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Never a dull moment

Dow City Fun Day is Sunday

BY DAN MUNDT

"We have all kinds of new fun things this year," said Dustin Durbin, President of the Dow City Community Club and spokesperson for the Dow City Fun Day that will take place this Sunday.

"There's something for everybody to do."

The Brasel Building will be the location of the Firemen's Breakfast (with pancakes, eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy) starting at 7 a.m. and the American Legion will sell popcorn and shaved ice from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Classic Car Show begins at 9 a.m. by Defiance State Bank; winners will be announced at 3 p.m.

"We had about 70 cars last year and we hope to get just as many this year," Durbin said.

A corn bag tournament will take place at Cheers Bar and Grill at 1 p.m.

Activities at the park will include a volleyball tournament at 10 a.m. and kids' games from 1 to 3 p.m.

One new attraction at the park will be a Ferris wheel, provided by Cogdill Farm Supply, from 1 to 3 p.m.

"That's going to be a lot of fun," Durbin said.

Also at the park, a money sand pile dig (for small to large denominations) will take place at 2 p.m., and a pedal tractor pull and a cake walk will take place at 3 p.m.

"Some of the kids run off with their cake once they get it," Durbin said. "It should be called the cake run instead of the cake walk."

The Community Club will provide hot dogs, chips and a soda for \$5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the park.

A variety of other foods will be available during the day.

"O'Meara's will be open most of the day and Flaco's Tacos will open at 11 (a.m.)," he said.

The Dow City Community Club will put on a silent auction from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., a bake sale/vendor sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will sell buffalo burgers at 11 a.m.

"There are so many food choices, this year," Durbin said. "I think it will be a lot of fun for families and kids. If you have a picky eater, you're still going to be able to find something."

The Fire Department will provide a dunk tank starting at 1 p.m.

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A ride in the country



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

A family enjoys a ride down the lane at the Kevin and Diane Fineran farm on 253rd Street where their son, Grant, organized the second annual Market at the Farm on Saturday. Dan Schroeder, of Schleswig, is the driver. See more photos inside.

Tri City BBQ Fest is two weeks away

Experienced volunteers help bridge the gap

BY DAN MUNDT

The annual Tri City BBQ Fest was dealt a setback three weeks ago when Shani Bonner, the Crawford County Tourism Coordinator, gave two weeks notice that she would leave her position; she had been the lead organizer of the 2023 Tri City BBQ Fest, which will take place on September 15 and 16.

That left Mariah Nutt, office manager for the Chamber & Development Council (CDC) of Crawford County office, as the only employee of the office as new CDC Executive Director Paul Plumb didn't start until August 9.

The Tri City BBQ Fest is a production of the CDC, which has a 15-member board of directors.

"The board stepped in and took care of a lot of things that needed to happen," Plumb said.

"I'm a rookie at this so I could be totally wrong, but I think it's falling

into place."

"I think we're doing well at this point," Nutt said.

The community's previous experience with the BBQ fest is one of the reasons the event has stayed on track.

"We've been meeting with the BBQ, PAGE 3



Mary Poppins cast is set

BY DAN MUNDT

"We had a great turnout for auditions and I'm really excited about our final cast list," said Denison High School (DHS) language arts teacher Laurel Olsen. "It was very difficult making some of the choices, as it always is, and we had some surprises but it was very successful."

The Denison Community School District puts on a community musical, featuring students and adult members of the community, every four years; "Mary Poppins" is the 2023 production.

Going into the audition night on Monday, the biggest question for Olsen concerned who would be cast in the title role.

"I didn't know if any community members would try out for the role of Mary Poppins, so it was probably my biggest surprise that we ended up with a community member in the role," Olsen said.

Beth Vogt, of Dow City, landed the role of Mary Poppins.

"I felt she really captured the mannerisms as far as her forceful yet polite personality and I think she had a warmth and a genuine polish to her performance," Olsen said. "Everyone who auditioned for the role did a great job, but she stood out."

Olsen said another surprise was the number of students who auditioned for the parts of the children, Jane and Michael.

"I was happy to see that we had lots of kids interested in the parts, and it was a difficult choice because all of them had fun at the auditions and were fun to watch," she said. "It somewhat came down to the combination of characters and ages because Jane is supposed to be older than Michael and you want them to fit well together."

DHS vocal teacher Kandice Thompson, who is co-directing the musical with Olsen, made the final decision in casting the children.

"We each listed our top two or three choices for each role and then we saw who overlapped between our top choices," Olsen said. "If there was ever a question for a singing part then I usually let her have the final say because the singing is a huge part of musicals."

Claire Olsen, an 8th grade student, was cast as Jane; fifth grade student Seth Ullrich was cast as Michael.

"It makes me nervous because one of them is my own child," Olsen said.

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Get moving

Neu-Fit/West Iowa Martial Arts helps people be active

BY DAN MUNDT

"My goal is to try to get people moving," said Anne Neumann. "If you don't move, you age quickly. Very quickly."

Anne is the owner of Neu-Fit/West Iowa Martial Arts in Denison, which is where she teaches a variety of fitness activities that help people get moving.

She initially began learning Taekwondo about 20 years ago.

"I have four boys, and my second son was in dance class," Anne said. "After a while, you can tell when it's not going well when they kind of shuffle and stand there, so I said to him, 'We should probably try something different.'"

She took her son to Taekwondo

classes with instructor Steve Englehart, who taught classes in the building Anne now owns at 1316 First Avenue North, which was formerly owned by the Masons and long before that was the town's original opera house.

"I watched for about a month and then I thought, 'Well, I can do this,'" Anne said.

She started to take classes and soon was teaching Taekwondo.

When Englehart left Denison, Anne took over the space on the main floor of the building for her own Taekwondo and fitness classes.

Two years ago, she purchased the whole building and opened the upstairs space; she uses the lower level for personal training and the upstairs area for Taekwondo.

"We're affiliated with Iowa State University and Grandmaster Yong Chin Pak," Anne said. "My testing is done there. When I test for a higher

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PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Anne Neumann started learning Taekwondo when she was 40, and now holds a third-degree black belt and is a Taekwondo and fitness instructor.

WESCO provides a ducky deal for the community

BY GORDON WOLF

Last Wednesday, the prize money and a donation from the WESCO Industries' Duck Float was presented to Bill Hrabik and the Barn Fundraising Team that is spearheading a Barn Show Arena project at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Each received half of the money raised - \$4,025.

That money came from the sale of 805 ducks at \$10 each. The rubber ducks were released into the Boyer River on July 22. Hrabik's duck came

in first, and he gave the money to his daughter, Amber.

The Duck Float was an idea developed by the Fun Committee at WESCO, which is composed of Donna Schurke, Kenzie Kock, Heather Stapleton, Katie Schurke, Tara Trierweiler, and Megan Sterk.

Clay Adams, executive director of WESCO, wants the Duck Float to be an annual event with proceeds going to the winner and to an organization or project in the community. He mentioned multiple placings for prize money as a possibility for next year's event.

Deidra Brown, assistant director at WESCO added, "The community has given to us, and we wanted to give back to the community."



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Pictured above is the check presentation of the money raised in WESCO Industries' Duck Float that took place on July 22. From left are Bill Hrabik, whose rubber duck floated into first place; Renee Von Glan with the Barn Fundraising Committee; Clay Adams, WESCO executive director; Deidra Brown, WESCO assistant director; Katie Schurke with the WESCO Fun Committee; and Amy Mendenhall and Rhonda Grimm with the Barn Fundraising Committee.

TOPS installs officers



Denison TOPS 454 conducted its installation of officers on August 24. Pictured are the officers, from left: Carolyn Bukacek, leader; Amanda Block, co-leader; Donna Kuehnhold, secretary; Corinne Kinney-Mehaffey, treasurer; Jolene Ketelsen, weight recorder; and Connie Mulligan, assistant weight recorder. Denison TOPS 454, which has been established for more than 40 years, meets at 8 a.m. on Thursdays at the United Presbyterian Church in Denison. For more information, contact Carolyn Bukacek at 712-269-3172.

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Performances of “Mary Poppins” will take place on November 3, 4 and 5

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“That’s sometimes a tricky situation to have but I’m happy with who we cast.”

Another major part that needed the right actor was the mean nanny, Miss Andrew.

“In the original Mary Poppins movie, there’s not really a villain, but in the musical they added more of a villain,” she said. “It’s always fun to play the evil character.”

DHS social science teacher Crystal Holt was cast in the role.

“She had a lot of fun playing that part in auditions and did a great job,” Olsen said.

The role of Bert, the chimney sweep, went to another Olsen, Ethan, who is a junior.

Two high school students, junior Cody Schulte and senior Chloe Koch, were chosen to play the parents, George and Winifred Banks.

“They had great chemistry on stage and I think they really nailed the personalities of the characters,” she said.

Olsen said a fun part of casting for her as the director was to be able to include former students in the cast.

Vogt is a 2004 graduate and 2019 graduate Wesley Salazar will play Von Hussler, one of the bankers.

“It was great to see him because I’ve hardly seen him since graduation,” Olsen said. “I think it’s fun to have

former students come back and be a part of the cast as community members.”

Many of the adult males who auditioned were put in roles in the bank and park scenes.

“Those roles require a little bit less dancing and are easier to schedule around for adults who have busy schedules and maybe don’t want to be at the high school all night every night,” she said.

Olsen said “Feed the Birds” is one of her favorite songs in the musical.

Senior Shelby Kastner, as the Bird Woman, will perform the song.

“I know she will do a beautiful job with it,” she said.

Olsen is excited about the cast and is looking forward to getting started with rehearsals.

“I think that it’s going to be a great show,” she said. “We have a lot of high school students and a lot of elementary and middle school students in it, as well. Hopefully it’s a great introduction to theater for them. It sort of makes my heart race thinking about all the things we have to get done in two months, but it’s going to be good.”

Other members of the main cast include Mindy Thongvanh, Adonay Arellano, Aaron Ratliff, Isabel Jepsen, Michael Phipps, Leila Jaime, Christell Salazar, Taryn Oxendale, Oscar Corona, Bailey Miller, Charlye Cervantes, Cooper Gehlsen, Maite Arreola, Violet Christensen, and Steve Holt.

The first read-through of the musical will be tonight, Thursday, August 31.

Rehearsals begin on Monday evening.

Performances of “Mary Poppins” will take place on November 3, 4 and 5.

Tri City BBQ Fest begins on Friday, September 15

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people that have done this before and it’s been really smooth,” he said. “They come in and say, ‘Well, this is how we do it.’ They know what they’ve done before and they’re excited to do it again.”

2023 marks the ninth year of the festival; the tagline this year is “Party like it’s BBQ #9.”

Nutt has been working to bring him up to speed on the festival and all its moving parts.

“Mariah has been keeping me in line,” Plumb said.

Nutt said the remaining tasks include organizing the volunteer teams, finalizing the event layout, creating signage and making sure sponsorship perks are fulfilled.

She said a few additional people have been brought on board as managers in recent weeks. Nan Bornhoft, manager of the Denison H&R Block office, is the volunteer manager of the volunteer crews.

“That really helps us and takes a load off our backs,” Nutt said. “We’re happy with the results, but we can always use more volunteers. You can never have too many.”

Individuals interested in signing on as a volunteer may do so at <https://tricitybbqfestvolunteers.volunteershift.com/shifts> or by stopping by the CDC office at 109 North Main Street in Denison.

“We have meetings coming up with all the volunteer managers – for them to tell me what they’re doing and for me to explain what’s new that we have going on,” Plumb said.

As of Wednesday, 22 teams had signed up for the Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) BBQ competition.

“We’re still getting in forms for our teams; we need 26 teams to be sanctioned with KCBS and hopefully we’ll hit that number soon,” Nutt said.

Organizing the competition also

involves making sure the event layout accommodates the setup areas for all of the teams.

The 2023 Tri City BBQ Fest begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 15, when the food court, beer garden and Kids Zone open.

The band In Due Time is the opening act on Friday, also starting at 5 p.m. Arch Allies will follow at 7 p.m. with Tribute to Jenni Rivera by Cintas Acuario performing for the night’s afterparty beginning at 10:30 p.m. A previously-released schedule listed the Jenni Rivera Tribute as playing on Saturday night.

The Saturday portion of the BBQ fest begins with the WESCO 5K Fun Run at 10 a.m., which is also when the Kids Zone reopens. A quilt show/sale will start at 10 a.m. at the McHenry House.

Food vendors and the beer garden will open at 11 a.m.

At noon, the Hog Wild Car Show will begin in the Safety Zone just north of United Bank of Iowa; an awards ceremony for the car show will take place at 4:30 p.m.

Spider-Man, a mermaid and Cinderella, of Magical Moments Characters, will visit the festival through 3 p.m.

The Boyer River Band will kick off the music portion of the event at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The People’s Choice BBQ contest judging will take place at 2:30 p.m. with an awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

Daniel and the Deliverance will take the stage at 3 p.m.; Decoy will play at 5 p.m.

At 3:30 p.m., Omaha Circus Arts Fire Breathing Show will give the first of four performances in the Kids Zone; the other performances will be at 5:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Tyler Rich will perform at 7 p.m. and Adam Doleac, the evening’s co-headliner along with Rich, will begin at 9 p.m.

KDSN Radio will play host for an afterparty running from 10:30 p.m. to midnight.

“It’s going to be a great time with beer, barbecue and bands,” Nutt said.

Karaoke on the street from 8 to 11 p.m.

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“A big, fun thing we’re doing in the afternoon is the Brisket and Tri Tip Cookoff,” Durbin said.

The cookoff will begin at 3 p.m. at GLC Beef Store and is sponsored by GLC Beef and O’Meara’s.

GLC Beef will also provide meat for

grilling.

The entry fee is \$20 and cash prizes of \$500 will be awarded.

“One of the main street acts for the evening is Karaoke by Kandy (on Main Street), from 8 to 11 p.m.,” he said. “Who doesn’t like to sing karaoke on the street?”

Durbin said visiting Dow City Fun Day will be a great way for families to spend their Sunday.

“It would be surprising to me if you can’t find something fun to do,” he said. “There won’t be a dull moment.”

LAND TRANSACTIONS

August 18-24, 2023

Warranty Deeds

• Paul R. Schumacher to Gage Michael Miller, Lots 1 and 2 Block 3, Schleswig Naeve’s Addition; \$130,950.

• Manilla Economic Development Corporation to Little Hawks Childcare Center, Lots 2, 3 and 4 Block 31, Manilla Original Town.

• Paul A. Hansen and Ladonna A. Hansen Family Revocable Trust, Nicholas P. Hansen, Trustee, to Nicholas P. Hansen, N1/2 NE1/4 Section 34, Soldier Township.

• Charles R. Harm and Nola R. Harm to Steven E. Schultz and Brandee J. Schultz, Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 Block 4, Kiron Original Town; \$10,000.

Court Officer Deed

• Lyle L. Marquardt Estate, Toni Marquardt, Executor, to Jose Barroso Vargas and Marilu Fonceca Renteria, Lots 11A and 12, Denison Morningside 2nd Addition; \$163,500.

Quit Claim Deed

• Raymond Willson and Norma Willson to Tammy J. Boell, Lots 3 and 4 Block 53, Denison Original Town.

Federal Tax Lien

• Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, to Chris Polley; \$33,748.44.

ISU EXTENSION NEWS

Food safety certification class with Spanish interpreter in Denison

Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach is offering a Spanish language food safety training for food service managers on Monday, September 18, at ISU Extension and Outreach in Denison.

“Certification in ServSafe meets the Iowa Food Code requirements to have a certified food protection manager in all establishments,” said Renee Sweers, class instructor and ISU Extension and Outreach human sciences specialist in food and health. “This class is being offered with a Spanish interpreter. The class manual and exam are also in Spanish language.”

According to Sweers, the program is based on the National Restaurant Association’s ServSafe certification program and the Iowa Food Code. The class is beneficial for foodservice managers from all areas such as schools, restaurants, convenience stores, child care, senior meal sites and health care. Participants will receive a copy of the ServSafe Manager training manual and will take the ServSafe certification exam.

Register online for the program at <https://go.iastate.edu/A9U9CV>.

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Local Calendar

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Stories & Cuentos at the Children's Library, Norelius Community Library, 10 a.m. A new storytime, designed for families, will be filled with songs, rhymes and stories in English and Spanish, followed by a craft or other activity.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

Euchre night at Ricketts, 7-8 p.m. at Ricketts Community Building. Join in on a fun 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.

Color Me Calm, 5:30 p.m., Norelius Community Library Fireside Room for persons 19 and older, and at the Children's Library for families and teens.

Family & Teen Coloring, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Norelius Community Library. Families and teens will meet in the Children's Library for a fun time of coloring and crafts from the Maker Table.

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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

Euchre Night at Charter Oak, Charter Oak Community Building, 7 p.m. Join a fun night of card playing with the game Euchre. (Need no partners before the game. You will be "partnered" up randomly throughout the night.)

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

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

Anime Club for ages 12-18, Norelius Community Library Fireside Room, 5:30 p.m.



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By Suzi Blume, Office Administrator

Funeral Notices

Monte Lapel
Memorial services for Monte Lapel, 83, of Vail, were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 31, at United Presbyterian Church in Vail with visitation two hours prior to the service.

He died Thursday, August 24, at Gracewell in Denison.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Lapel of Vail; daughter, Tracey Lapel and her fiancé, Russ Kennebeck, of Vail; sons, Jerry Lapel of Wall Lake, Gene Lapel of Amarillo, Texas, and Todd Lapel of Lansing; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Services are entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Cowan to discuss her book at Denison library

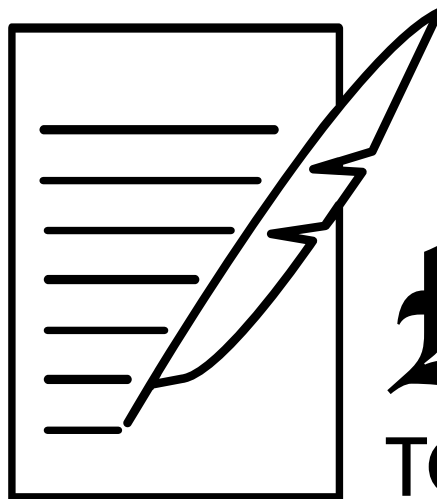
Michelle (Blum) Cowan will visit Norelius Community Library in Denison at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, to discuss her book, "Better Not Bitter." She will also sign copies of the book. Cowan is a lifelong resident of Iowa. Her book takes the reader on a journey of love, loss, power, influence, courage, honor, and deep brokenness following the death of her husband, Joe Cowan, in 1991. Cowan's book seeks to bring hope for a chance of a new normal, a time of restoration, and living with permission granted.

Filing period open for city, school board candidates

The election of city and school board candidates will take place on Tuesday, November 7. The filing period opened on August 28 and will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 1. Following are the City of Denison and Denison Community School District positions that are up for election and

the individuals who currently fill those positions.

City of Denison
Mayor: Pamela Soseman
At-Large: Gregory Miller
At-Large: Jessica Garcia (due to vacancy)
Second Ward: John Granzen Sr.
Denison Community School Board
Dr. Derek Lambert
Kris Rowedder



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Classes are organized by age

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belt rank, that's where I'll be going."

Anne currently holds a third-degree black belt; she will likely test for a higher rank in December, she said.

She didn't start out with plans for owning her own fitness business.

Anne grew up in Denison and is a 1983 Denison High School graduate.

After attending Golden West College in California for a few years, she returned to Iowa and went to Western Iowa Tech for a dental assistant certification.

"I'm not opposed to dental assisting - it just didn't work out for me," Anne said. "When I lived in Sioux City, I couldn't find a full-time job as a dental assistant, so I ended up working for MCI Telecommunications."

She and her husband, Dale, lived in Kiron for a while before moving to Denison 25 years ago.

Life's unpredictability is one reason she encourages everyone to be active.

Dale died in 2021 at age 67.

"Life is too short," Anne said. "You just need to do it; you need to be active."

Her youngest son is 16 and still in high school.

Anne said she works to keep her fitness classes affordable so anyone can take them.

To make ends meet, she works part time at ID Apparel in Denison.

Her Taekwondo classes are organized by age: kids from age four to six are in the dragon class; kids from six or seven to 11 are in the tiger class.

"And I offer a senior or family class," Anne said. "If there is an older sibling that has a younger sibling, they would come to the senior class and they'd just bring the younger sibling. I say 'family' because sometimes parents can't make two different trips for their child, so I just put them together."



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

This is the Taekwondo training area at Neu-Fit/West Iowa Martial Arts in Denison. The building was Denison's original opera house.

She also offers a kettlebell exercise group, kickboxing and kettlebell kickboxing classes, and weightlifting.

Anne recently started a program called "Renew Your Strength."

"That's at the Methodist Church; I have it there because some of them cannot do the steps (at her building)," she said.

Anne rents a space from the church to provide fitness activities for seniors.

"We use stretching bands, light weights and then we also use weighted balls," she said. "We do that two days a week and we have a light lunch after

that."

"Renew Your Strength" is a mission project for the church, but anyone is welcome to join, she said.

Neu-Fit is also affiliated with the Hold Fast Ruck Club.

A ruck is a weighted backpack that increases physical exertion while walking.

"We walk instead of running because a lot of people's joints are shot," she said. "It gives you a little extra cardio with the walking."

Sometimes fun wrinkles are added to rucks.

"We did a 'cooler ruck' where we dragged a cooler full of beer around Yellow Smoke and then we grilled," Anne said.

She has also taught self-defense classes for students in local schools and for businesses.

Anne encourages anyone of any age to find a way to get active.

"You can't just sit," she said. "No matter what you choose to do, whether it's just a light walk or stretching bands, light weights, heavy weights, rowing; whatever you love to do, you need to do it."

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Super blue moon




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A "blue moon" isn't really blue. The term is used to describe the third full moon in a season with four full moons. The full moon peaked this week on Wednesday night. This was also a "supermoon" because the full moon took place when the moon was in a closer part of its elliptical orbit around the Earth. This picture is from early Wednesday morning, about 15 hours before it became full.

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The students and the senator

Grassley fields questions at high school

BY GORDON WOLF

When fielding questions asked by a group of Denison High School juniors and seniors on Monday in the school's Fine Arts Center, the best was saved for last, in the view of U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley.

The last question basically asked what young people can do to reduce the national debt and referred to statements Grassley had made earlier on the same subject.

One of the statements was that people his age won't have to worry about the debt because they won't be around to pay it off. He said that young people should be concerned.

Grassley, who has served in the U.S. Senate since 1980, will turn 90 on September 17.

"For a group of this age, that's probably the most important question that can be asked today, because it's a burden that's going to be hanging over them (young people) for a long period of time," said the senator.

The national debt is \$32.1 trillion, according to treasury.gov.

"No. 1, write your senator and congressman and tell them to not spend more money than they take in," was Grassley's first bit of advice.

He said that working with a balanced budget can be done, using Iowa as an example.

The state's 99% limit on general fund expenditures was passed in 1992, and Iowa law requires the governor to submit a budget and the general assembly to pass a budget that meets that spending limit.

Grassley told the students that he had voted three or four times for a constitutional amendment that would require a balanced federal budget.

"I guess if you believe process of representative government, if you want something done, you have to get it done

in Washington, D.C., and get on your congressman or senator to not spend more money than you bring in," he said.

Grassley's visit to the school was part of his annual tour of Iowa's 99 counties. He said he visits 10-12 schools each year.

"It's important for me to go to high schools because I never get people under 18 years of age to come to my town meetings," he explained.

Students spent just more than 50 minutes with Grassley in a mostly question-and-answer session.

A student asked Grassley if Donald Trump should suspend his campaign for president, given the recent indictment filed against him.

"You have to let the indictment play out," Grassley responded. "We have a judicial system that will make that determination and we have to accept it."

As for running for office while indicted, he answered, "That's something for him to determine and he's determined that he's going to run."

But he added that campaigning while indicted will be a burden.

"On my way over here, I heard that one of the court appearances he (Trump) has is going to be the day before Super Tuesday," Grassley said.

Super Tuesday is tentatively set for March 5 next year, with 13 states conducting Republican primaries.

"It's very difficult to answer your question because we have to wait and see how this plays out," Grassley added later.

He was asked which is the best president he has served under, first in the House and then in the Senate. There have been nine - Ford, Carter, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton, George W. Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden.

His selection was Reagan "because he focused on three or four big issues and didn't try to cover the whole gamut."

The president that he likes the most out of the nine is George W. Bush "because I think he's more like us Iowans. He's lived in Texas all his life but think he's more like you and I are, in the Midwest."

Another student asked about changes



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley answers questions during a visit to Denison High School on Monday.

in constituents over the past 40 years. The short answer was partisanship, which he said has increased in the past 10 years.

"First of all, there is too much partisanship. I'm not denying that. It's not quite as bad as you think it is because journalists - TV, social media and cable television, big city newspapers - always stress the disagreements, so you get the impression that Republicans never speak to Democrats and that there's some people you don't even speak to," Grassley said. "There's not a single senator I dislike, and I don't think any senator dislikes me, Republican or Democrat, and if they do, I don't want to know who they are."

He explained that the Senate drives the need for bipartisanship with 51 Democrats and 49 Republicans. To get passed, a bill needs co-sponsors from both parties.

One student wanted to know why there was not more discussion in Congress on immigration. Grassley said February 2018 was the last time the Senate had a debate about immigration. His view is that President Biden is not enforcing the laws at the southern border, which has poisoned the discussion on the immigration issue.

"There are a lot of immigration issues, like the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) kids, unskilled and skilled workers, professional people like doctors and engineers. Those are needed immigration issues that ought to be discussed," he said. "And it's sad because we should be discussing immigration and should solve some of those problems. Those issues that I brought up could easily be solved."

Asked about the measure of a president's success, Grassley responded, "I think you have to wait for 10 or 15 years after they're out of office to really come to a conclusion about success. But since the number one responsibility of the American government is the protection of the American people and defense of our country, maintaining international peace is a goal any president ought to have, at least involving the United States of America."

According to government teacher Crystal Holt, the students who attended Grassley's visit were the seniors in government currently enrolled in fall classes. Other students were in the current events class and could be juniors or seniors. She said students were not required to attend and volunteered to attend.

Soccer and a movie



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Soccer proved to be a big attraction at Washington Park on Saturday, even when the movie "Luca" was playing. The event was a Movies in the Park night.

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Youngsters play soccer at Washington Park. Lines for the soccer field, along with a kickball field and a small football field, had been mowed into the grass at the park at the request of Trevor Urich, principal at Broadway Elementary. Students at the school are using the park as their playground as work on an addition to the building is being staged in the school's playground.

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Grant possibility, RFPs continue to put focus on Washington Park

BY GORDON WOLF

A short noon city council meeting on Tuesday sent Denison in pursuit of a \$20,000 grant to improve and expand basketball courts at Washington Park.

Jennifer Smith first spoke about the Rural Scale-Up Grant at a special council meeting on August 22. The purpose of that meeting was to discuss and authorize requests for proposals (RFPs) for a new playground to replace Kids Kastle, which was demolished last week Monday due to safety concerns.

Smith had a short turnaround to write the grant as she learned of it on August 21, following a Parks & Rec Board meeting.

The special council meeting this week was needed because the grant application deadline was Wednesday of this week.

A \$10,000 match from the city is required if the grant application is successful.

The city would request quotes from local contractors for the following park improvements.

A 30' x 60' concrete slab, 5 inches thick with rebar and a vapor barrier

Two new commercial basketball poles with hoops

The placement of commercial-grade outdoor court surfacing material for the new court and the existing basketball court.

The basketball hoops would be installed with the help of the city's Public Works Department.

The winning bidder would have to start work no later than October 31 this year and complete the work no later than May 31 next year.

The city's new Parks & Rec director, Sam Ellis, is among those hopeful that the grant application will be successful. He said adding a second basketball court at Washington Park also provides another court for pickleball, which is played during the day when school is in session.

Ellis added that he is optimistic about the Washington Park playground project as contractors have already shown a lot of interest. RFPs were sent out to nine vendors, and the majority of them have already responded and asked questions.

In addition, the RFP was posted on the City of Denison's website.

The deadline for vendors to submit proposals is at 4 p.m. on September 18.

The RFP specifies a play system design that will safely fit in an area of approximately 200' x 80'.

Price will not be the only determining factor in the selection of the winning bidder. City officials will also consider the proposal that best serves the interests of the city. Vendors are encouraged to be creative with their designs and to maximize the role of unstructured play in their proposals.

Specifications call for a minimum of three play structures for each age group of 2-5 years old and 6-12 years old, and one large, shared-play area.

The city also wants an area focused on sensory stimulation for children with varying abilities.

Senior Lunch Menu

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

• Friday, September 1: chicken chow Mein, noodles, mixed vegetables, fruit

• Monday, September 4: closed for Labor Day

• Tuesday, September 5: tuna melt sandwich, potato salad, peas, chocolate pudding

• Wednesday, September 6: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, cucumber/tomato salad, fruit cup

• Thursday, September 7: chicken pot pie, bread stick, cottage cheese, strawberries and bananas

• Friday, September 8: apple pork chops, tator tots, broccoli, peaches

COURTHOUSE NEWS

July 28-August 24, 2023

SMALL CLAIMS

• Against: Guillermina Mendoza, Denison. In favor of: Midland Credit Management, Inc. Amount: \$577.67 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: Kayla Potter, Denison. In favor of: H & R Accounts, Inc. Amount: \$5,918.12 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: Caleb Antonio Baca, Sioux City. In favor of: United Bank of Iowa. Amount: \$1,775.26 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: Kelly Dean Tornow, Westside. In favor of: United Bank of Iowa. Amount: \$1,249.15 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: Mario Fernando Martinez, Denison. In favor of: United Bank of Iowa. Amount: \$1,089.48 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: Niki Stoltze, Schleswig. In favor of: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC. Amount: \$1,995.81 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: James Andrew Blair, Deloit and Ronda Renee Blair, Deloit. In favor of: Hawkeye Adjustment Service. Amount: \$560.57 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: Andrew J. Samuelson, Westside and Carissa J. Samuelson, Westside. In favor of: Nebraska Furniture Mart. Amount: \$2,918.23 with prejudgment interest of \$234.58 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: Gloria Madera Ramirez, Denison. In favor of: Capital One NA. Amount: \$1,980.23 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: Bruce Stephen Raymie II, Denison. In favor of: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC. Amount: \$673.66 plus \$190 costs.

• Against: James Boo, Denison. In favor of: Accredited Collection Service Inc. Amount: \$3,945.98 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: Jocelin Ivett Portillo, Denison. In favor of: United Bank of Iowa. Amount: \$1,156.13 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: James Robert Briggs, Arcadia. In favor of: Auto Sales San Juan LLC. Amount: \$6500 plus \$130 costs.

• Against: Jonathan Robles, Denison. In favor of: Denison Municipal Utilities. Amount: \$463.69 plus \$115 costs.

• Against: Cory Gail Hess, Denison. In favor of: Denison Municipal Utilities. Amount: \$776.94 plus \$115 costs.

• Against: Sara Lynn Barnhart, Manilla. In favor of: Hauge Associates Inc. Amount: \$1,295.44 plus \$95 costs.

NON-SCHEDULED TRAFFIC FINES

• Rogelio Valdez Zarazua, Denison, failure to obey stop or yield sign, \$215.25.

TRAFFIC FINES

• Danell Lee Troxel, Logan, operation without registration card or plate, \$175.75.

• Avery Joanmarie Behrendsen, Ida Grove, dark window or windshield, \$175.75.

• Eva M. Garduno, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.00.

• Richard Heath Gorden, Omaha, NE, failure to provide proof of financial liability, \$615.63.

• Haile Gebreyesus Abreha, Denison, leave scene of accident, property damage only, \$210.25.

• Christopher Lee Shelton, Charter Oak, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.

• Michael Carl Malone, Denison, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.

• Melvin Clem Renze, Manning, failure to yield upon entering through highway, \$210.25.

• John Andrew Hanson, Kirkman, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.

• Christopher Joseph Conto, Denison, fail to obey stop or yield sign, \$287.88.

• Ada Sanchez, Denison, failure to have a valid license or permit for operation of motor vehicle, \$285.00.

• Jerrod Craig Johannsen, Schleswig, failure to display registration plate,

\$106.75.

• Chad Richard Langenfeld, Denison, dark window or windshield, \$175.75.

• Ulises Alexande Lucas Lopez, Columbus, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.

• Mateo Juan Francisco, Omaha, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.

• Isabelle Delove Schulte, Dow City, failure to maintain control, \$210.25.

• Derek James Kardell, Audubon, failure to comply with safety regulations rules, \$135.50.

• Derek James Kardell, Audubon, operation by unqualified driver, \$135.50

• Yovana Abigail Terrones, Sioux City, failure to obey traffic control device, \$210.25.

• Kerri Ann Gray, Castana, operating non-registered vehicle, \$175.75.

• Marlon David Ortez Quintanilla, Denison, failure to have a valid license or permit for operation of motor vehicle, \$285.

• Marco Antonio Alcazar Corona Jr., Denison, violation of graduated driver license condition, \$135.50.

• Andrew Michael Lyman, Sioux City, trespass, first offense, \$354.

• Kristoffer Michael Knerl, Glidden, dark window or windshield, \$175.75.

• Jonathan Fabian Segura Avina, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$503.50.

• Jonathan Fabian Segura Avina, Denison, operating non-registered vehicle, \$175.75.

• Mollie Christine Wills, Logan, dark window or windshield, \$175.75.

• Randy R. Stoberl, Manning, maximum group axle weight violation, 3001 to 4000 pounds over, \$331.

• Randy R. Stoberl, Manning, maximum gross weight violation, 4001 to 5000 pounds over, \$270.64.

• Randy R. Stoberl, Manning, maximum group axle weight violation, 3001 to 4000 pounds over, \$331.00.

• Robert J. McGinnis, Riverton, KS, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.

• Rodolfo Salas Garcia, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.

• Diana Negrete, Denison, failure to provide proof of financial liability, accident, \$1,167.63.

• Steven Mark Nelsen, Jefferson, operating non-registered vehicle, \$135.50.

• Timothy Micheal Springman, Portsmouth, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.

• Richard D. Krueger, Denison, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.

• Paul Frederick Nelson, Merville, failure to obey stop or yield sign, \$210.25.

• Cesar Alexander Gomez Pascual, Denison, failure to have a valid license or permit for operation of motor vehicle, \$285.

• Bryan Enrique Pascual, Denison, permit unauthorized minor to drive, \$354.

• Joel Carrizales Martinez, Denison, improper use of registration, \$354.

SPEEDING 21 MPH OR OVER

• Matthew Ferguson, Manilla, \$374.13.

• Anthony Steven Vail, Vail, AZ, \$336.75.

• John Anthony St. Patrick, Omaha, NE, \$221.75.

SPEEDING 16 THRU 20 MPH OVER

• Mateo Juan Francisco, Omaha, NE, \$193.

SPEEDING 11 THRU 15 MPH OVER

• Danell Lee Troxel, Logan, \$236.13.

• Matthew Ferguson, Manilla, \$236.13.

• Kenneth Wayne Klocke, Templeton, \$175.75.

• Scott David Shriver, Jefferson, \$175.75.

• Carter Alan Weiss, Schleswig, \$175.75.

• James Dean Lemon, Denison, \$175.75.

• Zachary Michael Schmitz, Sioux City, \$175.75.

• Juan Jose Flores, Denison, \$175.75.

• Roy Dean Olsen, Sioux City, \$175.75.

SPEEDING 6 THRU 10 MPH OVER

• Rudy Thomas Holguin, Denison, \$149.88.

• Dylan James Huston, Charter Oak, \$118.25.

• Tracy Lynn Broderick, Omaha, NE, \$118.25.

• Gage Michael Teut, Denison, \$118.25.

• Oralia Saldana, Denison, \$149.88.

• Warren Alex Hass, Denison, \$149.88.

• Jackie Ann Evers, Sac City, \$118.25.

• Carrie J. Kanne, Omaha, NE, \$118.25.

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• Nathan A. Stocker, Manilla, \$118.25.

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• Troy Michael Uhl, Mapleton, \$118.25.

• Shawn Duane Hamann, Rodney, \$118.25.

• Luis Angel Garcia Rubio, Denison, \$118.25.

• Thomas Isaac Scott Locklear, Westside, \$118.25.

• Merlyn German Fuentes, Denison, \$118.25.

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• Tuang Pu, Baton Rouge, LA, \$89.50.

• Maribel Garcia Diaz, Schleswig, \$89.50.

• Jonathan Steven Salguero, Denison, \$89.50.

• Grant Philip Clothier, Fort Worth, TX, \$89.50.

• Omar Barrios Alarcon, Schuyler, NE, \$89.50.

• Celia Leon Gonzalez, Denison, \$89.50.

• Angele E. Segovia Velazquez, Fremont, NE, \$89.50.

• David Jesus Ayala, Carroll, \$89.50.

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Accident in Fremont County claims life of one, injures two

A motorcycle accident in Fremont County on Saturday night claimed the life of 39-year-old Andy Lee Wiese, of Silver City, and injured Janelle Lois Wiese, 70, of Corning, and Adam Ryan Wiese, 44, of Denison.

According to the Iowa State Patrol report, Andy and Adam Wiese were riding motorcycles on Bluff Road between 242nd Avenue and 190th Street when several deer entered the roadway, causing the motorcycle operators to take evasive action.

During the evasive action, Andy Wiese's motorcycle sustained a wheel malfunction to its sidecar, causing it to lose control. Andy Wiese and Janelle Wiese, the passenger, were ejected. Adam Wiese laid his motorcycle down on its side, and he was ejected from the vehicle.

Janelle Wiese and Adam Wiese were transported the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha by Lifenet. Andy Wiese was pronounced deceased at the scene.

ON THE SCANNER

August 10, 5:41 a.m.: Deputy Christensen with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a single-vehicle accident that happened just south of Denison on Highway 59. The deputy said he was on duty and was traveling south on Highway 59 when he observed a vehicle with its flashers on in the east ditch. As he approached the vehicle, he saw it had hit a road sign and that the vehicle sustained damage. The driver's window was down approximately six inches. When he spoke with the driver, Raul Duarte Cruz, 22, of Denison, the deputy could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. The driver's eyes were bloodshot and watery, and he admitted to consuming three beers. Cruz was taken to the sheriff's office for testing. After consenting to a breath test, he registered .213% on the Data Master. Cruz was charged with OWI-1st offense, no insurance and failure to maintain control. The case was cleared by arrest.

August 12, 2:45 a.m.: The Crawford County Ambulance was called to a residence in the 1200 block of Broadway, Denison, for a medical incident.

August 17, 8:14 p.m.: Deput Specketer with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a vehicle vs. calf accident that happened at E16 and Highway 39. Melvin Edward Berger, 72, of Westside, was driving a tan 2004 Ford F150 pickup. He stated that a calf had come out of the south ditch and went across the road, trying to get back to the field on the other side where there were some cows. Berger said he was unable to avoid hitting the calf. The deputy estimated the damage to the vehicle at \$6,000 to \$10,000. The calf was dead on the arrival of the deputy.

August 20, 10 a.m.: Lt. Kluender with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened in the parking lot at the Schleswig Golf Course Clubhouse. Lila Mae Bubke, 63, of Schleswig, was driving a white 2017 Ford Edge. She pulled in and parked along the south side of the clubhouse. When she went to leave, she backed up, turned too quickly and backed into the driver's door of an unoccupied black 2013 Chevrolet Avalanche. The Avalanche was legally parked within the painted lines of the golf course parking lot. The Avalanche received \$2,500 damage. Bubke's vehicle received \$1,800 damage.

August 20, 10:18 a.m.: Deputy Henningsen with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened at Highway 141 and 380th Street. Nancy Ann Simonsen, 68, of Manilla, was driving a silver 2008 Chevrolet Impala. She was going to turn north onto 380th St. from Highway 141. Simonsen said she did not see a silver 2021 Peterbilt semi being driven by Jonathan David Kent, 46, of Corydon. The semi struck the front passenger side of Simonsen's car causing disabling damage of \$8,500. The semi also sustained disabling damage of approximately \$25,000. Simonsen was transported to the Manning hospital by the Manning ambulance. Kent was not injured. Simonsen's vehicle was towed by Waderich Towing and the semi was towed by Paul and Waynes of Carroll. Simonsen was cited for not having a driver's license.

August 21, 9:19 p.m.: Deputy Ten Eyck with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a report of

shots being heard and a missing stop sign at 290th Street and J Avenue. The reporting party said the stop sign had been there before dark. The deputy met a vehicle on a Level B road and turned around but could not locate the vehicle.

August 22, 3:39 p.m.: The Crawford County Sheriff's Office reported a minor traffic accident at Highway 39 and D Avenue, Kiron. Brian Fries, of Kiron, ran into the back of a vehicle being driven by Areli Jimenez Saldana as she attempted to make a left turn onto D Avenue from Highway 39. Fries was cited for failure to stop in an assured distance.

August 23, 9:51 p.m.: The Crawford County Ambulance was called to a residence in Dunlap for a medical incident. The ambulance had been requested to tier with Dunlap Rescue.

August 23, 10:16 p.m.: The Crawford County Ambulance was called to the Yellow Smoke Park campgrounds for a medical incident.

August 24, 2:12 p.m.: Monona County reported an erratic driver traveling east on E16 from Mapleton.

August 25, 5:02 p.m.: Chief Deputy Rasmussen with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a call about a dog chasing a person in the 800 block of 6th Street, Manilla. It was explained that the situation had happened more than once and that the dogs run off property without a leash. The dog owner's son will advise his parents and said they would do better. Rasmussen advised that charges would be filed if it happened again.

August 26, 10:18 p.m.: The Crawford County Ambulance was called to a residence in the 1400 block of 3rd Avenue South in Denison for a medical incident.

August 26, 11:45 p.m.: Deputy Specketer with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a call about loud music in Charter Oak. He patrolled the area in each direction but was unable to locate any loud noise.

August 28, 2:20 p.m.: Lt. Kluender with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office is investigating a report of damaged or stolen road signs in the northwest section of Crawford County. The signs missing are the following:

- Winding road sign at 120th Street and M Avenue
- Side road sign at 200th Street north on H Avenue
- School bus sign eastbound at 200th Street and I Avenue
- Stop sign at 190th Street and F Avenue
- Stop sign at 290th Street and L Avenue
- Minimum maintenance sign and Level B sign at 120th Street and F Avenue
- Three truck signs, all vehicles, on C Avenue
- Object markers and reflectors on a bridge between 150th and 160th streets on B Avenue

August 29, 11:16 a.m.: The Crawford County Ambulance and Charter Oak Ambulance were called to the 1900 block of 140th Street, Charter Oak, for a medical incident.

August 29, 11:28 a.m.: A warrant was served on Andrew Michael Lyman in a case on the original charge of trespass, first offense, which occurred on June 18.

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In Remembrance



Emeline Charlyn (Schultz) Gustafson

January 4, 1930 - August 25, 2023

Emeline passed away Friday, August 25, 2023 at Gracewell in Denison, Iowa.

Emeline Charlyn (Schultz) Gustafson was born in Kiron, Iowa, January 4, 1930, the daughter of Herman C. Schultz and Maria (Kroeger) Schultz.

Emeline was received into God's Kingdom of Grace through the sacrament of Holy Baptism in infancy at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kiron, Stockholm Township, and confirmed there in her Christian faith. As a young adult, Emeline went forward in response to an altar call and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at the Evangelical Free Church of Kiron.

Emeline was raised in Kiron, attended elementary school through eighth grade and graduated from Kiron High School with the class of 1947. On September 8, 1951, Emeline was united in marriage to Melvin E. Gustafson at the Evangelical Free Church in Kiron. Their union was blessed with three children: Rick, Joel, and Cindy

Emeline worked in several cafes in Kiron. Later, together with husband Melvin, operated Gustafson Sundries in Kiron.

Emeline was active at the Evangelical Free Church with various positions in the Women's Organization and as Sunday School pianist over a period of 35 years taking some time off to have three children. When the church disbanded, she and Melvin attended Bethel Lutheran Church in Kiron and became members in 1982. Emeline was in the Bethel Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA, serving and holding various positions on different committees. She served on the Altar Committee with Melvin, the Mutual Ministry Committee, a program committee and other groups including the Kitchen Committee.

Emeline loved spending time with her family and participating in community events.

Besides her parents and husband Melvin, she was preceded in death by six sisters: Florence Wangler, Luella Dixon, Anna Carstensen, Viola Ruess, two sisters in infancy and son Joel Gustafson as well as many friends, nephews and nieces.

Those who remain to cherish her memory are a son, Rick (Vicki) Gustafson, Ogden, daughter-in-law Kim Gustafson, Denison, a daughter Cindy (Tracy) Buck, Breda, and 10 grandchildren. Rick and Vicki's children are Annika Parker, Mikael Gustafson, and Jacklyn Pace. Joel and Kim's children are Chelsea Bachman, Colbie Harberts, Andrew Gustafson, Reggie Gustafson, and Whitney Gustafson. Cindy and Tracy's children are Nicole Bellinghausen and Hilary Ebane; and 17 great grandchildren. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services were held 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Kiron, Iowa. Rev. Kevin Freese officiated the service with interment in the Kiron Cemetery. Organist Margaret Buller provided accompaniment for congregational hymns "Beautiful Savior" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and for soloist Jerry Peterman who sang "Near to the Heart of God" and "Day by Day." Serving as honorary pallbearers were Annika Parker, Rachel Gustafson, Jacklyn Pace, Chelsea Bachman, Colbie Harberts, Heather Gustafson, Whitney Gustafson, Nicole Bellinghausen and Hilary Ebane. Serving as pallbearers were Mikael Gustafson, Andrew Gustafson, Reggie Gustafson, Mark Johnston, Matt Johnston and Brian Plagge. Following the burial, the family invited everyone to return to the church for a time of fellowship and lunch. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



Lois Arlene Ernst

December 27, 1928 - August 19, 2023

Lois Arlene Ernst was born December 27, 1928, the daughter of Bernhard "Ben" and Hilda (Ackelbein) Klinker in Charter Oak, Iowa. Lois, age 94, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Gracewell - Eventide Lutheran Home in Denison, Iowa, after a very brief stay following her move from Silveridge, where she resided for six years.

She was baptized as an infant at St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak, on January 20, 1929, and later confirmed her faith there on April 23, 1943. She received her education at a country school, St. John Lutheran Church School and graduated from Charter Oak High School with the class of 1947.

On December 14, 1947, she was united in marriage to Merle Ernst at St. John's Lutheran Church in Charter Oak, Iowa. They settled on the family farm north of Schleswig and spent their entire married time at this location. The couple was blessed with the birth of five children: Diane, Allen, Denise, Jerry and Donita.

Lois was a farm wife, a homemaker, and a devoted full-time mother lovingly caring for her five children. She enjoyed cooking for big family gatherings, birthday celebrations, and holidays. Lois enjoyed reading, bowling, traveling, gardening, playing cards, listening to contemporary Christian music, but most of all being in the company of her children and grandchildren. She also attended her children and grandchildren's many sporting events and activities. Lois was a kind person who enjoyed giving or helping others when needed. Lois cared for her husband on the farm for 15 years after his stroke. She was a loving and devoted caregiver to him. Family meant everything to her.

Before her husband's stroke, Lois and Merle were able to do some traveling with destinations including Australia, Europe, and numerous trips to Hawaii. They also enjoyed bowling on a mixed league with friends for many years, as well as card clubs. After the closing of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lois and Merle became members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband of 60 years, Merle Ernst, in 2008; daughter, Denise Ernst, in 2007; three brothers: Alvern, Norman, and Ben Jr.; two sisters: Helen Schmidt and Elaine Reitz; and son-in-law, Phil Taylor.

She is survived by two sons: Allen (Cher) Ernst of Wheaton, Illinois, and Jerry (Barb) Ernst of Schleswig; two daughters: Diane Taylor of Parker, Colorado, and Donita (Dan) Mork of Sac City; 11 grandchildren: Dee Dee Fix, Danel Kuhlmann, Jason (Kristen) Ernst, Bryan (Megan) Ernst, Christie (Justin) O'Bryan, Nick Ernst (fiancée, Samantha), Michael (Christina) Queenan, Nicole (Bob) Jurgensen, Ryan (Laura) Ernst, Matt (Ashley) Mork, and Mallory (Wade) Williams; 28 great-grandchildren: Devin (Tommy) Curtis, Tanner and Duncan Smith, Maison Fix, Ciara (Lewis) Wilcox, Civana Kuhlmann, Cassie, Skylee, Justin, Amelia and Jesse Ernst, Jacob, Kaeson, Emery and Aaliyah Ernst, Michael, Dominic, Kendal and Gianna Queenan, Sydnee and Saydee Jurgensen, Whitney and Haley Ernst, Kaleb, Kenna and Kolter Mork, Wyatt Williams, and Joselyn O'Bryan; two step-great-grandchildren: Ben Jurgensen and Emily (Bryce) Strumpfer; four great-great-grandchildren: Davie and Ralston Curtis, Ffion and Freya Wilcox; step-great-granddaughter, Millie Jurgensen; sister-in-law, Audrey (Jim) Munson; many beloved nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held 10:00 A.M. Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig, Iowa. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

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A pickup leaves a wake of dust on Donna Reed Road this week as the year's dry conditions continue. Most of Iowa ranges from abnormally dry to extreme drought on the U.S. Drought Monitor map. Most of Crawford County is listed as in a moderate drought, with the extreme northwest corner in severe drought.

Ike's host breakfast



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Pancakes were flipping, sausages were sizzling and eggs were scrambled for the annual Izaak Walton League (West Central Chapter) breakfast, which took place Sunday at the league's building at Bartlett's Park. Pictured, Wendy Cadwell slides pancakes onto a person's plate. Brad Highstreet is pictured to the right.



A place of honor was at the breakfast in recognition of all veterans.



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Sports

DENISON HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Results from the August 26 AHSTW varsity tournament

Denison-Schleswig vs. Atlantic

Game 1: Denison, 21-16

Game 2: Atlantic, 21-9

Game 3: Atlantic, 15-13

Denison-Schleswig vs. AHSTW

Game 1: AHSTW, 21-19

Game 2: AHSTW, 21-18

Denison-Schleswig vs. East Mills

Game 1: East Mills, 23-21

Game 2: East Mills, 21-12

Denison-Schleswig vs. Riverside

Game 1: Riverside, 21-8

Game 2: Riverside, 21-7

Denison-Schleswig vs. CAM

Game 1: D-S, 21-15

Game 2: CAM, 21-15

Game 3: CAM, 15-9

Denison-Schleswig vs. Earlham

Game 1: D-S, 21-15

Game 2: Earlham, 21-15

Game 3: Earlham, 15-9

August 24 at Storm Lake

Game 1: D-S, 25-20

Game 2: Storm Lake, 25-11

Game 3: Storm Lake, 25-18

Game 4: Storm Lake, 25-19

August 22 at Sioux City West

Denison-Schleswig vs. MVAOCO

Game 1: MVAOCO, 21-13

Game 2: MVAOCO, 22-20

Denison Schleswig vs. Sioux City West

Game 1: SC West, 21-15

Game 2: SC West, 21-15



PHOTO BY RHONDA RAUCH

Pictured is the Denison-Schleswig varsity volleyball team.

COMMENTS FROM COACH MCKENZIE MICH

The volleyball team has gotten the chance to get a couple tournaments and a regular season game under our belts before we start Hawkeye 10 play which is nice. We have a lot of new faces so they've had a chance to play together quite bit and get comfortable with one another.

From a coaching standpoint, we've been able to see who can work through adversity and tough situations. Day in and day out, we continue to ask the girls to step up and play big in big moments. We are still learning and fine tuning our serve and attack, and it's been positive to see their growth. We want to be an aggressive team that's not afraid to serve tough and swing big from point 1 to point 25. We hope to keep challenging the girls to have this mindset going into week 5 of the season

DENISON-SCHLESWIG WINS SEASON OPENER

The Denison-Schleswig Monarchs gave Dave Wiebers a present upon his return to coaching after 14 years – a 38-14 victory against Thomas Jefferson in Council Bluffs on Friday.

The Monarchs held Thomas Jefferson scoreless through three quarters while gathering all 38 of their points in the same periods.

Following are the scoring plays for the Monarchs

First Quarter
45-yard field goal by Sebastian Contreras.

A pick-six by Jake Fink. PAT by

Contreras is good.

Luke Wiebers on a five-yard run across the goal line. PAT by Contreras is good.

Second Quarter

Handoff from Wiebers to Blaine Brodsky for a 24-yard romp into the end zone. PAT by Contreras is good.

Third Quarter

Nine-yard pass completion from Wiebers to Gage Head who runs six yards into the end zone. PAT by Contreras is good.

Handoff from Wiebers to Cole Kastner who runs six yards for a TD.

COMMENTS BY COACH WIEBERS

It was a solid start to the season for the Monarchs. We did most of the things that we wanted to do such as limit big offensive plays from the TJ offense, control the football when we had the ball on offense, limit the number of penalties, and win the field position game.

On defense we really played sound football and tackled very well. On offense we converted a large number of our third down situations and for the most part took care of the football.

It was a solid team effort. Getting a 45-yard field goal from Sebastian Contreras to start the first offensive drive was very important to us.

On defense Jake Fink's interception return helped set the tone on that side of the ball.

Again a good team win but there are some things that we need to improve on.



Pictured is the Denison-Schleswig football team.

Back at work



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Work resumed on August 22 on the bridge on County Road L51 about 2.5 miles south of Ricketts. The bridge crosses the East Soldier River about a mile and a half north of Highway 141. A contractor error on the pilings on the north end of the bridge left the bridge unsafe for use after initial construction was nearly complete. A plan was developed to encase all the improperly-placed pilings in a beam of reinforced concrete that will allow the bridge to be opened to traffic; work on that effort is now underway. The contractor, Graves Construction, will pay for the additional work. Crawford County Engineer Paul Assman said he hopes the work will be completed by the beginning of October, but cautioned that delays are always possible.



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Fun at the farm



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Grant Fineran organized the second annual Market at the Farm on Saturday at the home place of his parents, Kevin and Diane, on 253rd Street northwest of Denison. The yard on the homestead was filled with vendors. Pictured, Angela Meyer, of McCausland, performs on the balcony of Kevin and Diane's beautifully restored barn. Other performers at Market at the Farm were Luke Farland and Todd Partridge.



Tables full of baked goods greeted people when they walked into the barn on the Fineran homestead. Freewill donations were accepted for the baked goods with all the money going to missions. The bake sale was organized by Christ Lutheran Church.



Kelsey Buter and her son, Ryker, of Denison, check out the display of keychains at one of the booths.



The loft in the barn was the location of a quilt show.



Renee Reis, of Denison, looks at a craft at a booth.

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