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Rolling along the hills of Crawford County

Manilla Madness on May 4

BY GORDON WOLF

For the 10th year, people will be able to pedal their bikes along the rolling hills of Crawford County between Denison and Manilla and back again in the Manilla Madness ride set for next Saturday, May 4.

Some changes are in store for this year's ride. It will have a 12 p.m. start instead of the traditional 9 a.m. kick-off. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. at the Hy-Vee parking lot along Broadway.

Crawford County Tourism Coordinator Drew Perrien said the later start was so that the bicyclists can join in the fun of the first Hot Summer Nights event of the season. That starts at 6 p.m., so the bikers will have a little downtime to rest up before the evening event.

This Friday is the last day to pre-register for Manilla Madness. This can be done through the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford

County's Facebook page, the website (cdcia.org) or by calling 712-263-5621. People will save \$5 by pre-registering.

People can also order their t-shirts online.

As in past years, Pat Palmer and her family will have a rest stop halfway between Denison and Manilla. At Manilla, food and refreshments will be available at the wellness center.

Another event that will be going on in Denison on May 4 is the 712 Film Festival at the Donna Reed Theater. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and films will be presented from 1 to 4 p.m. A reception for filmmakers will follow at 4:15 p.m.

From the Hy-Vee parking lot the ride heads east and then south and crosses Highway 30 to the Donna Reed Road. The Denison Police will provide an escort through town and across the

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Fishing for fun and prizes



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Isaiah and Jesse Kempfert, and their mother, Elizabeth, have fun attaching prizes to the end of a fishing string at a booth at the Unity Ridge Lutheran School Carnival on Friday night. The classrooms at the school were filled with children enjoying games and the prizes they received. An additional feature of the carnival was the incorporation of a treasure hunt. See more photos inside.

Childcare center receives \$400K grant

Under the Son beyond expectations

BY GORDON WOLF

When Under the Son Childcare Center in Schleswig opened on August 23, 2022, Mike Goodin and Stacy Jepsen could not imagine what the next year and a half would bring.

What it brought was a response that was beyond expectations.

"At least beyond my expectations," said Goodin, a retired Schleswig businessman who led the effort to bring the childcare center to the community.

In the first promotional literature for Under the Son Childcare Center, Goodin advertised a large classroom as an indoor playground.

"I didn't think it would be full of kids," he said.

"It's never been an indoor playground," added Jepsen.

She is the childcare center's director with years of experience in the field, including 20 plus years at Head Start and Early Head Start in Denison, as a teacher and then as an education support coordinator.

"I thought we would have 25 toddlers and eight infants and that other room (what he thought would be the indoor playground) would be empty. No, immediately the childcare center was full, and we had to decide what we were going to do with all the kids," Goodin continued.

"We were redesigning before the doors opened," said Jepsen.

Under the Son Childcare Center has been at capacity with an enrollment of

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PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Evelynn, Brinley and Abby are ready to take ice cream orders in the preschool/school-aged classroom at Under the Son Childcare Center in Schleswig. The childcare center has been awarded a \$400,000 community block development grant.

WESCO's 'WAVE' moving Denison locations in May

BY DOUGLAS BURNS
SPECIAL TO THE DENISON FREE PRESS

One of the foundational public-service programs in Denison is moving in coming weeks.

WESCO Industries' WAVE program (wellness, acceptance, voice, empower) will be relocating from the Journey Church basement, 31 South 14th Street, to 1507 5th Avenue South - the back of the Verizon building on the south side of U.S. Highway 30.

The WAVE, a "dayhabilitation" program for people with disabilities and mental health issues as well as other challenges, will make the complete move by Memorial Day, said Aubrey Sholty, the dayhabilitation coordinator for WESCO.

"We think it is going to be like a new start for us," Sholty said.

She added, "We were on quite the hunt (for a new location) for a little over a year."

The WAVE program is part of a portfolio of services the non-profit WESCO provides.

About 40 people attend the WAVE on any given weekday, Sholty said. Activities include food preparation, field trips and volunteer efforts in the community.

WAVE members will be involved in the move itself.

"They will be involved with the move," Sholty said. "They will be involved with the cleaning."

The move will start in May and take several weeks.

Sholty said a grand opening will be planned for June.

Music in the jungle



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Brenubia Miles, as Maliki the lion, roars with displeasure after Panya the mouse, played by Rayleigh Urich, woke him up. The scene is from "Welcome to the Jungle," a musical performed by the Denison Elementary School first graders on Tuesday night at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center. See more photos inside.

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LOT 1

Story and a half style home sitting on 60' x 248' lot

@ 14 Orange St. N., Kiron, IA

Legal Description: KIRON WTL ADDN BLK10 LOT 3 & SWANSON'S 1ST ADDN BLK 20 LOT 3, Crawford County, IA

General Description This story and a half residential home with a good sized detached garage contains 1545 square feet according to the Crawford County Assessor. Gross taxes are \$884 according to the Crawford County Assessor. This home features 6 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms and a pretty open front porch. The detached garage sits behind the home on a nice deep lot. The water heater was install in 2013, the furnace in 2017, the electrical panel in 2001 and the air conditioner - an R22 system was done in 2006 and works fine. **Open houses will be held Sunday, April 21, 2024 from 1:00-2:00 p.m., and again on Wednesday, April 24 from 5:00-6:00 or by appointment with the auctioneers by calling 712-368-2635. This property is being sold to settle Ruth's Estate and therefor all buyers are urged to do their own examinations! Buyers are welcome to have their contractors present when they view the property. Additional photos available on the website.**
Terms: Purchaser will be expected to pay 10% of the gross sale price within 24 hours of the close of the auction & sign a real estate contract agreeing to pay the balance in full as of **May 31, 2024**, at which time full title will be passed to buyers. Sellers will pay taxes prorated to close based on current taxes and all prior taxes. There are no contingencies of any kind. All bidders are expected to have adequate financing in place prior to bidding. All buyers are urged to do their own inspection at either one of the open houses on the property or by contacting the auctioneers prior to the close of the sale to set an appointment. Sale is subject only to the approval of the seller at the auction. Sold as is where is with no warranties or guarantees of any kind implied or given. Must be registered 24 hours ahead of the close to bid so that proper approval may be given.

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LOT 2

Single Story home sitting on 50' x 100' lot

@ 139 Main St., Kiron, IA

Legal Description: KIRON BLK 5 LOTS 11 & 12, Crawford County, IA

General Description This single story home contains 1560 square feet according to the Crawford County Assessor and was built in 1946. Gross taxes are \$148 according to the Crawford County Assessor. This home features 2 bedrooms and 1 and a half bathrooms. This property is being sold as is since there is water damage and the bathrooms have not been on for quite some time. The sheds on this property are being sold separately to be moved. **Open houses will be held Sunday, April 21, 2024 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., and again on Wednesday, April 24 from 6:30 - 7:30 or by appointment with the auctioneers by calling 712-368-2635. This property is being sold as is and therefor all buyers are urged to do their own examinations! Buyers are welcome to have their contractors present when they view the property. Additional photos available on the website.**

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Sale by order of Kenneth L. Blair, owner



LOT 3

16' x 8' shed to be moved w/vinyl siding - must be moved by May 27, 2024.

Cost to move, labor to move, liability to move will be at the buyer's expense. Shed is on skids. Bill of Sale will be given after payment is received. Acceptable payments include Card or Cash and must be received prior to removal of the shed.

A 3% buyer's premium will be applied to this lot.

Sale by order of **The Ruth Blair Estate - Kenneth L. Blair, executor**



LOT 4

16' x 10' shed to be moved w/wood siding must be moved by May 27, 2024.

Cost to move, labor to move, liability to move will be at the buyer's expense. Shed is on skids. Bill of Sale will be given after payment is received. Acceptable payments include Card or Cash and must be received prior to removal of the shed.

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Rocket launch on Monday Funday



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

The last Monday Funday for the 2023-2024 school year took place Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Denison. Among the activities were the launching of rockets made from plastic bottles and powered by vinegar and baking soda, and an old-fashioned sack relay race. Pictured, a helper pours vinegar into a bottle, and Jess Schmidt reacts to a bottle that launched. Also pictured is the relay race.



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Children in the preschool/school-aged children's room are eager to get their photo taken.

48 children.

Nineteen families are on the waiting list. Demand for childcare services wasn't the only area of the project that exceeded expectations.

Funding for the childcare center is also better than hoped.

Within the past week, Goodin received word that the childcare center is receiving a \$400,000 Community Block Development Grant (CBDG) from the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

The actual award amount is \$420,000; Region XII Council of Governments will receive \$20,000 for its work involved in writing and applying for the grant.

The grant is flowing through the City of Schleswig.

Goodin said that now the childcare center is roughly \$80,000 away from being debt free.

The cost of the childcare building and fixtures and the startup costs amounted to roughly \$900,000.

"We've had some major contributions, first of all the Jens A. Carstensen Family grant of \$200,000 toward the building," Goodin said. "The Carstensen Family fund was just tremendous. It allowed us to build and not incur debt right away."

Donations from private businesses and industries and a fundraiser that brought in \$24,000 helped to lower the amount of debt the childcare center has had to carry.

And now with the \$400,000 CBDG, along with an earlier grant, the state has given the childcare center roughly \$515,000.

"Our next goal is to retire the \$80,000 remaining in debt," Goodin explained. "We want to get to zero (debt) because it's well known that daycares of this stature don't turn a profit, so we cannot be retiring debt and running a successful childcare. With the annual contribution of \$50,000 from the Carstensen Family, we can break even (each year) and maybe get a little bit more for the employees and add to the facilities as far as playground equipment and essential items."

Goodin said those involved with Under the Son are very thankful for all funding received, including the private donations.

"We've done everything we can to make sure that a community-owned non-profit childcare facility is not a financial burden," he said.

He added that in seeking the \$400,000 grant, the need for childcare, the number of families served and the jobs created were highlighted in the application.

Under the Son Childcare Center employs 13 people; about half are full-time and half are part-time. Five of the staff have been with the childcare center since the beginning.

Ages of children served by Under the Son are from six weeks old up to 12 years old.

Children are divided into three rooms according to age – infants and waddlers (six weeks to two years old), toddlers (two- and three-year-olds), and preschool to 12 years old.

Jepsen has had to be flexible and creative in making as much space available as possible for children.

"We have families that currently have children enrolled and the mother is pregnant, so right now we're in the process of trying to move children from our infant room into our toddler room," she said. "Some of the kids in the toddler room will move to the preschool/school-aged classroom, so we're in the process of making room for those babies that will be coming here in May or June."

"That's probably been the biggest challenge, trying to figure out how to make room for these families," she added. "Some have been on the waiting list for quite a long time, and some haven't. We've even rearranged the classrooms to better accommodate our families."

In an earlier configuration, Under the Son had room for only nine babies. The babies are now in a larger room so the childcare center can serve more children from six weeks old to two years old. The toddlers, a smaller group, went into the room where the babies had been. The preschool/school-aged children are in the large room that Goodin initially envisioned as an indoor playground.

The changes also mean moving staff to meet the ratio requirements of staff to children.

"What we've been doing is what we can to best accommodate everybody - families and staff," said Jepsen.

"I always feel bad when families call and they want to know how soon their children can be enrolled, and I have that wait list," Jepsen added. "I wish I had more space."

She said the fact that there is a waiting list shows the need for childcare in the area.

When space opens, Jepsen updates the waiting list to see which families are still waiting.

"You find out that some are still waiting because they want daycare that's in Schleswig, or maybe they had family taking care of their child and they want center-based care," she explained.

"We have had people ask if daycare is available in Schleswig before they've moved. Daycare is a big deal," said Goodin.

Jepsen added that some families ask to be put on the waiting list as soon as they find out they are expecting a child.

The families served are from throughout the area. Kiron, Ida Grove, Charter Oak, Denison, Odebolt and Ricketts are some of the towns mentioned by Jepsen and Goodin.

Under the Son Childcare Center provides education and in-house meals for families.

Teachers in the toddler room and in the preschool classroom plan lessons every week, using state guidelines.

The infant room also has a lesson plan that is followed on a day-to-day basis, adjusted for the number of children in

the room on any given day.

All activities in each room match up to Iowa learning standards. The staff documents how children are doing and their growth.

The Schleswig Community School picks up the school-aged children from Under the Son and transports them to and from the Schleswig school or Immanuel Lutheran Preschool.

Meals are prepared on site at the childcare center by Cara Jorgensen, who has been a cook for 18 plus years.

The Under the Son Childcare Center was designed so it can expand, but there are no immediate plans to add to the building. Along with the costs, finding more staff is an issue.

"In a town of 850 we're already at capacity at the childcare center," Goodin said.

He added that a couple years ago he spoke to the Denison Rotary Club. One person asked about the capacity of Under the Son and how he planned to fill the childcare center in a town the size of Schleswig.

"My answer was it's like any business," said Goodin. "If you're very good, people

will go out of their way to do business with you. People will make an effort to take advantage of your services. And I think that's where we are, as a general statement."

"I appreciate the dedication and commitment that each staff gives to our center and appreciate each family for trusting us with their children," said Jepsen. "We try hard each day to make a difference in the lives of our children here and always provide experiences for them to learn new things. I would



also like to personally thank each person in the community who has stopped by to visit, toured our center and has supported us during the last few years."

The Under the Son sign on the front door.

LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE BEFORE THE UTILITIES BOARD OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO THE CITIZENS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY:

Notice is given that Silver Queen Wind Farm, LLC, Boulder, Colorado, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478, has filed a petition with the Utilities Board (IUB) for a franchise to erect, maintain, and operate an electric transmission line setting forth the following as the maximum voltage, starting points, routes, and termini of the existing line:

SILVER QUEEN WIND FARM, LLC EXHIBIT A

**230,000 Volts Nominal;
(242,000 Volts Maximum)
Electric Transmission Line
Crawford County, Iowa**

The West Endpoint/Terminus of this line is the existing WAPA Denison substation located in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-Nine (29), Township Eighty-Three (83) North, Range Thirty-Nine (39) West of the 5th P.M., Crawford County, Iowa.

The East Endpoint/Terminus of this line is a new interconnection substation to be located in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Eighty-Three (83) North, Range Thirty-Seven (37) West of the 5th P.M., Crawford County, Iowa

Beginning at a point of connection to Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA's) existing Denison Substation, being the West Endpoint/Terminus, located in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Twenty-Nine (29), Township Eighty-Three (83) North, Range Thirty-Nine (39) West of the 5th P.M., Crawford County, Iowa, thence north on private right of way approximately one hundredths (0.01) mile to a point located approximately twelve hundredths (0.12) mile north and thirty-six hundredths (0.36) mile west of the Southeast corner of said Section Twenty-Nine (29), thence east on private right of way approximately ten hundredths (0.10) mile to a point located approximately twelve hundredths (0.12) mile north and twenty-six hundredths (0.26) mile west of the Southeast corner of said Section Twenty-Nine (29), in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section Twenty-Nine (29); thence southeast in private right-of-way approximately twenty-two hundredths (0.22) mile to a point located approximately one hundredths (0.01) mile north and one hundredths (0.01) mile west of the Southeast corner of said Section Twenty-Nine (29), in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section Twenty-Nine (29); thence southeasterly crossing R Avenue and 240th Street (approximately 0.01) mile; thence South in private right-of-way adjacent and parallel to the east boundary of 240th Street along the west line of Section Thirty-Three (33) of said Township and Range, approximately fifty hundredths (0.50) mile to the West Quarter Corner of

Said Section 33; thence east in private right-of-way approximately thirteen and forty-five hundredths (13.45) miles along the east-west center section line of Sections, 33, 34, 35, and 36 of said Township and Range, and Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 of Township Eighty-Three (83) North, Range Thirty-Eight (38) West of the 5th P.M., Crawford County, Iowa, and Sections 31, 32, 33, and 34 of Township Eighty-Three (83) North, Range Thirty-Seven (37) West of the 5th P.M., Crawford County, Iowa, to the center of Section 37, said Township and Range, crossing 250th St., 260th St., US Highway 59, 270th St., 280th St., Donna Reed Rd., County Rd M38, 320th St., 330th St., 340th St., 350th St., 360th St., and 370th St.; thence north in private right-of-way along the north-south center section line of said Section 34 and section 27 of said Township and Range, crossing R Avenue, approximately One and fifty-one hundredths (1.51) miles to a point near the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 27; thence east along and parallel to the North line of said Section 27 and in the South right-of-way Q Avenue, approximately forty-nine hundredths (0.49) mile, to a point near the Northeast corner of said Section Twenty-Seven (27); thence north in private right-of-way, along and parallel to 380th St. and to the East line of said Section 27 and Sections 22 and 15 of said Township and Range, approximately One and fifty two hundredths (1.52) miles, crossing Q Avenue and P Avenue; thence west in private right of way approximately four hundredths (0.04) mile to the point of interconnection with the new interconnection substation in the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Eighty-Three (83) North, Range Thirty-Seven (37) West of the 5th P.M., Crawford County, Iowa (the East Endpoint/Terminus).

The total distance of the 230kV line in the Petition for Franchise in Crawford County, Iowa is approximately 17.85 miles.

A map showing the proposed route of the electric line may be obtained at no cost by calling (720) 592-0512 or by writing to Mark Wengierski, Associate Director of Development – East Region, Silver Queen Wind Farm, LLC, 5775 Flatiron Parkway, Ste. 120, Boulder, CO 80301.

Orders issued and documents filed in this docket (No. E-22430) may be viewed by searching under the docket number in the IUB's electronic filing system (EFS) at efs.iowa.gov. Objections to the granting of the franchise may be filed electronically using EFS or filed in writing with the Board no later than 20 days after the date of second publication of this notice.

The date of the first publication is April 25, 2024. The date of the second publication is May 2, 2024.

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD
BY: Jon Tack
General Counsel
Dated this 11th day of April, 2024



Infants get a morning nap.

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Local Calendar

SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024

Storytime at Norelius Community Library, 10 a.m. Stories, songs and a special activity at the end of the storytime.

Denison-Schleswig Prom. Grand March 7 p.m. at Denison High School gym. Doors open at 6 p.m. Cost is \$2.

MONDAY APRIL 29, 2024

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

TUESDAY APRIL 30, 2024

CDC Business After 5, a networking event at the CDC Office, 109 North Main Street in Denison. All CDC members invited.

Norelius Community Library Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Euchre Night at Ricketts Community Building, 7 p.m.

Denison High School band and vocal concert, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Center

WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2024

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

THURSDAY MAY 2, 2024

Women in Business Impact Organization monthly meeting at the CDC Office, 109 North Main Street, Denison.

Anime Club at Norelius Community Library, 7 p.m. Eat snacks, play games and watch anime.

ON THE SCANNER

April 9, 9:28 a.m.: The Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened on 260th Street and E-16. Joseph Paul Stan, 49, of Holstein, was driving a white 2020 Ford Ranger pickup east on E-16 and was at the crest of a hill at 260th Street. Joshua Paul Thomsen, 39, of Denison, was driving a white 2004 Peterbilt semi south on 260th Street. He said he looked but did not see Stan's vehicle. No one was injured. Stan's pickup received \$30,000 damage. The semi received \$3,000 damage.

April 12, 10:12 p.m.: Sarina Jenny Burgin, 18, of Alden, was arrested and charged with assault with intent to commit sexual abuse.

April 14, 1 p.m.: The Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a single-vehicle accident that happened on Boyer Boulevard. Andres Baqueiro Cruz, 20, of Denison, was driving a silver 2008 Ford XST. He parked the vehicle on the east side of Boyer Boulevard while the occupants went fishing. When the occupants left, the occupants said they turned the vehicle around, met a tractor and lost control of the vehicle after the tractor went by. However, the tracks indicate that they spun around on the gravel road and traveled southeast, fishtailing, and failed to maintain control, causing the vehicle to enter the west ditch where it rolled one time and landed back on its wheels. The airbags were deployed. Baqueiro Cruz received minor injuries and the passenger was not hurt. The vehicle received \$5,000 damage. Baqueiro Cruz was cited for not having a valid driver's license.

April 14, 8:10 p.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a vehicle vs. building accident. Keven Lee Mohr, 61, of Denison, was driving a red 1997 Ford Explorer. He reported mistakenly thinking that his vehicle was in reverse before pushing the gas pedal but it was in drive, causing the vehicle to drive into the Pizza Hut building. The collision caused \$10,000 damage to the building, pushing in and breaking glass. Where the vehicle hit the wall, a male and female were sitting at a table with their five-year-old son. The female reported having a small scratch on her leg from a piece of broken glass. She put a band-aid on it and did not request any further medical attention. Mohr was not injured. His vehicle received \$250 damage to the front passenger side corner.

April 18, 12 a.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a hit-and-run accident that happened on Chamberline Drive. The owner of a gray 2020 Chevrolet Equinox reported that his vehicle was legally parked in the driveway at a residence on Chamberlin Drive when it was

struck by an unknown vehicle. Based on inspection of the vehicle, it appears an unknown white sedan or smaller SUV struck the vehicle, which received \$1,200 in damage to the rear driver side.

April 19, 3:43 a.m.: Dakarai Darell Jackman, 28, of Des Moines, was arrested and charged for assault causing bodily injury or mental illness.

April 20, 8:10 a.m.: Jose Enrique Vega Ramirez, 46, of Denison, was arrested and charged with domestic abuse assault - injury or mental illness, 1st offense.

April 21: The Crawford County Sheriff's Office issued a report on a vehicle pursuit that covered Ida, Sac and Crawford counties and happened around 3:40 a.m. The Ida County Sheriff's Office initiated a pursuit with a gray 2014 Honda CRV being driven by William Ross Clark, 39, of Story City. The pursuit continued into Sac County. Clark's vehicle struck an Ida County deputy's vehicle and continued on. The Sac County Sheriff's Office picked up the pursuit; stop sticks were deployed. The driver's side tire on Clark's vehicle was deflated. During the pursuit the tire came off, causing damage to the driver's side of the vehicle. Sac County continued the pursuit into Crawford County. While coming into Vail on Highway 30, Clark contacted dispatch and advised that he was going to hit the next vehicle he saw head on. Sac County Sgt. Jonathan Meyer then struck Clark's vehicle from behind in an attempt to end the pursuit. Clark's vehicle left the roadway and went into the lot at Sparky's in Vail. It was again struck on the rear passenger side. Clark was able to gain control and go west on 1st Street. Clark drove into an open lot where the vehicle struck a tree. The vehicle Clark was driving was a rental; it received \$10,000 damage and was estimated to be a total loss. The Sac County Sheriff's Office vehicle, a white 2023 Tahoe, received \$2,000 damage. Clark was taken into custody and transported to Sac County. The rental vehicle was towed to Wadrich Towing in Denison. Clark was charged in Sac County with eluding at speeds of 25 miles over the speed limit, second or subsequent charge, a Class C felony; criminal mischief in the second degree and interference with official acts - dangerous weapon, Class D felonies; criminal mischief in the third degree, an aggravated misdemeanor; reckless driving; and two counts of failure to obey a stop sign and yield the right of way.

April 23, 12:03 a.m.: Sergio Antonio Jimenez Shull, 35, of Denison, was arrested and charged with domestic abuse assault, 1st offense.

Denison FFA attends state convention



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured are Denison FFA members who attended the state convention in Ames earlier this month. Front, from left: Brayton Johannsen and Haley Lutz. Second row: Calli Korner, Norah Huebert, Brittany Musgrave, Grace Collins, Ali Ullrich, Marley Boettger and Adilynn Herbert. Third row: Brock Schneider, Mylie Kaub, Garret Plagge, Brady Lutz, Owen Fink, Jaxson Henningsen and Isabelle Westphalen. Back: John Graeve and Alex Von Tersch.

BY ALI ULLRICH

On April 14-16, 18 Denison FFA members were in Ames for the 96th State FFA Convention where they participated in many contests including poultry judging, farm business management, biotechnology, and ag marketing.

The ag marketing team received a gold rating and 6th in the state. Members of the team are John Graeve, Garret Plagge and Brady

Lutz. Biotechnology was another gold-rated team with members Brock Schneider, Isabelle Westphalen and Adilynn Herbert.

Along with success in contests, Jaxson Henningson, Brady Lutz, Norah Hubert and Brittany Musgrave received their Iowa degrees, which is the highest FFA degree a member can receive in Iowa.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:

Urges voters to consider Democratic candidates

How can the 2024 legislature account for itself? Because of their supermajority, Republican extremists have been able to do anything they want, refusing to listen to the opposition and rushing bills without time to read them before

late night votes. This is no democracy. How do any of these reckless bills do anything to improve the property, safety and quality of life for West Central Iowa citizens?

AEAs: HF-2612 limits critical services such as special education and mental health while shifting oversight duties currently performed by the agencies to the governor's state education bureaucracy.

Mandated history curriculum: Instead of trusting teachers, HF-2544 mandates a curriculum written by a conservative out-of-state company that will limit what Iowa students can learn.

Arming teachers: HF-2586 permits our teachers - people who want to

educate our children - to bring a firearm into the classroom and prepare to use deadly force.

Immigration: SF-2340 allows state judges to order the deportation of undocumented immigrants, part of our labor supply, with local law enforcement officials transporting migrants to US ports of entry.

Educational savings accounts: Deceptively named HF-68 is a misuse of taxpayer funds to subsidize private schools at the expense of public districts hundreds of millions will be siphoned away to largely upper-class urban students.

Instead, we need to elect state legislators that focus on economic

opportunity in Western Iowa. How about legislation to open four lane highway access to the interstate create regional small business incubators, encourage employment opportunities and welding, biotech, and distance management? Before you vote in November 2024, remember that you have choices. You don't have to vote for Republicans if you disagree with the above legislation. Listen to and consider choosing one of the Democratic candidates for Iowa House Districts 11, 12 and 15.

Larry Peterson,
Denison, IA

To the Editor:

Farm Bureau appreciates support of Grocery Grab

A big thank you from all of us at Crawford County Farm Bureau to those who supported our Grocery Grab

during National Agriculture Week. With your help, we were able to provide more than \$3,100 to the Temporary Aid Program (TAP) in food and gift cards.

We are blessed to live in a community of such wonderful, giving people.

Thanks to those who helped make the day successful:

The Andersons Denison Ethanol, Bank Iowa, Blazin' B Ranch/Phil's Lawn & Landscape, Crawford County Bank, Crawford-Harrison County Corn Growers, D & S Sales, Denison Free Press, Farm Bureau Agent Angela Stein, Hy-Vee Stores, KDSN Radio, McMinemee Seed & Chemical,

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God bless,

Jeremy Stangl,
President,
Crawford County Farm Bureau

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Introducing the primary election candidates for county sheriff

BY GORDON WOLF

The June 4 primary election ballot will have the names of two Republicans who are seeking their party's nomination for the office of sheriff.

The following articles are to serve as an introduction to the candidates.

More thorough interviews will be published in May closer to the date of



Cardenas lists mission and vision for sheriff's office

Yovan Cardenas said he has a mission and a vision in his candidacy to serve as the next sheriff for Crawford County.

He is one of two Republicans running for the office in the June 4 primary election. The incumbent sheriff, James Steinkuehler, is retiring.

Cardenas's mission statement for the sheriff's office reads "Under my leadership, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will be committed to excellence in providing law enforcement, detention, public safety services and community engagement. In partnership with our residents, we will serve with accountability, targeting professionalism to meet the needs of the community in any capacity."

And his vision statement is "Under my leadership, the vision will be to staff a highly trained, well-equipped professional team that will provide the highest level of service with urgency. While providing comprehensive services, we will be transparent in our actions, utilizing any resources available. We will proactively reduce crime and enhance the quality of life to ensure Crawford County is a safe and attractive place for families to live, work and visit."

Cardenas is a 2010 graduate of Denison High School and a 2014 graduate of Iowa State University with a degree in criminal justice and sociology.

In 2014 he was hired by the Hampton Police Department and in 2015 graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. In 2016 he joined the Denison Police Department. Two years later, in 2018, he was promoted to patrol sergeant.

Last year Cardenas, along with Mitch Flaherty, served as co-interim police chiefs. When the new chief, Anthony Trejo, was hired, Cardenas briefly resumed his duties as patrol sergeant before he was promoted to police captain, the No. 2 position with the Denison Police Department.

Cardenas is also a member of the Iowa Army National Guard. He is a first lieutenant and is the executive officer (second in charge) with the 186 Military Police Company based in Camp Dodge.

He enlisted in 2019, graduated from officer's candidate school in 2020 and in 2021 graduated from the military police basic officer leadership course. In 2022 he attended a leadership course to become the unit movement officer, which enables him to do the logistics for the deployment of company-size elements to any location in the world.

Cardenas and his wife, Kassidy (Ipsen), were married in 2017. They have a son who will soon be four years old and a one-year-old daughter. They are also expecting another child. In addition, Cardenas is a foster parent for a 16-year-old girl.

From 2018 to 2021 Cardenas was a member of the St. Rose of Lima School Board.

Cardenas said he wants to serve as sheriff to be able to positively influence

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the primary election.

Absentee ballots can be requested now; however early voting by absentee ballot or in person at the county auditor's office won't begin until May 14.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is at 5 p.m. on May 20.



Rasmussen wants to build and bring resources to the county as sheriff

Roger Rasmussen is one of two Republican candidates running for the office of county sheriff in the June 4 primary election.

Rasmussen was born in Denison, grew up in Manilla, and graduated from Manilla High School in 1988. He received an associate of arts degree from Iowa Western Community College in 2011 and then received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice administration from Bellevue University in 2012.

"My wife, Heather, and I have been married for 29 years. We currently live in Manilla," he said. "Heather is the chief quality and ancillary services officer at Crawford County Memorial Hospital. Our son, Zach, also lives in Manilla with his fiancé, Skyler. Zach is a paramedic and works at Iowa Western Community College as the Emergency Services Program director. Skyler is a pharmacy technician and works at Deluxe Animal Health. They are expecting their first child in October. We are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Manilla."

After high school, Rasmussen went to work for Rasmussen Lumber Company before moving to Council Bluffs.

"My law enforcement career began in 1995 as a reserve deputy with the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office. Taking this position solidified my desire to become a law enforcement officer and help those in need," Rasmussen said.

"After four years of being a reserve deputy, I joined the Shenandoah Police Department as a full-time officer. I graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in July of 1999 and served the citizens of Shenandoah for five years. In March of 2004, I came back to my home community and started working for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. In 2006, I started working part-time for the City of Manilla and currently hold the position of police chief. In 2018, I was promoted to chief deputy under Sheriff Steinkuehler, and I currently hold that position. Throughout my career I have received different training opportunities to advance my knowledge in the field of law enforcement. I am currently the firearms instructor for Crawford County as well."

Rasmussen said he is seeking the office of sheriff as he wants to continue to serve the citizens of Crawford County.

"There are so many opportunities to explore such as specialized training for deputies. Transparency, community involvement and relationships, school resource officers, agency collaboration, drug enforcement, and mental health are all areas I want to build and bring resources to the community," he said. "I have the knowledge, experience and drive to move the sheriff's office forward. I've been with the sheriff's office for 20 years and know how to run the office. I would be honored to serve the community as the Crawford County Sheriff."

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highway. From the Donna Reed Road the route turns east on county road M36 and then south to Manilla on M55.

The route back to Denison is almost the same. Bikers are being encouraged to turn off on 12th Avenue South, just north of Majestic Hills Golf Course

in Denison, and ride west to South Main. Once across Highway 30 at the stoplight, they are advised to ride one block and turn east on 3rd Avenue South, then take 14th Street back to Broadway.

"The ride is definitely a warm up for RAGBRAI," said Perrien.

He also encouraged riders to check out the Wheels to Heels Trail that starts in Denison and loops around Yellow Smoke Park.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

April 12-18, 2024

SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

- Juan Jose Ochoa Gomez, Denison, operation without registration card or plate, \$175.75.
- Jayden Chace Klinger, Marcus, dark window or windshield, \$135.50.
- Aundrea Jean Burr, Alta, passing on grade or hill, \$210.25.
- John Edward Leinen, Denison, failure to comply with safety regulations rules, \$135.50.
- Yosdelvis Nunez Acosta, Denison, failure to provide proof of financial liability, \$428.75.
- Yosdelvis Nunez Acosta, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Homero Zuniga Medina, Denison, operation without registration card or plate, \$135.50.
- Bradley W. McCollough, Vail, failure to provide proof of financial liability, \$428.75.
- Angel Rene Jepsen, Denison, failure to yield upon entering through highway, \$210.25.
- Jose Noe Lucas Lucas, Charter Oak, failure to provide proof of financial liability, \$428.75.
- Luis Alonso Mendez Romero, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Gustavo Adolfo Cruz Molina, Denison, dark window or windshield, \$112.50.

SPEEDING (21 MPH OR OVER)

- Yosdelvis Nunez Acosta, Denison, \$262.
- ### SPEEDING (6-10 MPH OVER)
- Daisey Luvi Pocasangre, Wall Lake, \$149.88.
 - Leonel Rodriguez Leyva, Denison, \$118.25.
 - Abigail Lynn Houston, Denison, \$149.88.
 - Leonerquis Gondres, Storm Lake, \$118.25.
 - Clayton Donald Mandernach,

Odebolt, \$118.25.

- Jose Israel Santamaria Hernandez, Denison, \$118.25.
- Amanda Jo Comer, Sioux City, \$118.25.
- Steve Alan Rogers, Denison, \$118.25.
- Ashley Nichole Kennebeck, Denison, \$149.88.

SPEEDING (1-5 MPH OVER)

- Sergio Antonio Padilla Perez, Denison, \$89.50.
- Gunnar Montgomery Swindall, Smithville, MO, \$89.50.
- Gage Steven Matthew Head, Denison, \$89.50.
- Koleson Lee Evans, Logan, \$89.50.
- Gregory David Healy, Deloit, \$89.50.
- Jose Noe Lucas Lucas, Charter Oak, \$89.50.
- Elizabeth Amaro Castillo, Denison, \$89.50.
- Blaine Wendell Grady, Denison, \$89.50.
- Adriana Jimenez Lopez, Denison, \$89.50.
- Lisa Ann Teneyck, Dow City, \$89.50.
- Juan Martin Lemusquezada, Porterville, CA, \$89.50.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Against: Sara Renee Duysen, Denison. In favor of: LVNV Funding, LLC. Amount: \$1,241.69 plus \$115 costs.
- Against: Shandi Marie Steinkuehler, Schleswig. In favor of: Nebraska Furniture Mart. Amount: \$3,373.20 plus \$95 costs.
- Against: Katie Jo Sharp, Schleswig. In favor of: Spring Oaks Capital SPV, LLC. Amount: \$2,721.38 plus \$95 costs.
- Against: Amber Lee Koch, Denison. In favor of: H&R Accounts, Inc. Amount: \$2,151.24 plus \$95 costs.

LAND TRANSACTIONS

April 12-18, 2024

Warranty Deeds

- Carlos Fernandez, Francia Fernandez and Francia Navar to Otto J. Schrunck Revocable Trust, Otto J. Schrunck Trustee: Lot 3, Block 81, City of Denison; \$173,500.
- Timothy J. Austin and Pamela J. Austin to Patrick M. Pudenz and Sarah R. Lindeman: Lot 14, Block 3, City of Westside; \$166,000.

Quit Claim Deeds

- Nancy Dierenfield to The Good Shepherd LLLP: N1/2 SW1/4 Section 2, Goodrich Township; SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 2, Goodrich Township.
- David Allen Duncan to David A. Duncan and Marsha Lynn Kracht: Lot 17, Schultz Addition, City of Denison.

State Tax Liens

- Iowa Department of Revenue against Carmen L. Rodriguez. Amount: \$511.63.
- Iowa Department of Revenue against Luis Castro Reyes. Amount: \$511.63.

- Iowa Department of Revenue against Dennis Nelson. Amount: \$4,440.75.

- Iowa Department of Revenue against Carla Nelson. Amount: \$4,440.75.

Joint Warranty Deeds

- Isabel C. Ramon and Ramon Meraz Mendoza to Mario F. Flores and Mirna Flores Cortez: SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 13, Denison Township.

Court Officer Deeds

- Steven Fineran Estate, Patrick Fineran, Executor to Clay Schwarte and Amber Schwarte: Lot 1, Siemer Addition, City of Denison; \$30,000.
- Andrea Nelson Estate, David Nelson, Executor to David Nelson, Robert Nelson and Cynthia Nelson: NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 17, East Boyer Township.

Affidavit Of Surviving Spouse

- Mary Ann Irwin and William H. Irwin to Mary Ann Irwin: Lot 12, Clabaugh Addition, City of Denison.



Monarchs Sports

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS SOCCER

Monarchs boys top Harlan, Tri Center in soccer

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch boys' varsity scored four goals in the first half and two in the second half en route to defeating Harlan 6-1 on Monday, April 22.

Harlan scored the first goal of the match.

Scoring for the Monarchs were Luke Wiebers and Richard Gonzalez with two goals each, and Kevin Sanchez and Osvan Diaz with one goal apiece.

Christopher Magnia had 10 saves on goal for the Monarchs.

In junior varsity action, the Monarchs topped Harlan 2-0.

On Friday, April 19, the Monarchs defeated Tri Center of Neola 2-0 at home.

Richard Gonzalez and Chris Lara each scored a goal. Goalie Chris Magana had five saves.

On Thursday, April 18, the Monarchs lost 7-0 to Bishop Heelan in Sioux City.

Monarch girls fall in home soccer tournament

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch girls varsity soccer team faced two tough opponents in the Lady Monarch Tournament on Saturday, April 20.

The Monarch girls lost to Treynor 2-0 and then fell to Gilbert 5-0.

In the first match, Treynor had 25 shots on goal to two shots on goal for the Monarchs. Monarch goalie Sam Chandler had 22 saves; one non-goalsaver save was made by Giana Garcia.

In the second match, Gilbert had 24 shots on goal to two shots on goal for the Monarchs. Chandler had 19 saves.

Riverside, East Sac and Panorama were the other teams in the tournament.

The losses put Denison-Schleswig's record to 3-5 overall.

"Today was a tough day against two really good teams, but our schedule will get easier soon," said Head Coach Chris Eller. "The teams we faced today made us get better with communication and that should help us for the remainder of the season."

Eller had the following comments about the first match.

"Treynor completely controlled the

Monarch girls soccer team falls to Harlan

The season record for the Denison-Schleswig girls' varsity soccer team fell to 3-6 overall and 1-3 in the Hawkeye 10 Conference with a 5-1 loss to Harlan on Monday, April 22.

Harlan had 23 shots on goal to eight for Denison. Monarch goalie Sam Chandler had 18 saves.

"The possession was much more even than the stats and the scoreboard indicate," said Head Coach Chris Eller. "Even when we went into a very strong wind during the first half, we possessed the ball equally with Harlan. The difference in the game was when Harlan countered our possessions, they would control the ball with accurate passing that led to good shots. When we countered Harlan's possessions, we would lose possession with an errant pass or reception of a pass, pass the ball too far ahead on the turf, or we got offside due to not paying attention to their back line."

The Monarchs' goal was scored by Hally Escobar – her first goal of the season – on an assist by Aremy Santos. Escobar scored on a shot from 11 yards out with 19:13 remaining in the match.

match, but we did a good job defensively by forcing them to take the majority of their shots from outside of 15 yards. Sam (Chandler) had a great game in goal and our defense and midfielders did a great job of marking up. Treynor got a goal off a steal which led to their player being unmarked from about 18 yards out and the other goal was on a great shot from about 20 yards out. Treynor has a lot of speed and was able to shut down all of our counters, especially since most of our counters had to be at least 60 yards long once we regained possession."

"Gilbert was another really good team that controlled the possession the entire match," Eller said about the second match. "Again, we played good defense, marked up all of their players well and didn't give up anything easy. Gilbert scored two goals on great one-on-one moves after receiving a pass with their back to a defender, turning and getting off a shot from around 18 yards out. They scored two goals on nice headers off beautiful crossing passes, and they had one goal from about 30 yards out just under the crossbar. Their goals were all due to their players making plays. We just weren't able to maintain possession enough to create many shots."

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS TRACK AND FIELD

Monarch boys compete in Tiger Relays

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch boys got first place in one event and some fifth and sixth places at the Tiger Relays in Carroll on Thursday, April 18.

The Monarchs scored 13 points and ended in 10th place.

Following are how the other teams placed: Gilbert, 1st, 133; Underwood, 2nd, 83; Kuemper, 3rd, 66; Carroll, 4th, 62; Lewis Central, 5th, 50; Boone and Atlantic, 6th, 49; Greene County, 8th, 46; Clarinda, 9th, 30; and Harlan, 11th, 8.

Jake Fink's first place performance in the 400 meter hurdles – 57.88 – was a personal record and the best time by a Monarch since 2006.

Following are other placings by the Monarchs.

Distance medley Relay, Trae Hartwig,

Wilson Riphin, Edgar Oritz, Anthony Valtierra, 6th place, 4:11.01.

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

"It was a good night for our younger kids to get a lot of running in and I thought they did a nice job getting handoffs and working through the cold and wind," said Head Coach Willie Baughman.

Personal bests were turned in by Omar Ramos in the 3200 meter run, the shuttle hurdle relay (Jake Fink, Brayden Adams, Francisco Escalante and Morgan Wood), Enrique Santos and Leo Sanchez in the 400 meter dash, Kevin Sanchez and Anthony Valtierra in the 800 meter run, Gabe Henningsen in the discus and Omar Ramos in the 1600 meter run.

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS TENNIS

D-S girls win home tennis meet against St. Albert, fall to Lewis Central

The Denison-Schleswig varsity and junior varsity girls scored wins against St. Albert at a tennis meet in Denison on Monday, April 22.

The varsity girls won 6-3.

In singles play, Kiana Schulz (#1) won

8-0; Abby Gutierrez (#2) won 8-3, Abbey Meseck (#5) won 8-2 and Zoey Beery (#6) won 8-1.

In doubles play, Kiana Schulz and Claire Leinen won 8-2, and Abby Gutierrez and Lynnae Johnson won 8-3.

Trivia night raises 'not trivial' funds for Washington Park playground

Teams of trivia buffs and those who just wanted to have fun gathered at Boulders Conference Center on Saturday night to raise funds for the all-inclusive playground at Washington Park in Denison. The second annual Denison Parks & Rec Trivia Night also encouraged people to dress up according to their favorite decade. Along with the entry fees, a silent auction of 26 items raised funds for the playground.



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Parks & Rec Director Sam Ellis dressed as Ben Franklin to represent the 1780s, and Tara Wareham, the Parks & Rec program coordinator, dressed in the style of the 1980s.



Pictured are the members of the Breaking Wind team, which won the award for the best-dressed team. They dressed in a 1970s or 1980s theme. Pictured in front are Nichole Schroeder and Cassey and Travis Nuemann. In back are Carl and Kim Friedmann, Nick Schroeder and Heather Arguello.



The Record Breakers won the award for the best team name. Pictured from left are Aremy Santos, Beth Vogt, Giana Garcia, Jill Popham, Taylor Borkowski, Lauren Schwade and Jessica Garcia.



Winners for the second year in a row were the "Are You Loansome Tonight" team. Pictured from left are Aaron Ratliff, Eric Jones, Lisa and Louis Scheuring, Tonya and Chris Eller, Craig Bogatzke and Tracy Ipsen.



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"It was a great evening of tennis," said Head Coach Spencer Pauley. "St. Albert is always a tough opponent and it felt great to get 4-2 out of singles play. Then, we took two doubles matches which helped us get the 6-3 win."

The junior varsity won its meet 8-2. Abby Ratliff, Shelby Kastner, Christell Salazar and Leila Jaime all won their singles matches.

The junior varsity swept the doubles matches.

On Friday, April 19, the D-S girls were hosted by a tough seventh-ranked Lewis Central team and fell 6-3.

"We fell a little short but gave it our best shot," said Pauley. "We just couldn't finish some games in singles, which is

what really hurt us."

He listed the following highlights.

Kiana Schulz remained undefeated; she beat her opponent 8-3.

Kiana Schulz and Claire Leinen have great team chemistry and communication, which helped them get an 8-4 win.

Along with those wins, Abbey Meseck and Zoey Beery won their #3 doubles match, 8-4.

On Thursday, April 18, the Monarch girls were shorthanded against Sioux City East and lost 5-4 in matches.

Highlights from the meet were another singles win by Kiana Schulz at #1, a #2 singles win by Abby Gutierrez, and what Pauley said was Claire Leinen's best win of her career at #3 singles.

Middle schoolers sing



The Denison Middle School spring concert on Thursday, April 18, featured performances by the sixth grade, seventh grade and eighth grade choruses and a combined chorus and performances by individuals and small groups, under the direction of Tylor Schulte. Pictured are the sixth, seventh and eighth grade choruses performing.

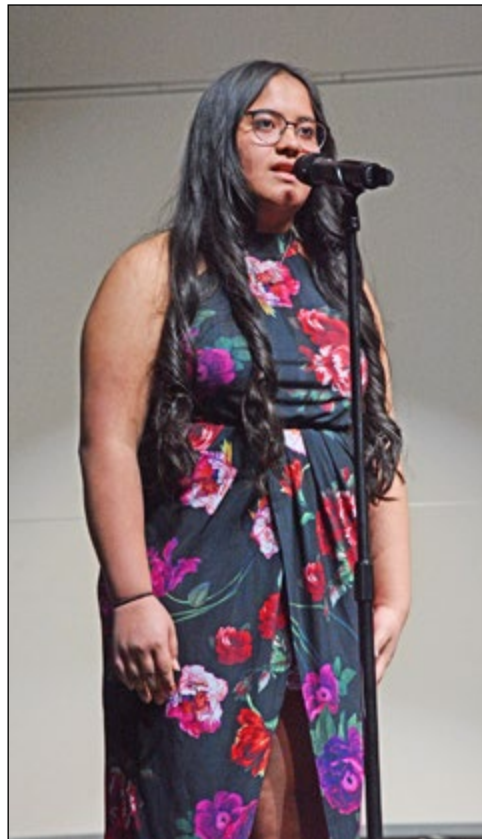
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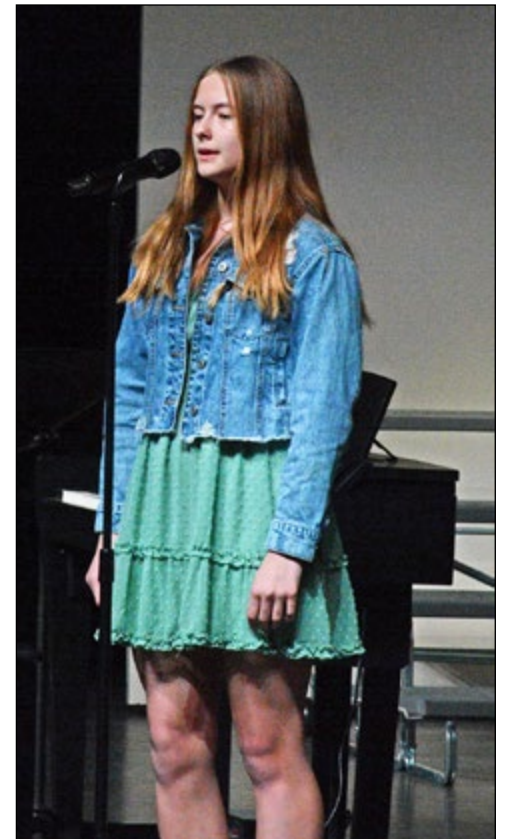
The combined choruses perform the song "Does The World Say" with accompaniment by Claudia Rihner on violin and Kandy Thompson on piano.



Addison Shillerberg, Mariah Carlson, Ava Skarin and Lyrisa Wiese perform ABBA's "Dancing Queen."



Ana Maria Portillo sings "Oceans."



Claire Olsen performs "Reflection."



Kacie Schulte sings "Gold Rush."



Lauren Lambert performs "Any Man of Mine."

DHS mariachi students at Colorado festival



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

On Friday and Saturday, 35 Denison High School mariachi students attended the Viva Southwest Mariachi Festival conducted on the Denver (Colorado) campus of Metropolitan State University. They were among the 300 mariachi students who attended clinics and masterclasses given by Dr. Jeff Nevin and the members of the renowned resident Disney World mariachis, Mariachi Cobre. While in the Denver area, the mariachi students also attended a Colorado Symphony Concert, visited the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum and toured the Garden of the Gods. The accompanying photos show members of Mariachi Cobre in concert at the Viva Southwest Festival; Denison High School mariachi students at the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum; and Denison High School students getting a masterclass clinic from Dr. Jeff Nevin at the Viva Southwest Festival.



School carnival at Unity Ridge



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

The Unity Ridge Lutheran School carnival on Friday night took people from room to room to play games and win prizes. The most popular thing to do was to get your face painted. Pictured, Juliet Bergman has her face painted by Blue Garduno.



Eva Patterson was kept busy creating balloon animals and other balloon shapes.



Thane and Quillan Guthrie try their hand at the fishing game.



Brinkley Johnson wears a big smile as she holds Rex, the gecko.



Sadie Coltrain aims for a strike in this bowling game.



Zoey Hoffman tries to hit a bucket with a whiffle ball and golf club.



Ainsley Arn aims a ball at a target.

Funeral Notices

Nancy Ann (Woebke) Simonsen



A celebration of life for Nancy Ann (Woebke) Simonsen, 69, will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at Manilla Memorial Hall.

She passed away March 29 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Survivors include her daughter, Tracy Simonsen, and her boyfriend, Scott Fink, of Manilla; sons, Bill Simonsen and wife, Sheila, of Manilla, Jeff Simonsen, of Marengo, and Kyle Simonsen, of Laurens; six grandchildren; a sister, Caryl and her husband, Curt Stribe, of Manning; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The Ohde Funeral Home is entrusted with her services.

James Aldag



Memorial services for James Aldag, 78, of Kiron, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 1, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig with visitation at 9:30 a.m.

Inurnment will be at the Morgan Cemetery.

He passed away April 9 at Denison Care Center.

Survivors include two sons, Travis Aldag and wife, Lynette, of Ida Grove, and Troy Aldag and wife, Dorota, of Massachusetts; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Janice Winsor, of Nebraska, and JoAnn Clausen, of Schleswig; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services are entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

Roger D. Chisholm

Roger D. Chisholm, 77, of Kiron, passed away on Wednesday, April 17, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Memorial were at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Schleswig.

The Christensen-Van Houten Funeral Home in Ida Grove was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Roger's name may be made to the Kiron Fire Department or Schleswig Fire Department.

Denison Kiwanis Club lottery winners

The following winners in the April 24 Denison Kiwanis Club lottery drawing each receive \$25.

Terri Martens, Denison; Team Auto, Denison; Larry Buss, Logan; Scott Larson, Denison; Elkie Lansink, Manilla; Ten Point Construction,

Denison; Alan Johnson, Deloit; Dennis Schmidt, Denison; Ampride, Denison; Carol Lickteig, Dow City; Cherith Thelen, Denison; Brad Broakman, Waukee; Ethan Struck, Ames; United Bank of Iowa, Denison; Trevor Koenck, Houston, Texas; Lynn Brown, Nepl Real Estate, Denison; Brace Zach, Denison; Don Uker, Denison.

The last drawing for the 2023-2024 lottery year will be July 31.

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and impact the community of Crawford County.

He said that having community-oriented law enforcement is something that he and others did with the Denison Police Department.

"When I was interim chief, the co-interim chief and I instilled in our officers the community policing aspect," he said. "We were mandating our officers to make interactions in schools, to give multiple presentations to many grades to build rapport with the younger generation, with kids who are the future of our nation and our community, to give them trust in and respect for law enforcement and to know that they can come to us with any problem."

"If you're able to relate to the community you serve, you are going to do so with more integrity and more professionalism," Cardenas added.

He said he wants the police officers to go to sporting events and community functions and to also be proactive in reducing crime, in order to provide the safety and protection of the citizens.

"That's what I want to instill in my deputies. I want to have deputies that are physically and mentally fit, well trained and equipped to protect and serve the communities in the county," Cardenas said. "It comes back to our core functions for law enforcement and what every officer is sworn to do, which is to Protect and Serve."

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Rasmussen said his experience is a benefit to serve as sheriff.

"I've been in law enforcement for 29 years and know the profession. Twenty years of my career has been with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, and I've been in the leadership role of chief deputy for the last six years," Rasmussen said. "I have experience with budgets while working as the chief deputy and chief of police for Manilla."

"I have a good work ethic, I'm dedicated, and I'm dependable," he added. "I care about the citizens of Crawford County. This is the community where my wife and I grew up and where we raised our son. I want to continue serving the communities of Crawford County. I'm ready for the challenges and opportunities to ensure the success of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office."



HELP WANTED - WATER OPERATOR

Denison Municipal Utilities (DMU) is accepting applications for a Water Operator position. The individual selected for this position will perform all aspects associated with water treatment plant & lab operations, distribution system maintenance/repair and equipment operations and maintenance.

Qualifications include high school diploma or GED, the ability to acquire a State of Iowa Grade II Certification in Water Treatment and Distribution, possess a valid State of Iowa Driver's License and the ability to obtain a valid Class B State of Iowa Commercial Driver's License (CDL-B).

This is a full-time position with an excellent benefits package. Work hours are 7 AM-4 PM Monday-Friday. With weekend on-call rotation. Pre-employment drug screening and post-offer physical required. Applications and complete job description are available at the DMU office at W. Broadway & 7th. Submit DMU application and/or resume to:

Water Services Manager
PO Box 518 Denison, IA 51442
lgillmor@dmuonline.com

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First great-great-grandchild for the Lills



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Alva and Eva Ruth Lill are great-great-grandparents for the first time, with the birth of Isiaha Monshay James Welch on August 19. Pictured on the bed is the baby's mother, Kellyn Avila, and next to her is the father, Carter Welch. Standing, from left, are the grandmother, Kattie Welch, holding the baby; the great-great-grandpa, Alva Lill; the great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Markie Welch; and the great-great-grandma, Eva Ruth Lill.

Roger D. Chisholm

Roger D. Chisholm, age 77, of Kiron, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center of Omaha, Nebraska.

Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Schleswig, Iowa. Pastor Merle Mahnken will officiate.

A Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 22, 2024, at the Christensen-Van Houten Funeral Home of Ida Grove, Iowa.

The Christensen-Van Houten Funeral Home of Ida Grove, Iowa, is in charge of the funeral arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.christensenvanhouten.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Roger's name may be made to the Kiron Fire Department or Schleswig Fire Department.

In Remembrance



Vera Ione Talcott

February 15, 1926 - April 6, 2024

Vera Ione Talcott was born in Union Township near Dow City, Iowa on February 15, 1926, to Orville (Guy) and Gertrude (Bramley) Argotsinger. The family later moved to Deloit to farm, and Vera graduated from Deloit High School in 1945.

Vera and Roland Talcott were married March 4, 1948. Vera and Roland knew each other since grade school, and they celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary shortly before Roland passed away in 2015. Vera and Roland farmed near Kiron, and Vera stayed at home to raise their four children, Maureen, Maritta (Rita), James (Jim), and Patricia (Patti). When the children were older, she worked for 29 years at JC Penny in Denison until her retirement in 1989.

Vera enjoyed socializing with her many, many friends in the Kiron area, and she and Roland loved dancing at Lakewood Ballroom. Vera enjoyed crocheting afghans for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Several of her creations garnered winning ribbons at the Crawford County Fair. She loved antique collecting and was especially proud of her beautiful Flow Blue collection. Most of all, Vera loved spending time with her family, and watching her Iowa Hawkeyes basketball and football games and Nebraska volleyball games.

Vera was preceded in death by her parents, husband Roland, daughter Maureen (Talcott) Welch, sister Beverly (Argotsinger) Dumdei, brother Wendell Argotsinger and sons-in-law William Hesson (Rita) and Michael Lorenz (Patti). She is survived by her daughters Rita Hesson and Patti Talcott Lorenz, son Jim (Kathy), son-in-law Byron Welch (Betty), twelve grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

A 10:30 AM funeral service was officiated by Rev. Curt Copple on Friday, April 19, 2024, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Denison, Iowa. Brian Talcott, Jesse Swanson, Keith Pedersen, Daniel Ressler, Joe Swanson, Ben Fadell, Zac Byard, Jacob Buhrow, David Welch, and Daniel Welch served as casket bearers. Interment was held at the Dow City Cemetery in Dow City, Iowa.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Martha Cecilia Gallegos

November 22, 1968 - April 9, 2024

Martha Cecilia Gallegos daughter of Arcelia Tovar was born November 22, 1968 in Mexico. Martha was a devoted mother, sister, and friend, whose kind and nurturing spirit touched the lives of all who knew her. She dedicated her life to putting her daughters, Tania and Nadya first in everything she did. Martha's love and selflessness knew no bounds, and she was a shining example of a mother's unconditional love.

Martha excelled in management at APPA Foods, where her leadership and dedication were admired by all. She was a hardworking and ambitious woman who poured her heart into everything she did.

Martha was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church, where she found solace and strength in her faith. Her unwavering belief in God guided her through life's challenges and helped her fight a courageous battle with kidney disease.

Martha found joy in various hobbies. She had a passion for cooking, watching soap operas, crafting, and dancing. Martha's creativity and artistic talents shined through in everything she touched, whether it was a delicious meal she prepared or a beautiful craft she created.

One of Martha's favorite pastimes was attending the Iowa State Fair. She also had a deep appreciation for nature's beauty, particularly in flowers and butterflies, which brought her a sense of peace. Martha enjoyed taking in the beauty of nature while exercising at Yellow Smoke in Denison.

Martha's love for her daughters was unparalleled, and she cherished every moment spent with them. She was a devoted mother who took great pride in watching them grow and succeed in life. One of Martha's favorite sayings to her daughters was "minus to try" she lived by this motto. Martha's daughters, Tania and Nadya, meant the world to her, and her legacy will live on through the love and values she instilled in them.

Martha will be remembered for her selflessness, courage, and unwavering faith. She leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and kindness that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Martha passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at UNMC attaining the age of 55 years 4 months and 18 days.

She was preceded in death by her mother Arcelia Tovar and nephew Emiliano Ramos.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters Tania and Nadya Cortez both of Denison, IA; sister Pachita of Denison, IA; brother Felipe Gallegos of Mexico; nieces Cecilia, Ximena, and Vivyan all of Denison, IA; many other relatives and friends.

A 1:00 PM memorial service was officiated by Rev. Pedro Lopez on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Denison, Iowa.

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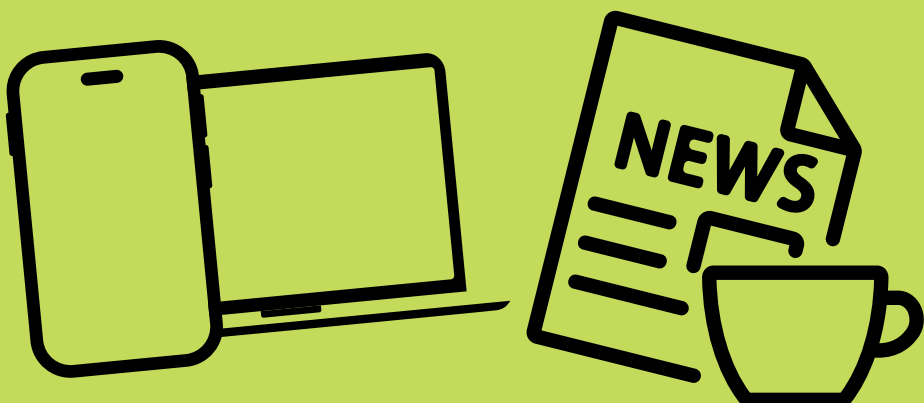
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Kindness shown in the jungle



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The zebra (Ella Luft), cheetah (Warren Lakner), elephant (Jedidiah Evers), parrot (Jonathan Aguilar), hippo (Delilah Boger) and giraffe (Preston Meyers) lead the Denison Elementary first grade chorus in singing "Welcome to the Jungle," a musical performed Tuesday at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center and directed by Angie Rosener. The musical is based on "The Lion and the Mouse" fable by Aesop that shows the importance of kindness and helping each other out.



A line of gorillas and the chorus join in song.



The lion (Brenubia Miles) asks the mouse (Rayleigh Ulrich) why he (the lion) should not crush or eat the mouse. The mouse convinced the lion to let her go, and that act of kindness was repaid when the mouse released the lion from a hunter's net.

The cast (including the hunter, Everett Lee, and the monkey Remmy Salinas) and the chorus sing about the dangerous lion.



A cast of jungle animals tell the mouse to stop and not let the lion loose.



The chorus rejoices in the song, "Celebrate," the finale to "Welcome to the Jungle."



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