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100 years of service to youth and the community

Denison Kiwanis celebrates milestone anniversary

BY GORDON WOLF

The current members of the Kiwanis Club of Denison paid homage to those who started the club 100 years ago and to those who kept the club a vital community organization in the decades since 1923.

A 100th anniversary celebration last week Tuesday at Boulders Conference Center took a look back at the 1920s era in which the local Kiwanis club was founded, took stock of current projects and set the tone for the organization's future.

"One hundred years is a long time. How many things of any consequence really last 100 years?" asked Nebraska-Iowa District Governor Lynda Henningsen.

She continued, "I often wonder what the people who helped charter this club 100 years ago would be proud of. I think they'd be pretty proud. I commend you for all that you've done and all that you're going to continue to do. I commend you for your work on membership. It's so important to the vitality of your club."

Not many clubs make it to 100 years, said Larry Buss, of Logan, who is the lieutenant governor of Kiwanis District 12.

Among the reasons is that the Kiwanis Club of Denison is focused on serving youth and serving the community.

"Ultimately, I can see you are focused on projects, and you have current projects. Yours is an active club, and throughout the years I know you've had fun doing it, and that's a key ingredient - to have fun. That keeps things going," Buss said.

He continued that 100 years from now, people will be able to look back to the current members of the Kiwanis Club of Denison and see how they kept the club alive all those decades.

"There's a lot of work to do. A lot of kids need help. A lot of communities need help," he said. "And Denison is fortunate to have you here."

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Learning in two languages

Dual Language program in sixth year



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Amber Sosa, left, and Kambrie Dau teach in sixth grade and are the newest teachers in the dual language program at the Denison Community Schools.

BY DAN MUNDT

Kambrie Dau and Amber Sosa are the newest teachers of the Denison Community School (DCS) District's 50/50 two-way dual language program.

Students in the program are instructed half the time in English and half the time in Spanish.

The program began in 2018 with students in kindergarten and first grade; each year since then, the program has expanded into the next higher grade and now encompasses kindergarten through sixth grade, which is where Dau and Sosa teach.

"They are both Denison graduates returning to us," said Heather Langenfeld, DCS director of elementary school improvement.

Sosa has been with DCS for three semesters. She taught eighth grade language arts last year and a semester of Spanish at Denison High School (DHS) the year prior.

Dau graduated from Iowa State University in May; she did her student teaching in the fifth grade of the dual language program last year.

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Sons & Daughters

Karoline Olsen's journey continues

BY DAN MUNDT

When Ann Hanigan-Kotz wrote her first book, she never intended for it to be part of a series.

"I did not see myself as an author - it was just a bucket-list thing," Ann said. "I wrote it for me. I wrote it for my mom."

Ann self-published "The Longest Journey" in 2021.

The book is a work of historical fiction that tells the story of Ann's great-great-grandmother, who had to raise 10 children on a farm near Soldier when her husband died in 1905.

Ann first heard the stories from her mother.

When BookPress Publishing, of West Des Moines, picked up the book, it was retitled "The Journey of Karoline Olsen."

On Sunday, October 29, Karoline Olsen's journey will continue with the launch of "Sons & Daughters," the second book in a

planned series of three.

Ann said she changed her mind about writing sequel books even before she had self-published the first.

"When I had my book club read it, they wanted a second book because they wanted to know what happened to the main character, and they wanted to know what happened to the children," she said.

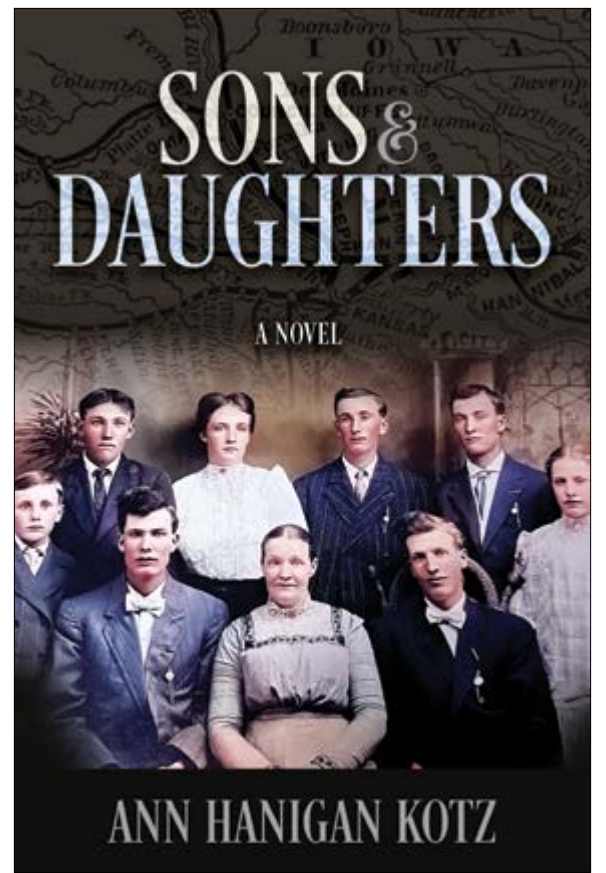
Rather than a bucket list item to be checked off, she found that she enjoyed the process of writing.

Ann is a 1984 graduate of Denison High School (DHS); she taught high school English for 33 years and is now retired from that profession.

She and her husband, John Kotz, a 1980 DHS graduate, live in Adel.

For the second book, Ann set out to answer questions about how

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Sons & Daughters is the second in Ann Hanigan-Kotz's series of books about the Olsen family. The town of Soldier and other local areas are featured in the book.

A rainbow erased

4-H youth quit club over changed message of inclusion

BY DAN MUNDT

When the OA (Odebolt Arthur) Richland Robins 4-H Club asked for volunteers to paint messages promoting 4-H on windows of Odebolt businesses for National 4-H Week, club members Elwood and Frannie Burns signed up.

Elwood, 12, and Frannie, 10, are the children of Rachel and Josh Burns.

Rachel runs Kiron Speech Path and Josh runs Kiron Repair in Kiron. The family lives between Kiron and Odebolt.

On Sunday, October 1, Elwood painted the message, "Heard the news? 4-H is 4-everyone!" and a rainbow on the Odebolt Chronicle Newspaper window.



Frannie painted the message "4-H fuels your future," on a window of Cubby's convenience store.

"The kids are usually encouraged to make a slogan that promotes the club, but also is in line with whatever business they chose" Rachel explained.

The next morning, Rachel and Frannie drove to Odebolt.

"We drove by the gas station, and mine had been left up and Elwood's rainbow had been erased," Frannie said.

Elwood said he was disappointed when he heard his message had been

changed - and not simply because it was his work.

"If you go to the 4-H website, it's about inclusion," Elwood said. "It's about the first thing you'll see."

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Jive for Five



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

The brass quintet Jive for Five performed at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center on Sunday, October 8, as part of the Crawford County Fine Arts Council's Shirley Vipond Local Artist Series. Members of the quintet are Kathy Yoakam, retired director of 5th/6th grade bands at Humboldt Middle School, Dan Cassidy, retired director of bands at Iowa Central Community College, Paul Bloomquist, director of bands and Iowa Central Community College, Dave Swaroff, retired director of bands at Southeast Valley Middle School and Tim Miller, retired director of bands at Humboldt Middle School. Billy McGuigan's Pop Rock Orchestra is the Crawford County Fine Arts Council's next event, which will take place on February 20.



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Karoline's life unfolded after the death of her husband.

"Does she get married again? How does she survive on the farm?" she said. "Some of the children had gone through traumatic experiences in book one, and I wanted to finish those stories and tell how the children turned out without a father."

Some of the older children knew their father well, but the younger ones didn't.

Karoline is pregnant at the end of the first book, adding a further complication to her life.

"Sons & Daughters" picks up right where "The Journey of Karoline Olsen" ends.

"She's walking back from the cemetery," Ann said.

The new book spans the period from 1905 to 1933, during which five major events took place: Suffrage, the 1918 Spanish Flu, World War I, Prohibition and the Great Depression.

"I was really curious to see what those looked like in Iowa," she said. "We've all studied those in our American History classes, but we always studied them from a world view or a U.S. view."

Ann knew of a few family stories told by her mother about that period, but she knew next to nothing about the lives of most of Karoline's children.

"That basically freed me up to create storylines for each one of them," she said. "These are characters – they're not real people – and I used those five major events and wove them into the children's stories."

She said story for the second book unfolded for her as a writer in a different way from how it had happened the first time around.

"In the first book, I had some events that I wanted to make sure that I put in, and I had to write around those events and figure out how I could connect other things to them," Ann said. "This time around, I also had events but I could kind of use those as the backbone instead of writing around them."

She used the real details of where and how one of the Olsen boys fought and died in World War I.

"But I really wanted to know what the war looked like at home, so that's more where I focused," Ann said.

She said her publisher has helped guide her along the way.

"He's really supportive in helping me figure out ways to market the book, where to go to get more readership, and he also gives me total control of what I do," Ann said.

When she signed on, she told the publisher that the Olsen series would

include three books – but she also has a book about Templeton Rye (the liquor, not the company) and bootlegging in Carroll County in the 1920s.

Because a lot of people have shown interest in the fourth book, Ann decided she wanted to publish it before the third Olsen series book.

"I told him why, and he said, 'Yeah, let's do it,' and he started to think about ways we could market that bootleg book," she said.

The publisher also agreed to her request to replace the first editor he assigned to her.

"The first editor didn't really understand Iowa, so I have a new editor for the second book," Ann said.

The new editor knows Iowa and has offered very good feedback, she said.

"I think I've pretty much settled into an editor that is going to work for me," Ann said.

Along with spending time working on her books, she works hard to develop her readership.

She gives presentations at lots of libraries and sells her books at craft shows, such as Applefest in Woodbine.

Ann will be in Denison on October 28, the day before her book launch, for the craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Boulders Conference Center.

"I love talking to readers," she said. "I really enjoy hearing people's comments about the book."

She recently had a memorable conversation with a woman who was mad at one of her characters.

"To know that you've influenced people that much as they read is so powerful," Ann said.

She said she didn't plan to become a writer, but she has found herself in an entirely unintended second career as just that.

"I'm actually working on book five right now – and I don't know when the books are going to end," Ann said. "I have more ideas."

The book launch party for "Sons & Daughters" will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on October 29 at Midway Tavern in Soldier – which is featured in the book.

"One of the chapters is set in that location – it was called the Soldier Saloon," she said. "When I was there about a year ago, I took pictures of the interior of the Midway Tavern and I used that for the description in the chapter."

Ann said Soldier has been very supportive.

"Soldier is such a welcoming town, and they have been really excited about these books," she said. "The owner of the Midway Tavern is making chili and we'll have free beer."

COURTHOUSE NEWS

September 29-October 5, 2023

SCHEDULED TRAFFIC FINES

- Reinrick Teven James Gashe, Manilla, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult. \$175.75.
- Jose Alfredo Gonzalez Valle, Denison, dark window or windshield. \$135.50.
- Timothy Allen Johnston, Denison, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult. \$135.50.
- Carlos Javier Flores Gallegos, Pharr, TX, no valid driver's license. \$354.
- Marcelino Velasquez Mendoza, Omaha, NE, no valid driver's license. \$354.
- James Dean Lemon, Denison, improper rear lamps. \$89.50.
- Alex Adan Guevara Belteon, Carroll, no valid driver's license. \$354.
- Douglas Merlyn Hargens, Manning, use electronic communication device, age 18 or above. \$106.75.
- Easton Michael Conlon, Ricketts, failure to yield upon entering through highway. \$210.25.
- Alexander Joseph Wuebker, Carroll, dark window or windshield. \$135.50.
- Maria Ann Stracke, Manilla, dark window or windshield. \$135.50.
- Oscar Gonzalez, Denison, trespass first offense. \$354.
- Cameron A. Nielsen, Dow City, failure to have a valid license or permit for operation of motor vehicle. \$400.
- Wayne Alexander Stowers, Kiron, failure to yield entering through highway. \$210.25.
- Leticia Garcia Osorio, Denison, failure to have a valid license or permit for operation of motor vehicle. \$285.

SPEEDING (16-20 MPH OVER)

- Dylan Tyler Williams, Neola, \$193.

SPEEDING (6-10 MPH OVER)

- Jonathan Pando Sanchez, Lyons, KS, \$118.25.
- Jodi J. Brady, Omaha, NE, \$118.25.
- Camryn Tennelle Schable, Carroll, \$118.25.
- Veronica Mora, Denison, \$149.88.

SPEEDING (1-5 MPH OVER)

- Kiara Jayne Robbins, Havelock, \$106.75.
- Arron Klassen, Belgrade, NE, \$106.75.
- Carlos Javier Flores Gallegos, Pharr, TX, \$89.50.
- Omar Valles Acosta, Council Bluffs, \$89.50.
- Marcelino Velasquez Mendoza, Omaha, NE, \$89.50.
- Dawn Elaine Berrier, Deloit, \$89.50.
- Madonna K. Stillmunks, Omaha, NE, \$89.50.
- Elias Villanueva Leon, Denison, \$89.50.
- George Alan Sieve, Maryville, TN, \$89.50.
- Robert William Wade, Lake City, FL, \$89.50.
- Arisbeth Jazmin Garcia Breceda, Denison, \$106.75.
- Alan Raymond Vrieze, Charter Oak, \$89.50.
- Pamela S. Eddins, Deloit, \$89.50.
- Leticia Garcia Osorio, Denison, \$89.50.

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Local Calendar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

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

Paper drive: The Boy Scouts of Troop 55 in Denison will hold their October paper drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PRONTO parking lot. Paper may be brought in either paper bags or cardboard boxes; no plastic bags. Please limit the amount of cardboard.

Crawford County Conservation Fall Festival: "Playing Princess & Pirates" is this year's theme. Lots of activities for kids beginning at 1 p.m. at the Nature Center; raptor release at 2 p.m. Trick or Treat at the Yellow Smoke Park campground from 5 to 6 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

Teacher in-service day, no school.

DHS Fall Vocal Concert (grades 9-12), 7:30 p.m., DHS Fine Arts Center.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

Crafternoon at Norelius Community Library, 4 p.m., for ages 12 and older. The craft is wood and pebble Halloween art.

Euchre Night at the Community Building in Ricketts; a fun night of card playing, socializing, treats, and beverages starting at 7p.m. The entry fee is \$5 and there is no need to bring a partner.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

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

Euchre Night at the Charter Oak Community Building; games begin at 7 p.m. No partners needed.

Senior Education Series: The topic will be medication management featuring guest speaker Dana Neemann, RN, BSN, director of education and patient experience at CCMH. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Denison Senior Center.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

Game Night at Norelius Community Library, for ages 12 and older, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with pizza and snacks in the kitchenette. Games will be played in the Fireside Room.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets on Thursdays at United Presbyterian Church in Denison. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.; meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. Coffee provided. Call Carmen Swertzic at 712-269-6689 for more information.



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Charter Oak-Ute Class of '73 reunion



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Charter Oak-Ute Class of 1973 celebrated its 50-year class reunion at the home of Dave and Linda Seieroe in Ute on August 26. Seate, from left, are Steve McAndrews, Georgia (Gibbs) Harm, Denise (Timm) Ossenkop, Jolene (Wessel) Fitzgerald, Terri (Mohr) Kuhlmann, Cathy Lahr, Donna (Timm) Petzoldt, Deb (Gress) Landgraf, Lorene (Petersen) Reimers, David Seieroe, and Julie (Gangestad) Gray. Standing: Letha (Kunze) Goslar, Linda (Aronson) Olsen, Jerri (Jepsen) Grundmeier, Bob Henderson, Mark Bretthauer, Brian Pautsch, Lowell Petersen, Joel Kuhlmann, Mike Phipps, Randy Kult, and Richard Hageman.

Change in command



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Charlie Iams (left) and Earl Luft shake hands, symbolizing the change in command of the Westside American Legion. Luft was commander for more than 25 years and has been the commander of the Crawford County American Legion since last fall. Iams became the commander of the Westside American Legion in July. Iams is the son-in-law of Luft.

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"We were pretty disappointed and shocked," Frannie said.

Rachel said she had texted pictures of her kids' window messages to an adult leader of the OA Richland Robins 4-H Club that Sunday (as the project directions required), but didn't get a response.

Everyone is busy this time of year, so she didn't think anything of it until the next day.

"When we drove by, my first reaction was that maybe the business owner or the building owner had an objection," Rachel said. "And, really, I can't control that because it's their building, their business. I called the Chronicle and the person I spoke to said, 'There was a rainbow? We didn't see it when we came in this morning, and we would have been fine with it.'"

She texted another leader of the 4-H club, who told her they had received "some comments" about the rainbow, so it had to be taken down.

"My reply was, if it had been because of the building or business, I would have understood," Rachel said. "If not, then I felt that symbol was in line with what I can find about diversity and inclusion on the 4-H website."

"At the national level it is for everybody, but apparently not in this club," Elwood said.

4-H at the national level is very inclusive and very supportive of LGBTQ+ people, he said.

"I think it was disappointing for me because the leaders were really nice people, but it was super disappointing to me to think that they weren't as supportive for other people as they were for just people like them," Frannie said. "It was really kind of sad for me because they were nice people and I liked them, but just to find out that they weren't who I thought they were was disappointing."

"It just felt like it was some kind of gross irony that he made a symbol that said '4-H is for all' and then it was pointed out to us that this club is literally not for all," Rachel said.

The kids decided to quit the OA Richland Robins 4-H Club over the matter.

Frannie wrote a letter to the Sac County 4-H Council "to inform the leaders that this isn't OK."

In her letter, Frannie wrote that she had enjoyed her time in the club, but removing the rainbow from Elwood's message was "telling the children of this 4-H club that it is right not to include members of the LGBTQ+ community which is not in fact right."

She said the club should change for the better or close.

"I want to see something happen – either the club getting shut down or taken over by new leaders," Elwood said. "But I don't know if that club can change."

Rachel emailed the letter to 4-H offices at the state, regional and national level, as well.

"I haven't heard much back," she said. "That surprised me."

A person at the national level directed her to a person at the state level.

"I haven't heard anything at the state level for Iowa; I haven't heard anything from Sac County," Rachel said.

A regional director from Cherokee called her and said he wanted the issue to be a learning experience.

"His idea was to have my kids sit down with the two leaders, and he didn't have any other suggestions," she said.

Rachel said that seemed to her like a way to keep the issue behind closed doors.

Elwood said he wanted people to know what had happened.

Rachel posted before and after pictures of Elwood's window message, and Frannie's letter on Facebook.

Another club member, and Elwood's friend, quit the club after talking about the issue with his mother, who had seen Rachel's post on Facebook.

"He quit over the same things because he believes in human rights like I do, because everyone should be treated equally," Elwood said.

Rachel said she has received a lot of encouragement through social media and text messages, but not everyone has been supportive.

"The phone calls I've taken were from people who are angry that we're bringing this to light, and disagree with the rainbow being painted on a window," she said. "They'd like this to be kept quiet and not have anybody look bad."

A couple of the phone calls included "a little bit of bullying," she said.

"I think it's interesting because the backlash is in phone calls; the people who are supportive are willing to put it in writing," Rachel said.



PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDT

Elwood Burns attaches the ribbon he won for the 4-H project he welded out of scrap metal parts.



Frannie Burns shows off the sewing station where she made her 4-H projects.

Elwood and Frannie decided they would find another local 4-H group to join because they have both found value in 4-H.

Rachel said she heard back from a 4-H leader in Denison on Thursday of last week.

One of the disappointing aspects of the whole experience for her was the lack of empathy from 4-H leadership.

"It's my 12-year-old's art," Rachel

said. "At some level, I'm surprised that nobody has felt sad or remorseful that a 12-year-old spent his Sunday in the heat doing something for the community, and someone went and erased it."

The Denison Free Press was unable to contact the OA Richland Robins 4-H Club through their Facebook page due to privacy settings. The Denison Free Press would welcome a discussion with the club's leaders.

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Seal of Biliteracy will help students earn college credit

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Langenfeld said she had visited both of the teachers' classrooms for required teacher observations.

"Amber was teaching a math lesson in Spanish, and to see all of our students responding with academic vocabulary in Spanish and completing the work and understanding exactly what was going on is pretty amazing," she said.

"Some high school kids who have taken Spanish 3 and 4 and have been in some of those (dual language) classrooms said those kids know more than they do. So that's exciting to see."

The new sixth grade teachers work well together and call and text each other often to make sure their classes are meeting the needs of the students, she said.

Langenfeld said the sixth grade classes are structured with a different model from the middle school and elementary classes.

"They still have their two homeroom teachers, but they're going out for more things, so they're integrated into band and choir and all the specialty classes like art, PE, FCS (Family and Consumer Science) and computer tech, so they're with other students during that time," she said.

When the students get to seventh and eighth grades, they will have Spanish in two classes per day.

The subject of those classes will be determined by the particular skillset of the new teachers hired to teach those grades, she said.

"We can't say a subject area next year for seventh grade because we might not get a Spanish teacher that could teach math," Langenfeld said. "We might get somebody who has a science endorsement, so we just have to be open and flexible with what's out there for teaching."

Langenfeld said the ongoing challenge is to stay on top of the teacher search process.

"I think it's great that we continually have graduates from Denison wanting to come back here and be part of the program. That's been very helpful to us," she said. "We have a student teacher with us right now, in fifth grade, who is interested in coming back. If we feel like she's a good candidate, we'll look at her strengths and how she could help the program and then see who else we get for applicants."

Finding appropriate curriculum materials for the higher grades is also something that requires attention, she said.

Planning for next year is underway and will ramp up later this month.

Langenfeld said she looks forward to parent-teacher conferences coming up in the next few weeks.

"That will be a good chance for the teachers to visit with the parents to see if there are any concerns or things they would like to know about this year," she said.

One thing she has heard from parents is they would like to see more real-world opportunities for their kids to use the Spanish they have learned.

"I think a goal for us would be to have opportunities for our kids to go out and use Spanish in more authentic locations around town – whether that is going to businesses and having the kids talk to people, or having people come in and visit with them would be something we could definitely look at going forward," Langenfeld said.

A broader goal of the program is for the students to be able to use their dual language skills to further their educational and career goals.

"The Seal of Biliteracy is an assessment that you take in two languages - English and another one. For these kids, it would be Spanish," she said. "They have to show their proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. If they meet the guidelines, they would get the Seal of Biliteracy placed on their transcript when they graduate from high school."

She said many colleges are starting to recognize the Seal of Biliteracy, which would allow students to test out of 12 or

more credits through CLEP (College-Level Examination Program).

"I feel like if we can get them to the point where they can do some more upper-level Spanish classes, not only will they have those 12 credits that they

CLEP out of, but it would be easy for them to get a Spanish minor or major when they go to college," Langenfeld said.

Knowing Spanish will also be a good skill to have for life in general, she said.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

From left, Bella Constanza (fifth grade Spanish), Katelyn Hodne (fourth grade English), Monica Lara (fourth grade Spanish) and Nate Pardun (fifth grade English).



Back row, from left, Spanish teachers Mayra Bermudez (kindergarten), Mayra Velazquez (first grade), Vanesa Sanchez (second grade), Kim Aguilera (third grade). Front, from left, English teachers Steph Schmadeke (kindergarten), Megan Schroeder (first grade), Theresa Huntley (second grade), and Katie Pick (third grade).

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USD Miss Dakota Days



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

University of South Dakota senior Ellen Mallory, a graduate of MVAOCO, was named USD Miss Dakota Days at the USD Homecoming on Saturday, Oct 7. Mallory, who grew up in Charter Oak, is a health sciences student aiming to become a physician's assistant; she is also the president of the USD Pi Beta Phi sorority chapter.



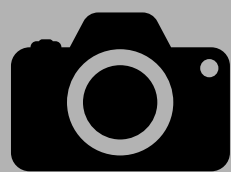
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LAND TRANSACTIONS

September 29-October 5, 2023

Warranty Deeds

- Martin Velazquez and Maria Susana Nieto Pelayo to Adolfo Medina Zaragoza: Lots 2 and 3, Block 34, City of Denison; \$181,500.
- Denison BG Propco LLC to Homestead of Denison LLC: Lot 11, East Brook Addition, City of Denison; \$718,364.
- Barbara J. Mordhorst Family Trust, Dennis Mordhorst, Trustee, to Teresa A. Mordhorst Living Trust, Teresa A. Mordhorst and Donald G. Mordhorst, Trustees: SW1/4 Section 8, Willow Township; NE1/4 Section 30, Willow Township; N1/2 SE1/4 Section 30, Willow Township; \$1.00.
- Teresa A. Mordhorst Living Trust, Donald G. Mordhorst and Teresa A. Mordhorst, Trustees, to Barbara J. Mordhorst Family Trust: SW1/4 Section 32, Charter Oak Township; SE1/4 Section 32, Charter Oak Township; \$1.00.
- Ruperto Alvarado Daza and Maria Elizabeth Garcia Vega to Jose Luis Valdez and Maria Bargas: Lots 11 and 12, Block 4, Harrison's Addition, City of Charter Oak; \$41,000.
- Miguel A. Bautista Padilla and Mayra Prado to Homero Zuniga Medina: Lots 10 and 11, Block 13, City of Charter Oak; \$35,000.

- Simon John Fitzpatrick to Jose L. Patino Vega and Maria S. C. Patino: Lot 12, Block 121, City of Denison; \$61,000.

- Denison Land Holdings LLC to Van Houweling Property LLC: NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 10, Denison Township; \$34,905.

Quit Claim Deeds

- Jeffrey L. Wanninger and Rae Ann Meyer to Jeffrey L. Wanninger Trust, Jeffrey L. Wanninger, Trustee: S1/2 NE1/4 Section 10, Iowa Township; S1/2 SE1/4 Section 10, Iowa Township; N1/2 SE1/4 Section 10, Iowa Township.

Court Officer Deeds

- Mary Wilcox Estate, Lauren Wilcox Dostal, James Wilcox and Caitlyn Lavender, Administrators, to Bruce Lee and Cheri Lee: Lot 9 and 10, Block 18, City of Charter Oak.

- Harold Segebart Estate, Kevin Segebart, Executor, to Kevin Segebart: NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 25, Denison Township; \$690.

Contract

- Clarence F. Lappe Jr. and Donna Mae Lappe to Patrick Lappe and Mindy Lappe: S1/2 SW1/4 Section 7, Washington Township; \$352,000.

ON THE SCANNER

9/28, 12:29 a.m.: Fernando Rigoberto Salinas Alberto, 29, of Denison, was arrested on Crawford County warrants.

9/30, 12:59 a.m.: Daniel Guadalupe Alcaraz, 20, of Sioux City, was arrested and charged with OWI, first offense.

9/30, 3:19 a.m.: Francisco Javier Junez Nieto, 29, of Denison, was arrested and charged with OWI, second offense.

9/30, 11:15 a.m.: Ian T. Mlynarik, 58, of Bellevue, Nebraska, was driving a red 2014 Buick Enclave and was traveling north on Highway 59. Anger Deng Jok, 35, of Denison, was driving a white 2011 Honda Pilot. Jok failed to yield when entering the drive to Monogram Foods. Jok was driving south on Highway 59 and attempted to turn left (east) into Monogram Foods. No one was injured. Mlynarik's vehicle received \$5,000 damage to the front driver side and had to be towed from the scene. The Jok vehicle received \$1,000 damage to the front middle and could be driven away. Jok was cited for failure to provide proof of financial responsibility – accident, no valid driver's license and failure to yield upon making a left turn.

9/30, 11:05 p.m.: Mauro Gallegos Bernard, 39, of Denison, was arrested and charged with OWI, first offense.

10/1, 6:26 p.m.: Maria Margartia Hernandez De Lara, 45, of Denison, was driving a white 2003 Chevrolet Silverado pickup. She called the law enforcement center dispatch about striking a parked vehicle outside the residence at 23 North 25th Street. She advised the investigating officer that she did not see the vehicle that was legally parked on the roadway. The parked vehicle, a silver 2005 Dodge Caravan, received \$500 damage to the rear driver side corner. Hernandez De Lara was not injured, and her vehicle was not damaged.

10/2, 5:12 a.m.: Silvia Dinorae Caceres Reyes, 56, of Denison, was driving a white 2014 Chevrolet Traverse north on North 16th Street when she struck a deer with the front passenger side of her vehicle, causing \$1,400 damage. She was not injured, and her vehicle could be driven away.

10/2, 5:33 p.m.: The Ricketts Fire Department was paged to a report of a combine on fire at 1376 140th Street. The Charter Oak Fire Department was also paged.

10/3, 9:20 a.m.: The law enforcement center dispatch received

a call about a black pickup that was pulling a dump box, dropping shingles and other items on Highway 59 near Medical Parkway. Bryan Adolfo Gomez Dias was arrested for driving while barred.

10/5, 2:40 a.m.: Oscar Gonzalez, 58, of Denison, was arrested for trespass, first offense. The location of the offense was at a convenience store on Highway 30 east in Denison.

10/5, 5:33 a.m.: A warrant was served on Rubie Gutierrez, 34, on two original charges of driving while license denied, suspended, cancelled or revoked, one filed on 2/11/2023 and the other filed on 5/18/2023.

10/5 12:35 p.m.: Adan Gomez Mendez, 35, of Denison, was arrested for public intoxication. The location of the offense was in the 1600 block of 4th Avenue South in Denison.

10/5, 10:34 p.m.: Oscar Gonzalez, 58, of Denison, was arrested for misuse of 911. The location of the offense was at a residence in the 1800 block of 3rd Avenue South.

10/5, 11:42 p.m.: Cervando Martinez Jaimes, 42, of Schleswig, was cited and released for public intoxication and interference with official acts. The location of the offense was in the 1200 block of 1st Avenue South.

10/7, 11:05 a.m.: Wayne Lavern Bruck, 66, of Defiance, was driving a turquoise 1994 Ford F150 pickup and was facing south, stopped at the intersection of South 7th Street and Highway 30 in Denison. Maria Cristina Vargas Barroso, 46, of Denison, was driving a black 2019 Jeep Cherokee and was traveling west in the southernmost lane of Highway 30 near South 7th Street. Bruck left the intersection, entered westbound Highway 30 and attempted to merge into the southernmost westbound lane, striking the Vargas Barroso vehicle. No one was injured. The Vargas Barroso vehicle received \$2,500 damage to the front passenger side. The Bruck vehicle received \$400 damage to the rear driver side. Bruck was cited for failing to yield when entering a through highway.

10/9, 6:18 p.m.: Justin Dean Johnston, 42, of Denison, was arrested for public intoxication. The location of the offense was a public building in the 1100 block of 1st Avenue North.

10/9, 6:37 p.m.: Adeng Matong Nuer, 40, of Denison, was arrested for assault. The location of the offense was in a residence on North Main Street.

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At the craft show



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Chris Hale, of Roselle, checks out the cards for sale at Joan Obman's booth at the Westside Fortnightly Club's annual craft show and flea market on Sunday. Obman is from Breda. Hale was at the craft show and flea market to take her turn at the Busy Thimbles booth.

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

The City of Denison, Iowa plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 - Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities.

The Storm water discharge will be from the route for the T. Edwin Weiss Family Safe Routes to Schools Trail being graded and drained from the intersection of 8th Avenue North and North 16th Street to the intersection of North 20th Street and Frontier Road located in the NE1/4, SE1/4 and NE1/4 of Section 2, Township 83 North, Range 39 West of the 5th P.M., Crawford County, Iowa.

Storm water will be discharged from two point sources along the trail route to a local ditch leading to the West Boyer River.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Services Division, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034. The Public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

Funeral Notices

Alan Kuhlmann

Funeral services for Alan Kuhlmann, 76, of Charter Oak, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 6, at St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak with burial at the parish cemetery.

He passed away Tuesday, October 3, at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Kuhlmann, of Charter Oak; children, Trisha (Michael) Steffen, of Wall Lake, Alaina (Colin) Gierstorf, of Schleswig, and Dustin (Megan) Kuhlmann, of Woodbine; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, JoAnn (Wayne) Elwell, of Charter Oak; siblings-in-law, Don (Pat) Holdsworth, of Harlan, Connie (Jerry) Ahrenholtz, of Defiance, Tom (Julie) Holdsworth, of Missouri, Collen (Roger) Anderson, of Harlan, Becky DeWild, of Shenandoah, and Carol (Tim) Whittaker, of Letts; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

Eric Gehling

Memorial services for Eric Gehling, 35, of Vail, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 10, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

He passed away September 25 at his home.

Survivors include his parents, Dan and Carolyn Gehling, of Denison; sister, Amanda Gehling, of Hawaii; brother, Alex Gehling and his fiancée, Tabitha Taylor, of Vail; maternal grandparents, Robert and Mary (Campbell) Hansen, of Missouri Valley; paternal grandparents, Larry and Mary Lou (Bierl) Gehling, of Westside; and other relatives and friends.

Services were entrusted to Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

Lois Murphy

Funeral services for Lois Murphy, 69, of Vail, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 12, at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison with burial at the Oakland Cemetery in Denison.

She passed away Tuesday, October 3, at Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison.

Survivors include two daughters, Angele Boehm, of Denison, and Billie (David) McCartney, of Charter Oak; her mother, Esther Slechta, of Vail; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; a brother, Roger Slechta, of Charter Oak; a sister, Gloria Paul, of Colorado; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

Senior Lunch Menu

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

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

Monday, October 16: cup of vegetable soup, whole wheat crackers, half a turkey sandwich, pears

Tuesday, October 17: baked honey chicken, sweet potato fries, green beans, whole wheat roll, vanilla pudding

Wednesday, October 18: open face hot beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, classic mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges

Thursday, October 19: ham and cheese egg bake, coffee cake, mixed fruit

Friday, October 20: goulash, whole wheat bread, broccoli, peaches

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Celebrating Arbor Day



PHOTO BY LORENA LÓPEZ ALTAMIRANO

Denison Mayor Pam Soseman declared October 3 as Arbor Day in Denison, during a tree-planting ceremony last week Tuesday by the Northside Rec concession stand. The proclamation spoke about the history of Arbor Day and the benefits of trees in providing soil erosion control, reducing heating and cooling costs, cleaning the air, and providing habitat for wildlife. In addition, trees are a renewable resource that provides paper, wood for houses and furniture, fuel for fires and countless other wood products. Trees also increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of the business areas and beautify the community. The tree that was planted is a Fall Frost Maple.



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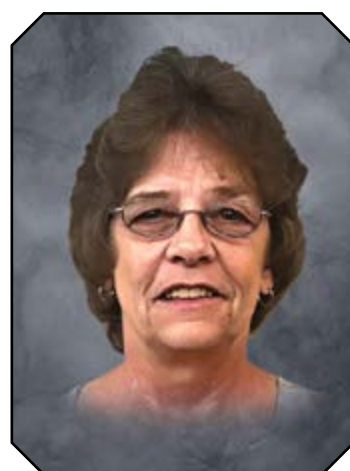
Business partners with first grade



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

La Prensa Hispanic Newspaper and The Denison Free Press are the business partners of the Denison Elementary School first grade dual language students. Last Thursday a representative from the publications spoke to the students about newspapers and received a Purple Hands Pledge poster with cut-outs of the students' hands attached. The teachers are Mayra Velazquez and Megan Schroeder.

In Remembrance



Lois Mary (Slechta) Murphy
June 3, 1954 - October 3, 2023

Lois Mary (Slechta) Murphy was born on June 3, 1954, the daughter of Orville Jr. and Esther (Frasier) Slechta in Denison. She was raised Methodist and later confirmed her faith on April 24, 1983, at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison. She received her elementary education from Dunlap schools and then attended Denison schools, finishing her education in 1972.

Lois married Roger Boehm on September 4, 1970, and the couple was blessed with a daughter, Angele. On October 10, 1981, she married Allyn Maack and the couple was blessed with a daughter, Billie. On September 24, 2013, Lois was united in marriage to Kelly Murphy and they had 12 wonderful years together.

Lois worked in the food industry. She spent many years, waitressing, bartending, and cooking. In recent years, she enjoyed greeting people at Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison. Lois was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and carried a strong faith.

Growing up she enjoyed camping and horseback riding with her family. She also enjoyed reading, bowling, golfing, and playing pool. She had a knack for reviving her daughters' plants, as they didn't acquire her green thumb. Lois was able to adventure with her husband, Murph and take many vacations with friends. Some of her favorite places were Jamaica, Mexico, Colorado, Tijuana and California. After Kelly's passing, Lois shared her home with her mother so they could be closer and spend quality time together. Above all, she cherished spending time with her daughters and grandchildren. They will remember the many trips to the waterpark, the delicious meals she cooked, and they will forever cherish her memories. Lois faced life head on. She will always be remembered for her fierce loyalty and being there when you needed her. She will be dearly missed by all who loved her.

Lois passed away suddenly on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison at the age of 69 years and four months.

Lois was preceded in death by her father, Orville Slechta, Jr.; husband, Kelly Murphy in 2013; sister, Connie Gaa; two nieces: April Rice and Ashlee Gaa; nephew, Jesse Paul; and many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law. She is survived by her two daughters, Angele Boehm of Denison and Billie (David) McCartney of Charter Oak; mother, Esther Slechta of Vail; grandchildren: Tayen Cornelius, Ryan McCartney, Cohen McCartney all of Charter Oak, Alyha McCartney of Omaha, Nebraska, and Justice (Kallee) McCartney of Denison; one great-granddaughter, RaeLynn McCartney; brother, Roger Slechta of Charter Oak; sister, Gloria Paul of Colorado Springs, Colorado; many nieces, nephews; other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services were held 10:30 A.M., Thursday, October 12, 2023 at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison, Iowa. Rev. Bill Wrede officiated the service with interment in the Oakland Cemetery in Denison. Organist Karen Kahl provided accompaniment for soloist McKenna Murphy who sang "How Great Thou Art" and for congregational hymns "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives." Serving as honorary pallbearers were Gerri Boeck, Lori Borkowski, Jan Knight, Tom McCullough, Roger Preul, Mindi Randeris and Mark Schurke. Serving as pallbearers were RJ Slechta, Ron Fouts, Jared Fouts, Willie Paul, Braedon Kilman and Jason Randeris. Following the graveside service, the family invited everyone to return to the church for a time of fellowship and lunch. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

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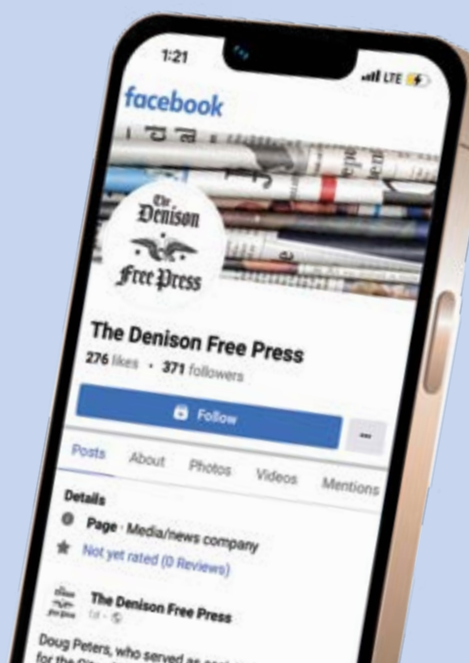
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KIWANIS, FROM PAGE 1

included information about present and past projects the Kiwanis has been involved with.

Currently, the Kiwanis Club of Denison sponsors, helps and/or fundraises for the following projects.

- Baby Boutique
- Backpack/school supplies
- Summer Reading Program prizes
- Crawford County Hunger Fighters
- Scouting support
- Girls' State sponsor
- Boys' State sponsor
- Denison-Schleswig After Prom
- Kiwanis scholarships (three \$500 scholarships)
- Partner with Walmart on food for the Temporary Aid Program
- Partner with the First United Methodist Church to provide school supplies
- Involvement with Crawford County Shooting Sports for youth

One of the major projects is partnering with the First United Methodist Church and West Central Community Action to run the Goodfellows Program each Christmas. The program provides food for the holidays for families in need and gifts for children age 12 and under.

Some of the fundraisers included running a food stand at the Crawford County Fair, sponsoring raffle items at the fair and raffling off a smoker grill the first years at the Tri City BBQ Fest.

The Kiwanis Club of Denison also helps with the annual flight breakfast, and at the Memorial Day observance grills food for a free will donation. That money goes to the Brushy Creek Honor Flight. Over \$5,000 has gone to that cause from the Kiwanis Club.

Today, the major fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club of Denison has been the lottery drawing. Participants pay \$20, and from October through July, names of 18 winners of \$25 are drawn every month. Over those months, \$5,980 in prize money is given away and the rest goes back to the community through Kiwanis-sponsored projects.

Past activities have included the following.

- Sponsor of the high school football banquet beginning in 1925; that sponsorship has been discontinued
- Sponsored the moving of the Bell Cabin into Washington Park in 1926

- Sponsored roadside cleanup on Highway 59 south of Denison
- Bought pediatric trauma kits for the first responders in the county and backpacks for homeless children
- Was a contributor to the construction of the Children's Imagination Station building and helped to secure a Nebraska-Iowa Foundation grant for the project
- Served as listening friends to first graders at Denison Elementary School; members would listen as children read out loud to them
- Bought books for first graders for a number of years
- Pumpkin carving
- Participated in an emergency food pantry program
- Had a float in the homecoming parade
- Participated in tree planting
- Helped with Kids Against Hunger that involved raising over \$11,000 and packing over 39,000 meals shipped to needy people

- Helped with the purchase of bracelets equipped with radio frequencies for Project Lifesaver

Through the years the Kiwanis Club of Denison has sponsored a number of offshoot clubs, including the Denison High School Club which was in existence from 1965 to 1984, Midwestern College Circle K, Denison Golden K, Middle School Builders Club, Aktion Club and a second high school key club.

The anniversary celebration did have some business items. Larry Struck was installed as treasurer, Lance Nelson as secretary, Terri Martens as past president and Alan Johnson as president.

Other board members are Pat Bilsten, Henry Giasson, Pam McKee, Richard Meyer, Betty Schultz and Dale Wight.

Three new members were introduced - Pam McKee, Marcia Bachmann and Kathy Struck. They were introduced with their sponsors - Betty Schultz, Richard Meyer and Larry Struck.

The start of Kiwanis in Denison

The Kiwanis Club of Denison was established on December 10, 1923.

According to an article in the December 12, 1923, issue of the Denison Bulletin, a meal was served on that date at the Hotel Denison for the Kiwanis membership of 61 plus guests.

The first officers of the Kiwanis in Denison were D. E. Voss, president; L. W. Powers, vice president; C. E. Saunders, secretary; J. W. Miller, Jr., treasurer, and R. E. Mote, district trustee. The directors were H.P. Saggau, Ray H. Thomson, H. C. Finner, E. F. Tucker, C. B. Richardson, I.N. Vollersen and Chas. Bollen.



New members of the Kiwanis Club of Denison are Pam McKee, Kathy Struck and Marcia Bachmann. They are pictured with their sponsors, Betty Schultz, Larry Struck and Richard Meyer.



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Guests at the Kiwanis Club of Denison's 100th anniversary celebration were Nebraska-Iowa District Governor Lynda Henningsen and Larry Buss, lieutenant governor of Kiwanis District 12.



Terri Martens (center) was installed as past president of the Kiwanis Club of Denison. Alan Johnson was installed as president.



Larry Struck (in foreground) is congratulated upon being installed as treasurer. Lance Nelson (in background) was installed as secretary.



The three banners for the Kiwanis Club of Denison show a history of service to youth and the community.

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DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS CROSS COUNTRY

Girls' cross country places 7th at Atlantic



PHOTO BY RHONDA RAUCH

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch varsity girls placed seventh overall with 183 points at a cross country meet in Atlantic on October 5. Lola Mendlik (pictured) paced the girls with a sixth-place finish in 20:04. Alexa Tremblay was 10th with a time of 20:45. The boys' varsity finished in 12th place with 284 points.

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS FOOTBALL

Monarchs score homecoming victory

On the strength of 345 total yards of offense, the Denison-Schleswig Monarchs scored a 41-13 homecoming victory Friday night against the Storm Lake Tornadoes.

The Monarchs took charge early in the game behind a strong defense and solid offensive execution. The Monarchs first score came on a touchdown pass from Luke Wiebers to Jake Fink, Sebastian Contreras kicked the extra point. The Monarchs scored another touchdown in the first quarter on a five-yard run by Ty Fink. Sebastian Contreras kicked the extra point to make it 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Monarchs added one more score in the first half on a 13-yard touchdown run by Luke Wiebers; Sebastian Contreras kicked the extra point to make 21-0 at halftime.

The Monarchs added three more touchdowns in the second half. Cole Kaster had a 34-yard touchdown run. Sebastian Contreras kicked the extra point to put the score at 28-0. Blaine Brodsky scored next on a one-

yard touchdown run, the extra point was no good, to make the score 34-0 Monarchs. Still in the third quarter Braylin Desy scored on a three-yard touchdown run. Sebastian Contreras added the extra point to make it 41-0.

Storm Lake scored twice in the last part of the fourth quarter to make it a 41-13 final.

With the win, the Monarchs improved their record to 5-2.

The Monarch rushing attack was led by Blaine Brodsky with 118 yards. The Monarch defense again played solid defense and created one turnover on a Luke Wiebers pass interception.



Monarchs Homecoming

At the school



Cheerleader Hannah Harris helps Finley Boettger with a trivia question about homecoming.



Junior Caceres, a member of the Monarchs football team, assists Cayden Cabrera on a project.



Emily Gehlsen helps students with a picture. The student at the left is Melanie Cervantes.



Kole Towne helps Bryanna Hernandez finish a cut-out figure of a cheerleader.



Blaine Brodsky assists Maddux Torrey during a football uniform race.



Liam Vargas was able to grab the volleyball before Kyia Clark could get it.

At the pep rally



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Brinley Fink, of Denison, rolls a bowling ball up a ramp at the Denison-Schleswig Homecoming pep rally on Thursday. She is with her mother, Trisha.



These young girls have fun saying hello to Manny, the Denison-Schleswig Monarchs mascot. Pictured are Melany Medrano and Alizmary Medrano.



Layla Kropf tries to hit bowling pins with a puck at the pep rally. With her are her sister, Mariah, and her mother, Lindsey. They are from Manilla but the girls attend the Denison schools.



Alice Koch holds her hair back while Jordyn Linn (at left) paints her face. Tanna Petersen holds a phone that shows a photo of the design for the face painting.



Pamela Jimenez, of Denison, tries her aim at the soccer-kick game.



Marge Overhue illustrates the saying "Once a Monarch, always a Monarch."

Monarchs Homecoming Parade



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

The Denison-Schleswig Marching Monarchs filled Broadway with their ranks.



Members of the Denison High School Class of 1971 wave at people lining the parade route.



Homecoming Queen Christell Salazar and King Andy Ledesma smile from their perch on the back of this convertible.



These youth are intent on catching candy and prizes tossed from floats.



The Denison High School Class of 1973 tossed out strings of beads.

See more homecoming photos on [The Denison Free Press Facebook page](#).