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Burn ban in effect

Dry conditions bring fire danger

BY DAN MUNDT

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted 5-0 to enact a countywide open burn ban that started this morning (Thursday, September 21) at 8 a.m.

Crawford County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Greg Miller attended the Tuesday supervisors meeting to request that the burn ban be put in place.

He said he had contacted all the fire departments in the county and all the fire chiefs were in favor of the ban.

The open burning ban will remain in place until rescinded.

The ban is for unincorporated areas of the county; cities have their own ordinances, Miller noted.

Supervisor Kyle Schultz said he was on pins and needles all day on Monday.

Three field fires occurred and were contained on Monday, when high winds and dry conditions had the potential to cause fires to spread rapidly.

Schultz said a combine fire occurred

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A new public recreation area

County farm to be put in CRP

BY DAN MUNDT

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 on September 12 to enroll the county farm in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), which is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

At their March 7 meeting, the supervisors had an extensive discussion about finding a more public purpose for the county farm, rather than simply leasing it for crops, which is how it is currently utilized.

The farm, located one mile east of Arion along Highway 30, has about 121 acres of farmable land.

Another 28 acres of the farm are already enrolled in CRP.

The plan is for the area to be seeded with grass and other plants to be converted to use for public recreation and hunting.

FARM, PAGE 3

Tri City BBQ Fest #9 is in the books

Volunteers, sponsors made event possible



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

A big crowd showed up for the Tri City BBQ Fest on both days this weekend. Adam Doleac was the final act on Saturday night.

BY DAN MUNDT

"It seemed to go pretty smoothly," said Paul Plumb, the new executive director of the Chamber & Development Council (CDC) of Crawford County, about last weekend's Tri City BBQ Fest. "We had a few bumps in the road, but nothing too dramatic."

"We had a great turnout," said CDC Office Manager Mariah Nutt.

Plumb said they were pleased with the crowds on both nights of the event.

"You know it's crowded when I can't get through on the golf cart anymore," Nutt said.

Both nights at around 7 p.m., she had to park the cart and go by foot around the various parts of the event she had to keep an eye on.

Plumb said he expects revenue will be close to what the festival has brought in during recent years.

"No huge losses, no huge gains," he said.

He said volunteers were responsible for making the event run without problems.

"They pulled through in a huge way," Plumb said. "We couldn't do it without the volunteers and the experience they

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PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Jameson Ganz, of Denison, pokes his head out of the mouth of this colorful inflatable bug. The inflatable has a slide on the other side.

Denison School District's Business Partner Program turns 18

Elementary students learn about community businesses

BY GORDON WOLF

The Community Business Partner Program at the Denison Community School District celebrated its Golden Birthday on Monday.

September 18 was the kickoff meeting for the 18th year of the program.

The goals of the business partner program are to strengthen school and community relationships by pairing community business leaders with classrooms of students, from transitional kindergarten through fifth grade.

Through these partnerships, the students learn about businesses and the career opportunities in the community.

Another goal is showing students the academic and soft skills and the character traits that are necessary to be successful in those careers.

Additionally, the partnerships can help develop an understanding of the Purple Hands and PurposeFull People initiatives taught at Denison Elementary School and Broadway Elementary School. Both initiatives are character education programs.

More than 40 businesses and services are involved in the Community Business Partner Program. They are asked to meet at least three times with their class, with one of those times as a field trip to that business, if possible.

The school district would like the first meeting to take place before October 18, to have the pictures of the business partners and their classes displayed on a poster for parent-teacher conferences.

The following businesses were presented with plaques to recognize them for years of commitment and service to the program.

15 years: Hy-Vee, Lincoln Highway Animal Hospital, and WESCO Industries

10 years: Donna Reed Foundation, and The Cottage

5 years: Crawford County Memorial Hospital Medical Clinic, Denison Police Department, La Prensa, and Norelius Community Library.

BUSINESS PARTNERS, PAGE 2



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Tiney's Steakhouse will open in October. It takes over the space formerly occupied by Homer's Bar & Grill in Vail.

A dream fulfilled

Tiney's Steakhouse aims for October opening

BY DAN MUNDT

Last Friday was Rick Krueger's last day as assistant chef at Reed Place in Denison.

He is now spending all his time remodeling the former Homer's Bar & Grill building in Vail to fulfill a lifelong dream.

"My mom and dad always either had a bar, a restaurant or a bar and grill, so it's been in my blood my whole life," Rick said. "I always wanted to open my own brick and mortar place."

His new restaurant will be called "Tiney's Steakhouse."

"Tiney" is a nickname Rick was given when he worked at Farmland; a smaller coworker had called him tiny

(along with another colorful term).

"I changed it to Tiney because Tiny was taken for personalized plates," he said.

Rick has been working toward becoming a chef for two decades, but he never went to culinary school.

"I was going to," he said. "I just never had time."

Rick spent two years working at Reed Place. Before that, he was a chef at Hillside Grill in Denison, Lost Wages in Buck Grove and the Ickey Nickel Bar & Grill in Sioux City.

In his younger days, he was a cook

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Bradley honored for years of service on DMU Board



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Nancy Bradley, who served on the Denison Municipal Utilities Board of Directors for nearly 20 years, was presented with a plaque of recognition on Monday. Picture from left are board members Dane Dammen, Tonya Eller, Nancy Bradley, Brian Ettleman and Chad Langenfeld. Leslie Feekes was appointed to fill Bradley's chair on the board. Bradley served on the board from February 2004 until September 2023. A resolution of appreciation stated that Bradley demonstrated leadership and abilities as she helped make the Denison Municipal Utilities a positive force in the community.

BUSINESS PARTNERS, FROM PAGE 1

Additionally, the 11 businesses have participated in each of the 18 years the program has taken place: Professional Computer Solutions, Vision Care Clinic, United Bank of Iowa, Crawford County Bank, Denison Chiropractic, Petersen Manufacturing Co., Western Iowa Power Cooperative, Reynold's Clothing, Denison Care Center, Crawford County Community Health, and the Crawford County office of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

A presentation given by Denison Elementary and Broadway Elementary counselors Tracy Beeck and Sierra Frehse showed the importance of staying current on the job skills that businesses want in their workers.

In 2015 the top 10 most wanted

skills were complex problem solving, coordinating with others, people management, critical thinking, negotiation, quality control, service orientation, judgement and decision making, active listening and creativity.

In 2020 the top 10 had changed to people management, complex problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, coordinating with others, emotional intelligence, judgment and decision making, service orientation, negotiation and cognitive flexibility.

Projections are that by 2030, the top 10 most wanted skills will be judgement and decision making, fluency of ideas, active learning, learning strategies, originality, system evaluation, deductive reasoning, complex problem solving, systems analysis and monitoring.



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

The Donna Reed Foundation and The Cottage were recognized for participating in the Community Business Partner Program for 10 years. From left are Lisa Blum, second grade teacher, business partner with Donna Reed Foundation, represented by Pat Fleshner; and Steph Arkfeld, second grade teacher, business partner with The Cottage, represented by Taylor Borkowski.



Plaques for 15 years with the Community Business Partner Program were presented to Hy-Vee, Lincoln Highway Animal Hospital and WESCO Industries. Pictured from left are Callie Johnson with Hy-Vee, with her business partner teacher, April Thelen (first grade); Jayne Lyons, fourth grade teacher, business partner with Lincoln Highway Animal Hospital; and Rachel McMinemee, first grade teacher, business partner with WESCO Industries, represented by Aubrey Sholty. Not pictured is Dr. Beth Reineke with Lincoln Animal Highway Hospital, who was unable to attend the business partner kickoff on Monday.



Four business partners received plaques for five years of service to the program. Pictured in front, from left, are Kim Slater, kindergarten teacher, with Erin Schechinger, representing Crawford County Memorial Hospital Medical Clinic. Back: Mayra Velasquez, first grade teacher, with Gordon Wolf, representing La Prensa; Monica Walley with Norelius Community Library and her business partner teacher Stephanie Schmadeke (first grade); and Mayra Bermudez, kindergarten teacher, with Taylor Schwarte and Tony Trejo with the Denison Police Department.

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near Charter Oak on Saturday. Supervisor Dave Muhlbauer said a fire extinguisher was needed to put out a harvest-related smoldering spot in one of his fields. "Those are going to happen," Miller said.

Supervisor Craig Dozark noted that significant rainfall is possible this weekend. "If that's what it takes to get rain," said Supervisor Jean Heiden. Chairman Ty Rosburg said that, even with a lot of rain, all the crop residue in the fields will dry quickly with any wind. "I think the dirt's dry enough it will burn, right now," Schultz said.

Something for everyone in the county to use

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The supervisors intend to have the Crawford County Fair Board serve as the pass-through entity. That arrangement is being worked out and will result in the fair board receiving 10% of the CRP income of \$300 per acre for the length of the 10-year contract. Supervisor Kyle Schultz said the funds would be on top of what the county gives to the fair board on an annual basis. The county will also receive a one-time \$100/acre signing bonus through the Iowa Pheasant Recovery - State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) program. Those funds will likely be needed to maintain the farm during the first year and a half of the conversion to a public recreation area, said KR Buck. Buck and former Crawford County Supervisor Randy Kuhlmann attended

last week's meeting to advocate for the arrangement. "Iowa ranks second to last in public use ground," Buck said. Adding public-use areas is a good way to help recruit and retain population, he said. Buck noted that there was some urgency to get the deal in place by the September 30 deadline imposed by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), which administers CRP. Schultz said putting the county farm into CRP would turn the property into something the whole county can use. Buck said he plans to apply for a tourism grant to update the parking area at the farm. He noted that individuals from eight different states came to Crawford County to hunt with his group last year, and that activity brings money to the county's motels and restaurants.

Senior Lunch Menu

- Served at the Senior Center on South Main in Denison
Call 712-263-4950 before 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, September 22:** BBQ baked chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, apricots
 - Monday, September 25:** roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, whole wheat roll, mandarin oranges
 - Tuesday, September 26:** mushroom & Swiss burger on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, broccoli, tropical fruit
 - Wednesday, September 27:** ham, roasted sweet potatoes, lettuce salad, pears, chocolate pudding
 - Thursday, September 28:** tuna noodle casserole, mixed vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, carrots), peaches, bread stick
 - Friday, September 29:** beef stew, whole wheat roll, coleslaw, strawberries, peanut butter cookie

Garage Sale

Large Multi Family Garage Sale

2305 Bel Aire Drive, Denison
Sept. 22: 10 am - 5 pm
Sept. 23: 8 am -12 noon

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Water Watch continues

After reviewing the water table and the level of water in the wells, the Denison Municipal Utilities (DMU) Board agreed that the Water Watch conservation effort should continue to stay in place. DMU General Manager Rory Weis said that last year the Water Watch was lifted in September, but the recommendation was to leave it in place for the time being. Customers are encouraged to conserve on the use of water. One of the conservation measures is no watering of yards or gardens between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

LAND TRANSACTIONS

September 8-14, 2023

- Warranty Deeds**
- K&D Construction LLC to Enrique L. Romero: Lots 9 and 10, Block 118, Denison Original Town; \$85,000.
 - Mitch A. Nelson and Judith A. Nelson to Matthew Dirks: Lot 1, Westside Payne's Addition; \$17,000.
 - Brandon J. Brotherton to David James Farrow and Gloria Nieto Lopez: Lots 7 and 8, Block 45, Denison Original Town; \$169,000.
 - CP JRM LLC to Iowa Postal Holdings LLC: Lot 11, Block 5, Schleswig Original Town; \$80,000.
 - Tom Muff and Karen Muff to Cameron Charles Muff: N1/2 SE1/4 Section 16, East Boyer Township; \$585,225.
 - Gary E. Reimer and Linda M. Reimer to Gary E. Reimer and Linda M. Reimer: NE1/4 Section 28 Soldier Township.
 - Craig Schueller and Kimberly Schueller to Robby J. Kizeor and Michelle M. Leonard: Lots 6 and 7, Block 12, Charter Oak Original Town; \$35,900.
 - Drake Family Trust, David M. Drake and Julie A. Georgius, Co-Trustees, to Timothy F. Lickteig and Carol J. Lickteig Trust, Timothy F. Lickteig and Carol J. Lickteig, Trustees: E1/2 NE1/4 Section 27, Washington Township, \$918,000.
 - Drake Family Trust, David M. Drake and Julie A. Georgius, Co-Trustees, to Allan A. Arkfeld Revocable Trust and Shary R. Arkfeld Revocable Trust, Allan A. Arkfeld and Shary R. Arkfeld, Trustees: W1/2 NE1/4 Section 27, Washington Township; NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 27, Washington Township; E1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 27, Washington Township; E1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4 Section 27, Washington Township; \$2,108,050.

- Drake Family Trust, David M. Drake and Julie A. Georgius, Co-Trustees, to Allan A. Arkfeld Revocable Trust, Allan A. Arkfeld, Trustee: E1/2 E1/2 SE1/4 Section 22, Washington Township; E1/2 W1/2 E1/2 SE1/4 Section 22, Washington Township; \$744,276.
- Drake Family Trust, David M. Drake and Julie A. Georgius, Co-Trustees, to Arkfeld Brothers: W1/2 SE1/4 Section 22, Washington Township; W1/2 W1/2 E1/2 SE1/4 Section 22, Washington Township; \$1,283,724.

- Quit Claim Deeds**
- Nora Roxana Mauricio Rodriguez, fka Nora R. Molina, fka Nora Molina to Juan O. Molina: Lot 36, Denison City View Fourth Addition; \$1.00.
 - Nora Roxana Mauricio Rodriguez, fka Nora R. Molina, fka Nora Molina to Juan O. Molina: Lots 6 and 7, Block 16, Vail Original Town; \$1.00.
 - Dennis Nekuda to Cynthia Nekuda: Lots 6 and 7, Block 12, Schleswig Original Town.
 - Roger H. Siemer and Barbara J. Siemer to Siemer Family Irrevocable Trust, Nicole Chesmore, Trustee: SW1/4 Section 13, Denison Township.
 - Cynthia La Vaughn Nekuda to Dennis Nekuda: Lot 4, Block 12, Schleswig Original Town.

- Court Officer Deed**
- Darlys Bauer Estate, Arlen Schrum, Executor, to Veta Willis: Lots 3 and 4, Block 32, Schleswig Original Town; \$22,056.

- State Tax Lien**
- Iowa Department of Revenue against Backwoods Restaurant and Saloon LLC and Penni M. Coenen: \$6,312.57.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

September 8-14 2023

- SMALL CLAIMS**
- Against: Caitlyn Elizabeth Lavender, Ida Grove. In favor of: Midland Credit Management Inc. Amount: \$826.15 plus \$95 costs.
- SCHEDULED TRAFFIC FINES**
- Juan Miguel Matos Perez, Storm Lake, depositing or throwing litter on highway, \$210.25.
 - Zachary Daniel Rauch, Schleswig, no valid driver's license, \$354.
 - Nancy A. Simonsen, Manilla, no valid driver's license, \$354.
 - Kevin Lee Walde, Denison, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.
 - Kevin Lee Walde, Denison, operation without registration card or plate, \$135.50.
 - Carlos Roberto Martinez Cortez, Des Moines, no valid driver's license, \$354.
 - Brian David Soll, Charter Oak, texting/ using mobile phone while operating commercial vehicle, \$135.50.
 - Julio Paez Arias, Denison, failure to prove security against liability, non-accident, \$486.25.
 - Miguel Antonio Gonzalez Alfonso, Arion, failure to obey traffic control device, \$287.88.
 - Steven Allen Fuller, Silver City, failure to yield entering through highway, \$210.25.
- SPEEDING (21 mph +)**
- Zachary Daniel Rauch, Schleswig, \$256.25.

- SPEEDING (11-15 mph over)**
- Evan Allen Edwards, Des Moines, \$175.75.
 - Dennis Allen Ahrenholtz, Denison, \$175.75.
 - Nhia Lee, Denison, \$175.75.
- SPEEDING (6-10 mph over)**
- Letitia Louise Anna Mar Mankowski Dimmick, Clinton, \$149.88.
 - John Finbar Canty Jr., Storm Lake, \$118.25.
 - Jase Allen Lueth, Manilla, \$118.25.
 - Luis Francisco Placido Jr., Alta, \$118.25.
 - Brenden Michael Frisbie, Sioux City, \$118.25.
 - Jessica J. Burk, Ida Grove, \$118.25.
 - Youris Naranjo Oliva, Las Vegas, NV, \$118.25.
 - Mark Paul Weller, Harlan, \$118.25.
 - Aduke Erasto Harris, Omaha, NE, \$118.25.
 - Debra Lee Copple, Nevada, \$118.25.
- SPEEDING (1-5 mph over)**
- Tara Melissa Gorden, Dow City, \$89.50.
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 - Lucas Anthony Siepker, Dunlap, \$89.50.
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Game Night: Go to the Denison Library from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to play board games of all kinds, with many games to choose from. Each month's session will have a different theme to help decide what game(s) to play. Game Night is for ages 12+. Tortuga is the September game to celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day. Snacks will be provided.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Read & Play: Join the Denison 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. 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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

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

Crawford County for Life Meeting: The September meeting for the Crawford County for Life group will be at 7 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome.

Denison Library Board Meeting: The September library board meeting will be from 5:15 to 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

Euchre Night at Charter Oak Community Building, 7 p.m. Join a fun night of card playing. Partners will be selected randomly throughout the night.

Read & Play: Join the Denison 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. Stories and songs will be followed by a play session with activities designed to work on those fine-motor or other skills. This is designed for children ages 1-3, but older and younger children are welcome to attend.

DHS Career Fair: Denison High School will play host for a career fair as a part of their REACH Day. 8:30-8:55 - 12th graders, 9-9:25 - 9th graders, 9:30-9:55 - 10th graders



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NEWS BRIEFS

Norelius Community Library business meeting
The Norelius Community Library Board of Trustees will conduct its monthly business meeting at 5:15 p.m. September 26 the library's Fireside Room. The following are items on the agenda: review of monthly reports, library director's report, bills, and committee reports. Old business is landscaping project update and ongoing policy review. There is no new business. Library board meetings are subject to Iowa Open Meetings Laws. The meetings are open to the public except for personnel issues. Contact the library at 712-263-9355 for more information.

September programming continues at Norelius Community Library
Crafternoon will take place on September 19 at 4 p.m. on the main floor of the library. All patrons age 12 and up are welcome to join in the fun. Read & Play is scheduled for every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Children's Library for children ages 0-5. Game Night will take place on September 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All patrons ages 12 and up are welcome to join in this fun evening of playing all kinds of games. Call the library at 712-263-9355 for more information on any of these programs.



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Crawford County 4-H receives Monogram Loves Kids Grant

Will be used to boost youth development programs

Crawford County 4-H announced the receipt of a generous grant from Monogram Loves Kids, a charitable foundation committed to enhancing the lives of children and youth. The funding will be instrumental in furthering the positive youth development initiatives of the Crawford County 4-H program.

The Monogram Loves Kids grant will be allocated toward program development fees, ensuring that Crawford County 4-H can continue to provide meaningful experiences and educational opportunities for young people in the community. These funds will empower 4-H to enhance its existing programs and create new ones, fostering personal growth, leadership skills, and community engagement among local youth.

Crawford County 4-H has a long-standing commitment to nurturing the talents and potential of young people, and the support from Monogram Loves Kids will greatly aid in achieving this objective. By investing in the positive development of youth, we are helping to shape future leaders and contributors to our community.

"We are deeply grateful to Monogram

Loves Kids for their generous support," said Nicole Behrendt, county youth coordinator. "This grant will enable us to expand our programs, reach even more young people, and make a lasting impact on their lives. We look forward to continuing our mission of empowering youth through hands-on learning experiences and leadership opportunities."

Monogram Loves Kids is known for its commitment to the well-being and development of children and youth across the nation. The grant represents a significant partnership between Monogram Loves

Kids and Crawford County 4-H, reinforcing the shared dedication to fostering the growth and success of young people.

For more information about Crawford County 4-H and its programs, or to inquire about volunteer opportunities, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/crawford/. To learn more about Monogram Loves Kids and its philanthropic endeavors, visit <https://monogramfoods.com/what-we-value/community-outreach/>.

- 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.

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and bartender for his parents, Sonja and DeWayne Krueger, for many years.

His parents owned DewSonies (formerly JC's Prime Rib) and later purchased Raceway Food & Spirits, both in Dow City.

"I've been cooking for over 20 years," Rick said.

When he heard that Homer's was closing earlier this summer, he saw an opportunity.

Rick talked to building-owner Jace Hawley, secured a lease and in the second week of August launched a project to remodel the interior.

He is putting down new carpet and new flooring.

The bathrooms are being revised with an eye on ADA requirements; both will be gender neutral and one will be outfitted to be handicap-accessible.

Rick is designing a paint scheme that will be a mix of the styles he remembers from when his mother worked at Jo Mart Steakhouse and the Red Lantern in Denison and from DewSonies.

He is reworking the bar and has added a mural of a farm scene to one wall.

Tiney's will feature a full salad bar when it opens.

Rick said has had plenty of help with the project from family and friends.

Painting will be finished in the next week, then the plumber and electricians will complete their work and then the flooring will be completed.

"Then we'll start moving in equipment and it will be a snowball effect from there," Rick said.

He had initially aimed for an October 1 opening, but decided to move it back to October 12.

"You don't get a second chance to make a first impression," Rick said. "I want to make sure all my stuff is on point and ready."

Rick and his son, Ricky, will be the chefs when Tiney's opens; Patty Rodriguez, who worked at Hillside with Rick, will be a part-time cook.

"We'll have a taste-testing with family and employees so they know what they're serving and can tell people what it tastes like," he said.

Rick plans a reservations-only soft opening for the steakhouse.

"We'll take 20 people per hour from 5 to 10 p.m.," he said. "That way, everybody gets served right."

Call 712-677-2225 to make reservations.

Rick said he is excited to finish preparations and open Tiney's.

"It's been a good trip, but I'm getting anxious," he said. "It's been my dream for at least 20 years, and now here we are."



PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDT

Rick Krueger, family and friends are doing major remodeling of the space prior to the opening of Tiney's Steakhouse in Vail.



A new farm mural, complete with a crop duster, has been added to one of the walls.

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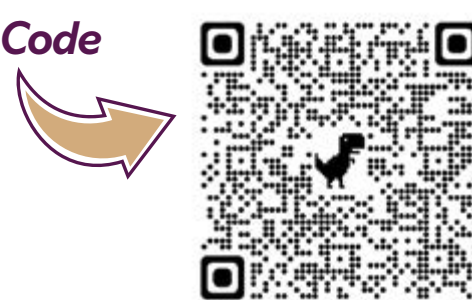
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A great day for Calf Show Days in Schleswig



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Kristi Wessel and Holden Wessel from Denison check out the crafts at one of the booths in the Schleswig Community Building.



Wilder Hast is enjoying this Calf Show Days ride with Ashley Hast. They are from Denison.



The Denison-Schleswig Monarch Band fills the width of the street for Saturday's Calf Show Days parade.



Hands full of candy get tossed from the Rasmussen Lumber entry.



The Schleswig Class of 1973 was featured in the parade.



Samples of beer were served along the Calf Show Days parade route to promote the town's upcoming anniversary.



The Schleswig German Band is a perennial entry in the parade.



A rare scene for a parade – Glenn Parrett, 83, of Sioux City, has his Abu Bekr Shrine Rat Patrol car pushed to the sidelines at Calf Show Days. When making a sharp turn, the lug nut snapped on the rear right wheel. He has been driving with the Rat Patrol for 26 years.



Guenter Detlefsen from Schleswig enters cucumbers in the Garden Giants contest.



The Calf Show Days parade drew a huge crowd and a long line of tractors.

ON THE SCANNER

August 26, 10:49 p.m.: The Denison Police Department charged two juveniles with theft in the second degree for stealing a black GMC Sierra from a residence.

August 30: The Denison Police Department received a report of a stolen wallet. The wallet contained \$350, a Social Security card and identification information. The location of the offense was a gas station on Highway 59 North in Denison.

September 1, 8:35 p.m.: Officer Groth with the Denison Police Department investigated a vehicle vs. deer accident that happened on Highway 30. John Antonio Lopez Chen, 61, of Storm Lake, was driving a black 2012 Toyota Rav 4 west on Highway 30 just west of Denison when a deer ran onto the road. The vehicle struck the deer. The vehicle received \$3,000 damage and was disabled. The officer arranged a tow. September 2, 12 a.m.: Officer Krajicek with the Denison Police Department investigated a hit-and-run accident. A gray 2013 Ford F150 pickup was parked along the south side of Broadway in the 1500 block and was parked there from 5:30 p.m. September 1 to 10:24 a.m. September 2. The pickup was hit at some point during this time. Silver colored paint chips were found on the rear bumper of the pickup. Other debris was found scattered to the east of the pickup. Damage to the pickup was estimated at \$1,400. The incident is under investigation.

September 2, 9:10 p.m.: Yamonya Sharonda Haile, 22, of Joliet, Illinois, was arrested for assault and possession of marijuana. The location of the offense was a bar on South Main Street in Denison.

September 3, 2:15 a.m.: John Akech, 43, of Denison, was arrested for domestic abuse assault, first offense. The location of the offense was a residence in the 1200 block of Broadway in Denison.

September 3, 6:46 p.m.: Abraham Gatwech Ngor, 61, of Storm Lake, was arrested for public intoxication after being found sleeping on the grass near South Main Street and 12 Avenue South in Denison.

September 3, 8:38 p.m.: A residence on 2nd Avenue North in Denison had its trampoline damaged when the netting and the poles were knocked down.

September 5: Kenneth Christiansen was charged with theft in the fourth degree for altering the electrical meter at a residence in the 1700 block of 1st Avenue South, Denison. The amount of the theft was \$500.

September 8, 2:11 p.m.: The Denison Police Department was called to One Stop Shop on North

7th Street, Denison, for a gas drive-off. The case is under investigation.

September 9, 8:30 a.m.: Officer Clausen with the Denison Police Department investigated a vehicle vs. deer accident. Kendra Sue Schultz, 27, of Denison, was driving a silver 2014 Chevrolet Cruze LT north on North 10th Street when a deer struck the side of the vehicle, causing \$1,500 damage.

September 9, 2:58 p.m.: Justin Michael Goins, 42, of Lidderdale, was arrested for criminal mischief in the fourth degree. The location of the offense was a residence on 3rd Avenue South in Denison. The front door of the property received \$350 in damage.

September 9, 9:12 p.m.: Juan Carlos Fernandez, 39, of Deloit, was arrested for theft in the fifth degree for taking a two-pack of Bic lighters, valued at \$3.12, from Walmart.

September 10, 3:44 a.m.: William Ran Bol Bading, 58, of Denison, was arrested for disorderly conduct – fighting/violent behavior. The location of the offense was on Broadway in Denison.

September 10, 1:32 p.m.: Officer Clausen investigated a two-vehicle accident. Steve Allen Fuller, 67, of Silver City, was driving a gray 2017 Hyundai and was stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Highway 59 South and Highway 30. Jonathan Socorro Nieto Moreno, 19, of Denison, was driving a white 2013 Ford Taurus and was traveling east on Highway 30, entering the intersection with Highway 59 south and Highway 30. Fuller failed to yield to the Nieto Moreno vehicle. The Nieto Moreno vehicle hit Fuller's vehicle with its front passenger corner. Nieto Moreno had a complaint of pain on his left side but declined to have an ambulance check out the injury at the scene. The Nieto Moreno vehicle received \$4,000 damage and could be driven away. Fuller's vehicle received \$6,000 damage and could also be driven away. Fuller was cited with failure to yield entering a through highway.

September 10, 3:54 p.m.: Officer Meyers with the Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident. Gladiola Medrano, 45, of Denison, was driving a white 2023 Chevrolet Silverado and Martha Patricia Caravantes, 44, of Manilla, was driving a gray 2010 Chevrolet Impala. Both vehicles reversed onto Avenue C at the same time, resulting in a collision. The vehicles entered the roadway across from each other. No injuries were reported. The Medrano vehicle didn't appear to receive any damage and the Caravantes vehicle received \$500 damage to the rear middle.

September 11, 9:02 p.m.: Reinier Rosales Espinosa, 39, of Denison, was arrested for domestic abuse

assault, first offense. The location of the offense was a residence in the 400 block of North 17th Street in Denison.

September 12, 12:30 p.m.: Fernando Rigoberto Salinas Alberto, 29, of Denison, was arrested on warrants.

September 13, 9:20 a.m.: Oscar Gonzalez, 58, of Denison, was arrested for simulated public intoxication, first offense. The location of the offense was in the 1800 block of 3rd Avenue South in Denison.

September 13, 10:41 p.m.: A structure fire was reported at the Ho Hum Motel in the 900 block of Highway 30, Denison.

September 14, 12:22 a.m.: James Ding Deng, 43, of Denison, was arrested for public intoxication. The location of the offense was on Medical Parkway in Denison.

September 14, 11 a.m.: Chief Trejo with the Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened at the interchange of Highway 30 and Highway 59. Oscar Iva Toapanta, 37, of Ida Grove, was driving a gray 2007 Mitsubishi Outlander and Austin Mark Corbin, 21, of Breda, was driving a white 2017 Freightliner single-unit truck. Corbin stated that he was traveling west, following Toapanta's vehicle and when he was approaching the interchange to head north, he observed that the Toapanta vehicle had stopped in the middle of the road. Corbin could not stop his vehicle before colliding with the Toapanta Mitsubishi. Corbin also stated that he had a camera on the dash of his vehicle that captured the event. Corbin's vehicle received \$500 damage to the front middle. Toapanta's vehicle received \$1,500 damage to the rear middle. Both vehicles could be driven away. No one was injured. Toapanta was cited for not having a valid driver's license.

September 15, 3:12 p.m.: Cpt. Cardenas with the Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened in a parking lot on North 16th Street. Aiden Joseph March, 16, of Schleswig was driving a white 2015 Ford F150 pickup, and Adyson Jalen Hildebrand, 18, of Denison, was driving a black 2011 Ford Edge. March was traveling south in the parking lot and Hildebrand was backing out of a parking stall when the vehicles collided. March advised that he was traveling fast and couldn't slow down quick enough to avoid the collision. Hildebrand advised that she looked for traffic but did not see March's vehicle. No one was injured. March's vehicle received \$500 damage to the rear passenger side, and Hildebrand's vehicle received \$500 damage to the rear driver side corner. Both vehicles could be driven away.

Funeral Notices

Susan Wendt

Mass of Christian Burial for Susan Wendt, 63, of Denison, was at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 19, at St. Ann Catholic Church in Vail with burial at the parish cemetery.

Visitation was with a rosary on Monday, September 18, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

She passed away Tuesday, September 12, at Bergan Mercy Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Survivors include husband, Jeff Wendt Sr., of Denison; son, Jeff Wendt Jr., of Duncombe; daughter, Rebecca, of Glenwood; one grandson; siblings: Paul Mueggenberg and Karen Bertrand, of Des Moines, Allen Mueggenberg, of Quapaw, Oklahoma, Barbara Stevens and husband Rodney, of Heber Springs, Arkansas, Steven Mueggenberg and wife Karrie, of Quapaw, Oklahoma, Sharon Rooney and Tom Mueggenberg and wife Theresa, all of Joplin, Missouri; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Services are entrusted to Huebner Funeral Home.

Patricia Svoboda

Mass of Christian Burial for Patricia Svoboda, 84, formerly of Denison, was conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 20, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison with burial at the parish cemetery.

Visitation was Wednesday, September 20, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

She passed away Thursday, September 14, in Ashland, Nebraska.

Survivors include three sons: Jim (Susan) Svoboda, of Missouri, Bob Svoboda, of Omaha, and Mike (Jennifer) Svoboda, of California; two grandchildren; two brothers: Fred (Pam) Spale and Duane (Jan) Spale, both of Nebraska; and many other relatives and friends.

Services are entrusted to Huebner Funeral Home.

Colton Clausen

Funeral services for Colton Clausen, 33, of Schleswig, will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 22, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig with burial at the Morgan Cemetery.

Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Thursday, September 21, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig.

He passed away September 10 at his home in Schleswig.

Survivors include his parents, Grant and Janette; sister, Brittany (Cody); brother, Cody (Kelsey); paternal grandmother, JoAnn; girlfriend, Mackenzie, all of Schleswig; step grandmother Beth; and aunts, uncles, many other relatives and friends.

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Arion Post Office gets a facelift

New roof will help keep old building upright

BY DAN MUNDT

Brothers Tom and Kenny Brink have been working recently to add a new roof to the old Arion Post Office building located on 2nd Street in Arion.

Tom bought the building from their aunt, LaVonne Brink, who owned the building after the post office closed in December 2004.

LaVonne was the postmaster in Arion until her retirement in 1987.

"We're just putting a roof on it so it will stay together," Tom said of their project.

"The roof was getting bad," Kenny said.

They both agreed that it was worth the effort to save one of the older buildings in town.

According to the Crawford County Auditor's Office, the building is listed in county records as having been built in 1900, but they are unsure of the date due to conflicting information in other sources.

The Brinks removed several rows of bricks from the top of the building's façade to facilitate installation of the new roof.

Some of the bricks carried the imprint, "Nuvogue," which was the name of a type of face brick made by the Boone Brick, Tile & Paving Company, of Boone in the early 1900s.

Tom and Kenny have been doing the work on the building.

They planned to work on the back of the roof on Monday, but the day's high winds put an end to those plans.

The brothers don't intend to open the building as a business, but they do plan to keep it in use.

"We're going to use it for storage and try to keep it standing upright," Tom said.



Class of 1983 Naval Academy graduates cycle into area



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Members of the Naval Academy Class of 1983 cycle into Denison on Highway 30 on Sunday afternoon. The day marked a ride of nearly 100 miles. Some of the cyclists rode additional distances on Donna Reed Road or around the parking lot upon arriving at their destination, Cobblestone Inn & Suites – Majestic Hills, just to get in the full 100 miles. The group's 10-year goal is to raise \$1.983 million to support organizations that serve veterans.



Class of 1983 Naval Academy members do the daily routine of 22 pushups before starting on the road on Monday morning. It was Day 27 of 44 days on the road. Each of the cyclists raises \$1,983 for the Naval Academy Foundation and then raises funds for a chosen charity that benefits veterans. 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 bikes are dipped in the Severn River at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, on October 5.

In Remembrance



Ellen McLaughlin

July 11, 1928 - September 9, 2023

Ellen Elizabeth, daughter of William and Anna Mae (White) Frogge, was born July 11, 1928, in St. Joseph, Missouri. She grew up in St. Joseph and attended school through the ninth grade.

On August 24, 1948, Ellen was united in marriage with William B.J. McLaughlin at their minister's home in St. Joe. Ellen and Bill then moved to Sioux City, Dunlap and finally Denison where they raised their three boys.

In 2012, Ellen moved to Huxley to be closer to her sons. In 2015, Ellen was excited to have joined the Catholic Church in Elkhart. In 2020, she moved to Accura Healthcare in Ames, where she leaves behind a host of good friends whom she played bingo with, did crafts and participated in every activity they had. She will be deeply missed there.

Ellen loved to crochet, garden, fry chicken, do puzzles and play cards. She loved her family and listening to Elvis. She always had to match her clothes and jewelry and paint her nails. Ellen was a giver to everyone, sharing anything and everything she had and loved giving wheelchair rides to her great-grandkids.

On Saturday, September 9, 2023, Ellen passed away at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa, at the age of 95 years 1 month and 29 days.

Ellen is survived by three sons: Dean (Jerian) McLaughlin of Huxley; Larry (Molly) McLaughlin of Ankeny; and Scott (Lynn) McLaughlin of Omaha, Nebraska; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; an infant daughter; and four brothers: William Francis (Frank) Frogge, Edward Wallace Frogge, Jim Milton Frogge and Richard Lee Frogge.

Mass of Christian Burial was held 10:30 AM, Saturday, September 16, 2023 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison, Iowa. Fr. Shinoj Jose served as Celebrant of the Mass with inurnment in Crawford Heights Memory Gardens in Denison. Organist Jean Cornelius provided accompaniment for St. Rose Choir and congregational hymns "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," "On Eagle's Wings" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Jason & Olivia McLaughlin served as lectors, Erin Bohlmann served as Eucharistic Minister and Ellen's Grandchildren served as gift bearers. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Jason McLaughlin, Noel McLaughlin, Kinzie Kruschke, Mitchel McLaughlin, Tanner McLaughlin, Kiley Marin, Camryn McLaughlin, Riley McLaughlin, Dane McLaughlin and Olivia McLaughlin. Following the burial, the family invited everyone to the Denison Senior Center for a time of fellowship and lunch. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

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Area woman's book tells of journey to forgiveness and healing

BY GORDON WOLF

On the night her husband, Joe, was killed by a drunk driver near Bennington, Nebraska – March 30, 2009 – Michelle Cowan hugged her daughter, AJ, in her bedroom and told her “This can either make us bitter people or better people. It's up to us to decide.”

That saying became the mantra for Michelle's and AJ's grief.

It also became the title of her book, “Better Not Bitter: A Journey From Heartache To Healing.”

Cowan grew up near Kirkman and went to school in Irwin. Her siblings are Cheryl Bockelman, Rhonda Ketelsen and Cecil Blum, all of Denison; Gary and Bryan, and Candi and Colleen, all of Harlan; and Ann, in Texas. She lived in Denison for a few months and worked at Denison Care Center for a while.

On September 12, Cowan presented her book at Norelius Community Library in Denison.

Her book became an Amazon No. 1 best seller and received accolades from Diane Riibe, former vice president of public policy for MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Board of Directors, among others.

Initially, Blum did not intend to publish the book. She had been journaling since Joe was killed because her daughter was only age 15, and when a young teenager goes through something traumatic like that, they might not remember the events as they really happened, Cowan said.

Cowan always intended to put her journal in book form for her daughter.

She kept putting it off, until two years ago when she suddenly started losing her vision.

“When that happened, it was traumatic because it was a sudden loss,” she said.

“I remember asking myself, ‘What haven't you done that you need vision for?’ The first thing that came to my mind was I need to write that book for my daughter.”

She didn't know where to start, how to craft all her journal writings, detailed notes, articles and paperwork into a book.



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Michelle Cowan stands next to a poster of her book “Better Not Bitter” at Norelius Community Library in Denison.

But before she started losing her vision, Cowan had signed up for the Okoboji Writers' Retreat.

“When I was at the retreat, I met so many people who were writing books, had authored books or were writing coaches,” she recalled.

A number of important relationships were forged that set Cowan on the path to publish her book publicly.

First, she met author Debra Landwehr Engle, who lives near Winterset and whose first book is entitled “The Only Little Prayer You Need.” Cowan ended up in one of the sessions led by Engle, and there she met a woman who helped her get on the journey of forgiveness.

Cowan said she thought she had forgiven the person who took Joe's life, but that in hindsight she had never really done that.

Engle became Cowan's writing coach for the book, which Cowan planned to just get printed off somewhere.

“And she said, ‘All this work you put into this and the storyline, I think you can save lives by publishing it,’” Cowan said.

The manuscript was sent to a professional editor who responded that she needed to publish the book.

She talked to a traditional publisher and when Cowan told him the storylines in the book were death, loss, grief, parenting, widowhood, changing laws and forgiveness, the publisher responded that was too many different themes for one book.

Cowan felt defeated after that and was going to leave it at that, but Engle suggested doing hybrid publishing by hiring a team to guide her. Cowan enlisted the help of a book manager who took her hand through the whole process and got a designer for the cover and layout and got help with marketing. “So many things that happened told me I was on the right path,” Cowan said.

One was the hiring of the woman who designed her book – Virginia Wolf. Wolf travels around the country with her husband and one time they stopped in Council Bluffs. Wolf was researching the town and came across an article about a woman who lost her husband and was trying to change the law pertaining to drunk driving in Nebraska. When Wolf read Cowan's manuscript, she realized Cowan was the woman in the article.

Cowan said her book cover is filled with symbols, along with the title “Better Not Bitter.”

A sunflower is on the cover because in the book's epilogue there is a story about sunflowers.

A bicyclist is also on the cover because Joe was a cyclist.

The bright orange and yellow colors were chosen as the colors of hope.

“The designer asked if I could pick

one thing that I hope readers will get from my book, what is the one most important thing? And I said hope – hope that we can forgive people, hope that you can move forward in your life even if you have a tragedy, and find your light after the dark,” Cowan recalled saying.

Through the investigation into Joe's death and drunk driving laws in Nebraska, Tom Osborne, former Nebraska Huskers coach and former Congressman from Nebraska, became the hero of Cowan's story.

She said her daughter, AJ, decided to take on changing the law as a school project to try to make tougher laws in Nebraska, nearer to the dram shop laws in Iowa.

“She crafted a bill and could not find anyone to help her so we enlisted the help of Tom Osborne, and he helped us get set up with Tom Carlson (a member of the Nebraska Unicameral),” Cowan said. “The bill never passed despite our efforts for two sessions.”

Cowan's book contains many stories about the efforts to get the law changed and the experiences of her and others testifying in favor of the law.

“I think, all in all, our efforts did make a difference. It made people more aware,” she said.

Cowan's book is available in hardcover, paperback, large print and e-book. She said this month an audio recording of the book should begin.

Cowan and a friend, Angie Hanson, who also lost her husband, teamed up to do a twice-a-month podcast called “From Loss To Light” (losstolightpodcast@gmail.com). It covers a broad spectrum of types of losses and Cowan and Hanson decided to interview guests who, in their eyes, are warriors for the cause.

The most recent podcast dropped on September 13.

Cowan has remarried and lives between Remsen and Orange City with her husband, Steve.



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A public screen for public safety

New information display goes up at Denison Fire Station

BY DAN MUNDT

Members of the Denison Volunteer Firefighters Association (DVFA) recently purchased a public information sign that is now mounted above the main entrance to the Denison Fire Station.

The screen will be used to display general public safety messages on most days, but will also be used to get information out about urgent issues such as missing persons or dangerous weather conditions.

DVFA members have been talking about getting a public information board for six or seven years, according to Mike Schrum, who is a captain of the Denison Volunteer Fire Department.

For Fire Prevention Week every year, the association purchases banners and other temporary items to spread the word about fire safety issues.

"It's always been in the back of our minds how to get something like an LED (light-emitting diode) sign or something similar where we could display information year-round and not have to worry about it being cracked or weather-faded," Schrum said.

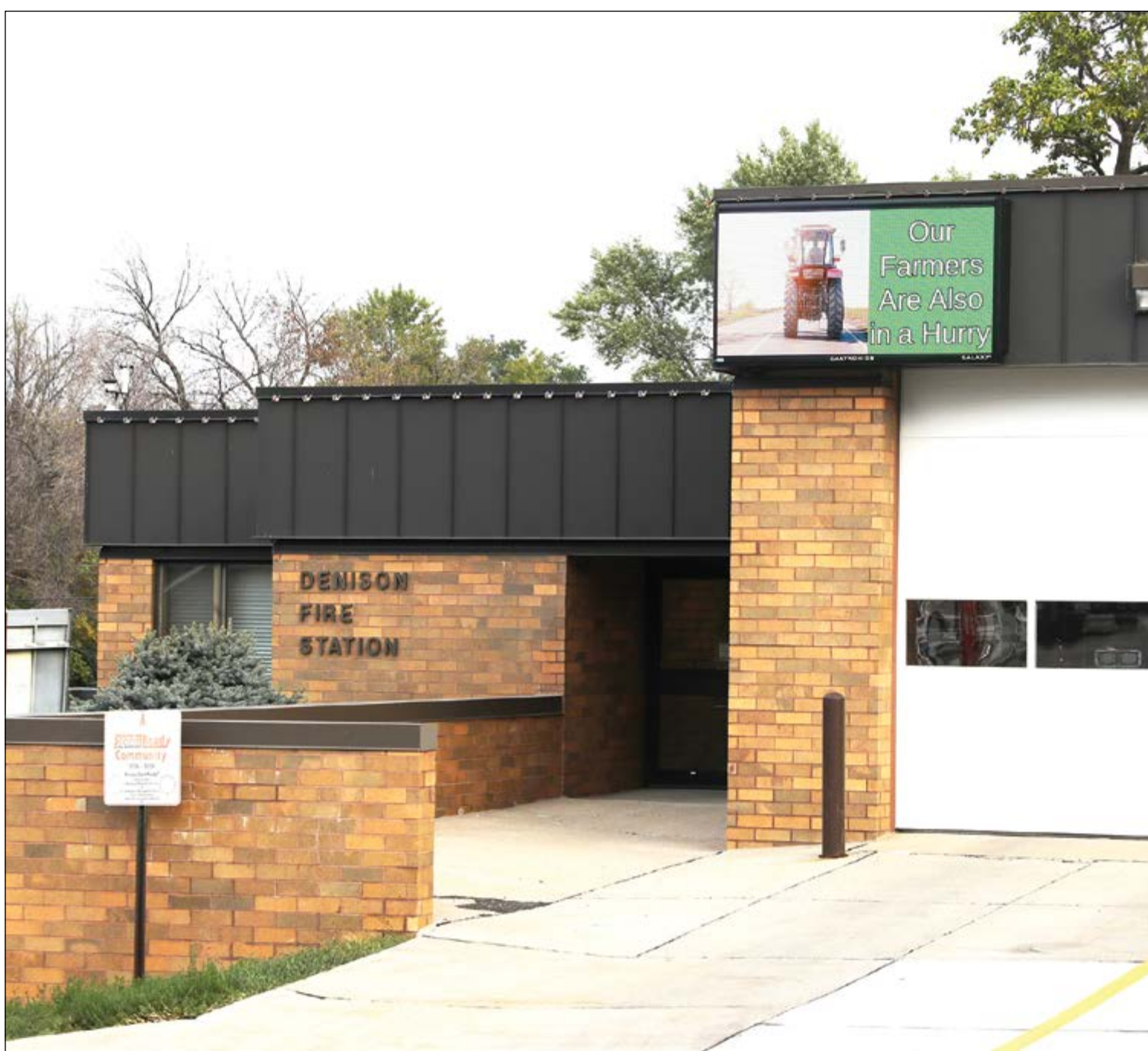
The DVFA has been saving money for the project for about seven years.

"We started banking away some donation money when we could," he said. "Fortunately, this year we got enough funds racked up that we were able to do it."

About a year ago, Schrum, Chad Stephens, Tyler Weller, Jared Kropf and Josh Hoffmeier formed a subcommittee of the DVFA to make a recommendation on purchasing the sign.

Schrum said the subcommittee listened to the association's thoughts on the project, contacted several sign manufacturers and installers and researched issues such as screen brightness and durability.

"Once the subcommittee put a recommendation together, it was



taken back to the association where all options were discussed, and ultimately it was the association that voted on which sign, which size and all the final details," he said.

The sign was completely funded through donations given to the DVFA.

"There was no city money applied to the cost of the sign," Schrum said.

The display screen is four feet tall by eight feet wide.

Schrum said all of the messages shown on the screen will concern public safety issues of some type.

"Right now, we have a harvest message that is being displayed – slow down, share the road; respect their (farmers') time and they'll respect ours," he said. "We had one put up over the weekend with uptown festivities to remind people not to drink and drive."

On Friday of last week, the screen displayed the kind of message Schrum would rather not have to show at all.

"We did a memorial for the Algona police officer that lost his life in the line of duty," he said.

Other messages will be aimed at

seasonal issues, such as the current dry conditions that recently caused the county to enact a burn ban.

Winter messages will concern road conditions and driver safety.

Urgent, timely messages will supersede the programmed messages.

"(The sign) has the capability to automatically cut off whatever is currently displaying anytime there is an Amber Alert or a severe weather alert," Schrum said.

The urgent message will stay up until the issue is resolved.

POWs/MIAs remembered in Dow City ceremony

American Legion Post 444 in Dow City took time on Friday to remember and honor those veterans who were prisoners of war and who went missing in action.

Jerry Kline read the following statistics about POWs/MIAs.

The remains of nearly 82,000 Americans are still missing, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA).

The DPAA reports the following numbers of missing soldiers from conflicts.

- 73,515 from World War II (an approximate number due to limited or conflicting data)
- 7,841 from the Korean War
- 1,626 from Vietnam
- 126 from the Cold War
- 6 from conflicts since 1999

The DPAA further denotes about 75% of those missing Americans are

somewhere in the Asia-Pacific region. More than 41,000 have been presumed lost at sea. Efforts to find those men, identify them and bring them home are constant. For example, the DPAA said that in the past year it has accounted for 41 men missing during the Korean War; 10 had been previously buried as unknowns, 26 were from remains turned over by North Korea in the 1990s, one was from a recovery operation, and four were combinations of remains and recovery operations.

Rollie Roberts, the post chaplain, read the POW Prayer

Jim Bolzin explained the symbolism of the items on the POW/MIA Table.

- The table is set for one, symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. They are referred to as POWs and MIAs. We call them our comrades in arms. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families today, so we join them in this humble tribute.
- The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone.
- The cloth is white, symbolizing the purity of our men's and women's

motives when answering the call of duty.

- The single rose in the vase reminds us of the family and friends of our missing brothers and sisters in arms, families and friends who keep the faith while awaiting their return.
- The red ribbon on the base represents our continued determination to account for all who have not returned.
- The slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of the bitter fate of those missing, captured and held as prisoners in foreign lands.
- The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless tears of families as they wait.

- The Holy Bible represents the strength gained through faith in our country founded as one nation under God.
- The candle symbolizes the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate they way home, away from their captors to the open arms of a grateful nation.
- The glass is inverted – they cannot toast with us today.
- The chair is empty – they are not there.

Gary Thomsen pointed out the items on the POW/MIA table, and Bob Ertleman led the group in a moment of silence.



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A solemn reading was the numbers of military members who remain missing in action or were prisoners of war.



This table setting symbolizes the loss and search for POWs/MIAs.



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Plumb: BBQ Fest brought whole community together

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have. They've done it for years and know exactly what's going on." Nutt noted that the event's volunteer managers often took care of issues on their own, such as when a potential problem arose with power for the stage. "I didn't even know some of those things happened," she said. Plumb said the Tri City BBQ Fest

sponsors, from small to big, were equally responsible for making the event happen. "It wouldn't be possible without the sponsors," he said. Nutt said the 2023 bands exceeded her expectations. "Even the smaller bands, when you hear them on the stage with Iowa Sound, they sounded really, really good," she said. "Our headliners were amazing." Cleanup on Sunday morning also went smoothly, Plumb said. "Shout out to the Boy Scouts (Troop 55)," he said. "It was the first time they took that over, and they did a

great job. That's kind of a thankless job on the morning after. They dug in and got it done." The CDC office was closed on Monday to give staff a chance to decompress after the weekend. "I don't want to abuse the word 'excited,' but I was kind of ready to come back and get the office cleaned up and look at the numbers," Nutt said. "A lot of counting has already been done; we're pulling all of that together into data we can sort through and use," Plumb said. Nutt said the information will be compiled into several reports, and information will be gathered from

the volunteer managers and the CDC board members who pitched in. "We'll put together notes for next year about what worked and what didn't," Plumb said. As someone who was recently an outsider, Plumb said what he saw was an event that brought the whole community together. "We need to give a huge thank you to all the folks," he said. "Whether you volunteered, attended or sponsored, thank you," Nutt said. "It wouldn't have happened without you." "We're aiming for bigger and better for barbecue number 10," Plumb said.



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The Safety Zone parking lots and a block and a half of 1st Avenue North were filled with entries in Saturday's Hog Wild Car Show.



Jeff Bruck, of Denison, entered his 2015 Corvette in the Loud Pipes contest at the Hog Wild Car Show.



John Heiden judges cars at the Hog Wild Car Show. He is from Denison.



Eric Martens, Clayton Martens and Steve Frazier, all of Denison, had been up for hours when this picture was taken early Saturday morning. They started work at 2 a.m. The three form the team Casual Smokers. It was their first time to enter the Masters contest at the Tri City BBQ Fest.



John Osmanski from Denison gets People's Choice ribs piled high on his plate.



Jesus Godina from Charter Oak bites into a tasty People's Choice rib.



The United Bank of Iowa People's Choice Award went to Backroad BBQ (letter A). Second was Smokeback Mountain (letter F) and third place went to Smokin Fools (letter B). Presenting the award are Whitney Reimers (left) with United Bank of Iowa and Miss Iowa 2023 Alysa Goethe. See more barbecue fest winners on The Denison Free Press Facebook page.

Miss Iowa joins in barbecue fest presentations

BY GORDON WOLF

A Facebook post about the Tri City BBQ Fest led Miss Iowa 2023, Alysa Goethe, to Denison on Saturday where she handed out trophies for the Backyard and Kansas City Barbecue Society Backyard and Master contest. "My goal is to visit all 99 counties. No other Miss Iowa has done that

before, that I am aware of," she said. "This was the perfect opportunity to visit Crawford County." Goethe is originally from the Quad Cities but now lives in Des Moines where she teaches music. She was crowned Miss Iowa on June 10. In January, she will compete for the Miss America title. "And hopefully I will be the first Miss Iowa to become Miss America," Goethe said. Goethe visited other attractions at the festival and was introduced on the music stage between bands.



Last Call Heroes BBQ, of Brandon, South Dakota was the overall winner in the Masters Division of the Kansas City Barbecue Society contest at the Tri City BBQ Fest in Denison this past weekend.



Valeria Acosta, of Denison, takes a ride on the mechanical bull.



Kids flocked to the climbing tower to test their strength and bravery, and to get a bird's eye view of the barbecue fest.



Ezra Bygness, of Denison, went down the road a little way in this truck simulator but had a collision. As a member of the Iowa Motor Truck Association, Ty Rosburg, of Charter Oak, reserved the truck simulator last spring for this year's Tri City BBQ Fest. The Iowa Motor Truck Association simulator is taken to a number of events to give youngsters a sense of driving a big rig. Rosburg's son, Zach, and his wife, Natalie, were running the simulator for kids. Rosburg said the simulator can be set for any number of road types and terrains and is quite realistic. He tried the simulator himself on a mountain road setting.



Hazel Allyn, of Denison, digs into this colorful cup of shaved ice.



The dynamic trio of Spider-Man, Ariel, the Little Mermaid, and Cinderella entertained children and adults on Saturday.



At the WESCO All-N-1 Fun Run on Saturday morning, Brayten Reisz marveled at the suds clinging to him, Tatum Haberl enjoyed getting blasted with paint powder and Anna Wempe made a big splash in the glow paint tent.



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The music picked up on Saturday evening with Decoy (top left); Tyler Rich (top right) took the stage at 7 p.m. and Adam Doleac (right) played to a big crowd at 9 p.m.



The Boyer River Band kicked off Saturday's musical performances at 1 p.m.



Daniel & The Deliverance was the second band for Saturday.

Amber Britton with In Due Time sings a solo



Tim Kletti and Haley Dawn with Arch Allies, a tribute band, perform together.

Osiris, a performer with Tribute to Jenni Rivera by Cintas Acuario, smiles after she gave a kiss to this man she pulled out of the crowd to perform for.



PHOTO BY MARIAH NUTT

A huge Tri City BBQ Fest crowd gathers at the stage to hear the performance by Angel Fonte with Tribute to Jenni Rivera by Cintas Acuario.