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BBQ Fest needs sponsors

Smaller CDC staff will need more volunteer help

BY DAN MUNDT

The 2023 Tri City BBQ Fest is coming together for the third weekend in September, said Crawford County Tourism Coordinator Shani Bonner.

"We are doing a lot of the planning right now and making arrangements," she said.

This year's BBQ fest will be the first without Evan Blakley, former executive director of the Chamber & Development Council (CDC) of Crawford County, who left the position in March.

Blakley was a key player in the development and growth of the Tri City BBQ Fest since its inception in 2014.

The CDC Board of Directors has been unsuccessful in finding a replacement for Blakley so far, so Bonner and the CDC staff are working shorthanded as they plan and program this year's BBQ fest.

Bonner said the current focus is on landing sponsors for the event.

"This event is not possible without the support of our community," she said. "Every sponsorship, from the smallest to the biggest, is equally appreciated. Every dollar counts for these events and we truly appreciate everyone's support."

This year's Tri City BBQ Fest will take place on September 15 and 16.

Professionals and amateurs will compete again this year in events sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS).

"The professional competitors will cook four meats, which are chicken, pork ribs, pork butt and brisket," Bonner said. "The amateur competition will do chicken and ribs."

The popular people's choice contest will return this year.

"We're looking for a sponsor for that right now," Bonner said. "We need a business to step up."

The event has a variety of other sponsorship slots open, at present. Getting those slots filled will allow the staff to concentrate on the details of the BBQ fest.

Many volunteers will also be needed to organize the event and manage it while it is underway.

"We also have volunteer manager positions that we're looking to fill," she said. "If you want to help out in a smaller or bigger way, we're looking for people to do both."

A new online portal will soon be available for individuals to use to sign up to volunteer; Bonner said interested individuals may contact her directly about volunteering at present.

The band lineup is set and the full

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Sunset Speedway RC track opens in Charter Oak

Fun for kids and adults



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Jesus Santiago Godina runs along after the remote controlled (RC) car he drives on the new RC track in Charter Oak. Kids and adults have gathered at the track to race cars for the last two weeks.

BY DAN MUNDT

"You're going to do what?" asked Ben Heyne's wife, Perla, when he borrowed a tractor and a tiller and headed for land owned by the Charter Oak Fire Department just west of the town's football field.

That was on June 19.

On June 20, kids and adults gathered at the spot to race remote controlled (RC) cars at the new racetrack Heyne fashioned out of the unused field with the tractor Charter Oak resident (and Crawford County supervisor) Ty Rosburg had loaned him.

The new track has been in use every day since then.

Heyne initially thought about making a track in his back yard in Charter Oak, but figured he'd end up with 100 people hanging out there.

As a member of the Charter Oak City Council and also of the town's fire department, Heyne knew where to take his idea.

"I called everybody on the city council; it was kind of spur of the moment with Achievement Days

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Envisioning a safer, more user-friendly Denison

Public's ideas converted into design concepts



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Rob and Erin Muck use pieces of colored string to indicate their preferred bike trail route on one of the Community Visioning boards available for public input at the Immigrant Heritage Festival on June 24 in Washington Park. Bill Bruce was volunteering at the Denison Community Visioning Booth.

BY GORDON WOLF

After about a month and a half, or perhaps by the end of August, Denison residents will be able to see the results of a nearly year-long process to provide transportation-based enhancements in

the community.

The designs for the potential improvements are the result of input provided by community members

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Hot Summer Nights/Cat 'n' Dog Days on July 13

A seamless line of fun on Broadway

BY DAN MUNDT

"What's fun about the next one is it's in collaboration with Cat 'n' Dog Days," said Taylor Borkowski about the third event in the 2023 Hot Summer Nights series.

Sidewalk and clearance sales and new inventory will be available at stores around Denison starting at 8 a.m. on July 13 for Cat 'n' Dog Days, which is organized by the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County.

Hot Summer Nights will run from 6 to 9 p.m. that day in Uptown Denison.



Borkowski, who runs The Cottage in uptown Denison with her mother, Cindy, is the organizer of the uptown event series that takes place throughout the summer.

"This one does have a direct impact on retailers," she said. "Living locally, shopping locally, eating locally are big parts of the reason to do Hot Summer Nights."

The uptown event in conjunction with Cat 'n' Dog days last year brought the biggest turnout, by far, Borkowski said.

"I'm really excited for it again," she said.

The event will feature an enlarged footprint on Broadway and an expanded Kids Zone.

Broadway will be closed from 14th Street to 12th Street.

"The entire section in front of the Broadway and Main Mall will be the Kids Zone," Borkowski said.

Denison Parks & Rec will provide two pickleball courts.

"Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States right now, so Parks & Rec is really pushing that," she said. "They'll have two courts - one for advanced players and one for beginners."

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PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

JJ Johnson, of KDSN Radio, disappears into a big splash as he falls into the dunk tank at the June Hot Summer Nights event. The July event coincides with Cat 'n' Dog Days in Denison.



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

A bucket full of fun

Kaleo Raymie lofts a ball toward the patriotically decorated bucket on the head of his sister, Willow, at the Yellow Smoke nature center carnival on Monday evening. The annual carnival takes place on the same day as Red, White & Boom! and is a fundraiser for nature center programs. The Raymies are from Denison. See more photos from the carnival and photos from Red, White & Boom! inside.

Yankton area tornado



Beth Vogt, of Dow City, took this photograph on Monday afternoon from the closed Devil's Nest Ski Resort area on the south side of Lewis and Clark Lake, which straddles the border between South Dakota and Nebraska northwest of Sioux City. Tornado sirens were activated in Lesterville, SD, but no damage was reported.

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Community members purchased cars for kids to use

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coming," Heyne said. "I talked to everybody on the council and the mayor. I talked to the guys on the fire department and not one person opposed the idea."

"What can we do to help?" was just about the only response he received.

The lack of rain lately hasn't been good for much, but Heyne said the dry soil at the location made for a good track surface.

"I tilled it down 12 to 14 inches and it was just powder," he said. "The very first time we put some water on it, it really smoothed out nice."

One of the reasons the location is ideal for a track is its location near Charter Oak's old well no. 6, which has been out of operation for about four years.

The well has power that can be used for recharging the RC cars and may eventually power a public address system.

Well no. 6 doesn't currently work to produce water, but Heyne would like to get it back in operation to use for the track.

He used a Charter Oak Fire Department training event to get water to the location.

"We had three new (fire department) members and I was able to use the training that night on our engine and show them how to use the pump so we could spray water on the track," he said.

Many others have also pitched in to donate items.

Jeremy Beermann, who farms just south of town, donated corrugated tubing for use as bumpers around the inside and outside of the track.

Rosburg donated two R/C cars and Keast Motors of Harlan also donated a car.

"I've gotten messages from quite a few adults that support this," Heyne



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

From left, Zach Rosburg watches as Brydan Rosburg, Emiliano Cano, Naomi Heyne, Carl Beermann and Jesus Santiago Godina set their remote controlled cars off on a race.

said. "One that doesn't even have kids at home anymore went out and bought a car yesterday."

Heyne said he bought four more cars for use at the track on Thursday of last week for a total of 11.

"We have 14 cars now that we can run," he said. "Nobody has to buy a car right now - we have plenty for the kids to use."

His motivation is to get kids to take part in outside activities again.

"When I come home from work now, it's not the Charter Oak I used to see," Heyne said. "The town used to be littered with bicycles and kids all over the place. They're just not outside anymore - they're all hooked on electronics, now."

Heyne wants the track to spur kids to mow lawns, trim trees, whack weeds or take other jobs to earn money to purchase their own RC cars.

Working with remote control cars will also help kids learn valuable skills, he said.

Heyne is the maintenance manager

at food preservative manufacturer Corbion in Blair, Nebraska.

"I'm a mechanic by trade," he said. "I know I probably wouldn't be the person I am today or have the abilities I have today if I had not started off young doing something like this: playing with tools, learning what changing gear ratios did, tire sizes circumference, and everything that goes along with it."

The RC sport also incorporates electronics and cell phone technology that is already familiar to kids.

"There's a lot of programming that can be done on the electronics inside of the cars using the cell phone app,"

Heyne said. "That's brand new to me."

Heyne took this whole week off from work to make sure the track could be used as much as possible through Charter Oak Achievement Days this weekend.

He couldn't be happier seeing how kids and adults have shown up to run cars on the new track.

Heyne's intention is to get an RC club started in the next week or two to take over managing and maintaining the track and to help kids get involved.

"I'm going to use the time during Achievement Days to attract attention to it," he said. "It's something that parents and kids can get involved with, and hopefully it will turn into something with a community approach toward maintenance and possibly even changing the track however they see fit."

RC tracks exist all over the country and provide racing opportunities like those at the Crawford County Speedway - at a much lower investment.

Heyne noted that RC cars can be customized to look just like the full-size racecars.

"They make bodies for these RC cars to make them look like every class that runs out at Crawford County Speedway," he said.

Heyne pointed out that RC cars are much safer for kids than ATVs and go-karts.

"This is kind of the next best thing," he said.

Heyne said someone will be on hand to make the donated cars available every day from at least 6 to 8 p.m. through this weekend.

For updates on the track, visit the Sunset Speedway Charter Oak Iowa Facebook page.



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Ben Heyne used a borrowed tractor to create the track and had the help of the Charter Oak Fire Department to smooth it out with water from a fire truck hose.



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

The remote controlled cars look and race just like real cars - but the sport is much safer for young and old alike.

Event profits go toward uptown improvements

NIGHTS, FROM PAGE 1



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Hot Summer Nights has become a popular summer gathering in Denison. The June event drew hundreds of visitors.

She said Hot Summer Nights has a productive and growing relationship with Parks & Rec.

"They love being involved in what we do up here," she said. "Last time, we added pickleball but on Center Street. It was fantastic, but I felt if we moved it to Broadway, even more people would use it; that way it's one seamless line of fun on Broadway."

She said Parks & Rec is fun to work with and she supports all the new activities they are bringing to Denison.

"So many good things have been happening with Parks & Rec," Borkowski said.

Other activities at the event will include a dunk tank, an inflatable slide for kids and a mechanical bull for adults.

The Army National Guard will provide a hanging bar and rock climbing

wall and will bring some of their large equipment to show off at the event.

The July 13 event will feature a wide variety of food vendors, including Kroozin Kettle Corn, The Candy Cottage, Sister Sweets, Flaco's Tacos, BBQ Brothers, Rock of Salvation Church, Al's Energy Boost and Zipp's Pizza.

"The most exciting is probably Totally Rolled Ice Cream coming back," Borkowski said. "Last year, he sold 902 bowls of ice cream. I hope we can beat that this year, because last year was the biggest event like this they'd ever done."

The Boyer River Band, for which Borkowski is the lead singer, will perform throughout the night of the event.

The Bake Shop and Café in the Donna Reed Theater building is once

again the event's beer garden sponsor.

"They donate half their profits, which has a huge impact on what we're able to do with our funds after the summer is over," she said.

Hot Summer Nights serves as a fundraiser for Denison's Uptown Improvement Committee.

Last year's events raised about \$9,000, which helped pay for the new banners with the new Uptown Denison logo that have popped up around town.

Borkowski said she has received very good feedback about the first two Hot Summer Nights events this year.

"We had great turnouts for both events," she said. "It's fun to see people I've never seen coming and learning all the good stores up here."

Her favorite picture from the June event was of kids playing carpetball.

"If we can invest in the future of this town by investing in our children, then that's the greatest thing that we could ever do," Borkowski said.

"I told my mom last night, 'If we don't start giving our kids something to do, they're not going to want to come back here.' You have to have a reason to come back to where you grew up."

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Local Calendar

SATURDAY
JULY 8, 2023

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

SUNDAY, JULY 9 - WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023

Charter Oak Achievement Days at Charter Oak Park grounds. Food, games and activities for kids, livestock shows, 4-H projects and more.

MONDAY
JULY 10, 2023

Annual meeting of the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County, 5:30-6 p.m., Boulders Conference Center, Denison. Social hour at 5 p.m. Meeting to start at 5:30 p.m. Members should contact the CDC at 712-263-5621 or go to cdcia.org to register.

TUESDAY
JULY 11, 2023

ABC Agriculture presented by Crawford County Farm Bureau at the Manilla Public Library, 9:30 a.m. and at the Dow City Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Local author Deann Anderson will read her book and sign free copies for children.

The Magic of Lemon Drop Pies book discussion, 6 p.m., at Norelius Community Library in Denison

Euchre Night at Ricketts Community Building, 7-8 p.m. Card playing, socializing, treats and beverages. Card game will start at 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. No need to bring a partner.

WEDNESDAY
JULY 12, 2023

Kid's Club at First United Methodist Church in Denison, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Children PK to 5th grade are invited to participate in a morning of fun, friends, and learning.

Community chess, checkers and Scrabble at Norelius Community Library in Denison, any time from 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Euchre Night at Charter Oak Community Center, 7 p.m. No need to line up partners before the game.

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THURSDAY
JULY 13, 2023

Hot Summer Nights on Broadway in Uptown Denison, 6-9 p.m. See story on Page 1 of this week's Denison Free Press.

Movie Night at Norelius Community Library in Denison, 6 p.m. All ages welcome.

THURSDAY, JULY 13 - SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

Cat & Dog Days, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., shopping for bargains in Uptown Denison.

FRIDAY
JULY 14, 2023

13th annual Hospital Foundation of Crawford County 4-person scramble golf outing, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Majestic Hills Golf Course. Go to www.ccmhia.com or call 712-265-2515 to register and for more details.

SATURDAY
JULY 15, 2023

McHenry House in Denison open 1-4 p.m. Refreshments served.

Mega-Levigator by Absolute Science presented at Norelius Community Library in Denison, 2-3 p.m. A display of what magnets and conductors can do with energy.

Enchanted Costume Party at Norelius Community Library in Denison, 1-3 p.m. Dress up as a character from a fairy tale or any other book. Food and games and a drawing at the end of the party.

SUNDAY
JULY 16, 2023

McHenry House in Denison open 1-4 p.m. Refreshments served.



Out and About

Crawford County ISU Extension Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 16: 4-H and FFA Dog Show, 1 p.m.
Wednesday-Sunday, July 19-23: Crawford County Fair
Wednesday, August 23: Farmland Leasing program at Crawford County Extension, 35 South Main Street, Denison, 1:30-4 p.m. Cost of attendance is \$20 per individual. Call Crawford County Extension office to get registered at 712-263-4697.
Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/crawford/> to see the latest online classes available.

Boy Scout paper drive on July 8

The Boy Scouts of Troop 55 in Denison will conduct their monthly paper drive on Saturday, July 8, at the Walmart parking lot. The Boy Scouts will be at the parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to help unload tied, bundled or sacked newspapers. Acceptable papers can be brought in paper bags and cardboard boxes but not in plastic bags. People are asked to limit the amount of cardboard they bring.



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The adventure of discovery

Extension robotics camp provides youth with skills for the future

BY GORDON WOLF

As every parent knows, kids grow up quickly, and any skills they learn today may lead to careers in the future.

That was a focus of a robotics camp hosted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Crawford County on June 22.

The camp was open to youth in grades 4-8 and was designed to set them on the path to careers in STEM (Science, Engineer, Technology and Math) if that is their choice.

"One objective of the robotics camp is to look at college career readiness skills," said Mary Taggs, 4-H youth program specialist. "And we spoke about what it means to be a computer programmer and the job market opportunities for programmers."

Meeting the four basic needs of youth: belonging, independence, generosity, and mastery, along with collaborative work and team-building were a part of this robotics camp and are a part of all 4-H programs. County youth staff work to provide these types of hands-on educational opportunities to all youth within the county, including Clover Kids, 4-H members, school enrichments, camps, and other activities throughout the county.

"We learned about coding, and we learned all the other parts of STEM

(including math and engineering)," said Taggs.

The campers also had to decipher coding programs and use critical thinking skills to complete challenges. Taggs and Cassie Reimers, youth outreach coordinator, provided some assistance but never the answers.

"This was about discovery," Taggs affirmed.

She spoke about the satisfaction of learning.

"Not everything is easy, but when you accomplish those hard tasks, you get the sense of accomplishment," Taggs said. "That mastery that young people build is just overwhelming."

Taggs spoke about curriculum being developed by Iowa 4-H to provide school enrichment opportunities in computer science with the goal of rollout during Computer Science Education Week, which occurs on the second week of December each year.

She added that this collaboration depends on what each county Extension Council decides to offer and the school schedules.

Reimers invited any teacher to contact her about ways she can add to classroom learning.

"As the new youth outreach coordinator, I hope to be involved in the schools," she said. "Teachers can reach out to me to do activities in their classrooms if they want."

People may contact Reimers by calling the Extension office at 712-263-4697.

More about ISU Extension and Outreach can be found online at www.extension.iastate.edu.



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Macie Schrad (left) and Cadence Desy get down to the level of their robot to follow it around a course set up in the basement of the building where Crawford County ISU Extension is located. A point value was assigned to each colored piece of paper. The objective of youth participating in the robotics camp on June 22 was to program their robot to travel across the pieces of paper to acquire points. This required programming the robots to travel certain distances forward and turns.



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Addyson Hanson and Genevieve Bonner program the path their robot will take.



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Alexander Ramirez excitedly walks along with the robot while Jaxon Edick crawls behind.



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Bill Riley Talent Show

The Red, White & Boom! Bill Riley Talent Show took place at Washington Park in Denison on Monday afternoon. The event was produced by HardCor Performing Arts of Denison and featured 18 acts. The show was split into two divisions: sprouts (2-12 years old) and seniors (13-21 years old). The third place act in each division received a prize of \$25; second place received \$50; first place received \$75. The contestants receiving the first place award in each category will go on to perform at the Iowa State fair in August as the representatives of the Red, White & Boom! Bill Riley Talent Show.

PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDT



Schalee Schrader, 9, took third place in the sprouts division with her acrobatic solo to "Rockin' Robin."



Evie Bonner, 10, performed "Dear Future Husband" as an acrobatic solo and took second place in the sprouts division.



The judges for the event were, from left, dance instructor Miranda Hennings, music instructor Peter Bekkerus, and dance instructor Alycia Sporrer.



Skyler McDowell and Paige Fuhs, both 10, performed an acrobatic duet to "Zero to Hero," and took first place in the sprouts division. They will represent the Red, White & Boom! Bill Riley Talent Show at the Iowa State Fair in August.



The acrobatic quartet of Ashlyn Herrig, 17, MaryClare Matthews, 18, Jordyn Linn, 17, and Elli Heiden, 17, took third place in the senior division for their performance of "Freaks."



The tap duet of Mya Goslar, 17, and Hannah Harris, 16, were runners up in the senior division with their performance of "I'll Be There."



Her acrobatic solo performance to "Judas" earned Hayden Miller, 15, the first place award in the senior division and a trip to the Iowa State fair in August.



Alyssa Speck, 18, and Leo Loeffler, 15, performed a vocal duet to "Fine," which had a surprise ending.



Vivian Speck, 9, performed a vocal solo of "Animal Crackers in My Soup."

Animal Rescue League of Harlan closes

Owner looking for Denison location

Vicki Kuhn, of Manilla, the owner/operator of the Animal Rescue League of Harlan, has adopted out or transferred all the animals at that location and is looking for a Denison location to continue the service.

Kuhn ran the organization for three years; prior to that she was a volunteer for the Harlan Pound.

"Never in any part of my life did I not have a dog," she said.

She currently has five dogs and a cat of her own.

Kuhn has been having trouble finding volunteers to help with operations in Harlan, but the reason she is leaving revolved around a sick dog.

"I tried to save a dog that was emaciated and had a very bad open wound," she said.

She is facing charges of third degree

theft for the incident.

"Would I do it again?" she said. "Yeah."

The Animal Rescue League of Harlan is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Kuhn will change the name to reflect wherever her operation ends up being located.

She would prefer to find a place in the Denison area due to its proximity to Manilla.

In Harlan, she had taken in animals from Denison, Schleswig and as far away as Council Bluffs.

"I take them from anywhere," Kuhn said. "I've never refused a dog unless it was vicious."

She runs a no-kill operation, except in cases of vicious animals or animals that are too sick to be treated.

When she closed the operation in Harlan, she had to find places for 40 dogs.

"I finally got every dog adopted out" Kuhn said. "Nobody was euthanized and only one dog went to another rescue before I closed."

Kuhn is looking for a building big

enough to house dogs and cats.

"I know CCHappyCats is there (in Denison), but this would be an overflow for them," she said. "If they have too many, there would be somewhere to put them."

She is looking for a building with a concrete floor for ease of cleaning.

"The building that my husband built (in Harlan) had inside/outside runs," Kuhn said. "The other part he built we called the nursery; that's where the mom and the pups, momma kitties and baby kitties, would go in until they were old enough. Another room was designed for intake or if they were sick, so they were separated from the other animals."

Kuhn said she approached the City of Denison and was given a list of suitable areas.

She doesn't want to be in the business district because of the lack of room for a play area for the dogs - and also because people uptown might not enjoy when the dogs bark.

A rural or industrial area would be ideal, Kuhn said.

An unused barn would be a possibility.

One available building in the area, at about \$400,000, is well out of her price range.

"We're nonprofit, so there's no way," she said. "It doesn't have to be huge - and once you get too big you can't find enough volunteers to help."

Kuhn said she was putting in 12-hour days in Harlan for that reason.

"We will need volunteers, sponsors, donors; in Harlan, I couldn't get any of them," she said. "It floored me - but they're all upset that I left."

Kuhn said she wants to continue providing services because she is passionate about taking care of animals in need.

She often took sick animals home at night to provide care and make sure they made it through the night.

"I've taken cats and dogs in to my home," Kuhn said.

Individuals interested in contacting Kuhn about a possible building or to offer assistance may contact her at 712-267-1304.

77th Crawford County Fair

JULY 19-23, 2023

Wednesday, July 19:
 *Monster Trucks in the Grandstands

Thursday, July 20:
 * Garden Tractor Pull in the Grandstands
 * Kids Pedal Pull in the Show Ring
 * Meal by Smithfield in the Show Ring
 * UBI hands out ice cream treats

Friday, July 21:
 * Races in the Grandstands

Saturday, July 22
 * Boyer River Band near the Midway
 * Beer Garden & Food Trucks
 * Bacon Buddies at the Show Ring
 * Bill Riley Talent Search under the Grandstands

Sunday, July 23
 * Wright Rodeo Sponsored by Smithfield

Saturday, July 15
 *Open Beef Show weigh ins 7-9 am, show begins at 11 am.

Sunday, July 16
 * 4H/FFA Dog Show at 1:00 in the Show Ring
 * Queen and Princess Coronation 7:00 Denison High School Fine Arts Center

Monday, July 17
 * Open class Department III entered 5-8 pm in the Events Center

Tuesday, July 18
 * Open class Department III entries judged at 8:00 am in the Events Center

Wednesday, July 19:
 * 4H/FFA Poultry Show, Poultry Barn at 9:00 am
 * Flag raising ceremony at noon, Veterans lunch to follow.
 * 4H/FFA Horse show, 1:00 Expo Building
 * 4H/FFA Livestock judging contest registration at 1:00, 1:30 Contest begins
 * State Fair and Outstanding pictures at 5:00 at the Events Center
 * Monster Trucks 8:00 in the Grandstands

Thursday, July 20:
 * 4H/FFA Sheep show 8:00 am in the Show Ring
 * Senior Citizen Day in the Morton Building at 10:00 am
 * 4H/FFA Goat show at 1:00 pm in the Show Ring
 * Kids pedal pull, Goat Milking, family meal in the Show Ring at 6:00 pm
 * Garden Tractor Pull 6:00-Grandstands-FREE Admission
 * 4H/FFA Horse Game Event at 7:00pm in the Expo Building

Friday, July 21
 * 4h/FFA Swine Show 8:00 am in the Show Ring
 * Races in the Grandstands 7:00. 5 & under FREE, 6-12 \$5, 13 & over \$10

Saturday, July 22
 * 4H/FFA Beef Show 8:00 am in the Show Ring
 * Little Cutie Contest at 11:00 am in the Morton Building
 * 4H/FFA Rabbit show at 3:00 in the Show Ring
 * Bacon Buddies at 6:00 pm in the Show Ring
 * Bill Riley Talent Search under the Grandstand 6:00
 * Boyer River Band 7:30-10 near the midway (Free)

Sunday, July 23
 * Robert Henningsen Memorial Jackpot Swine Show at 10:00 am in Show Ring
 * Clover Kids Stuffed Animal show in the Events Center at 12:30 pm
 * Bottle Calf Open Show at 1:00 in the Show Ring
 * 4H/FFA All Around Showmanship Competition at 3:00 pm in the Show Ring
 * All exhibits released at 4:00 pm.
 * Wright Rodeo Sponsored by Smithfield 6:00 Grandstands

Monday, July 24
 * Livestock Sale at 9:00

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Warranty Deeds

- WGW Enterprises LLC to The Train Station LLC, Lots 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, Block 4, Westside Original Town; \$155,000. Brandon L. Rinnan and Katrisha D. Rinnan to Melissa A. Kepford and Joshua P. Thomsen, Lot 65, Denison Ridgeway 5th Addition; Lot 65A, Denison Ridgeway 8th Addition; \$307,000.
- Plains Area Mental Health Inc. to Lifeskills Connection Inc., Lot 12, Block 73, Denison Original Town; \$159,000. Claudio Pulido Jalomo and Nancy Castillo to Carolinas Laundrymat LLC, Lots 2 and 3, Block 99, Denison Original Town.
- Dean Thomsen to Eddi Ismael Rosas Cabrera and Daniela Rubio Lucia, Lot 3, Block 44, Denison Original Town; \$86,000.
- Anali Magana Ahumada to Ernestina Guzman, Lots 6 and 7, Block 6, Deloit Original Town; \$112,000.
- Larry Kastner to Kurt Kastner, NW1/4 NW1/4, Section 15, Otter Creek Township; SW1/4, Section 10, Otter Creek Township; \$243,000.
- Julio Cesar Cabrera, Vanessa Nohemy Navarrete De Cabrera, Attorney, to Cesar I. Roldan and Melissa Hernandez, Outlot A, Denison Morningside 3rd Addition; \$150,000.
- Proserve Peak LLC to Staab Real Estate LLC, SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 3, Denison Township; NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 10, Denison Township; \$300,000
- Gwenith N. DeMey to Emily M. Anderson, Lot 6, Block 17, Dow City Original Town; \$50,000.
- Healthy Efficient Homes LLC to Norberto D. Campa and Corina Campa, Lot 1, Denison Northwood 4th Addition, Phase 3; \$263,000.
- Mark Steinbach and Jodi Steinbach to Alexis Gonzalez, Lots 2 and 3, Block 25, Schleswig Original Town; \$114,700.
- Jose Guerra and Lesvia Guerra to Billy H. Garcia Aguilar, Lot 8, Denison College Heights Addition; \$172,000.
- Robert M. Bryant and Diana L. Bryant to Robert & Diana Bryant Living Trust, Robert M. Bryant and Diana L. Bryant, Trustees, SW1/4, Section 16, East Boyer Township; \$1.
- Robert W. Klein Revocable Trust, Robert W. Klein, Trustee, to Jeremy Christiansen and Tara Christiansen, N1/2 SE1/4 Section 32, Boyer Township; \$100,000.
- Ernest J. Hulsebust to Ernest J. Hulsebus LE, Jennifer Lefebber, NE1/4 SE1/4, Section 1, Washington Township; W1/2 SW1/4, Section 6, Washington Township; SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 6, Nishnabotny Township.
- Joann Kuehnhold to James Bauer and Melissa Bauer, Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, Denison Normal School Addition; \$26,000.
- James Bauer to Martin Velazquez and Maria Susana Nieto Pelayo, Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, Denison Normal School Addition; \$41,000.
- Austin J. Bettin and Steffany J. Bettin to Holly Olson, Lots 5 and 6, Block 5, Charter Oak Weed's Addition; \$17,500. Mario Garcia to Kendy N. Lopez, Lot 2, Block 81, Denison Original Town; \$70,000.

Quit Claim Deeds

- Robin Bohlin to Scott Bohlin, Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 13, Arion Butler's Addition.
- Adrian Paz and Martha G. Paz to Martha Paz Niles, Lots 12 and 13, Block 87, Denison Original Town.
- Jeremiah Mead to Billie Jo Mead, Lot 18, Block 14, Charter Oak Original Town; \$10,000.
- Mark Steinbach to Mark Steinbach and Jodi Steinbach, Lots 2 and 3, Block 25, Schleswig Original Town; \$1.
- Michael P. Rasmussen to Michael P. Rasmussen Trust, Michael P. Rasmussen, Trustee, Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, Block 44, Manilla Original Town; \$1.
- Connie J. Kierscht to Connie J. Kierscht, Trust, Connie J. Kierscht, Trustee, Lot 7, Block 2, Denison Holmes Addition.
- Connie J. Kierscht to Connie J. Kierscht, Trust, Connie J. Kierscht, Trustee, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 1, Denison Holmes Addition; \$1.
- Connie J. Kierscht to Connie J. Kierscht, Trust, Connie J. Kierscht, Trustee, E1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 12, Denison Township; \$1.
- Connie J. Kierscht to Connie J.

Kierscht, Trust, Connie J. Kierscht, Trustee, Lots 5 and 6, Block 4, Denison Normal School Addition; \$1.

- Connie J. Kierscht to Connie J. Kierscht, Trust, Connie J. Kierscht, Trustee, E1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 12, Denison Township; \$1.
- Connie J. Kierscht to Connie J. Kierscht, Trust, Connie J. Kierscht, Trustee, Lots 17, 18 and 19, Block 1, Denison Holmes Addition; \$1.
- Connie J. Kierscht to Connie J. Kierscht, Trust, Connie J. Kierscht, Trustee, Lots 11 and 12, Block 123, Denison Original Town; \$1.
- Joseph McManigal to Amy McManigal, Lot 22, Denison City View 4th Addition.

Court Officer Deeds

- Bernice M. Rogers Estate, Steve A. Rogers and Theresa L. Hall, Co-Executors, to CRL Holdings LLC, Lots 2 and 3, Block 117, Denison Original Town; \$125,000.
- Dorothy Friedrichsen Estate, Betty Jo Jacoby and Byron Friedrichsen, Co-Executors, to Anderson Martinez, Lot 15, Denison Morningside 2nd Addition; \$74,000.
- Harold P. Kierscht Estate, Connie J. Kierscht, Executor, to Harold P. Kierscht Trust, Connie J. Kierscht, Trustee, SW1/4 SW1/4, Section 12, Denison Township.
- Harold P. Kierscht Estate, Connie J. Kierscht, Executor, Harold P. Kierscht Trust, Connie J. Kierscht, Trustee, Lot 7, Block 2, Denison Holmes Addition.
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Sonja Krueger Estate, DeWayne Krueger, Administrator, to Brent Friedrichsen, Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 2, Kenwood Original Town; Lots 11, 12 and 13, Block 3, Kenwood Original Town; \$48,500.

Norma Schoenfeld Estate, Lydell Schoenfeld, Calise Thygesen and Leon Schoenfeld, Co-Executors, to Daniel Brito Mauro and Brenda Aileen Lucena, Lot 4, Schleswig Homesite Addition; \$124,000.

Emma Louella McComb Estate, Kay Ronald McComb, Executor, to Kay Ronald McComb, Lots 2 and 3, Block 40, Vail Adams & Hoffman 2nd Addition.

Emma Louella McComb Estate, Kay Ronald McComb, Executor, to Kay Ronald McComb, S1/2 SE1/4 Section 25, Milford Township; SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 25, Milford Township; SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 25, West Side Township; SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 30, West Side Township.

Gerald F. Berg Estate, Marie F. Berg, Executor, to Brian G. Berg, Donna J. Berg, Kevin J. Berg, Carol A. Schrader and Marie F. Berg, LE, NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 10, West Side Township; W1/2 SE1/4 Section 10, West Side Township.

Gerald F. Berg Estate, Marie F. Berg, Executor, to Marie F. Berg, E1/2 NE1/4 Section 10, West Side Township.

Contract

S&S Construction Company LLC to Shannon Hartwig, Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 1, Deloit Western Town Lot Addition; \$75,000.

State Tax Liens

- Iowa Workforce Development to Judy Gress, \$6,246.45
- Iowa Workforce Development to Matthew Howland, \$6,307.72
- Terziu Gasmend to Iowa Department of Revenue; \$8,771.81.



ON THE SCANNER

July 1: A blue Ford pickup was left in the road on Railroad Street in Ricketts. Waderich Towing towed the vehicle to the county impound.

July 2, 4:41 a.m.: The Crawford County Ambulance was paged for a medical incident that occurred at a residence in the 100 block of 9th Street in Denison.

July 2, 11:20 a.m.: Crawford County law enforcement responded to a motorist assist at M45/Highway 141, Denison.

July 2, 6:41 p.m.: Lt. Perdew with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a call about a possible drunk driver heading north on 330th Street, Manilla, from Highway 141. He checked from Denison to Manilla and was unable to locate a vehicle that matched the description given.

July 2, 7:39 p.m.: Lt. Perdew with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a call about cows out in the 3800 block of Highway 141, Manning. He checked the area and did not observe any cows that were out.

July 2, 8:12 p.m.: Lt. Perdew with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a fireworks complaint in the 300 block of 4th Street, Buck Grove. He spoke with the people who were shooting off the fireworks; they advised that they were going to go into the county and shoot them off.

July 2, 9:18 p.m.: Lt. Perdew with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a fireworks complaint on Pine Street in Charter Oak. He spoke with the subjects shooting off the fireworks and advised them not to shoot them off in the middle of the street and to not block the road. The subjects moved the fireworks into the yard.

July 3, 4:10 p.m.: Lt. Kluender with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a call from a resident in the 2200 block of O Avenue, who reported that the riding lawn mower in her barn had been tampered with. It sounds different when running and won't go into gear or move in any direction.

July 3, 7:32 p.m.: Deputy Henningsen with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a report about a dark Ford Escape or Edge traveling south in the northbound lane of Highway 59 at Highway 141, Denison. He was unable to locate the vehicle.

July 3, 10:13 p.m.: The Crawford County Law Enforcement Center received a report of a white van traveling south in the northbound lane of Highway 59. The caller said the vehicle nearly hit his vehicle and then continued southbound on Highway 59. Law enforcement was unable to locate the vehicle.

July 4, 1:34 a.m.: The Crawford County Law Enforcement Center received a call about a female wearing a black shirt and pink pants walking on Highway 141, Charter Oak, heading east.

July 4, 12 p.m.: The Crawford County Law Enforcement Center received a report of a semi traveling erratically, heading east on Highway 30, Denison.

July 4, 4:15 p.m.: The Crawford County Law Enforcement Center received a call about a ditch on fire at Highway 59 and the 6 Mile Road, Denison.



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VISIONING, FROM PAGE 1

through Iowa Living Roadways Community Visioning, a program funded by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT).

The public input was narrowed down to the following four focus areas or themes.

- More wayfinding signage and possible locations for the signs
- Trail connections
- Appropriate locations for pedestrian crossings on Highway 30 and other pedestrian routes
- Possible additions and improvements to the Northside Rec complex

"Where those happen or what those look like hasn't been decided yet, but those are the main themes," said Brad Riphagen, a Trees Forever field coordinator who serves Southwest and Western Iowa.

Trees Forever provides technical experts, like Riphagen, to work with the local Community Visioning committee members. The Iowa State University Department of Landscape Architecture, as well as a private-sector landscape architect (in Denison's case, HDR based in Omaha) are part of the planning and design process.

In March, community members

were invited to participate in focus groups to tell the landscape architects the improvements they would like to see.

A second round of public input took place just a couple weeks ago, on June 24, when the Community Visioning planners set up a booth at the Immigrant Heritage Festival.

Estimates are that 75 people provided opinions and changes to the visioning themes, which were displayed on four boards.

Denison Mayor Pam Soseman and Riphagen were pleased with this level of community involvement.

Soseman pointed to the importance of safer pedestrian crossings on Highway 30. She said she has heard from people about the difficulty of making sure that motorists know that pedestrians have the right of way.

Soseman is also involved in the Uptown Improvement Committee (UIC), which is working on wayfinding signs and is the driving force behind the new banners that are located in and leading to the uptown business district.

She sees UIC and the visioning process helping each other.

"UIC will be on board to write some grants for wayfinding signs," Soseman said.

She continued that a priority is for

a prominent sign to direct motorists from Highway 30 to the uptown business district. She said that Denison is looking for signage that distinguishes the community from other towns. Soseman believes the public input provided is leaning toward an electric sign, rather than a static sign or a banner.

Riphagen spoke about the importance of the community input process.

"What we've been trying to do up to this point is to get a variety of information from various sources about Denison and the things that the people of Denison would like to see addressed, in terms of the transportation system in and around town," he explained.

Riphagen said what will happen now is the landscape architectural firm, HDR, will take the information from the June 24 session and develop designs for the four themes. These designs will be presented at some type of community event.

He estimated it might take a month to six weeks for these designs to be completed, so a community presentation event could be at the end of August or later.

Even though June 24 was the last official public input date, Riphagen said that people will certainly be

invited to comment on the designs at the community event. Changes in the designs probably won't be made but he said it is good for the planners to know what the general public thinks.

He emphasized that none of the projects are done; they are on paper or in digital form.

On November 2, Denison and the nine other communities involved in this year's Community Visioning program will present their information and designs at a celebration at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames.

"Anybody who attends will be able to see what the different towns are proposing," Riphagen said. "It's just kind of a cool way to see what everybody is planning."

Representatives from the DOT and Iowa State University will be at the celebration. Also attending will be exhibitors that may be able to provide funding to the communities or offer other types of help in accomplishing their plans.

Riphagen invited people to go online at www.communityvisioning.org/ to learn more about the program. He added that applications are now open for next year's Community Visioning program. The application deadline is September 1.

Sponsors, volunteers needed for BBQ Fest

BBQ, FROM PAGE 1

list will be released in the near future.

"We have some fun bands in store - some familiar ones and some new ones," she said. "We're looking forward to a couple of exciting nights of entertainment."

All the familiar activities from past Tri City BBQ Fest events - Kids Zone, Hog Wild Car Show, food vendors - will return for 2023, Bonner said.

Festival admission will again be free.

Attendees will purchase BBQ Bucks to pay for food and drinks; kids will

wear purchased wristbands for access to the Kids Zone.

Bonner said she and the others organizing the Tri City BBQ Fest have listened to feedback about past festivals and are making improvements to this year's events in response.

"We always have open ears for new ideas," she said. "We want it to be a positive experience for everybody who attends and everybody who helps."

Individuals interested in sponsoring the 2023 Tri City BBQ Fest or volunteering to make it happen may contact Bonner by stopping by the CDC office at 109 North Main Street in Denison, by emailing her at sbonner@cdcia.org or by phone at 712-263-6622.

More than a few drops



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The sky darkened and the streetlights turned on an hour early on Tuesday evening as a large storm arrived. Many areas of the county received one to three inches of sorely-needed rain.

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Right fielder Ashlyn Herrig makes a play for a fly ball in a game against Creston on June 29.



Pictured from left are seniors on the Denison-Schleswig Monarch softball team: Chloe Mendenhall, Kaitlyn Bruhn and Ashlyn Herrig.



Kevin Dau, head coach of the Monarch softball team, asks for clarification on a runner interference call.



Shortstop Maya Slater looks for the umpire's call after tagging a Creston player at second base. The Denison-Schleswig Monarchs dropped a doubleheader to Creston on June 29, 7-0 and 9-2.



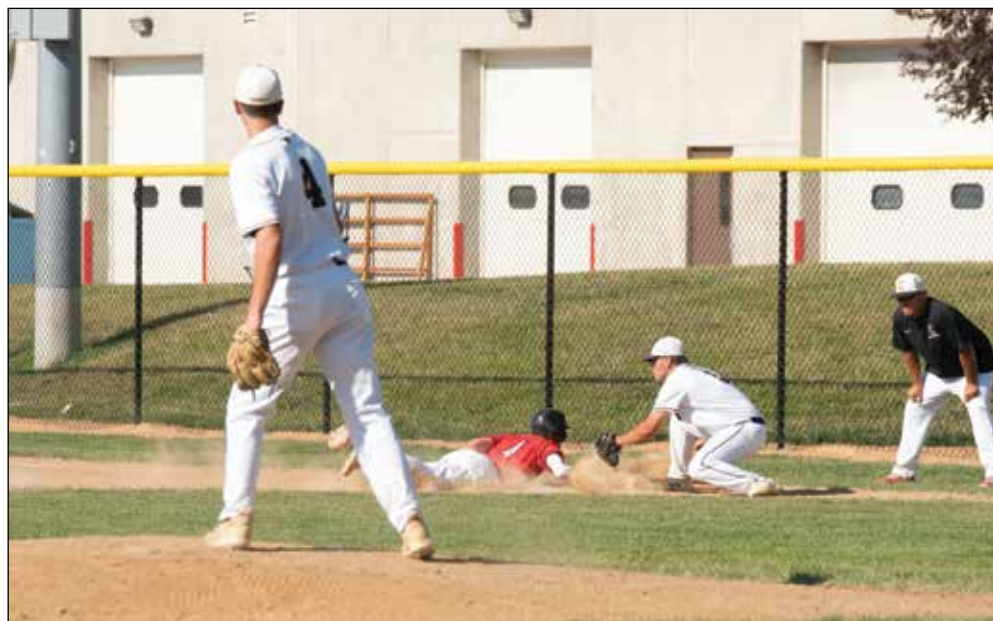
Baseball seniors, from left, are Derek Schuering, Wyatt Randeris, Wyatt Johnson, Gavin Hipnar, David Cardenas and Jaxon Wessel.



Assistant Coach Jack Mendlik tells junior Ty Fink to go to second in a game against the Creston Panthers. Fink hit a stand-up double. The Denison Schleswig Monarchs split with the Panthers in a doubleheader on June 29, 2-1 Panthers in the first game and 4-2 Monarchs in the nightcap.



Monarch Coach Travis Wessel has a conference with his players during a time out by Creston.



Pitcher Cody Schulte attempts a pickoff at first against Creston. Playing first is Easton Emery.

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Area Parades



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Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts staff this entry in the July 3 parade in Denison.

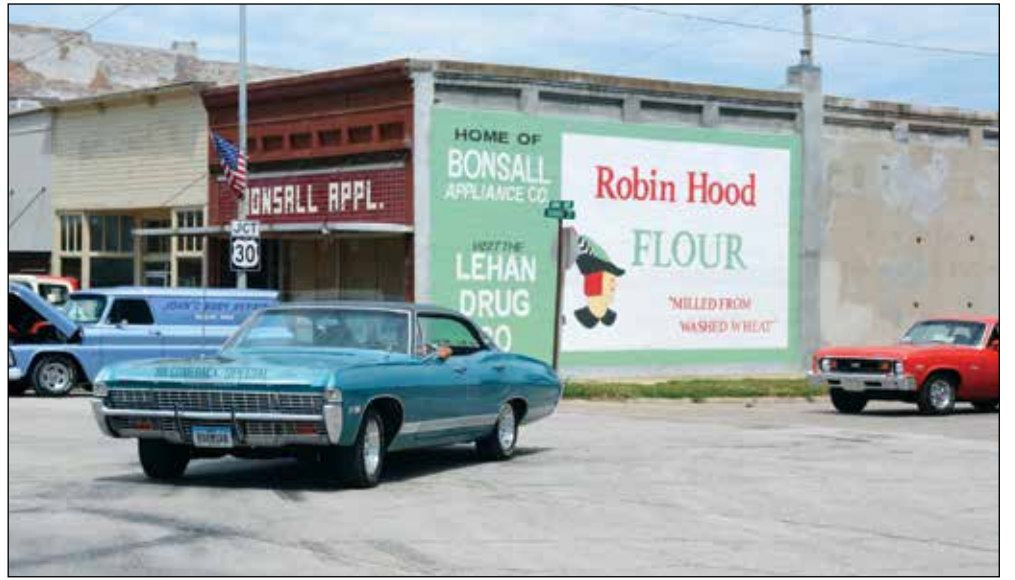


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A car turns the corner by the Robin Hood Flour sign at the intersection of Iowa Avenue and Seventh Street in Dunlap to enter the Silver Fox Auto Show on July 4.



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People line Broadway in Denison to watch the parade on Monday.



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Spectators line Iowa Avenue for blocks to observe the Independence Day parade in Dunlap and to scoop up candy tossed by participants.



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Shani Bonner (left) and Mariah Nutt (right) with the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County pass out treats in the Red, White & Boom! parade. Next to Bonner is her daughter, Camilla.



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Vehicles line Iowa Avenue in Dunlap for the Silver Fox Auto Show.



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The Denison Volunteer Fire Department's vintage truck turns the corner from North Main to head east on Broadway.



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An ice pop was a cool way to counteract the heat on July 3 in Denison.



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

The Post 132 Manilla American Legion entry in the community's July 4 parade passes by the old Tiny's Grocery building, which is decorated for Independence Day.



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Tricia and Grace Collins and Alejandra Cardenas sing the national anthem from the steps of Memorial Hall in Manilla just before the Independence Day parade.



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

The size difference between old and new tractors is evident in this scene from Manilla's parade on July 4.

Checking out “Grandpa’s Dream”



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Jeff Sievertsen, of Manilla, watches with interest the entry pictured above at the Outlaw Truck & Tractor Pull. His son, Lukas, is at the wheel of the John Deere tractor. The back of Jeff Sievertsen’s shirt promotes “Grandpa’s Dream,” the name of the tractor. The pull was in the light limited pro-stock division. The tractor pull took place on June 24. See more photos from the event online at www.denisonfreepress.com.

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Items on the scavenger hunt were the following: American flag, insect, a map of anything, something blue, something to eat, a bicycle, boat/canoe/kayak, flower, bird, something red, birdhouse, stripes, something white, animal/mammal, something fuzzy, a rock or leaf that looks something (funny shaped.)

Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest

Adults results

- 1st: Annie Schrum
- 2nd: Weisz Family
- 3rd: Gabriella Arellano and Dayana Aguilar

Kids results

- Most patriotic: Daniel Oliver and Abraham Josue
- Most creative: Dixon Vogt
- Best overall: Blakee and Michelle (no last name listed)



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Lucas Kragl, of Deloit, draws another star on his nine-star flag, a creation for the Red, White & Boom! sidewalk chalk drawing contest on Monday. Obviously, nine stars fit much better than 50.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lily and Jack March placed first in the scavenger hunt.



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Annie Schrum puts the finishing touches on her sidewalk chalk art creation. She won first place in the adult category.



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Mary, William and Haylie Swanson scan the area by the Yellow Smoke Park sidewalk to see any items that they can check off their scavenger hunt list.



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Sarge, a Siberian husky, became the most photographed dog at Yellow Smoke Park on Monday. The reason is that Sarge fulfilled two items on the list for the Red, White & Boom! scavenger hunt – an animal or mammal and something fuzzy. Haylie Swanson says hello to Sarge after taking his picture.



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Morgan Goslar, Staci Gallup and Claire Gallup, of Denison, check in their scavenger hunt list with Liz Corona from the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County office. The team took second place.



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The third-place scavenger hunt team was Jenn, Olivia and Sophie Weaver. They are from Council Bluffs and were visiting family in Denison.



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The sandcastle judged to be the most patriotic was made by Jaley Graf (left), of Des Moines, and Kysa Neddermeyer, of Charter Oak. The girls are cousins.

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The prize for the longest sandcastle went to Faith Nichols (sitting in background), of Harlan.



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Treyton Krajicek, of Denison, and his mother, Jackie, paddle Treyton's cardboard boat named the S.S. Spiderman, also called Spider Sailor. The boat was the only one of three entries to complete the time trial, so Treyton and his mom won the prize for that category. Treyton also won the prize for best construction.



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Ayvah Nemitz (left) and Caroline Schrum won the prize for most unique sandcastle with their mermaid.



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Journey Rold, age 6, of Harlan, builds up his sandcastle. He won the prize for having the tallest creation.



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Avery Bohlmann, of Charter Oak, tried three times to get her boat to stay afloat long enough to complete the time trial, but the sparkly decorated craft kept sinking. Bohlmann won the prize for having the most spectacular sinking ship.



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Hailie Hutchison, age 7, of Denison, plays Plinko at the Yellow Smoke nature center carnival.



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Kai Beek, of Charter Oak, tossed a flip-flop through a hula hoop and won tickets. Tickets at the carnival could be redeemed for prizes.



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Cousins Kysa Neddermeyer and Jaley Graf try to keep their Barbie Pirates boat moving in the time trials but had to abandon ship. Kysa is from Charter Oak and Jaley is from Des Moines.



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Hadley Boettger, of Schleswig, cheers on her mechanical pig in this race.



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Leila Corona eagerly watches to see if she wins at Wheel of Fortune. She did. Leila is held by her mother, Aschtien Montange.



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The only visible item in the beach volleyball contest is the glow-in-the-dark volleyball in the sky.



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Fireworks at Yellow Smoke Park on Monday made the sky glow.



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