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## Kiron Halloween Trail

Contest will add new scares to the event

BY DAN MUNDT

Sunday is the deadline to enter Kiron's Mini Haunted House Showdown.

The contest is part of the preparation work being done for Kiron's Halloween haunted trail, which is in its second year.

"For our haunted trail this year, we are dividing the trail in half and we're giving people the opportunity to create their own structure – like a mini haunted house," said Jen Hoaglund, secretary of the Kiron Community Club, which is organizing the event.

The haunted trail will take place along the walkway in Kiron South Park.

"We have enough room to fit eight structures comfortably, so eight groups will be selected," she said.

"Last year, when we did the trail, we had three structures set up by volunteers and they did an awesome job."

The structures were built around wooden frames or pop-up tents.

Hoaglund said she expects the same kinds of structures at this year's event.

"We're not expecting people to build the Taj Mahal on the trail," she said. "They can go as elaborate as they want, or they can go as simple as they want with their structures."

Each of the eight groups will get a space that is 15 feet by 32 feet, with the structures aligned so the walkway travels through the longer length.

The entire trail is about a half-mile long.

"We are flexible with the 15-foot width," Hoaglund said. "They can go as wide, within reason, as they want, but we only have so much space to give them with the length due to the length of the trail itself."

Safety is the first priority.

"It has to be safe for the attendees and it has to be handicap-accessible, so a wheelchair or a motorized wheelchair will be able to go through," she said.

For the application process, groups are asked to explain what they would like to do, provide a theme and give details of their planned structure.

"The attendees of the haunted trail will vote at the end for their favorites and whoever gets the most votes will win \$1,000," Hoaglund said.

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## A celebration 150 years in the making

Jahn/Gehlsen family members honor their heritage



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Melanie (Stoffers) Curran has a conversation about the Jahn/Gehlsen farm with Dennis Backhaus. Melanie is the granddaughter of Peter Dietrich and Pauline Gehlsen and the daughter of Henry and Blondine Stoffers. She grew up in Arcadia and now lives in Geneseo, Illinois. Backhaus is a lifelong neighbor of the Gehlens, living just a couple miles from the Gehlsen farmstead. They are looking at a photo of Leonard and Raph Gehlsen, the last two direct descendants of Johann Friederich and Catherina Jahn to farm the 155 acres of the original Jahn pioneer farm.

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## One-Handed Crafts

Using a craft business to get the word out about strokes



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Contessa Siders suffered a stroke in 2014, but today runs a craft business that she uses to provide information about strokes.

BY DAN MUNDT

September 25, 2014, was a day that changed Contessa (Preul) Siders' life in a way she couldn't have imagined at the time.

At age 33, she suffered a stroke.

Today, she runs a business that she named as a way to find something good

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## Otter Creek Veterinary Clinic opens

Starting small with plans to grow



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Dr. Tarin Clausen is the owner of the new Otter Creek Veterinary Clinic in Schleswig. She is pictured here with Coffee, one of her three black cats.

BY DAN MUNDT

As of Tuesday, September 5, the new Otter Creek Veterinary Clinic at 108 2nd Street in Schleswig is open.

Owner Dr. Tarin Clausen spent the last three years working for Seaton Vet Clinic in Denison.

She is a 2012 graduate of Charter Oak-Ute High School, has a 2015 degree in animal science from Northwest Missouri State and 2020 DVM degree from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine.

Tarin grew up in Charter Oak, but decided to open a clinic in Schleswig because that is where she has made her home.

"My dad originally grew up in Schleswig, so I'm very familiar with the area and there was an office space and some land I'm going to buy that's close to home," she said.

All through her school years, Tarin had planned to go to Texas after graduation to work as a veterinarian with horses.

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Jessica Garcia

## Garcia takes over as city manager on Monday

Helping people is her goal

BY DAN MUNDT

Friday, September 8, is Jessica Garcia's last day as the director of the Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC) Denison Campus.

Following a normal, two-day weekend, she will take over the position of Denison City Manager on Monday.

Garcia said she loves the job and will miss her duties and colleagues at WITCC, but wants to use her knowledge of Denison and its residents in a new way.

"I've built relationships with people here in Denison, and I think that we can be progressive and forward-thinking, more so than maybe we have been before," she said.

Garcia is a Denison native and a 2004 graduate of Denison High School (DHS).

Her parents are Larry and Peg Kepford.

Garcia has a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in financial services from AIB College of Business in Des Moines.

She has an MBA from the University of Phoenix and is currently working on her dissertation for a doctor of education degree in leadership from Iowa State University.

Garcia said her initial career interest was in banking.

Through the DHS business apprenticeship course, she worked at Crawford County Trust and Savings Bank during all of her senior year of high school and gained experience in a wide range of experience.

"I was able to really dig in and get my hands dirty in the world of banking

and fell in love with it," Garcia said.

She had stars in her eyes for banking at the local level, but that vision dimmed when she took her first job that exposed her to the corporate side of banking.

Garcia moved back to Denison to start a family after getting her BA and took a variety of jobs in non-banking areas, from HR at Smithfield Foods, finance at Adams Motors, insurance with Trevis Beeck, and back to HR with Eventide.

"In that time, I realized I really enjoy helping people," Garcia said.

After she received her MBA, Doug Dorhout, who was then the WITCC Denison Campus director, asked if Garcia would be interested in teaching business classes at the college.

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## Public works employees honored for safety



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Three employees with the Denison Public Works Department were honored at Tuesday's city council meeting for their work safety as shown in an unannounced OSHA inspection. On Wednesday, July 12, Charlie Meyer, Mark Ewoldt and Jeff Arn were hanging outdoor banners for the local ISU Extension office using heavy equipment from an elevated platform. As their work progressed along Avenue C, they were approached by an individual who identified himself as an OSHA inspector. The inspector requested to conduct a job site safety inspection and the equipment being used. After reviewing the equipment, the elevated platform and the workers' personal protective equipment, the inspector advised that they had passed all areas of the safety inspection. In recognizing the three workers, Mayor Pam Soseman said, "The performance and dedication of Charlie Meyer, Mark Ewoldt and Jeff Arn reflect the esprit décor that we value, and the standards they set are an example for others to follow. On behalf of the city of Denison I want to express my sincere gratitude and recognize you for all that you do for our community." Pictured above, from left, are Mark Ewoldt, Jeff Arn, Mayor Pam Soseman and Charlie Meyer.

## Lake Riders announce winners for third Fun Day of season

The Lake Riders Saddle Club, Lake View, conducted its third Fun Day of the year on August 27 at the club grounds. Following are the winners for the day.

### Senior Division

- Jessica Jurgensen – Denison – 1st Place
- Leisha Kragel – Schleswig – 2nd Place
- Justin Bauer – Dedhem – 3rd Place Tie
- Rhonda Pankau – Schleswig – 3rd Place Tie

### Junior Division

- Abby Bergman – Arthur – 1st Place
- Lyli Morgan – Schleswig – 2nd Place

- Sophie Morgan – Schleswig – 3rd Place

### PeeWee Division

- June Jurgensen – Denison – 1st Place
- Izzi Miller – Denison – 2nd Place
- Sophia Jepsen – Charter Oak – 3rd Place

Fun Days are open to the public. Horse enthusiasts are invited to join in by participating or simply watching an afternoon of family fun.

The final Fun Day of the season will be on September 10 at the club grounds, located north of Lake View at the intersection of Rolf Avenue and 290th Street.

For more information, see the Lake Riders Saddle Club Facebook page.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

June Jurgensen completes in the barrel race.

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## Garcia: People should feel comfortable reaching out to her with concerns

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She started teaching while still working at Eventide; when Dorhout left the college for Denison Job Corps in 2017, Garcia decided to try her hand in the business side of education and landed the WITCC Denison campus director position.

"They gave me a wonderful opportunity to do that and I've been blessed to be able to be here for the last six years," she said.

Garcia's interest in working in government was sparked in part by the needs of her job at WITCC.

"In my position at the college, I sat down with my supervisor a few times, as well as the president of the college, and asked, 'What is the most important thing that I need to be doing in my job?' and they both responded the same way and said, 'Be in the community; do as much as you can. Be an active member so you can find ways we can support the community as a college.' So, I did that, no holds barred."

Garcia joined the Women in Business Impact Organization (WIBIO), Denison Rotary, attended ISU Extension meetings and joined the board of the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County.

"If there was anything in the community that you could become a part of, I was there because I felt that was my main role and responsibility at

the college," she said.

Garcia credits Dana Ingerslev and Jean Heiden, at a Rotary meeting, with pushing her to try for a seat on the Denison City Council when former councilmember Brittany Okker announced her departure from Denison.

"They said, 'You should be on city council – you'd be great for that role,'" Garcia said.

She ran for and was elected in 2019 to finish the remaining two years of Okker's term, and was reelected for a four-year term in 2021.

Garcia said her interest in the Denison City Manager position comes from her interest in helping people.

"I hope that I bring to the table the ability for people to feel comfortable and reach out if they have concerns or issues," she said. "When I hear people complain about something in Denison, or go to social media to complain, I've always been a big advocate for having them come to a council meeting to share their ideas. You can't fix what you don't know is broken."

Garcia said people should feel comfortable about taking their issues to the city council or directly to her.

She pointed out that the city manager is part of a team that has to work effectively to accomplish the city's goals.

"This community is built on 'we,'" Garcia said. "I'll be the person sitting in the seat, organizing projects, keeping things moving, trying to find the best possible solution for taxpayers, but it's more than just me."

Everyone in the community has a role in moving Denison forward.

"We all want it to be a wonderful life – to be a wonderful place to live," Garcia said.

Action Award," for exceptional service and dedication.

"We got to go out to Washington, D.C. to help a large group of people with the American Heart Association try to get more funding for the National Institutes of Health for tele-healthcare and devices that can help a person do better in life after a stroke, or in that case, stroke and heart attack," Aaron said.

Contessa and Aaron have continued to move forward with their lives in the last nine years.

They have a four-year old boy named Soren.

Contessa said having a child was a good life experience, though she wishes she could still carry him around.

"He got to a point where he's too heavy for her to be able to pick up with one arm and move around," Aaron said. "Plus, he wiggles a lot."

For Contessa, a big part of the reason she wanted to start her business was to inform people that strokes don't only happen in older individuals.

At present, they go to about one craft show per month; she enjoys talking to the people they meet.

"I wanted to get my name out there and my story," she said. "A lot of people are thinking of stroke in that direction; that it is for old people. I'm not an old person. From the ages of 18 to 40 there is a 40% increase of people like me to have a stroke."

"Stroke doesn't care what age you are – it could still happen to anybody," Aaron said.

Through their business, Contessa makes wood décor, signage, and items such as towels and grocery bags with printed designs.

"My dad helps me with the actual cutting of the woodwork, but sanding, painting, priming; that is done by me," she said.

"For the woodwork, I do the heavy lifting, but that's about it," Aaron said. "I help on days of craft shows and events, and we work the booth together."

Aaron has told her, "I don't know how you do it, because with two hands, I don't even think I could do it," she said.

It's "to be determined" if they decide to expand the craft business in the future, but Contessa said she gets real satisfaction from working on her projects.

They recently attended the Market at the Farm event in Denison and will have a table of One-Handed Crafts items for sale at the craft show during Schleswig Calf Show days on September 15 and 16.

## LAND TRANSACTIONS

August 25-31, 2023

### Warranty Deeds

• Scott Bohlin to Mason Brungardt, Lots 4, 5 and 6 Block 13, Arion Butler's Addition; \$38,000.

• Gerald M. Pedersen Revocable Trust and Charlene F. Pedersen Revocable Trust, Gerald M. Pedersen, Trustee, to Daryl A. Pedersen Trust and Barbara G. Pedersen Trust, Daryl A. Pedersen and Barbara G. Pedersen, Trustees, SE1/4 Section 10, Hanover Township; \$13,000.

• Craig Harm and Klynn Harm to Brent Harm, S1/2 NW1/4 Section 13, Hanover Township; N1/2 SW1/4 Section 13, Hanover Township; SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 13, Hanover Township.

• Brent Harm to Craig Harm, SW1/4 Section 10, Hanover Township; N1/2 NW1/4 Section 13, Hanover Township.

• Alec Brungardt, Alec Beymer and Blake Beymer to William Hines, Lots 6, 7 and 8 Block 10, Vail Original Town; \$190,800.

• Norberto D. Campa and Corina Campa to Kellie M. Simonsen, Lots 1, 2 and 3 Block 29, Denison Original Town; \$215,000.

• VOBRO LLC to Escamilla Family Trust, Arthur Dean Escamilla and Linda Rae Escamilla, Trustees, and Leann Nelson Revocable Trust, Leann Nelson, Trustee, and Mike Vogt, Don Vogt, Russ Vogt and Lana Hansen, W1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township; NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township.

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• Mike Vogt, Lisa Vogt, Don Vogt, Brian Vogt, Russ Vogt, Beth Vogt, Lana Hansen and Darrell Hansen to

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• Leann Nelson Revocable Trust, Leann Nelson, Trustee, to VOBRO LLC, Dean Vogt and Terry Vogt, E1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township; NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township.

• Jeremy Muff and Kathryn Muff to Cole Thomas Muff, N1/2 SE1/4 Section 16, East Boyer Township; S1/2 SE1/4 Section 16, East Boyer Township; \$585,255.

• Michael Friedrichsen and Rebecca Friedrichsen to Michael & Rebecca Friedrichsen Trust, Michael Friedrichsen and Rebecca Friedrichsen, Trustees, N1/2 NW1/4 Section 17, Soldier Township.

• Henry W. Bieler to Jesus M. Valdez and Guadalupe Valdez, Lot 10 Block 1, Charter Oak Original Town; \$55,000.

• Chad M. Wiese and Patricia L. Wiese to Bill Knudsen, Lot 3, Manilla Meehan's Addition; \$62,000.

### Contract

• Calvin F. Stammer and Nancy A. Stammer to Chad F. Stammer, SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 3, Iowa Township; \$250,000.

### Quit Claim Deed

• Duane Lee Coe to Kristi Stephens, Lots 19 and 20 Block 2, Arion Original Town; \$1,000.

### Court Officer Deed

• Betty J. Randol Estate, James Randol, Executor, to Eian R. Weber, Lot 10 Block 1, Ricketts Original Town; \$41,238.

### State Tax Lien

• Iowa Department of Revenue to Iconic Screen Printing LLC; \$4,096.55

## One-Handed Crafts to be at Schleswig Calf Show Days

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in the experience.

"I can only use one hand – that's why it's named 'One-Handed Crafts,'" Contessa said.

Her husband, Aaron, helps her run the business from their home in Vermillion, South Dakota.

Contessa is a Kiron native and a 1999 graduate of Denison High School.

She has a 2004 marketing degree from Iowa State University.

Contessa and Aaron met when they both worked at the Staples in Ames; they were married in 2006.

Aaron is a promotions producer for South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

Contessa said she faced dark days following her stroke.

"I was like, 'Oh my God, what am I doing? What's happening?' I didn't have a clue what was going on two or three weeks into having my stroke," Contessa said.

She was sent to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals in Lincoln, Nebraska.

"From there, my life has changed completely," Contessa said.

She was a 2016 recipient of the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals GOAL Awards, which recognize "exceptional strength, determination and positivity" in patients undergoing rehabilitation.

Contessa and Aaron decided they wanted to use her experiences as a way to inform others about the dangers of stroke.

"Right after her stroke, we took it upon ourselves to get a stroke support group going in Sioux City, and because of that we were able to work with the American Heart Association on getting legislation through to help stroke survivors and families in Iowa," Aaron said. "We also worked with the logistics of the ambulance services in the state to make sure a person gets the correct care in a speedy time."

Aaron said he recognized that Contessa was having a stroke and was able to get her treated quickly, but not everyone is so fortunate.

"That is why we worked so hard to make sure all care is done efficiently and with urgency," he said.

For their efforts, Contessa and Aaron were the recipients of the American Heart Association's "Passion Purpose

## Clausen plans to open larger clinic next year

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The COVID pandemic that started in 2020 gave her a new direction.

"When COVID started hitting, I decided I wanted to come back home and eventually open my own practice," Tarin said.

Taking a job with Seaton Vet Clinic was an easy choice for her, as she had started working there in 2011 when she was a senior in high school; she continued to work at the clinic when she was home from college.

"I got a ton of experience there and I met a lot of people," Tarin said. "I had an internship from him (Dr. James Seaton) and then also Dr. Bettin (Dr. Todd Bettin of Lake View Veterinary Services) in Lake View has helped me a lot."

When she returned to the local area in 2020, Seaton, who had a large-animal-only clinic at the time, offered to let her start a small-animal operation in his clinic.

"His main focus was definitely large animal and that is what he's very, very good at," Tarin said.

She was able to gain experience treating large animals while working with Seaton, she said.

Tarin's new clinic is relatively small, but she doesn't intend to stay there for long.

"It will be a little tight for a while, until we get into the groove of things, but it will work for what I need in the short term," she said.

Tarin noted that she is still settling

into the space and her office is a work in progress.

The building was previously a liquor store, a grocery store, a dog grooming business and a boutique.

Tarin plans to build a new building on Highway 59 near the Schleswig Golf Course by next summer or fall.

"I'm going to do small animal right now until I have a bigger place; that's what I'm more familiar with," Tarin said.

She intends to add large animals to her services at the new facility.

Working as a veterinarian makes sense for Tarin because animals have always been a part of her life.

"I grew up in town, but my grandparents lived on a farm, and I was always there with the cows, the cats, the dogs," she said. "I got my first dog when I was in second grade as a birthday present and I've grown up with dogs since then. I have three dogs of my own: two Aussies and a mixed breed, and here at the clinic I have three cats. My boyfriend only knows of two, though."

All three of her cats are rescues.

"One of them doesn't have a leg, one doesn't have a tail and I joke that the other one doesn't have a brain," Tarin said.

"They're all very perfect but a couple of them are misfits."

The cats all have names related to coffee: Coffee, Beans, and Tri Latte.

"Instead of chai latte, because she only has three legs," she explained.

Tarin said she had never imagined that she would open a new clinic of her own at age 29; she thought she might buy into an already-established clinic.

"But the more that I go about this, I do feel I'm in the right place," she said.

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# Local Calendar

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

**Anime Club:** Teens ages 12-18 may join the Norelius Community Library Fireside Room on the first Thursday of every month for Anime Club from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Each month, the first episode of a different anime will be presented, followed by 1-2 episodes of the recurring anime, "Sleepy Princess in the Demon Castle." Snacks and games will be provided.

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

**Read & Play:** Join the Norelius Community Library Children's Library for a toddler storytime, Read & Play on Saturday, September 9 from 10 to 11 a.m. This is a shorter story session designed for those who can't quite sit still yet. Stories and songs will be followed by a play session with activities designed to work on fine motor or other skills. This session is designed for children ages 1-3, but older and younger children are welcome to attend. This Saturday session is a repeat of the previous Wednesday storytime.

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

**Actress Pippa White will perform** "Far as the Eye Can See" at 2 p.m., Sunday, September 10, at the Dow City Community Building. The show is sponsored by the Dow City Public Library.

"Far as the Eye Can See" is a one-woman show that deals with the prairie and its people through history.

## MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

**School pictures,** Denison Middle School

**American Legion Post 8** of Denison will hold its monthly meeting at the Reed House at 7:00 p.m. on 9/11/23.

## TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

**Euchre night,** 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.

Submit events at [denisonfreepress.com](http://denisonfreepress.com)

**Book Signing:** Bitter Not Better. Norelius Community Library will be having a book signing for Bitter Not Better by author Michelle Cowan on Tuesday, September 12, from 6 TO 7 p.m. Michelle (Blum) Cowan, a lifelong resident of Iowa, married Joe Cowan in 1991. They had one daughter, but in 2009 Joe was killed by a drunk driver. In 2021, prompted by the start of her vision loss, Michelle decided to complete the memoir she had been writing since Joe was killed. Michelle takes the reader on a journey of love, loss, power, influence, courage, honor, and deep brokenness bringing the chance for a new normal, and a time of restoration and living with permission granted.

**School pictures,** Broadway Elementary

## WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

**Euchre Night at 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:** Join the Norelius Community Library Children's Library for a toddler storytime, Read & Play, from 10 to 11 a.m. This is a shorter story session designed for those who can't quite sit still yet. They'll follow up the stories and songs with a play session with activities designed to work on those fine motor or other skills. While this is designed for children ages 1-3, older and younger children are welcome to attend.

**AWV Staff Chicken Dinner:** Join the AWV Staff for a drive-thru Staley's Chicken Dinner on Wednesday, September 13, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Westside Community Building. Adult meals will be \$14 and kids' meals will be free.

## THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

**FFA meeting and Truck Day,** 6:30 a.m.  
**School pictures,** Denison Elementary



## Winners to be determined next week

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Although the scare factor will likely be a big determining factor for which group wins the prize, the Kiron Haunted Trail has a system to make sure that it is not too scary for any individual.

"We let the attendees choose how scary they want the trail to be for them," she said. "At the beginning, they pick a light-up baton that's either red or green. If they have small children, they would choose a red baton and if they want to get scared a lot then they would choose a green baton. Green means go to our volunteers to scare them."

The ghosts, vampires, werewolves and other scary creatures waiting in the dark will keep an eye out for the colored batons and scale back from terrifying to just menacing when they see a red baton.

"We want this to be open to all ages while still letting it be scary," Hoaglund said. "This was what we thought would be the best route to take."

She said last year's haunted trail, the first of its kind in Kiron, was very successful, even though it was put together on very short notice.

So how, the news of it

got traction and we had about 500 people come through," Hoaglund said. "We received great reviews. The only complaint was that it was too scary, but they were both holding a green baton so we put that on them."

Entries will be accepted online through the day on Sunday.

"The form is online; they need to fill that out and the contest rules and guidelines are online, as well," she said.

Visit the Kiron Community Club on Facebook to find links to the forms.

"The week of September 10, the community club will have a special meeting," she said. "We'll review all of the applications and pick the top eight, and then we'll let applicants know if they made it to the trail or not."

The Kiron Haunted Trail will take place on Friday, October 20, and Saturday, October 21.



## Kempfert recognized for service to Parks & Rec



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Brian Kempfert, who served the City of Denison as director of Parks & Recreation, was honored at the August 15 city council meeting. Kempfert served as the director from September 2012 to August 2023. The plaque said, "Your commitment to the city will always be remembered."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Scout paper drive on September 9

The Boy Scouts of Troop 55 in Denison will conduct their monthly paper drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, at the Walmart parking lot. The Scouts will be there to help unload tied, bundled or sacked newspapers. People may bring their acceptable papers in paper bags or cardboard boxes, but not in plastic bags. The amount of cardboard should be limited.

### Schleswig VFW Auxiliary to meet September 11

Schleswig VFW Auxiliary will conduct its monthly meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, September 11, at the Schleswig Golf Course. Items on the agenda are poppy sales, Hoffman window, RAP cards and other items.

### Denison Library Friends meeting

The Denison Library Friends will meet at 5:30 p.m. on September 11 in the Carnegie Room at Norelius Community Library. The public is invited to attend. Contact the library at 712-263-9355 for more information.



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**ANNIVERSARY, FROM PAGE 1**

BY GORDON WOLF

A little more than 150 years ago, Johann Friedrich Jahn, his wife, Catharina, and their six children came from Schleswig-Holstein in northern Germany to the United States. They purchased 160 acres of prairie land in Hayes Township, Crawford County.

Last weekend, hundreds and hundreds of their descendants came to the Five Mile House south of Westside to wander through and examine a pictorial history of their family, to learn more about the family tree and the various branches of the family.

Adding to the history display were documents and maps.

The purpose, of course, was the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Jahn/Gehlsen family and to honor the pioneer ancestors.

The quarter section of land was purchased by Johann and Catharina in May 1873 for \$10 an acre.

The anniversary display at the Five Mile House and visits to the pioneer farmstead, located one-half mile to the east on O Avenue, were available on the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday.

The pioneer farmstead is still in the family's hands, through the Gehlsen/Hanson branch.

Original buildings on the farmstead are the barn, built before 1930, the hog barn and the day kitchen.

The house, now the home of Richard and Christy Hanson, is the third house built on the farmstead. The first was the original farmhouse. A second house was added around 1915 as the home for Hermann (a son of Johann and Catherina) and Laura Jahn after the marriage of their daughter, Pauline, to Dick Gehlsen. The current house was built in 1961 or 1962.

A program printed for the anniversary says that 27 members of the extended Jahn family have lived on the pioneer farm over the past 150 years. The list begins with Johann and Catharina and ends with Jordan and Jacob Hanson, children of Richard and Christy.

Jim Stoffers, who is retired and lives in Palm Springs, California, was the person who came up with the idea of the anniversary celebration and was the lead organizer.

It started in 2015 when Stoffers began dabbling in genealogy after he

had visited family in Iowa.

"Everyone had left my mother's apartment (Blondina [Gehlsen] Stoffers). I was bored, and I thought, 'Let me get my laptop and I'm just going to Google my grandfather, Peter Gehlsen's name,' and all this stuff came up," Stoffers recalled.

"So, I started investigating and got on ancestry.com, and I met cousins I never knew I had."

Through the cousins, Stoffers began to gather family information to satisfy his own interests.

"Then, once I realized that the 150th birthday of our family farm was coming up in 2023, I wanted to do something because I'm the oldest grandson of my grandmother, and I have a lot of memories that my younger first cousins do not have," he said. "I thought once I'm gone, they (the stories and memories) are going to be lost."

His grandmother was Colleen (Jahn) Gehlsen, and she lived her entire life - 84 1/2 years - on the pioneer farm.

Stoffers, a nephew of Reynold Gehlsen, founder of Reynold's Clothing in Denison, grew up in Arcadia and graduated from Ar-We-Va High School.

On Saturday, Stoffers said he was overwhelmed by the number of people who had come to the Five Mile House and the ancestral farmstead.

"It's everything that I kind of wanted but didn't expect anything," he said. "Family members have said they've been blown away, and that's great."

Stoffers started to put the anniversary celebration together a couple of years ago.

"And once we set a date, then I really had to get going," he said.

Stoffers shipped items for the celebration to his brother, Rich Stoffers, in Coon Rapids.

"Then I would come out here and we put this together," he said.

The display of family history wound its way through one-half of the expansive main floor of the Five Mile House. Two large banners, one of Johann Friedrich Jahn (1829-1904) and the other of Catharina (Groth) Jahn (1831-1907), greeted descendants as they entered the Five Mile House main floor.

Stoffers said that he used posterburner.com for all the banners because the company started in Iowa.

Photographs came from relatives.

"I went through my immediate family to get photographs, and then

once I started establishing friendships, even online, I was able to get other photos from cousins I have never met," Stoffers said.

A program printed for the anniversary credits the Jahn, Anthony, Martins, Buck and Gehlsen families for the photographs, documents and maps. All were enlarged for the display.

The enlargements were made by Stoffers's partner, Clark Zellmer, who got a 13x19 printer.

"The printer makes beautiful photos," Stoffers said, "and once that

happened, I threw everything to him (Zellmer)."

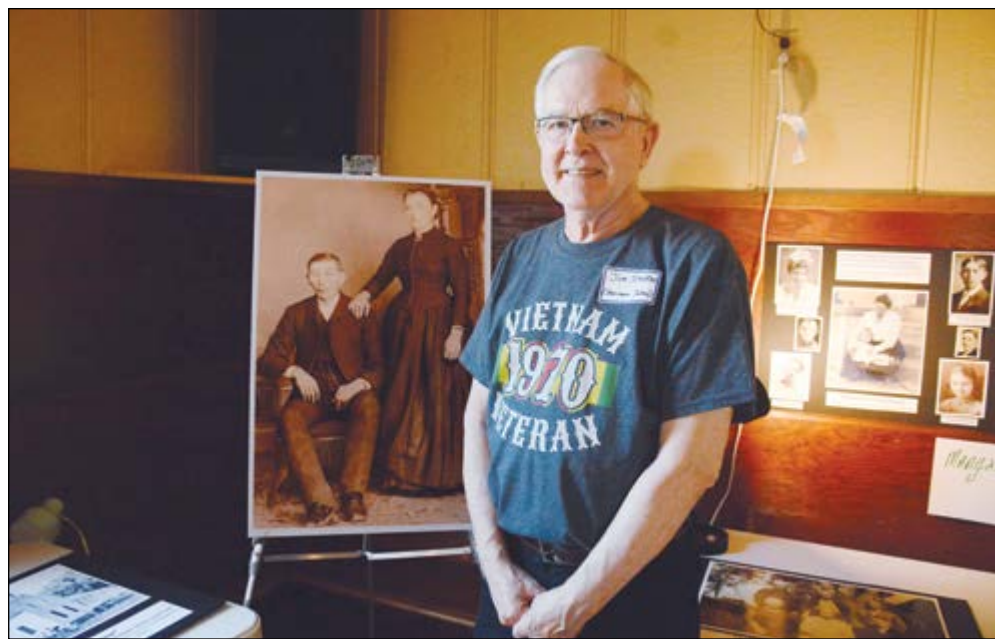
Looking around the display in the Five Mile House, Stoffers commented, "A lot of cousins came here today who I have never met before, so it's been just a great afternoon."

He said that first and foremost, the display that he helped to create is for family.

"To remember where we came from," Stoffers added, "and to honor our pioneer farmers who came over here and built their lives on the dirt."



Cooper Gehlsen, grandson of Reynold Gehlsen, examines pictures from his family's history.



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Jim Stoffers stands by the portrait of Johann and Catharina Jahn, his great-great-grandparents, who started the pioneer farmstead, which celebrated its 150th anniversary Saturday and Sunday at the Five Mile House. Stoffers was the driving force behind the anniversary celebration. He believes Johann and Catherina would have been gratified that they were remembered on the anniversary and that their hard work to establish their farm for their children and future generations was honored.



Taryn and Mike Eilertson came from Bricelyn, Minnesota, to attend the Jahn/Gehlsen family anniversary at the Five Mile House south of Westside on Saturday. They brought their children Lindyn, Cullen, Laramie and Laikyn (not all pictured). Taryn is the granddaughter of Sandra (Gehlsen) Hanson, the youngest of the 10 Gehlsen children.



The barn on the Johann and Catherina Jahn pioneer farm announces the Jahn/ Gehlsen 150th anniversary. The acreage is owned today by Richard and Christy Hanson, who bought it from the estate of Ralph Gehlsen, one of the sons of Dick and Pauline (Jahn) Gehlsen. Richard is the son of Sandra (Gehlsen) Hanson and great-great-grandson of Johann and Catherina. The barn is original to the farm and predates the 1930s.

# SCHLESWIG'S 75<sup>TH</sup> CALF SHOW DAYS CELEBRATION



## CARNIVAL

Friday and Saturday Rides & Games for All Ages!

Presale: 10 tickets for \$5  
Day of celebration: 10 tickets for \$6

McDermott Family Midway

Chance for a Bike Drawing with pre-sale of 10 tickets

## Koch honored upon retirement from UBI



Karen Koch was honored on Friday, her last day of work at United Bank of Iowa (UBI) in Denison. She is retiring after serving at the bank since 2010 and working in the banking industry for 24 years. Before she was at UBI, Koch worked at Wells Fargo in Omaha and at Valley View State Bank in Overland Park, Kansas.

Koch said she enjoyed working at banks because she likes to help people.

"A lot of my clientele are older people, and I guess I relate to them," she said, adding that UBI has been a great bank to work for with its focus on the communities it serves and the agriculture industry.

She added she can relate to the agriculture community as she grew up

on a farm near Mapleton and graduated from Maple Valley High School.

Koch was a personal banker at UBI and also supervised the tellers and was in charge of the vault.

In her retirement, Koch said she will spend more time with her three children, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. A son, Ryan, lives in Ute and works at Rasmussen Lumber in Denison. A daughter, Jody, lives in Olathe, Kansas, and a son, Jason, lives in Omaha.

While she is looking forward to retirement, she said she will miss her time at the bank.

"I'm going to miss the customers and the people I worked with," Koch said.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 3:30 PM MIDWAY OPEN
- 5-9 PM Schleswig School Food Stand/Food Trucks: Odebolt Bowling Alley and Flaco's Tacos
- 5 PM Pedal Pull  
Registration at 4:30 PM, south end of fire station open to children preschool to 6th grade
- 5 PM Beer Garden - by the Community Building
- 5:30-9:30 PM BINGO

## BASKET RAFFLE Friday and Saturday

Choose from several gift baskets sponsored by local businesses & individuals. Buy chances for your favorite basket Friday & Saturday. Drawing will be held at the Bingo Stand Saturday Night @ 9 PM. Contact Laura Ernst (913) 424-8851.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 8 AM 2 Mile & 10K Fun Run at City Park  
Registration starts at 7:30 AM.  
Contact Craig Bogatzke (712) 267-3048
- 8:30 AM Coffee and Rolls by Immanuel Lutheran Preschool at Community Building
- 8:30 AM-3:30 PM: CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW at the Community Building, Many exhibitors. For info contact Janice Jepsen (712) 676-3608.

## PARADE - 10:30 AM

Line up at 9:30 AM

- Floats at the Schleswig School Parking Lot
- Tractors at 6th and Date

Kiddie parade will line up at 6th and Cedar with judging at 10 AM. Preregister for Kiddie parade with Laura Ernst (913) 424-8851.

## 18th Annual Schleswig Classic Iron Antique Tractor Ride

Parade line up by school at 9:30 AM. After the parade there will be tractor ride starting at the Golf Course. Lunch will be served. Contact Bruce Paulsen (712) 269-2406

## GARDEN GIANTS CONTEST

Saturday 2nd and Birch. Contact John Cassens (712) 269-7401

After Parade to 1 PM BROADCAST CHICKEN DINNER at the Community Building. Catered by Staley's Food Service. Served by Immanuel Lutheran Church Carryout orders will be available in the City Building next to Community Building

- 11:30 AM MIDWAY OPEN
- 11:30 AM-9 PM Schleswig School Food Stand
- 1-5 PM Face Painting
- 1-9 PM BINGO
- 2 PM 4-H Shark Attack Water Fight at the south end by the fire station.
- 2-4 PM Under the Sun Childcare Center Open for the Public Tours
- 2:30 PM Cribbage Tournament & Football Game in the Community Building Basement. Contact Craig Bogatzke (712) 267-3048
- 3 PM Beer Garden, Music and Bags Tournament on the Street in front of Community Building
- 4 PM Food Trucks: Odebolt Bowling Alley and J.U.G.G.S BBQ
- 7 PM Live Music by "Next of Kin" in the Beer Garden by the Community Building

## Trio of singers – Divas 3 – to perform in Denison September 9

Crawford County Arts will bring Divas 3 to the Denison High School Fine Arts Center on Saturday, September 9.

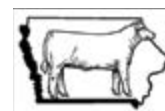
The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Divas 3 was founded in 2013. The three female singers will perform the biggest hits of the greatest divas in music history. The show spans four decades of hits, from the 1960s through the 1990s.

Divas 3 will perform songs made famous by Aretha Franklin, Carole King, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston,

Cher, Dolly Parton, Donna Summer, ABBA and many others.

Each member of Divas 3 has starred in shows on the Las Vegas Strip.

Program highlights include a 60s girl group medley, the Shoop Shoop Sing (It's in His Kiss), 9 to 5, Wind Beneath My wings, Total Eclipse of the Heart, You've Got a Friend, I Will Always Love You, My Heart Will Go On, Disco Medley, Fernando, Time After Time, Adele Medley, I Wanna Dance with Somebody and (You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman.



## Crawford County Cattlemen's Association Annual Fall Membership Kickoff Monday, September 11, 2023

Staley's Steak Dinner and Trimmings at the Community Building in Vail

Hor d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. - Serving at 7:30 p.m.

Admission \$20 • Door Prizes



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8 AM-Noon PANCAKE BREAKFAST at the Community Building. Free Will Donation. Proceeds will go towards the Carnival Fund.

Thank you to all our local sponsors that make this weekend a success!

## Schleswig Calf Show Days is a week away

BY DAN MUNDT

Schleswig's 75th Calf Show Days Celebration begins next Friday, September 15, at 3:30 p.m. when the McDermott Family Midway opens.

"We have the cheapest ride tickets in the county, for sure; fifty cents a ticket, and rides are one ticket for smaller rides and two tickets for big rides," said Laura Ernst, lead organizer for the event.

That price is available for tickets purchased before the event; tickets purchased on the day of will be 60 cents per ticket.

Most of the event will be familiar to previous attendees, with a few new wrinkles this year, Ernst said.

A new food truck, J.U.G.G.S. BBQ, of Onawa, will be on hand on Saturday night as a replacement for Flaco's Tacos, which will be at the event on Friday but can't be there both nights.

The Odebolt Bowling Alley will sell food on Friday and Saturday.

A beer garden will be set up by the Schleswig Community Building both days.

Saturday kicks off with a two mile and 10K fun run starting with registration at the city park at 7:30 a.m.; the race starts at 8 a.m.

Line up for the parade is at 9:30 a.m., with floats starting at the Schleswig School parking lot and tractors at 6th and Date.

A kiddie parade will line up at 6th and Cedar and judging will take place at 10 a.m.

"The parade usually lasts at least an hour and then we have the antique tractor ride right behind it," Ernst said. "It's usually a really big parade ... with lots of candy."

The parade is open to anyone right up until it starts.

"We have very relaxed rules of how it works," she said. "Just show up with your float and get in line."

The antique tractors will join the parade and then gather at the golf course clubhouse for lunch; following lunch, the tractors will head off on a route around the county.

A broasted chicken dinner will be served at the Community Building after the parade.

The Community Building will also be the location of a craft/vendor show from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Forty to forty-five vendors from all over are expected.

A raffle of gift baskets will take place on both days, with the winner chosen at 9 p.m. Saturday.

"The basket raffle draws a big crowd," Ernst said. "Last year, we had 57 donated baskets."

Other activities during Calf Show Days include a pedal pull, bingo, face painting, a cribbage tournament and football game, and a bags tournament.

A "Garden Giants Contest" will take place on Saturday.

"The local farms bring in produce they've been growing all year; if they think they have one of the biggest items, they'll bring it in for the contest," Ernst said. "Last year, we had three massive pumpkins that were brought in on a trailer. It was pretty crazy how massive those pumpkins were."

Local band Next of Kin will round out the evening on Saturday with a performance starting at 7 p.m.

The 2023 Schleswig Calf Show Days will conclude on Sunday, September 17, with a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Building.

Ernst said Calf Show Days has remained vibrant over the years and has continued to grow.

She said many people thought the COVID pandemic would hurt the event, but attendance and sales have been higher since then.

Next year's Calf Show Days will coincide with the Schleswig 125th anniversary celebration; Ernst expects to see an even bigger turnout then.

For a complete list of all the activities at next weekend's event, visit the Schleswig Calf Show Days Celebration page on Facebook or see the ad on page six of this publication.

## Get your brews ready

### Schleswig Wine and Bier Contest on October 21

Schleswig Wine and Bier Club Inc. will sponsor its 48th annual Wine Contest and 32st Annual Bier Contest, open to all amateur wine and beer makers, on Saturday, October 21, at the Ida Grove Country Club.

Amateur wine and beer maker entries will be accepted starting at 9:30 on the morning of October 21. Judging will begin at 1 p.m. Entries will close one hour before the event starts.

The event features 18 wine classes and 34 beer classes, plus subdivisions.

Blue, red and white ribbons will be awarded according to points given by the judges.

Grand champion and reserve grand champion and third place medals and ribbons will be awarded both to the best wine makers and the best beer makers.

The Commercial Brew Pub Contest was cancelled three years ago because of the pandemic and has not been resumed.

A potluck dinner will follow the presentation of awards.

People who would like to help judge should contact Don Thompson at the information printed below.

For entry forms or additional information, contact Don Thompson, secretary, Schleswig Wine and Bier Club Inc., 208 South 11th Street, Dunlap, IA, 51529 or e-mail tommytee@iowatelecom.net or call 712-643-5333 and leave a message.

## Pippa White to perform Sunday in Dow City

One's Company, with actress Pippa White, will perform "Far as the Eye Can See" at 2 p.m., Sunday, September 10, at the Dow City Community Building. The show is sponsored by the Dow City Public Library.

One's Company is a collection of one-woman shows featuring White.

"Far as the Eye Can See" deals with the prairie and its people; the early pioneers who crossed it, the later pioneers who settled it, the brave people of the Dust Bowl, and the Native American People who struggled to keep the prairie that once belonged to them.

White specializes in the stories of history. Most of her programs are stories of true events.

She will also perform "Voices from Ellis Island" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 30, at the Charter Oak Public Library.

## Poppy sales at Calf Show Days

Schleswig VFW Auxiliary #3930 will distribute poppies during Schleswig Calf Show Days.

On Thursday night, September 14, auxiliary members will be set up in the Community Building and the Chrome Spur to distribute poppies. Members will also distribute poppies on Saturday morning, September 16, before and after the parade, and at the Community Building during the craft show and chicken dinner.

Displays have been set up at both banks, KCK's, FSC and the Schleswig Golf Course Clubhouse.

All donations collected from the poppy sales goes into the Auxiliary Relief Fund, which is used for veterans' welfare.

The Auxiliary members will decorate the Hoffman Agency window in a patriotic theme for the celebration. This year's theme is "Always True to the Red, White and Blue."

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

August 25-31, 2023

### SCHEDULED TRAFFIC FINES

• Andrew Michael Lyman, Sioux City, trespass, first offense, \$408.65.

• Rita Gutierrez Miguel, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$503.50.

• Rita Gutierrez Miguel, Denison, failure to use child restraint device, \$287.88.

• Maria Santa Martin Mateo, Omaha, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.

• Kierra Ann Kenkel, Dunlap, failure to maintain control, \$210.25.

• Kierra Ann Kenkel, Dunlap, possession/ purchase alcohol by person 18/19/20 years of age, first offense, \$354.

• Jennifer M. Hennings, Charter Oak, operation without registration card or plate, \$175.75.

• Jennifer M. Hennings, Charter Oak, failure to comply with safety regulations rules, \$175.75.

• Yovana Abigail Terrones, Sioux City, failure to provide proof of financial liability, \$428.75.

• Emmanuel Alvarado Aguilar, Bellevue, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.

• Kevin John Aschinger, Westside, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.

### SPEEDING 21 MPH OR OVER

• Maria Santa Martin Mateo, Omaha, NE, \$267.75.

• Blake Nathaniel Koch, Dow City, \$296.50.

### SPEEDING 16 THRU 20 MPH OVER

• Marvin Primo, Storm Lake, \$193.

• Mauro Daniel Brito, Denison, \$193.

### SPEEDING 6 THRU 10 MPH OVER

• Esber Huitron Contreras, Scribner, NE, \$149.88.

• Cody Eugene Knop, Des Moines, \$149.88.

• Thomas Alfred Wissing, Rogers, AR, \$149.88.

• Joe Maxie Bockemehl, Azle, TX, \$149.88.

• Alejandro Cuevas Zaragoza, Storm Lake, \$118.25.

• Scott Allen Moss, Logan, \$118.25.

• Trevor Robert McDonald, Denison, \$118.25.

• Melissa Ann Knudsen, Danbury, \$118.25.

### SPEEDING 1 THRU 5 MPH OVER

• Michael Eugene Douglas, Tucson, AZ, \$89.50.

• Juan C. Lopez, Omaha, NE, \$87.50.

• Brandon W. Baba, Wickenburg, AZ, \$89.50.

• Derrick William Ryce Jr., Burlington, \$89.50.

• Jinmy Lisseth Cantu, Denison, \$89.50.

• Spencer David Fink, Harlan, \$89.50.

• Travis Pryse Helton, Bellevue, NE, \$89.50.

• Keegan Christopher Stover, Harlan, \$89.50.

• Koltyn Lee Anderson, Whiting, \$89.50.

### SMALL CLAIMS

• Against: Evan Lee Nemitz, Schleswig. In favor of: Midland Credit Management Inc. Amount: \$592.80 plus \$95 costs.

## ISU EXTENSION NEWS

### Extension Calendar

#### Monday, September 18, ServSafe.

Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach is offering a Spanish language food safety training for food service managers Monday, September 18 at ISU Extension and Outreach in Denison. Call the extension office for more information at (712)263-4697.

Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/crawford/> to see the latest online classes available.

#### Home food preservation workshops offered by Extension

Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach in Crawford County is offering two new home food preservation workshops this fall. The workshops are part of ISU Extension's Preserve the Taste of Summer programs.

#### Dehydrating Foods, Tuesday, October 10, 6-8 p.m.

"Dehydrating foods is one of the oldest methods of food preservation," said Renee Sweers, human sciences food and health specialist and program presenter. "Participants will learn the basics of drying foods for preservation and perhaps learn some new ideas for drying foods. They will prepare and taste a variety of dried foods in the workshop."

Contact ISU Extension, Crawford County to register: 712-263-4697 or register online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/crawford/>. The workshop is free.

#### Fermenting Vegetables, Tuesday, October 24, 6-8 p.m.

Learn all the basics of fermenting vegetables, including how to do small batch fermentation in a mason jar. Take home and enjoy a jar of sauerkraut to finish fermenting at home.

"These workshops are fun and helpful for beginning food preservers as well as experienced individuals who ferment foods," said Sweers. "We provide the most up-to-date science and guidelines for vegetable fermentation."

Participants can register for the workshop at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/crawford/>

The cost is \$20 for the two-hour workshop. Need-based scholarships are available during the registration process.

For more information contact ISU Extension and Outreach, Crawford County, 712-263-4697 or [rsweers@iastate.edu](mailto:rsweers@iastate.edu).

#### Online Grant Writing 101 workshop on Oct. 3

Representatives of nonprofits, governmental entities and school districts are encouraged to register for Grant Writing 101, an online workshop that will run from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, October 3.

Grant Writing 101 is a workshop created by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development staff to provide Iowans with hands-on training in identifying grant funding opportunities and writing successful grant applications.

The workshop will be conducted by Jane Nolan Goeken and Lindsay Henderson, community and economic development specialists. Both have extensive experience writing and reviewing grant applications and working with various federal, state, local and private foundation grant programs.

They will assist workshop participants in exploring various public and private funding sources and provide instruction and tips on planning projects and writing successful grant applications.

Registration fee for the workshop is \$25, with registration required by October 1. Those interested can register online at <https://go.iastate.edu/M1SR6Y>.

For more information about the workshop, contact Jane Goeken at [jngoeken@iastate.edu](mailto:jngoeken@iastate.edu) or 712-240-2504.



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# Monarch

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG CROSS COUNTRY

### Girls 3rd at two meets; boys place 6th and 2nd

#### Logan-Magnolia Invitational, August 29

Teams competing: AHSTW, Boyer Valley, Denison, Griswold, Heartland Christian, IKM-Manning, Logan Magnolia, Missouri Valley, MVAOCOU, St. Albert, Tri-City, Underwood, West Harrison, Whiting

#### Girls' Team: 3rd place, 71 points

Lola Mendlik, 3rd, 19:31:00  
Alexa Tremblay, 4th, 20:42:00  
Charlotte Schrum, 16th, 21:39:00  
Emily Bahnsen, 32nd, 23:34:00  
Jenna Meadows, 37th, 23:52:00

#### Boys' Team, 6th place, 148 points

Ivan Ledesma, 6th, 15:47:00  
Kevin Sanchez, 19th, 17:46:00  
Ethan Olsen, 25th, 18:08:00  
Brody Skarin, 53rd, 20:07:00  
Juan Diaz, 59th, 20:27:00

#### 53rd Lynx Cross Country Invitational at Iowa Western, September 2

Teams competing: Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln, Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson, Denison, Glenwood, Heartland Christian, Le Mars, Missouri Valley, Omaha North, Riverside, Southeast Polk, St. Albert

#### Girls' Team: 3rd place, 77 points

Lola Mendlik, 2nd, 21:33:00  
Alexa Tremblay, 11th, 23:21:00  
Charlotte Schrum, 18th, 24:19:00  
Jenna Meadows, 38th, 27:04:00  
Tiffany Ramirez, 40th, 27:08:00

#### Boys' Team, 2nd place, 60 points

Ivan Ledesma, 2nd, 18:56:00  
Kevin Sanchez, 9th, 20:12:00  
Ethan Olsen, 12th, 20:29:00  
Brody Skarin, 24th, 22:36:00  
Juan Diaz, 25th, 22:47:00

#### COMMENTS FROM HEAD COACH NICK BRADLEY

*What a start of the season for the Monarch XC runners. Coach Andersen and I are so proud of how hard the kids competed tonight!*

*To start, the girls ran a phenomenal race. Each girl pushed as hard as they possibly could. The girls were paced by Lola Mendlik (3rd), Alexa Tremblay (4th) and Charlotte Schrum (16th). Emily Bahnsen and Jenna Meadows rounded out the girls 4/5 spots. This put the girls in close contention for 1st place. AHSTW had 67 pts and LoMa had 68 pts. This is great momentum for us on the girls' side of competition. We now have a good gauge to help the girls train better and get better each week.*

*The boys were paced by Ivan Ledesma (6th) and Kevin Sanchez (19). This is the best race I have ever seen Ivan run. He is competitive and wants to run with the top runners. As a boys' team, we are super pleased with our times. We have boys stepping up from JV last year who will now run varsity for the remainder of the year. These boys have the drive to work and get better each week.*

#### COMMENTS FROM HEAD COACH NICK BRADLEY

*Another great race day for the Monarch XC runners. This was our first early morning Saturday meet, and as coaches, we were nervous about how they would handle getting up early to compete. They handled the early morning like champs.*

*The girls were able to capture 3rd place as a team. They continue to pack up and run together. Lola Mendlik (3rd), Alexa Tremblay (11th), and Charlotte Schrum (18) were all able to capture top 20 medals.*

*The boys also had a fantastic day. As a team they were able to capture 2nd place - they just missed out on claiming the team title. Ivan Ledesma (2nd), Kevin Sanchez (9th), and Ethan Olsen (12th) were able to capture top 20 medals. The boys got out of the gate early today and held the pace the entire race.*

*Both the boys and the girls are listening to what Coach Andersen and I tell them. They change pace, change footspeed, and make moves when necessary. This is a super competitive group. We get next week off to recoup and recover before getting ready for our next meet.*



PHOTOS BY RHONDA RAUCH

Pictured are the Denison-Schleswig girls' and boys' cross-country teams.



# Sports

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

### Monarchs battle in volleyball

#### At home against Harlan, August 31

Game 1: Harlan, 25-22  
 Game 2: Harlan, 25-15  
 Game 3: Harlan, 25-6

#### Stat Leaders

Kills: Addison Inman, 7  
 Set Assists: Claire Leinen, 10  
 Service Aces: Emily Gehlsen, Maria Cardenas, 1  
 Digs: Addison Inman, Claire Leinen, Elli Heiden, Kamden Bruhn, 5  
 Solo Blocks: Addison Inman, Claire Leinen, Maria Cardenas, 1  
 Block Assists: Addison Inman, Maria Cardenas, 3

#### At Kuemper High School, vs. Kuemper, September 5

Game 1: Kuemper, 25-7  
 Game 2: Kuemper, 25-12  
 Game 3: Kuemper, 25-10

#### Stat Leaders

Kills: Addison Inman, 3  
 Set Assists: Claire Leinen, 5  
 Service Aces: Claire Leinen, 1  
 Digs: Elli Heiden, 6  
 Solo Blocks: Claire Leinen, Maria Cardenas, 1  
 Block Assists: Emily Gehlsen, 2

#### At Kuemper High School, vs. Clarinda, September 5

Game 1: Clarinda, 25-17  
 Game 2: Clarinda, 25-15  
 Game 3: Clarinda, 25-15

#### Stat Leaders

Kills: Addison Inman, 10  
 Set Assists: Claire Leinen, 16  
 Service Aces: Claire Leinen, 2  
 Digs: Addison Inman, 10  
 Block Assists: Maria Cardenas, 2

#### DENISON-SCHLESWIG JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

#### At Storm Lake, August 24

Game 1: D-S, 25=17  
 Game 2: Storm Lake 25-20  
 Game 3: Storm Lake, 15-12

#### Stat leaders

Kills: Hannah Harris, Sam Chandler, 4  
 Kill assists: Norah Huebert, 10  
 Set assists: Lauryn Turn, 10  
 Service aces: Hannah Harris, Laryn Turin, Nessa Hedstrom, 2  
 Digs: Kamden Bruhn, 10

#### At home against Harlan, August 31

Game 1: D-S, 25-23  
 Game 2: Harlan, 25-20  
 Game 3: Harlan, 15-2

#### Stat Leaders

Kills: Giana Garcia, Hannah Harris, 4  
 Set assists: Lauryn Turin, 9  
 Service aces: Norah Huebert, 4  
 Digs: Norah Huebert, 10

Claire Miller blocks the ball back onto Harlan's side of the net in the first set.



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## DENISON-SCHLESWIG FOOTBALL

### D-S battles Harlan at home on Friday

**Final score: Harlan, 48-D-S, 20**

#### Scoring by quarters

1st: Harlan 7, D-S 0  
 2nd: Harlan 14, D-S 6  
 3rd: Harlan 13, D-S 6  
 4th: Harlan 14, D-S 8

#### Scoring by Denison-Schleswig Monarchs

2nd quarter: Four-yard carry by Luke Wiebers.  
 3rd quarter: Hand-off from Wiebers to Blaine Brodsky at the four-yard line  
 4th quarter: Handoff from Blaine Grady to Cole Castner at 11-yard line. Two-point conversion successful – Grady handoff to Braylin Desy.

#### COMMENTS FROM COACH DAVE WIEBERS

*The Monarchs got down 14-0 midway through the 2nd quarter but battled back to make it 14-6 on a touchdown run by Luke Wiebers. The extra point was blocked. Harlan answered right back to make it 21-6 at halftime. The Monarchs received the second half kickoff and put together a nice drive and scored to make it 21-12 midway through the 3rd quarter. The two-point try was unsuccessful. After that Harlan scored after a big third down conversion.*

*The Monarchs just gave up too many big plays. The kids played physically and continued to battle to the end.*

#### COMMENTS FROM COACH NATE PARDUN

*The Monarch JV football team traveled to Harlan and were defeated by a score of 29 - 22. At halftime Harlan was leading 21 - 14.*

*Scoring for the Monarchs was Brailyn Desy with a touchdown and Ryan Slechta with two touchdowns on the night.*

*Alex Segoviano was 2 for 2 on extra points and Desy also ran in a 2-point conversion.*

*Slechta had a forced fumble and recovery for the Monarchs as well. The JV football team will be in action again Monday at Carroll.*

#### JV football results

September 4 at Harlan  
 Score: Harlan, 29-D-S, 22

#### 9th grade football results

September 1 at home  
 Score: Harlan, 38-D-S, 0

#### COMMENTS FROM COACH JOHN TORREY

*Harlan took the opening kickoff back for a touchdown. Wilson Riphin's tackle stopped the Cyclones from scoring on the PAT attempt. Facing 4th and 4 on their next possession, Harlan scored a touchdown on a 45-yard run. Zach Koch's tackle in the backfield made their PAT attempt unsuccessful.*

*Harlan scored on the first play of the 2nd quarter, converting on the two-point play.*

*After a punt was muffed by Harlan, Trae Hartwig's recovery gave the Monarchs the ball back in Cyclone territory. While the Monarchs couldn't move the ball offensively, Zach Koch tallied an interception on the next Cyclone possession. But even with two turnovers, the Monarch offense could not generate any yardage.*

*Harlan scored a 31-yard touchdown on their next possession. Miguel Hernandez's tackle made the two-point play unsuccessful. The Monarch offense picked up their first 1st down of the game on 4th and 2 with :15 left in the first half. The score at the break was 26-0, Cyclones.*

*Grant Olsen's pass was intercepted by the Cyclones on the first play of the 3rd quarter, and Harlan scored another touchdown. Lucas Schneider forced a Cyclone fumble on the PAT attempt, and Josue Mendoza recovered the loose ball for an unsuccessful try.*

*Harlan scored for the final time with a 45-yard run down the sideline in the 4th quarter. Grant Olsen had a 40-yard run late in the game to move the Monarchs into Cyclone territory, but the drive yielded no points, and the Monarchs ran out of time.*

*The Monarchs are back in the bowl on Friday, September 8, to take on the Carroll Tigers in a curtain-raiser at 4:15 p.m.*



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Luke Wiebers dives for a touchdown.



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## Romero receives oath



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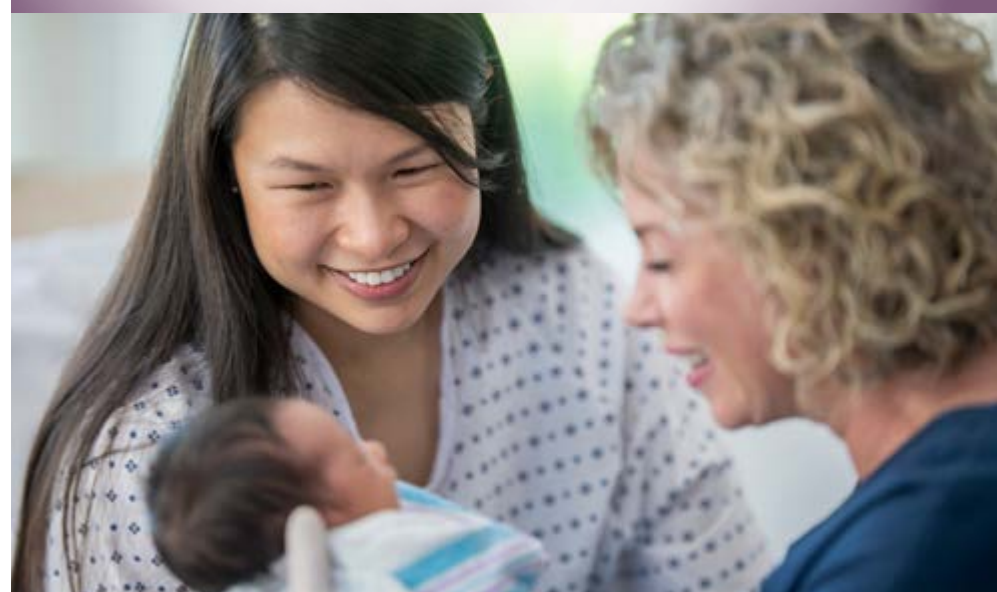
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## In Remembrance



**Laura Marie (Schwarz) Langholdt**

February 10, 1920 - September 3, 2023

Laura Marie (Schwarz) Langholdt was born February 10, 1920, the youngest daughter of Carl F. and Rosa Bohlmann Schwarz. She died September 3, 2023, at Gracewell, Denison, Iowa, at the age of 103 years, 6 months, and 15 days.

Laura was born at home on the family farm located northeast of Ricketts, Iowa. She was baptized on March 7, 1920, and confirmed on March 31, 1935, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hanover Township, located east of Ricketts. Laura attended grade school at Morgan No. 9 through the 8th grade. She told stories of the long walk to and from school and how tickled she was when she could get a ride, either on horseback or the Ritzkachtz. She was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Ricketts from 1952 through its closing, then transferred her membership to St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak. As a young woman, as was the custom, she worked as a hired girl for a family in the area. She met her husband-to-be at a carnival in Mapleton.

Laura and Wilbert (Whip) Langholdt were married on October 10, 1940. Soon after, Whip joined the Navy and served during WWII while Laura lived in Ricketts, IA with her sister Gladys. Laura remembered the treat of her dad bringing them eggs, cream, milk, meat and produce from the farm. Laura and Whip were blessed with two daughters, Marjorie Lou and Linda Marie. She was a loving, hardworking, and committed wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, one who served and cared deeply for her extended family, her friends, and her community.

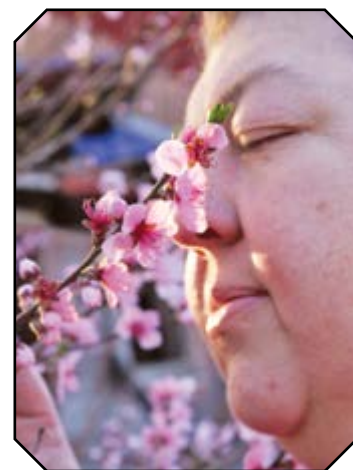
After the war, the couple began a trucking business. Laura worked alongside her husband for 27 years, first at a little cafe and bar called Whip's Place, then later at Whip's Lanes, a bowling alley that served the Ricketts community and the surrounding area. Many people fondly recall the bowling alley for great food, raucous laughter, and a place where "everybody knows your name." She then carried on alone for 7 years after Whip's passing with the help of friends and family.

Laura was never one to shy away from hard work, enjoying hours of service during Steam and Antique shows, parades, Euchre tournaments, and community celebrations.

Her retirement years were full of baking, flowers, and grandchildren, and a few travel adventures along the way. Laura showed her love through countless loaves of homemade bread, jars of jam, playing rummy, and helping with cleaning, in fact, her family lovingly referred to her as the "white tornado". The great-grandchildren were cuddled, snuggled, and spoiled.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilbert (Whip); and two sisters and their spouses, Esther and Carl Schnoor and Gladys and William S. (Bill) Keim, grandsons Jason Price and Cory Neddermeyer, great-grandchildren Madison Naill and Braden Neddermeyer. Those who remain to cherish her memory include her daughters, Marjorie (Allan) Neddermeyer of Charter Oak and Linda (Gary) Price of Sioux Falls, SD; grandchildren include Sheri (Chase) Neddermeyer of Denison, Mark Neddermeyer (Lori) of Topeka, KS, Bethany (Ted) Mallory of Charter Oak, and Brenda (Kevin) Nolz of Sioux Falls, SD. Laura had 12 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 7, 2023, at St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak, Iowa. Rev. Richard Merrill officiated the service with graveside rites at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Charter Oak. Organist Brenda Christiansen provided accompaniment for congregational hymns, "Awake My Heart With Gladness," "On Eagles Wings," and "Lift High The Cross." Serving as pallbearers were Mark Neddermeyer, Ted Mallory, Kevin Nolz, Cale Neddermeyer, Nolan Neddermeyer, and Logan Nolz. The family invited everyone to the St. John Fellowship Hall for fellowship and lunch served by the St. John LWML. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home in Charter Oak.



**Sherri Lorraine Lamaak**

September 2, 1972 - September 2, 2023

Sherri Lorraine Lamaak was born on September 2, 1972, in Longmont, Colorado. She was the daughter of Russell and Karlen (Neumann) Watson. She completed her education at Denison High School in 1990. Sherri's passion for learning began at an early age and continued throughout her life.

On May 19, 2001, Sherri was united in marriage with Jeffrey Lamaak. To this union, they were blessed with four children: Zach, Freddie, Karlen, and Summer. They made their home in Denison.

Sherri's career was diverse and reflective of her hardworking nature. Throughout the years, she held various jobs that showcased her versatility and commitment. From working at Days Inn, IBP, Twin Valley Veterinary Clinic, Office Stop, Denison Senior Center, Denison City Pound, and Walmart, Sherri always brought her strong work ethic and kind spirit to any role she took on.

In addition to her professional endeavors, Sherri generously devoted her time to serving others. She volunteered at TOPS. She was a lifelong patron of the Denison Library, finding solace and joy in the world of books. Sherri also enjoyed participating in "Crafter Noon" activities and "Color Me Calm" sessions that allowed her creative side to flourish.

Sherri found immense joy in pursuing various hobbies and interests. She had a profound love for books, crafting, puzzles, beading, and fishing. She took delight in watching birds and tending to flowers. In her earlier years, Sherri enjoyed attending the races. Sherri's family was at the center of her universe, and she cherished every moment spent with them. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. Sherri's memory will live on within the hearts of those fortunate to have known her.

She passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at her home in Denison on her 51st birthday. She was preceded in death by her two children: Freddie Russell and Karlen Marion; and parents-in-law, Freddie and Marion Lamaak.

She is survived by her husband, Jeff Lamaak, of Denison; son Zach Lamaak and his fiancée Dezaray Tracy, of Denison; daughter, Summer Lamaak, of Denison; granddaughters: Lola, Layla, and Lilly Beam, of Denison; grandson, Quintin Tracy, of Des Moines; parents: Russ and Karlen Watson, of Dow City; brother, Darrin Watson and his wife Chela, of Glen Burnie, Maryland; nephews: Gabriel, DJ, Josiah, and Elijah Watson, all of Glen Burnie, Maryland; and other relatives and friends.

Per Sherri's wishes, she has been cremated and there will not be any services.

Services are entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



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**DECOY** **DANIEL & THE DELIVERANCE**  
**IN DUE TIME** **THE BOYER RIVER BAND**  
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## FRIDAY, SEPT 15

### BROADWAY DENTAL MAIN STAGE

5:00 **IN DUE TIME**  
 7:00 **ARCH ALLIES**  
 10:30 **TRIBUTE TO JENNI RIVERA BY CINTAS ACUARIO**

5:00 PM **FESTIVAL OPENS!**  
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## SATURDAY, SEPT 16

### MONOGRAM QUALITY FOODS MAIN STAGE

1:00 PM **THE BOYER RIVER BAND**  
 3:00 PM **DANIEL & THE DELIVERANCE**  
 5:00 PM **DECOY**  
 7:00 PM **TYLER RICH**  
 9:00 PM **ADAM DOLEAC**  
 10:30 PM **KDSN AFTER PARTY**

8:30 AM **HOG WILD CAR SHOW REGISTRATION BEGINS**  
 8:30 AM **WESCO 5K FUN RUN REGISTRATION**  
 10:00 AM **FESTIVAL OPENS**  
**KIDS ZONE OPEN** til 9 pm presented by **COBALT CREDIT UNION**  
**WESCO 5K FUN RUN BEGINS**  
 11:00 AM **FOOD VENDORS OPEN** presented by **FNIC**  
**BEER GARDEN OPEN** presented by **PHIL'S LAWN & LANDSCAPING**  
 NOON **HOG WILD CAR SHOW BEGINS**  
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## ON THE SCANNER

**August 29, 6:14 p.m.:** The Crawford County Ambulance and Deloit Fire Department were paged for a medical incident on Wall Street in Deloit.

**August 30, 2:13 p.m.:** Nicholas William Smutko, 39, and Jessica Lynn Turner, 29, were arrested for domestic abuse assault.

**August 30, 8:18 p.m.:** Lt. Perdeu with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a case of possible trespassing. A resident of Charter Oak said that the door to his camper was open and believes that people

from the City of Charter Oak have been coming onto his property and taking pictures. He said he did not see anyone. The subject was advised to get security cameras and to document who is coming onto his property.

**August 31, 2:21 p.m.:** The Crawford County Ambulance was called for a lift assist in the 2000 block of Highway 39, Denison.

**August 31, 6 p.m.:** The Crawford County Ambulance and Deloit Fire Department were paged to an address in Wall Street for a medical incident.

### Notice of PUBLIC HEARING

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Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Deloit City Hall, 320 Maple Street, Deloit, IA 51441. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments concerning the City applying for Community Development Block Grant funds from the Iowa Economic Development Authority to provide funds for wastewater collection system improvements. Items to be discussed are the proposed project and activities, costs, location and the amount of funds required to complete the project. Questions concerning this project should be directed to Alex Foley at Region XII COG, (712) 792-9914. Persons with special needs or translation services should make this request to the City Clerk no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, September 11, 2023. Written comments may be submitted to City of Deloit, 320 Maple Street, Deloit, IA 51441 no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, September 11, 2023.

### Kristin Webb benefit on September 16 in Manilla



A benefit event for Kristin Webb will take place on Saturday, September 16, at Memorial Hall in Manilla.

Kristin, a wife and mother to three children, is from the Irwin area and was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in May of 2023. She worked at the IKM-Manning schools prior to her diagnosis, and her husband, Ryan Webb, is the general manager at Aspinwall Coop.

The benefit will help offset any costs the family is experiencing during this time.

It will begin with happy hour at 4 p.m., with the meal served at 5 p.m.

A silent and live auction will be held.

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#### CRAWFORD COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS ALERT

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in identifying those responsible for damaging county signs throughout the county. A \$500 reward is available for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those individuals responsible.

The following are the locations of the damaged signs.

- Winding Road Right sign at 120th and M Ave.
- School bus loading sign east of 200th St. on I Ave.
- Stop sign at 190th and F Ave.
- Stop sign at 290th and L Ave.
- Minimal Maintenance and Level B sign at 120th and F Ave.
- Side Road Ahead sign at 200th St. north of H Ave.
- Three truck signs with load restrictions, all vehicles, C Ave.
- Three truck signs with load restrictions, all vehicles ahead, C Ave.
- Object markers: reflectors on bridge between 150th and 160th streets
- Not a Through Road sign at 120th and H Ave.
- Intersection sign, P Ave. east of 110th St.
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# Work on safe routes to school trail continues

## Periodic payment made to contractor

BY GORDON WOLF

Dirt work on the T. Edwin Weiss Family Safe Routes to Schools Trail is nearing completion.

The trail is located on the west side of North 20th Street. It will go through Northside Rec in Denison and then continue to the east side of North 16th Street at the high school.

The trail will be 10 feet wide and will be for foot and bicycle traffic.

The dirt work, being done by Boeck Construction, is waiting for some of the stormwater structures to be completed, said Terry Crawford, engineer with Sundquist Engineering in Denison.

One of the larger stormwater structures is at the north end of the trail, just across from the Frontier Road/North 20th Street intersection.

Crawford said once the stormwater structures are finished and the piping is securely in place, the rest of the earthen fill can be placed over the pipes.

He added that the work is getting close to where the concrete crew from general contractor Ten Point Construction can move in, within the next couple of weeks.

The weather has been dry, so rain has not delayed the work. But the lack of rain could be a problem.

Crawford said it has been too dry for compaction for the dirt.

"If it stays this dry, they'll probably have to add some water to the subgrade to finish the compaction prior to the paving," he said.



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Workers fill in dirt around a stormwater structure at the north end of the T. Edwin Weiss Family Safe Routes to Schools Trail that is under construction just west of North 20th Street in Denison.

The subcontractor handling the structures and pipes is Armodus construction from the Modale area.

Crawford said a slight delay was caused by a water main break at the intersection of Frontier Road and North 20th Street. Water was leaking because the main was cracked in a couple of places. DMU located the leak and fixed it. Water had been coming under the road and down into the trail area, he added.

Boeck Construction also cleared trees

and shrubs along the route of the trail.

"They tried to leave a number of trees that were still healthy and provide shade for the housing just to the east and provide shade for users of the trail," said Crawford.

He added that Boeck would like to clean up more brush in the tree line toward the south portion of the trail.

The project is close to being one quarter completed, based on the dollar amount of the project.

The city council approved a pay

request in the amount of \$78,684.70 to Ten Point Construction.

The project amount is \$430,000.

The city received two grants totaling \$320,000 to put toward the trail project.

Crawford added that his engineer's estimate was \$490,000 and Ten Point's bid was about \$60,000 less, which will reduce what the city would have to pay.

See the issue of September 14 for more information about the T. Edwin Weiss Family Safe Routes to Schools Trail.

# Denison City Council to appoint to fill vacancy

BY GORDON WOLF

The Denison City Council members decided Tuesday that they would fill a vacancy on the council by an appointment at their first meeting in October – October 3.

The vacancy was created when Jessica Garcia resigned from the At-Large position she held at the August 15 meeting. Garcia resigned to become the new city manager for the City of Denison, effective September 11.

The council has 60 days from the date the vacancy occurred to appoint a replacement. If this did not happen, filling the vacancy would be decided at a special election. October 14 is 60 days from the

date the vacancy occurred.

The public also has the right to petition for a special election.

The council decided that anyone interested in serving on the city council should submit a letter to city hall by Thursday, September 28. A subcommittee of the council will review the letters received the next day.

Councilman Dustin Logan encouraged people to consider becoming a council member.

"There are a lot of super-talented people in the community. It would be nice for people to come and help us," he said.

"It's a great opportunity to serve the community," he added.

Mayor Pam Soseman noted that she had already received a letter from someone.

Garcia's At Large council position will be on the ballot for the November 7 municipal elections.

# Mayor declares September 8-17 Welcoming Week in Denison

On Tuesday, Denison Mayor Pam Soseman read a proclamation declaring September 8-17 as Welcoming Week in Denison.

The purpose of Welcoming Week is to promote compassion, unity and respect, with a shared vision that all community residents should be valued and protected.

The proclamation states that Denison is home to people of all backgrounds, including those who were not born in the United States

but now call Denison home.

It further says that Denison depends on making sure that all feel welcome, and that new residents are a vital part of the community, bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses and contributing to the vibrant diversity that we value.

The proclamation makes this statement: "During Welcoming Week, we invite all of Denison, Iowa, to join the movement of communities nationwide by renewing our commitment to our core American values and by acting in the spirit of welcoming. By working together, we can achieve greater prosperity and make our community the kind of place where diverse people from around the world feel valued and want to put down roots."

## - Help Wanted - Wastewater Operator

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

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

This is a full-time position with an excellent benefits package. Work hours are 7 AM - 4 PM Monday - Friday with weekend oncall rotation. Pre-employment drug screening and post-offer physical required.



Deadline for applications is September 27, 2023.

EOE

Applications and complete job description are available at the DMU office at W. Broadway & 7th. Submit DMU application and/or resume to:

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## Ar-We-Va Homecoming coronation on Friday

The Ar-We-Va Rockets will wrap up homecoming week this Friday with a coronation ceremony, pep rally and Ar-We-Va Hall of Fame induction.

Spirit days were conducted throughout the week. Tuesday was Pajama Day, Wednesday was Twin Day and Thursday is Jersey Day. Students in preschool through 12th grade participated in outdoor activities on Thursday afternoon.

Friday is Spirit Day, with the homecoming coronation and pep rally at 2 p.m. It will begin with the Wall of Fame introduction. Two long-time Ar-We-Va teachers, who retired after the 2022-2023 school year, are the newest inductees to the Ar-We-Va Wall of Fame.

Donna Rickers and Kerry Schoessler will be recognized during the afternoon festivities and again at halftime of the football game on Friday.

Rickers taught at Ar-We-Va for her entire 44-year career in education, always stressing to her students, "Do your best! Be proud of who you are, and make the best of your talents!"

Schoessler taught for 40 years, 28 at Ar-We-Va, and was famous for "bringing her lessons to life" through special projects and field trips.

The Ar-We-Va Rockets will play Siouxland Christian for the homecoming contest at 7 p.m.



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The members of the 2023 Ar-We-Va Homecoming Court include (front, from left) Kindergarten crown bearers Myles Bruch, son of Nate and Casey Bruch of Arcadia; Acelyn Hawley, daughter of Jace and Kelsea Hawley of Vail; Ellie Stolt, daughter of Curtis and Amber Stolt of Arcadia; and Liam Petersen, son of Tyler and Jackie Petersen of Westside. Back: Mistress of Ceremonies Makayla Schrad, daughter of Nick and Danielle Schrad of Westside; Harley Molina, son of Juan and Nora Molina of Vail; Delaney Schurke, daughter of Darin and Donna Schurke of Arcadia; Emmett Neumann, son of Ryan and Kate Neumann of Westside; Trista Reis, daughter of Terry and Makenzie Reis of Vail; Alex Quintanilla, son of Manuel and Maria Quintanilla of Vail; and Karime Sanchez, daughter of Fernando and Simona Sanchez of Vail.

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### A fun day in Dow City



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The littlest cakewalker, Grace Heffernan, of Dow City, toddles from number to number in the cake walk at Dow City Fun Day, followed by her grandmothers, Sharon Heffernan, of Dunlap, and Carla Head, of Manilla.



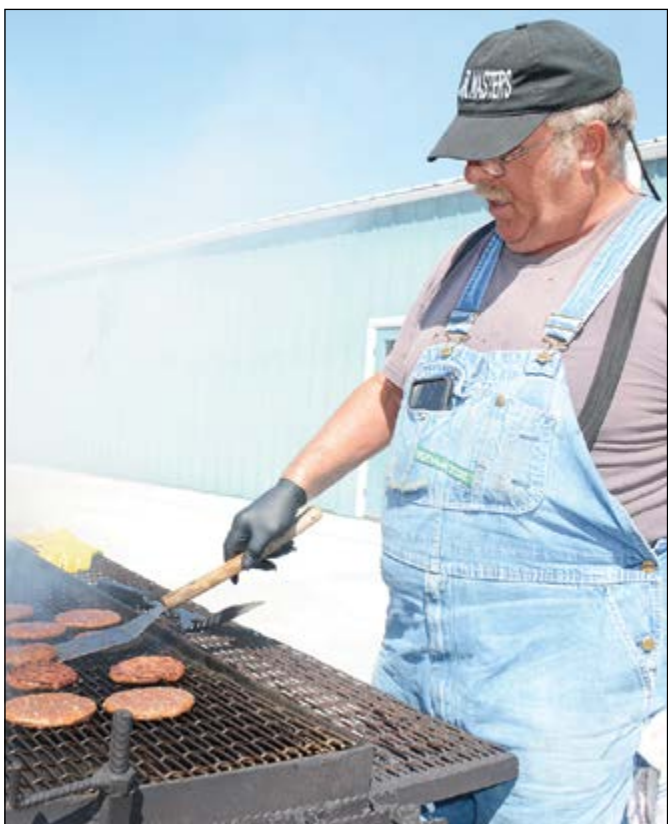
The expression on Elliot Stephens's face tells it all – the joy of riding in the pedal pull at Dow City Fun Day. He is from Dow City.



Denise and Tom Brink, of Dow City, polish a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air that had was driven by Tom's friend, Michael Heller. Heller was killed in Vietnam on February 20, 1970, as he exited a helicopter. Tom restored the Chevy, which displays a tribute to Heller and all Vietnam veterans.



From left, Kody Meyer, Joe Gorden, Richie Malone and Landon Burhoop with the Dow City-Arion Fire Department put breakfast on the griddle.



Butch Schumate, of Dow City, flips buffalo burgers for Dow City Fun Day.



Children scoop through a sand pile to find \$1 coins and 50-cent coins at Dow City Fun Days. Waderich Towing & Auto Sales was the sponsor. Tony Hill donated the sand. Children searched for the coins according to age-group divisions. In all, \$235 in coins were buried just beneath the surface of the sand. Pictured, a youngster shows her mother the coins she found.



Daxton and Bennett Sharp, of Dow City, look over items at a vendor book in the Dow City Community Building.



Justin Hast (left), of Dow City, and Michael Wood, of Arion, season chicken wings during the Brisket and Tri Tip Cookoff sponsored by Garrett Land & Cattle and O'Meara's. The wings were a snack while the chefs were cooking for the judges. The meat was supplied by Garrett Land & Cattle.



Eight teams entered the volleyball tournament, which started at 10 a.m. in the Dow City Park.