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Denison applying to be RAGBRAI host

BY GORDON WOLF

Denison will apply to host the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) next year.

The application is due on October 31 but the selection of host cities will not take place until January 27.

If successful, RAGBRAI would arrive in Denison on Sunday, July 21, and leave the morning of Monday, July 22.

The Denison City Council gave consensus for the application to be filed at its meeting Tuesday evening.

City Manager Jessica Garcia said the city would be the sponsoring entity but the Chamber & Development Council (CDC) of Crawford County would take the lead on the planning and logistics of hosting RAGBRAI.

The last time RAGBRAI was in Denison was in 2018. Denison was the host city that time, and the CDC was in charge of the planning.

Garcia said Denison did not receive a packet to apply to be a host city last year, so she is assuming that the RAGBRAI route next year will be through central Iowa.

This year's ride started at Sioux City and angled toward the southeast to end at Davenport. In 2022 the ride went through northern Iowa.

The council members commented that the city will also have many other projects taking place in the summer of 2024. Councilwoman Jennifer Zupp-Smith mentioned the wellness center and Washington Park. Councilman Dustin Logan said the Washington Park playground should be completed by the time RAGBRAI would come to Denison.

Another concern was that the Crawford County Fair dates for 2024 are Wednesday, July 17, to Monday, July 22.

In 2018, the fairgrounds hosted some of the RAGBRAI camping. That would not be possible in 2024 with the fair taking place.

If Denison's application is approved, seed money for the Denison RAGBRAI committees should come from tourism funds, Mayor Pam Soseman said.

Tourism funds in the amount of \$25,000 were used as seed money in 2018.

There was no requirement that the RAGBRAI committee had to return that money from the profits made from

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Raptor release at Yellow Smoke

Two screech owls find their way back to the wild



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Emily Grap was chosen by random drawing to release the second of two screech owls that were returned to the wild at Yellow Smoke Park on Saturday. Nelson Park Ranger Bryce Halterman assisted.

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Historic building in decay

Bell Log Cabin future discussed



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

The historic Bell Log Cabin, built in 1857 and moved to Washington Park in 1926, has been closed for decades and is in need of restoration.

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Burn ban ends

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors voted to end the countywide burn ban as of noon on Tuesday, October 17.

Brews and Browse is tonight

Drinks and deals in Uptown Denison

BY DAN MUNDT

One of the ideas behind the Brews and Browse event tonight (October 19) was a desire to see Uptown Denison busy the way it used to be when businesses were open late on Thursday nights, according to event organizer Taylor Borkowski.

"Thursday used to be the hot night on the town," she said. "It's part of trying to bring that back to life and wanting to see Broadway full of life again during the week."

She noted that Totally You Boutique and Reynold's Clothing stay open late on Thursday as a normal part of their business.

Brews and Browse was an idea that started with Reynold's Clothing.

"It was an idea of theirs, and then when The Cottage became part of uptown, it was my desire to see it expand to include everyone," Borkowski said.

The first expanded Brews and Browse took place in 2020.

"With COVID, in a way it was a blessing because people had to enjoy what was going on in town," she said. "So, now that we've incorporated more of these events, more people are on board. It's definitely been good for the community overall."

Brews and Browse continues to grow as time goes on, she said. The Sip and Shop event, which takes place in May, grew out of Brews and Browse.

"Each year, more stores have participated, and we have brought in new stores uptown like Braids Galore and Sweat Pea and Bella's Jewels and ID Apparel," Borkowski said. "ID Apparel is kind of special because they have participated in both their locations. We're excited now that they're right up here on Broadway."

Nine stores will be involved in

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Rendezvous 2023

DHS students explore the westward expansion of the United States

BY DAN MUNDT

On Wednesday, October 11, the junior students of Denison High School (DHS) traveled to Washington Park in Denison to reenact events that helped shape America as we know it today.

Students in the DHS American Heritage class spent the day performing short plays as part of "Rendezvous," which is part of a unit called "Westward Expansion."

Each of the 180 students in the class was required to research a specific character from that era.

The students worked in small groups to create a story to be performed at the park.

Area fifth grade students traveled to the park to be the main audience.

Dave Houston, DHS social science instructor, who teaches the class along

with language arts instructor Nancy Voggeser, said that in the lead-up to this year's event, a greater emphasis was placed on the educational part of preparations rather than on the final performance.

"As instructors, we were working on reputable sources this year and the research part of it," Houston said.

"We talked about what it takes to be a reputable source. We went more into the challenges that come with our access to information; what information is good and what is not."

Students were encouraged to seek out .edu and .org online sources.

"Miss Voggeser told the kids they needed to look up as many of those as they could," he said.

"We told them we wanted to take

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PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

World famous showman Buffalo Bill Cody welcomes area 5th graders to his amazing Wild West Show during Rendezvous at Washington Park on October 11. The entire DHS junior class participated. Cody Shulte played Buffalo Bill Cody. At right is Brady Lutz, who was a trail guide and played the character Jim Beckworth.



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DHS Mariachi groups plan for busy year

Featured on Iowa PBS

The Denison High School (DHS) mariachi program has a busy year ahead, including the first performance in Sioux City for Dia de Los Muertos, and a trip to Colorado for a mariachi festival in April.

This past week, the DHS mariachi program was featured in the premiere episode of "Iowa Life" on Iowa PBS. That episode can be viewed on the PBS app or the Iowa PBS YouTube channel.

The school year began with the addition of the newest freshmen members of the DHS mariachi program. Twenty-four freshmen joined the program over the summer, making it the biggest group of beginners the DHS mariachi program has had.

As the year progresses, the freshmen will join one of three mariachi ensembles, based on their progress.

The fourth ensemble at DHS, Mariachi Reyes del Oeste, has been rehearsing since the beginning of the school year. "Reyes" is the top DHS mariachi ensemble, chosen by auditions, that travels around the state throughout the year.

Members of Mariachi Reyes del Oeste are Maite Arreola, Leila Jaime, Estela Lupian, Ismael Alfaro, Rosy Segoviano, Alan Rivera, Christopher Rangel, Miranda Estrada, Nallely Rivera, John Paul Montano, Karla Sanchez, and Janet Castillo.

Their first performance of the year will be at the Sioux City Public Museum on Sunday, October 29 at 2:30 p.m., followed by performances in the Sioux City mall.

All year, the mariachi ensembles will be preparing for their annual "Fiesta Mariachi" in April, and for the first time since 2016, a group of DHS mariachi members will travel out of state, attending the "Viva Southwest" mariachi festival in Denver, Colorado April 18-22. Those members are currently selling "Koaed Kernels" popcorn (out of Sioux City) to raise money for that trip. If any local organizations or community members are interested in sponsoring part of the trip to Colorado or donating for the trip, they can contact Ruben Newell at Denison High School via email (rnewell@denisoncsd.org).



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Pictured is the Denison High School top mariachi group, Mariachi Reyes del Oeste, at an event last year.

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RAGBRAI, FROM PAGE 1

RAGBRAI's visit. The profits amounted to \$62,397.08, which was returned to the community through a number of donations that were in accordance with the Denison RAGBRAI mission statement – for tourism projects and any purpose to enhance outdoor activities. The RAGBRAI executive committee decided to give \$15,000 to WESCO Industries to purchase bicycles for the individuals they serve; \$20,000 to Rotary Roads, a Rotary Club plan to connect all the walking and biking trails in Denison; \$10,000 to the Donna Reed Foundation for promotional materials and to promote tourism; and \$17,398.08 for an account with the city earmarked for the RAGBRAI committee to use for future tourism projects.

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tonight's event: The Cottage, Braids Galore, Sweet Pea's Crystal & Novelty Gifts, Totally You Boutique, The Boutique, The Bake Shop & Café, Bella's Jewel Boutique, Reynold's Clothing and ID Apparel. Borkowski said most of the stores will do something special during the event. "In the past, we have hidden gift certificates around the store; some people do a straight 20% off, other stores have done 'spend X, get X,'" she said. "There are definitely perks to coming, and besides the social night out, all of the participating businesses give away complimentary drink samples." Brews and Browse runs from 5 to 8 p.m. tonight in Uptown Denison.



Who knows, maybe they'll make a purchase while they're here? If your business would like to be a distribution point for The Denison Free Press, contact us and let us know. As a free newspaper, you would only need to provide a shelf from which community members could grab a copy.

A Victorian dinner

Klondike fundraiser is Saturday

BY DAN MUNDT

A Victorian Dinner will be served by the Manilla Area Historical Association (MAHA) this Saturday in Manilla. The dinner will take place at and act as a fundraiser for the historic Klondike Hotel, which was built in 1897. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places. MAHA member Nancy Kremin, who is helping organize the dinner, said the food served will be authentic to the food served at a Thanksgiving dinner in the early 1900s. "We serve a meal that is as close as we can to what was done back in those days," she said. "Everything we do is homemade; we can't grow the turkeys like they used to but we do the best we can." The four-course meal, for \$25, will feature turkey and ham balls, dressing, mashed potatoes, old-fashioned glazed carrots, cranberry salad sauce, peach delight salad, a full relish tray and homemade apple and pumpkin pie. "The apples are locally grown," Kremin said. "We try to stay as close as we can to get local product to promote the area." Fresh buns will be made on Saturday morning. The food will be ready by 4 p.m.; carryout meals go out at 4:30 p.m. and the first meal begins at 5 p.m. A second meal will begin at 7 p.m. "We shoot for 40 or so guests in two shifts – each can handle about 20 people," Kremin said. The meal will be served on period-appropriate dishware. Attendees are invited to tour the hotel and look at the many historic artifacts MAHA has collected over the years. MAHA purchased the Klondike in 1995 and undertook a significant restoration of the building in the following years. The dinner will help raise funds to repair the hotel's deteriorating roof. "Our wooden shingles have met their lifespan," Kremin said. "Everybody agrees that if we don't replace those wooden shingles before too long we will lose what we have. Roof damage is one of your worst enemies on an old building." Reservations and carryout orders for the Victorian Dinner will be taken through midmorning on Saturday. Call 712-654-8362 for more information.

Towering work



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Maguire Iron Inc., based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is welding together pieces of the new Denison Municipal Utilities (DMU) water tower located near North 24th Street. The tower is one of the phases to improve water distribution in northeastern and eastern Denison. It was noted at Monday's DMU Board meeting that work on the tower is about a month ahead of schedule and that Maguire hopes to raise the tank right around December 1, depending on welding inspections and the availability of a crane. It won't put the work ahead of schedule for next year because workers can't start painting the tower and the tank until April.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

October 6-12, 2023

SCHEDULED TRAFFIC FINES

- Joey Lee Ranney Jr., Harlan, failure to maintain control; \$210.25.
- Raul Duarte Cruz, Denison, failure to provide proof of financial liability, accident; \$1,167.63.
- Raul Duarte Cruz, Denison, failure to maintain control; \$287.88.
- Jonathan Fabian Segura Avina, Denison, no valid driver's license; \$503.50.
- Tristan Isaiah Heese, Manilla, dark window or windshield; \$175.75.
- Guillermo Dominic Hernandez, Denison, operating non-registered vehicle; \$175.75.
- Guillermo Dominic Hernandez, Denison, failure to provide proof of financial liability; \$615.63.
- Gladys Beatriz Esposito Avalos, Denison, failure to provide proof of financial liability; \$428.75.
- Tyler Raymond Albers, Holstein, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult; \$175.75.
- Michael Eugene Bair, Westside, driving on wrong side of two-way highway; \$210.25.
- Feliciano Lopez Lopez, Denison, possession/ purchase of alcohol by person 18/19/20 years of age, first offense; \$503.50.
- Feliciano Lopez Lopez, Denison, no valid driver's license; \$503.50.
- Michele M. Muhlbauer, Vail, no valid driver's license; \$354.
- Andrew Michael Lyman, Sioux City, trespass, first offense; \$354.
- Christopher Magana, Denison, possession/ purchase of alcohol by person 18/19/20 years of age, first offense; \$354.
- Marco Loarca Martin, Omaha, NE, no valid driver's license; \$354.
- Hector C. Cantu, Manilla, failure to obey traffic control device; \$210.25.
- Carlos Enrique Gonzalez Sierra, Denison, failure to prove security against liability, non-accident; \$342.50.

• Heather Marie Hast, Schleswig, failure to prove security against liability, non-accident; \$342.50.

SPEEDING (21+ MPH OVER)

- Michele M. Muhlbauer, Vail, \$267.75.
- Katharine Sue Burchett, Harlan, \$216.

SPEEDING (11-15 MPH OVER)

- Gladys Beatriz Esposito Avalos, Denison, \$175.75.

SPEEDING (6-10 MPH OVER)

- Jaime Mercado III, Donnellson, \$149.88
- Aidan John Larson, Schleswig, \$118.25.
- Jason Kenneth Kock, Westside, \$149.88.
- Tanya Arevalo, Los Angeles, CA, \$149.88.
- Amanda Nicole Birks, Ida Grove, \$149.88.
- Susan Katherine Hanson, Manilla, \$118.25.
- Naw Wah Wah, Denison, \$118.25.

SPEEDING (1-5 MPH OVER)

- Shannon Michele Lee Mink Price, Manilla, \$142.96.
- Pavel Samuel Razumovsky, Kansas City, KS, \$89.50.
- Jorge Mena Aldana, Austin, TX, \$106.75.
- Jonathan Fabian Segura Avina, Denison, \$106.75.
- Kwaro Olouch Okach, Denison, \$89.50.
- Ethan Cole Knopik, Omaha, NE, \$89.50.
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Local Calendar

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.

Brews & Browse: Retailers in Uptown Denison will host a shopping and sipping event from 5-8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

Kiron Haunted Trail: From 7 to 11 p.m.; one-half mile of scares includes six spooky structures. Contestants will compete for attendees' votes to win a \$1,000 prize. Entry fee is a freewill donation. Proceeds will go to Kiron's 125th celebration in 2024.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

STEAM Saturday at Norelius Community Library, 10 a.m., for ages 8-13. The monthly STEAM Saturday involves a science, technology, engineering, art or math activity. This month participants will make LEGO cars.

Victorian Dinner at historic Klondike Hotel. The Manilla Area Historical Association event is a fundraiser for repairs to the hotel's roof. Dinner served at 5 and 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 712-654-8362 for more information.

Kiron Haunted Trail continues: See details above.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

Halloween Carnival at Homestead Assisted Living, 1 to 4 p.m. Treats will be provided at

booths; judging for best adult and child costumes; Flaco's Tacos.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

Fermentation workshop at ISU Extension and Outreach-Crawford County; Join this hands-on workshop to learn how to ferment vegetables from 6-8 p.m. Call 712-263-4697 for more information.

Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson will bring Edgar Allan Poe to life in a unique one-man play at Norelius Community Library at 6 p.m. Hudson will provide an in-depth theatrical experience of the life and works of one of America's best-known personalities.

Euchre Night at the Community Building in Ricketts starting at 7 p.m. The entry fee is \$5 and there is no need to bring a partner.

Crawford County for Life Meeting at 7 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

Fireside book discussion at Norelius Community Library, 2 p.m.

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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SOAR encourages hunters to switch to non-lead ammunition

OWLS, FROM PAGE 1

BY DAN MUNDT

Two screech owls were released during the Fall Festival at the Neal Moeller Environmental Education Center at Yellow Smoke Park on Saturday.

Crawford County Naturalist Kelly Sonnichsen and Nelson Park Ranger Bryce Halterman supervised the release.

The owls came from Saving Our Avian Resources (SOAR), a nonprofit that specializes in raptor rehabilitation, education, and research.

"We see right around 350 birds each year for rehabilitation," said SOAR Executive Director Kay Neumann.

"This year, we got in a lot of young screech owls."

Before the owls learn to fly, they sometimes leave the nest a little early. Their parents often continue to feed them on the ground or wherever they are, she said.

"They're cavity nesters," Neumann said. "Screech owls usually have three or four babies, and I think they get crowded in their cavity and they venture out and start branching; hanging out in the branches around their nest cavity. Sometimes they fall off and they get separated from the adults or get in trouble with a cat or something like that on the ground."

The two that were released at Yellow Smoke were part of the bumper crop that came in this spring.

"I think at one point we were up to about 25 young screech owls," she said.

Young screech owls needing help is a seasonal issue.

"Spring is always really busy because things happen to nests and they fall," she said. "We do a questionnaire to see if we really need to come and get them or are the parents still there and able to take care of them. A lot of them we're able to leave in a safe spot where they're at and not have them come in for rehabilitation. That's always the very first, best option; that they stay with the adults."

Many arrive at SOAR starving and dehydrated because they had been

separated from their parents or had wounds that required intensive care.

Neumann said there was no way to know exactly where the Yellow Smoke screech owls were found.

"Once they're out of intensive care, they go into a big flight pen so they can get their muscles into shape so that when they're ready to be let out, they're nice strong flyers," Neumann said. "Once they go into the flight pen, you tell me which one you rescued."

SOAR takes in injured birds from most of the western half of Iowa.

"Thankfully, the species kind of spread things out a little bit," she said. "Great horned owls are the very first ones we start seeing. They are very early nesters; they're sitting on eggs sometimes in February, so we see baby horned owls coming here in March or the first part of April. The barn owls are next, then the screech owls and then the kestrels, the Cooper's hawks and the red tails."

April to July is the busiest time for the babies to arrive at SOAR, she said.

The organization's attention turns toward lead poisoning in bald eagles during the winter.

Neumann asks that hunters not use lead ammunition, which is the primary cause of the poisoning.

"They make copper slugs, copper bullets, non-toxic shot," she said. "Eagles that come to us in the wintertime will scavenge on things; they come for fish, but if there's a deer carcass or a gut pile or a wounded pheasant, they'll scavenge something in the field that has been shot with lead shot or bullet or slug."

SOAR has been researching lead poisoning since 2004.

"We're finding shrapnel in their stomach from a bullet or slug, we're finding lead shot in their stomachs from scavenging off a pheasant carcass or even a turkey carcass," Neumann said. "We've had a lead-poisoned eagle come in during turkey season in the spring that had Number 4 lead shot used to hunt a turkey in it."

Lead shot also ends up in meat after an animal is harvested.

"If you shoot a deer with lead slugs, there will be lead fragments in the resulting meat," she said. "Nobody should eat lead, so it would be really nice if hunters would switch over to using non-lead options when they hunt."



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Laylah (bottom) and Avah Trevino released the first of two screech owls on Saturday with the help of Nelson Park Ranger Bryce Halterman. The glove in midair at the center of the picture is one that flew off of Laylah's hand when the owl took off.

ISU EXTENSION NEWS

Calendar

• **Sunday, October 29**

Pumpkin Carving: 15 spots available for 4th graders and up. Come to the Extension office from 1-3 p.m. and decorate a pumpkin. To register or sign up, contact Nicole at nicoleb2@iastate.edu or call 712-263-4697. There is no cost for the event.

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Sounds of the fall



Shelby Kastner sings a solo during the song, "Caught in the Storm" at the Denison High School vocal concert Monday night in the Fine Arts Center.

PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF



The Denison High School vocal music groups, under the direction of Kandy Thompson, present a fall concert on Monday night in the high school's Fine Arts Center. Pictured, J.P. Matano accompanies the concert choir on percussion for the song, "Bringers of Noise." The keyboard accompanist for the vocal groups is Sabrina Cogdill.



Featured in Monday night's concert were two songs performed by the Denison High School students who are going to audition for Iowa All-State this Saturday. The students are (not in order pictured) Shelby Kastner, Azucena Bortolon, Violet Christensen, Gracie Schillerberg, Taryn Oxendale, Oscar Carona, Cody Schulte, Roman Bygness, Charlye Cervantes, Gavin Schmadeke, John Parr, Adonay Arellano and Ethan Olsen.

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Students reenact stories that shaped the United States

RENDEZVOUS, FROM PAGE 1

a look at the .coms before we allowed them to use them as a source."

Students were also required to use two older, print-based sources as they compiled 30 research cards on the person they were assigned.

The students were also shown media bias charts.

"With the type of research the students are doing, you don't necessarily run into a lot of disreputable sources trying to purposely mislead people," Houston said. "It's an opening of dialogue with the kids and we'll continue to build on that. This year, we've already shown them media bias charts for the different media sources as we look at news stories that shape the world around us."

Houston said he and Voggeser work hard to make the history lessons relevant to today.

He noted that an America political commentator had recently said Israel is using the "Kit Carson approach" to the current situation in Gaza.

"I automatically lit up because Kit

Carson is one of the characters at our Rendezvous," Houston said. "To me, one of the things we're trying to do is show that the history is still a binding aspect to society."

Beyond teaching about the formative years of the United States, Rendezvous also teaches teamwork.

The students have to be able to communicate with the other members of their groups and then work together to create their skit.

"I felt the kids did a great job," Houston said. "There were very few weak presentations this year. You can't help but compare to other years, and I thought the overall level of this Rendezvous was very high for what we asked the kids to do."

The class had to deal with a last-minute curveball when a cross country meet was rescheduled to the same day.

"We had some cross county kids taken out because the meet got moved," he said.

He said rescheduling the meet was a good move for the cross country team, but many of the students were disappointed at missing out on Rendezvous.

"There is an educational value in that for the kids that were here because they had to adjust and adapt on the fly," Houston said. "Those are good skills to be teaching young people."



Cattlemen Jesse Chisolm (Sam Chandler) negotiates prices for his cattle. With Gaby Cardenas and Atong Agang.



Wyatt Earp (Aduk Mun), of Tombstone fame, explains the troubles he faced in the Wild West.



The infamous female outlaw Belle Starr (Nallely Rivera) holds up and robs an innocent citizen (Gabe Henningsen).



Comanche war leader Quanah Parker leads his people in the Red River War trying to keep buffalo hunters out of Comanche land. From left, Jacquelyn Esquivel, Rosy Segoviano, and Maybelin Mendoza.



Perhaps the greatest of all Mountain Men, Jedediah Smith (Jaxson Henningsen) receives treatment after a grizzly bear attacked him and tore open his skull. With Aidan Larson.



From left, the notorious female gambler Eleanor Dumont (Kamden Bruhn), also known as Madame Mustache, explains the secrets to her success as a gambler during the Gold Rush. With Mayah Slater as Charles Goodnight, Eryn Wilson as Jesse Chisolm and Lauren Herrig as Narcissa Whitman. Esmeralda Galdamez is the student in the background.



Comanche war leader Quanah Parker (Rosy Segoviano) makes peace (with area 5th graders who were the main audience for Rendezvous) as he peacefully surrenders.

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Cabin would be completely disassembled for restoration

CABIN, FROM PAGE 1

BY DAN MUNDT

When Kids Kastle was demolished at Denison's Washington Park in August, the search for a replacement playground was the catalyst for a larger discussion about future plans for the park.

"When we found out Kids Kastle had to come down, we started to hear of all the wants and needs in the community, and we started to think about whether we need a master plan for the park, and what we can do to better fill the needs of the citizens," said Denison Mayor Pam Soseman.

Thrust into the discussion in recent weeks has been what to do about the Bell Log Cabin, which is located at the park and has been unused for decades.

The cabin was built in 1857 by Sandlandes Bell about a mile north of Dow City, according to archaeologist Christy Rickers, who lives in Vail.

In 1926, the Old Settlers Association moved the cabin to Washington Park for use during the county's annual Old Settlers Picnic.

"As a young person, I did attend Old Settlers Picnics to celebrate the immigrants who came here, and the schools used to utilize the building," Soseman said, "but as far as I know, that hasn't happened for probably 30 years."

The historic content was moved to the McHenry House before the cabin was closed, she said.

Today, the Bell Log Cabin is suffering from the wear and tear of time.

"It's in such decay that we don't even know if it's salvageable," Soseman said.

When Rickers visited the cabin to do an initial assessment of the structure, she observed rot and insect damage to the wood, a deteriorating roof, a crumbling foundation, a chimney that is no longer securely attached, and other problems.

"The mortar is a cement that's not good, not just because it's not historically accurate, but because it can cause damage with the freezing process," Rickers said. "It needs to be a lime mortar with straw and other materials."

Soseman said the city has no intention of demolishing the structure, but restoring it is beyond the Denison Parks & Rec budget.

The city recently received a quote of \$45,000 to repair the cabin.

Rickers said she thought that estimate was likely significantly lower than what a proper restoration would cost.

She sent pictures of the cabin to a company that specializes in such restorations, and was given a ballpark estimate of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

"They'd have to look at it closely to

determine the actual cost," she said.

A full restoration would involve completely disassembling the building.

"They would mark all the parts; they map it out where each log is and take pictures of everything," Rickers said.

The logs would likely be treated with something to strengthen and protect them from further deterioration.

"When they put it back together, the logs will be in the exact same order as they were when they were built," Rickers said.

Because restoration would involve the complete disassembly of the cabin, moving it to a different location would not add much to the cost.

"They would take the logs back to their facility to do all the work on it, so when it gets reconstructed it can be about anywhere – just as long as there is a place to put it and there is a foundation to put it on," Rickers said. "The fireplace will be more difficult to deal with, but with the large machinery we have nowadays there is probably a way to move the fireplace, too. That is something they'd have to look into."

Soseman noted that the Denison Parks & Rec department takes care of 10 parks and the Denison Aquatic Center with a barely-adequate budget – and upkeep of the cabin hasn't been in the department's budget for decades.

"We would love for the cabin to be preserved and moved someplace else," Soseman said. "We want to find a better way for it to serve the public for educational purposes - and that's not at Washington Park."

She said the Crawford County Historic Preservation Commission (CCHPC) has shown interest in helping to find a new home for the cabin.

Rickers is a member of the CCHPC, which she said has been interested in the log cabin's future for the last few years.

Rickers and Amy Pieper, CCHPC treasurer, met with the Crawford County Conservation Board two weeks ago to discuss options of moving the cabin to the nature center at Yellow Smoke Park or to the Dow House in Dow City.

Rickers noted that either of those locations would help protect the cabin from the vandalism it has suffered over the years at Washington Park.

Both areas already serve public education purposes and would be better homes for the cabin, she said.

Rickers wrote a lengthy explanation of what needs to be done to preserve the cabin in the "You are from Denison, Iowa" Facebook group, where a number of individuals have insisted that the Bell Log Cabin must remain in Washington Park.

Rickers said as a preservationist, her primary concern is to see the cabin restored and preserved for future generations to experience.

"If it can be properly restored and used, I don't care where it sits, but it has to be in a place where it will be used," Rickers said.



PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDT

The chimney of the Bell Log Cabin is detached and would pose a challenge if the cabin is disassembled and moved.

She said grants are the most likely source of funding for restoration and ongoing maintenance, which will require a lot of money; grant review committees won't look favorably on grant requests for a project that has no public purpose. "No matter where the cabin ends up, the state preservation agencies will be

part of the process," she said.

"The cabin needs to be shared with a wide public audience for them to consider being involved or to help with funding."

The writer is a member of the Crawford County Historic Preservation Commission.

LAND TRANSACTIONS

October 6-12, 2023

Warranty Deeds

- Steven P. Mathews, Linda J. Mathews and Mary Katherine Mathews to Riley Hendee: Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, Block 14, City of Charter Oak; \$130,000.
- Larry Kastner to Corbin J. Matthesen: Lot 6, Block 6, City of Kiron; \$120,000.
- Adam Mich and McKenzie Mich to Felipe Moreno Gonzalez and Elisabeth Rivera Zaragoza: Lot 7, Block 112, City of Denison; \$253,000.
- Tri C Enterprises LLC to Double L Holdings LLC: Lots 5 and 6, Block 110, City of Denison; \$30,000.
- ROB CIN RYE INC to Antonio Oropeza: Lot 1, Block 145, City of Denison; \$100,000.
- Chaz Jeffrey Haberl and Sarah Haberl to Peyton Brungardt: Lots 10 and 11, Block 12, City of Westside; \$104,000.
- Aaron J. Schultz and Amy

- M. Schultz to Farmers Cooperative Elevator Co: NW1/4 Section 19, Otter Creek Township; \$90,000.
- Gerald J. Hanigan Jr. and Sheila J. Hanigan to Michael T. Hanigan: NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 25, Boyer Township; W1/2 NE1/4 Section 25, Boyer Township; \$690,000.
- Ricky D. Brodersen and Mary J. Brodersen to Antonio Rafael Pineda Magana: Lot 8, Block 14, Western Town Lot Addition, City of Kiron; \$50,000.

Contract

- Stanley Spies and Joleen Spies to Michael L. Lorenzen and Bricy L. Lorenzen: SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 27, Nishnabotna Township; N1/2 SW1/4 Section 27, Nishnabotna Township; \$540,000.

State Tax Lien

- Internal Revenue Service, US Department of the Treasury against WCP LLC: \$5,989.27.

ON THE SCANNER

10/10, 5:57 p.m.: The Charter Oak, Ricketts, Denison and Ute fire departments and the Dow City-Arion Ambulance were dispatched to a fire in a detached single-vehicle garage at 2003 150th Street, Charter Oak.

10/11, 2:07 a.m.: Mayja Johnson, 28, of West Des Moines, was arrested for driving while barred. The location of the offense was on Highway 30 in Denison.

10/11, 4:32 a.m.: Maker Marial Thuc, 44, of Rochester, Minnesota, was arrested for public intoxication. The location of the offense was a residence in the 1100 block of 2nd Avenue South in Denison.

10/11, 9:23 p.m.: Josue Gutierrez, 18, of Denison, was charged with theft in the 2nd degree, a class D felony. According to the criminal complaint filed with the district court, Gutierrez was followed by the registered owners of a red 2917 Ford Fusion which was reported stolen. The owners called the Denison Police Department. Gutierrez is recorded on video exiting the vehicle and with the car keys in his possession. The vehicle is valued at \$5,100.

10/13, 3:33 p.m.: Joseline Canales Causor, 16, of Vail, was driving a white 2009 Ford F150 Supercrew pickup. Desiree Marie Espino Moran, 25, of Denison, was driving a red 2007 Acura TSX. Canales Causor passed Espino Moran going east on Highway 30 in Denison and changed to the outermost lane in front of Espino Moran at the intersection of 15th Street and Highway 30. After changing lanes, Canales Causor turned south (right) into the Verizon store entrance/parking lot. Canales Causor did have the blinker on as seen in video surveillance. Espino Moran said that Canales Causor passed and changed lanes, then immediately turned into Verizon, giving her no time to slow down, and the vehicles collided. No citations were issued. The Espino Moran vehicle received \$1,400 damage to the front middle. The Canales Causor vehicle received \$50 damage to the rear middle. No one was injured.

10/15, 4 p.m.: Juan Zamora Cardenas, 34, of Denison, was arrested for assault in Denison.

10/11, 12:02 p.m.: James Jerrold Gangstad was arrested on a Crawford County warrant.



The mortar applied to the cabin at some point in the past is of a modern cement type that is crumbling – and also damages the wood during the freeze/thaw process.



The wood of the Bell Cabin is showing signs of rot and insect damage. The wood will have to be treated to preserve it for the future.

Denison's community visioning process

General estimates developed for projects; grants will be needed

BY GORDON WOLF

Members of the Denison Visioning Steering Committee and Uptown Improvement Committee (UIC) sat down with planners last Wednesday evening to hear estimated costs of long-range projects that were developed with the help of community input.

Denison is one of 10 communities selected to participate in the 2022-2023 Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning, a program of the Iowa Department of Transportation, Trees Forever and Iowa State University.

The purpose of the Community Visioning program is to provide small communities with planning and design resources to make meaningful transportation improvements.

Two things that were clear to the community visioning steering committee and UIC members- grants will be necessary to move ahead with any of the projects, and some projects will be long-range endeavors while some could possibly be done sooner.

In addition, the community is not tied to any of the plans that came out of the community visioning process. Parts of plans could be implemented and can serve as templates for other projects, and there is no requirement that projects be done.

Prior to last Wednesday's meeting, the community visioning plans were on display at Washington Park in the late afternoon/early evening of movie night on September 30.

Alison Ingunza with HDR, a landscape architecture firm based in Omaha, said feedback on movie night included excitement from youth about more playing fields in Northside Rec. One young adult male was excited about the 10-mile loop trail and that a good portion of it could be off-street.

What visioning committee members received last Wednesday night was the final report and feasibility study. The first two-thirds of the booklet reviews the information already provided but collects it in one document. The last third of the booklet is a high-level view of the four priority areas of community improvement.

When presenting the probable costs for projects, Ingunza gave a disclaimer - HDR, Iowa State University and Trees Forever are not construction cost estimators. She said the data for the costs was taken from books on costs put out annually by the construction industry and bid tabs on public projects released by Omaha-area engineering firms.

If the city were to go ahead with the projects, further engineering would have to be done.

For each of the projects, a 20% contingency was built in against unforeseen costs and inflation.

However the bottom-line number would be useful as a placeholder for grant applications.

Intersection improvements (per intersection): base bid \$191,650; mobilization at 5% (\$9,582.50); contingency at 20% (\$38,330); design and engineering services at 12% (\$27,597.60). Construction cost: \$267,160.10.

This cost is based on the intersection of Highway 30 and South 11th Street, which is seen as a main priority because of the individuals served by WESCO Industries who cross Highway 30 to get to the WESCO buildings.

Intersection improvements in other areas of town, in the uptown district, for example, would carry a different cost.

The Highway 30/South 11th Street intersection would be highly visible because the crosswalk would be painted in a color consistent with the color of the brick in uptown Denison. The surface of the crosswalk would be stamped, or imprinted.

The estimated price assumes the city will pay for all work, with nothing assessed to affected property owners. Everything is in the city right of way, and legally the city can do anything within its right of way, Ingunza pointed out, but she added it would be very challenging to expect property owners to pay. The property owners would continue to maintain the sidewalk, post construction.

She said that the Highway 30/South 11th Street intersection could be used as a template any time other intersections are improved in the community.

Trail project: base bid \$2,186,175; mobilization at 5% (\$109,308.75); contingency at 20% (\$437,235); design and engineering services at 12% (\$314,809.20). Construction cost: \$3,047,527.95.

The trail is broken into four types of routes: shared street with sharrow markings, a buffered lane next to Highway 30, widened sidewalk (10 feet), and a trail at the hospital.

Following is the trail route.

From the Yellow Smoke (Wheels to Heels) trail, a system alternating from sharrow markings and a widened sidewalk would run on 3rd Avenue South to South 26th Street, north to 2nd Avenue South, west to South 24th Street and south to Highway 30.

On Highway 30, a buffered lane would be constructed on Highway 30 from South 24th Street to South 20th Street.

The rest of the route would be on a proposed widened sidewalk until the park trail at the hospital.

The route from South 20th Street would be west to South Main, north to Broadway, west to Avenue C, Avenue C to Arrowhead Road, Arrowhead Road to N Avenue and then on N Avenue to the hospital property. From there a trail would run along the ridgeline at the hospital to the loop created by Medical Parkway and Oak Ridge Drive.

After taking the loop, pedestrians and cyclists could follow the route back to the Yellow Smoke trail if they wanted to.

Snow removal along the proposed buffer lane was seen as a problem, and the buffer lane itself would require a conversation with the Iowa Department of Transportation since it would be in the state's right of way.

Way-finding signs (signs at five proposed locations): base bid \$63,000; mobilization and general costs of 5% (\$3,150), contingency of 20% (\$12,600), design and engineering at 12% (\$9,072). Construction cost: \$87,822.

Signs would have multiple plates directing people to dining, city hall, downtown and the trail, for example.

The sign design proposed is one approved by the Denison Uptown Improvement Committee.

Northside Rec expansion (for 2 ball fields, 2 soccer fields and 1 trail): base bid \$3,487,200; mobilization and general conditions at 5% (\$174,360); contingency at 20% (\$697,440); design and engineering at 12% (\$502,156.80). Construction cost: \$4,861,156.

Ingunza said estimating the costs on the soccer fields was challenging because the information is not generally available.

"We didn't have enough content on our part from GIS (geographic information system) to do a full grading study," she said. "It is very hilly out there. There would be significant grading work that needs to occur."

The estimates were based on the acres encompassed divided by costs the contractors had provided to HDR.

"That number would likely flex depending on real design conditions

and how the amenities are going to fit in," Ingunza said.

For the Little League fields cost, HDR used figures from fields built in Kansas within the past six months.

Extension of electric distribution was estimated using information from electrical engineers at HDR.

Extension of the water infrastructure would also be needed for drinking fountains. Toilets were not included in the cost estimates. Ingunza said in the short-term, porta potties could be used.

A question was raised why Denison would need two additional Little League fields. Mayor Pam Soseman responded that there is someone interested in the property along 24th Street where the existing fields are located.

As for additional soccer fields, the proposed Crawford County Wellness Center on North 16th Street would be constructed where an existing soccer field is located.

The booklet provided to the committee members includes implementation strategies and a list of available grant resources.

Again, grants were seen as integral in proceeding with any of the projects.

"None of this gets done without grants," said Bill Bruce, a steering committee member. "Nothing is going to get done in 12 months."

"No," responded Ingunza. "These are long-term goals."

Also involved in last Wednesday's discussion was Brad Riphagen with Trees Forever.

He said he wants to meet with the steering committee once again to discuss how to move forward with the plans. That would be after November 2 when the plans from Denison and

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Pitching Award



Each year the Ida Grove Kiwanis present the "Pitching Award" to recognize a couple who thoroughly demonstrate the Kiwanis motto: Serving the children of the world. This year's award was presented to Doug and Julie Schmidt. Doug has been an active Kiwanis member for 24 years and has held leadership roles as Kiwanis President, Vice President, Secretary, and Board Member. For over 13 years, Doug has led Relay Iowa, which raises money for an orphanage in Africa and has served as co-chair for the annual Pancake Breakfast, which raises money for the Food Basket and Toys for Kids. Additionally, he has been an active volunteer in all the Kiwanis projects. Julie is one of the ministry leaders at the Denison United Methodist Church, helping facilitate Monday Funday and Kids for Christ along with delivering children's sermons. She has assisted with Kiwanis programs including School Supply Backpacks and Good Fellows Christmas Gifts. Congratulations and thank you both for your service.

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from the nine other communities in this year's visioning program are presented at a celebration at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames.

To learn more about the community visioning program, go to www.communityvisioning.org/. A list of visioning communities is on the website.

Dow City will participate in the program in 2023-2024. Dunlap and Logan were participants in 2021-2022 and Manning was a participant in 2015-2016.

Reports on each past participant's plans are accessible through the website.

The what and why of the four priority areas

Following are the four priority areas of improvement designed for Denison, the reasons each is a priority and the intended projects.

Safety and accessibility

Reasons: Reduce speed of traffic, railroad crossing safety, improvements to sidewalks/trails, way-finding, to provide accessibility to public and private amenities and improve multi-modal safety

Projects: Improve the Highway 30 and South 11th Street intersection and make sidewalk improvements along a proposed trail corridor

Community connections

Reasons: Improve multi-modal user safety, provide connection to existing trail network, create opportunity for physical activity and social interaction, and provide safe route for those without access to vehicles

Projects: extend the trail from Yellow Smoke Park through the community to the hospital, where people can loop back (10-mile loop)

Way-finding

Reasons: create a sense of place, provide cohesive aesthetics, improved navigation, direct visitors to uptown, create an authentic sense of place, provide opportunities for economic development, improve navigation for visitors, beautify the community

Projects: Five way-finding signs at the following proposed locations.

- + Highway 59/Highway 30 junction by the Denison Hillside
- + Highway 30 and South Main Street
- + North Main and Broadway (as a trail-finding sign)
- + 3rd Avenue South and South 17th Street at Washington Park
- + Highway 30 and South 20th Street

Community amenities

Reasons: recreation opportunities, improve quality of life, promote healthy living, connect and build community, improve vehicular/pedestrian crossings, provide destination for community sporting activities

Projects: expansion of Northside Rec to the north of 8th Avenue North with two Little League sized baseball field, two soccer fields and a cross-country trail.

Meeting Minutes

DELOIT CITY
DELOIT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2023

The council meeting called to order by Mayor Braasch and roll call were Anderson, Kelly, Lorenzen, Mulligan, and Schillerberg. Absent: None.

The agenda was approved by Anderson/Lorenzen. All approved. Reading of last month minutes was waived by Schillerberg/Lorenzen. All approved.

Terry Crawford was not there because Tyler from the DNR did not get have back to Terry about the EJCDCA E 500 form for the sewer project. Vicki Zimmer was asking if it was ok to put planters by the Veterans Memorial at the park. Lorenzen/Mulligan made a motion to approve the planters in the Veteran Memorial in the park. All Approved. Al Johnson that the policy of the renting of the park be change to state about the Veteran Memorial grounds. City Clerk will work on the policy over the winter's months and have the policy in place next spring because the Park Shelter house is closed for the season. Annette Moreno wants an online business in her home with no store front. Mulligan and Anderson made a motion to give her a letter of approval from the city of Deloit. All Approved. Brenda Crouch was not at the meeting. We did have some discussions and a letter will be sent to Brenda stating her presence at the next meeting is required. Discussion about the rock in the alley on Powell's place and the fencing on Powell's land. Mulligan/Schillerberg made a motion that the fence and alley would be fine as is. All approved. Ann Hikins talk about the burn pile is on her land and need to be moved, and weeds cut down on the backside of the burn pile, and her surveys steel poles are gone, and would like them back up. Anderson said she will look for where the steel post goes. Deloit will have bingo on November 5 and 19th will be put in the Free Press newspaper and KDSN radio was made Schillerberg/Mulligan. All Approved. A motion was made to transfer money in the local Option Sales Tax to General by Mulligan/Anderson. All approved. City Clerk Passed her class and can write ordinances and resolutions, so we do not have to pay the lawyer for this service in the future. New Business: Thrasher is coming on 10/24/23 to do the warranty for part of the flooring. We have some work to do before they come.

Maintenance report as given by Mulligan. The number 4 well is not a working and needs repaired other than the maintenance person. The City park will be closed down for the winter's months on October 11. The white truck is shut off all at once and it is hard to restart the truck. The Council said take it to 4M.

Financial reports was read and moved by Schillerberg/Anderson. All approved.

Bills were read and paid moved by Mulligan/Anderson. All approved.

Bill: Al's Corner \$116.25, Bomgaars \$92.97, Denison Bulletin \$66.97, The Denison Free Press \$150.00, Denison Do It Best \$31.96, Frontier Comm. \$120.50, MidAmerican Energy \$692.43, Wal Mart \$33.78, Payroll \$2881.70, Payroll Taxes \$2212.69, Verizon Wireless \$49.28, Water: Foundation Ana. Lab. \$16.50, Frontier \$25.00, IA DNR \$115.00, MidAmerican Energy \$123.45, Taxes \$117.26, Garbage: Craw. Co. Landfill \$391.80, Craw. Co. Solid Waste \$750.00, Walmart \$23.87, Sewer: Denison Do It Best \$10.49, MidAmerican \$37.88, Sunquist Engineering \$63.00, RUT: UBI \$1167.67.

Meeting adjourned by Schillerberg/Kelly

Corrine Kinney-Mehaffey, City Clerk
Tyler Braasch, Mayor

LEGAL NOTICES

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF MARCIA J. ESCUE**
CASE NO. ESPRO16931

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Marcia J. Escue, who died on or about September 21, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on October 2, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Marcia J. Escue, bearing date of September 18, 2020, and First Codicil to Last Will and Testament of Marcia J. Escue, dated January 24, 2021, were admitted to probate in the above named court and that Duke Escue was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will and codicil must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and decisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated October 4, 2023.

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Funeral Notices

Steve Fineran

Funeral Services for Steve Fineran, 65, of Deloit, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 18, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison with burial at the Deloit Cemetery.

He passed away September 29 in California.

Survivors include his brother, Dennis Fineran, of Denison; sister, Deanna Campbell, of Deloit; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

Dee Jessen

Funeral services for Dee Jessen, 85, of Denison, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 21, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Denison with visitation one hour prior to the service.

She passed away Monday, October 16, at Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Jessen, of Denison; daughters, Cindy and her husband Steve Bohm, of Arion, Lindy and her husband Kevin Aschinger, of Westside, Tammy and her husband Kevin Schurke, of Dow City, Cathy and her husband Barry Andersen, of Arcadia, and Jackie and her husband Dan Muff, of Dow City; 16 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren with the 48th joining the family soon; one great-great-grandson; a sister, Pearl, and her husband Ed Schau, of Denison; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Services are 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 20: goulash, whole wheat bread, broccoli, peaches

Monday, October 23: ground beef Stroganoff, egg noodles, green beans, whole wheat bread, Mandarin oranges

Tuesday, October 24: chili dog, potato salad, chips, applesauce

Wednesday, October 25: ham, sweet potatoes, California blend, whole wheat roll, pears

Thursday, October 26: liver and onions or Salisbury patty with mushroom gravy, boiled red potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, pineapple upside-down cake

Friday, October 27: hearty vegetable beef soup, breadstick, lettuce, Mandarin oranges

NORELIUS COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Edgar Allen Poe at library on October 24

The Norelius Community Library will host Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson as he brings his talent and fascination for Edgar Allan Poe to life in a unique one-man play on Tuesday, October 24, at 6 p.m.

Hudson uses a combination of biographical information and the dramatic interpretation of Poe's literature, Annabel Lee, The Raven and The Tell Tale Heart, to provides an in-depth theatrical experience of the life and works of one of America's best-known and enigmatic personalities.

Friends Recycled Christmas, Book & Bake Sale November 17-18

The Denison Library Friends will host their annual "Recycled Christmas, Book & Bake Sale" on November 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and November 18, 9 a.m.-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 now through November 16.

Baked goods will be received November 15.

All Christmas items are welcome with the exception of Christmas trees.

Contact the library at 712-263-9355 for more information regarding the sale and services available at the library.

Monthly business meeting

The Norelius Community Library Board of Trustees will conduct its monthly business meeting on October 24 at 5:15 p.m. in the Library Fireside Room.

The agenda includes trustee training, review of monthly reports, library director's report, bills, and committee reports.

Old business includes facility updates, landscaping project update, ongoing policy review, and trustee vacancy.

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A fun day off from school



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Aniela Hansen and Trinity Niles (left photo) and Isaac Lupian and Dominic Mendez (right photo) work on fall-themed mosaics at Monday Funday at the First United Methodist Church.



This group of Monday Funday participants is playing a game. The person blindfolded has to turn in a circle and pick someone to speak, and the blindfolded person has to guess who it is. Monday Funday takes place on the Mondays of the teacher-in-service days at the Denison Community Schools. The remaining Monday Funday's in the school year are November 13, January 15, February 5, March 18 and April 22. The free program is for children TK-5th grade. It runs 1-4 p.m. with dropoff 12:30-1 p.m. and pickup 4-4:30 p.m.

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Fall Festival

Even though the day was cool and wet, a big crowd showed up on Saturday for the Fall Festival at the Neal Moeller Environmental Education Center at Yellow Smoke Park. The event featured lots of games and activities for kids and adults.



PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDT

Elise Dupic tries her hand at "Hook the Hook."



The Denison Volunteer Fire Department and the Denison Police Department squared off in the Wendl's Weapons/KDSN Boots vs. Badges Corn Hole Contest. The fire department won the event, which raised \$510 for a new playground at Washington Park.



Mitch Thompson shows Ada how to use a toy gun to knock over a stack of cans.



Phiago and James Carrillo cheer on the stuffed pigs in a race.



Stratton Stoppel flings a dart at balloons to win a prize.

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Monarch

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS VOLLEYBALL

D-S girls advance in regionals with win over Carroll
 The Denison-Schleswig varsity volleyball team advanced in Class 4A Region 2 post-season play by upsetting Carroll on Tuesday, three games to two, in a match that lasted two hours and one minute. Carroll was seeded #1 in the region.

GAME SCORES:
 25-14 Carroll
 25-19 D-S
 25-22 D-S
 25-19 Carroll
 16-14 D-S

The Denison-Schleswig girls are playing #3 Indianola tonight at 7 p.m. at Indianola High School. Indianola has a record of 34-4. Denison-Schleswig is 3-29. The regional championship game will be played at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24.

Five D-S girls unleashed kills on their opponent – Emily Gehlsen with 9, Addison Inman, Avery Bock and Maria Cardenas with 8, and Mayah Slater with 5. Claire Leinen had 33 set assists. Inman and Bock each had 20 digs; Elli Heiden had 19, Slater had 12 and Leinen had 11. Other players with digs are Cardenas (8), Gehlsen (3), and Kamden Bruh (1). Gehlsen came up with 2 solo blocks and Cardenas had 1.



PHOTOS BY RHONDA RAUCH

Seniors Addison Inman and Claire Leinen celebrate their first-round regional win.



Emily Gehlsen goes up to fight for a ball at the net.



Gabby Cardenas looks for the spike.

Sports

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS FOOTBALL

District champs and headed to the postseason!

Monarchs win over LeMars

The Denison-Schleswig Monarchs pulled out a huge victory in District 1 football with 16-14 win over the LeMars Bulldogs Friday night in LeMars.

The win put the Monarchs at 6-2 overall and 4-0 in district play, clinching the district championship for the first time since 2001.

The Monarchs also qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 2009.

Denison-Schleswig struck on its opening possession with 28-yard touchdown run by Cole Kastner.

Sebastian Contreras added the extra point with his kick. The touchdown came on a five-play, 80-yard drive.

Contreras added three more points in the second quarter on a 13-yard field goal, giving the Monarchs a 10-0 lead at the end of the first half. The kick ended an eight-play, 69-yard drive.

LeMars rallied with two touchdowns in the third quarter to go ahead 14-10. The Bulldogs' first touchdown came on a two-yard run that capped a six-play, 97-yard drive. The Bulldogs' second touchdown in the third quarter came on

a one-yard run, finishing an eight-play, 29-yard drive.

In the fourth quarter, Blaine Brodsky blocked a punt and the Monarchs recovered the ball on the two-yard line. Luke Wiebers ran the ball in on the next play to score the go-ahead touchdown.

Later in the final quarter, the Monarchs stopped LeMars when Jake Fink stripped the ball from a LeMars receiver.

Brodsky had a big night with 108 net yards rushing; his longest run was 49 yards. Wiebers gained 83 yards rushing

and Kastner 60 yards. Wiebers went 7 of 11 in passing for 68 yards. Jake Fink had two receptions for 47 yards; the longest reception went for 31 yards.

The Monarchs had 200 yards rushing and 51 net yards passing for total offense of 251 yards.

Jake Fink and Easton Emery had three solo tackles each. Wiebers had 10 assisted tackles and Joel Murrillo had 8.

The Monarchs will wrap up their regular season with a home game against Sioux City West on Friday, October 20. It will be senior night.



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Yellow Smoke trick-or-treat not just for children



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

The road through the Yellow Smoke Park campgrounds was filled with costumed children and adults for the annual trick-or-treating on Saturday.



Brandon Krueger's costume was more than head and shoulders above anyone else's at the Yellow Smoke Park campgrounds on Saturday. A former drywall, Krueger used drywall stilts to turn himself into a towering Pikachu, a character from Pokemon. Krueger is from Dow City.



This pair of trick-or-treaters made an interesting study in contrasting heights. Daniel North, of Deloit, helps two-year-old Layla North make the rounds in the Yellow Smoke Park campgrounds.



Mario, also known as Steel Collins, of Deloit, selects candy at the table of Haley and Jeana Huebert, of Denison, who chose vibrantly colored hair for their Halloween costumes.



Kids flock into Ken Montange's and Marsha Beermann's Yellow Smoke Graveyard exhibit at Yellow Smoke Park. The collection of tombstones, skeletons, crypts, witches and other scary characters is an annual attraction at trick-or-treat in the park campgrounds. Ken and Marsha made the tombstones themselves, using plastic foam, and they make many of the other items in the graveyard. Ken is pictured handing out candy.



This young Minion seems to be engaged in a conversation with an animated jack-o-lantern.



This witchy decoration invites trick-or-treaters to sit for a spell.



Austin McMinemee, of Denison, engages in some Halloween hijinks surprising visitors to the Yellow Smoke Park campground with his costume and chainless chainsaw. Trenton Stover, of Denison, is the surprised boy in the photo.



Dressed as famous artist Bob Ross, Brock Nelson, of Ute, looks like he is ready to paint a fall landscape at Yellow Smoke Park.