoln

The Denison-Schleswig girls improved their meet record to 2-0 by defeating Abraham Lincoln 9-0 in matches at a home meet on Monday, April 8.

"We knew coming into today that if

we can play how we have been playing recently, that we had a great chance to beat Abraham Lincoln," said Head Coach Spencer Pauley. "We started right where we left off and won 9-0. It's fun watching this team because of how deep of a team we have."

Following are the varsity singles game scores for the Monarchs.

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shots through. When we swung the ball side to side we got some one-on-one shots. We got a couple of goals on very good passes through gaps in their defense."

Eller added that Creston's goalkeeper had some very nice saves.

"I thought the girls did a great job of recognizing when to shoot and we had lots of girls take the shots when the opportunity was there," he said. "I really like the trust the girls showed with their teammates tonight."

**Shots:** Denison 31, Creston 5

**Shots on goal:** Denison 21, Creston 4

**Saves:** Sam Chandler had 4 saves in goal

**Halftime score:** Denison 2, Creston 0

### Goals

1) Aremy Santos scored her 1st goal of the season with 12:45 left in the 1st half. The goal was assisted by Karla Sanchez (1st assist).

2) Estela Lupian scored her 1st goal of the season with 10:50 left in the 1st half. The goal was assisted by Janet Castillo (1st assist).

3) Aremy Santos scored her 2nd goal of the season with 37:35 remaining in the match. Hally Escobar (1st assist) got the assist as Escobar passed the ball 35 yards through a gap.

4) Libby Leon scored her 1st goal of the season with 26:49 remaining in the match. The goal was assisted by Mia Garcia (1st assist) and Karla Sanchez (2nd assist).

5) Karla Sanchez scored her 1st goal of the season with 5:32 remaining in the match. Hally Escobar passed the ball 35 yards over their back line to Sanchez running the right sideline. Sanchez dropped the ball to Nadia Medina who took a shot from 15 yards out. Medina's shot was saved by a Creston defender, but the rebound went to Sanchez who finished the shot from 10 yards out near the right post.

## CO-ED MEET,

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### The following athletes placed for the Monarch girls.

Sprint medley relay: Alejandra Cardenas, Kamden Bruhn, Kyia Clark and Alexa Tremblay, 4th place, 2:06.73

Shuttle hurdle relay: Kamden Bruhn, Kysa Neddermeyer, Alejandra Cardenas and Avery Bock, 2nd place, 1:15.65

Distance medley relay: Alejandra Cardenas, Kyia Clark, Charlotte Schrum and Lola Mendlik, 2nd place, 4:42.56

100 meter dash: Alexa Santos, 5th place, 14.29

100 meter hurdles: Avery Bock, 3rd place, 17.63

200 meter dash: Kyia Clark, 3rd place, 27.94

800 meter run: Lola Mendlik, 2nd place, 2:38.17

1500 meter run: Lola Mendlik, 2nd place, 5:20.51

High jump: Charlotte Schrum, 3rd place, 4-6

Long jump: Avery Bock, 1st place, 15-10.5; Kyia Clark, 5th place, 14-7

Shot put: Mayah Slater, 3rd place, 30-11

Discus: Mayah Slater, 1st place, 98-8; Adrianna Lupian, 5th place, 76-3

### The following athletes placed for the Monarch boys.

## RIVERSIDE,

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**Saves:** One save for Jocelyn Serrato. Sam Chandler also played in the goal but didn't face any shots on goal.

### Goals

1) Aremy Santos scored her 3rd goal of the season just 1:43 into the match, assisted by Rosy Segoviano (1st assist of the season). Segoviano had the ball on the right wing and kicked the ball over the head of the Riverside sweeper to Santos who took one dribble and hit the shot from 6 yards out.

2) Aremy Santos scored her 4th goal of the season with 25 minutes left in the 1st half, assisted by Libby Leon (1st assist of the season). Leon stole a pass from a Riverside player 18 yards from the goal, dribbled past 1 defender and passed the ball to Santos who was 8 yards from the goal. Santos 1-touched the pass just inside the left post.

3) Aremy Santos scored her 5th goal of the season with 14:39 remaining in the 1st half. Karla Sanchez (3rd assist) had a shot on goal that the goalkeeper deflected back on the field. Santos crashed the shot and finished the rebound from 3 yards out.

4) Karla Sanchez scored her 2nd goal of the season from 28 yards out on a direct kick following a handball by a Riverside defender, with 10:38 remaining in 1st half.

5) Mia Garcia scored her 1st goal of the season on a penalty kick from 12 yards out with 8:01 remaining in the 1st half. The penalty kick was the result of Alexa Santos being tripped in the box after receiving a throw in and trying to dribble around a Riverside defender.

6) Libby Leon scored her 2nd goal of the season, assisted by Rosy Segoviano (2nd assist of the season). Rosy beat a Riverside player to the ball about 8 yards from the goal and passed the ball back to Libby who hit a 1 touch goal from 18 yards out with 31:30 remaining in the match.

Sprint medley relay: Jake Fink, Morgan Wood, Luke Wiebers and Anthony Arambula, 1st place, 1:40.25

Shuttle hurdle relay: Jake Fink, Brayden Adams, Francisco Escalante and Morgan Wood, 3rd place, 1:16.61

Distance medley relay: Trae Hartwig, Morgan Wood, Edgar Ortiz and Ethan Olsen, 3rd place, 4:15.89

4x800 meter relay: Kevin Sanchez, Edgar Ortiz, Anthony Valitiera and Ethan Olsen, 3rd place, 9:24.07

4x200 meter relay: Jake Fink, Luke Wiebers, Anthony Arambula and Brayden Adams, 3rd place, 1:38.44

3200 meter run: Brody Skarin, 7th place, 13:04.46

400 meter dash: Enrique Santos, 5th place, 1:02.51

110 high hurdles: Francisco Escalante, 4th place, 19:43

200 meter dash: Grant Olsen, 7th place, 26.46

400 meter hurdles: Francisco Escalante, 4th place, 1:06.41

800 meter run: Kevin Sanchez, 2nd place, 2:15.20; Ethan Olsen, 7th place, 2:28.69

High jump: Jake Fink, 2nd place, 5-10; Grant Olsen, 7th place, 5-4

Long jump: Anthony Arambula, 4th place, 18-6

Shot put: Garret Plagge, 3rd place, 40-09.5; Gabe Henningsen, 7th place, 36-09

Discus: Garret Plagge, 3rd place, 131-00

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1500 meter run: Lola Mendlik, 2nd place, 5:26.03

3000 meter run: Lola Mendlik, 1st place, 11:20.05, personal record

Long jump: Avery Bock, 1st place, 16-7.5; Kyia Clark, 3rd place, 15-4.5

Discus: Mayah Slater, 101-1, 6th place, personal record

**The following athletes did not place in their event but turned in personal records.**

400 meter hurdles: Kamden Bruhn, 1:21.87, personal record

1500 meter run: Jenna Meadows, 6:37.70, personal record; Annaluiza Cruz Nieto, 6:41.69, personal record

Shot put: Adrianna Lupian, 28-0.5, personal record

Discus: Gracen Plagge, 72-5, personal record

### Monarch boys

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch boys scored 39 points and ended up in eighth place at the Tiger Relays at Carroll on Monday. The boys turned in 17 personal records.

Carroll was the meet winner with 104 points. Ballard placed second with 81 points. South Central Calhoun, East Sac County, MVAOCOU and Greene County all scored 65 points for third place.

**Following are the rest of the team placings:** IKM-Manning, 5th place, 54; Audubon, 6th place, 51; Kuemper, 7th place, 43; Denison-Schleswig, 8th place, 39; Woodward-Granger, 9th place, 38; Exira-EHK, 10th place, 35; Perry, 11th place, 13.

Head Coach Willie Baughman listed the top 10 finishes in the 4x100 meter relay and the 4x200 meter relay as highlights for Denison-Schleswig.

"I was pleased with our handoffs

## RELAYS,

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with a top 10 in the 200 and was close to a personal record in the 100. Jake Fink had a top 10 in the 400 hurdles for his first time running those."

### Placings for Monarchs

Sprint medley relay: Jake Fink, Anthony Arambula, Morgan Wood, Edgar Ortiz, 8th place, 1:44.25

Shuttle hurdle relay: Jake Fink, Brayden Adams, Francisco Escalante,

tonight," he commented. "I didn't think we started the meet all that well but we did a pretty good job throughout the night."

### Following are the event placings for the Monarch boys.

4x100: Anthony Arambula, Morgan Wood, Luke Wiebers, Jake Fink, 1st place, 45.97, personal record

Sprint medley relay: Anthony Arambula, Morgan Wood, Luke Wiebers, Jake Fink, 6th place, 1:41.75

4x200 meter relay: Anthony Arambula, Morgan Wood, Luke Wiebers, Jake Fink, 2nd place, 1:34.66, personal record

4x800 meter relay: Kevin Sanchez, Edgar Ortiz, Anthony Valtierra, Ethan Olsen, 4th place, 9:22.93, personal record

800 meter run: Kevin Sanchez, 4th place, 2:14.88, personal record; Ethan Olsen, 7th place, 2:20.88, personal record

Long jump: Anthony Arambula, 7th place, 19-2

Discus: Garret Plagge, 3rd place, 135-07

Shot put: Garret Plagge, 3rd place, 44-1.5

### The following Monarch boys did not place in their event but turned in personal records.

Shot put: Alex Segoviano, 39-0.25; Ismael Alfaro, 32-5.25

110 high hurdles: Brayden Adams, 18.29

Long jump: Edgar Ortiz, 17-1; Wilson Riphin, 16-11.5

200 meter dash: Grant Olsen, 25.25

1600 meter run: Cammerin Palmer, 6:01.29; Omar Ramos, 5:40.77

4x100 meter relay: Trae Hartwig, Chris Lovan, Wilson Riphin, Grant Olsen, 50.87

Discus: Alex Segoviano, 107-09; Gabe Henningsen, 94.10; Ismael Alfaro, 77-11

Morgan Wood, 4th place, 1:11.06 (personal record)

100 meter dash: Anthony Arambula, 5th place, 11.59

Long jump: Anthony Arambula, 3rd place, 19-11

400 meter dash: Morgan Wood, 8th place, 58.41

200 meter dash: Anthony Arambula, 2nd place, 23.39 (personal record)

4x100 meter relay: Trae Hartwig, Chis Lovan, Brayden Adams, Francisco Escalante, 8th place, 49.38 (personal record)

High jump: Jake Fink, 7th place, 5-6

## LADY MONARCHS,

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helping her get singles and doubles wins.

Zoey Beery and Abby Ratliff had a great doubles win. "Their aggressive play at the net and strategic ball placement was phenomenal," said Pauley.

### Singles match scores

#1 Kiana Schulz, 8-6

#2 Abby Gutierrez, 9-8

#3 Claire Leinen, 8-5

#4 Abbey Meseck, 8-3

#5 Zoey Beery, 8-5

#6 Abby Ratliff, 8-4

Doubles match scores

#1 Schulz and Leinen, 6-8

#2 Gutierrez and Meseck, 8-4

#3 Ratliff and Beery, 8-4

The J.V. team's meet ended in a 3-3 tie with Storm Lake.

## GIRLS TENNIS,

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#1, Kiana Schulz, 8-1

#2, Abby Gutierrez, 8-0

#3, Claire Leinen, 8-3

#4, Lynnae Johnson, 8-2

#5, Abbey Meseck, 8-4

#6, Zoey Beery, 8-2

Doubles matches

#1, Schulz and Leinen, 8-3

#2, Gutierrez and Johnson, 8-2

#3, Meseck and Beery, 8-1

Kiana Schulz and Claire Leinen fell behind in their doubles match right away but battled back because of their aggressive play at the net and powerful serves.

Lynnae Johnson and Abby Gutierrez are a fun doubles team to watch. They can get to almost any shot because of how fast they are.

Abbey Meseck and Zoey Beery have good team chemistry, helping them pick up a win.

### Junior varsity results

The junior varsity went 7-1 in singles matches and 3-1 in doubles matches against Abraham Lincoln.

## Funeral Notices

### Kay Voss

Funeral services for Kay Voss, 69, of Omaha, Nebraska, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 11, at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison.

She passed away Thursday, April 4, at Lakeside Hospital in Omaha.

Survivors include three sons, Chad Voss (Kim), Ryan Voss (Shelly) and Andrew Voss (Jennifer), all of Nebraska; seven grandchildren; siblings, Debbie Greene (Dan), of Storm Lake, and Kelli Christiansen, Kristi Bell (Jim), and Beth Vogt (Russ), all of Nebraska; and Kathy Kahl (Gary), of Denison; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.



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## Senior Lunch Menu

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### Friday, April 12:

vegetable beef soup, whole wheat roll, coleslaw, cookie

### Monday, April 15:

breaded chicken patty on whole wheat bun, potato salad, mixed vegetables

### Tuesday, April 16:

baked cod, roasted red potatoes, vegetable of choice, fruit crisp

### Wednesday, April 17:

herb-rubbed roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, whole wheat roll, peas

### Thursday, April 18:

scalloped potatoes with ham, green beans, bread pudding

### Friday, April 19:

goulash, breadstick, side salad, cottage cheese



## Harry Houdini entertains at Denison library



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Portraying Harry Houdini, actor Duffy Hudson, from Burbank, California, escaped from a straitjacket and handcuffs, performed a trick using thread and needles and had fun interacting with the crowd at Norelius Community Library on Monday night. Toward the end of the presentation, he said it's not the chains on handcuffs, the straps on straitjackets or the locks that hold people back. It's their belief and fear that chains, straps and locks will hold them back. He encouraged people to change their thinking and unlock the magic inside of them. Hudson performed as Edgar Allan Poe at the library last year. He has a number of shows in his repertoire, including Albert Einstein and actor and war hero Audie Murphy.

## In Remembrance



**Berdena Anna Nemitz**

June 9, 1929 - March 30, 2024

Berdena "Dena" Anna Nemitz was born June 9, 1929, the daughter of Fred and Rose (Trenkelbach) Kollbaum. She was the 13th child out of 14 children. Dena passed away March 30th, 2024 at Gracewell Nursing Home in Denison, Iowa at the age of 94 years.

Dena was born in Schleswig, Iowa and received her education in area country schools.

On February 23, 1947, she was united in marriage to Earl Boger in Hiawatha, Kansas and was blessed with four children: Norman, Edward, Kenneth and Vickie. They parted in 1966. On October 2, 1968 she married William Nemitz. They lived and farmed south of Arthur, then retired to Storm Lake. After William passed away November 8, 1980, Dena moved to Denison.

Growing up she had several jobs. Starting on the family farm helping with siblings, livestock, and crops. As a young adult, she and several of her sisters cleaned homes, hanging wallpaper and painting, canning fruits and vegetables, butchering chickens and cleaning several businesses. She enjoyed playing her banjo, guitar, and singing with her kids. Later on, she sold Studio Girl Cosmetics and Stanley Home Products and owned and operated two Taverns: D&E in Arthur and Dena's Place in Boyer. She worked in several cafes, and enjoyed helping out at John's Steakhouse in Schleswig and Cronk's Café in Denison; she stopped working at the age of 83. She was also a caregiver for 3 of her siblings.

She was a very active lady especially with all of her fun-loving hobbies: card games, bowling, playing marbles, bingo, going to the Casino, scratch lotto tickets, watching game shows, westerns, wrestling and attending her grandchildren's sports activities.

Dena was a sincere child of God, who loved her church. She was the President of the Bowling Association and President of several church groups throughout her Christian life.

Dena was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Earl in 1972; second husband, William in 1980; two sons: Norman and his wife Sandy and Edward and his wife Paulette; one grandson, Tracy; five brothers: Freddie, Raymond, John, Alvin (Al) and Marvin (Dickie); eight sisters: Marie Prussing, Hilda Paulsen, Viola Kollbaum, Irene Johnson, Mable Christiansen, Esther Lackman, Margaret Wissink and Rose Nielsen. Survivors include her son, Kenneth (Connie) Boger of Ida Grove; daughter, Vickie Hember of Cherokee; son-in-law, John Hember of Quimby; daughter-in-law, Penny Boger of Florida; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services were held 11:00 AM, Thursday, April 4, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison, Iowa. Rev. Chad Trunkhill officiated the service with interment in Crawford Heights Memory Gardens in Denison. Organist Karen Kahl provided accompaniment for congregational hymns "Just As I Am," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "How Great Thou Art." Serving as pallbearers were Jaxon Wessel, Aaron Hember, Jy Hember, Marcus Lee, Bill Boger and Randy Readshaw. Following the burial, the family invited everyone to return to the church for a time of fellowship and lunch. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



**Daniel Lee Kock**

December 14, 1961 - March 31, 2024

Daniel Lee Kock, 62, passed away at his home in Arcadia, on Easter Sunday morning, March 31, 2024, after battling cancer and other health problems for several years.

Dan, the son of Joyce and the late Kenneth Kock of Vail, was born December 14, 1961, in Carroll. He attended Ar-We-Va schools, graduating with the class of 1980.

He was active in all sports, earning all-conference honors in football, basketball, and baseball and qualifying for the State Track Meet in the shot put and discus. He went on to play football for four years at Buena Vista College, where he majored in math and computer science.

After earning his degree, he worked in several computer-related positions, and software development was one of his loves. He worked for Texas Instruments in Dallas, Meredith Corporation in Des Moines, Deflecta-Shield in Indianola, and PCS in Denison, before earning his teaching certificate and teaching and coaching at Charter Oak-Ute and then, for the past 10 years, at Ar-We-Va, with a variety of positions at both the middle school and high school levels.

Dan was married to LeAnn Leiting on June 1, 1984, and they were the parents of three children - Jocelyn, Danielle and Alexander. They later divorced but worked together amicably to support the kids in all their endeavors. His kids were his top priority; he never missed a sports contest near or far and was only a phone call away if they needed help of any kind with a homework assignment or any other challenge over the years.

On May 7, 2022, he assumed the title "Papa" when Baby Rollie came into the world, and trips to Omaha for visits were the highlights of his schedule.

Dan also loved the Dallas Cowboys, the Iowa State Cyclones, and the Ar-We-Va Rockets. He enjoyed playing euchre or other card games, golfing, telling "dad jokes," collecting comic books, watching science fiction and fantasy TV shows and movies, demonstrating his expertise at trivia, playing board games, sitting for hours at his mom's kitchen table doing crossword puzzles, and rehashing basketball games which took place with his Hawley cousins nearly 50 years ago!

He loved family get-togethers, especially the annual Bell Reunion, and took over for his dad in organizing the Bell Shoot that weekend each year.

He was a member of the United Church Westside, where he served on the church council; was a board member of the Ar-We-Va Rocket Booster Club; organized the Ar-We-Va Golf Outing every year since its inception; was a past assistant coach and the current PA announcer for the Rocket football team; was a past member of the Ar-We-Va School Board; and was a member of the Westside Sesquicentennial Committee in 2019.

Among those preceding him in death were his brother Davey, in 2012, and his dad, Kenneth, in 2021, as well as three uncles, Ted Hawley, Paul Aylward and Ron Berg, and two aunts, Jeanne Hawley and Lorna Berg.

He is survived by his children - Jocelyn and her husband Garrett Shaal and their son Roland of Omaha, Neb.; Danielle Kock of Des Moines; and Alex Kock of Arcadia; his mother, Joyce Kock, of Vail; sister-in-law Janine Kock of Westside; Aunt Mary Aylward of Huron, S.D.; Uncle and Aunt Ron and Julie Kock of Carroll, and a long list of cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral Services were held 10:30 A.M., Friday, April 5, 2024 at United Church in Westside, Iowa. Rebecca Brown officiated the service with interment in the Westside Cemetery. Pianist Rosemary Cameron provided accompaniment for soloist Mason Stahly and congregational hymns "In the Garden," "How Great Thou Art," "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Blessed Assurance." Serving as pallbearers were Tom Hawley, Russ Hawley, Theodore Hawley, Teddy Hawley, Jace Hawley, Bill Schultz, Doug Stahly and Tim Bell. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Jerod Bentor, Tom Berg, Al Kock, Gerry Kock, Chris Peterson, Jerry Pieper, Craig Ragaller, Steve Schmitz, Larry Siebert, Jeremy Smith, Austin Stoelk, Jeff Vetter, Steve Wieland and Matt Wilken. Following the burial, the family invited everyone to the Westside Community Building for a time of fellowship and lunch. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



**Earl Wayne Gerschevske**

November 9, 1942 - March 29, 2024

Earl Wayne Gerschevske was born in Mint Hill, Missouri, on November 9th, 1942, to Rudolph and Hattie (Troike) Gerschevske. He attended Fairview Country School north of Alta. He had a strong work ethic, kind heart, and vibrant spirit that touched the lives of many.

Earl began his career at Farmland, formerly Farm Best, in 1963 and continued to contribute until his well-deserved retirement in 2008.

One of Earl's greatest joys in life was when he purchased a small acreage near Soldier in 2018. This land held a special place in his heart as he found solace in watching and feeding the birds that frequented the area. Throughout his life, Earl was not just a hard worker but also a man of diverse interests and hobbies.

He was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Dow City and took great pleasure in savoring chocolate malts from the Dunlap Dairy Sweet. Earl found joy in spending time with loved ones playing cards and had a passion for collecting model cars and trains. He also enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. His fondness for cats meant he always had a furry companion by his side. Additionally, Earl appreciated classic cars and could often be found attending car shows and gun shows.

Earl passed away peacefully on Friday, March 29, 2024 at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison, attaining the age of 81 years, 4 months, and 20 days. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rudolph and Hattie Gerschevske; brothers, Raymond Gerschevske, and Randolph Gerschevske; and sister, Mary Lou Olsen.

Family meant everything to Earl. He cherished the moments spent with his loved ones. Earl is survived by his nieces and nephews: Mark Gerschevske and his wife Barb of Merida, Mexico, Shane Gerschevske and his wife Emily of Lake Helen, Florida, Rita and her husband Joe Short of Junta, Texas, Ray Olsen and his wife Dixie of Indianola, Kristy and her husband Duane Zenk of Denison, Bonnie and her husband Greg Kastner of Yuma, Arizona, Lisa and her husband John Langholz of Denison, and Jennifer and her husband John Torres of Indianola, IA, and Sherrill Gerschevske of Grandview, Missouri; a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorial Services were held 11:00 A.M., Friday, April 5, 2024 at United Methodist Church in Dow City, Iowa. Rev. Aaron Terwilleger officiated the service with interment in the Dow City Cemetery. Organist Deb Garrett provided accompaniment for congregational hymns "Amazing Grace," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Garden." Serving as honorary urnbearers were Mark Gerschevske, Mike Reister, Al LaDuke, Darrell Muhlberg, Tom Alesch, Tom Brink and Ron Beerman. Following the burial, the family invited everyone to the Dow City Community Building for a time of fellowship and lunch. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

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# Eyes on the sky



Plenty of people were bending their heads back in the early afternoon on Monday to watch the partial solar eclipse. Among those pictured are Danita McGinn and Mandy Sandvold from Broadway Elementary, Paula Esser from United Bank of Iowa, Denison Elementary students and staff, Broadway Elementary students with Cheri Emery, Tonya Eller with Crawford County Bank, and Tedd Bliesman along with staff from Crawford County Community Health.

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