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Fire Prevention Week starts Sunday

Cooking safety emphasized

BY DAN MUNDT

Cooking safety is the theme of Fire Prevention Week 2023, which begins Sunday, October 8.

Denison Fire Chief Cory Snowgren and Denison Volunteer Fire Department Engineer Tyler Weller (who is also the Denison flood control officer) sat down with The Denison Free Press to discuss cooking and general fire safety practices.

Weller listed basic safety precautions that should be followed when cooking on a stovetop, including turning pot handles to the back of the stove, keeping a lid nearby, and setting a timer as a reminder that something is cooking.

"And have a kid-free zone at least three feet around the stove/oven and other things that can get hot," he said.

"That's a big one, now that I'm a grandparent and have little ones again," Snowgren said. "I was cooking the other day and found myself moving the handles of pots around."

He said the Denison Fire Department recently was called to a smoke-filled house caused by kids making brookies (brownie cookies) without supervision.

"If you're going to have kids cooking, definitely monitor them; don't leave them to their own devices in the kitchen because bad things can happen," he said. "Be responsible and keep eyes on the kitchen."

Having a fire extinguisher in the kitchen is a good idea, "If you know how to use it," Snowgren said.

A small fire can turn into a big fire in the blink of an eye, so the best course of action is to get out of the house and dial 911.

"We'll take care of it," he said. "Not all material items can be replaced, but the majority can. We don't want to see anybody get hurt."

Calling 911 too early is preferable to calling too late, he added.

"We tell kids every year, a fire doubles in size every sixty seconds during the growth stage," Snowgren said. "It could be argued that early notification will really determine what kind of fire ends up happening."

He said a natural instinct is for a

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Homecoming spirit



The Monarch Cheerleaders were out in force on Sunday afternoon in Uptown Denison. They mixed paint in the shade at the corner of Broadway and Main Street and then split up in groups to paint homecoming messages on the windows of participating businesses. The event is a fundraiser that helps pay for cheer camp and state events the cheerleaders attend throughout the year. Left, Alexis Vaquerano starts to paint a window at 32 & U. More pictures on page 11.

PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Crabb reflects on time with Boy Scouts

Never an Eagle but always a leader



Dr. Dennis Crabb with his 80th Eagle Scout, Logan Dahm, in 2020. Crabb retired as a scoutmaster this summer after nearly 33 years.

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Whodunit?

WESCO launches interactive social media game

BY DAN MUNDT

"Each month, I try to do a different theme on our social media," said Sara Woerdehoff, marketing assistant manager for WESCO. "I always try to do something different - most of us do."

In September, she was sitting at her desk wondering what she could do for the month of October, when the idea of an interactive murder mystery - like a game of Clue - came to her.

"I thought, 'How am I going to pull this off? Should I even attempt it?'"

While she was thinking about the idea - and staring at the wall in her office at WESCO - her boss, WESCO Executive Director Clay Adams, walked in and asked what she was doing.

"I had to assure him I was deep in thought," Woerdehoff said. "I bounced the idea off him and he loved it, so I went with it."

The game will unfold exclusively on WESCO's Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter) pages.

Individuals are encouraged to look at a WESCO social media page each day for new clues to the mystery.

The clues will be the same on each of the social media platforms, so there is no need to check each; just visit one of the pages each day.

"Up until October 12, people will be introduced to the characters and then after that they'll start seeing more clues in graphics and images," she said. "Each day, a new clue is going to be released. Clues will be coming from Clay (Adams)."

Woerdehoff said she struggled to create the storyline, the characters and how the game would play out.

"With murder mysteries and Clue, there's more one-on-one and in-person interaction, but this is going to be completely on social media," Woerdehoff said.

She is excited about how the plan turned out for the mystery.

The storyline involves the disappearance of the WESCO executive director.

As more clues appear, participants are encouraged to try to figure out why he had to disappear.

"With some of the clues, of course, I'm trying to throw people off, so just

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PHOTO BY RHONDA RAUCH

D-S homecoming court

Andy Ledesma was crowned king and Christell Salazar queen for the Denison-Schleswig 2023 homecoming. The coronation ceremony took place Monday night at the football field. Pictured, from left, are Cristopher Ochoa, Hania Ramos, Luke Wiebers, Helen Belisle, King Andy Ledesma, Queen Christell Salazar, Quincy Mahrt, Mia Garcia, Taya Adams and Juan Diaz. Homecoming activities continue this evening, Thursday, October 5, with the community pep rally with food and games from 5-8 p.m. on Broadway between Main Street and 14th Street, and a bonfire at 8 p.m. on Broadway. The homecoming parade in uptown Denison will begin at 1:45 p.m. (line-up at 1 p.m. at the post office) on Friday. The Monarchs will take on Storm Lake at 7 p.m. at the football field. The homecoming dance is 7-10 p.m. on Saturday.

Fall Festival in Manilla

The Klondike Hotel in Manilla was the location of the Manilla Area Historical Association (MAHA) Fall Festival on Sunday. Kids enjoyed a variety of games and everyone enjoyed grilled food and other snacks. The event was a fundraiser for MAHA and the Klondike.



PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDT

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A closed door roughly gives five to seven minutes in a fire

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person to try to put the fire out on their own – but that’s a bad instinct.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is another danger from cooking.

“It’s a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas,” Snowgren said. “You get carbon monoxide from anything with fire. A gas stove, a gas dryer, a gas water heater; all those produce carbon monoxide.”

He said five members of a Denison family ended up in the hospital for CO poisoning after cooking with a turkey fryer in a garage with the door closed.

Snowgren noted that CO detectors are now required by the state to be installed in new homes.

Weller said the rule for smoke detectors has long been to put at least one on each floor.

“We just recently bought a house and I got a new one (CO detector) and as I was unboxing it and the carbon monoxide detector case said at least one per floor, too,” Weller said. “I always tell people it doesn’t hurt to have more than one. You can never be too safe.”

Snowgren said the most common modern smoke detectors are dual units that also detect CO.

“They detect not just big flash fires but also the slow smoldering ones; that’s the benefit of having the dual sensor,” he said.

Many of the newer models have built-in lithium batteries that last six to eight years and will let you know when the battery is getting low.

The batteries in older models should be changed every year; the switch to Daylight Saving Time is a good time to change batteries.

“The last three residential fires we’ve had; none of them had working smoke alarms,” Snowgren said. “They were there, but there was no battery in them.”

He recommends replacing detectors that have ever gone off because the sensor can be tainted. “They’re not as expensive as they used to be,” he said. “We got away from recommending to air them out – just replace it.”

Right outside sleeping quarters is a good place for a smoke/CO detector.

“Carbon monoxide is close to being as heavy as air; it’s just a tad lighter, so when there’s nobody moving around the house, nobody’s coming in and out the door, it will tend to rise,” Snowgren

said. “When you’re in bed at night is probably the most dangerous time for you. So having that right outside your sleeping quarters is where you want it.”

Sleeping with the bedroom door closed is also a good idea.

“A closed door roughly provides you five to seven minutes from the time the fire is past the incipient stage and is in the growth stage,” Snowgren said. “It will keep smoke out – smoke and heat – and the smoke is what will get you. Having the door closed can buy you a little time.”

“If you look at pictures of rooms that have been closed with a fire outside of it – the outside of the room is roasted and inside the bedroom might be fine,” Weller said.

Young children and senior citizens should sleep with their doors closed.

“They’re the ones that make up the categories of highest risk,” Snowgren said.

If you do sleep with the door open and are awakened by a fire, shutting the door will still buy time.

“If you can get the door shut, get to the window,” Snowgren said.

Weller said individuals may contact the fire department for smoke/CO detector installation.

“We do 25 to 50 every year,” he said.

He noted that older fire extinguishers are not trustworthy.

“It may work and it may not work,” he said.

Fire extinguishers more than 10 years old need to be thoroughly tested.

“But most of the time it’s just cheaper to replace the extinguisher,” he said. “It’s good to shake ones that ride in vehicles because the chemical will get packed in the bottom; if it is and you pull the handle, it might go poof and that’s it.”

Extinguishers with plastic triggers should be thrown away or donated to the fire department for training, he said.

“If it’s plastic, nobody will touch it for servicing,” Weller said.

Businesses’ fire extinguishers should be checked every year, if not every month, he said.

Individuals who cook with oils and fats should use a type K extinguisher, Snowgren added.

He noted that Fire Safety Week is also a good time to make sure dryer vents are not full of lint and chimneys are not plugged.

Snowgren said fire safety shouldn’t be anyone’s concern for just one week a year.

“Fire safety is something we encourage all year,” he said.

Final clue will arrive on October 31

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when you think you know, you’ll start to second guess yourself,” Woerdehoff said. “I would say pay attention to what Clay is ‘telling you,’ and then those that guess right at the end will receive a ‘great reward,’ as promised by Clay.”

The final post, on October 31, will indicate that all the clues have been presented and the time has come for participants to give their best guess about what happened.

“On the very final post, there will be a note from Clay and he will indicate at that point that it is the time to guess,” she said.

The game is already underway, but each day’s clue will remain available on the WESCO social media pages.

The first message stated, “After the completion of yet another meeting that could have been in an email, our Executive Director suddenly disappeared! However, before his untimely disappearance, our Director hid clues to be revealed throughout our companies’ social media posts for this month. Will these clues begin to reveal why he disappeared?”

“I just encourage everyone to participate,” Woerdehoff said. “It will be a lot of fun.”

Senior Lunch Menu

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

Friday, October 6: BBQ chicken, potato wedges, coleslaw, apple crisp
Monday, October 9: baked potato bar, corn, grapes, chocolate chip cookie

Tuesday, October 10: fajita chicken over brown rice, strawberries and bananas, cranberry juice

Wednesday, October 11: tater tot casserole, cottage cheese, bread, gelatin

Thursday, October 12: chicken Alfredo penne, breadstick, lettuce, mixed fruit

Friday, October 13: crunchy pollack, potato wedges, green beans, berry fluff gelatin salad

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

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NON-SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

- Victor Alejandro Quezada Hernandez, Denison, driving while license under suspension. Amount: \$347.50.
- Laurie Jo Ricke, Kiron, DUS, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked. Amount: \$647.50.
- Anthony Ariel Magana, Denison, DUS, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked. Amount: \$347.50.
- Donovan Lloyd Richardson, Dow City, DUS, driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked. Amount: \$347.50.

SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

- Janae Isis Gonzalez, Charter Oak, operation without registration card or plate. Amount: \$175.75.
- Kendal Courtney Herst Esteves, Schleswig, operation without registration card or plate. Amount: \$175.75.
- Anthony Ariel Magana, Denison, operating non-registered vehicle. Amount: \$135.50.
- Amy Michelle Willis, Vail, operation without registration card or plate. Amount: \$175.75.
- Kenny Edward Slater, Denison, no valid driver’s license. Amount: \$354.00.
- Gricelda L. Uluan Andrade, Schleswig, unlawful use of license or non-operators ID card. Amount: \$210.25.
- Mark William Whitmer, Denison. Failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult. Amount: \$135.50.
- Ivan Ledesma, Vail, failure to yield to emergency vehicle. Amount: \$210.25.
- Fernando Rigoberto Salinas Alberto, Denison, trespass, first offense. Amount: \$389.00.
- Fernando Rigoberto Salinas Alberto, Denison, trespass, first offense. Amount: \$389.00.
- Joshua David Michael Cone, Vail, dark window or windshield. Amount: \$135.50.
- Orlando Daniel Garcia, Denison, person under 21 years of age using tobacco/ vapor product, first offense. Amount: \$70.
- Matthew W. Hughes, La Vista, NE,

failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult. Amount: \$135.50.

- Sidney Eugene Schrum, Denison, failure to obey traffic control device. Amount: \$210.25.
- Katie Lynn Tremel, Dow City, failure to obey traffic control device. Amount: \$210.25.
- Victor Edenilson Chicas Fabian, Denison, operation of motor vehicle with expired license. Amount: \$135.50.
- Jacob Aaron Clark, Denison, registration violation. Amount: \$89.50.

SPEEDING (11-15 mph over)

- Luis A. Vargas, Dakota City NE. \$175.75.
- Pamela K. Lindberg, Odebolt. \$175.75.

SPEEDING (6-10 mph over)

- Brock Michael Reinhillier, Sioux Falls SD. \$118.25.
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- Steven Joseph Ridgley, Carroll. \$118.25.
- William J. Stokely, West Point NE. \$118.25.
- Terry Lee Blunk, Kiron. \$118.25.
- Stacey Ann Kennedy, Wheat Ridge CO. \$118.25.
- Lewis P. Linkugel, Lincoln NE. \$118.25.
- Shari Ann Carey, Odebolt. \$149.88.
- Trasonia S. Evans, Omaha NE. \$118.25.
- Jackie Lee Siemer, Denison. \$118.25.

SPEEDING (1-5 mph over)

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Firefighter I Class

Volunteer firefighters from Odebolt, Kiron, Westside, Schleswig, and Deloit gathered at the Denison Fire and Rescue Training Center on Saturday for hands-on practice of skills from their Firefighter I class. The class also meets in Kiron every Monday and Wednesday night from August through November. The Denison Subway donated lunch for the participants on Saturday.



PHOTOS BY RACHEL BURNS

Devlun Whiteing of the Ida Grove Fire Department and Chief Cory Snowgren of the Denison Volunteer Fire Department imparted fire science and experienced-based knowledge between skill stations.



Volunteers Kiiana Casas (Schleswig) and Natya Sturm (Deloit) were a team during ground ladder operations. All trainees also practiced carrying simulated conscious and unconscious victims down a ladder.



From left, Cody Boger (Kiron), Ashley Boger (Kiron), Kiiana Casas (Schleswig), Natya Sturm (Deloit), Nick Gallagher (Westside and Vail), Dalton Leinbaugh (Odebolt), and Javier Ronda Bou (Odebolt).



Deloit volunteer firefighter Natya Sturm led her partner through simulated obstacles during the primary search and rescue skill station. She kept a tight hold of her Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) pack after removing it to fit through the tunnel.



Cody Boger (Kiron) and Natya Sturm (Deloit) practiced search and rescue using the added realism the training center is able to provide. Firefighter I students must learn a standard search method designated by the Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau in order to gain certification. After testing on the basics, local firefighters are encouraged to learn more advanced skills that align with the standard operating procedures of their individual departments.



Searching mostly in the dark (other than the camera flash) in an unfamiliar environment is one of the many uses of the training center. Natya Sturm (Deloit) and Cody Boger (Kiron) were successful at the basics, while experienced instructors were on hand to talk about next-level techniques after certification.

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Denison FFA sends two teams to district soils judging contest

BY DENISON FFA REPORTER KYSA NEDDERMEYER

On September 27, 2023, the seven Denison FFA chapter members went out of their comfort zone to improve their knowledge about the area soils and participate in the district soils judging contest at Griswold.

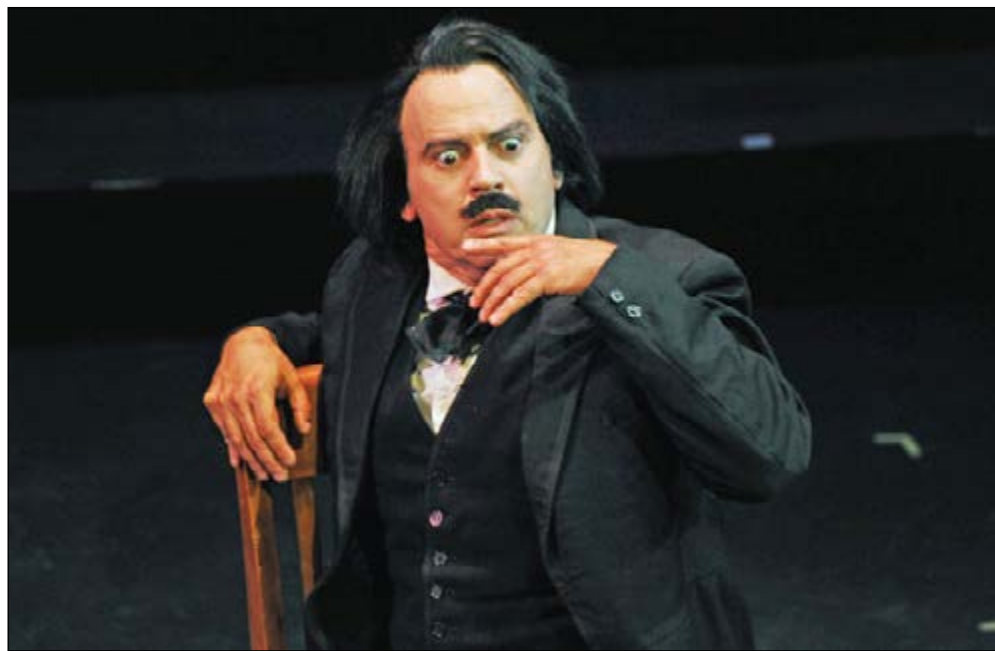
Denison FFA Team 1 was composed of Kysa Neddermeyer, Mylie Kaub, Dawson Stephens and Josie Koenig. Members of Denison FFA Team 2 were Brayden Adams, Brenden Sieren and Brock Schneider.



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Pictured are members of the two Denison FFA soils judging teams. From left: Brock Schneider, Brayden Adams, Dawson Stephens, Brenden Sieren, Josie Koenig, Kysa Neddermeyer and Mylie Kaub.

Norelius Community Library News



SUBMITTED PHOTO

One-man Edgar Allen Poe presentation

Norelius Community Library will feature Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson as he brings his talent and fascination for Edgar Allan Poe to life in a one-man play on Tuesday, October 24, at 6 p.m. Using a combination of biographical information and the dramatic interpretation of Poe's literature, "Annabel Lee," "The Raven" and "The Tell Tale Heart," Hudson provides an in-depth theatrical experience of the life and works of one of America's best-known and enigmatic personalities.

Special meeting on October 11

The Norelius Community Library Board will conduct a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. on October 11. The agenda item is library server bids. Library board meetings are open to the public with the exception of personnel issues. For more information, call 712-263-9355.

October programming at Norelius Community Library

October is gearing up with activities planned at Norelius Community Library in Denison.

Cards & Coffee will meet on October 10 for ages 19 and older at 5:30 p.m.

This month's "Crafternoon" session on October 17 will be wood and pebble Halloween art from 4-6 p.m.

Game night is October 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Duffy Hudson will present "Edgar Allan Poe," a one-man play, at 6 p.m. on October 24.

For the children, "Read & Play" takes place every Wednesday and the second Saturday mornings. Stories & Cuentos will be October 7 and STEAM Saturday is October 21.

All events for children begin at 10 a.m.

A special "Halloween Storytime" will be on October 28 at 2 p.m. followed by Trick or Treating at Washington Park that evening. The librarians will be handing out children's books.

Contact the library at 712-263-9355 for more information.

Denison Library Friends Recycled Christmas, Book & Bake Sale

The Denison Library Friends will host their annual "Recycled Christmas, Book & Bake Sale" on November 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and November 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The sale will take place on the main floor of the library with books available for sale in the Carnegie Room upstairs.

Donations of Christmas decorations will be received at the library beginning now through November 16. Baked goods will be received November 15.

All Christmas items are welcome with the exception of Christmas trees. Consider donating to this worthy event in support of the library.

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Jive for Five in concert on Sunday



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Crawford County Fine Arts and the Shirley Vipond Artist Series will present the "Jive for Five Brass Quintet" in concert this Sunday, October 8, at 2:30 p.m. at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center.

A student-eye view of Broadway Elementary work



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Excavation work continues for the construction of a new boiler building at Broadway Elementary School in Denison. The picture was taken from a window in the school's library, giving a sense of what a student or teacher would see. Kingery Construction is the general contractor on a project to put in the new boiler building and to construct a classroom, commons and gym addition on the south side of the Broadway Elementary building.

LAND TRANSACTIONS

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• Schmitz Enterprises Inc. to Nicholas R. Kohorst and Allison Kohorst: SW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 27, Stockholm Township; SE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 SW1/4 Section 27, Stockholm Township; \$8,000.

• Kenneth D. Brink and Patricia L. Brink to Ronald Beermann and Carol J. Beermann: Lot 6, Block 4, City of Arion; \$15,000.

• Alan T. Carlyle and Angela D. Carlyle to Eugene D. Zenk and Kristy L. Zenk: Lots 11 and 12, Block 108, City of Denison; \$100,000.

• Bulmaro Martinez Castillo to Cindi Lorena Caceres Reyes: Lot 6, Block 120, City of Denison; \$88,000.

• Dean Vogt, Gail Vogt, Terry Vogt and Leah Vogt to Mike Vogt, Russ Vogt, Lana Hansen, Don Vogt, Escamilla Family Trust, Arthur Dean Escamilla and Linda Rae Escamilla, Co-Trustees; Leann Nelson Revocable Trust, Leann Nelson, Trustee; and Brian Vogt: W1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township; NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township.

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• Marlano Investments LLC to Mark Slechta, Noe S. Cabrera Mendoza and Landon Slechta: Lots 12, 13, 14, Block 124, City of Denison.

• Noe S. Cabrera Mendoza and

Morgan J. Cabrera to Mark C. Slechta and Kitty J. Slechta: Lots 12, 13, 14, Block 124, City of Denison; \$5,000.

• Morgan Slechta and Landon Slechta to Mark C. Slechta and Kitty J. Slechta: Lots 12, 13, 14, Block 124, City of Denison; \$5,000.

• Mark C. Slechta and Kitty J. Slechta to Mark C. Slechta and Kitty J. Slechta: Lots 12, 13, 14, Block 124, City of Denison.

• Carlee Lee to Angelica Herrera Alejo: Lots 3 and 4, Block 125, City of Denison; \$146,000.

• Adam R. Wiese and Stephanie J. Wiese to Shawn Tumey and Tammy Tumey: NE1/4 Section 25, Denison Township; SE1/4 Section 25, Denison Township; \$360,000.

• Robert C. Ertz and Joan M. Ertz to Ertz Living Trust, Robert C. Ertz and Joan M. Ertz, Trustees: NW1/4 Section 27, Westside Township; NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 27, Westside Township.

• Hugo M. Garcia and Jose Ivan Sanchez Medrano to Mario F. Flores and Mirna Cortez Flores: Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 86, City of Denison; \$17,500.

Quit Claim Deeds

• Steven D. Davis and Denise L. Davis to Denise L. Davis Revocable Trust, Sharon K. Peters, LE: N1/2 SW1/4 Section 13, Morgan Township; SE1/4 Section 14, Morgan Township.

Court Officer Deeds

• Velma M. Schweers Estate, Curt J. Schweers, Executor to Curt J. Schweers: NE1/4 Section 13, Westside Township; SE1/4 Section 2, Milford Township; SW1/4 Section 2, Milford Township; NE1/4 Section 14, Jackson Township.

ON THE SCANNER

9/17, 1:30 a.m.: Jason Edward Krajicek, 38, of Denison, was arrested for assault. The location of the offense was a bar in the 1200 block of 1st Avenue South in Denison.

9/18, 3:59 p.m.: Melita Yami Salinas Henriquez, 29, of Denison, was driving a black 2010 Nissan Murano, and Heather Marie Hast, 35, of Schleswig, was driving a black 2011 Mazda CX7. The Salinas Henriquez vehicle collided with the Hast vehicle at the intersection of Highway 59 and Highway 30. Salinas Henriquez said she had the right of way and Hast said she had the right of way. No one was injured. The Salinas Henriquez vehicle received \$600 damage to the front middle, and the Hast vehicle received \$600 damage to the rear passenger side. Both vehicles could be driven away. Hast was cited for failure to prove security – accident related.

9/19, 3:30 p.m.: Nathan Eric Dean, 46, of Vail, was arrested for fourth degree theft, interference with official acts and on multiple warrants from surrounding counties. Dean attempted to flee on foot and was apprehended shortly after. Property taken was a 29M Flexor bike valued at \$198 and a men's Rangeline mountain bike, valued at \$248, both from Walmart. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office assisted the Denison Police Department in the arrest.

9/20, 12 a.m.: Shaun Labuschagne, 28, of Manning, was arrested for OWI, first offense. The location of the offense was in the 500 block of South Main Street in Denison.

9/21, 6:33 p.m.: Amber Nelson, 38, was arrested on a warrant from Shelby County.

9/22, 7:25 p.m.: Julio Alfonso Mex Valle, 37, was arrested on warrant for violating a no-contact order.

9/22, 9 p.m.: Jose Domingo Rangel, 41, of Kiron, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and providing false identification. The location of the offense was on North 12th Street in Denison.

9/22, 9:13 p.m.: Easton Michael Conlon, 26, of Ricketts, was driving a gray 2009 Mazda MZ3 and was attempting to enter Avenue C from the McDonald's parking lot when his vehicle struck a red 2020 Toyota Highlander being driven by Meylin Melissa Donicio Baran, 24, of Denison. Conlon said he waited for one vehicle but didn't see the Donicio Baran vehicle. Both drivers said they swerved to miss each other but the vehicles still hit. No one was injured. The Conlon vehicle received \$500 damage to the front driver side and the Donicio Baran vehicle received \$1,500 damage to the front passenger side. Both vehicles could be driven away.

9/22, 11:29 p.m.: A fire was reported at Dairy Queen in Denison. Fire departments paged were Denison, Vail, Manilla and Dow City-Arion.

9/23, 6:30 p.m.: Rosario De La Paz Rodriguez, 41, of Denison, was arrested for domestic abuse assault with injury. The location of the offense was a residence in the 1400 block of 3rd Avenue South, Denison.

9/24, 1 a.m.: Wilson Antonio Portillo, 19, of Deloit, was charged with possession of a controlled

substance, marijuana, first offense. The location of the offense was a gas station on Highway 30 east in Denison.

9/24, 5 p.m.: Chuol Kok Biliew, 31, was arrested on a Crawford County warrant.

9/25, 7:31 a.m.: Alisson Yeraldi Perez Garcia, 17, of Denison, was driving a blue 2010 Ford Focus when her vehicle struck a legally parked black 2015 Dodge Durango that was parked in the parking lane on the south side of Broadway. Perez Garcia said she did not see the Dodge Durango due to the sun glare and dew on the windshield. The Perez Garcia vehicle received \$5,000 damage to the front passenger side corner and was disabled. She requested that her car get towed to her address. Perez Garcia was not injured. The Dodge Durango received \$2,000 damage to the rear driver side corner. Officer Krajicek was the investigating officer.

9/25, 5:21 p.m.: Jonathan Emmanuel Rivas Dorado, 31, of Denison, was driving a white 2010 Chevrolet Impala. He stated he did not see a bronze 2018 Freightliner truck as he was pulling out of entry/exit to Casey's/Hy-Vee Wine and Spirits and onto Highway 30. Rivas Dorado turned left to go east onto Highway 30. The Freightliner, being driven by Benjamin Ike Crampton, 39, of Schleswig, was traveling east on Highway 30. The outside lanes of the highway were closed due to road repair. Workers were present. The reporting party was also a witness to the accident; he stated that Rivas Dorado pulled out in front of the Freightliner. No one was injured. The Freightliner received \$500 damage to the front middle. The Impala received \$5,000 damage and was disabled. A tow was privately arranged. Rivas Dorado was cited for failing to yield upon entering a highway. Officer Krajicek was the investigating officer.

9/27, 5:09 p.m.: A maroon 2018 Toyota Highlander was struck by an unknown vehicle causing \$300 damage to the rear passenger side fender. The unknown vehicle is believed to be white in color. The accident happened on North Main Street. Cpt. Cardenas was the investigating officer.

9/29, 2:27 p.m.: The Manilla Fire Department was paged to a field fire one-half mile north of Irwin.

9/29, 4:07 p.m.: The Manilla Fire Department was paged for a field fire at 31205 Birch Avenue, Manning.

9/29, 4:09 p.m.: The Schleswig Fire Department was paged to a field fire at 4929 A Avenue. The Ricketts and Charter Oak fire departments were also paged.

9/30, 12:54 p.m.: The Westside Fire Department was paged to a rekindle of a field fire on 400th Street.

9/30, 9:50 p.m.: Roberto Gonzalez Guerr, 31, was arrested for domestic abuse assault – simple.

10/1, 1:14 p.m.: The Charter Oak Fire Department was paged for a field fire on 130th Street between N and O avenues, Charter Oak. The Dow City-Arion Fire Department was also paged.

10/1, 1:31 p.m.: The Manilla Fire Department was paged for a combine fire at 310th Street and Highway 141, Manilla.



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Funeral Notice

Ashley Abbott

Funeral services for Ashley Abbott, 33, of Denison, will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday, October 6, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Charter Oak with visitation two hours prior to the service.

She passed away September 20 at her home.

Survivors include two daughters, Brooklynn and Kenli Clinkenbeard of Denison; son, Braedan Abbott of

Des Moines; father, Cory Abbott of Denison; mother, Crystal Bloom of Spencer; two sisters, Makayla Briggs of Norwalk and Miranda (Austin) Speight of Royal; paternal grandfather, Dennis Meseck of Charter Oak; and numerous, aunts, uncles, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services are entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home in Charter Oak.

Monarch

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS FOOTBALL

DENISON-SCHLESWIG VARSITY FOOTBALL

September 29 vs. Spencer
Final score: 22-19 D-S
Score by quarters
 1st: 7-7
 2nd: 19-7 Spencer
 3rd: 22-19 D-S
 4th: 22-19 D-S
D-S scoring drives
 1st quarter: Luke Wiebers handoff at the 5-yard line to Ty Fink for a run into the endzone. Sebastian Contreras PAT kick is good. 80 yards in 12 plays.
 3rd quarter: Luke Wiebers run for a touchdown from the 4-yard line. Sebastian Contreras PAT kick is good. 14 yards in 5 plays.
 3rd quarter: Luke Wiebers pass from the 11-yard line to Easton Emery; Emery runs the ball in from the 3-yard line. Luke Wiebers handoff to Cole Kastner for 2-point conversion. 50 yards in 6 plays.
D-S stats
 1st downs: 16
 1st downs rushing/passing/penalties: 9/6/1
 Rushing yards: 122
 Passing completions/attempts/longest completion: 12/19/36 yards
 Passing net yards: 154
 Passing touchdowns/interceptions: 1/1
 Total plays: 55
 Total offense: 276
 Fumbles/lost: 1/0
 Penalties/yards: 6/35
 Defensive sacks/yards lost: 3/14
 Time of possession: 12:00
 3rd down efficiency: 9 of 12

4th down efficiency: 1 of 2
 Punts/average: 2/35 yards
Rushing stats
 Luke Wiebers: 12 carries for 77 net yards; longest run 29 yards
 Cole Kastner: 8 carries for 18 net yards; longest run 6 yards
 Ty Fink: 5 carries for 10 net yards, longest run 4 yards
 Braylin Desy: 1 carry for -5 net yards
 Blaine Brodsky: 9 carries for 22 net yards; longest run 14 yards
Receiving stats
 Jake Fink: 4 receptions for 52 net yards; longest reception 22 yards
 Anthony Arambula: 5 receptions for 52 net yards; longest reception 36 yards
 Easton Emery: 2 receptions for 23 net yards; longest reception 15 yards
 Blaine Brodsky: 1 reception for 34 net yards; longest reception 34 yards
Defensive stats
 Jake Fink: 3 solo tackles, 1 solo tackle for loss
 Gage Head: 2 solo tackles
 Evan Zavitz: 1 solo tackle
 Dominik Garcia: 4 solo tackles, 3 assists, 1 assisted tackle for loss, 1 assisted sack
 Luke Wiebers: 4 solo tackles
 Cole Kastner: 3 solo tackles
 Ty Fink: 1 solo tackle, 2 assists
 Easton Emery: 5 solo tackles, 4 assists, 2 assisted tackles for loss, 1 assisted sack
 Blaine Brodsky: 2 solo tackles, 2 assists, 1 assisted tackle for loss
 Joel Murrillo: 2 solo tackles, 1 assist, 2 solo tackles for loss, 1 solo sack
 Grayson Wilcox: 3 assists
 Ismael Alfaro: 3 solo tackles, 3 assists

DENISON-SCHLESWIG 9TH GRADE FOOTBALL

September 29 vs. Spencer
Final score: 34-7 Spencer

Score by quarters
 6-0 Spencer
 12-0 Spencer
 20-0 Spencer
 34-7 Spencer

COMMENTS FROM HEAD COACH JOHN TORRY

Missed opportunities was the story for the Monarchs against Spencer. The game couldn't have started any better for our team, as our defense forced a three-and-out, backing the Tigers into their Black Zone, where they faced 4th and 15. Spencer faked the punt and was stuffed; 1st and 10 Monarchs at the Tiger 10. Our offense drove to the two-yard line only to fumble the quarterback/running back exchange on the next play. The ball was recovered by Spencer. The Tigers drove downfield on their next possession, picking up two first downs, advancing their line of scrimmage beyond the Black Zone. Miguel Hernandez ended their drive when he recovered a loose ball, giving the Monarchs 1st and 10 at the +29. The Monarchs, however, gave the ball back to the Tigers after a fumbled exchange between quarterback and center, leading to a turnover on downs. With just over one minute left in the 1st quarter, Spencer scored its first touchdown. The two-point play was foiled by Sawyer Neeman. 0-6.

The ensuing kickoff was squibbed and mishandled by Enrique Santos-Saucedo and Trae Hartwig, giving the Tigers the ball back in Monarch territory. Again, though, Spencer put the ball on the turf, and it was recovered by Owen Fink at midfield. The Monarchs moved the chains one time, only to be forced to punt at the +40-yard line. A long, sustained drive by the Tigers led to another touchdown late in the 2nd Quarter. Their two-point pass fell incomplete. Down 0-12, the Monarchs had momentum at the break, stopping another scoring threat by the Tigers as time expired.

The Monarchs got the ball to start the 3rd quarter, and a big run by Josue Mendoza put the Monarchs in Tiger territory. Another fumbled exchange, however, between center Kyler Desy and quarterback Grant Olsen was recovered by Spencer, which drove downfield for another touchdown. This time, they converted on their two-point play. 0-20. On our next possession, a big run by Grant Olsen down the sideline gave the Monarchs a fresh set of downs on the positive side of the field. Jackson Steinkuehler's fumble on 1st down, however, gave the ball back to the Tigers. Spencer drove into the low red zone as the 3rd quarter expired.

The Tigers scored and converted on their two-point play. 0-28. Their kickoff sailed out of bounds, setting the Monarchs up at the 35-yard line. On 1st down of the drive, Grant Olsen heaved the ball to Miguel Hernandez who ran down the sideline for a 65-yard touchdown. Osvan Diaz made the extra point attempt. 7-28. The Tigers scored once more in the 4th quarter, extending their lead to 7-34, but failed on their two-point play. Then, Elliott Green recovered another Spencer fumble, giving the Monarchs the ball at the +15 late in the game. Grant Olsen threw an interception on the last play of the game, and the Monarchs lost, 7-34, falling to 1-5 on the season. This was the last game for the Monarch Freshmen, as games against Storm Lake, Le Mars and Sioux City West will all be 9/10 games. The Monarchs host the Storm Lake Tornadoes on Friday in their Homecoming game.

COMMENTS FROM HEAD COACH DAVE WIEBERS

The Monarch football team came back from a 19-7 deficit at halftime to win Friday night against Spencer. The Monarchs outscored the Tigers 15-0 in the second half. The Monarchs created two turnovers in the second half and scored after the first turnover to make it 19-14. The Monarchs again took advantage of the field position game and scored in the third quarter. The Monarch went for two and were successful to give the Monarchs a 22-19 lead going into the 4th quarter. The Monarchs played great defense to shut out the Tigers in the 4th quarter.

The Monarch offense got the ball back with 6:30 left on the 4th quarter clock. The Monarchs used some big plays to run out the clock.

DENISON-SCHLESWIG 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

September 28 vs. Carroll
A game results: 14-12 D-S
Game notes
 Charlie Beeck 5-yard touchdown run
 Karsen Schulz pass to Cale Paulson for 2-point conversion
 Charlie Beeck 15-yard touchdown run
 Angel Bautista interception
B game results: 20-0 D-S

Game notes
 Chris Castro 25-yard touchdown run
 Jayden Ghislandi pass to John Pantoja for a 2-point conversion
 Drake Myron 5-yard touchdown run
 Ramon Cardenas 50-yard interception pick 6.

DENISON-SCHLESWIG 7TH GRADE FOOTBALL

September 28 vs. Carroll

A game results: 20-14, D-S
Scoring summary
 Angel Rodriguez, two rushing touchdowns; conversions failed
 Ezden Hargens touchdown pass to Angel Rodriguez; Alexis Revolorio 2-point conversion
Offensive standouts: Ezden Hargens, Alexis Revolorio, Beckham Walker,
 Angel Rodriguez, Brody Schillerberg
Defensive standouts: Ezden Hargens,

Joel Uribe (interception), Antonio Lara, Simon Htoo
B game results: 6-0 D-S
Scoring summary
 William Mathies rushing touchdown; conversion failed
Offensive standouts: Ryley Tasich, William Mathies, Keaten Hartwig
Defensive standouts: Anyang Majook (fumble recovery), Haxton Fineran, Jasper Christensen



PHOTOS BY RHONDA RAUCH

Dominik Garcia, Easton Emery, Joel Murrillo, Ismael Alfaro - all combine for sacking of the Spencer quarterback.



Easton Emery runs with the ball after making a big fourth-down catch.

Sports

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS CROSS COUNTRY

September 29 hosted by IKM-Manning at M&M Golf Course
Teams competing: Denison-Schleswig, East Sac County, IKM-Manning, Lawton-Bronson, MVAOCO, Ridge View, Sgt. Bluff-Luton, Siouxland Christian, South Central Calhoun, South O'Brien, West Monona, Westwood, Whiting, Woodbine, Woodbury Central

D-S VARSITY GIRLS
 Team results: 3rd, 82 points
Individual results
 Lola Mendlik, 1st, 20:16:00
 Alexa Tremblay, 4th, 21:09:00
 Charlotte Schrum, 21st, 24:03:00
 Tiffany Ramirez, 31st, 25:27:00
 Estela Lupian, 37th, 26:32:00

D-S VARSITY BOYS
 Team results: 4th, 93 points

Individual results
 Ethan Olsen, 9th, 18:22:00
 Kevin Sanchez, 13th, 18:36:00
 Brody Skarin, 30th, 20:26:00
 Juan Diaz, 31st, 20:30:00
 Omar Ramos, 37th, 21:36:00

D-S MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS
 No team score, two runners
 Chloe Galvin, 6th, 17:41:00
 Aubrey Young, 10th, 18:09:00

D-S-MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS
 Team results: 1st, 56 points
Individual results
 Angel Garcia, 4th, 14:02:00
 Raul Salas, 7th, 14:23:00
 Giovany Gomez, 8th, 14:32:00
 Raul Castillo, 9th, 14:42:00
 Jaime Hernandez, 10th, 14:55:00

October 3 vs. South Central Calhoun at Lake City Golf Course

D-S VARSITY GIRLS
 Team results: 2nd place, 60 points
Individual results
 Lola Mendlik, 4th, 20:24:00
 Alexa Tremblay, 5th, 20:36:00
 Charlotte Schrum, 18th, 23:10:00
 Jenna Meadows, 27th, 24:12:00
 Tiffany Ramirez, 31st, 24:44:00

JV GIRLS' TEAM
 Team results: 1st, 15 points
Individual results
 Lynnae Johnson, 1st, 26:25:00
 Abby Gutierrez, 2nd, 26:37:00
 Christell Salazar, 3rd, 27:12:00
 Adrianna Lupian, 4th, 27:15:00
 Estela Lupian, 5th, 27:33:00

VARSITY BOYS' TEAM
 Team results: 5th, 121 points

Individual results
 Kevin Sanchez, 9th, 18:30:00
 Ethan Olsen, 17th, 18:59:00
 Ivan Ledesma, 28th, 19:49:00
 Juan Diaz, 33rd, 20:16:00
 Brody Skarin, 38th, 20:33:00

JV BOYS' TEAM
 Team results: No results, one runner
 Leo Sanchez-Rios, 13th, 23:34:00

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' TEAM
 Team results: No results, one runner
 Cora Gotto, 22nd, 22:53:00

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' TEAM
 Team results: 1st, 28 points
Individual results
 Angel Garcia, 2nd, 15:41:00
 Giovany Gomez, 4th, 15:54:00
 Raul Salas, 5th, 16:10:00
 Raul Castillo, 8th, 16:24:00
 Jaime Hernandez, 11th, 16:47:00

COMMENTS FROM HEAD COACH NICK BRADLEY

The Monarch cross country team has had a lot of meets in a short amount of time. Our kids are handling the grind extremely well. They continue to push hard and are getting better each and every meet.

The girls' team continues to get better. Their training has come a long way and they are pushing each other in practice and at the meets. Cracking the top 10 for the girls were Lola Mendlik (1st) and Alexa Tremblay (4th).

The boys' team continues to work hard. We are still battling some injuries. I love the fact that we have boys who are stepping up at the varsity level and pushing themselves.

Our middle school girls continue to get better. Chloe Galvin (6th) and Aubrey Young (10th) were both able to come in in the top 10. This was a great meet for both girls. The middle school boys continued their dominance. They continue to pack up and work together. They were able to beat some tough competition. IKM-Manning and Woodbine have some good middle school runners. and our boys really had to manage their races in order to win. Angel Garcia (4th), Raul Salas (7th), Gio Gomez (8th), Raul Castell (9th), and Jaime Hernandez (10th) were all able to crack the top 10. The Monarchs see action again on Tuesday and Thursday.

COMMENTS FROM HEAD COACH NICK BRADLEY

Another great night of running for Monarch cross country. The kids had a well-deserved three-day break over the weekend, and I think it helped a ton. We came in looking fresh.

The high school girls continue to get better. They push each other throughout the meet and listen to what the coaches are telling them. The varsity girls narrowly missed capturing the title today. We are starting to hit our stride and are looking for the top three in the district tournament.

The V girls ran great and dominated today. They were able to capture the team title. The boys' team is finally starting to get back to full strength. It will take some time to get our wind back. We have to continue to work hard in practice and we will see results.

The middle school boys continued their team dominance. They have set goals for themselves as a team, and it is evident in their competition. We are excited to see them meet and exceed their goals for this year.

We will be back in action again this Thursday at Atlantic. This will be a tough meet, but we are ready.

We are starting to gear up as a team for the H-10 meet and the district meet. We need to make sure we are taking care of our bodies so that we can compete at the highest level for these two meets.

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS VOLLEYBALL

DENISON-SCHLESWIG VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
 October 3 vs. Shenandoah
Game results
 25-9 Shenandoah
 25-16 Shenandoah
 25-12 Shenandoah
Stat leaders
 Kills: Addison Inman, 7
 Set assists: Claire Leinen, 17
 Service aces: Claire Leinen, 1
 Digs: Elli Heiden, 7
 Solo blocks: Addison Inman,
 Emily Gehlsen, 1

DENISON-SCHLESWIG JV VOLLEYBALL
 October 3 vs. Shenandoah
Game results
 26-24 Shenandoah
 25-10 D-S
 15-10 D-S
Stat leaders
 Kills: Nessa Hedstrom, 7
 Set assists: Lauryn Turin, 10
 Service aces: Hannah Harris,
 Kamden Bruhn, 2
 Digs: Kamden Bruhn, 12
 Solo blocks: Lauryn Turin, 1

DENISON-SCHLESWIG JV VOLLEYBALL
 October 2 vs. OABCIG
Game results
 25-16 OABCIG
 25-21 OABCIG
Stat leaders
 Kills: Lauryn Turin, 5
 Set assists: Kyia Clark, 6
 Service aces: Hannah Harris,
 Kamden Bruhn, Kyia Clark, Norah
 Huebert, 1
 Digs: Kyia Clark, 9
 Block assists: Lauryn Turin,
 Nessa Hedstrom, 1

DENISON-SCHLESWIG VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
 At Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson
 Tournament
 September 30

Vs. St. Albert
Game results
 21-6 St. Albert
 21-14 St. Albert
Stat leaders
 Kills: Maria Cardenas, 3
 Set assists: Claire Leinen, 6
 Service aces: Addison Inman, 3
 Digs: Kamden Bruhn,
 Mayah Slater, 7
 Solo blocks: Claire Leinen, 1
 Block assists: Emily Gehlsen, 2

Vs. Missouri Valley
Game results
 21-13 Missouri Valley
 21-15 Missouri Valley
Stat leaders
 Kills: Addison Inman, 4
 Set assists: Claire Leinen, 6
 Service aces: Claire Leinen, 3
 Digs: Elli Heiden, 7
 Solo blocks: Emily Gehlsen, 1

Vs. Lewis Central
Game results
 21-8, Lewis Central
 21-9, Lewis Central
Stat leaders
 Kills: Addison Inman, Emily
 Gehlsen, Maria Cardenas, 1
 Set assists: Claire Leinen,
 Elli Heiden, 1
 Service aces: Mayah Slater, 1
 Digs: Ellia Heiden, 9
 Block assists: Addison Inman, Emily
 Gehlsen, Maria Cardenas,
 Mayah Slater, 1

Vs. Treynor
Game results
 21-10 Treynor
 21-8 Treynor
Stat leaders:
 Kills: Addison Inman, 4
 Set assists: Claire Leinen, 10
 Service aces: Kamden Bruhn, 2
 Digs: Addison Inman, 4
 Block assists: Avery Bock,
 Emily Gehlsen, 1

Vs. Thomas Jefferson
Game results
 21-14, D-S

21-19, D-S
Stat leaders
 Kills: Addison Inman, 5
 Set assists: Claire Leinen, 12
 Service aces: Avery Bock, Claire
 Leinen, 3
 Digs: Avery Bock, Elli Heiden, 6
 Solo blocks: Maya Slater
 Block assists: Maria Cardenas, 4

DENISON-SCHLESWIG 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL
 September 28 vs. Carroll
A game results
 21-10 Carroll
 21-10 Carroll
 15-13 D-S
B game results
 21-8 D-S
 21-13 Carroll
 15-8 Carroll
C game results
 21-18 Carroll
 21-15 Carroll
 15-13 Carroll
D game results
 22-20 Carroll
 21-13 D-S
 15-13 D-S

DENISON-SCHLESWIG 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL
 September 28 vs. Carroll
A game results
 25-9 Carroll
 25-15 Carroll
 15-9 Carroll
B game results
 25-12 Carroll
 25-22 D-S
 15-6 Carroll
C game results
 25-21 D-S
 25-15 D-S
 15-13 D-S



ISU EXTENSION NEWS

Calendar of events

October 1-7: National 4-H Week

Tuesday, October 10, Dehydrating Workshop: Preserving food can be quicker and easier than you expect. Join a hands-on workshop to learn how to dry foods safely at home. Call the Crawford County Extension office at 712-263-4697 to register; no-cost to attend. The class is from 6 to 8 p.m. at 35 South Main Street, Denison.

Wednesday, October 18, Forest, Aquatic and Right of Way: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Crawford County office will host a Forest, Aquatic and Right-of-Way Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa. The local attendance site is 35 South Main Street, Denison. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before October 11. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Kathy Thul at the ISU Extension and Outreach Crawford County office at 712-263-4697.

Tuesday, October 24, Fermenting Workshop: 6-8 p.m. at the Crawford County ISU Extension and Outreach office, 35 South Main, Denison. Prepare and take home a jar of sauerkraut. The cost is \$20 per person. Need-based scholarships are available when registering. Register online at www.extension.iastate.edu/crawford/.

Sunday, October 29, Pumpkin Carving: For youth in grade 4 and up at the Crawford County ISU Extension and Outreach office, 35 South Main, Denison, 1-3 p.m. Costumes are welcome. To register or sign up, contact nicoleb2@iastate.edu or call 712-263-4697.

Visit the Extension webpage at www.extension.iastate.edu/crawford/ to see the latest online classes available.

Crawford County youth celebrating National 4-H Week October 1-7

Millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country are celebrating everything 4-H. Crawford 4-H is observing National 4-H Week this year by showcasing the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people and is highlighting the remarkable 4-H youth in the community who work each day to positively impact those around them. The 2023 National 4-H Week theme is I <3 4-H, which celebrates everything people love about 4-H. The positive environment provided by 4-H volunteers ensures that kids in every county, from urban neighborhoods to suburban schoolyards to rural farming communities, are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles and are empowered with the skills to lead in life and career.

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In Crawford County, more than 200 4-H youth and 45 volunteers from the community are involved in 4-H.

For over 100 years, 4H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. For more information on the Iowa 4-H Youth Development program, please contact the Crawford County, ISU Extension and Outreach office or visit the Iowa 4-H website at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h.

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It's time to Rendezvous

The Denison High School junior class will present **Rendezvous 2023** at Washington Park on Wednesday, October 11.

The event's purpose is explained by the following handout, which visitors will receive before taking one of the three tours.

Rendezvous!

In 1825 William Ashley of St. Louis headed west to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains to meet (or rendezvous) with the mountain men. For Ashley, it was business venture--he needed beaver furs to send to hat makers in Europe and the eastern United States. The mountain men were in the Rocky Mountains to trap beaver and provide the furs. Ashley's yearly rendezvous began as nothing more than a business meeting, but it soon became something much bigger--an annual month-long gathering of some of the toughest, bravest, and most colorful characters in the history of the West. They would trade, tell stories, dance, sing, and compete with each other in feats of strength and skill.

Today, our Rendezvous brings together the people who played a part in America's westward expansion. Meet the mountain men, cowboys, Native Americans, missionaries, homesteaders, inventors, women, entertainers, story tellers, lawmen, and outlaws who shaped America. They are all brought together today, as the juniors of Denison-Schleswig High School bring them to life.

Thank you for joining us . . . Enjoy the show . . . and Welcome to . . .

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The 5th Grade Class (& Teachers) of Schleswig
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2023



Location: Washington Park

Tour Times:

October 11, 2023

10:00 to 11:00

11:15 to 12:15

1:00 to 2:00

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Homecoming spirit



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The cheerleaders mixed paint in the shade of the Donna Reed Theater on Sunday, which was another hot afternoon in Denison.



From left, Jordyn Linn, Savannah Steinkuehler, Lexie Weise, and Marley Boettger paint homecoming messages on the windows at The Boutique.



Brandon Lopez and McKennon Olsen decorate windows at ID Apparel in Uptown Denison.

Harvest in the heat



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The image of this combine is distorted by heat waves caused by the return of temperatures in the 90s on Sunday. The combine is working a field north of Manilla.

In Remembrance



Virginia Lickteig

April 7, 1930 - September 26, 2023

Virginia Lickteig was born on April 7, 1930 the seventh of ten children of Peter and Clara Gubbels. She attended St. Boniface Grade and High School in Westphalia, IA and graduated in 1948. After graduating she worked for Dr. Bisgard in Harlan and then moved to Omaha where she worked for Mutual Benefit until she married her high school sweetheart, Cletus Lickteig on June 19th, 1954. They lived in Westphalia with their four children, Mike, Bob, Gaileen (Tudy Fosmer,) and JoAnn (Monahan.)

The family moved to Denison where Ginny and Clete, with their children's help, operated Clete's Open Market for 5 years, A&W Family Restaurant for 12 years and Denison Fruit Market for 12 years. They retired at the end of 1994. It was a busy life for Virginia; working full time and raising four children.

"Mom worked long hours, but at no time was being a caring mother impacted," said JoAnn, who now lives in Texas, and appreciated her mother's weekly letters to keep her posted of family happenings. "But," Bob adds, "Mom wasn't only a caring mother for us four kids but helped and mothered dozens of A&W car hops and workers, as well!" Mike recalls the special efforts she made for their birthdays. "Mom always made sure we had great birthday parties and friends, cousins and a lot of fun activities-not to mention her good food. She has great recipes for pizza and homemade bread" And she could cook up a mean goulash dinner in an electric skillet," adds Bob.

Tudy, who lives in Omaha, appreciated her mother's letters. "I bet everyone in the family has received a card or letter from my mother at one time or another. There is nothing better than to get a letter in the mail to know that someone is thinking of you-simple, but so hard for most of us to do. I think this is very special!"

In all those years of working in the public, Virginia (or Ginny) has kept her sense of humor, made many friends, always ready to tell a story with much joking and laughter. She has touched the lives of many; including recipients of blood from the Bloodmobile. Eleven gallons of blood were donated by Virginia over the years!

All four children agree that their mother did enjoy her well-deserved retirement; reading, visiting, and volunteering for church activities. She also spends a good amount of time organizing information for the annual family newsletters she initiated. When she retired, she said "It's been a good life, I look back on my heritage with pride and look forward to many more years of enjoying life with family and friends, especially our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ginny's story from one of the family newsletters in 2003.

Virginia passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison attaining the age of 93 years, 5 months, and 19 days. She was preceded in death by her parents: Peter and Clara Gubbels; husband, Clete Lickteig; siblings: Peter Gubbels Jr., Sabina Conrad, Alvin Gubbels, Sylvia Goeser, Ambrose Gubbels, Cyril Gubbels, and Fr. Richard Gubbels.

She is survived by her two sons: Mike Lickteig and his wife, Kathy of Kiron and Robert Lickteig of Odebolt; two daughters: Gaileen Fosmer and her husband, Mike of Omaha, Nebraska and Jo Monahan and her husband, Mike of Denton, Texas; six grandchildren: Erika Bygness and her husband, Ryan of Denison; Jordan Lickteig and his wife, Sara of Fairfield, Texas; Garret Fosmer and his wife Alexa of Omaha; Katelyn Fosmer and her husband, Scott Golub of Kansas City, Missouri; Taylor Lickteig of Scottsdale, Arizona; and Makayla Monahan of Denton, Texas; nine great-grandchildren: Quinlan, Roman, Monroe, and Ezra Bygness; Bennett, Asher, and Lennon Lickteig; Graham and Adelaide Fosmer; two sisters: Helen Wubbenhorst of Harlan and Mary Ann Koesters and her husband, Francis of Earling; sister-in-law, Rita Gubbels of Harlan; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held 10:30 AM, Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison, Iowa. Fr. Michael Cronin served as Celebrant of the Mass with interment in the parish cemetery. Organist Jean Cornelius provided accompaniment for the St. Rose Choir who sang, "Here I Am Lord," "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" and "Come Follow Me." Alekxavier Cardenas and Rose Marie Mex served as altar servers, Roman Bygness, Kathy Lickteig and Clay Gubbels served as lectors, and Ezra, Monroe and Quinlan Bygness served as gift bearers. Serving as pallbearers were Erika Bygness, Ryan Bygness, Jordan Lickteig, Garret Fosmer, Taylor Lickteig and Makayla Monahan. Following the burial, the family invited everyone to the Parish Center for a time of fellowship and lunch. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

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Effort underway to name private lane in memory of Suna Saunders

BY GORDON WOLF

If all goes well, the private lane jointly owned by Crawford County Cinema IV and Cornerstone Family Church will be repaired and named in memory of Suna Saunders, who passed away earlier this year.

The idea of naming the private lane Suna Way was developed at about the same time by Anissa Vaughn and Fred Saunders, although independently of each other.

Anissa and her husband, Kevin, co-pastor Cornerstone Family Church. Fred Saunders, husband of Suna, owns Crawford County Cinema IV.

The private lane, which has been in poor condition for some time, connects the church and the cinema to Chamberlin Drive, near the intersection with Highway 30.

Anissa said that last year, when she saw Suna trying to fill in the potholes with patching material, her heart went out to the woman. Suna asked if the Vaughns could help with the patching this year (2023), and Anissa put a reminder in her phone to alert her in September. But before that, in June, Anissa developed the idea to name the lane Suna Way. She spoke with Fred Saunders, who had the same idea.

Vaughn spoke to the city council at its second meeting in September, asking for ideas or suggestions about improving the conditions of the lane, and to see about naming the lane in honor of Suna.

"We've had this idea since June, just to see if anybody can give us some ideas," said Anissa.

Mayor Pam Soseman and the council members had a number of suggestions how Anissa could the move project forward.

Soseman said that Fred Saunders has many good friends, and if a fundraiser were started to assist him and the



church to improve the lane, the results would likely be good.

Councilman Corey Curnyn suggested that Anissa call local road contractor Ten Point Construction, and then later Curnyn said he would contact Ten Point himself.

Councilman Dustin Logan said he worked for Fred and Suna at the theater for five years while he was in school.

"There are a lot of people just like me who know Suna. Everybody knows them. I'd encourage you to reach out to Ten Point and also start something on social media and kind of kick start something where people could pitch in their ideas," Logan said.

"I think there's a lot of people very attached to both Fred and Suna, so you'd be surprised at the donations you might get," said Soseman.

City Clerk Jodie Flaherty said she would check the city codes to see if naming a private lane required any type of legal approval from the city.

Anissa told The Denison Free Press that the fundraising effort will begin as soon as the cost of improving the lane is determined.

Zupp-Smith appointed to Denison City Council

BY GORDON WOLF

Jennifer Zupp-Smith was appointed on Tuesday evening to fill the Denison City Council seat vacated by Jessica Garcia.

Garcia vacated the seat on August 15 to accept the position of city manager.

Zupp-Smith was one of three people who indicated in writing that they were interested in filling the vacancy. The others were Gordon Hough, a former city council member, and David Frazier,

Zupp-Smith is the only one of the three who filed nomination papers to fill the seat in the November 7 municipal election, a fact that Councilman John Granzen pointed out. Granzen added

that the other two – Hough and Frazier – would be fine in the position but added, "In my opinion we should bring her (Zupp-Smith) on right away."

Councilman Corey Curnyn said that Zupp-Smith frequently attends council meetings, indicating her interest in city government, and continued that she is very active in the community.

Iowa Code has a provision by which people can petition for a special election to fill the vacancy. For a city with a population of 10,000 or less, the number of signatures needed is 15% of the votes cast for all candidates for that office at the last regular election in which the office was on the ballot, or 200 signatures, whichever is less. The petition must be filed with the city clerk within 14 days after publication of the notice of intent to appoint or within 14 days after the appointment is made, whichever is later.



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Jennifer Zupp-Smith (right) received the oath of office from Denison Mayor Pam Soseman to fill a vacancy on the city council.

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Sweet Freedom Creations

Angels, gnomes, animals in Manilla

BY DAN MUNDT

Since July, Sweet Freedom Creations has taken up residence at 367 Main Street in Manilla.

The business sells castings of a wide variety of items designed to be placed in outdoor gardens.

Gary and Traci Deets, of Manilla, originally went into business selling military hats at Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals, but the 2020 pandemic threw a wrench in their plans.

Gary is an Army and National Guard veteran.

"When COVID hit, they kicked us out of VA hospitals," Gary said.

During the pandemic, they started a new business in their garage.

A few years ago, Gary taught himself how to mix concrete and make items from commercially-available molds.

He began making standing garden stones that honor service in the military and medical fields.

The standing stones sold well, so Gary and Traci decided to expand

their offerings with other items cast in concrete.

"We have a little bit of everything," Gary said. "Angels, gnomes, animals..."

He hand-paints many of the items, but the castings are also available in plain concrete for individuals who want to paint their own.

Traci and her mother, Tina, make "porch leaners" that include a welcome message or the pledge of allegiance and emblems of military or police service.

The most popular item at Sweet Freedom Creations is a three-foot Bigfoot.

Gary said before Bigfoot came along, the gnomes were the biggest seller.

Another popular item is a full-size resting deer.

A big snail is somewhat less popular.

Gary and Traci opened a shop in Manning in 2021, but that location didn't get a lot of traffic, he said.

The storefront location on Main Street in Manilla has been better.

Gary said he works in the shop most days, and many weekends are spent traveling to craft shows to sell their wares.

Sweet Freedom Creations most recently set up in a spot at Applefest in Woodbine.

"That's a good one for us," he said.



1st Avenue South street reconstruction



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Workers from Ten Point Construction work on replacing the pavement in the 1200 block of 1st Avenue South in Denison. The work was finished this week.

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It's a wrap



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Students from the Denison High School Monarch Academy class, under the direction of teacher Karen Kennedy, visited The Cottage in Uptown Denison on Monday to apply a window wrap they created in class. "We've used them for all our Hot Summer Nights projects, like banners, window clings, magnets," said co-owner Taylor Borkowski. "At The Cottage, they've done so many projects for us, I've lost count." The class also produces stickers for cups and to-go boxes at The Bake Shop and Café and made a large portion of the Tri City BBQ Fest banners. "It is a newer class for the school, and I wish they would've had something like it when I was there," Borkowski said.



The wrap as it appeared in its (nearly) complete form.

Eyes on the prize



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Dorothy Larson, of Kiron, was excited to see all the cupcakes in the display at The Bake Shop and Café in Uptown Denison on Tuesday.




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Movies in the Park

Washington Park was crowded with people on Saturday for the September Movies in the Park event. The event started at 5 p.m. with games, food and activities; the film shown was "The Super Mario Bros. Movie."



From left, Trig and Sage Segebart lined up at the tropical sno truck for cold, tasty treats.



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Fernando and Estella Lupien play a game of Frisbee while little Estefania watches.



Brianna Gosch and Emily Ramirez try their hands at chalk art in front of the stage.



Travis Fink, Mike Vogt, and Joel Kuhlmann, of the Crawford County Cattlemen's Association, cooked 100 burgers for visitors to the Movies in the Park event.



A good crowd settled in as "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" began at dusk.