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Navy '83 Ride Across America to stop overnight in Denison on Sunday

Will also stop at the Brasel Building in Dow City

A group of Naval Academy graduates will stop in Denison on Sunday on a bicycle trek from Seattle to Annapolis.

The group is the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1983, and the members are raising funds to support other veterans that need help.

The cyclists will arrive in Denison the afternoon of September 17 and will depart at 7 a.m. the next day from Cobblestones Inn & Suites at Majestic Hills.

Each day begins with 22 pushups to bring awareness to the many suicide prevention resources available to end suicide among service members, veterans and their families.

The public is invited to cheer on the cyclists, do some pushups with them and help the veteran organizations the trip is supporting.

Before riding into Denison on Sunday, the cyclists are scheduled to stop at the Brasel Building in Dow

City at 4 p.m. The public is invited to stop in and welcome the cyclists and learn about the mission of the trip.

The group's 10-year goal is to raise \$1.983 million to support organizations that serve veterans. The digits in the dollar amount match the year of graduation.

Their hope is that what they are doing will become a model for other Annapolis classes and for people they meet on the way – the power of the moral, mental and physical mission of the U.S. Naval Academy.

A goal is to build class camaraderie for its 40th reunion this fall, to give back to those who have given so much, to become more fit and to make new friends while having a lot of fun on the trip.

The journey started on August 23 when the cyclists dipped the rear wheels of their bikes in the Puget Sound at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington. It will end when

the front wheels of the bike are dipped in the Severn River at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, on October 5. That date marks the 40th reunion of the Class of 1983.

Between the beginning and end are 3,423 miles, 44 city stops and a change in altitude of 113,059 feet.

A total of 75 people associated with the class of 1983 are riding at various points along the route with 16 completing the entire trip. A support truck accompanies the cyclists.

They travel about 75 miles a day.

According to information about the group, the idea for the coast-to-coast ride started with a couple of die-hard cyclists five years ago at the 35th reunion of the class. They started to do weeklong training rides each year, and worked out the logistics and training required for the trip.

The final day of the trip will start at Arlington Cemetery where the Class of 1983 members will join with the

Class of 1973 members who are on a similar cross-country ride. The cyclists will honor fallen classmates, including astronaut William "Willie" McCool from the class of 1983.

Approximately 100 rides were cycle to the Naval Academy and ring the Herndon Bell recently donated by the Class of 1983 and finish by dipping their wheels in the Bay.

The following are among the Veteran causes the cyclists are supporting,

- United States Naval Academy Alumni Foundation
- Challenged Athletes Foundation / Operation Rebound
- Operation Heal Our Patriots / Samaritan's Purse
- Team Rubicon
- Fisher House Foundation
- Navy Marine Corps Relief Society
- Chaplain Care
- EOD Warrior Foundation

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A decade of service

K-9 Bayou retires from sheriff's office



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

K-9 officer Bayou gets well-deserved attention from the deputies in the Crawford County Auditor's Office on Tuesday, which was the day the Belgian Malinois narcotics officer retired from duty. From left, Amy Pieper, Michele Mathies, Megan Hanson and Mary Eiten.

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Meyer Made is a family thing

Dow City is home to new woodworking business

BY DAN MUNDT

Kody and Molly Meyer's kids enjoyed hanging out around the secondhand picnic table in the family's back yard – until weather and time made it unusable.

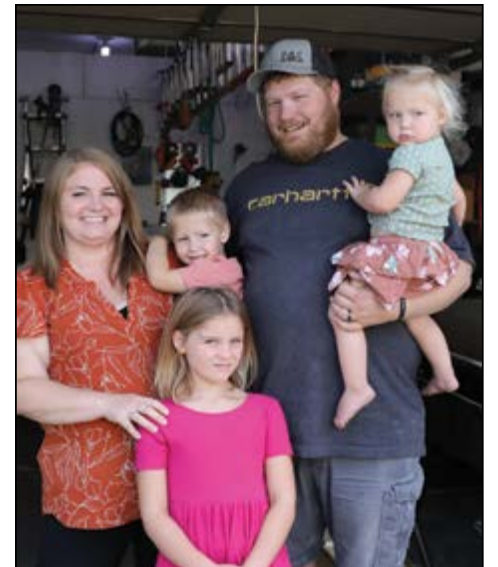
With the woodworking skills he learned from his father, Stan Meyer, Kody made a new picnic table.

"People liked it and wanted one, so we started making more and selling them," Molly said.

With that decision, "Meyer Made" was born in the garage of their Dow City home.

Because the picnic tables were winners as products to sell, they decided to try their hands at making additional items.

"We do kids' picnic tables, big picnic tables and we do custom orders, too," she said. "Right now, we're making a bench that somebody wanted to match



Molly, Cole, Claire, Kody and Chloe Meyer in front of their garage workshop in Dow City. The family business, Meyer Made, is located in the garage.

their kitchen set."

The Meyers also make wooden stovetop covers, Christmas trees that can be used to display Christmas cards, and child and adult sizes of Adirondack chairs; they are currently working on a full Adirondack patio set.

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Food, games, a parade and lots of music

Calf Show Days and BBQ fest are big weekend events

Schleswig Calf Show Days and the Tri City BBQ Fest will keep residents and visitors busy this weekend.

The McDermott Family Midway opens at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Schleswig to kick off Calf Show Days.

The 2023 Tri City BBQ Fest begins in Uptown Denison at 5 p.m. on Friday, when the food court, beer garden and

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ID Apparel celebrates fifth anniversary

Golf outing will raise funds for new playground

BY DAN MUNDT

"It's our fifth anniversary and we wanted to do something fun," said Bailey Landgraf, who co-owns ID Apparel with Meg Hanke.

Two of their employees recently took up golf, so they decided to create a golf tournament to be played at Majestic Hills Golf Course on Saturday, September 30.

As a business, they have raised funds for causes such as the Crawford County Wellness Center project,

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PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Meg Hanke and Bailey Landgraf of ID Apparel, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary with a golf tournament fundraiser.

Mahoney & Gotto celebrates new, more spacious building

BY GORDON WOLF

Members of the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County and the public gathered at Mahoney & Gotto Company in Denison last Thursday afternoon.

The occasion was an open house for Mahoney & Gotto at its new offices at 1527 4th Avenue South (Highway 30).

It was the first move the accounting and tax service had made since November 1986. The previous office was across town on 7th Street.

The new office for Mahoney & Gotto is the original office for Petersen MFG. Over the years, it had been the office space for the Department of Human Services and Mosaic, but it was empty before Mahoney & Gotto moved in.

The move across town was initiated by the need for more room.

"We were basically running out of space. A really good friend of mine, Tom Pauley, said he had the perfect

place in mind. He connected me with Mike Siemer (with Petersen MFG). We toured the

office and I instantly fell in love with it," Elaine Gotto said.

She said Petersen MFG has been great to work with as the owner of the building.

Very little had to be done to make the space ready for Mahoney & Gotto. A coat of paint and a carpet shampoo, and it was ready for the office equipment and furniture.

The move was made on Father's Day weekend and was done quickly – in just three hours – with the help of family, friends, clients, staff and their spouses.

"It was amazing to watch all of the desks and file cabinets being moved. Two of my staff took it upon themselves the week before to move all of the files in storage and organize the storage rooms. The staff also did a great job with packing stuff away, because you accumulate a lot of boxes over all those years," Gotto said.

Gotto's entry into the accounting profession was spurred by necessity. She was working at Hollander Motor Company in Schleswig. Lee Hollander



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Elaine Gotto (center) cuts the ribbon to celebrate the open house for the new offices of Mahoney & Gotto Company.

had his taxes done by Rich Mahoney, and when Hollander decided to close the dealership in 1986, he suggested that Gotto talk to Mahoney to see if a position was available, and there was.

"I was not a CPA (certified public accountant) yet, but I found out I could take the exam based on experience," Gotto said. "I studied for three years and then took the CPA exam."

The new office building has space

for nine stations for accountants, professional staff and support staff, and all are filled.

The old office space had room for six stations.

Staff includes Abby Macumber, Virgil Johnson, Lottie Krajicek, Joni Slechta, Laurie Gee, Betty Schmidt and Rita Brodersen

"I have been very blessed with great staff and great clients," Gotto said.

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Bands to play in Denison and Schleswig at weekend events

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Kids Zone open.

On Friday in Schleswig, attendees will get to eat from several food trucks, participate in a kids' pedal pull (if they are kids), play bingo, and visit the beer garden.

The band In Due Time takes the stage in Denison at 5 p.m. Friday. They will be followed by Arch Allies at 7 p.m. and Tribute to Jenni Rivera by Cintas Acuario performing for the night's afterparty from 10:30 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday in Schleswig begins with an 8 a.m. 2 mile/10K fun run, coffee and rolls from Immanuel Lutheran Preschool and a craft/vendor show at the Community Building at 8:30 a.m., a parade and the 18th Annual Schleswig Iron Antique Tractor Ride beginning at 10:30 p.m.

In Denison on Saturday, the day begins with registration for both the WESCO All-N-1 Fun Run and the Hog Wild Car Show at 8:30 a.m.

The BBQ fest begins at 10 a.m. with the opening of the Kids Zone and the start of the fun run.

Food vendors and the beer garden open in Denison at 11 a.m. Saturday; the car show starts at noon.

The Boyer River Band will perform at 1 p.m. at the BBQ fest.

Following the parade in Schleswig on Saturday, the midway and the Schleswig School Food Stand open at 11:30 a.m., and a broasted chicken dinner will be served starting at 1 p.m.

Face painting, bingo, a water fight, tours of Under the Sun Childcare, a cribbage tournament, and a football game will take place in the afternoon in Schleswig.

Spider-man, a mermaid and Cinderella will be in Uptown Denison from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The Tri City BBQ Fest People's Choice BBQ judging will take place at 2:30 p.m., with an awards presentation at 3:30 p.m.

Daniel and the Deliverance will take the stage in Denison at 3 p.m.

The Omaha Circus Arts Fire Breathing Shows will give performances throughout the afternoon and evening on Saturday near the Tri City BBQ Fest Kids Zone.

The beer garden will reopen in Schleswig at 3 p.m. Saturday, along with music and a bags tournament.

The local band Next of Kin will play near the Schleswig Community Building at 7 p.m.

At the BBQ fest, Decoy will play at 5 p.m. Saturday, 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 in Uptown Denison.

Schleswig Calf Show Days will wrap up with a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday at the Community Building.

Shop has a wholesale site for other boutiques

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#AdamStrong, Crawford County Hunger Fighter and others.

They decided the golf event should also be a fundraiser for a worthy cause.

"The Washington Park project came about at just the right time," Bailey said.

Kids Kastle, the playground at the park, was demolished on August 21 following a recommendation from the city's insurance carrier due to a variety of hazards related to the structure's age and design.

Bailey pitched the golf outing fundraiser to Sam Ellis of Denison Parks & Recreation.

"He was all for it and he's been helping us out," she said. "We've been taking donations for prizes. We're going to have pin prizes and flight prizes and we also are going to raffle items off."

The City of Denison has issued a request for proposals for a new playground to determine the options available for a replacement for Kids Kastle.

"I'm excited to see what's coming," Bailey said. "I remember when it was built, and I love that it (the new playground) is going to be all-inclusive."

For more information about the September 30 golf outing, or to sign up, call ID Apparel at 712-393-1611.

The four-person best ball tournament will begin at 10 a.m.

ID Apparel exists because of the closure of Something Unique in Denison in 2018.

"We worked at Something Unique and when it closed, we decided to start up our own," Bailey said.

"Meg and I really didn't know what else we would do. I went to college for graphic design and she screen printed for 20-some years. We decided there was a need for it; Something Unique employed over 30 people."

Their business began small but grew rapidly.

"We started in Meg's basement doing just heat press vinyl work and then we were at Market in the Park and quickly became a favorite there," she said.

"We had people reaching out to us to see if we could do bigger orders, so we started doing custom orders."

They quickly outgrew Meg's basement and purchased the former Miller's Alley Antiques building on 3rd Avenue South in November 2019.

"We quickly grew out of that and now we're uptown where the Junkery used to be," Bailey said.

"We needed it because it was bigger than our old place."

The new location, at 1327 Broadway, is long and narrow and has several levels.

"Every department has their own space; with the other one, all the production was in the basement and we just ran out of room," she said. "We also had a manual screen printing press that was ideal for smaller orders. Then we started getting massive orders, so we needed a bigger press that automatically prints and it would not fit in the other building. That was the main reason for our move."

Screen printing, embroidery and vinyl work are their main offerings.

"We have a retail store and we also have a wholesale site, so other boutiques around the world can find our stuff and buy it wholesale and sell it in their boutiques," she said. "We just started that and we've already shipped to Alabama, New Jersey, Virginia and a few places in Iowa."

They recently purchased a laser engraver that will allow ID Apparel to make custom tumblers and engrave wood and metal.

"We've turned it on and we've been practicing," Bailey said. "We haven't done orders yet because we have been swamped with fall sports and BBQ fest and Calf Show Days. We want to get it up and running before Christmas because it will be great for customized Christmas presents."

LAND TRANSACTIONS

September 1-7, 2023

Warranty Deed

• Brandon J. McDermott and Lindsay K. McDermott a.k.a. Lindsey K. McDermott to Abraham Rizo Velazquez: Lots 10 and 11, Block 80, Denison Original Town; \$119,500.

• Daniel L. Kock to Jared W. Kock and Mackenzie R. Kock: Lot 3, Westside Southside Addition; \$134,500.

• Pamala Hall to Jorge Alberto Fonseca Avendano and Yuri Gomez Argueta: Lot 13, Block 33, Manilla Original Town; \$31,000.

• William P. Delehant and Elizabeth Ann Delehant to Venancio Perez and Norma Perez: Lot 11, Block 135, Denison Original Town; \$96,000.

• Lowell H. Livingston III and Sayuri Livingston to Lowell H. Livingston III & Sayuri Livingston Revocable Trust, Lowell H. Livingston III and Sayuri Livingston, Trustees: W1/2 NE1/4 Section 3, Soldier Township; \$1.00.

• Wayne C. Kuhlmann to Tyler T. Hennings: Lots 5 and Lot 6, Block 12, Ricketts Original Town; \$60,000.

• Dennis W. Eggleston and Helen Eggleston to Jerry Brandt, Adam Brandt and Nathan Brandt: SW1/4 Section 9, Iowa Township; SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 9, Iowa Township; NE1/4 SW1/4 Section 15, Iowa Township; NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 15, Iowa Township; SE1/4 Section 15, Iowa Township; W1/2 NW1/4 Section 15, Iowa Township; SW1/4 Section 15, Iowa

Township; \$130,000.

• Roni Mor and Alisha Mor to Kevin A. Rihner and Claudia C. Rihner: Lot 18, Denison Oak Ridge Heights Plat 1; \$595,000.

Contract

• Delores D. Jensen Estate, Carlin Jensen and Curtis Jensen, Executors, to Ricardo Rosales Cardona: Lot 6, Block 114, Denison Original Town; \$59,000.

Court Officer Deed

• Alana Pat Davis Estate, Ashley Irlbeck, Administrator, to Venancio Perez and Norma Perez: Lots 14 and 15, Block 2, Denison Original Town; \$82,000.

• Harold P. Kierscht Estate, Connie J. Kierscht, Executor, to Harold P. Kierscht Trust, Connie J. Kierscht, Trustee: Lots 5 and 6, Block 4, Denison Normal School Addition.

Quit Claim Deed

• Connie J. Kierscht to Connie J. Kierscht Trust, Connie J. Kierscht, Trustee: Lots 5 and 6, Block 4, Denison Normal School Addition.

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Senior Lunch Menu

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

Friday, September 15: crispy baked chicken, sweet potato fries, baked beans, vanilla pudding

Monday, September 18: sweet & sour meatballs, noodles, broccoli, peaches, cookie

Tuesday, September 19: turkey sandwich, potato soup, green beans, pears

Wednesday, September 20: chicken & mushrooms, roasted red potatoes, asparagus, baked apples

Thursday, September 21: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, banana pudding

Friday, September 22: BBQ baked chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, apricots

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All of the proceeds raised by the Navy '83 Ride Across America will go towards these causes. Donations can be made at <http://www.navy-cycling.com/take-action>.

More information is available on the Navy 83 Ride Across America page.

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Tri City BBQ Fest: Beer, bands and barbecue (and kids games, a car show, food trucks and lots of other activities) take place in Uptown Denison.

Schleswig Calf Show Days: Lots of activities for adults and kids, with a midway, a pedal pull, a beer garden and bingo on Friday night.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Tri City BBQ Fest continues with bands starting at 1 p.m., a barbecue contest and lots of fun in the Kids Zone in Uptown Denison.

Schleswig Calf Show Days: Garden Giants contest, and many activities for adults and kids, including a morning fun run, a parade and an antique tractor ride.

STEAM Saturday: Children and tweens ages 8-13 can come to the Norelius Public Library's Children's Library at 10 a.m. once a month for STEAM Saturday. Each activity will have a science, technology, engineering, art or math theme. September will feature domino toppling.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

Teacher in-service day. No School.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Crafternoon at the Norelius Community Library: Adults, teens and tweens ages 12 will gather on the main library floor at 4 p.m.

Tuesday for Crafternoon. Different crafting projects and techniques will be worked on every month. Making book pumpkins, perfect for fall decorating, will be the project for September.

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.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

Read & Play at the Norelius Community Library: Join the Norelius Community Library Children's Library for a toddler storytime from 10 to 11 a.m. This is a shorter story session designed for those who can't quite sit still yet.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

College fair at Denison Middle School, 8 a.m. to noon.

Game Night: Visit the Denison Community Library from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to play board games of all kinds. Each month's session will have a different theme to help decide what game(s) to play! Game Night is for ages 12+. The September game will be Tortuga to celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day. Snacks will also be provided.



Submit events at denisonfreepress.com

CCMH created \$67 million impact on local economy in 2022

Last year, Crawford County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) generated 550 jobs, both direct and indirect, that added \$67 million to the Crawford County economy. That's according to the latest study by the Iowa Hospital Association. This figure represents just over 9% of the entire gross domestic product for the entire county.

Of the \$67 million economic impact, over \$38 million in direct and indirect wages were paid, which represents more than 12.5% of all wages paid in Crawford County. At the same time, those 550 jobs, both direct and indirect, made up almost 8.5% of all jobs in the county.

Erin Muck, president and CEO of CCMH, noted the dollars generated by the health care industry provides a firm foundation for further economic growth in the county.

"What we do here is vital to our community and county. CCMH is committed to providing sustainable, profitable care well into the future which allows us to offer quality services and exceed our patients' expectations," she said.

CCMH served more than 3,600 people in the community and county through service projects and public



CCMH President and CEO Erin Muck

education which resulted in \$2.244 million in total community benefits.

The study was compiled from hospital-submitted data to the American Hospital Association's annual survey of hospitals. The study found that Iowa hospitals employed 145,252 people in 2022. As an income source, hospitals provided over \$9.3 billion in wages. Hospital expenses accounted for over \$21.5 billion of the state's gross domestic product.

NEWS BRIEFS

A simple drive provides a road to recovery for cancer patients

This year, an estimated 100 people will be diagnosed with cancer in Crawford County. Often standing between them and lifesaving treatment is a ride to get there. Many patients must schedule daily or weekly appointments for several months, keeping friends and family from being able to provide all the support needed.

The American Cancer Society provides free rides to treatment for people with cancer and is actively working to recruit more volunteers across Crawford County and serve the needs of people with cancer.

"Volunteering as a Road To Recovery driver will put you at the heart of the American Cancer Society's mission and fulfill a critical need for cancer patients. Even the best treatment can't work if a patient can't get there," said Suzie Mages, American Cancer Society, Senior Community Development Manager. Volunteer drivers must be between the ages of 18 and 84, have a valid driver's license, pass a background check, and have access to a safe, reliable car. All volunteer drivers are strongly encouraged to stay up to date with COVID vaccinations.

Go to cancer.org/drive or call 1-800-227-2345 to learn more about Road To Recovery volunteer opportunities in the area.

Highway 30 bridge by Woodbine to close October 3

Iowa Department of Transportation has advised local officials that the bridge closure that was to begin on Monday, September 11, has run into some delays, and Highway 30 just north of Woodbine will remain open to traffic. Construction crews are preparing to have the three-week closure begin on October 3.

While construction crews work on this project, motorists will be detoured around the work zone using Iowa 37, Iowa 191, and Harrison County Road F-32.

Motorists are reminded to drive with caution, obey the posted speed limit and other signs in the work area, and be aware that traffic fines for moving violations are at least double in work zones.

The latest traveler information is available anytime through the 511 system. Visit 511ia.org; call 511 (within Iowa) or 800-288-1047 (nationwide); stay connected with 511 on Facebook or Twitter (find links at <https://iowadot.gov/511/511-social-media-sites>); or download the free app to your mobile device.

Manilla Trinity Lutheran Priscilla Guild to host Fall LWML Rally

The Trinity Lutheran Priscilla Guild will host the Denison Zone LWML fall rally on Thursday, September 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Manilla. The theme for the rally is "Wait for the Lord" Psalm 27:14.

The guest speaker will be Pastor Max Phillips, who is the senior pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in rural Bouton and Zion Lutheran Church in Ogden.

In addition, Phillips currently serves as the executive director of Lutheran Family Service, and chief executive officer for the Perry Iowa Lutheran Home. The topic for the rally presentation will be Acorns and Oaks. Phillips will explain how the Acorns (young children) and the Oaks (elderly) have combined to create a satisfying and rewarding experience for those in the Perry community. Those attending are invited to bring Fareway, Hy-Vee, and Wal-Mart gift cards to help support the Acorn and Oaks program.

Registration will open at 9 a.m. with the rally beginning at 9:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow the rally. Everyone is invited to attend.

- Help Wanted - Water Operator

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

Qualifications include high school diploma or GED, the ability to acquire a State of Iowa Grade II Certification in Water Treatment and Distribution, 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 on-call rotation. Pre-employment drug screening and post-offer physical required.



Deadline for application is October 4, 2023, at 4:00 PM 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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Sheriff plans to take Bayou fishing

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BY DAN MUNDT

Bayou, the first of two K-9 officers with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, retired on Tuesday.

Sheriff Jim Steinkuehler made the announcement official at this week's Crawford County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Bayou, a Belgian Malinois, joined the sheriff's office on April 1, 2014.

For nearly 10 years, she has been the county's K-9 narcotics officer.

Steinkuehler said his office made a decision in 2014 that another tool was needed for when vehicle stops result in suspicion that drugs might be present.

Bayou was bred in Germany to be a narcotics-detecting dog and was sent to K9 Working Dogs International, in Kansas, for training.

The county paid more than \$15,000 for Bayou, training of her handler, a kennel and vehicle equipment.

None of the funds came from taxpayers, because the sheriff's office raised about \$18,000 from local businesses and citizens to pay for the dog.

Since she joined the sheriff's office, Bayou has helped bring in more than \$35,000 in drug forfeiture money.

"She's paid for herself," Steinkuehler said.

Corey Utech, a deputy in the sheriff's office in 2014, was Bayou's first handler.

"Corey had her about four years, and then he wanted to move on and became the chief of police up in Hawarden," Steinkuehler said. "They didn't want a dog, so he didn't take her."

When Utech departed in January 2018, Steinkuehler decided that he would take over as Bayou's handler.

"I had been around Bayou and helped feed her when Corey took vacations," he said. "I went out and did training with her with Corey, so I kind of got to know Bayou."

Steinkuehler started training with the dog every week, sometimes with exercises set up in the Crawford County Courthouse.

He also spent time in 2018 at K9 Working Dogs International to become certified in narcotics detection with Bayou.

Utech spent three weeks training with Bayou, but Steinkuehler didn't need nearly as much time.

"With me being around Bayou and knowing how she does her stuff, it wasn't near as long of a training for me," Steinkuehler said. "I think I was only gone three or four days."

He said Bayou isn't a "takedown" dog, but is protective of her handler.

"She's good at protecting the one she's trained to protect," he said.

Steinkuehler does not plan to replace her with a new dog at the sheriff's office.

Molly, a German Shepherd, joined the office in October 2019 and will continue in her role as a K-9 narcotics officer.



PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDT

K-9 officer Bayou posed with the Crawford County Board of Supervisors on her retirement day. From left, Sheriff Jim Steinkuehler, and supervisors Ty Rosburg, Craig Dozark, Dave Muhlbauer and Kyle Schultz. Supervisor Jean Heiden attended the meeting via Zoom.

Since 2018, Bayou has lived with Steinkuehler in Dow City, where she has a heated and cooled kennel.

She is an outside dog, but gets pampered by his wife, Starla.

"They have bonded really well," he said. "My wife takes care of her a lot, and my granddaughters like to come and pet her. They love her. If I gave her away, I probably wouldn't be grampa anymore."

Steinkuehler said Bayou is a well-behaved dog and is completely trustworthy off the leash.

"She's great with kids," he said.

Steinkuehler will retire at the end of his present term as sheriff next year; he said recent signs have shown that Bayou needs to retire, too.

"She's getting up there, and you can tell it," he said. "In the last couple months, she got an ear infection; she was off kilter a little bit and we took her out of the working stage until she healed."

He said he wasn't sure at first if Bayou had suffered a stroke, but she has returned to normal since the issue occurred.

Steinkuehler plans to take her fishing and spoil her a bit in retirement.

"I'm hoping she has a few more years in her," he said. "I want her to relax and enjoy it."



Denison High School (DHS) Dean of Students Nancy McCarville presented a plaque honoring Bayou's years of service. The plaque was made by DHS student Jake Fink with the assistance of shop teacher Nathan Mahrt.

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Aiming for four craft shows before Christmas

MEYER, FROM PAGE 1

They both do the work with the skills they have.

"Kody's dad was a contractor for a lot of years, so Kody kind of learned from working with him," Molly said. "I took one year of shop in high school, so my skills are minimal. But I try."

One of her favorite tasks is using a propane torch to give wood an aged look.

Molly and Kody were married in 2015 and both work full-time jobs; he at The Andersons Denison Ethanol plant and she at Plains Area Mental Health.

The Meyers have a seven-year-old daughter, a three-year-old son, and an 18-month-old daughter.

"The kids are here right beside us, a lot of the times," Molly said. "Our seven-year-old daughter loves to paint the things that don't have to be meticulous.



The kids love helping unload the wood from the trailer. It's a family thing."

Kody's dad stops by when they need advice on a project.

Molly said the business, which they started in July, is still just a side gig, but they can no longer park in their garage.

"Not even close," she said. "Right now, we've got a one-stall garage that has boards laid all throughout it that are stained and waiting to dry."

The garage will have to do until Meyer Made has made enough money to pay for a real shop, Molly said.

"We've been making a little bit of money - and we keep ordering wood," she said. "We pay for that first, and whatever we make after that, we keep."

They've made enough so far to pay for a few household items, but another aspect of the business is just as important to the Meyers.

"We're having fun with it," Molly said. "People are buying our things and we've been pretty busy. Kody always said he'd love to not work a full-time job for somebody else. We'll just kind of see where it takes us."

They recently had a table of their products at the Dow City Fun Day craft show and have four more craft shows in mind between now and Christmas.

"We're for sure doing Dow City Hometown Christmas," she said.

A charcuterie board, holiday items and a full Adirondack patio set are among the many items produced by Meyer Made in Dow City.



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COURTHOUSE NEWS

September 1-7, 2023

NON-SCHEDULED FINES

- Natosha Rai Coover, Denison. Driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked, \$380.18.
- Zakk Harold Weatherly, Audubon, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked, \$647.50.
- Brian Eugene Fries, Kiron, failure to stop in assured clear distance, \$100.25.

SCHEDULED TRAFFIC FINES

- Reid William Muxfeldt, Logan, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.
- Melanie Linn Carpenter, Denison, dark window or windshield, \$135.50.
- Brock Mattias Schneider, Schleswig, person under 21 years of age using tobacco/ vapor product, first offense, \$70.
- J. Jesus Uribe Garcia, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Vincent Allen Kanne, Carroll, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$175.75.
- Kyle Andrew Dean, Nashua, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$175.75.
- Adrian Bersford Altamirano, Denison, failure to provide proof of financial liability, \$645.63.
- Adrian Bersford Altamirano, Denison, careless driving, \$141.25.
- Kerri Ann Gray, Castana, driving on wrong side of two-way highway, \$287.88.
- Kerri Ann Gray, Castana, operation without registration card or plate, \$175.75.
- Mateo Daniel Paiz Bernabe, Denison, possession/ purchase alcohol by person 18/19/20 years of age, first offense, \$55.
- Jacob James Trierweiler, Ida Grove, dark window or windshield, \$135.50.
- Damien Juan Magnuson, Denison, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.
- Wendy Lissbeth Landaverde Rodriguez, Denison, failure to provide proof of financial liability, \$428.75.
- Saul A. Zapata Ruano, Crete, NE, failure to use child restraint device, \$210.25.
- Fastunia Cruz, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Fastunia Cruz, Denison, failure to maintain control, \$210.25.
- Nathan Jared Kropf, Manilla, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.
- Isac Andrew Flores, Denison, violation of instruction permit limitation, \$135.50.
- Israel Velasquez Samayoa, Kenosha,

WI, no valid driver's license, \$354.

- Juan Eliseo Tojin Chiroy, Lawrenceville, GA, failure to have a valid license or permit for operation of motor vehicle, \$400.

SPEEDING 21 MPH OR OVER

- Mitchell Gerald Mulligan, Defiance, \$239.

SPEEDING 11 THRU 15 MPH OVER

- Cristian Fuentes Alcaraz, Denison, \$236.13.
- Parker Dale Wessel, Denison, \$175.75.

SPEEDING 6 THRU 10 MPH OVER

- Ian Gregory Adkins Jr., Charter Oak, \$149.88.
- Kimberly Rose Lally, Vail, \$118.25.
- Mitch Robert Meseck, Charter Oak, \$118.25.
- Travis J. Bryant, Plattsmouth, NE, \$118.25.
- Jennifer Marie Muhlbauer, Manilla, \$118.25.
- Eilanis Diaz Jorge, Denison, \$118.25.
- Lucas John Schaben, Manilla, \$118.25.
- Mooree Peelee, Denison, \$118.25.

SPEEDING 1 THRU 5 MPH OVER

- Caitlyn Elizabeth Lavender, Ida Grove, \$89.50.
- Hunter Matthew Soll, Ute, \$89.50.
- Moe Plen Soe, Denison, \$89.50.
- Tyler Jacob Sommers, Council Bluffs, \$89.50.
- Raymond George Weber, Glenwood, \$89.50.
- Shelby Marie Davis, Denison, \$89.50.
- Patrick Ryan Carey, Denison, \$89.50.
- Keyla J. Amaya, Hicksville, NY, \$89.50.
- Jennifer Ann Leverett, Council Bluffs, \$89.50.
- Israel Velasquez Samayoa, Kenosha, WI, \$89.50.
- Thane A. Kreager II, Bennington, NE, \$89.50.
- Tamara Rae Brodersen, Denison, \$89.50.
- Ashley Lynn Dickerson, Ute, \$106.75.
- Sue Alice McGinn, Dunlap, \$89.50.

SMALL CLAIMS

- Against: Rice Trailer Company, Stock Trailer City Inc. In favor of: LF Noll Inc. Amount: \$4,080.30 plus \$95 costs.
- Against: Ismael M. Garcia, Denison. In favor of: Nebraska Furniture Mart. Amount: \$3,004.32 plus \$95 costs.

ISU EXTENSION NEWS

Extension Calendar

Monday, September 18, ServSafe: Iowa State University 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. Call the extension office for more information at 712-263-4697.

Tuesday, October 3, Grant Writing 101: Representatives of nonprofits, governmental entities and school districts are encouraged to register this online workshop that will run from 9 a.m. to noon. It will provide 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. The 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 Goeken at jngoeken@iastate.edu or 712-240-2504.

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

Extension project in Crawford and Marshall counties fosters career and college readiness in Latino youth

Local schools and organizations in Crawford and Marshall counties are partnering with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to engage Latino families who have youth in middle school. The families will participate in two extension educational programs that foster career and college readiness.

The effort is funded by a grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. ISU Extension and Outreach will receive \$640,000, spread over five years, from USDA-NIFA for this Children, Youth and Families At-Risk Sustainable Community Project. Latino youth and their families will participate in the "¡Salir Adelante! Pathways for our Future" family workshop series followed by the 4-H Career Pathways Academy, according to Kimberly Greder, a professor in human development and family studies at Iowa State University and director for the grant-funded project.

¡Salir Adelante! Pathways for our Future is a culturally tailored program that brings Latino youth, in grades 6-8, and their families together for six weekly sessions to gain information, develop skills, and expand their social networks to help the youth succeed academically and pursue education and training beyond high school. Sessions are facilitated in Spanish or English depending on the preferences of the families, said Greder, who also is a family wellbeing state specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. After completing ¡Salir Adelante! and when they are in eighth grade, youth will enter the 4-H Career Pathways Academy, said Cayla Taylor, 4-H senior educational program manager and project co-director. During six monthly "Find Your Spark" sessions, youth will explore career and postsecondary educational pathways in STEAM, agriculture, healthcare, education, skilled trades and entrepreneurship.

As part of the academy, they'll also participate in family events throughout the year and have opportunities to visit trade schools, community colleges, four-year colleges, universities and work sites. In addition, the youth will participate in hands-on experiences related to their career interests and learn about training/apprenticeship opportunities.

"The youth will gain a greater understanding of the degrees, certificates or training required for the work they want to do, and they'll also learn about financial assistance that may be available," Taylor said.

"As Latino youth from Crawford and Marshall counties participate in these two educational programs, one program after the other, we'll be better able to engage with the youth and their families long-term," Greder added. "Youth also will be linked to additional opportunities to strengthen their leadership and life skills, such as the 4-H Connect Retreat, local 4-H clubs and the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference."

ISU Extension and Outreach partners with schools, organizations and volunteers to implement ¡Salir Adelante! in communities throughout Iowa. Anyone interested in bringing the program to Latino families in their community may contact Greder at kgreder@iastate.edu or Rosa Gonzalez, human sciences specialist in family wellbeing, at rdegonza@iastate.edu, for more information.

To learn more about the 4-H Career Pathways Academy, contact Taylor at cayla@iastate.edu.

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Monarch

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE STADIUM



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

The student section cheers loudly after the Denison-Schleswig offense gains ground against the Carroll Tigers Friday night.



Music directors Peter Bekkerus and Ruben Newell don white lab coats to perform on the keyboard.



The cheerleaders perform a routine.



The Monarch Marching Band performed another great show at halftime. Pictured are a number of trumpet players.

Sports

VOLLEYBALL

Denison-Schleswig Monarchs at Griswold tournament

SEPTEMBER 9

ACGC 2-1 over D-S

Games scores

21-15 D-S

21-16 ACGC

15-11 ACGC

Stat leaders

Kills: Emily Gehlsen, 6

Set assists: Claire Leinen, 19

Service aces: Addison Inman, Claire

Leinen, Maria Cardenas, 2

Digs: Addison Inman, 10

Solo blocks: Emily Gehlsen, 1

Southwest Valley over D-S, 2-1

Game scores

21-17 D-S

21-11 Southwest Valley

17-15 Southwest Valley

Stat leaders

Kills: Addison Inman, 8

Set assists: Claire Leinen, 14

Service aces: Addison Inman, Avery Bock,

Emily Gehlsen, Maria Cardenas, 1

Digs: Avery Bock, 11

Solo blocks: Maria Cardenas, 1

Block assists: Emily Gehlsen, Maria

Cardenas, 1

Riverside over D-S, 2-1

Game scores

21-4 Riverside

23-21 D-S

15-11 Riverside

Stat leaders

Kills: Mayah Slater, 5

Set assists: Claire Leinen, 14

Service aces: Annah Schwarte, Claire

Leinen, Kamden Bruhn, 1

Digs: Emily Gehlsen, 7

Solo blocks: Maria Cardenas, 1

Block assists: Claire Leinen, Emily

Gehlsen, 1

Griswold over D-S, 0-2

Game scores

21-12 Griswold

21-12 Griswold

Stat leaders

Kills: Addison Inman, 4

Set assists: Claire Leinen, 7

Service aces: Annah Schwarte, Maria

Cardenas, 1

Digs: Addison Inman, 5

Block assists: Emil Gehlsen, 2

AHSTW over D-S, 0-2

Game scores

21-16 AHSTW

21-14 AHSTW

Stat leaders

Kills: Addison Inman, 5

Set assists: Claire Leinen, 6

Service aces: Addison Inman, 2

Digs: Avery Bock, Elli Heiden, 5

Solo blocks: Emily Gehlsen, 1

Block assists: Emily Gehlsen, Mayah

Slater, 2

Denison-Schleswig Junior Varsity at Atlantic tournament

SEPTEMBER 7

Atlantic 2-1 over D-S

Game scores

21-18 Atlantic

23-21 D-S

15-11 Atlantic

Stat leaders

Kills: Hannah Harris, 3

Set assists: Lauryn Turin, 7

Service aces: Hannah Harris, 4

Digs: Kamden Bruhn, 10

Solo blocks: Hannah Harris, Norah

Huebert, 1

D-S over West Central Valley, 2-0

Game scores

21-15 D-S

21-14 D-S

Stat leaders

Kills: Giana Garcia, 4

Set assists: Lauryn Turin, 8

Service aces: Giana Garcia, Hannah

Harris, Kamden Bruhn, 2

Digs: Kamden Bruhn, 11

Clarinda over D-S, 2-0

Game scores

21-5 Clarinda

21-16 Clarinda

Stat leaders

Kills: Hannah Harris, 2

Set assists: Lauryn Turin, 3

Digs: Kamden Bruhn, 11

Solo blocks: Nessa Hedstrom, 1

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS FOOTBALL

Monarchs hold Tigers to just one touchdown

The Carroll Tigers struck first in a game Friday night at the Denison High School stadium, but the first quarter score was the only touchdown and PAT the Tigers would get in the game. The Denison-Schleswig Monarchs answered back with two touchdowns in the first quarter, a field goal in the second quarter and two touchdowns in the third quarter for a 31-7 win.

Denison-Schleswig scoring drives

1st quarter: Luke Wiebers drops back to the 34 and passes to Dominik Garcia, who runs the ball in from the 42-yard-line, for a 63-yard pass and run combination from the line of scrimmage The PAT kick by Sebastian Contreras was blocked.

1st quarter: Wiebers drops back to the 21 and passes to Jake Fink, who runs 13 yards into the endzone, a 18-yard pass and run combination from the line of scrimmage. Contreras kick for the PAT is good.

2nd quarter: Contreras puts a 22-yard field goal through the uprights.

3rd quarter: Wiebers drops back to the 31 and completes a pass to Fink, who runs the ball in from the 39, for a 66-yard pass and run combination from the line of scrimmage. PAT by Contreras is good.

3rd quarter: Wiebers drops back to the 35 and throws to Gage Head, who runs the ball in from the 27, a 32-yard gain from the line of scrimmage. The Monarchs went for the 2-point conversion; Wiebers handed the ball off to Cole Kastner who ran the ball over the goal line.

Monarch Stats

First downs: 12
 First downs by rushing/passing/penalty: 6/6/0
 Rushing yards: 126
 Passing yards: 241
 Pass completions/attempts: 8/12
 Passing touchdowns/interceptions: 4/1
 Total offense: 367
 Fumbles/lost: 1/1
 Penalties/yards: 2/15
 Defensive sacks/yards lost: 2/10
 Time of possession: 36:00
 3rd down efficiency: 5 of 10
 4th down efficiency: 0 of 0
 Punts/average: 4/31.0

Denison-Schleswig JV football at Carroll

The Monarch JV football team was in action at Carroll on September 11. The Monarchs fell to the Tigers 27-0. At halftime the score was 14-0.

The JV football team will play again on Monday, September 18, against Glenwood at 6 p.m. in Denison.

9th Grade Football

Carroll Tigers, 38-Denison-Schleswig Monarchs, 0

Carroll's points came in the 2nd quarter (26) and 3rd quarter (12)

COMMENTS FROM COACH JOHN TORREY

The difference in the game between the two teams was the turnover margin. The Monarch defense forced a three-and-out to start the game, but a fumbled exchange between center Kyler Desy and quarterback Grant Olsen gave the Tigers possession of the ball inside our 30-yard line. Carroll also fumbled, and the ball was recovered by Elliott Green.

On our next possession, Jackson Steinkuehler's fumble gave the ball back to the Tigers. Again, the Monarch defense held. There was no score after one quarter of play.

The 2nd quarter was all Carroll. They scored on a short run to open the period, scored again on a short run later, blocked a punt, setting up a 32-yard touchdown run, and recovered an onside kick to score a 46-yard touchdown. The Tigers led 26-0 at half.

Josue Mendoza's fumble out of intermission gave Carroll outstanding field position again, and the Tigers scored on a 26-yard touchdown run on the next play. Their two-point attempt was foiled by Elliott Green, who tackled the ball carrier behind the line of scrimmage. Carroll's final score came after a Monarch three-and-out on a 4th down pass; the Tigers missed the PAT.

Andy Alvarenga recorded an interception in the 4th quarter, as the Monarch Offense reached the red zone. Grant Olsen threw an interception, taking a big hit on the game's final play. We finished -3 on the turnover margin.

The Monarchs travel to Glenwood to take on the Rams next Friday afternoon.

8th Grade Football

A Game

Denison-Schleswig Monarchs, 34-Atlantic Trojans, 22

Game highlights

Angel Bautista 20-yard touchdown run;

Carsen Schulz 3-yard run for 2-point conversion.

Carson Schulz 1-yard touchdown run.

Angel Bautista 75-yard kickoff return for touchdown.

Angel Bautista 32-yard touchdown run.

Cale Paulson 40-yard touchdown run.

Carsen Bruhn interception.

B Game

Denison-Schleswig, 14-Atlantic, 5

Highlights

Chris Castro 25-yard touchdown run.

Chris Castro 35-yard touchdown run;

Daimian Garcia 3-yard run for 2-point conversion.

Samuel Lora fumble recovery

7th Grade Football

A Game

Atlantic, 38-Denison-Schleswig, 8

Scoring summary

Ezden Hardens rushing touchdown; PAT

by Anel Rodriguez.

B Game

Atlantic, 8-Denison-Schleswig, 0

Game abbreviated due to lightning.



Cole Kastner heads down the field, running the ball against Carroll.

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Dominik Garcia gets to the Carroll quarterback for a solo sack.



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Rough numbers show slight enrollment increase for Denison, Schleswig schools

Rotary Club members also updated on projects

BY GORDON WOLF

Mike Pardun, shared superintendent for the Denison and Schleswig community schools, told members of the Denison Rotary Club last Thursday that rough numbers show a slight increase in enrollment for both districts.

He said the served enrollment (students in seats) at Schleswig is roughly five more compared to last year, which puts the K-8 school at an enrollment of 130 students.

The Denison district's enrollment is also up about five students.

Pardun emphasized that the numbers are not the certified enrollment that is taken annually around October 1 for the Department of Education. Certified enrollment, he explained, basically represents students who live in the school district.

The certified enrollment is used for the Iowa School Finance Formula calculation, part of the budgetary process for public school districts.

Pardun spoke about enrollment trends that the public could expect to see at the Denison schools.

A topographical analogy would place Denison's high school enrollment at the peak of a mountain, with a slope ahead toward a plateau.

The enrollment at Denison High

School is 780 students, which Pardun said was the largest for the high school in his 20 years as superintendent. He pointed out that grades 9 through 12 each have the largest enrollments per class in the school system.

"The typical number of graduates years ago was 165 students. Lately it's been 195 to 205 students. This year's eighth grade class is what I would call kind of the typical number of students," he explained.

"We're probably built better around the 700 to 680 number in the high school. I'm not sure that's necessarily a bad thing. Everyone wants more, but as far as programs, capacity and space, stability is fantastic. Stability in rural Iowa is a really good thing," Pardun said.

The superintendent also spoke about new programs at the Denison schools. The biggest change is a three-year-old preschool program.

Denison Elementary School was already serving three-year-old students that have an IEP (Individualized Education Program for those who need special education). However, they were being served through the four-year-old preschool program, which is funded by the state.

The school district wanted peers

of the same age for the three-year-olds with IEPs. Last week, school administration met with representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services about bringing in three-year-old peers instead of four-year-olds.

"We're not looking to compete with any of our private partners out there that run preschools," said Pardun. "The three-year-old program is really just to have good peers for our three-year-old children with IEPs, which will give them a better educational experience."

Rotary Club members also received information about projects taking place within the district.

The last shipment of purple bleacher seats is being installed this week in the high school gym, which is receiving a complete makeover from the floor up to the mezzanine seating. Pardun thanked the staff and the public for accommodating the gym renovation by making more use of the middle school gym and the Schleswig gym.

At Broadway Elementary, Kingery Construction, the general contractor for an addition to the building, began its work by putting a security fence around the project site.

Pardun said Kingery hired some local companies as subcontractors –

Bedrock Concrete to do dirt work and demolition, Denison Drywall for sheet rock work, and Sundquist Engineering for some survey and testing services.

Currently, a site is being excavated near the southwest corner of the main Broadway building to prepare for the construction of a new boiler building. The school district already procured the two boilers for the boiler plant, which will serve the existing building and the addition. Pardun said this building will be in service before the heating season arrives. The existing boiler plant, the brick structure near the southeast corner of the main building, will be demolished.

Asked about the demolition of the separate gym building on the Broadway campus, Pardun said the timeframe for that is sometime this fall but added that some work will have to fall into place before that happens.

The two-story addition to the back (south side) of the existing classroom building will house the third grade, which is currently at Denison Elementary. The addition will include a gym and a new commons area.

The south façade of the existing classroom building will be kept intact and will be part of the new commons area.



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

A worker from Beebe's Hardwood Floors works on the new Monarch logo in the center of the Denison High School gym on Wednesday morning.

Smithfield is again title sponsor for Tri City BBQ Fest

BY GORDON WOLF

For the second year in a row, Smithfield Foods has provided funding for the title rights to the Tri City BBQ Festival.

The title sponsorship is \$25,000.

As it was last year, the official name of the festival will be "Tri City BBQ Fest: Presented by Smithfield Foods."

Last year was the first time that the

CDC sold the title sponsorship.

"The first year, we really enjoyed sponsoring the festival," said Tricia Leslie, plant controller for Smithfield Foods in Denison.

"It's always fun to support something that is such a far-reaching community activity," she added.

As a corporation, Smithfield looks for ways to support the communities where its plants are located, Leslie continued.

"Smithfield focuses mostly on education and food banks, but with this being a barbecue festival, we feel like it also fits really well into Smithfield's

purpose, which is to bring good food to communities," she said.

Smithfield receives a number of benefits in return for its title sponsorship - premium logo placement on all materials and advertising, four special posts or ads the Tri City BBQ Fest Facebook page, top banner position on tricitybbq.com, the Smithfield name on the cover of the brochure, premium banner placement on the stage and other recognition throughout the event.

Smithfield also receives a number of VIP dinner passes, kids' wristbands, and drink tickets to be used at the company's discretion.

Two other businesses are continuing their sponsorships from last year.

Monogram Quality Foods returns as a "Prime Cut" sponsor. For its funding of \$10,000, Monogram receives the next level of logo placement and marketing benefits.

Monogram also returns as the sponsor of the Saturday night music stage and, in addition, is the Designer T sponsor, which means their logo will be on one of the styles of BBQ Fest t-shirts.

And again this year, Greater Iowa Credit Union is the Special Entertainment sponsor.



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At left, Paul Plumb, executive director of the Chamber & Development Council (CDC) of Crawford County, and at right, Tricia Leslie, plant controller for Smithfield Foods in Denison, hold a ceremonial check announcing Smithfield's \$25,000 title sponsorship of the 2023 Tri City BBQ Fest, which takes place this Friday and Saturday in Uptown Denison. Also pictured (not in order) are Smithfield representatives Chris Promes, Bob Starman, Timbra Thies, Mary Spreng, Pedro Mena, John Espinoza, Rebecca Hartman, Jamal Kahn, Cassie Barbeau, Heather Adams, and Mitch Munson. Others pictured from the CDC are Mariah Nutt, office manager; and Taylor Borkowski (holding her daughter), a member of the CDC Board of Directors.

Bringing the prairie's history to life

Pippa White performs in Dow City

BY GORDON WOLF

Using diaries and a wealth of historical references, Pippa White with One's Company brought to life the lives and struggles of those who traveled, lived in and settled the prairie states, during a performance called "Far as the Eye Can See," given at the Dow City Community Building on Sunday.

She showed that the prairie states are much more than what many view as "fly-over" states or the region that people travel through as fast as they can on the interstate highway system.

She slowed down that trip so people could hear from the pioneer travelers, the homesteaders and their descendants, the Native Americans and the survivors of the Dust Bowl Days.

White said all accounts she would portray came from references except two stories about Native Americans.



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Pippa White switches the hats she wears to portray different characters in performances.

"Most people think of the prairie as boring, empty and uninteresting. That's why millions of Americans drive straight through the prairie states without ever stopping. They don't seem interested in the nature of the prairie

– an ecosystem that many scientists insist is the most complex ecosystem on our planet," White said. "They don't seem interested in the prairie's past, the wagon ruts left by their ancestors, the Oregon trail, the Pony Express stations, the railways, the settlements. They don't seem interested in the prairie's present, this incredible land and the people who work it that feed tens of millions of people around the world."

She said that 40% of this country is wide open spaces, the most predominant landscape in the nation. "Most people drive by without stopping," she said. "I think they do so because of agoraphobia, the fear of wide open spaces. They are uncomfortable without boundaries. Out on the prairie you come face to face with infinity. Not everybody can take that."

Indeed, some of White's stories were of homesteaders who went insane because of the loneliness and isolation of the prairie.

Donning the persona of one young girl, White told the story of a family that moved from Massachusetts to the prairie. The wife envisioned a farmstead like those in Massachusetts or even in her home country of England. But when she arrived at the homestead, what she saw was the roof and four sides of a large cabin with holes for windows and doors. After crossing the threshold, the mother stood very still and looked around, and then something inside her gave way and she sank to the floor. The children stood around in a little frightened group because they had never seen their mother like that.

Through the eyes of a 12-year-old girl from the family, White said the mother came to herself but when she raised her face and her hands, she seemed to have gone. The family slept on the floor of the cabin that night, hearing the prairie come alive with the sounds of predators, but what the girl feared most was inside the house with her mother tossing and turning and staring into the darkness.

"The first night on the prairie, I felt we were lost," White said in the persona of the girl.

White listed off what a family of four pioneers in 1846 needed to cross through the prairie states to get to the west.

- 800 pounds of flour and corn meal
- 200 pounds of lye
- 25 pounds of salt and pepper
- 700 pounds of bacon
- 100 pounds of dried fruit
- 75 pounds of coffee
- 200 pounds of dried beans

The total weight? Around 2,100 pounds. Much more and a second wagon would be needed. The wagon also stored eating and cooking utensils, guns and ammunition, clothing, linens and furniture (most of which was tossed along the way).

"It was suggested that you get 8-12 mules to pull the wagon or 4-6 oxen, which were preferred because they were less expensive, sturdier and in a pinch, you could eat them," White said.

Telling another story, White took on the persona of Amelia, who crossed the prairie in 1846 with her husband and six children, leaving behind Ohio, where life had been hard. They were willing to take a risk.

The story spoke about the books, candles and feather beds in the wagon. There was not room for everyone to sleep on those beds so some slept under the wagon or in tents.

"Most were afraid of wolves, snakes and Native Americans. But these fears proved to be unfounded," said White. "Most people who died, died from diseases like smallpox, cholera and

typhus, and from wagon accidents and drowning."

White's stories told of pioneer children in the wagon trains to whom the journey was a big adventure with campfires and singing every night. They walked barefoot because shoes wouldn't last, and the alkali in the soil would turn their feet gray and black. That was a story from Mary Agnes, age 12 in 1849.

For those settling in the prairie to homestead, it took \$10 in 1869 for a 160-acre claim. If the homesteader brought trees, they would get another 160 acres. You had to be 21 years old or the head of the household.

"After settling on and cultivating your land for five years, it was yours," said White. "Not everyone could make a go of it. Some people didn't know how to farm and others had money for the land but nothing left over for equipment. There were those who could take the good years but not the bad years."

And she spoke of cheaters, including those who staked out multiple claims and built a 12x12 house on wheels to move it from claim to claim. A 12x12 house was one of the requirements of the Homestead Act.

"But if you were honest and hardworking, the Homestead Act could make something of you. My name is Eli, 19 years old, and I'm determined that the Homestead Act can make something of me," White said through Eli's eyes.

Another story came from a Native American girl. Her uncle, Standing Bear, had been forced from his own land and had to go to the Indian territory. The journey was long and arduous, and one of his little children died from the hardships of the trip. The ladies of Milford came out and prayed over the child's body and gave the child a beautiful Christian wedding. The Native American girl didn't understand what was called civilization when half the white people murdered her cousin and the other half buried the child.

White told Grace's account from the Dust Bowl Days. It was May 23, 1933. Grace, the mother, was upstairs working on a quilt but knew it would be blustery day. By the afternoon, the sky turned a color that she had never seen before – a green sky. It began to get very dark, very quickly. She went downstairs and outside to check on the chickens and turkeys. The chickens had already gone to roost because it was completely black outside. She had to herd the turkeys. Fortunately, the wind blew her against the front porch because she might not have found it otherwise. Once inside, the daughter said the floor was breathing, and indeed, it was going up and down.

What occurred was a tornado and a dust storm, only no one could see the tornado because it was completely black outside.

Performance in Charter Oak

One's Company, with actress Pippa White, will perform Voices from Ellis Island at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 30, at the Charter Oak Public Library. White specializes in stories in history and most of her programs are based on true events. The show is sponsored by the Charter Oak Public Library Board.

One's Company is a collection of one-woman shows featuring actress White. The September 30 program covers the time period of 1892 to 1930, when Ellis Island was the first experience of life in America for millions of immigrants. Their stories are amusing, frightening, inspiring, and true.

The program will last approximately 70 minutes. Snacks and refreshments will be served afterwards.

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Mixing business with pleasure

Cattlemen's membership kickoff a time to visit, a time to discuss issues

BY GORDON WOLF

Crawford County cattlemen and others associated with the cattle industry had a chance to relax and visit at the annual Fall Membership Kickoff Monday at the Vail Community Building.

But there was also a business side to the event – an update on issues of concern given by Cora Fox, director of government relations for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA).

Fox, who is originally from Monona County, spoke about many concerns that involve legislation, rules and regulations, but one of the most pressing issues for producers comes from Mother Nature.

"We've had a multi-year drought across the state of Iowa. It ebbed and flowed. It's been very prominent here in western Iowa, and it's not just the lack of rainfall that we've had this year, but what it's done is created a lack of subsoil," Fox told The Denison Free Press.

She said this is evident in the pastures.

"They really struggle to grow, and it's also evident in the silage that's been chopped and the earlage that's been chopped. We've heard reports from producers that we're seeing like half tonnage (reduction)."

She continued that some producers have been haying their livestock since the middle of the summer, and Fox is also hearing that some producers are choosing to liquidate portions of their herds when typically they may not, because they're concerned about having enough feed to winter over.

"Right now, those are the tough decisions to make, but we're in a much better place when you're looking at the market. We're in the black, and that's a good thing," said Fox. "So while it's not ideal to have to sell due to these drought conditions, it could be far worse."

She pointed out that the market conditions in the last couple of years were significantly lower than market conditions today.

Disaster programs available through the USDA can help producers have access to more grazing.

"Over the summer the USDA did open up emergency haying and grazing in some counties due to the drought classification within certain counties," Fox said. "Additionally, there's another program called the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), where if you have lost a significant amount of forage, the USDA can pay you on a per-head basis to help you kind of weather the storm when you've lost that forage."

She pointed out that those programs are valuable to producers, but they're not made to make producers whole, just help them keep their heads above water.

"The challenge that comes with those programs is sometimes they're not reflective of market value at the time or you might get an LFP payment, for example, so that you can go buy feed, but the hay market is really, really hot," Fox continued. "There's a lot of demand, there's little supply and so you might not be able to buy enough hay even to make it through the winter, even with those payments."

Some producers learned of a wrinkle in regulations when the federal



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Rick Staley with Staley's Catering had a smoky job Monday grilling steaks for the Crawford County Cattlemen's annual Fall Membership Kickoff.



Cattlemen's queens Calli Korner and Jodee Krus, and Tricia and Grace Collins, opened the Cattlemen's event by singing the national anthem.

government opened up CRP acres for haying and grazing. Fox explained this issue.

"Some CRP contracts have practices that are under a program called the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Initiative, and the DNR and USDA have an agreement that does not allow for emergency haying and grazing on SAFE acres. Some of our producers, particularly in Western Iowa, learned that they are not able to hay or graze during emergency drought conditions even though the federal government had opened those acres up for them."

Fox said that is something that can be changed for the future. At the same time, she pointed out that CRP forage is not necessarily ideal forage for livestock.

"It truly is something that is emergency use, but it is important that we also manage those CRP acres so

that we don't end up with noxious weeds and overgrowth," she said.

"What we would like to see, looking ahead, is more incorporation of grazing on a regular basis on all CRP acres, not just during emergency circumstances. We feel that that would improve soil health, land management and also encourage more active management of the land with people coming back to the rural communities," Fox said.



Cora Fox, director of government relations for the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, spoke on issues of concern for cattle producers.

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The U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point and U.S. Naval Academy each select at least one qualified student from Grassley's nominations every year. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy makes selections in proportion to states' representation in Congress. Grassley encourages Iowa students to apply to more than one service academy, as admissions are extremely competitive.

The deadline for Iowa students to complete and submit their application for a nomination from Grassley is Friday, October 20. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Nominations will be made by December 31, 2023.

Grassley's academy nomination application can be found at 2023 Grassley Academy Application (senate.gov).

Students may hand-deliver their application to any of Grassley's offices in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Waterloo or Davenport. Or they may mail their applications to the following address:

U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley
Attn: Nominations Coordinator
721 Federal Building
210 Walnut Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Applicants must also submit a preliminary application to the academies of their choice and ask that a pre-candidate file be opened on their behalf. Additionally, Iowa students should seek recommendations from Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and their Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives, as students are allowed to submit more than one nomination.

For more information, contact Senator Grassley's Des Moines office at 515-288-1145 or academy_nominations@grassley.senate.gov, or visit www.grassley.senate.gov.

In Remembrance

LaDonna Mary Mastromatteo

It is with great sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved mother, LaDonna Mary Mastromatteo (nee Clark), at age 81, on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 after her brave battle with cancer.

LaDonna was born in Waterloo, Iowa, the firstborn child of Mary ("Tote") and Donald Clark. She lived by her faith and was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. LaDonna loved to spend time with her family. She shopped her way around the world during her travels and especially enjoyed going on cruises. LaDonna was an amazing caregiver and homemaker. She went to beauty school and worked as an instructor until she married Frank whom she met at Iowa State University in Ames, IA.

LaDonna was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Frank; son, Kirk D.; parents and infant brothers, Donald Clark, Jr. and Leonard Leo Clark. She is survived by her children, Andrea (Mike) Royce, Matthew (Jill) Mastromatteo, Mitch (Julie) Mastromatteo; grandchildren, Sam Mastromatteo, Grant Mastromatteo, Spencer Stapleton, Luke Mastromatteo, Sawyer Stapleton, Benjamin Mastromatteo; sister, Janet Freie; as well as numerous cousins and extended family.

Family will greet friends 10-11AM on Monday, September 18 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4600 Ackerman Blvd, Dayton, OH 45429. A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11AM. LaDonna will be laid to rest in David's Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be made at www.routsonline.com.

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Toiling on the trail



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A worker grades dirt that will become part of the T. Edwin Weiss Family Safe Routes to Schools Trail, which will be located just west of North 20th Street, go through a portion of the Northside Rec property and then head west to Denison High School. Ten Point Construction is the general contractor. The project engineer, Terry Crawford with Sundquist Engineering, said a number of people frequent North 20th Street as a walking and jogging route, and he is confident they will use the trail once it is available. North 20th Street is only 20 feet wide and has hills, which causes safety concerns for walkers, joggers and cyclists. The trail will be 10 feet wide and will be for foot traffic as well as for bicycles. Crawford said he is looking forward to the completion of the trail and the installation of signage that specifies pedestrian and bicycle use only. Signage will also honor the Weiss family, which sold the city a 30-foot strip of land along North 20th Street for the trail. The intent is for the trail to get done before winter.

‘I’m just a small-town kid,’ presidential candidate Burgum says in Denison

BY DOUGLAS BURNS
 SPECIAL TO THE DENISON FREE PRESS

Republican presidential candidate Doug Burgum, a North Dakotan with rural roots, says energy independence and strategies to develop a strong economy are central features of his campaign.

What’s more, the North Dakotan says he understands rural America as well as anyone campaigning for the Oval Office.

“I’m just a small-town kid,” Burgum says.

Burgum hails from Arthur, North Dakota, a community of about 300 people. He worked his way through college, North Dakota State University, sweeping chimneys, and went on to earn a master’s in business administration from Stanford University and founded a tech company, Great Plains Software, an organization so successful that Microsoft acquired it.

He understands how the economy intersects with the lives of Americans, from people in the trades to entrepreneurs, Burgum said.

“Inflation, among all the ills, is the worst one,” the governor of North Dakota said in Denison during a meeting with local Republicans at Bella Sera restaurant.

Inflation, in essence, saps money from people’s savings accounts as they are sleeping - it’s more than just the higher cost of milk and gas in the waking and working hours, Burgum said.

Burgum said the United States cannot retreat into isolationism as the American economy is so closely tied to those of other nations.

“When we have the world’s largest economy, we make a lot of stuff that other people buy,” Burgum said.

Of the United States’ \$25 trillion economy about half of it is tied to foreign trade.

“We feed and fuel the world, that’s what we do,” Burgum said.

Burgum said the United States’ largest threat is China. But U.S. innovators have the firepower to win the economic battle, he said.

“If you want American manufacturing jobs to come back to this country, if you want to have lower inflation, if you want to have the best possible things for the environment, then every ounce of electricity, every electron, ought to be made here, not someplace else,” Burgum said. “We do it cleaner, safer, smarter, better than anyone else in the world.”

Long-time Republican activist Gwen Ecklund of Denison said Burgum is impressive.

“I think that he has some really vast knowledge and insight that is valuable, and that we are not necessarily hearing from other candidates,” Ecklund, the former Crawford County Republican chair who now leads that organization’s women’s group, said. “I think people will give him a look.”

“I think he’s worth looking at,” she added.

Bob Quandt of Denison said Burgum has good ideas.

“I think he’s a very smart man,” he said.

Quandt thinks Burgum makes a strong case for what Quandt sees as President Biden’s shortcomings on the economy and management of the southern border.

Both Quandt and Ecklund remain undecided in the presidential nominating process.



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Doug Burgum, a Republican from North Dakota, is campaigning for president

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A little bit of everything

All-N-1 Fun Run is Saturday

BY DAN MUNDT

"It's not like any other run anyone has done before - unless they've done this specific run," said Sara Woerdehoff, marketing assistant manager for WESCO, which is the organizer of the All-N-1 Fun Run event that will take place on Saturday. "There's just a lot to see and do and look forward to because it's a different experience at every station."

She said other fun runs have similar activities at the various stations, but the All-N-1 Fun Run has a variety.

"It's about six runs all in one, so you only truly need to do this one run and you can experience a lot of the other ones," Woerdehoff said.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday on the Crawford County Courthouse lawn.

She noted that WESCO will provide sunglasses to everyone who registers for the event.

"You're going to need them," Woerdehoff said.

The sunglasses will help with the sun, of course, but also with the bubbles, paint and gooey stuff that will be flying through the air at various points of the fun run.

The event begins at 10 a.m.

"The first stop is the candy dash; we'll have bubbles going and a fake Candyland path," she said. "At the end, there's a pool filled with candy for kids, and adults, too."

The second stop on the route is the bubble station.

"That's more of a foam party, and the piles get so big that it's easy to lose a kid in there," Woerdehoff said.

A few blocks away is the color run.

"There are five different colors of powder you can get sprayed with," she said.

Some participants slow down to get sprayed with paint - others sprint through.

The next stop is the neon glow tent, in which participants deliberately splash neon paint around a confined space.

"We have a bunch of drums that will be covered with neon paint," Woerdehoff said. "When you pound on the drums with the drumsticks, paint goes flying everywhere. It's cool."

Slime is on the menu at the next stop, which is located at Washington Park.

"This year, we purchased more squirt guns," she said. "In previous years, it was our volunteers squirting people with slime, but this year you'll be able to spray each other with slime, too."

The final stop, "water frenzy," is scheduled last for a reason.

"That way, you can squirt off all of the other stuff, if you want to," Woerdehoff said.

"There will be several pools of water and you can have a water fight and get the color and the paint and the slime off."

The fun run will conclude where it began - at the Crawford County Courthouse lawn.

"Don't wear shoes that you're going to be upset if something happens to them," she warned. "If you wear brand new shoes, they will get dirty, but it's a load of fun."

Woerdehoff said the fun run event has grown in popularity over the years.

"We've been getting more and more people from the surrounding towns year after year, which is nice to see," she said. "You don't have to be a runner - it's an all-ability walk. You can walk, wheel, crawl, run. You can do whatever you want."

The entry fee is \$25 for children (10 and under) and \$35 for adults; registered entrants will receive a free t-shirt.

Kids age four and under may participate for free but won't receive a free t-shirt, though one may be purchased.

The proceeds from the event will go toward a new all-inclusive playground at Washington Park.



A variety of messy activities will await participants along the route of the All-N-1 Fun Run.

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