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A first-ever event

## Crawford County farmer celebrated through Good Neighbor Award



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig applauds after presenting Doug Erlbacher with the Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award Tuesday at the American Legion Hall in Dow City. Erlbacher was the first recipient in Crawford County.

BY GORDON WOLF

Doug Erlbacher, of rural Dow City, and his neighbor, Connie Thompson, made it a first-ever occurrence for Crawford County – the presentation of a Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award in the county.

The award, named for a farm broadcaster, has been presented 175 times time in nearly 20 years. The award is made possible by the financial

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## This way, Spidey! Following the route to safety



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Dressed in a Spider-man helmet, Zeonno Paz, of Denison, is instructed on how to cross an intersection – look to the left, look to the right and then look to the left once again. The directions are being given by his parents, Victor Paz and Jamesia Williams, during the second annual Chance Niles Bike Safety Rodeo Saturday morning at the Denison High School parking lot. Zeonno is Chance Niles's nephew. See more bike safety rodeo pictures inside.

## Adam Doleac and Tyler Rich to headline BBQ Fest

Party like it's BBQ #9

BY DAN MUNDT

The lineup for the 2023 Tri City BBQ Fest is set.

Adam Doleac and Tyler Rich will be the headliners of the festival, which takes place on September 15 and 16 in Uptown Denison.

"They're both up-and-coming country artists," said Mariah Nutt, office manager of the Chamber & Development Council (CDC) of Crawford County. "Both of them have hits on the charts and I'm sure we'll be seeing more of them in the future."

The Tri City BBQ Fest is a production of the CDC.

"Party like it's BBQ #9" is the tagline for this year's event.

The first BBQ fest took place in 2014, but the 2020 festival was replaced with a smaller event due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Nutt said she is excited about this year's headline acts.

Doleac is known for the song "Whiskey's Fine," and for "Don't," which he co-wrote with Darius Rucker.

Rich's song "The Difference" reached certified Gold status, and he was on Rolling Stone's 2018 "New Country Artists You Need to Know" list.

Doleac and Tyler will perform on Saturday night of the Tri City BBQ Fest, which is traditionally the biggest night of the event.

Music begins on Friday with the cover band In Due Time from Onawa.

"They play a little bit of everything, with a little more of the '80s-'90s rock music," Nutt said.

"They reached out to us about playing at the BBQ fest and we thought it would be fun. They'll draw in a crowd from another part of our area."

The headline act on Friday will be Arch Allies, a cover band that also fits in the "little bit of everything" mold, she said.

The first band on Saturday night will be local favorite The Boyer River Band with singer Taylor Borkowski.

"Everyone around here knows them and we're excited to have them," Nutt said.

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## A flux capacitor on RAGBRAI

GBM Warrior crosses Iowa on wheels

BY DAN MUNDT

Some riders on this year's RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa) saw the contraption on the back of the tandem bike ridden by Ann Shafer Von Tersch and Dean Von Tersch and asked if it might be a flux capacitor like the one that powered the time machine in the "Back to the Future" movies.

"Sometimes they'd stay alongside and Dean would explain what it's for," Ann said.

Dean is a Denison native and a 1982

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dean Von Tersch and Ann Shafer Von Tersch dip their tire in the river at Sioux City at the beginning of RAGBRAI. Ann's hat and helmet conceal a device used to treat cancer.

## Never a straight line

Denison artist to be featured at Split Gallery in Omaha

BY DAN MUNDT

Denison resident Brian Rounds will be the featured artist at the Split Gallery in Omaha, Nebraska, from August 11 through August 13.

The show will feature his contemporary abstract art along with his works that blend that style into licensed art he creates for Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, and the University of Nebraska.

He did not take anything like a direct route to becoming an artist.

"Creativity is never a straight line," Brian said. "It's all over the place and sometimes you don't know where it's taking you."

He was interested in art while growing up in Denison and remembers trips to Bud's Hobby Store in Council Bluffs to buy paint-by-number kits and books about how to draw faces and landscapes.

Brian won awards at art fairs and enjoyed art through middle school, but stopped taking art classes after 10th grade because he didn't get along with his art teacher.

"I cut off part of myself because I didn't want to keep going to that class, so I found ways to use my creativity elsewhere," he said.

After graduating from Denison High School in 1984, Brian attended Iowa State University (ISU) and received a degree in English and economics in 1989.

He worked in the Farmland Foods office in Denver, Colorado, for two years and then for a year in guest relations for the Denver Broncos.

His ties to Iowa and the influence that RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa) had

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Brian Rounds with the first rendition of his 1974 Cy Football mascot with a modern abstract background. He was unhappy with the result and reworked it shortly after the photo was taken.



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PHOTO BY DAVE VOGGESER

This North American Aviation P-51 Mustang, manufactured in 1944, stopped for fuel in Denison on Saturday after visiting the EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, last week. The plane flew on to Denver after tanking up.

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## Something for everyone in Tri City BBQ Fest bands

BANDS, FROM PAGE 1

Daniel and the Deliverance, from Omaha, will take the stage next.

The band's Facebook page describes their style as "Sorta - Kinda - Bluegrass."

Decoy, of Des Moines, will be the final warmup act for the headliners on Saturday night.

The band "creates its own unique sound from an eclectic mix of influences," with jazz/funk and blues/rock infused guitars, according to promotional

material.

As co-headliners, Rich will play first and then Doleac will take the stage.

The evening will wrap up with an after party and a performance by Tribute to Jenni Rivera by Cintas Acuario; the band honors Latina artist Jenni Rivera, who was killed in a plane crash in 2012.

"They are coming from California," Nutt said. "They are very well known in the Hispanic community, they're fun to watch and should draw a good crowd."

Nutt said the two nights of music will provide something for everyone.

"Even if you don't know some of the names, you'll know the music they play and you're going to want to dance and sing and have a beer," she said.



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## Local Calendar

FRIDAY  
AUGUST 4, 2023

**Get a cookie from the librarians at Norelius Community Library.** It's National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day!

**Highway 141 Yard Sales:** Crawford County participating towns and contact info: Charter Oak-Nancy Rosburg (712-678-3454 or nrosburg@frontiernet.com) or Christine Rosburg (cohwy141garagesales@gmail.com). Visit 141sale.org for more information.

**Eventide Foundation Golf Tournament:** The annual Eventide Foundation Golf Fundraiser four-person best ball tournament will be held on Friday, August 4th, at the Schleswig Golf Course. Call Christine Kragel at 712-263-31114 ext. 240 for more information.

**Hot Summer Nights 2023:** Hot Summer Nights returns to Uptown Denison from 6 to 10 p.m.

SATURDAY  
AUGUST 5, 2023

**Children's Back to School Storytime** at Norelius Community Library, 10 a.m.

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**Stables 4 Jed Golf Tournament:** Stables 4 Jed is hosting their inaugural golf tournament on August 5 at Majestic Hills Golf Course in Denison. Visit the Stables 4 Jed website at www.stables4jed.com.

**McHenry House August Hours:** The McHenry House summer hours in August will be the 5th, 6th, 19th, and 20th 1-4 p.m. Stop by to check

the house out and enjoy some refreshments.

**Art in the Park at Washington Park:** Kids 3-5 years old will meet from 9-10 a.m.; 6 and up will meet from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Denison Parks and Recreation will provide the materials for the project, to sign up go to Denisonrec.com the cost is \$10.

**Storytime:** Join the Denison Library for a Back to School Storytime on Saturday, August 5 in the Children's Library at 10 a.m.

**Town Hall with presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy** at Hrabik Welding, 609 Lincoln Hwy, Vail, at 4:15 p.m.

TUESDAY  
AUGUST 8, 2023

**Book signing by Ann Hanigan Kotz,** Norelius Community Library, 6 p.m.

**Euchre Night - Ricketts:** Join the fun at the Community Building in Ricketts for a night of card playing, socializing, treats, and beverages. The card game will start at 7 p.m. The entry fee is \$5 and there is no need to bring a partner.

WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 9, 2023

**Read & Play for children 0-5,** Children's Library at Norelius Community Library, 10 a.m.

**Euchre Night- Charter Oak:** Join a fun night of euchre at 7 p.m. at the Charter Oak Community Building. Attendees will be partnered up randomly throughout the night.

**Backpack Giveaway:** The United Methodist Church's Backpack Giveaway is from 4-6 p.m. for children in TK through 5th with limited supplies for 6-8th grades. Everyone is welcome.

Submit events at denisonefreepress.com

## Trust is central in young Manning contractor's brand

Perry Gross started PG Customs while in college

BY DOUGLAS BURNS  
Special To The Denison Free Press

Perry Gross hit the world with a relentless work ethic.

He grew up on a Manilla farm, learning the value of early rising and full days of productivity and how to troubleshoot his way out of obstacles - not complain. Like so many farmers, he's a blended businessman, accepting the

sweat and toil and embracing the science, the cycle of constant improvement.

Today, that confluence of influences finds him as the founder and working owner of PG Customs, a Manning-based contracting operation that recently completed many roof projects in western Iowa following hail damage.

A product of a row crop and hog operation, Gross, 25, graduated from IKM-Manning High School in

2016. He went on to the prestigious Entrepreneurship program at Iowa State University in Ames where he earned a bachelor's degree in 2020. A year earlier he started PG Customs - yes, while still in college.

"Farming wasn't keeping me busy enough," he joked of adding long hours of work to his studies and farm responsibilities.

Gross took a break from building a

shouse (house and shed/work space combined) in Dow City to talk about the foundation of his business.

A big focus of PG Customs: roofs. "Roofing is something that is a guaranteed business," he said. "Everybody needs one."

The contracting operation also is involved in the construction of machine sheds and out-buildings. He does interior projects as well. Full service.

PG Customs' reach is a 60-mile radius around Manning.

"I like seeing the final product at the end of the day, that you are making a difference in building something," Gross said.

Gross said he likes the hard work and the innovation involved with running the contracting company.

His ethos is to win the trust of customers by delivering on what he says he will - and the respect of his employees by climbing on the roofs and getting in the daily mix.

"I'm going to be working as hard as anyone, trying to work harder," Gross said. "When you are the owner, you have to be working hard - you can't just sit in the truck and watch."

PG Customs has four employees in addition to Perry Gross.

They are Perry Edholm, assistant manager; Caden Larson, project manager; Gabe Madsen, construction; and Madsen Lange, construction.

Gross's parents are Tony Gross of the Irwin-Manilla area and Patty Hildreth of Jacksonville.

He has four siblings: Jade, 35, of Irwin; Dylan, 27, of Orange County, California; Gage, 8, of Jacksonville; and Elaine, 32, of Omaha, Nebraska.

When he's not working on other people's homes Perry Gross said he's likely doing one thing.

"Working on my own house with my girlfriend, Shauna Reitan, as we prepare to bring a baby girl into the world!" Gross said.



PHOTO BY DOUG BURNS

Perry Gross started his contracting company while still in college. He is a 2016 graduate of IKM-Manning High School.

## ON THE SCANNER

**July 24:** The Crawford County Law Enforcement Center received a call from the animal pound about a dog taken there after being found on South Main Loop.

**July 24, 7:20 p.m.:** The Crawford County Ambulance responded to a medical incident in the 2700 block of K Avenue, Denison.

**July 24, 7:20 p.m.:** A jailer at the Crawford County Jail requested a deputy for an inmate.

**July 24, 9:28 p.m.:** Richard Vernon Schiernbeck was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. The arrest was made after the sheriff's office received a call about a possible intoxicated male at the stop sign by Lost Wages in Buck Grove.

**July 24, 1:01 p.m.:** The Crawford County Ambulance responded to a medical incident in the 300 block of 7th Avenue, Manilla.

**July 25, 10:51 a.m.:** The Crawford County Ambulance and Kiron Fire Department responded to a medical incident in the 2700 block of A Avenue, Kiron.

**July 25, 6:32 p.m.:** Officer Clausen with the Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened on Highway 30 near South 16th Street. Marvin Lopez Ramos, 29, of Denison, was driving a gray 2008 Honda Civic in the southernmost westbound lane of Highway 30. Timothy Jerry Fundermann, 58, of Moorhead, was driving a brown 2008 Utilimaster walk-in van in the southernmost eastbound lane. Lopez Ramos's vehicle crossed the centerline into Fundermann's lane and collided with the van. Both drivers had possible injuries (complaint of pain) but were not transported for medical attention. The van received \$10,000 damage to the front passenger side corner and was disabled. Lopez Ramos's vehicle also received \$10,000 damage and was considered totaled. The officer arranged for both vehicles to be towed. Lopez Ramos was cited for not having a valid driver's license, driving on the wrong side of a two-way highway, open container – driver 21 years and older, and failure to provide proof of financial liability – accident.

**July 25, 9:53 p.m.:** Gherinse Zerabruk Tsegay, 38, of Tama, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury. The incident took place on South Main Street.

**July 26, 8:17 a.m.:** The Crawford County Law Enforcement Center received a call about a theft from a storage unit in Schleswig.

**July 26, 10:57 a.m.:** The Crawford County Ambulance and Schleswig Fire Department responded to a medical incident in the 500 block of 3rd Street, Schleswig.

**July 26, 5:59 p.m.:** The Crawford County Law Enforcement Center received a call from a subject who said a semi ran him off the road, going eastbound on Highway 30 by Vail. The responding officer said he was out of position and to notify Carroll County.

**July 26, 8:30 p.m.:** The Crawford County Ambulance and Deloit Fire Department responded to a medical incident that happened in the 1900 block of 260th Street, Deloit.

**July 26, 9:55 p.m.:** The Crawford County Law Enforcement Center received a call about a red Ford Ranger

in a ditch, with a woman inside it, at Highway 30 and 210th Street, Arion. The caller was unsure if the woman was injured or breathing and said it didn't appear that the vehicle was damaged. While the caller was on the phone with the law enforcement center, the woman drove by in her vehicle, going south on 210th Street. The investigating officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

**July 27, 5:05 a.m.:** The Crawford County Law Enforcement Center received a call about a two-vehicle accident at Highway 30 and 310th Street, Denison. The Crawford County Ambulance and Vail and Manilla fire departments were paged. Waderich Towing was called.

**July 27, 4:50 p.m.:** Lt. Kluender with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office took a call about a license plate missing from a 1987 Honda Shadow motorcycle. The owner was not sure if it was lost or was stolen.

**July 27, 9:34 p.m.:** Deputy Henningsen with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a call about a white or silver pickup with a black trailer that attempted to run the caller off the road. The pickup was traveling at a high rate of speed and was heading west on Highway 30 from the APC plant. The Harrison County Sheriff's Office was notified as sheriff's deputies were out of position for the call.

**July 28, 1:58 p.m.:** Deputy Melby with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a call from Ricketts about dogs left outside with no water. When the deputy arrived, a neighbor was giving water to the dogs. The deputy spoke with the owner later and reported that the owner insisted that everyone obey her no-trespassing signs on the property. The incident report states that if the sheriff's office is called about the dogs again, the sheriff wants the county attorney to order the removal of the dogs and for the owner to be charged.

**July 29, 1:55 a.m.:** The Crawford County Ambulance was called for a medical incident in the 1300 block of Ridge Road in Denison.

**July 29, 8:45 a.m.:** The Crawford County Sheriff's Office was called about a blue Ford Taurus that had driven through a bean field at U Avenue and 240th Street, Buck Grove. The vehicle was located in Buck Grove and then seen driving to Shelby County. The Shelby County Sheriff's Office was contacted.

**July 29, 9:03 p.m.:** The Manilla Ambulance and Vail Fire Department were called for a medical incident on Camden Street in Vail.

**July 29, 9:05 p.m.:** Deputy Specketer with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a call about extra patrol requested for reckless driving in the 2100 block of 210th Street, Denison. The deputy searched the area and was unable to locate anyone driving recklessly. July 30, 6:27 a.m.:

The Crawford County dispatch center received a call about cows out at 2476 P Avenue, Westside.

**July 30, 1:40 p.m.:** The Crawford County dispatch center received a call about the convenience store in Manilla being paid in counterfeit money.

**July 30, 8:42 p.m.:** The Crawford County Ambulance was called to the Washington Park basketball courts in Denison for an injury to a juvenile subject.

## Helicopter crashes near Deloit

On July 30, at approximately 8:31 a.m., a call was made to the county communications center about a helicopter crash near 2836 F Avenue, Deloit.

Multiple agencies responded to the area and started a search for the downed helicopter. While on scene it was learned that the helicopter was spraying chemicals on a corn field when it came into contact with a powerline. An airplane was called to assist with the search of the downed helicopter.

A short time later the wreckage was

located in a field off of 290th Street. First responders rushed to the scene of the crash and were able to remove the pilot by using the jaws of life.

The scene is still under investigation. More information to be released later.

Agencies responding to assist with the search included the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol, Deloit Fire, Denison Fire, Vail Fire, Manilla Fire, Kiron Fire, the Crawford County Emergency Management Coordinator, the Crawford County Ambulance, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Fair winners at American Legion booth

The following individuals won prizes at the American Legion booth at the Crawford County Fair.

Darla Friedrichsen, Spanish-American War Print "Soldiers In The Sun"

Jill Beam, WW I print "Men of Iron"

Byron Weise, WW II print "The Red Bull in the Winter Line"

Richard Wessel, Korean War print "The Borinqueneers"

Rodger Borecky, Vietnam War print "Indiana Rangers: The Army Guard In Vietnam"

Richard Hanlin won the 3x5 American flag.

### Boy Scout paper drive on August 12

The Boy Scouts of Troop 55 in Denison will conduct their monthly paper drive on Saturday, August 12, at the PRONTO parking lot. The Scouts will help unload tied, bundled or sacked newspapers from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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# GBM Warrior pedaled whole Iowa route

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Denison High School graduate; he and Ann met in 2010 and were married in 2018.

They live in Charleston, South Carolina.

Dean explained to curious riders that the device on the back of the bike is both more and less exotic than a time machine; it is an inverter that converts 12-volt DC (from four lithium-ion batteries) to 120-volt AC to power a cancer-fighting device his wife wears on her head.

Ann was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiform (GBM) during the 2020 Labor Day weekend.

She had a tumor the size of a medium egg removed from her brain, underwent six weeks of radiation and chemotherapy, and then another six months of chemotherapy.

Since December 2020, her only cancer treatment has been to wear an Optune device, which is a wearable GBM device that creates electrical fields that inhibit cancer cell division.

"This is a non-chemical way of killing the cancer cells," Ann explained. "There

are four bandages that go on my head; Dean places the bandages according to a map that Optune and the oncologists have laid out as optimal for me."

Each bandage contains a transducer array that generates the electrical fields.

"I'm very happy to be using it because it's a non-chemical way of destroying the cancer," Ann said. "I wear it 24/7 and change my arrays Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays."

She has to shave her head before each placement of the arrays because they have to adhere to her skin to work effectively.

Once she began wearing the Optune, Ann asked her doctors if they had any special requirements or instructions.

"They told me, 'Just be healthy and go live your life,'" she said. "So that's what I've been doing."

Dean joins Ann for high intensity interval training at a gym three times per week for fitness.

Prior to her cancer diagnosis, bicycling was an activity that drew them to each other.

"We both enjoyed it," Ann said. "He's probably more competitive about it than I am, but when we were living in Wisconsin, we would go out for 30- or 40-mile rides together."

"We love riding bikes together," Dean said.

Ann's cancer surgery left her with weakness on her left side that put an



SUBMITTED PHOTO

With her helmet removed at a stop in Coralville, the cancer-fighting arrays on Ann's head are visible.

end to their outings.

"Not all the nerves have regenerated, so my left side is not 100% like before. I have to pay attention when I'm holding things or picking things up to make sure I don't drop them or spill things," Ann said. "My balance isn't what it used to be. I still have a road bike and a mountain bike, and I did attempt to ride them after surgery, but I wasn't as comfortable or confident as I was before."

Dean had been after her to go on RAGBRAI since before they were married and she had always put him off – until last summer.

"I finally I told him OK. I told him I'd do it, but the only way I'm going to do it is on a tandem and it has to be a recumbent," she said.

"I'm glad she finally decided to commit to it," Dean said. "It's a daunting task for somebody that hasn't ridden a bike for quite a while."

They settled on a TerraTrike three-wheel recumbent that fit their needs, and then Dean outfitted it with an intercom system, whip lights, a flashing beacon on the back, headlights, tail lights, turn signals and decorative colored lights underneath.

Ann's Optune can run for three to four hours on battery power, which is why they decided to add the inverter.

"The inverter provides regular household power so she can plug in the medical device," Dean said. "We carry one battery with us for when we walk around when we stop and get off the bike."

Ann's seat is on the back of the bike. "Dean's the captain, so he's in front," she said. "He's in control of the steering and the brakes and I ride behind."

He was also in charge of helping Ann get situated on the bike.

"She just doesn't have the coordination in her left foot, anymore," Dean said. "I would have to take her left foot and line it up to help her get her foot snapped into the pedal."

The Optune device can't be allowed to overheat, so Ann wears a white helmet and they added a canopy over her seat.

"That works really well," Ann said. "With the canopy and my white helmet, I did not have any issues with my arrays."

To beat the heat, Ann and Dean hit the road early on six out of seven mornings of RAGBRAI.

"We would have all the lights on and people would tell us it's so cool," Ann said.

"I was a little nervous because we didn't get in near enough miles leading up to it," Dean said.

Rainy weekend weather in South Carolina halted a lot of their bike rides before they began because the Optune can't get wet.

"I was apprehensive going into it, but we took our time climbing those hills out of Sioux City," he said. "I was pretty impressed that she stayed with it, as hot as it was."

Ann didn't even let heat rash stop her.

Dean's son Paul and brother Tom shared duties driving a support truck during the week of RAGBRAI.

Because of their bike's whip lights, which look like antennas, and the helmet-mounted intercom microphones, some RAGBRAI cyclists thought Ann and Dean might be riding something other than a time machine.

"Probably half a dozen people asked us if we were communicating with a Chinese spy balloon," Dean said.

"I told them I was trying to get a hold of Scotty to tell him to beam me up," Ann said.

Many tandem bikes have front and rear pedals that are locked together, but their TerraTrike's pedals are geared independently.

"If I really needed to take a break I could, but to be honest, the only time I took a break was if I had to retie my shoe or adjust the straps on my shoes," Ann said. "I peddled the whole time."

Every now and then, she checked with Dean to make sure he could tell she was peddling.

On one occasion, Dean definitely noticed when she put in a little extra effort.

"What was that – turbo boost?" he asked.

"This hill is taking too long," Ann replied.

The hills coming out of Sioux City were killers, they both agreed.

Ann and Dean pedaled the whole route together and finished RAGBRAI on Saturday.

Ann said the license plate on their bike, "GBM Warrior," tells part of the message of why she wanted to do the ride across Iowa.

"I wanted other cancer patients to realize you can do this; you don't have to feel like you can't," she said. "Do what's within your capacity and go out and do things."



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The license plate on the bike ridden on RAGBRAI by Ann Shafer Von Tersch and Dean Von Tersch has special meaning for Ann. GBM stands for glioblastoma multiform, a type of brain cancer. Above the plate, protected by plexiglass, is the power inverter that provides electricity for a device that treats Ann's cancer.



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# Dunlap celebrates Raiders of the Lost Art

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A community event Saturday in Dunlap celebrated the Indiana Jones series of movies. Raiders of the Lost Art brought people from throughout the area to Dunlap City Park. Among the visitors were these three young men. From left, Braxton Hess, from Dow City, and Daxton and Bennett Sharp, also from Dow City, operate remote-controlled boats up a channel in this miniature waterway. The activity portrays the boat chase in the Grand Canal in Venice, from the movie Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade (see inset photo).



Ashley Donscheski, of Dunlap, helps her daughter, Brexlee, with a craft at the Girl Scout booth at the Raiders of the Lost Art event at the city park.



Sawyer Bissen, of Earling, shows exhilaration as she travels down the zip line set up in the park.



Karen Giovannetti, of Dunlap, turns the crank on a rope-making machine. Bernie Schroeder, of Dunlap, set up the rope-making booth.



Cody Smith, of Woodbine, handles a long carpet core notched to resemble a log for a log house. Children could come and go from the activity at Dunlap City Park to collectively assemble a log cabin.

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## Police honors

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Kassidy Cardenas pins a captain's emblem onto the uniform of her husband, Yovan, at the Tuesday evening Denison City Council meeting. He had been a sergeant with the Denison Police Department. Cardenas, along with Mitch Flaherty, shared the police chief duties in the interim before Tony Trejo was hired as the new police chief. Trejo said that the department is doing away with the assistant chief's position.



Mitch Flaherty (above, center) was presented with an award for the hard work and dedication he gave to the Denison Police Department in the interim when the department was without a police chief. Pictured with Flaherty are Police Chief Tony Trejo and Police Captain Yovan Cardenas.

## LAND TRANSACTIONS

### Warranty Deeds

- Robert Macumber to Kelly Nissen, Lot 3 Block 6, Manilla Original Town; \$43,200.
- Kati M. Guthrie and Dan C. Guthrie II to Merrit D. Blunk and Patricia Blunk, Lots 5 and 6, Block 19, Kiron Swanson's 1st Addition; Lot 1 Block 10, Kiron Western Town Lot Addition; Lot 6 Block 11, Kiron Western Town Lot Addition; \$15,500.
- Marjorie J. McCord Revocable Trust, Thomas J. McCord, Trustee, to Sharon J. McCord Trust, Thomas J. McCord, Trustee, NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 30, Boyer Township; SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 19, Boyer Township.

### Court Officer Deeds

- Melvin L. Goslar Estate, Karen Bathke and Lester Goslar, Executors, to Karen Bathke and Lester Goslar, SW1/4 Section 21, Soldier Township.
- Dwayne D. Salmon Estate, Karen H. Salmon, Executor, to Karen H. Salmon Trust, S1/2 SW1/4 Section 11, Morgan Township; SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 11, Morgan Township.

### Quit Claim Deed

- Mark Alan Stansberry to Mark Alan Stansberry and Laura Whitehall, NW1/4 Section 12, Jackson Township; SW1/4 Section 12, Jackson Township; \$10.
- Rodney Allan Backhaus to Rodney A.

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• Darrell A. Hansen and Lana J. Hansen to Darrell A. Hansen and Lana J. Hansen, N1/2 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township; NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township; \$1.

• Jestin Bral to Kara Bral, NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 35, Morgan Township.

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# Gustafson remembered for "Service Above Self"

BY GORDON WOLF

Tom Gustafson, one of the longest serving county attorneys in Iowa, will be remembered for his work with others and for following the motto of Rotary International, "Service Above Self."

Gustafson died July 25 at the age of 73. See details about services at the end of this article.

Gustafson was a member of the Denison Rotary Club for perhaps 30 years, said Don Luensmann, who served with Gustafson for the last 20 of those years.

"In my time, he was a valuable member of our group, always supportive in what the group is all about - Service Above Self. He demonstrated this through his actions. He was one of the people involved in getting the rotary auction started. This will be the auction's 30th year," Luensmann added.

The funds raised through the rotary auction go back into the community for a number of projects.

Luensmann said Gustafson was also instrumental in raising money to recognize people for their volunteer efforts in the community through the Paul Harris Fellow program.

Gustafson worked to have people sign up for the Rotary Wheel, a program based on the design of the Rotary logo. People who sign up for the Rotary Wheel donate \$100 a year for 10 years, a total of \$1,000. Gustafson was a member of the wheel for 30 years, Luensmann added.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

The Foundation, in turn, uses that money for its polio eradication program and also for a significant number of youth leadership programs.

Luensmann said in the 57 years that the Denison Rotary Club has been in existence, 100 Paul Harris Fellow awards have been given to Rotarians and to community members for their volunteer efforts, and that Gustafson had a part in well more than half of those awarded, perhaps as many as 75 to 80.



"He did yeoman's work to make certain the Rotary recognized people who are making a difference in the community; Tom's influence through this was not only felt locally but around the world," said Luensmann.

"As a Rotarian, you can't underplay the value of supporting things that not only have a local impact but a larger impact in the overall scheme of things," he added.

Dr. Steve Brownmiller joined the Denison Rotary around the time Gustafson joined.

"He was a great Rotarian and a great person to work with. He was a past president, as well," said Brownmiller.

He continued that Gustafson chaired the Rotary Wheel program for years, perhaps 25 years or longer, and

was still chairing the Rotary Wheel this year. One of the chairman's jobs is to coordinate the presentation of the Paul Harris Fellow at the Rotary Club's annual meeting each June.

Gustafson, a 1976 University of Iowa Law School graduate, was elected as county attorney in 1978 and remained in that position until his seventh term concluded at the end of 2006. He kept his private practice while serving as the county's prosecutor. The position was part-time, at least in name, back then.

Newspaper archives show thousands of cases that Gustafson, and his partner, Steve Brannen, handled through the years.

Gustafson and Brannen were named Co-Bosses of the Year by the Denison Jaycees in 1994.

The December 23, 1978, edition of the Denison Review tells of Gustafson facing two challenges right away when he was elected as county attorney. One was the largest amphetamine seizure in the state's history at that time, and the other was a substantial robbery at a vehicle dealership.

Gustafson took office just as the Iowa Open Meetings Law came into effect, so he spent time providing guidance to local government entities on the rules of that legislation.

Survivors include his wife, Kathi of Denison; daughter, Jenny Gustafson of Cedar Rapids; daughter and son-in-law Holly and Ryan Risetter of Waterloo; bonus daughters and their husbands, Courtney and Ryan Schulz of Harwood Heights, Illinois, and Taylor and Luke Dalton of Corning; grandchildren Brady, Addison, and Ben Risetter of Waterloo, Eli and Hudson Dalton of Corning, and Abigail Schulz of Harwood Heights, Illinois; mother-in-law and father-in-law Gary and Phyllis Hanson of Irwin; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law Jeff and Vickie Hanson of Desoto, Kansas, Dean and Suzanne Hanson of Eagle, Michigan, and Dan and Megan Hanson of Denison; and sister-in-law Debi Gustafson of Chandler, Arizona.

Information from Gustafson's obituary lists a number of organizations other than Rotary of which he was a member, including Iowa County Attorneys Association, Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Board, the Coffee Club of uptown Denison, and the Crawford County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Denison.

Visitation with will be 4-7 p.m. this Friday, August 4, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison. People are told to feel free to wear Hawkeye or Cubs clothing in his honor.

Fellowship will be 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 5, at the First United Methodist Church in Denison. The funeral service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with interment to follow in the Danway Cemetery in Kirkman.

In lieu of plants and flowers, the family requests donations be made to the First United Methodist Church in Denison, the Crawford County Historical Society of Denison, to the family, or simply pay it forward by doing a good deed for another person, especially helping a child.

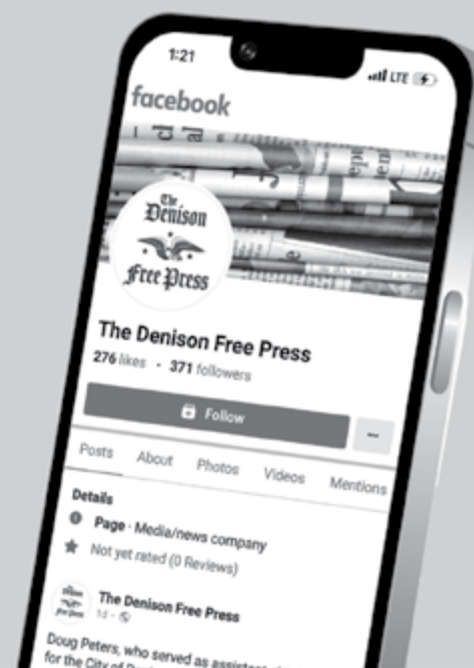
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support of the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers, and it is presented by the coalition along with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and The Big Show – WHO Radio in Des Moines.

To receive the award, a livestock producer in a family operation must be nominated by a neighbor, and that's what Thompson did earlier this year.

"My husband is a retired farmer, and we very much appreciate agriculture, and we very much want to promote agriculture," she said.

Thompson saw information in a farm newspaper encouraging people to nominate a neighbor for the award.

"I thought, 'I really need to do this,'" she said. "Living so close to Doug, we're very much aware of what he does, and I've always appreciated the way he handles his animals. I appreciate the efforts he puts into agriculture. I don't know when he has time to sleep."

Doug farms 1,600 acres, nearly all in Crawford County, and he operates a 300-head cow-calf operation.

The row crops are corn, soybeans and popcorn. The latter crop is grown on contract with ConAgra Foods. It is something his grandfather, Leonard, and his father, Charlie, had done. The 400-500 acres of popcorn grown annually inject diversification into the farm operation.

Doug represents the fifth generation of his family to farm. At least one section that he farms has been farmed by each generation.

He farmed with his father until Charlie suffered a heart attack and passed away in 2020.

For that reason, the award presentation was a little bittersweet for his mother, Doris.

"Doug is continuing what Charlie started. I'm very proud of all the support we get," she said.

Doris said it takes a village to raise a child, and the same is true with farming.

"You have to have good neighbors, you have to have good family support, and you have to have good business support," she said. "It takes everybody so you can be good in whatever you are doing."

The award reflects on the work and example set by Charlie and Leonard, and for two generations before that.

Doug did not know he had been nominated by his neighbor until he received a call from Kody Havens, field specialist with the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers.

But his girlfriend, Katie Tremel, knew. She said it was difficult to keep the news of the nomination letter a secret but added it was fun to surprise Doug.

Havens followed up his phone call with an in-person meeting with Doug, spending about an hour in front of the Erlbacher home, learning more about the operation and the history of the farm.

The award presentation took place around noon on Tuesday at the Russell Brasel American Legion Memorial Hall in Dow City. Guests for the presentation included friends of the Erlbachers, landowners that Doug

rents from, representatives from the Farm Bureau, representatives of elected federal officials, and people who work for agriculture businesses and services that the Erlbacher farm uses.

A steak dinner prepared by Staley's Catering followed the award presentation.

In presenting the award to Doug, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig emphasized the importance of animal agriculture, that it adds value to what farmers produce and has a far-reaching impact.

"Look around this room. You're all here because you're connected to one farm and one family. You might be friends, might go to church together. You might be in business, be a banker, a service provider or salesperson for this operation. One operation has this impact," Naig said. "Now multiply that by tens of thousands of times every day across Iowa. That's the ag community. That's what drives value to communities like the one we're in today, and that's something very special."

Brian Waddingham, executive director of the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers, congratulated Doug on not only receiving the award but for being the first farmer in Crawford County to receive it. He explained that the coalition's mission is to grow Iowa's livestock industry responsibly and successfully. But in addition, its mission is to recognize farmers that go above and beyond, who raise livestock and are active in their communities.

Alex Frazier, of Frazier Nursery in Vinton, had another gift for Doug – a burr oak tree.

"It's the state tree of Iowa and it's also a tree that's going to be around for a while," he said. "It's long-lived tree. It's not a flowery tree. It's a rugged tree with rugged bark, very broad and strong, and we think that represents the Iowa farmer. That's why we've chosen this tree."

He hoped that Doug would plant the tree near the road or a driveway to serve as a reminder of the value of being a good farm neighbor.

Doug thanked everyone who made the award and award ceremony possible, and especially thanked Connie Thompson for nominating him.

"I'm thankful for my family and for all the support I get in the operation," he added.

After the ceremony, Naig emphasized that the award recognizes families that do the right things.

"And when I say the right things, we're talking about caring for their land, preventing soil erosion and caring for neighbors downstream. We certainly have that here, and we want to recognize and promote that. We want to see more of that."

He added, "I also love to stress the connection between livestock and conservation. If you are using cover crops or seeding down acres that are more inclined for erosion and can use that for grazing cattle, that helps, Plus it's a good tie to that cattle operation."

Naig said that this year has a lot of uncertainty with the weather variability and market variability.

"And I hope that giving a family an award is a moment where you can say it's worth it and that people recognize

that. I certainly hope that people, especially non-farm people, will understand this is tough work, but the farmers that we just recognized today are very passionate about what they do and wouldn't do anything else. I just hope that people can recognize that and frankly appreciate them."

When talking about how the award to Doug came about, Havens said people should nominate their farm neighbors to tell the good story in the community and the good story of agriculture.

"The greatest thing with the award is to fill the news with our story, telling our story rather than other people who maybe don't tell the story right, to tell the story that doesn't get told about these families a lot of the time, and to celebrate neighbors who go above and beyond and do more than what's required of them," he said.

Nominees for the award must meet four criteria – be in a family farm operation, be active in their community, produce livestock to the highest animal care standards, and be dedicated to conservation and/or environmental stewardship on their land.

The web address to learn more about nominating a neighbor is [supportfarmers.com/goodfarmneighbor](http://supportfarmers.com/goodfarmneighbor).

The non-profit coalition was founded in 2004 and offers free and confidential services to all Iowa livestock producers. It operates

through a partnership involving the Iowa Beef Industry Council, Iowa Cattlemen's Association, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Iowa Pork Producers Association, Iowa Poultry Association, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Turkey Federation, and Midwest Dairy.

**About the Erlbacher farm**

Established in 1881.

Currently operated by Doug Erlbacher and his girlfriend, Katie Tremel. They have a four-year-old daughter, Fiona.

Doug acknowledges his siblings, Bonnie and Scottie, and his mother, Doris, in their support of the farm.

Cattle operation is Beef Quality Assurance certified.

Buffer strips, filter strips, terraces, no-till, vertical tillage used on crop ground.

Nitrogen applied using split-pass to ensure timely and optimal absorption of nutrients.

Have used cover crops for two decades – rye planted after silage harvest. Have also used wheat.

Family actively involved in St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Doug actively participates with the Crawford County Cattlemen and the Crawford County Farm Bureau.



Connie Thompson decided to nominate her neighbor, Doug Erlbacher, for the Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award because of his dedication to his farm operation and the community.



Participants in the Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award are, from left, Brian Waddingham with the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers; Scott Erlbacher, Doris Erlbacher and Bonnie Erlbacher (Doug's brother, mother and sister); Katie Tremel and Fiona Erlbacher (Doug's girlfriend and their daughter); Doug Erlbacher; Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig; and Alex Frazier with Frazier Nursery.

## Hot Summer Nights 4 is Friday

### Encore event added to schedule

BY DAN MUNDT

The fourth Hot Summer Nights event of 2023 will take place in Denison this Friday night.

Salty View's Acoustic Review, with lead singer Claudia Rihner, of Denison, will be the featured music act for the night.

"Claudia is the newest member of their band," said Taylor Borkowski, organizer of the Hot Summer Nights events. "We're excited to have someone local performing for us."

Salty View's Acoustic Review, based in Fort Dodge, is a three-piece, all-acoustic country music and classic rock band.

"They play a lot in the Okoboji area," Borkowski said.

Flaco's Tacos, Sister Sweets, The Candy Cottage, Taqueria La Tapatia Taquizas, Sauce Bosses BBQ, Rock of Salvation Church, Kroozin Kettle Corn, and Tropical Sno will provide food at the event on Friday.

WESCO will run the beer garden.

The Fun Zone, on Broadway between Main Street and Avenue C, will feature games and an inflatable slide.

Denison Parks & Rec will set up a pickleball court.

Broadway from Main Street to 14th Street will close for event setup at 2 p.m. Friday; Broadway from Main Street to Avenue C will close at 3 p.m., and the intersection at Broadway and Main Street will close at 4 p.m.

Hot Summer Nights will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 10 p.m.

Borkowski said she has received a lot of good feedback about the first three Hot Summer Nights events in 2023.

"People are excited about having something to do locally," she said. "I've heard really great things from all the retailers."

Borkowski was amazed during the July event when she looked west from the stage at Broadway and 14th Street, which is where she and The Boyer River Band performed.

"It was wonderful to see that the crowd went all the way down to Avenue C," she said. "Turnout for the last one was insane."

In addition to being activities for the community, the Hot Summer Nights events are fundraisers for uptown improvements and the proposed Crawford County Recreation and Wellness Center.

"I'm pretty confident we'll hit our \$20,000 goal," Borkowski said. "I wouldn't be upset if we went over that. We're just going to need people to keep showing up."

Representatives of the wellness center project will also be on hand to seek donations from attendees.

Borkowski recently announced the addition of a fifth Hot Summer Nights event for this summer.

"I have lost my mind," she said. "Back in January, I wasn't very confident that I could pull off five events, but seeing how well-attended the events have been and how appreciative everyone was of having something to do, literally at the last minute we decided to add another night."

The fifth event, which will take place on Saturday, August 19, will be called Hot Summer Nights: the Encore.

El Nuevo Imperio, a band from Hastings, Nebraska, will be the featured music act.

The encore event will take place in Uptown Denison on Saturday, August 19, from 7 to 11 p.m.

"The feedback I've heard from the Latino community was that this needed to be on Saturday and a little bit later because a lot of them work at the plants," Borkowski said.

Individuals/businesses interested in sponsoring the encore event or attending as a food vendor may contact Borkowski at 712-269-7199.

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Denison Public Works staff are pictured working at the Broadway and 16th Street intersections. On Friday, two public works employees apply sealant to portions of the new asphalt pavement. On Monday workers fill in a strip of Broadway where rough pavement had been removed. The street work provides a smoother ride at the intersection.



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# Artwork featured at ISU's Cardinal and Gold fundraising galas

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on his family took him next to start a venture of his own.

"The '80s was a great time for cycling in the United States and I had a love for the sport," Brian said.

"I ended up starting a bike tour company in Colorado."

The company's principal focus was arranging tours for people who wanted to go to the Tour de France.

Brian ran the company through 2019; along the way he married, moved to Omaha, and was divorced after 10 years.

That split was the life event that opened the dam for a return to art.

"The only thing I wanted to do at that point in time was paint. That was it," he said. "I hadn't painted since high school."

Brian went to the Blick Art Materials Store in Omaha where a very helpful employee worked with him while he figured out what he needed.

"I had a rough idea of what I wanted to do, which was basically to throw paint on a canvas and make a mess," he said.

"I remember going home that night; I bought an easel, set it up in my office and started painting. The ones I did when I started weren't very good but it didn't matter to me - I was just back painting again. It was such a great feeling."

Brian soon found his ideas about art had changed in the three decades since he had left it behind.

"When was a kid, I was really rigid with my artwork; it was all about



The 1983 Vintage Cy as painted by Brian Rounds. Many of his works will be on display at the Split Gallery in Omaha, Nebraska, from August 11 through August 13.

staying inside the lines, not making a mess, keeping everything neat," he said. "I hated - when I was a kid, I hated contemporary modern art. I couldn't understand it, didn't see the purpose in it and thought it was a total waste of paint."

As he started painting, he discovered that he understood what it was about.

"It all made sense - and that's all I wanted to do," Brian said. "I didn't want

to paint anything inside the lines ever again."

He drew inspiration from the abstract expressionists of the '40s, '50s and '60s.

"I realized you could make anything; throw paint, spray it, drop it, whatever you wanted to do," Brian said.

He was "blown away" the first time he tried creating a drip painting.

"You're just dipping an old brush or a stick into the paint, then moving the stick over the canvas while the paint drips off it," Brian said. "The first time I did a drip painting, it was the most amazing thing I'd ever seen. I didn't want to stop."

The hardest thing to do to was let the paint dry because I was just enthralled by it."

He painted a variety of abstract paintings and started selling them to friends, former classmates, and past clients on Facebook and Instagram.

"It's pretty cool when someone appreciates your work and wants to put it in their house and make it a part of

their lives," Brian said.

After a brief detour to Austin, Texas, for a job, Brian ended up back in Denison to take a position with bluespace creative.

The new job started on March 1, 2020, and ended a month later as the world started shutting down because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Through the lockdown, he continued painting and sold his works to clients around the country.

He was also invited to showcase his work for a year at Eide Bailey in the Des Moines financial district.

As the world began to return to normal in summer 2021, Brian discovered a kind of art that led him in a new direction.

"I started coming across some artwork that combined abstract painting with real-life figures, like sports figures," Brian said.

The light went on when he saw a piece that featured a college mascot.

"I reached out to Iowa State in August 2021 with the idea to paint the vintage Cy mascots in a contemporary manner with abstract backgrounds," he said.

Brian showed samples of his idea to the head of licensing at ISU, and she showed them to her directors.

ISU granted Brian a license in October 2021.

"The cool thing is that right now I'm the only artist in the United States to have been granted that license," he said.

In the winter of 2021, he created paintings of the vintage CY mascots from 1965, 1974, 1978, and 1983; all four paintings are currently on display at the Gateway Hotel and Convention Center in Ames.

A new painting the vintage Cy basketball mascot has proven to be popular with ISU fans; the work, which is entitled "Hilton Magic," was showcased this spring at the Mary Greeley Gala Fundraiser to benefit mental health.

Brian's artwork has received high marks from ISU alumni, was highlighted on WHO-TV news in Des Moines, and has been featured twice at ISU's Cardinal and Gold fundraising galas.

Brian recently received licenses from the University of Iowa and the University of Nebraska to create similar art with the mascots of those schools.

He's glad that he found his way back to art and stuck with it.

"Every time you start something new, there's that resistance you have to overcome," Brian said.

"Sometimes, it's a fight when there's other stuff going on in your life, but on the flipside, when you do take that step and you're able to create something that didn't exist before, you surprise yourself."

His show at the Split Gallery next weekend will feature his original mascot paintings, other paintings with abstract art combined with figures, and many new paintings because most of his older pieces have been sold.

Visit [split.gallery](http://split.gallery) for additional details.

Prints of many of his works are available at [brianroundsart.com](http://brianroundsart.com).



A drip painting by artist Brian Rounds; the work was recently sold to a client in Colorado.



A pop art painting of "The greatest cyclist in history," as described by and painted by Brian Rounds, who sold the painting to a client in Ohio.

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- Grand Champion Breeding Heifer: Makia Smith, MVAO/CO-U FFA
- Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer: Cole Miller Charter Oak Boosters

#### MARKET BEEF

- Overall Grand Champion Market Beef Animal and Grand Champion Market Steer: Keagan Eischeid, Aspinwall Achievers
- Overall Champion Market Heifer: Makia Smith (entry was also Grand Champion County Born Market Heifer)
- Champion Market Heifer: Tyson Von Glan
- Grand Champion Performance Steer: Jace Bromert

#### COW/CALF PAIR

- Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair: Tajel Jepsen, Charter Oak Boosters

#### BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

- Champion Junior Beef Showman: Dierk McCollough
- Champion Intermediate Beef Showman: Braxton Donscheski
- Champion Senior Beef Showman: Hallie McCollough

#### FASHION REVUE

- Top Junior Fashion Revue: Camilla Bonner, Good Handy Helpers
- Top Intermediate Fashion Revue: Tajel Jepsen, Charter Oak Boosters
- Top Senior Fashion Review, Iowa State Fair: Isabel Jepsen, Charter Oak Boosters

#### CLOTHING SELECTION

- Top Junior Clothing Selection: Camilla Bonner, Good Handy Helpers
- Top Intermediate Clothing Selection: Michelle Mohr, Westside 4-H
- Top Senior Clothing Selection, Iowa State Fair: Isabel Jepsen, Charter Oak Boosters

#### \$20 CHALLENGE

- Top Junior \$20 Challenge: Hannah Peitsch, Charter Oak Boosters
- Top Intermediate \$20 Challenge: Tajel Jepsen, Charter Oak Boosters
- Top Senior \$20 Challenge, Iowa State Fair: Amber Ragaller, Westside 4-H

#### EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Top Junior, Iowa State Fair: Ryder Meseck, Charter Oak Achievers
- Top Senior, Iowa State Fair: Brigid Bonner, Good Handy Helpers
- Other Iowa State Fair qualifiers: Caralyn Henschen, Charter Oak Achievers (2); Jodee Kruse, Charter Oak Achievers

#### WORKING EXHIBITS

- Top Junior, Iowa State Fair, Clay County Fair: Danielle Gehling, Westside 4-H
- Top Senior, Iowa State Fair, Clay County Fair Alternate: Brigid Bonner, Good Handy Helpers

#### SHARE THE FUN

- Iowa State Fair Selections: Isabel Jepsen, Charter Oak Boosters; Vivian Blackford, Westside 4-H; Naomi Blackford, Westside 4-H; and Brigid Bonner, Good Handy Helpers

#### EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

- Iowa State Fair Selection: Brigid Bonner, Good Handy Helpers

#### PRIDE OF IOWA

- Top Junior, Clay County Fair: Danielle Gehling, Westside 4-H
- Top Intermediate, Clay County Fair: Tajel Jepsen, Charter Oak Boosters
- Top Senior, Clay County Fair: Caralyn Henschen, Charter Oak Achievers

#### DOG SHOW

- Best of Show: Jacob Hanson, Westside 4-H (also Grand Champion Intermediate Handler)
- Champion Costume: Aspen Steinkuehler, Good Handy Helpers
- Grand Champion Obedience Intro: Jake Petersen, Boyer Rooters

- Grand Champion Junior Handler: Naomi Blackford, Westside 4-H
- Grand Champion Beginner Novice: Vivian Blackford, Westside 4-H
- Grand Champion Agility: Quinn Anderson, Boyer Rooters
- Grand Champion Intermediate Handler: Macy Gruhn, Aspinwall Achievers
- Grand Champion Preferred Novice: Abby Maynard, IKM-Manning FFA (also Grand Champion Senior Handler)

#### GOAT SHOW

- Champion Meat Wether: Karson Bromert, Westside 4-H (Also Grand Champion Rate of Gain, Grand Champion Meat Kid Wether)
- Champion Meat Kid Doe and Grand Champion Meat Kid: Karson Bromert, Westside 4-H
- Grand Champion Breeding Doe: Kallie Bromert, Westside 4-H
- Grand Champion Junior Dairy Doe: Jacob Hanson, Westside 4-H
- Grand Champion Senior Dairy Doe: Ella Langel, Aspinwall Achievers
- Grand Champion Dairy Wether: Jacob Peterson, Boyer Rooters
- Champion Junior Goat Showmanship: Coulter Hinners, Westside 4-H
- Champion Intermediate Goat Showmanship: Jacob Hanson, Westside 4-H
- Champion Senior Goat Showmanship: Kallie Bromert, Westside 4-H
- Obstacle Course: 1st, Ben Langel

#### HORSE SHOW

- Supreme Reserve Grand Champion Halter Horse: Abby Maynard, IKM-Manning FFA
- Supreme Grand Champion Halter Horse: Abby Maynard, IKM-Manning FFA
- Champion Senior Showmanship: Emma Lingle, Crawford County Shooting Sports
- Champion Intermediate Showmanship: Payton Gallagher, Westside 4-H
- Champion Junior Showmanship: Patricia Collins, East Boyer Rustlers
- Champion Senior Horsemanship: Emma Lingle, Crawford County Shooting Sports
- Champion Intermediate Horsemanship: Payton Gallagher, Westside 4-H
- Champion Junior Horsemanship: Naomi Blackford, Westside 4-H
- Champion Senior High Point: Emma Lingle, Crawford County Shooting Sports
- Champion Intermediate High Point, Kyia Lingle, Crawford County Shooting Sports
- Champion Junior High Point: Wyatt Kragel, Charter Oak Boosters

#### POULTRY

- Champion Standard Fowl, American Class: Tyson Stoppel, Schleswig Sharks
- Champion Standard Fowl, Continental Class: Gordon Logon, Aspinwall Achievers
- Champion Standard Fowl, English Class: Tyson Stoppel, Schleswig Sharks
- Champion Standard Fowl, Mediterranean Class: Brandon Enenbach, Aspinwall Achievers
- Champion Bantam, Feather Legged: Lydia Enenbach, Aspinwall Achievers
- Champion Standard Duck; Champion Waterfowl: Sophia Ayala, Good Handy Helpers
- Champion Rate of Gain; Grand Champion Rate of Gain: Ty Jasa, Aspinwall Achievers
- Grand Champion Pen of Three Market Broilers: Kylie Crawford, Westside 4-H
- Grand Champion Market Pen of Three Ducks: Logan Gordon, Aspinwall Achievers
- Grand Champion Exotic Bird: Mabel Langel, Aspinwall Achievers

#### SHEEP

- Grand Champion County Born Market Wether: Josie Koenig, Denison FFA
- Champion County Born Market Ewe (Black Face): Josie Koenig, Denison FFA
- Grand Champion Market Wether, Overall Grand Champion Market Lamb: Hayden Soma, Boyer Rooters
- Champion County Born Ewe Lamb; Overall Grand Champion Breeding Lamb: Sawyer Sonnichsen, Denison FFA
- Grand Champion Ewe Lamb:

Mason Koenig, Good Handy Helpers

- Champion Junior Showmanship: Adellena Schneider
- Champion Intermediate Showmanship: Wyatt Wessel
- Champion Senior Showmanship: Sawyer Sonnichsen

#### STATIC EXHIBITS

##### AG & NATURAL RESOURCES

- Iowa State Fair Selections: Ryder Meseck, Charter Oak Achievers, miniature garden; Michelle Mohr Westside 4-H, cut flower study

#### CREATIVE ARTS

- Iowa State Fair Selections: Logan Gordon, Aspinwall Achievers, photo of Honda Side by Side
- Outstanding 4th Graders: Jaxon Baier Edick, Good Handy Helpers, 8x10 matted photo of sister with pinwheel, and 8x10 matted photo of Yellow Smoke water's edge with blue sky

#### CLOTHING AND FASHION, SEWN

- Iowa State Fair Selections: Violet Christensen, Good Handy Helpers, Harry Potter bag; Isabel Jepsen, Charter Oak Boosters, sewn black sequin jumpsuit
- Outstanding 4th Graders: Jaxon Baier Edick, Good Handy Helpers, reverse tie-dyed shirt, black shirt purchased and 1 tie-dyed, and do-it-yourself paracord bracelets; Genevieve Bonner, Good Handy Helpers, apron

#### CLOTHING AND FASHION, PURCHASED

- Iowa State Fair Selection: Abbey Meseck, Charter Oak Achievers, \$20 challenge write-up
- Outstanding 4th Grader: Hannah Peitsch, Charter Oak Boosters, purchased skirt and top

#### OTHER IDEAS/

##### EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS

- Iowa State Fair Selection: Piper Carroll, Aspinwall Achievers (project not listed)

#### FOOD & NUTRITION

##### - PREPARED AND PRESERVED PRODUCTS

- Iowa State Fair Selections: Jasper Christensen, Good Handy Helpers, gluten-free apple pie; Logan Gordon, Aspinwall Achievers, angel food cake; Ella Langel, Aspinwall Achievers, butterhorn rolls; Piper Carroll, Aspinwall Achievers (project not listed)
- Outstanding 4th Graders: Macie Schrad, Westside 4-H, loaf of bread; Aspen Steinkuehler, Good Handy Helpers, 60-minute bread

#### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT – CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Iowa State Fair Selections: Logan Gordon, Aspinwall Achievers, washer toss game; Mabel Langel, Aspinwall Achievers, trip to Jamaica; Brigid Bonner, Good Handy Helpers, volunteering with Easter Egg hunt

#### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT – SELF DETERMINED

- Iowa State Fair Selection: Danielle Gehling, Westside 4-H, polishing family heirloom silverware

#### SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY – WELDING

- Iowa State Fair: Logan Gordon, Aspinwall Achievers (project not listed)

#### SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY – WOODWORKING

- Iowa State Fair: Abby Williams, Aspinwall Achievers, bed frame; Brigid Bonner, Good Handy Helpers, record player stand – new construction from repurposed wood
- Outstanding 4th Grader; Genevieve Bonner, Good Handy Helpers, birdhouse

#### SWINE SHOW

- Breeding Gilts
- Grand Champion Berkshire Breeding Gilt: Jaxon Henningsen, Westside 4-H
- Grand Champion Duroc Breeding Gilt: Macy Gruhn, Aspinwall Achievers
- Grand Champion Spotted Breeding Gilt: Meriah Carlson, Good Handy Helpers
- Grand Champion Yorkshire Breeding Gilt: Cole Carlson,

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- Overall Grand Champion Commercial Breeding Gilt, Champion Commercial Breeding Gilt Middleweight: Macy Gruhn, Aspinwall Achievers
- Champion Commercial Breeding Gilt Heavy Weight: Kane Boyle, Boyer Rooters
- Champion Crossbred Market Gilt Lightweight: Keagan Eischeid, Aspinwall Achievers
- Champion Junior Swine Showmanship: Mya Hinners, Westside 4-H
- Champion Intermediate Swine Showmanship: Avery Sieren, Schleswig Sharks
- Champion Senior Swine Showmanship: Cole Carlson, Denison FFA

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### A new Mexican store in Denison

BY LORENA LÓPEZ ALTAMIRANO



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Francisco Patiño recently opened El Rey (The King), a grocery store located at 529 Highway 39 (in the former Something Unique building).

El Rey (The King) is the new Mexican grocery store located at 529 Highway 39.

Francisco Patiño, 33, said owning a store has been his lifelong dream.

He explained why he chose El Rey as the name for his store.

"When I was a kid, I always thought that when I became an adult, I was going to have a store and call it El Rey, and God granted me that wish. That's why I named it that way."

Patiño said he has products that satisfy everyone's tastes.

"I offer products from all over Central America and Mexico, and if I don't have them, you only have to tell me what you want me to order, and I will gladly get that product."

He said that very soon he will be offering food services inside the store.

"I am only waiting for the extractor fan for the kitchen. I already have experienced staff that will be working

in the restaurant part, offering tacos and one or two specials," Patiño said.

The store is currently offering ice cream treats.

"We have the famous tostilocos, strawberries with cream, and all kinds of ice cream."

Patiño said that the meat department offers a variety of cuts that customers request.

"One of the specialties of our department is that, if the customer buys 40 pounds or more of meat, we give them a considerable discount," he said, "in addition to the fact that very often we put specials on the prices of the meat, and throughout the store."

The young businessman said he is very happy with the support he has received from the community.

"Not only from Latinos, but also from customers from different cultures who have come to congratulate me."

### Anna Wiges awarded PEO Chapter CO scholarship

Anna Wiges, a 2023 graduate of Denison High School and top female academic graduate, received PEO Chapter CO's scholarship award at graduation in May.

Wiges, who will be majoring in biology at Iowa State University en route to her goal of becoming a pediatric dentist, is excited about all the unknown adventures that she will take along the way.

She said, "I am excited to have some more freedom to figure out my likes and dislikes and what I am passionate about."

Wiges credits the community of Denison for helping her learn to be

compassionate to others. She said that the community is caring and supportive, as a whole, and has helped to shape her into the person she is today.

As a role model for other young women, she had this advice for young women entering high school: "There will always be people and obstacles in your way, but that should never stop you from reaching your goal. You should want it even more."

Wiges looks to Mahatma Gandhi as an inspiration to have accomplished what she has already done and for her future. Her favorite quote is "In a gentle way, you can shake the world."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kathy Struck with PEO Chapter CO presented the organization's scholarship award to Anna Wiges.

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## LULAC Denison awards scholarships

National organization matched local donations

BY DAN MUNDT

The Denison chapter of LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) has awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to area students to help each pursue academic goals.

The winners are Alexander Garcia, Jazmine Iglesias, and Jonathan Valle, who will attend Iowa State University, and Areli Jimenez and Yaretzi Aleman, who will be attending Western Iowa Tech Community College.

"The reason we award scholarships is because part of LULAC's mission is to advance the economic conditions and educational attainment of Latinos," said LULAC Denison President Alma Puga.

"We do fundraisers throughout the year to support these scholarships. Our biggest fundraiser has been the Immigrant Heritage Festival that brought in over \$6,000 last year, and this year it brought in over \$8,000."

LULAC Denison awarded two \$1,000 scholarships in 2021 and three in 2022.

"The number we award each year is based on how much we raise locally," Puga said. "Every LULAC fundraiser throughout the year; we send that money to LULAC national and corporate donors match it."

The national LULAC organization matched local funds at 60% this year.

"We sent in a check of \$3,150 and we received \$1,890 from corporate donors, which allowed us to give out five \$1,000 scholarships to five applicants," she said.

The scholarship application process begins in February, when students are invited to fill out applications.

"A group of committee members chooses the winners based on academic performance, community service, extracurricular activities and need based on income and some other factors," Puga said.

She said she is proud of the scholarship winners.

"I feel as president, and as a first-generation college student, it inspires me because a lot of these students who apply are first-generation college students and it benefits them to have local scholarships available," Puga said.

LULAC Denison is always seeking donations for the scholarship program.

Puga noted that even though LULAC Denison is a 501(c)(4) and donations to the organization are not eligible for tax benefits, for scholarship donations the organization has formed a partnership with the Crawford County Community Foundation.

"You can donate through them," she said. "They are a 501(c)(3), so you get the tax benefits."

Individuals interested in more information about making a donation may visit [lulacdenison.org/scholarships](http://lulacdenison.org/scholarships) or call Puga at 712-267-4891.

## Tour brings visitors to Denison

PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF



A bus tour organized by Our Iowa Magazine brought 38 people from 11 states to Denison on Tuesday afternoon. The visitors were greeted by Denison Mayor Pam Soseman as they entered the Donna Reed Theater. After a talk on Donna Reed and the history the theater building, the group watched a video of Reed receiving her Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in the movie "From Here to Eternity," which was released 70 years ago in 1953. They also viewed an episode of The Donna Reed Show. The concluding part of the tour in Denison was a visit to the Donna Reed Heritage Museum. Among the attractions was Donna Reed's Academy Award, which had been temporarily moved to the museum from the McHenry House for the tour. More tours from the same bus company are planned for this fall.



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From left, LULAC Denison scholarship winners Jazmine Iglesias, Alexander Garcia, Jonathan Valle, Areli Jimenez. Not pictured - Yaretzi Aleman.



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# Keeping kids safe is No. 1 at Chance Niles Bike Safety Rodeo

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Children and parents gather in the south parking lot at Denison High School at the start of the second annual Chance Niles Bike Safety Rodeo. Niles died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in April 2022. His family started the bike safety rodeo to memorialize him.



Officer Nick Groth with the Denison Police Department checks Grace Ellis's bicycle to make sure it is in good shape to ride. Grace is from Kiron and is the daughter of Sam Ellis, Denison Parks & Rec programs coordinator.



This youngster's name was drawn and he was quick to point out to his father which bike he wanted.



Trinity Niles, daughter of Chance Niles, stops at a pretend railroad crossing. Brian Smith teaches her how to make sure it is OK to ride over the crossing.



Brian Smith sits on a special bicycle donated by UPS while he auctions it off Saturday evening at the Washington Park bandshell. The bike sold for \$400; Smith bought it himself. The money goes to help the family of Chance Niles. The showing of the movie "Top Gun: Maverick" at night was the finale to activities in Washington Park.



Gianna Perez, of Omaha, receives directions from Sam Ellis at the bike safety rodeo. Her parents are friends of Victor Paz, brother to Martha Niles. They came to Denison to support their friend and the Niles family.



Sam Ellis, Denison Parks & Rec programs coordinator, helps youngsters find a helmet to wear. A total of 25 bicycle helmets and 18 bikes were the prizes for the drawing at the Chance Niles Bike Safety Rodeo. The rodeo took place Saturday morning, and the drawing began at 6 p.m. that day at the Washington Park bandshell. Helmets and bikes and/or the money to purchase helmets and bikes, were all donated.