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Denison council approves Boulders management agreement Document to go to golf course board

BY GORDON WOLF

On Tuesday, the Denison City Council gave its approval to an agreement that would place the management of the Boulders Conference Center with Majestic Hills Golf Course.

City Manager Jessica Garcia said that the agreement will be forwarded to the golf course board for its approval.

Since January, the Boulders Conference Center Commission had been seeking proposals on the operation of Boulders. That search started after the conference center's former lessee, Chris Polley and his company, WCP LLC, was given a notice to vacate on December 28 for non-payment of rent.

The Majestic Hills Golf Course has been covering the operations of events at Boulders since January, with the agreement that the city would forgive the golf course's rent and utilities for the lower part of the building.

Requests for proposals were sought for the conference center's operation.

Under the agreement approved by the council, the city will retain 85% of gross booking revenues received for all events and Majestic Hills will receive 15%.

The city will reimburse Majestic Hills for 105% of the gross labor costs.

Majestic Hills will provide beverage services at events with all labor costs at their own expense. Majestic Hills will

retain 100% of the beverage sales.

When finalized, the management period will run from May 1 this year to April 30 next year.

The city and Majestic Hills can agree to extend the management arrangement for additional one-year periods.

The city will retain ownership of the building, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and the property on which the building is located.

The agreement contains language for early termination, 60 days written notice in writing by either party for termination without cause, and 30 days for termination with cause.

Majestic Hills will have control and authority over the day-to-day operations of Boulders Conference Center.

Among other points, the agreement says that Majestic Hills will maintain an event booking calendar and will use the rate schedule established by the Boulders Conference Center Commission. If no event is scheduled at the conference center, Majestic Hills would have permission to use the event for its purpose.

The agreement contains a list of maintenance, improvements and operations that Majestic Hills would be responsible for, as well as insurance requirements.

Climbing to new heights with Hot Summer Nights



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

One of the attractions at Hot Summer Nights in Uptown Denison on Saturday was this climbing wall provided by the Iowa Army National Guard. Children had fun testing their climbing skills to see if they could get to the top. Saturday's celebration was the first of six Hot Summer Nights events scheduled for the next several months. Other dates are May 24, June 21, July 11, August 3 and August 17. Hot Summer Nights is now a city-sponsored event but is still organized by Taylor Borkowski. See more photos inside.

An opportunity to be well-fed and give to the wellness center

BY GORDON WOLF

On Tuesday, May 14, people will have the opportunity to drive the Crawford County Wellness Center project closer to its fundraising goal and enjoy a Staley's chicken dinner.

The drive-through dinner will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Stables at Copper Ridge.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County, Denison City Hall, The Hoffman Agency and Ten

Point Construction.

Tickets will also be available at the drive-through.

The meal includes two pieces of chicken, two sides, a dinner roll and a cookie.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 55 will be helping at the drive-through dinner.

The Bake Shop will provide the cookies for the meal.

"This is truly a countywide event,"

said KR Buck, a member of the fundraising committee.

Other fundraising efforts are taking place, including donations from individuals, businesses and corporations.

Estate-planning possibilities are also being pursued.

The Friends of Crawford County Wellness Center, in cooperation with the City of Denison, are seeking New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program funding to help meet the \$19 million goal for the project.

The city and the Friends group are seeking a net benefit of \$3.6 million for the wellness center project through the NMTC program.

The Denison City Council took action in this pursuit at a meeting

Tuesday night by approving a motion and passing a resolution to hire Novogradac Accounting Services to help in securing an NMTC allocation.

The NMTC program was established in 2000 and is designed to encourage investment in operating business and real estate projects in low-income communities. Individuals and corporations can make equity investments in Community Development Entities and receive a tax credit against their federal income tax.

Novogradac is among three entities working toward securing NMTC funding for the wellness center project.

Previously the city hired the Lothrop GPM firm to serve as legal counsel in the quest to secure NMTC. Steadfast

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Rolling on the way to Manilla



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Bicyclists roll down a hill on Broadway, approaching Morningside Park, in the Manilla Madness bike ride on Saturday. The cyclists braved chilly temperatures and winds on their trek from Denison to Manilla and back. The Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County said 27 people participated in the ride this year. See more photos inside.

DCI investigates in-custody death in Crawford County

Around 7:30 p.m. on May 5, officers from the Denison Police Department arrested a 61-year-old male for public intoxication. The subject was placed into a lone jail cell.

At approximately 9 a.m. on May 6, while conducting a scheduled welfare check, Crawford County jail staff discovered the subject had become unresponsive. Crawford County jail staff, deputies and EMS performed CPR on the subject and transported him to Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison where he was later pronounced deceased.

The male subject was identified by a

family member as Abraham Gatwech Ngor of Denison. A forensic autopsy was scheduled for May 8 at the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner in Ankeny.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office requested the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) to investigate the death of Ngor.

No further details will be released at this time.

Darrell Simmons, special agent in charge with the DCI, clarified that the jail staff conduct hourly checks on all inmates. It was during the 9 a.m. check that Ngor was found unresponsive.

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City, an economic development, community development and non-profit consulting firm, was hired to represent the city in selling the project to Community Development Entities.

The hiring of an accounting firm was recommended by Steadfast City, said Denison City Manager Jessica Garcia.

She added that accounting for NMTC is a very niche market and that there are only two accounting firms in the nation that deal with NMTC as their main focus of work.

She discussed the benefits in engaging Novogradac before the city receives a NMTC allocation.

"Basically, what they're saying is it's another sign of readiness once an allocation is sourced," Garcia explained.

"It shows we're ready to close on the allocation as soon as it's given to us," she added, "Also, what they (the Community Development Entities) are looking for is for the accounting firm to create a structure, or mini-model, if you will, what the project would look like."

Garcia said a NMTC conference will take place in Florida next week.

The council discussed the \$7,500 retainer for Novogradac before taking action.

Garcia said the retainer would come back to the city through the NMTC process, as well as any other fees that would be a part of the NMTC funding structure. If the wellness center project does not receive an allocation, the project is out the \$7,500.

The city manager explained that the city has a line item in its budget for the wellness center project and that the retainer fee would come from that.

Councilman Corey Curnyn asked about funding from other partners in the wellness center project, like the county, Denison Municipal Utilities (DMU) and Crawford County Memorial Hospital, and if funds pledged by those partners could be used for some of the expenses like the retainer fee.

City Clerk Jodie Flaherty explained that the county is providing \$100,000 each fiscal year for expenses until the construction begins.

DMU's and the hospital's commitment to the project will take effect once construction begins.

Grilling in Manilla



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Members of the Crawford County Cattlemen's Association were out grilling in Manilla on Sunday. Pictured around the grill are (from left) Rick Vetter, Joel Kuhlmann, Tripp Muhlbauer and his dad, Jared, Mike Vogt and Dale Collins. The Cattlefeeders were grilling for anybody helping with cleanup efforts from the April 26 tornados, as well as for members of the public.

Food kits at DHS sparked by need to serve food insecure students

For several years, Julie Wood, Denison High School Family and Consumer Science teacher, envisioned transforming her back room into a food pantry to serve the needs of food insecure students.

Last spring, the Career and Technical Departments consisting of FCS/FCCLA, Ag/FFA, Business/FBLA, and Industrial Technology banded together to host a food drive to stock the food pantry. All students were encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items for the pantry during the month-long event. The group of students who brought in the most food was awarded with an ice cream party hosted by FCCLA.

Upon returning to school last fall, Wood was thinking of better ways to get the food to students in need. She had a conversation with Steve Watts, the instructional coach at the high school, and told him of her concerns and the fact that students seem overwhelmed with the amount of food on the shelves and just what to do with the food. They came up with the idea for food kits. After doing some research, Wood was able to find 25 shelf stable food pantry kit recipes. These recipes would be printed and bagged along with all the food needed for the recipes.

An example would be a zip top bag complete with a creamy chicken casserole recipe that includes two boxes of mac and cheese, one large can of chicken, and a can of creamed soup. This meal can be made without milk or butter, which is sometimes not available in the home.

This spring, Wood and the same organizations ran a campaign to fulfill the meal kits. They needed cash to purchase basic ingredients like creamed soups, beans, pasta and tomatoes. The food kit drives were set up at volleyball games for people to contribute to. One student handed Wood \$20 and told her it was for the food pantry. He said he struggled last semester and needed the pantry, but this year he was doing OK and wanted to help those that are in need. After hearing this, Wood realized the pantry is more than just a place to get food. It's also a lesson in life about



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An example of the ingredients for a complete meal in a zip top bag.

generosity and gratitude, something that didn't occur to her when this idea was born.

In addition to this support, a grant for \$1,000 was written and received from the national FCCLA organization. This money was used for shelving, storage, and of course, a lot of food.

Students have been notified via email and by signs around the school that the food pantry is open Monday through Wednesday from 3-3:30 p.m. for anyone that feels the need to use it, no questions asked.

Initially, Wood said it was difficult getting students to come for help.

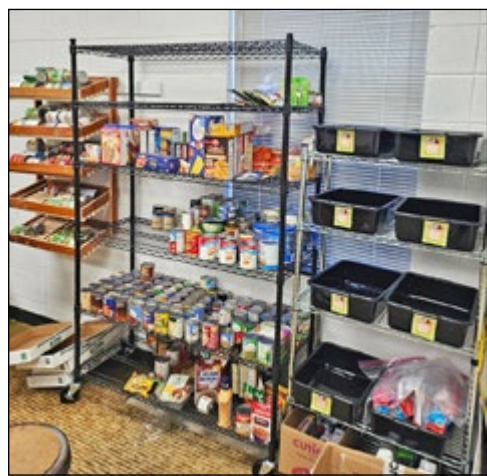
"We put up more signs in each of the classrooms and more exposure regarding the food kits so that students know what is available to them. Mrs. (Karen) Kennedy, high school business teacher, did all the advertising in the school and around town," said Wood.

Wood explained what sparked her interest in a food pantry.

"This is sort of a memorial to a student who came through my doors several years ago and who died at a very young age," she said. "He wasn't a food insecure student, but like most growing boys, he was always hungry and since I taught foods classes, he knew there would be food in my room. It helped that I had known his family for years and he felt comfortable stopping in just to say 'hi.' His passing had a profound effect on me and the food pantry is one way I keep his memory alive."

Food is still available to be distributed until school gets out. The future of the pantry is unknown. Wood has accepted a job at the Carroll Community School District for next year, but she hopes the food pantry and the kits continue in the years to come.

She said, "This project and the senior citizens meals are two of the many things I will miss about the community of Denison. That, and of course, the kids. They are hardworking and generous of their time and talents. I wish all of them the very best."



The food pantry at the Family and Consumer Science room.



Cattlemen's Beef Princesses Amber Ragaller and Isabell Jepsen wrapped burgers and served people at the grill-out in Manilla, with the help of Lisa Vogt and Tripp Muhlbauer.

Crawford County Beautification Week May 13-17

The Women in Business Impact Organization (WIBIO) of the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County is inviting people, businesses, schools and organizations to help beautify the county during Beautification Week, May 13-17.

WIBIO provided the following ways to help in this effort.

- Clean up your yard
- Help a neighbor with their yard
- Pick up trash
- Recycle
- Paint
- Donate unused items
- Volunteer for a local charity
- Adopt a highway or sidewalk
- Plant something
- Organize a project in the community

People are invited to contact the CDC office at 712-263-5621 or email mnuutt@cdcia.org for more information and other suggestions of how to get involved.

Schleswig VFW Auxiliary to meet May 13

Schleswig VFW Auxiliary 3930 will conduct its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13, at the Schleswig Golf Course clubhouse. A salad bar dinner will be followed by the meeting.

On the meeting agenda are the installation of officers, a memorial service for deceased members, discussion on Schleswig's 125th anniversary, the new banner and other items.

Members are asked to bring a salad to share and a table setting.

Cleanup benefit planned for Saunders family in Manilla

A benefit for the family of Scotty William Saunders and Morgan Saunders has been planned for Saturday, May 11. Their acreage was directly hit by the storms on April 26. Several buildings were lost to the storm.

People are needed to help with the cleanup at their farm located at 3361 300th Street, west of Manilla. The come-and-go effort will last from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those who volunteer to help are asked to bring gloves.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. for all participants.

Freewill donations will be taken. Cash or check donations can be mailed to their address or to Morgan's VENMO at: @Morganlsaunders.

People who have equipment that could be used in the cleanup effort are asked to contact Scott at 712-579-0330.

Monogram Prepared Meats in Harlan will be donating packages of bacon to volunteers.

Boy Scout paper drive this Saturday

The Boy Scouts of Troop 55 in Denison will conduct their monthly paper drive this Saturday, May 11, at the Walmart parking lot. The Boy Scouts will be there from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help unload 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.

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Local Calendar

FRIDAY
MAY 10, 2024

Denison city wide garage sales, runs through Sunday, May 12.

Unity Ridge Lutheran School spring musical, "It's Cool in the Furnace," performed at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
MAY 11, 2024

Denison postal carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive for the Temporary Aid Program (TAP). Put non-perishable food or paper items by your mailboxes or mail slots and the city and rural letter carriers will pick up the donations.

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

Storytime at Norelius Community Library, 10 a.m. Stories, songs and a special activity at the end of the session. For children ages 0-5.

SUNDAY
MAY 12, 2024

Vail Volunteer Fire Department Mother's Day Breakfast, at Vail Community Center, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Serving biscuits and gravy, bacon, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs, milk, juice and coffee. Free will offering.

MONDAY-FRIDAY
MAY 13-17, 2024

Women in Business Impact Organization Crawford County Beautification Week. Contact the CDC office at 712-263-5621 or email mnuttd@cdcia.org to find out how you can get involved.

MONDAY
MAY 13, 2024

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

Denison American Legion Post 8 monthly meeting, 7 p.m., at Homestead Assisted Living.

TUESDAY
MAY 14, 2024

Staley's chicken dinner drive-through fundraiser for Crawford County Wellness Center, 4:30-7 p.m., Stables at Copper Ridge. Price is \$15. Includes two pieces of fried chicken, two sides, dinner roll and cookie.

Cards & Coffee at Norelius Community Library, for people ages 19 and older, 5:30 p.m. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Euchre Night at Ricketts Community Building, 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$5.

WEDNESDAY
May 15, 2024

Storytime at Norelius Community Library, 2 p.m., for children ages 0-5. Stories, songs and a special activity at the end of the session.

Euchre Night at Charter Oak Community Building, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY
MAY 16, 2024

Myong's Chinese dinner at Schleswig Golf Course, 5-8 p.m.

Game Night at Norelius Community Library, for ages 12 and older, 5:30 p.m. Go for the pizza and snacks and stay to play games. Go to the library's website (www.denison.lib.ia.us/calendar) to find out what games will be played.

NORELIUS COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Denison Library Friends to meet May 13

The Denison Library Friends will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13, in the Carnegie Room at Norelius Community Library.

The agenda includes regular business reports, results of the White Elephant Sale, updates on library renovations, the digitalizing of yearbooks, and the library director's report.

The public is invited to attend.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Norelius Community Library.

A Beatles celebration



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Here Comes the Sun had people rocking at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center on Monday night. The five-person band performs a celebration of music by the Beatles. The performance was sponsored by Crawford County Arts and Mahoney and Gotto.



Letters TO THE EDITOR

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Denison's Jack MacGregor wins second place in national theatre competition



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jack MacGregor, of Denison, won second place in a national theatre competition. He is a student at Northwestern College in Orange City.

Jack MacGregor, a Northwestern College theatre major from Denison, placed second nationally for scenic design at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) competition April 21-26.

MacGregor was honored for his work on Northwestern's production of "Silent Sky," a drama based on the true story of Henrietta Leavitt, an astronomer who made a groundbreaking discovery in the early 1900s while dealing with the challenges of being a woman in a male-dominated field.

MacGregor won runner-up honors while competing with graduate theatre students getting their Master of Fine Arts degrees in scenic design. He also won a full summer fellowship to work as a scenic designer for the Eugene

O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Connecticut, which is described as the launchpad of American theatre.

"Jack has a remarkable ability to collaborate with other designers," said Dr. Robert Hubbard, professor of theatre at Northwestern. "He does his own research that integrates seamlessly into the ensemble. In 'Silent Sky,' Jack created an environment where the lighting designer could visualize the night sky. The combination was breathtaking."

"Silent Sky" was produced in the spring of 2023 when MacGregor was a sophomore at Northwestern. As the scenic designer for the show, he was asked by the director to give the audience the sense that they were sitting under a night sky.

"The show was going to be in the round, so I decided to make the set a planetarium," MacGregor said.

Because quick scene changes and visibility were important, he designed desks, tables and other furniture to be small, lightweight or on wheels.

"Since the play revolves around astronomical discoveries in the 1900s, I decided to paint the floor and set pieces reflective of 1900s astronomical art," MacGregor said. "Overall, the show turned out beautifully. I loved the design process, seeing it come to fruition, and experiencing how it helped tell the story of 'Silent Sky.'"

The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center is one of the most prestigious new play development workshops in existence. This summer, MacGregor will be working alongside some of the most respected and admired theatre makers in the world.

ON THE SCANNER

April 29, 1:16 p.m.: John Michael McGuire, 66, of Somers, was driving a gray 2022 Dodge RAM pickup east on Highway 30 through Westside. McGuire stated that he saw two children riding bicycles next to the highway, entering the highway at times. McGuire slowed down, and as he passed, the boys thought he was in the clear. McGuire said he looked in the mirror and saw one of the boys on a bicycle go down. McGuire did not know exactly where the boy hit the truck but thought it was somewhere between the truck and the car trailer he was pulling. McGuire stated that the other boy on the bicycle said he had just told the other boy to stay off the highway. The investigating officer said he spoke with two witnesses who both confirmed McGuire's story. The report said that the accident victim was Lifeflighted to Des Moines after arriving in Carroll with a broken femur.

May 1, 1:43 a.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened at the Monogram Foods parking lot. Erik Yoshua De La Cruz Garcia, 18, of Denison, was backing a red 2007 Nissan pickup from a parking spot in the Monogram Foods parking lot. He said the rear window glass was foggy and he did not see a black 2010 Nissan Murano that was parked in the parking lot. The Murano received \$1,000 damage to the rear driver side and De La Cruz Garcia's pickup received \$200 damage to the rear passenger side corner.

May 3: A criminal complaint for theft in the fifth degree was filed against Ashley Marie Ramsey, 39, of Denison. The offense occurred on March 12 at Walmart.

May 3, 9:25 p.m.: Emmanuel Prado, 19, of Denison, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance – marijuana, 1st offense. Also arrested was a 14-year-old minor.

May 4, 4:17 p.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a single-vehicle accident that happened at the Pit Stop Auto Wash at Highway 30 and South 17th Street. The investigating officer met with Jeff Schaben who provided footage of a vehicle that drove forward into his machine, almost disabling it. The vehicle, a white 2013 Toyota Tacoma, was located on Exchange Street right next to the Denison Police Department. The driver, Anthony Lopez, 18, of Denison, admitted to the accident. Lopez was cited for violations of conditions of a minor school license.

The Pit Stop Auto Wash equipment received \$2,000 damage. The Tacoma received \$1,000 damage to the front middle.

May 5, 1:07 a.m.: Hser Gay Eh, 36, of St. Paul, Minnesota, was arrested for operating while under the influence, 1st offense. The location of the offense was on North 7th Street.

May 6, 12:25 p.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened on Highway 30. Sonia Francois, 36, of Mulberry, Florida, was driving a black 2010 Nissan Murano west in the middle lane of Highway 30. Sara Marie Swanson, 40, of Denison, was driving a white 2007 GMC Canyon pickup west on Highway 30 in the north lane. Francois merged improperly and struck Swanson's vehicle, causing a sideswipe collision. No injuries were reported. Swanson's vehicle received \$3,000 damage to the middle driver side. Francois's vehicle received \$1,200 damage to the front passenger side.

May 6, 1:58 p.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened in the parking lot at Smithfield Foods. Moises Escobar Lemus called the police to report scratch damage on the passenger side door of a 2021 Ford Bronco. He said he knew who damaged the vehicle and that a friend witnessed the event and took pictures. The investigating officer spoke with Jude Casseus, 45, of Sioux City, who admitted to scratching the vehicle with his vehicle. The drivers exchanged insurance information. Casseus was cited for striking an unattended vehicle.

May 6, 5:38 p.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened in the parking lot at Smithfield Foods. Oleg V. Lantuku, 59, of Tacoma, Washington, was operating a white 2019 Freightliner semi. Marlon Star, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was in a white 2022 Freightliner semi. Star advised the investigating officer that he was waiting in his semi tractor, and Lantuku was backing his tractor-trailer into the spot to the east of Star. Star said he felt his semi tractor rock; he honked and noticed damage to his driver's sideview mirror. Lantuku told the officer he did not damage anything and that there was no evidence that he damaged the other semi tractor. The damage done was a crack that went through part of the sideview mirror. Star said that according to his work policy, he must make a report with police in any incident where damage is done.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

April 26-May 2, 2024

NON-SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

- Roberto Carlos Gonzales Guerrero, Denison. DUS - driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked, \$325.75.
- Gilberto Garcia Saucedo, Denison, driving while license under suspension, \$347.50.

SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

- Kevin Alexis Ramirez, Denison, manner of conveyance, assembled unloaded gun, \$395.25.
- Javier Enriquez Tlaseca, Omaha, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Victoria Daniella Altamirano, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$503.50.
- Yelennis Sosa Cid, Tampa, FL, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way, \$287.88.
- Arillian A. Barrios, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$503.50.
- Juan Jose Ochoa Gomez, Denison, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.
- Juan Jose Ochoa Gomez, Denison, operation without registration card or plate, \$135.50.
- Edgar Zavala Hernandez, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Jace David Siemer, Omaha, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Gloria Margarita Castaneda, Denison, failure to use child restraint device, \$210.25.
- Steven Joseph Ridgley, Carroll, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.
- Andres Baqueiro Cruz, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Gilberto Sartun Garcia, Denison, driving on wrong side of two-way highway, \$210.25.
- David Ismael Felipe Simon, Omaha, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Marco Loarca, Omaha, NE, failure to have a valid license or permit for operation of motor vehicle, \$285.
- James Michael Anderson, Odebolt,

- improper registration plate lamp, \$106.75.
- Karel Morales Sandoval, Denison, insufficient number of headlamps, \$106.75.
- Enrique Lara Romero, Denison, fail to obey stop or yield sign, \$210.25.
- Ismael D. Gonzalez, Denison, operating non-registered vehicle, \$135.50.

SPEEDING (21 MPH AND OVER)

- Briar Alan Gale, Pacific Junction, \$313.75.

SPEEDING (16-20 MPH OVER)

- Lukas Kyle Niedert, Marion, \$262.

SPEEDING 6 THRU 10 MPH OVER

- Brittany Jean King, Manning, \$149.88.
- Erika Marlys Haberberger, Denison, \$149.88.
- Matthias Vernon Stork, Breda, \$118.25.
- Francisco Barroso Vargas, Denison, \$118.25.
- Jakub Randall Workman, Manilla, \$118.25.
- Alandria Brown, Denison, \$118.25.
- Alisa Yer Thao, Charter Oak, \$118.25.
- Lynette Robin Barondeau, Denison, \$118.25.

SPEEDING (1-5 MPH OVER)

- Jamel Malcolm Jones, Union, NE, \$106.75.
- Samuel Ronald Seuntjens, Anthon, \$106.75.
- Arillian A. Barrios, Denison, \$106.75.
- Fredi Alexander Perez Osoy, Cicero, IL, \$89.50.
- Jose Alberto Salas, Denison, \$89.50.
- Tyson Eric Preul, Denison, \$89.50.
- Cecilia Hernandez Perez, Denison, \$89.50.
- Kent Ronald Elliott, Minden, \$89.50.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Against: David Donald Kleinberg, Denison. In favor of: H&R Accounts. Amount: \$6,445.84 plus \$95 costs.

LAND TRANSACTIONS

April 26-May 2, 2024

Warranty Deeds

- Candace Ueding to Antonio Linden Trevino: Lot 2, Block 5, City of Dow City; \$69,500.
- Steve P. McCollough and Connie J. McCollough to McCollough 5 LLC: NE1/4 Section 2, East Boyer Township.
- McCollough 5 LLC to Steve P. McCollough and Connie J. McCollough: NE1/4 Section 2, East Boyer Township; \$188,442.
- Juan Ramon Velasquez and Ana Miriam Velasquez to Mario F. Flores and Mirna Flores Cortez: Lot 7, Block 24, City of Schleswig; \$55,000.
- Michaela C. Willroth Trust, Michaela C. Willroth, Trustee to Thomas W. Willroth Jr.: Lot 1, Block 9, City of Denison; Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 14, City of Denison; \$18,140.
- Daniel B. Eiten and Mary S. Eiten to Brian Zavitz and Nakia Zavitz: Lot 1, 2, 3, Block 74, City of Denison; \$189,000.
- James J. Sailer and Elise A. Sailer to Elise A. Sailer Trust, Elise A. Sailer and James J. Sailer, Trustees: SW1/4 Section 15, Hanover Township; N1/2 SW1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; S1/2 SW1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; NW1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; NE1/4 Section 3, Hanover Township; S1/2 NE1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; SE1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; S1/2 SE1/4 Section 35, Morgan Township; Lot 1, Block 5, Ridgeway Fourth Addition, City of Denison.
- James J. Sailer and Elise A. Sailer to James J. Sailer Trust, Elise A. Sailer and James J. Sailer, Trustees: SW1/4 Section 15, Hanover Township; N1/2 SW1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; S1/2 SW1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; NW1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; NE1/4

- Section 3, Hanover Township; S1/2 NE1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; SE1/4 Section 2, Hanover Township; S1/2 SE1/4 Section 35, Morgan Township; Lot 1, Block 5, Ridgeway Fourth Addition, City of Denison.

- Patricia Leslie to Vonnahme Family Trust, Bruce Vonnahme and Marilyn M. Vonnahme, Trustees: Lot 6 and Lot 7, Payne's Addition, City of Westside; \$105,000.

- Kandy L. Goslar to Jason P. Nichols: Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Unit 4, Block 105, City of Denison; \$110,000.

- Jason P. Nichols to Manuel Arturo Gonzalez Mujica: Lot 13 and Lot 14, Block 7, City of Schleswig; \$110,000.

- Connie Campbell, Darwin Campbell, Travis Campbell and Angela Sieck to Steinhoff Farm LLC: NE1/4 Section 22, Nishnabotna Township; N1/2 SE1/4 Section 22, Nishnabotna Township.

Quit Claim Deeds

- Matthew Weeda to Maria Weeda, Maria Vonnahme: W1/2 NW1/4 Section 20, Hayes Township.

Court Officer Deeds

- Dale E. Bueltel Estate, Ella Mae Bueltel, Executor to Ella Mae Bueltel: Lot 3, Sunrise Addition, City of Manilla.

Contract

- Marsha Schwartz to Russ Johannsen and Lori Johannsen: Lot 1, Southern Heights Second Addition, City of Schleswig; \$50,000.

Affidavit Of Surviving Spouse

- Dale Elwin Bueltel and Ella Mae Bueltel to Ella Mae Bueltel: E1/2 SW1/4 Section 34, Iowa Township; NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 33, Iowa Township; S1/2 SE1/4 Section 33, Iowa Township.



Senior Lunch Menu

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

Friday, May 10:

baked chicken, vegetables, dinner roll, fruit cocktail

Monday, May 13:

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce

Tuesday, May 14:

tuna melt sandwich, potato salad, peas, banana pudding

Wednesday, May 15:

liver and onions, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, raspberry applesauce

Thursday, May 16:

chicken pot pie, cottage cheese, gelatin cake

Friday, May 17:

pork roast, cooked potatoes and carrots, peaches

Funeral Notices

Guenter (Gunner) Detlefsen

Funeral services for Guenter (Gunner) Detlefsen, 80, of Schleswig, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 6, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig with burial at the Morgan Cemetery.

He passed away Wednesday, May 1, at Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Detlefsen, of Schleswig; sons, Scott Detlefsen and his wife, Kathleen, and their son, Joseph Detlefsen, all of Nebraska; Brad Detlefsen and his wife, Monica, and their children, Matthew Detlefsen and Thomas Detlefsen, all of Omaha; a sister, Erika Ragsdell, of Tennessee; siblings-in-law, Larry Preul and his wife, Mary, of Nevada, Gary Preul and his wife, Barb, of Denison, Darrell Preul and his wife, Linda, of Tennessee, Darlene and her husband, Dick Rudner, of Arizona, Rick Preul and his wife, Deb, of Kiron, and Berneil Preul, of Denison; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



May the 4th at the library



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

On Saturday, the Children's Library at Norelius Community Library was all about Star Wars. Games and crafts celebrated May the 4th, playing on the movie's signature line, "May the Force be with you." Pictured, children use inflatable lightsabers during a game to hit balloons over a line.



Bryan Taylor wears a Yoda mask in the picture booth.



Bebe Miles (left), along with Aaron Hoffman and Zoey Hoffman see who can keep a balloon afloat the longest by bouncing them off lightsabers.

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Monarchs Sports

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS SOCCER

Denison-Schleswig wins in soccer over Carroll

The Denison-Schleswig varsity girls scored two goals in the first half and three in the second half to hand host Carroll a 5-1 decision on Thursday, May 2.

Denison-Schleswig had 18 shots on goal to seven for Carroll. Monarch goalie Sam Chandler had six saves.

Goals

Estela Lupian scored on a shot from 15 yards out at 4:18 into the match. Assist by Libby Leon.

Hally Escobar scored on a 17-yard shot with 7:43 remaining in the first half. Assist by Estela Lupian.

Aremy Santos scored on a deflected shot from three yards out with 33:37 remaining in the match. Assist by Janet Castillo.

Aremy Santos scored on a 17-yard shot with 32:43 remaining in the match. Assist by Karla Sanchez.

After a steal from Carroll's

goalkeeper, Aremy Santos scored on an 18-yard shot with 26:50 remaining in the match.

Carroll's goal was scored late in the game from six yards out on a counter of a Denison-Schleswig possession with a crossing pass from the right wing to the left post.

"We decided to go with three forwards and four midfielders instead of two and five in the hopes of creating more shots," said Head Coach Chris Eller. "We did create more shots, and some of our shots were fantastic shots. We hit shots just inside the post and just under the crossbar for all five of our goals. Carroll has a good keeper who saved a lot of our good shots because she has good agility and quickness side to side covering the goal, in addition to being tall. "The goals we scored were shots no keeper was going to get to.

"We had an emphasis on being more aggressive on offense, both in taking shots when we had space and being more aggressive in attacking the defense when we had one-on-one opportunities instead of regularly looking to pass the ball in those situations," Eller added.

Denison-Schleswig girls win in soccer shootout

After battling to a 0-0 tie in regulation play and two overtimes, the Denison-Schleswig girls' varsity topped Glenwood in a shootout of penalty kicks.

With the win, the Monarch girls improved their season record to 5-8 and 2-4 in the Hawkeye-10 Conference.

Glenwood kicked first in the shootout and made its shot. The Monarchs' Karla Sanchez followed with a made shot just inside the left post for a 1-1 score. Glenwood kicked second and the shot hit the crossbar and bounced straight down but didn't cross the line. Denison-Schleswig's second shot was above the crossbar. On Glenwood's third shot, Sam Chandler made a diving save just inside the left post. Denison-Schleswig's third shot hit the crossbar. Glenwood's fourth shot hit the crossbar. Aremy Santos made her shot; it skimmed off the right post and into the side net to make the score 2-1. Glenwood made its fifth shot to tie the shootouts 2-2. Estela Lupian, who was the last kicker, made her shot just inside the right post to win the shootout 3-2, giving the Monarchs the 1-0 victory.

Glenwood took 16 shots on goal. Monarch goalie Sam Chandler had 15 saves. She also had one save in the shootouts.

Jimena Lupian had one non-keeper save for the Monarchs.

Denison-Schleswig took three shots on goal.

"The records on Bound go back to 2011 and Denison hadn't beaten Glenwood in girls' soccer since before 2011," said Head Coach Chris Eller. "Glenwood has a great team with a lot of speed; they share nine varsity players who are out for soccer and track. I would assume several of their players will be running in the state track meet."

He continued, "We got the shutout with a combination of some great saves by Sam and Jimena, dodging a couple bullets and mostly by playing very good defense with marking very well and forcing Glenwood to take most of their shots from outside of 25 yards out. We had to adjust our defense at halftime because Glenwood was owning the middle of the field against us, creating too many shots. We cut down their number of shots in the second half and overtime with that adjustment."

Eller gave recognition to Jimena Lupian, Xochitl Arellano, Jocelyn Serrato, Janet Castillo, Leilany Morales, Rosy Segoviano, Libby Leon, Estela Lupian, Hally Escobar, Giana Garcia, Mia Garcia, Nadia Medina and Karla Sanchez for staying marked up in the midfield and defense to prevent Glenwood from getting any easy shots.

He said that the match was the signature win of his three years of coaching the girls' varsity team.

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS TENNIS

D-S girls 5th in H-10 tennis tournament

Denison-Schleswig placed 5th in the H-10 Conference Girls' Tennis Tournament at Denison on Friday, May 3.

Kiana Schulz placed third in the #1 singles bracket. Abby Gutierrez placed third in the #2 singles bracket. Claire Leinen and Lynnae Johnson placed eighth in the #1 doubles bracket. Abbey Meseck and Zoey Beery placed seventh in the #2 doubles bracket.

Following are the team scores.

1st place (tied): Kuemper and Clarinda, 25 points
3rd place: Red Oak, 20
4th place: Shenandoah, 16
5th place: Denison-Schleswig, 15
6th place: St. Albert, 14
7th place: Lewis Central, 13
8th place: Creston, 8
9th place: Harlan, 5
10th place: Glenwood, 2
11th place: Atlantic, 0

Kiana Schulz, #1 singles tournament, #2 seed: 1st round won against Ava Adamson (11) - Creston 8-0; semis, lost to Rylie Nothwehr (11) - Clarinda 4-8; 3rd place match won against Gabi Jacobs (10) - Shenandoah 8-3. "Kiana placed third in a bracket with lots of talent," said Head Coach Spencer Pauley. "I was proud of how she responded in the third-place match, after losing to a girl in the semis that was a lot closer than what the score shows. She has been playing at a high level."

Abby Gutierrez, #2 singles tournament, #1 seed: 1st round defeated Kaitlyn Mullanix (10) - Glenwood 8-2; semis lost to Ella Schwarte (11) - Kuemper 6-8; 3rd place match won against Emma Stogdill - Clarinda 8-2. "Abby Gutierrez placed third in a tough bracket," said Pauley. "She fell a little short against Kuemper in the semis, but tried to make a late comeback. She has been playing great tennis."

Lynnae Johnson / Claire Leinen, #1 doubles tournament: 1st round defeated Mahan/Marcus - Creston 8-6; 2nd round lost to Tidgren/Rohe - Kuemper 1-8; consolation defeated Sorensen/Jad. Harter - Atlantic 9-8 (7-4); consolation lost to Wingfeld/Ramirez - Red Oak 4-8; consolation lost to Pestel/Newberry - Glenwood by forfeit. "Lynnae and Claire placed eighth today," said Pauley. "They didn't get to play their last match because of an injury, but they battled each match and have a lot to be proud of."

Abbey Meseck / Zoey Beery, #2 doubles tournament: 1st round defeated J Ferrell/P. Harter - Atlantic 9-7; 2nd round lost to Craig/Schwabe - Kuemper 5-8; consolation lost to Bailey/Wheeler - Creston 5-8; consolation defeated Johnson/Snyder - Red Oak 8-4. "Abbey and Zoey placed seventh. They played Kuemper really close, but fell a little short to the champion," said Pauley. "I was proud of how they responded and ended up placing seventh. They have learned each other's games and have been playing well together."

and that if they continue to improve, we can turn things around."

Among the highlights for the day was a win by freshman Grant Fink in junior varsity action.

"It is his first year playing tennis and he will continue to get better every time he plays," said Ratliff. "He moved his opponent around the court well today.

"Jayden Bradley, also a first-year player, was back in our lineup after an injury. He is a scrappy player. Together, with Grant in doubles, they narrowly lost in a 3-7 tiebreaker after going 6-6 with their opponent."

Monarch boys fall to Kuemper in Tennis

Kuemper Catholic had the upper hand in a tennis meet on Friday, May 2, winning 9-0 in matches against the visiting Denison-Schleswig Monarch boys' varsity.

"Kuemper is the strongest team in our conference, and they handed it to us today in the most dominant win I have witnessed," said Head Coach Aaron Ratliff. "One of the positives today was that our young players competed well

Schulz qualifies for state tennis tournament

Monarchs senior Kiana Schulz placed second at the regional tennis tournament in Atlantic on Monday, May 6, and qualified for the state tournament set for Iowa City on May 24.

In the first round, Schulz defeated Ava Easter of Ballard 6-0 and 6-2, and defeated Kaitlyn Mullanix of Glenwood in the second round by the same scores. Schulz defeated the #3 seed Scarlett McGuinnis of Harlan in the third round, 6-1 and 6-0. In the championship round, she lost to #1

seed Katlyn Zugay of Ballard 6-3 and 6-3.

Schulz was the #2 seed in the regional singles tournament.

Head Coach Spencer Pauley said, "There were many good tennis players in Atlantic and we competed with some of the best from around the state. Claire (Leinen) and Abby (Gutierrez) played their best tennis and fell one match short of state. They have a lot to be proud of and avenged a loss which shows you how much they have

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS GOLF

D-S girls third in Carroll golf tournament

The Denison-Schleswig Monarchs girls' varsity team placed third at the Jeanne Spieler Kuemper Invitational/Carroll National golf tournament on Friday, May 3.

Team placings are as follows.

Spencer, 367
Kuemper, 392
Denison-Schleswig, 404
Alta-Aurelia, 408

Harlan, 427
Carroll, 433

Individually for the Monarchs, Emily Bahnsen and Myah Schwarte tied for ninth place with scores of 98. Maggie Hennings and Tanna Petersen tied for 15th place with scores of 104.

Quinlan Bygness and Isabel Jepsen shot scores of 115 and 128, respectively, for the Monarchs.

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS TRACK AND FIELD

Fink sets school record at H-10 track and field championships

Monarchs end in 10th place

It was a big night for Jake Fink on Thursday, May 2, as he set a school record in the 400 meter hurdles at the Hawkeye-10 conference track and field championships.

Fink ran the event in 55.91 to eclipse a Monarch record that had stood for 27 years.

Head Coach Willie Baughman said the performance will give the Monarchs a huge boost in this week's state qualifying meet.

As a team, the Denison-Schleswig Monarchs scored 20 points.

"It was by far the best weather night that we have had so far this year. We ended up 10th but I think it was a successful meet," said Baughman. "The guys really did a good job all night and a lot of our young guys got a great experience at a postseason meet."

The Monarchs turned in 14 personal records.

Team results

Glenwood, 148.5

Shenandoah, 102
Lewis Central, 95
Harlan, 92
Atlantic, 90
Clarinda, 56.5
Creston, 54
Kuemper, 43
St. Albert, 23
Denison-Schleswig, 20
Red Oak, 16

Monarch individual placings
4x800 meter relay: Kevin Sanchez, Ethan Olsen, Edgar Ortiz and Anthony Valtierra, 8th place, 9:17.82, relay team record

Distance medley relay: Trae Hartwig, Wilson Riphin, Edgar Ortiz and Kevin Sanchez, 7th place, 4:00.89, relay team record

4x200 meter relay: Grant Olsen, Wilson Riphin, Chris Lovan and Morgan Wood, 8th place, 1:40.42

110 high hurdles: Brayden Adams, 5th place, 16.77

Discus: Garret Plagge, 7th place, 134-5.25

400 meter hurdles: Jake Fink, 1st place, 55.91, personal and school record

improved."

Leinen and Gutierrez won their rounds one and two doubles matches and fell in the semifinals to a doubles team from Ballard. They lost their match for third place and ended up fourth in the doubles tournament.

Pauley said Schulz beat some outstanding opponents on her way to placing second.

"Her powerful serve was the best it has ever been," he said and added that she has been close in many years to qualifying for state.

"To finally get there is amazing," he said.

Pauley continued that Lynnae Johnson, Zoey Beery and Abbey Meseck had some tough draws but he was proud of how they competed.

Riding the hills from Denison to Manilla and back



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

A pair of cyclists pedals through downtown Manilla to go to the wellness center where food and refreshments were being served during the Manilla Madness ride. Saturday's ride was chilly but fun.



Kathy Jorgensen stood at the entrance to Manilla beginning at 12:30 p.m. to welcome cyclists into the community.



Pat Lally stops to refuel at the trailer set up at the Pat Palmer residence in rural Manilla.



This line of cyclists cruises east on county road M36. Leading the pack are Jake Broullire and Sadie Watson with the Air Force cycling team. Broullire is stationed at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Watson is stationed at Whitman Air Force Base in Missouri. They flew into Omaha to ride in Manilla Madness on Saturday and then participate in a charity ride in Omaha on Sunday.

At the griddle



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Ezra Bygness, of Denison, was one of the people busy at the griddle for a pancake breakfast at the shelter house at Kiron South Park on Sunday. His grandfather, Mike Lickteig, of Kiron, was busy with other duties at the breakfast. The breakfast was a fundraiser for Kiron's 125th anniversary celebration scheduled for the weekend of August 23, 24 and 25.

Garden talk



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Annie Kroll (left) with the Crawford County Garden Club explains the qualities of this plant to Sharon Gosch at the club's plant sale on Saturday. The sale took place at the shelter house at Morningside Park in Denison from 9 a.m. to noon.



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Ribbon cutting for The Cottage



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The Cottage celebrated the opening in its new location with a ribbon cutting conducted by the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County on Monday. The Cottage, owned by mother and daughter tandem of Cindy Borkowski and Taylor Borkowski (pictured in front), is located in the former Ben Franklin building, 1401 Broadway in Denison. Also pictured are Taylor's children, Kreighton holding the left side of the ribbon and Kinnik holding the right, and Collyns being held in the back on the left side of the photograph.

Music, food and games at Hot Summer Nights



Reylan (left) and Kobyn Gonzalez enjoy their elotes at Hot Summer Nights.



Children play a game in the Kids' Zone.



Nick Hermann put out a lot of sound as a solo artist at Hot Summer Nights. He performed from 6 to 9 p.m.



Parranderos, a Latin combo, performed on stage from 9 p.m. to midnight.



People danced in the street to the music performed by Parranderos.



Bouncy house slides were a hit at Hot Summer Nights.



Vendors were kept busy as people lined up to try new foods and traditional favorites.



People line up to dance.

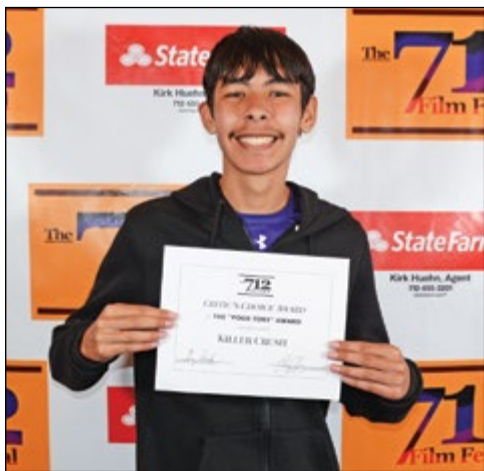
Awards presented at 712 Film Festival

The 712 Film Festival was conducted at the Donna Reed Theater in Denison on Saturday. Seventeen student film productions and 10 professional film productions were shown. The festival was started last year to showcase the filmmaking talent of Iowa-based students and professionals. Among the student productions were two comedies produced by Denison High School students – “Disconnected,” a comedy, and “Killer Crush,” a dark comedy. “Disconnected” won a critic’s choice award for best choreography and “Killer Crush” won the critic’s choice “Poor Toby” award. Toby was the name of one of the main characters, whose dates were thwarted by a girl who had a crush on him. Those who attended the festival were able to vote for their four favorite films. “Killer Crush” and “Disconnected” tied for first.



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Pictured are John Parr, Ethan Olsen and Landon Seebeck, who were among those involved in the film “Disconnected.”



Pictured is Diego Cid, who was among those involved in the film “Killer Crush.”

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In Remembrance

Robert Melby
June 12, 1963 - April 27, 2024

Robert Melby, known affectionately as Bob, was born in Sioux City, Iowa on June 12, 1963, to Duane and Myrna (Cline) Melby of Dunlap, Iowa. Bob attended the Dunlap Community Schools and graduated with the class of 1982. After graduating high school, Bob worked at various jobs in the area including Leaders Salvage, Krajicek's Inc., Diamond F Transportation, Farmland Foods, and for the last 15 years he worked at Farm Service Coop in Denison, Iowa. Bob was a dedicated employee and was always making sure the job was done right.

On September 2nd, 1989, Bob was united in marriage to Sharon Bengford of Deloit, Iowa. To this union, they were blessed with three boys: Tyler, Dillon, and Cody, who later gave them precious grandchildren whom Bob loved dearly. After living in Denison for 20 years, they made their home on an acreage outside of Arion, Iowa, where it's known for his accumulation of various odds and ends. Robert had a special talent for finding beauty in every day, living by the motto "One man's junk is another man's treasure." His home on the acreage was a testament to this, filled with collected treasures and memories.

Bob was a smart man and would humorously say "Don't tell me". He was one of a kind, marching to the beat of his own drum. His unique way of doing things added to his charm, reflecting his special personality. Bob's sense of humor always brought smiles to people's faces. He was like a spark of joy, brightening everyday moments with laughter. In addition to his knack for spreading laughter, Bob's willingness to lend a hand without hesitation made him a true friend to all. Bob's kindness and unforgettable spirit will always be remembered.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; Duane and Myrna Melby; his mother and father-in-law Raymond and Shirley Bengford. Bob passed away with a fighting spirit to cancer, surrounded by his family on Saturday, April 27th, 2024, at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison, Iowa, at the age of 60. Though Bob may no longer be with us, let us celebrate his life as his spirit lives on in the countless lives he touched and the memories he created. Bob will be greatly missed, not only by his many friends, acquaintances, and colleagues - but especially his family including his wife Sharon Melby of Arion, IA; his sons: Tyler Braasch (Samantha) of Deloit, IA; Dillon Melby of Arion, IA; Cody Melby (Ben Levy) of Los Angeles, CA; grandchildren: Nevaeh, Chase, and Vera; siblings: William Melby of Dunlap, IA; Susie Melby of Boxholm, IA; Pat (Betty) Melby of Dunlap, IA; Jody (Marty) Heffernan of Webster City, IA; Kelly Melby of Omaha, NE; Shelly Melby of Richmond, VA; in-laws: Cathy Fink of Denison, IA; Rodney (Lisa) Bengford of Harlan, IA; Debbie (Todd) Brotherson of Denison, IA; Alan Bengford of Denison, IA; and Cindy (Alan) Ahart of Denison, IA; other relatives and friends.

Rest easy, Bob. Your light will continue to shine bright in our hearts forever. We love you.

A 6:00 PM memorial service was officiated by Rev. Aaron Terwilleger on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the United Methodist Church in Dow City, Iowa. Scott Head, Felipe Garcia, David Campbell, Brian Miller, Bob Malone, Terry Fouts, Brian Culver, and Keith Crawford served as Honorary Pallbearers.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Day of the Child celebrated



Elementary school students from Denison Community Schools had fun playing games for the “Day of the Child” at the playground at Denison Elementary School. Pictured, children play a follow-the-leader game and broke pinatas.



Claudia Mecillas leads students in performing dances.



Nathanlie Castro, a fifth grader, enjoys the dancing.



Megan Myers helps Xochitl Berrones, a preschool student, navigate this playground equipment. The preschool students had their “Day of the Child” events at Morningside Park.



Students at Denison Elementary enjoy an outdoor lunch on the sidewalk in front of the school building.



Preschool children enjoy frozen yogurt served by the Peach Wave.

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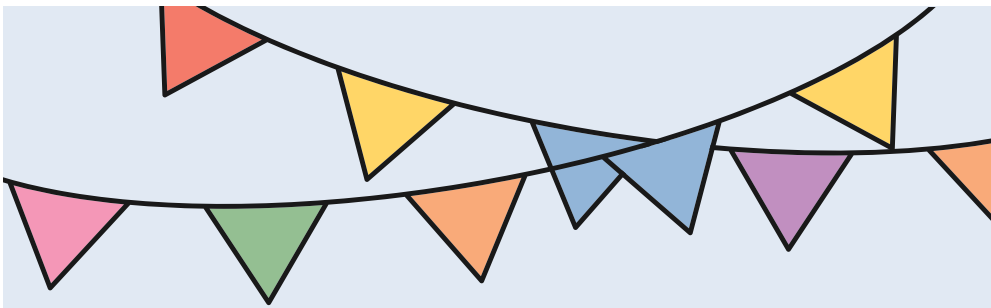
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