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## Planning for the future Garcia settles in as city manager

BY DAN MUNDT

“So far, so good,” said Jessica Garcia of her new role as Denison city manager.

Garcia, who gave up her position on the Denison City Council and as the director of the Denison Campus of Western Iowa Tech Community College to take the city manager job in September, said she has gained a better appreciation of the roles played by the other employees at city hall.

“On (the city) council, we rely on the city clerk, the city manager to give us the information to make informed decisions,” Garcia said. “Now, being on the other side of that coin has definitely been a learning experience.”

As an example, she noted that City Clerk Jodie Flaherty has to prepare a variety of reports that have to be approved by the city council and filed by December 1.

“We always saw those reports, but now seeing on the back end what it takes to get those reports done; all the documentation, all the process-following, all the things that go into each and every one of those reports, definitely gives you respect for what people do in the roles that they serve,” she said.

Garcia has been able to lean on the other city employees as she learns the ropes of her new job.

“Everybody has been great,” she said. “At city hall, and at the city in general, we have a wonderful group of people. There’s going to be a transition time when they’re going to learn my expectations, and I’ll be learning what they need from me in order to do their jobs. But they have been more than welcoming, more than helpful in my transition into this role.”

She said she appreciates that the city council approved for Flaherty and Denison Fire Chief Cory Snowgren to assist her with cleaning up projects

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## Mary Poppins flies in this weekend

Production involves students and community members



PHOTO BY RHONDA RAUCH

Beth Vogt as Mary Poppins, center, applies for the position of nanny with Chloe Koch and Cody Schulte, as Winifred and George Banks, during rehearsals for “Mary Poppins,” the community musical that will be performed this weekend.

BY DAN MUNDT

“It seems like October always just disappears and all of a sudden you’re at Halloween,” said Laurel Olsen, language arts instructor at Denison High School (DHS).

She and DHS vocal teacher Kandice Thompson are co-directing this year’s community musical production of

“Mary Poppins,” which will take the stage this weekend.

“Everyone’s been working very hard, and now we’ve been working on getting all of the extra pieces put in,” Olsen said. “Most of the acting, learning the words and music, was all done by about the beginning of October. The last

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## Municipal and school board elections on Tuesday

BY GORDON WOLF

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, for the municipal and school board elections in Crawford County.

No challenged seats are on the ballots in Denison.

In the municipal election, Pam Soseman is running for re-election

as mayor, and Greg Miller and John Granzen are running for re-election to the Council Member at Large and Ward 2 city council seats, respectively. Jennifer Zupp-Smith is running to serve the remainder of a vacant Council Member at Large seat. She had been appointed to that seat last month.

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## The auction items are in; now it’s up to the bidding 30th annual Rotary Charity Auction this Sunday

BY GORDON WOLF

This Sunday’s Denison Rotary Charity Auction – the 30th annual – promises good food, fellowship and an entertaining auction.

And whether writing down bids for the silent auction items or raising hands during the live auction, or both, the end recipient of this activity is the community.

Each year the Denison Rotary Club uses proceeds from the auction to support community projects and give college scholarships to students.

In the past 29 years, the Rotary Club has reinvested nearly \$1 million in auction proceeds back into the community.

This year’s auction will feature some unique items, the result of an effort to make the 30th annual auction an extra special one.

For example, in the past the auction has featured tickets to attend men’s college basketball games, and this auction will still have a number of those, said Don Luensmann, a member of the auction committee.

This year the auction offers a package of four tickets to attend an Iowa women’s basketball game featuring Caitlin Clark, the reigning National Player of the Year, who was just unanimously selected as a Preseason All-American by the Associated Press. Choices of games to attend are November 16 versus Kansas State and

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PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Mary Hargens (left) will host a 50th anniversary celebration of her business, Don’s Inc., on Friday and Saturday. At right is Joan Sessions, widow of Don Sessions, who founded Don’s Inc. in 1973.

## A landmark in time for a timeless business

Mary Hargens celebrates the 50th anniversary of Don’s Inc.

BY GORDON WOLF

Jewelry is a timeless gift, and no one knows that better than the person who will be hosting a landmark anniversary celebration this Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4.

Mary Hargens is inviting the public to the 50th anniversary of her jewelry and gift store, Don’s Inc., located in the Laub Block building in uptown Denison, at the corner of Broadway and Main Street.

Of course, the 50 years does not all belong to Mary. The name, Don’s Inc., comes from Don Sessions who started the business in 1973. Mary has owned the business for 32 years, since 1991, but she has worked at Don’s Inc. for nearly all of the 50 years.

The path to the founding of Don’s Inc. in 1973 starts back in the 1940s when Don was in the Navy during World War II for six years.

“He thought when he got out, he would either like to be a mortician or a jeweler,” said his widow, Joan Sessions.

“What a stretch.”

Don went to a watchmaker college in Chicago, and then worked for other jewelers before he opened his own business called Sessions Jewelry, in Council Bluffs.

“He struggled and finally just had to close the store,” said Joan.

A move from Council Bluffs to Denison was initiated by a man who knew both the owner of Roscoe’s Jewelry in Denison and Don.


“One time, when he came through Council Bluffs, he mentioned to Don that Roscoe’s Jewelry was looking for a watchmaker and encouraged Don to check out the job opening,” Joan explained.

Don checked it out and was hired, and Don, Joan and their three children moved to Denison in 1962.

Don worked for Roscoe’s for a time and then heard that Howard Kelly

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## Pella supports Crawford County Wellness Center project with \$25,000 donation

BY GORDON WOLF

The Crawford County Wellness Center project received a \$25,000 boost on Tuesday from the Pella Corporation.

The donation adds to funds that have climbed to more than 70% of the fundraising goal.

We are grateful for the opportunity," said Dustin Katje, manager of the Pella site in Carroll. "Part of Pella's mission is to be able to support and give back to communities where not just our sites are located but also where our team members reside. We care about their lives outside of work, too.

"We have several team members who commute to every day Carroll to work at Pella. We couldn't be successful

without them and their support," Katje added. "We're glad to be able to support the Denison Community."

The \$25,000 came from the Pella Rolscreen Foundation through an application process. Each Pella site chooses a project for a Rolscreen Foundation grant, and together they are prioritized for funding.

The application for the Crawford County Wellness Center project was submitted by Denison City Manager Jessica Garcia with assistance from Yuliana Rivas, bilingual training coordinator at Pella in Carroll.

"The contribution by Pella speaks volumes," said Tim Stuart, chairperson of the Crawford County Wellness

Center Ad Hoc Committee. "When they look at the project and look at employees who live in Crawford County, they see the value. It speaks volumes as it relates to the project and how they see the benefit to their employees who live here."

Stuart said the committee is pursuing additional grants.

"We also have some significant opportunities with those who are interested in the project and are trying to decide what they want to do," he said. "It's a good time of the year for folks to make that consideration, as we near the end of the year."

Contributions to the project are tax deductible.

Stuart said the timeline for the project is to start significant construction in the spring of 2024 and have the facility open at the end of 2025.

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Officials from the Pella plant in Carroll and representatives of the Crawford County Wellness Center Committee gathered Tuesday afternoon at the site for the wellness center to recognize Pella's \$25,000 donation to the project. From left are KR Buck, Crawford County Wellness Committee; Yuliana Rivas, bilingual training coordinator at Pella in Carroll; Dustin Katje, plant manager with Pella in Carroll; Tim Stuart, wellness center committee chairperson; Jessica Garcia, Denison City Manager and wellness committee member; Jeff Heuton, human resources manager with Pella in Carroll; and Denison Mayor Pam Soseman, wellness committee member.

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## Garcia wants to take a look at Denison's capital improvement plan

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that needed to be wrapped up or were just getting started when she took over the city manager position.

"That has been a blessing – having those two there with their experience and their knowledge has been great," Garcia said. "I'm very thankful for that."

Her time as a council member helped her better understand what the current members of the council expect from her as city manager.

"Knowing what they need, what to bring to city council meetings and making sure things are fully prepared before bringing them, I think helps with efficiency," she said.

Starting her new job with already-established relationships with the members of the city council has also helped ease Garcia into her new role.

"We had all of that time to get to know each other and develop respect for each other," Garcia said. "We understand where each other stands in what we're looking for in the future of Denison and the goals of what we want to see happening has been very helpful in this transition."

Garcia said her adjustment period felt a little bit like jumping onto a treadmill that was already running at high speed.

"I feel like it started at speed eight when I walked into city hall because there was so much happening," she said. "I think as I get my bearings and I'm able to learn and prioritize where my role falls in each of the projects and each of the things we're doing with the city, I think I'll definitely be able to be more efficient and pick up speed on things that need to be taken care of."

Moving the proposed wellness center forward, enacting a plan for street and sidewalk repair, and ramping up code enforcement are areas she plans to push, Garcia said.

Helping grow the community in other ways will also be a priority.

"We've been having some conversations with developers – either the housing or the business side – to try to find a way to enhance housing and entice businesses to come to Denison," she said. "We also recently completed the application to be a RAGBRAI host town, so hopefully we'll be able to bring that here in the summer of '24."

She pointed out that every city

department is currently working on a project, and part of her job will be to make sure those efforts remain organized and continue to move forward.

"And we have to plan for what's next," she said. "One thing that has come about in this position over the last month and a half that I've been there is realizing that we need to be, obviously, taking care of the day-to-day operations, but we need to be really looking forward to the next five to ten years to see what that looks like for the City of Denison."

Another priority is reworking Washington Park and developing a plan for all the city's parks.

"We need kind of a master plan of everything we have going on across the city," Garcia said.

The master plan could include a new look at the city's capital improvement plan.

"A lot of things we could maybe take care of in an annual budget cycle with planning and preventative maintenance and building inspections and things like that," she said. "We really need to revamp that capital improvement plan to include things that are anywhere from five to 10 years out so we can plan with the taxpayer money and hopefully be able to sit in a position where we're not increasing taxes, where we're able to be more efficient with the moneys that we do have coming in."

She has concerns that the Iowa Legislature will enact new rollbacks that will make tax levy funds unpredictable, which will make budgeting difficult.

"We're just trying to plan as far out as we can and make sure that our budgets are meeting the needs," she said.

Garcia said she is still glad that she took the job as city manager.

"There have been a couple times when I thought, 'Oh, what did I do? What did I get myself into?'" she said.

Her interactions with others at city hall, and community members, helped ease those fears, she said.

"Living in Denison my whole life, one thing I've honestly always admired about this community is that when we need something, we come together, whether it's through volunteers or people stepping up," Garcia said. "That is one thing to be boastful about with small-town living – but also I think our community is one of the best when it comes to working together."

## ELECTIONS,

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For the Denison School Board, Derek Lambert and Mike Schrum are running for the two available seats. Lambert already serves on the school board.

For a list of all candidates, see the online version of this story.

Following are the precinct polling locations.

**Charter Oak:** Charter Oak Community Building; includes city of Charter Oak and the Charter Oak, Hanover and Willow townships

**DCAB:** Brasel Building in Dow City; includes cities of Dow City, Buck Grove and Arion, and the Boyer, Paradise, Union and Washington townships

**Denison:** Boulders Conference Center; includes all Denison wards and the Denison and Goodrich townships

**Northeast:** Vail Community Room; includes cities of Deloit, Vail and Westside, and the Jackson, Milford, Stockholm and Westside townships

**Southeast:** Manilla Fire Station; includes the cities of Aspinwall and Manilla, and the East Boyer, Hayes, Iowa and Nishnabotna townships

**SRK:** Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig; includes the cities of Kiron, Ricketts and Schleswig, and the Morgan, Otter Creek and Soldier townships.

## Public invited to Crawford County Community Foundation's "Gathering for Good"

The Crawford County community is invited to "Gathering for Good," an event hosted by the Crawford County Community Foundation.

The free event will be from noon-1:30 p.m. November 10 at the Yellow Smoke Lookout Shelter.

Guests will be able to learn about the community foundation and its work supporting community initiatives; meet the foundation's staff, local board members and nonprofit partners; and learn how they can engage with the foundation to make an impact in Crawford County.

Food and refreshments will be served.

"Community is the heart of everything we do at the Crawford County Community Foundation, so we are excited to share our work with our neighbors at our Gathering for Good event," said Sunni Kamp, director of the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa. "We encourage anyone interested in philanthropy or learning about ways to give back to the community to join us."

Guests are asked to register for the event at [swiowafoundations.org](http://swiowafoundations.org).

Established in 2005, the Crawford County Community Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life in Crawford County by supporting community needs in the areas of civic engagement, culture, health, education, and social services.

The Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa serve to benefit the communities and residents of nine counties in Southwest Iowa: Audubon, Cass, Crawford, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page and Shelby Counties. With generous donations from fundholders, they support organizations working to improve the quality of life in each county.

The Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa receive funds each year from the State of Iowa County Endowment Fund Program. These funds are distributed via grants to support the needs and opportunities in the areas of arts and culture, education, environment, health, human services, and historic preservation.

## Funeral Notices

### Richard "Dick" Frank

Funeral services for Richard "Dick" Frank, 91, of Denison, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, November 2, at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison with burial at the Morgan Cemetery in Schleswig.

The Huebner Funeral Home in Denison was in charge of arrangements.

He passed away Sunday, October 29, at Gracewell in Denison.

Survivors include his wife, Hilda Frank, of Denison; close family friend, Louise Galbraith, of Denison; nephew, Kevin and his wife Leigh Frank, of Danbury; niece, Lynell and her husband Rodney Hodgson, of LeMars; and other relatives and many friends.



### Dr. Ronald Dreyer

Celebration of Life for 76-year-old Dr. Ronald Dreyer, 76, of Denison, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, November 6, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

Visitation with family greeting friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, November 5, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

He passed away Monday, October 30, at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha.

Survivors include his wife, Jeri Dreyer, of Denison; son, Brent Dreyer, of Ankeny; daughter, Jessica and her husband Chad Burk, of Ida Grove; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services are entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.



### Pat Hawley

Memorial services for Pat Hawley, 86, of Denison, were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, November 2, at Grace Free Church in Denison.

She passed away Monday, October 30, at Gracewell in Denison.

Survivors include her children, Janelle and her husband, Bill Patterson, of Florida, Greg Hawley and his wife, Pamela, of Denison, and Erica and her husband, Tom Wagner, of Nebraska; one granddaughter; a sister, Sue Frank, of Lake View; and many other relatives and friends. Services are entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



### Jack Smith, Jr.

Services for Jack Smith, Jr., 48, of Denison will be conducted at a later date. Honoring Jack's wishes, he will be cremated.

He passed away Monday, October 30 at his home in Denison.

Survivors include two daughters, Jessica Smith and Jennifer Smith, both of Nebraska; parents, Jack Sr. and Charlotte Smith, of Manilla; siblings, Tina Smith, of Council Bluffs, Jason (Julie) Smith, of Sheldon, Brenda (Mike) Borosko, of Manilla, Donis (Mike) Bosworth, of Texas, Joshua Smith, of Carroll, Jacob (Allie) Smith, of Manilla, and Kelsie Smith, of Manilla; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services are entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



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# Local Calendar

**FRIDAY**  
NOVEMBER 3, 2023

**Community musical "Mary Poppins,"** 7 p.m. at Denison High School Fine Arts Center.

**SATURDAY**  
NOVEMBER 4, 2023

**Dad's Belgian Waffles** provided by Ninus L. Hunt VFW Post 2504 and American Legion Post 8, 8-11 a.m. with Quilts of Valor presentation at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center on South Main Street in Denison. Freewill offerings will be taken, with the proceeds to go to the Crawford County Wellness Center project.

**Stories & Cuentos,** Norelius Community Library, 10-11 a.m. Designed for families, this storytime will be filled with songs, rhymes and stories in both English and Spanish, followed by a craft or other activity.

**Benefit fundraiser for Cari and Cody** who were seriously injured by a drunk driver. Meal beginning at 5 p.m. and auction from 6:30 to 8:30 at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Earling. Call 712-269-4963, 712-310-4693, or 712-789-2819 for information or to make a donation.

**Community musical "Mary Poppins,"** 7 p.m. at Denison High School Fine Arts Center.

**SUNDAY**  
NOVEMBER 5, 2023

**Bingo in Deloit** at the Community Hall from 1 to 4 p.m. Doors open at noon. Everyone is welcome.

**Community musical "Mary Poppins,"** 2 p.m. at Denison High School Fine Arts Center.

Submit events at [denisonfreepress.com](http://denisonfreepress.com)

**Harvest Dinner at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Schleswig,** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Turkey with mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, corn, salad and desserts. Freewill donation proceeds will go to mission projects. Call 712-676-2235 for delivery.

**TUESDAY**  
NOVEMBER 7, 2023

**Color Me Calm,** Norelius Community Library, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. A relaxing coloring session. For ages 19 and up.

**Family & Teen Coloring,** Norelius Community Library, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Families and teens will meet in the Children's Library for a fun time of coloring and crafts from the Maker Table. For ages 6 to 11.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY**  
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

**Read & Play,** Norelius Community Library, 10-11 a.m. This is a shorter story session designed for those who can't quite sit still yet.

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

**THURSDAY**  
NOVEMBER 9, 2023

**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.

## Denison Kiwanis Club Lottery winners

Following are the winners in the first Denison Kiwanis Club Lottery drawing for the 2023-2024 program year. Each winner receives \$25.

Ten Point Construction, Denison; Denison Drywall, Denison; Patti Bekkerus, Denison; Joe Listopad, Denison; Oak Ridge Cobblestone Inn & Suites, Denison; Cherith Thelen, Denison; Stephanie Harden, Council Bluffs; Louis Scheuring, Defiance; Gavin Schmadeke, Denison; Mary Kay Campbell, Denison; Verlins

P&H, Westside; United Bank of Iowa, Denison; Andersen's Ethanol, Denison; Theresa Anderson, Deloit; Janice Nemitz, Denison; Rex Garside, Denison; Lynn Brown, Nepl Real Estate, Denison; Bank Iowa, Denison

The last drawing for the year will be July 31.

Those who want to purchase a number for the new program year can contact Larry Struck at 712-267-4380 or email [las9@mac.com](mailto:las9@mac.com).

## ISU EXTENSION NEWS

### Calendar

#### • Wednesday, November 8

Iowa State University and Outreach Crawford County office will host an Ornamental and Turfgrass Applicators Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is 35 South Main Street, Denison. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45. To obtain additional information about the course, contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Crawford County office at 712-263-4697.

## Ten veterans to be honored at waffle breakfast on Saturday

BY GORDON WOLF

A special part of a waffle breakfast this Saturday, November 4, will be a Quilts of Valor presentation to 10 veterans.

The waffle breakfast is from 8 to 11 a.m. The Quilts of Valor ceremony will take place at 9:30 a.m.

Following are the veterans and their branch of service.

- Steve Bohm, U.S. Navy
- Rex Garside, U.S. Air Force
- John Giovannetti, U.S. Army
- Alan Johnson, U.S. Navy
- Earl D. Luft, U.S. Army
- Edwin Jepsen, U.S. Army
- James Polzin, U.S. Navy
- Francis Zimmer, U.S. Air Force
- Ron Quandt, U.S. Army
- William Wohlers, U.S. Air Force

Ann Crawford will present the Quilts of Valor recipients to the audience. Neila Arnold and her brothers, Edward Arnold and Merlin Arnold, will present a Quilt of Valor quilt to each veteran.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation was started in 2003 by Catherine Roberts, whose son, Nat, was deployed in Iraq.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

The Dad's Belgian Waffles breakfast is an event of Ninus L. Hunt VFW Post 2504 and American Legion Post 8, with assistance from Thrivent, the Denison Kiwanis Club and Monogram Foods.

It will take place at the Senior Citizens Center on South Main Street in Denison. It is an all-you-can eat breakfast that will also have bacon and beverages.

Freewill offerings will be taken, with the proceeds to go to the Crawford County Wellness Center project.

## Asbestos removal at gym building



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Workers remove asbestos that is in the window sealant at the Broadway Elementary gym building. The windows had been removed last week.



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## NORELIUS COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

### Denison Library Friends to meet

The Denison Library Friends will meet Monday, November 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the Norelius Community Library meeting room. The agenda includes the recycled Christmas, book, and bake sale on November 17 and 18, nominations and voting for board seats, and the library director's report. The public is invited to attend.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the Norelius Community Library.

### Mall walking for Trick or Treat

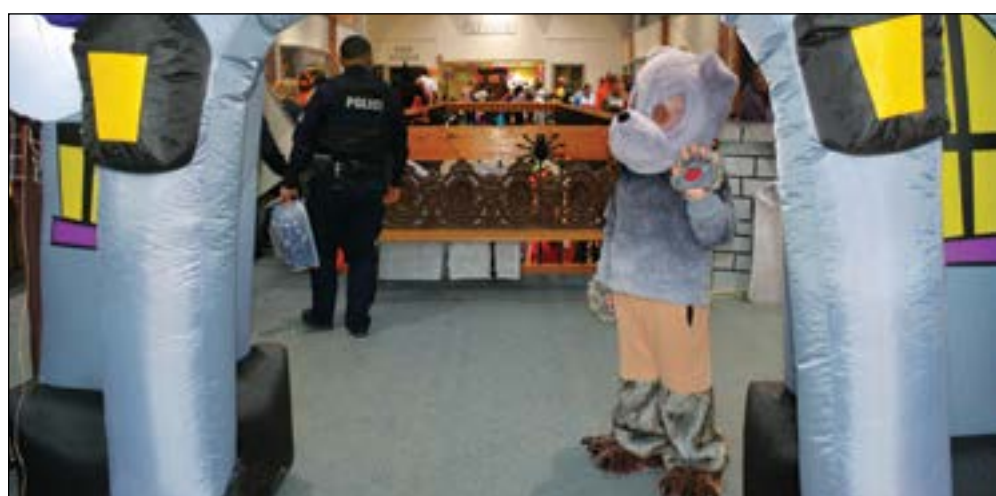


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Another event relocated due to cold weather was Día de los Muertos/ Halloween Trick or Treat, originally scheduled to be at Washington Park. Instead, kids and adults took a circuitous route around the main and lower floors of the Broadway & Main Mall. Among those stopping for treats was this Ninja Turtle - Enzo Martens, of Denison. He is followed by his father holding a baby ninja named Arlo.



Samantha and Orlando Zamago, dressed as Brittany Spears and an astronaut, handed out candy from their station on this bench. Their blue-haired guests are Charlotte (in front) and Samantha Baier, of Denison.



A friendly dog greets visitors to Trick or Treat at the mall.



The walkways at the Broadway & Main Mall were filled with people walking from station to station to fill up on treats. Scary inflatables added atmosphere to the lower level.



RaShun Peterson, owner of Braids Galore in Denison, adorned her hair with something unusual but self-explanatory for Trick or Treat. Behind her are her husband, John, and their daughter, Gemma.



Alma Puga with LULAC Denison puts the finishing touches on LULAC's booth in the mall.

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# 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Denison Rotary Club Charity Auction, Dinner & Raffle!

Sunday, November 5th at Boulders Event Center in Denison

Doors open at 4:30 PM - Start of Silent Auction and Meal | Live Auction starts at 5:30 PM

Meal to be catered by Denison Hy-Vee. Tickets for the auction, dinner and raffle are \$25. Available from any Rotary Club Member.

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- S1 \$50 Walmart gift card (Denison Care Center); Oil Change certificate (Motor Inn, Carroll)  
S2 Pet Care basket with pet care products including exam, bath, and nail trim (Lincoln Highway Animal Hospital)  
S3 Iowa State hooded sweatshirt - unisex Size XL (can be exchanged for a similar item in a different size) (Reynolds Clothing); \$20 Gift Card to The Cottage (The Cottage); Matrix Mega Sleek Shampoo and Conditioner (Dorothy's Hairstyling)  
S4 Free 8-piece chicken (Denison Pizza Ranch); \$25 Family Table gift card (Family Table); One month pass with trainer at Anytime Fitness (Anytime Fitness)  
S5 Gift basket (Hair Studio); \$50 Star Convenience gift card (Star Convenience)  
S6 \$50 Casey's gift card (Casey's); Two car wash tokens (Power Wash); Two Crawford County Arts season passes (Denison Rotary Club)  
S7 One large pizza gift certificate (Pizza Ranch); \$50 Bella Sera gift certificate (Bella Sera Restaurant); Two Power Wash car wash tokens (Power Wash)  
S8 Special gift certificate for food and events at the 2024 Crawford County Fair (Crawford County Fair Board); \$25 Subway gift card (Denison Rotary Club); Free night's stay at the historic Park Hotel (Park Hotel)  
S9 \$60 Pit Stop Auto Wash Gift Card (Pit Stop Auto Wash); Oil change certificate (Motor Inn, Carroll); Wellness Screening certificate (Crawford County Memorial Hospital); \$20 gift certificate at CCMH Gift Shop (CCMH)  
S10 Two movie passes to Crawford County Cinema 4 (Denison Rotary Club); One ice cream cake (Dairy Queen); University of Iowa hooded sweatshirt – unisex size XL (can be exchanged for similar item in a different size) (Reynolds Clothing)  
S11 Omaha Storm Chasers – 2 vouchers for 2 baseline box seats for a 2023 home game (Omaha Storm Chasers); One ice cream cake certificate (Dairy Queen); \$50 Bella Sera gift certificate (Bella Sera restaurant)  
S12 55-piece Tool Set with Toolbox and \$25 Do It Best gift card (Farm Bureau Financial Services - Angela Stein)  
S13 \$25 gift certificate at B&D Grill (The Pub); \$25 Cronk's Gift Certificate and GCC Concrete hat (GCC Concrete); One ice cream cake certificate (Dairy Queen); Monarch Sweatshirt – size 2XL (Male Room)  
S14 Two Day passes to the Durham Museum (Durham Museum, Omaha); One ice cream cake (Dairy Queen); Wellness Screening certificate (Crawford County Memorial Hospital); \$25 gift certificate (The Good Samaritan Center Thrift Shop)  
S15 \$25 Gift Card (El Jimador); One ice cream cake certificate (Dairy Queen); \$25 Bake Shop Gift Certificate (WESCO); Gift Certificate for 4-STEP Lawn Care Program (Aspinwall Co-op)  
S16 Two large pizzas (Ettleman's, Dow City); Two car wash tokens (Power Wash); Certificate for \$50 Off Any Service (Quality Truck Service & Tire Shop)  
S17 One ice cream cake certificate (Dairy Queen); Pizza Ranch Large pizza gift certificate (Pizza Ranch); Wellness Screening certificate (Crawford County Memorial Hospital)  
S18 Three Plants and a Sign (The Boutique); \$50 certificate toward window coverings (Bierl's Carpet One Floor & Home, Carroll); Two movie passes to Crawford County Cinema 4 (Crawford County Cinema 4)  
S19 One ice cream cake certificate (Dairy Queen); Medium one topping pizza gift certificate (Breadeaux); Five-car wash tokens (Power Wash); \$25 Sister Sweets gift certificate (Sister Sweets)  
S20 Ten Pilates mat classes and 1-private equipment session (Erinn Ahart); One-hour session of Ortho Biomechanics (Paula Cross); Paul Mitchell product basket (Hair Designers); \$20 Gift Certificate to CCMH Gift Shop (CCMH)

## LIVE AUCTION PACKAGES

- L1 A Christmas Party – Catered Christmas party for up to twenty-five people (Staley's Food Service) at the Donna Reed Theatre, subject to availability (Donna Reed Foundation) with \$200 toward beverages (WESCO Industries)  
L2 Let's Go Fishin' – 1-Day Guided Fishing Trip for 2 people to Lake View or Storm Lake – includes boat, bait, lodging, all meals, professional fish cleaning & packaging – does not include fishing license (Kurt Miller, KR Buck and Ten Point Construction)  
L3 Omaha Getaway – \$195 Gift Card to Omaha Henry Doorley Zoo (Pauley Jones Funeral Home) and 2 Tickets to December 10th Performance of MacMaster & Leahy @ Holland Performing Arts Center @ Kiewit Concert Hall (Omaha Performing Arts)  
L4 Hoop It Up – Two tickets to each game - November 12th Idaho State and February 17th Texas Tech vs Iowa State men's basketball game (Jay Ford); TJ Otzelberger Autographed Basketball (Crawford County ISU Extension); and \$75 cash for food and fun! (Denison Rotary Club)  
L5 Most Valuable Resources – Ten 2000-gallon water certificates (Denison Municipal Utilities)  
L6 "Remember Me" – Sterling Silver Fingerprint Classic Pendant with 20" Box Chain included, with optional 2 lines of engraving (Huebner Funeral Home)  
L7 Ready! Aim! Fire! – One-year shooting range membership plus TAC-22LR Ammunition (500 cartridges) - (BW Outfitters)  
L8 Snail Mail & Luscious Lawns – Concrete Mail Box (Petersen Manufacturing); Gift Certificate for 4-STEP Lawn Care Program (Aspinwall Coop)  
L9 Women's Basketball – Iowa vs Iowa State – Four Tickets to Women's Basketball Iowa State versus Iowa (Caitlin Clark) on Wednesday December 6 at 6:00 pm in Ames. The tickets are digital and will be transferred to the winning bidder after the auction. (Steve and Kathy Brownmiller); \$75 cash (Denison Rotary Club)  
L10 Chicks Dig Fat Guys - \$100 Gift Card to Fat Guys Pub & Grub in Auburn, Iowa – Axe Throwing & Drinks (Eventide); \$100 Cash (Denison Rotary Club)  
L11 A Sweet Farewell – Three homemade pies – sold separately - in her FINAL year (Darlene Wells)  
L12 Smoky Flavor Grilling – Green Mountain Trek Pellet Grill (Volkert Enterprises – Gary Volkert and Edward Jones – Joe Ferguson)  
L13 The Good Stuff – Stenciled Templeton Rye Whiskey Barrel Top - Autographed by Keith Kerkhoff with Four Collectible "Ten Year Bottle" Glasses (Keith Kerkhoff)  
L14 Basket of Your Choice – (1) Basket of Goodies for her including Victoria Secret products, Scentys candle and more! (Zupp & Zupp Law Firm – Jennifer and Jessica Zupp); Wine and liquor basket with fine wines, liqueur, and whiskey! (Providence Inn – Kristi Zenk); (2) Basket of Crown Royal whiskey in three flavors and a gift certificate to The Getaway in Vail (The Getaway); (3) Cooler of beer with wine and Black Velvet whiskey (Kyle Schultz & Hoegemeyer Seeds); (4) Basket full of hair and beauty products (Thea Heiden and Jean Hayden); (5) Cattleman's BBQ basket with the tools, the spices, and a \$150 certificate from Vintage Beef along with t-shirts and toys (Ty Rosburg and Rosburg Livestock); (6) Horseback Ride for four on & around farm in Manilla (Muhlbauser Farms – Dave Muhlbauser); (7) Wine & Spirits – Pizza & Koozies (Segebart Chiropractic); (8) Basket of Wine (Rustic River Winery)  
L15 Dining with Your Friends – Catered Prime Rib dinner with wine service for 10 people prepared by Mark Henkel (Hy-Vee)  
L16 Hang it Here – Entry Way Hall Tree Coat Rack with Shelves (Feller Furniture)  
L17 Tailgate Special – Wine Basket (Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits); \$100 Gift Certificate to Garrett Land & Cattle (Garrett Land & Cattle); Ray-Ban Sunglasses with case (Family Eye Care)  
L18 Everything BBQ & Bacon and DENISON MUSTARD – One certificate for 30 lbs. of bacon

- S21 \$100 Cronk's gift certificate (Ramon Patino); Four Crawford County Cinema 4 movie passes (Crawford County Cinema 4); Gift Certificate for a 5 qt. oil change (Quality Truck Service & Tire Shop)  
S22 Wellness screening gift certificate (Crawford County Memorial Hospital); \$50 Star Convenience Store gift card (Star Convenience)  
S23 \$20 CCMH Gift Shop gift certificate (CCMH Gift Shop); One-month membership with trainer gift certificate (Anytime Fitness); Wellness screening gift certificate (Crawford County Memorial Hospital); \$50 Bella Sera gift certificate (Bella Sera restaurant)  
S24 Gift basket with Paul Mitchell products (Rock'N Hair – Raquel Mumm and Sunshine Styles – Pat Rothe); Three month subscription to the Denison Bulletin-Review (Lee Enterprises); Pizza Ranch certificate for free 8-piece chicken (Pizza Ranch)  
S25 \$25 gift certificate (The Good Samaritan Thrift Shop); \$30 ID Apparel gift certificate (ID Apparel); Scentys Basket (Michelle Turin)  
S26 \$25 Sister Sweets gift certificate (Sister Sweets); Four Crawford County Cinema 4 movie passes (Denison Rotary Club); \$25 Good Samaritan Center Thrift Shop gift certificate (Good Samaritan Center Thrift Shop); Punch card for Ten Games of Bowling (Lucky Lanes)  
S27 Ertl X9 1100 John Deere Prestige Collection toy combine (Van Wall Equipment); \$30 gift certificate (Prime Times Lounge)  
S28 \$50 gift certificate for service or toward tires (V&H Tire); Car Wash & Wax Products (Arnold Motor Supply); Two Power Wash tokens (Power Wash)  
S29 \$25 gift certificate (B&D's Grill); \$25 gift card (Crawford County Chamber & Development Council); Wellness Screening certificate (Crawford County Memorial Hospital); Toyota bag and BBQ Set, sunglasses and insulated tumbler (Dave's Daily Deals – Dave Bremer)  
S30 One ice cream cake certificate (Dairy Queen); \$25 gift certificate to Just One More (Just One More); One month pass with trainer at Anytime Fitness (Anytime Fitness)  
S31 Four Crawford County Cinema 4 movie passes (Denison Rotary Club); \$25 Good Samaritan Center Thrift Shop gift certificate (Good Samaritan Center Thrift Shop); Wellness Screening certificate (Crawford County Memorial Hospital); \$25 Cronk's gift certificate and GCC Concrete hat (GCC Concrete)  
S32 Wellness Screening certificate (Crawford County Memorial Hospital); One dozen Titleist Pro-V1 golf balls and Deluxe OG01 Bolt Pack backpack (FNIC); \$50 gift certificate to El Rey Mexican Market (El Rey Mexican Market)  
S33 BBQ Fest gift basket (Tri-City BBQ Fest); \$25 CDC Gift Card (Chamber and Development Council of Crawford County); \$25 gift certificate (Good Samaritan Center Thrift Shop)  
S34 Three month pass to the Denison Aquatic Fun Center (Denison Aquatic Fun Center); Punch Card for 10 Games of Bowling (Lucky Lanes); Ice cream cake (Dairy Queen); Nice set of His & Hers embroidered bath robes, Denison Monarchs gift set including a t-shirt, sweatshirt and more, and a set of holiday kitchen towels. (Patti's Stitches)  
S35 One ice cream cake gift certificate (Dairy Queen); \$25 Cronk's gift certificate and GCC Concrete hat (GCC Concrete); Two movie passes to Crawford County Cinema 4 (Denison Rotary Club)  
S36 Four movie passes to Crawford County Cinema 4 (Denison Rotary Club); Soft sided cooler with golf balls and tees (St. Croix Hospice); \$25 CDC Gift Card (Chamber & Development Council)  
S37 Four movie passes to Crawford County Cinema 4 (Crawford County Cinema 4); One ice cream cake certificate (Dairy Queen); \$25 CDC Gift Card (Chamber &

- Development Council); \$20 gift card (Splash/Jethro's, Des Moines)  
S38 \$50 gift card, tanning lotion & goggles (Hair It Is!); Two Yeti 30-ounce tumblers (Bomgaars); Free large pizza gift certificate to Pizza Ranch (Pizza Ranch)  
S39 \$50 gift certificate from Trista Curnyn, \$30 gift certificate from Emily Fink and Supreme Styling Tools Curling Iron (Simply Chic - Trista Curnyn); Free 8-piece chicken (Denison Pizza Ranch)  
S40 \$25 Cronk's gift certificate and GCC Concrete hat (GCC Concrete); \$25 Casey's gift card (Denison Rotary Club); Five car wash tokens (Power Wash)  
S41 Bluetooth Portable Boom Box (Steren Electronics); 1 Tb portable storage and \$50 gift certificate (Computer MD); Pizza Ranch two adult buffet certificates (Pizza Ranch)  
S42 Custom made cutting board (Denison Job Corp); Two \$50 gift certificate to the Odebolt Bowling Alley (Odebolt Bowling Alley)  
S43 \$25 gift certificate to Cronk's and GCC Concrete hat (GCC Concrete); \$25 gift certificate to Good Samaritan Center Thrift Shop; \$25 Casey's gift card (Denison Rotary Club)  
S44 One-hour session of Ortho Biomechanics (Paula Cross); Wellness Screening certificate (Crawford County Memorial Hospital); \$100 Walmart gift card (Walmart)  
S45 Thirty-One Tote Bag and Magnet Board (Michelle Herring); Candle and two Balms (Totally You Boutique); Certificate for a Medium Pizza (Breadeaux Pizza)  
S46 Auto Detailing Kit (Carquest – Denison Auto Parts); Certificate for a Medium Pizza (Breadeaux Pizza); Two Power Wash certificates (Power Wash)  
S47 A pair of box planters in your choice of tan river rock, gray limestone, or red quartz (Bohmann Concrete) (Pick up at Bohmann Concrete after the auction); Box of meat in a cooler (Smithfield Foods)  
S48 \$100 website certificate (PPP Design); Office organizer (Office Stop, Carroll); Three-month Subscription to Denison Bulletin-Review (Denison Bulletin-Review); 20% off an ad, according to ad size, for 12-months in La Prensa Hispanic newspaper (Lorena Lopez)  
S49 \$25 Cronk's gift certificate and GCC Concrete hat (GCC Concrete); Pizza Ranch two adult buffet gift certificates (Pizza Ranch); Two season passes to the Crawford County Arts series for 2023-24 (Denison Rotary Club)  
S50 Wellness Screening certificate (Crawford County Memorial Hospital); Pizza Ranch two adult buffet gift certificates (Pizza Ranch)  
S51 Pizza Ranch two adult buffet gift certificates (Pizza Ranch); Wellness Screening certificate (Crawford County Memorial Hospital); \$50 gift certificate to Vintage Beef (Vintage Beef)  
S52 A pair box planters in your choice of tan river rock, gray limestone, or red quartz (Bohmann Concrete) (Pick up at Bohmann Concrete after the auction); Box of meat in a cooler (Smithfield Foods)  
S53 A pair box planters in your choice of tan river rock, gray limestone, or red quartz (Bohmann Concrete) (Pick up at Bohmann Concrete after the auction); Box of meat in a cooler (Smithfield Foods)  
S54 Jumpy Monkey Coffee Basket (Crossroads of Crawford County); Car Care Products Basket (NAPA Auto Parts); Pizza Ranch free 8-piece chicken (Pizza Ranch)  
S55 \$10 Gift Certificate to Daily Dose (Daily Dose Coffee Shop); \$25 Family Table gift card (Family Table); \$25 Gift Certificate to Just One More (Just One More)  
S56 Christmas party on any open Sunday, or \$500 off Friday or Saturday rental (Stables at Copper Ridge – Laura Matthews)  
S57 Collectible "Barbie" movie poster and 4 movie passes (Crawford County Cinema 4)  
S58 Exquisite, beautifully handmade sun catchers – set of three (Mike Dudding)

- products (Monogram Food Processors); \$50 Fareway gift card plus DENISON MUSTARD (Fareway Foods); Aussie Easy Street Electric Grill (Western Iowa Power Cooperative)  
L19 Golfing in Denison – 18-holes of golf for 4 with 2 carts (Majestic Hills Golf Course); Wine basket with glasses and one-night stay in any standard King or Queen room at Cobblestone Inn & Suites, Majestic Hills location in Denison (Cobblestone Inn & Suites); and \$100 gift certificate to Majestic Hills Golf Course & Pro Shop (Majestic Hills Pro Shop)  
L20 Treat Her Right – \$100 Gift Certificate to Don's Inc. (Don's Inc.); \$100 Gift Certificate to Studio J (Studio J - Jill Graeve); \$100 Gift Certificate to Thrifty White (Thrifty White)  
L21 Sioux City Special – Four reserved seat tickets to the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra; \$100 cash toward overnight stay and \$50 Star Convenience gas card (Denison Rotary Club)  
L22 Home Improvement – \$500 Gift Certificate toward services (Irlbeck Precision Surfaces, Carroll)  
L23 Trim Your Trees- Stihl MS181C-BE Chain Saw - 10.1 pounds and 2.0 Bhp. Easy to start and quick chain adjuster. (Custom Motorcycle & Vision Care Clinic)  
L24 Pretty Woman – Two Tickets to Pretty Woman the Musical Concert on 4/19/2024 at the Orpheum Theatre in Omaha, NE and a \$100 Gift Card (Crawford County Trust & Savings Bank)  
L25 Grow Where You Are Planted – \$250 tree of choice – planted in Crawford County (Phil's Lawn Landscaping & Nursery)  
L26 Gamblers Anonymous – One-night stay with \$30 food voucher (Lakeside Hotel & Casino) and \$50 Casey's gift card (Casey's)  
L27 Beef...It's what's for Dinner! – \$250 Meat Certificate to Fareway (Pauley Family)  
L28 Case of the Whines – A case of assorted wines (Topko Home Health)  
L29 Business Day Jumpstart – Breakfast for 15 with Jo-To-Go brewed coffee of your choice and cinnamon rolls (Scooters Coffee, Denison); Switch Back 2-Leg 2 Stage Desk 24" x 60" (Stone's Office Supply); \$100 Certificate toward Signage or Marketing (bluespace creative); \$100 Wireless World gift card (Wireless World)  
L30 Salute to Santa Marketing Package – Complete package with fifty :30 radio ads and thirty :15 radio ads PLUS a 30-day full digital package on kdsnradio.com (expires 1/31/2023). Ads will air on both AM and FM stations. (KDSN Radio)  
L31 Family Retreat – Expires 1/14/2024 – (2) Packages Sold separately - @ Mall of America – each package includes 4 Passes to Moose Mountain and 4 Passes to Nickelodeon Universe and 6 Passes to Crayola Experience (KDSN Radio)  
L32 Capital City Getaway - \$80 Splash/Jethro's gift cards (Splash Seafood Bar & Grill/Jethro's, Des Moines); (2) Tickets, for 2 people each, to a Funny Bone Show (Funny Bone Comedy Club); and Blank Park Zoo tickets for (2) Adults and (2) Children (tickets expire on 1/26/2024) (Blank Park Zoo)  
L33 Rock On – \$150 gift certificate to Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Sioux City toward overnight stay and \$100 cash (Denison Rotary Club); Two Bottles of Templeton Rye-the good stuff (Jay & Tracy Mendlik)  
L34 Complete Golf Package - A round of golf for four with carts at the Carroll County Club plus a dozen Titleist ProV-1 golf balls, Michelob Ultra Hat, TCK Comfort Socks, ? Foot Joy Pullover, and Bottle Opener/Blue Tooth Speaker (Auen Distributing)  
L35 Cyclone Outing – Two tickets for four games – ISU men's basketball – Nov. 12th vs Idaho State, Dec. 17th vs Florida A&M, Dec. 21st vs Eastern Illinois, Jan 13, 2024 vs Oklahoma State (Vision Care Clinic) and \$100 cash (Denison Rotary Club)  
L36 Go Sox! – Four tickets to any non-Cubs regular season 2023 game (J.J. Lally)  
L37 Cheer on the Hawks and Caitlin Clark -- The winner will get 4 tickets to either

- the... Thursday, November 16, 2023 game with Kansas State in Iowa City OR Thursday, February 8, 2024 game with Penn State in Iowa City (Doug and Pam Soseman); and \$150 cash (Denison Rotary Club)  
L38 Shop 'til You Drop – Four-minute shopping spree at Denison Fareway (some restrictions apply) (Broadway Dental)  
L39 Bang, Bang & More – Three Annual Family Memberships – sold separately (Crawford County Shooting Sports Association)  
L40 Makeover for Your Home - Certificate for \$200 off the purchase of a new appliance valued over \$650 (Denison Do It Best); Milwaukee M18 Compact Drill & Driver (Rasmussen Lumber); \$75 Bonsall's TV & Appliance gift certificate (Bonsall's)  
L41 Down on the Farm – Fifty-acre custom chemical application (no pastures) with chemicals purchased at Farm Service Co-Op; Four gift certificates each for a 5-quart Oil Change (Quality Truck); \$200 Gift Certificate toward Truck Washes (Silverline Truck Wash)  
L42 "Tailgating" – Hard Cooler, Backpack Cooler, Hot Hands & Mittens and Yard Games (Black Hills Energy) and Ten 5 lb. Bacon Gift Certificates (Monogram Food Processors)  
L43 Go Jaguars!! – Jacksonville Jaguars Football autographed by Brandon Scherff (Bob & Cindy Scherff)  
L44 Smokin' It – Smokin' Brothers 36" Premium Pellet Grill (Vetter Equipment)  
L45 Weekend Getaway – Two nights in a cabin at Yellow Smoke Park (Crawford County Conservation Board); Ranger Solo Stove (Hewes Agency d/b/a Goosehead Insurance); Ten - 5 lb. Bacon Gift Certificates (Monogram Food Processors)  
L46 Golfing to Win – \$150 Top Golf Gift Certificate with logo hat, golf balls, towel and umbrella (Professional Computer Solutions)  
L47 Iowa Hawkeye Basketball – Four tickets to the Iowa vs pre-season #3 Purdue men's basketball game on January 20, 2024 – seats are mid-court (Doug & Pam Soseman) and \$150 cash (Denison Rotary Club)  
L48 Back the Blue and Respect the Red – Two handmade quilts – sold separately. The "Back the Blue" quilt honors the service of our Law Enforcement officers while "Respect the Red" honors our Fire and Rescue volunteers. A great keepsake! (Wise Monkey Quilting)  
L49 Trimming Done Right – Stihl HSA26 Battery Powered Shrub & Garden Shears (Custom Motorcycle)  
L50 Cheer on Your Team! – T3 Metal Cut-Out Signs - sold separately -- (1) Iowa State University or (2) University of Iowa or (3) University of Nebraska (Sullivan Supply)  
L51 Bugs Be Gone! – Residential One Year Annual Pest Control Application for the Fall and Spring and Summer for NEW Customer 2023-2024 (Plunkett's Pest Control – Kelly Koch)  
L52 Hawkeyes Rally! – Signed Cooper DeJean Photo (Doug and Pam Soseman)  
L53 Taking Care of Business – Gift Certificate for up to \$250 for Room Rental (Rotary Room or Lauridsen Room or Tech Room) for Monday thru Thursday at Boulders Event Center (Chris Polley); \$250 Gift Certificate (Western Iowa Networks)  
L54 Taking Care of Your Home – 300 sq. ft. of Living Room and Hallway Cleaning (Pat's Carpet Care & Cleaning); \$50 Gift Certificate (At Home Design); \$100 Tree Service Gift Certificate (Hipnarc Lawn Care – Andy Hipnarc); Large cooler with (2) Hoodies (Concrete Supply); Pull-Out Spray Kitchen Faucet w/Brush - nickel finish (Granzan Plumbing); \$50 Gift certificate toward purchase of Electric Fireplace (Carroll Carpet One)  
L55 Rustic Dining – Prime Rib Dinner for 8 couples – Drinks included @ Rustic Restored early 1900's Barn (Kent & Elkie Lansink)

A special thank you from the Denison Rotary Club to all of the businesses, organizations and individuals who donated their time, items and cash.

## ROTARY AUCTION, FROM PAGE 1

February 28 against Penn State.

Clark is featured in another auction item – four tickets to the December 6 Iowa vs. Iowa State women's basketball game.

Following are some of the other unique items that will be on this year's auction.

A stenciled Templeton Rye whiskey barrel top autographed by Keith Kerkhoff; it comes with four collector "Ten Year Bottle" glasses

A Smokin' Brothers 36-inch premium pellet grill

A Jacksonville Jaguars football autographed by offensive lineman Brandon Scherff, of Denison

Two handmade keepsake quilts from Wise Monkey Quilting; one is "Back the Blue" to honor service of law enforcement officers, and the other is "Respect the Red" to honor fire and rescue volunteers

A horseback ride for four on and around the Muhlbauer farm near Manilla

A prime rib dinner with drinks for eight couples at a rustic, restored early 1900s barn

Also, in honor of the 30th anniversary, will be three drawings for \$300 in cash.

This is in addition to the grand prize – \$1,000 in cash.

"We have 113 different auction packages on the live auction and silent auction," said Luensmann. "We have a wide variety of gift cards and gift certificates for shopping and dining, and a variety of gift baskets."

New this year is the ability for bidders to pay by credit or debit card.

The Denison Rotary Club is focusing on two projects in particular in the next several years – the Crawford County Wellness Center and the career academy at the Western Iowa Tech Community College campus in Denison.

"And we will still have funds remaining to give to community groups for projects and college scholarships for students," Luensmann added.

Having a successful Rotary Auction is a two-part equation.

"We have to have generous donors willing to donate items or cash to have

a successful auction," said Luensmann. "Some of the generous donors were there with the first auction, 30 years ago."

That part of the equation has been fulfilled.

The second part of the equation will manifest itself this Sunday with generous bidders who want to help the Rotary Club contribute to the programs that help the community.

"We try to make sure we operate according to the Rotary motto of Service Above Self," said Luensmann, "and we try to help as many people and projects as we can. And we are oriented toward serving youth. I think the entire county and community benefit from that."

About 5% of the net auction proceeds are used for programs of Rotary International. Some of these are programs to eradicate polio around the globe, support maternal health and provide clean water and sanitation where needed. The 5% amounts to \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Whether or not a person bids this Sunday, they will be helping the Rotary Club's mission through the purchase of the \$25 ticket. As a return, they'll be treated to a great meal catered by Hy-Vee, have chances to participate in a couple of games and to win money, and enjoy an entertaining live auction conducted by the Pauley brothers from Denison Livestock Auction.

"They have been with us from the very beginning and are very entertaining," said Luensmann.

The 32 members of the Denison Rotary Club have worked hard to sell tickets, encourage businesses to donate items or cash and to take care of the details needed for the night of the auction.

But that's not the important part of Sunday night.

"It's not about us," said Luensmann. "It's about reinvesting in our community."

The Denison Rotary Charity Auction will take place at Boulders Conference Center. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m.

For more about this year's auction, see the advertisement in today's edition of The Denison Free Press.

## Townsend celebrates 39 years at Hy-Vee

With the company since age 17



PHOTO BY LORENA LÓPEZ ALTAMIRANO

Bob Townsend and his wife, Roxanne, during the open house event for the Christmas festivities, which took place on October 26 at The Stables at Copper Ridge in Denison.

BY LORENA LÓPEZ ALTAMIRANO

Bob Townsend has worked at Hy-Vee since he was 17 years old.

In October, he celebrated 39 years working for the company in stores around Iowa and outside the state.

Bob, 56, is originally from Storm Lake.

"I still remember that I was in my last year of high school when I applied at the Hy Vee store in Storm Lake; back then, it never crossed my mind that I was applying to build the career of a lifetime," he said. "That's where I started and worked for several years pushing shopping carts, offering customer service, and other occupations."

Bob said that around 1990, he requested a transfer to the Hy-Vee store in Cherokee and moved there to take the job of assistant manager.

Since then, he has worked in different stores and positions for the company.

"In 2012, I was transferred to Denison, where I served as operations manager," he said.

It was then that Bob started

the multicultural aisle with food originating from different Latin American countries.

"I realized the growth in the diversity of people from different Latin American countries that were coming to Denison and the responsibility that I had to meet their demands on products from their countries," he said. "It was then that I began to learn about the different cultures and their needs for products."

Bob said he has never stopped doing research to help meet the needs of his clients.

"Our goal as a store is not only to satisfy the consumption needs of our population, but it is also essential to save money in the pockets of our clientele, which is why in our store we offer savings programs such as Perks, which offers not only savings in the products but also the fuel of our customers' cars," he said.

Since 2019, Bob has served as manager of the Hy-Vee store in Denison.

## LAND TRANSACTIONS

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### Warranty Deeds

• Mike Vogt, Lisa Vogt, Don Vogt, Brian Vogt, Russ Vogt, Beth Vogt, Lana Hansen and Darrell Hansen to Brandon B. Vogt and Mardi P. Vogt: W1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township; NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township; \$425,471.44.

• Escamilla Family Trust, Arthur Dean Escamilla and Linda Rae Escamilla, Trustees to Brandon B. Vogt and Mardi P. Vogt: W1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township; NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township; \$85,094.28.

• Leann Nelson Revocable Trust, Leann Nelson, Trustee to Brandon B. Vogt and Mardi P. Vogt: W1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township; NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 15, Charter Oak Township; \$85,095.28.

• Jose Santos Acosta Guevara and Socorro Mora Acosta to Bianca G. Hernandez Gonzales and Luis A. Zamudio Reyes: Lot 29 and 30, Block 60, City of Denison; \$54,000.

• Richard L. Scheil and Terri J. Scheil to Scheil Family Trust, Richard L. Scheil and Terri J. Scheil, Co-Trustees: NE1/4 Section 21, Westside Township;

SE1/4 Section 21, Westside Township; SW1/4 Section 21, Westside Township; NW1/4 Section 21, Westside Township; NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 21, Westside Township.

• Dennis W. Keairnes and Teresa K. Keairnes to Andrew Polzin and Claire Martin: SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 19, East Boyer Township; \$367,500.

• Kay Ronald McComb Estate, Michael McComb and Sandra Koch Grage, Executors to Tammy Kropf and Jared Kropf: S1/2 SE1/4 Section 25, Milford Township; SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 25, Milford Township; \$325,000.

• Edward J. Graeve and Marilyn Kay Graeve to Napoleon Alcaraz Hernandez and Angelica Acosta Alcaraz: NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 26, Washington Township; \$200,000.

### Quit Claim Deeds

• Steven L. Mathies and Katherine E. Mathies to Steven L. Mathies and Katherine E. Mathies: NE1/4 Section 3, Nishnabotna Township; NW1/4 Section 3, Nishnabotna Township.

• Terisa Nelson, Debra Chapman and Robert Chapman to Timothy Ridgley and Steven Ridgley: Lot 3 and 4, Block 4, Normal School Addition, City of Denison.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

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### SMALL CLAIMS

• Against: Chad William Blair, Vail. In favor of: Dupaco Community Credit Union. Amount: \$2,936.96 plus \$130 costs.

• Against: Clifford James Barnhart, Denison. In favor of: Cavalry SPV I LLC. Amount: \$2,049.49 plus \$95 costs.

• Against: Dale Lee Osheim, Denison. In favor of: AAA Collections Inc. Amount: \$4,798.06 plus \$115 costs.

### SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

• Taya Ann Marie Herrig, Denison, failure to give continuous turn signal. \$112.50.

• Quentin Thomas Brown, Denison, failure to use child restraint device. \$287.88.

• Quentin Thomas Brown, Denison, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult. \$175.75.

• Hilario Garcia Sanchez, Denison, failure to provide proof of financial liability. \$428.75.

• Josue Rosario Quiles, Omaha, NE, operating non-registered vehicle. \$135.50.

• Philip Paul Sharon, Denison, dark window or windshield. \$135.50.

• Jason Vaughn Eyberg, Little Sioux, dark window or windshield. \$135.50.

• Riley Kay Miller, Schleswig, following too close. \$210.25.

• Fnu Syed Fawad Hussain, Houston, TX, improper lane change. \$210.25.

• Anger Deng Jok, Denison, no valid driver's license. \$354.00.

• Anger Deng Jok, Denison, failure to provide proof of financial liability, accident. \$796.75.

• Anger Deng Jok, Denison, failure to yield upon left turn. \$210.25.

• Aiden Jesus Lara Garcia, Schleswig, violation of instruction permit limitation. \$175.75.

• Joan Shirley Fryar, Denison, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way. \$210.25.

• Lindsey Kay Zehner, Dunlap, use electronic communication device, age 18 or above. \$106.75.

• Josue A. Shull Aguilar, Denison, failure to have a valid license or permit for operation of motor vehicle, \$400.00.

• Wayne Lavern Bruck, Defiance, failure to yield entering through highway. \$210.25.

### SPEEDING (11-15 MPH OVER)

• Derrick Ray Hoard, Collins, MO, \$175.75.

• Michael Tommy Detrixhe, Bastrop, TX, \$175.75.

### SPEEDING (6-10 MPH OVER)

• Josue Rosario Quiles, Omaha, NE, \$118.25.

• Miguel Antonio Gonzalez Alfondo, Arion, \$118.25.

• Dale Edward Lammers, Carroll, \$118.25.

• Shawn William Hansen, Dow City, \$118.25.

• Daniel Edward Burkhart, Oto, \$118.25.

• Melita Salinas Henriquez, Denison, \$149.88.

### SPEEDING (1-5 MPH OVER)

• Rudy Thomas Holguin, Denison, \$89.50.

• Angelica Marie Zamago, Deloit, \$89.50.

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# Monarch

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS CROSS COUNTRY

### D-S cross country runners compete at state meet

At the state cross country meet Saturday in Fort Dodge, Lola Mendlik finished 34th with a time of 19:55:00 and Alexa Tremblay finished in 60th place with a time of 20:19:00.

“What a great race day for the Lady Monarch State Cross Country runners. Lola Mendlik and Alexa Tremblay did an absolutely amazing job,” said Nick Bradley, the head cross country coach. “The running conditions were less than ideal this year. This is one of the coldest I remember in the last eight years. However, every runner has to run in the same conditions and compete. Compete is exactly what Lola and Alexa did.”

He added that a great deal of time was spent last week talking through the start of the race, which Bradley said is the toughest part at the state meet.

“Girls get out so fast. If you don’t get out with them, you get stuck in the pack and it becomes very difficult to make passes throughout

the race,” he said.

Mendlik and Tremblay were in box 13 this year, the dead center of the start line, the coach added.

“This was a great place for them to start,” he added. “We were also grouped in with a girl from Spencer and right next to Gilbert. We have competed against these girls throughout the season and knew we needed to start as fast as them in order to put ourselves in position to finish high.”

Mendlik was just outside the top 20 runners after the first mile, and Tremblay was just under 50th place. They pushed and made moves when possible, gave everything they had and had great finishes, Bradley said.

“Lola (Mendlik) is now three for three in making the state tournament,” he added. “She has one more year to make it four for four. This is very difficult to accomplish, and most girls are lucky to make it to state one or two years. Lola has a chance to

become an elite member of four-time qualifiers. I know she will put the work in during the offseason to ensure she makes the meet next year and to put herself in position to podium.

“It was Alexa’s first time at the state meet. It is an overwhelming experience,” Bradley continued. “Alexa had a ton of emotion going into the race. That emotion can sometimes stifle how you run. However, Alexa ran with great poise today. She ran consistently with how she has run this season. I am very proud of her effort and now she knows what it takes to make and run at the state tournament.”

He said both girls need to stick together throughout the year and continue to train together.

“They are good for each other. They push each other and make each other better. I am extremely excited to see what they can accomplish in their senior season,” Bradley said.



Lola Mendlik



Alexa Tremblay



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Well-wishers pose with their sign to send off Lola Mendlik and Alexa Tremblay to the state cross country meet on Saturday.

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# Sports

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS FOOTBALL



The Denison-Schleswig Monarchs football team gathers on the home field after receiving a state playoff trophy at the conclusion of the first-round game in Class 4A. The season for the Monarchs came to a close as they fell 42-0 to the ADM Tigers. Their season ended with a 7-3 record. It was the first time since 2009 that the Monarchs have been in the playoffs. That season was Coach Dave Wiebers first run as the Monarchs coach; he returned to coaching this season.

### Denison-Schleswig and ADM connections

Coaching and activity staff for ADM have connections with Denison and the Denison area.

The ADM activities director, Rod Wiebers, is the brother of Monarchs Head Coach Dave Wiebers.

Skip Eckhardt, ADM's offensive line coach, was the head coach at Schleswig High School and took the Hawks to the

State A title in 1984, the second round in 1986 and the state runner-up in 1987.

ADM's interim head coach, Randy Schrader, started his teaching and coaching career at Dow City-Arion in 1982 and was there for two years.

Eckhardt, incidentally, started teaching and coaching at Schleswig also in 1982.



PHOTOS BY RHONDA RAUCH

Monarchs quarterback Luke Wiebers evades a defender.



Jake Fink with the Monarchs picks off a pass in the endzone.



Garret Plagge, Dominic Garcia and Blaine Brodsky bring down ADM quarterback Aiden Flora. Earlier this month, Flora committed as a preferred walk-on at Iowa State University.



“ I meant to send in my support last week... ”

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## Performances will take place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

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few weeks, we've been practicing scene changes, adding lights and microphones and special effects.

She said "Mary Poppins" is a big show that involves about 40 scene changes; smaller shows have just a handful of scene changes.

"We have a really good backstage crew that has been working really hard," Olsen said. "We have about 10 students doing ropes that are stage managers and stage crew, and we have additional students who are running spotlights and helping with props and costumes and makeup."

All told, the backstage crew adds up to about 40 individuals, she said.

The production will feature many props, costumes and set pieces donated by community members.

Olsen's theater tech class made additional items and Olsen was able to

locate others at secondhand shops.

All the final pieces were put together during this week's rehearsals.

"Hopefully we're at the point where all of those things have been practiced enough so it runs smoothly and from the audience's standpoint it looks easy - even though if you could see all of the things happening behind the curtain you would be amazed," she said. "The goal is for the audience to not realize what a big job it is and to just enjoy the show."

The production involves students of various ages and members of the community.

Olsen said scheduling rehearsals, which could have been an issue, turned out to be no problem at all.

"Almost everyone who auditioned was available for the times that we needed and they made their schedules work," she said. "We've tried to not put too much time on the younger kids - the elementary students - but this week will

## ON THE SCANNER

**10/24, 2:17 p.m.:** The Union Pacific Railroad reported trespassing by a subject. Lt. Kluender with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office located the subject in the middle locomotive and removed him from the train. The subject had identification and was traveling with a hiker's backpack. The subject was given a ride to Arcadia. He said his name was Bradley Taylor Richmond, age 33.

**10/24, 2:44 p.m.:** The Kiron Fire Department was requested to assist with a payloader fire next to an empty homestead on Gard Avenue, rural Odebolt.

**10/26, 8:01 p.m.:** A subject called the law enforcement center to say that his son was hit by a white four-door car with tinted windows. The vehicle, possibly a Buick, had Iowa plates. The driver was described as a teenage male with blond hair.

**10/26, 9:47 p.m.:** Aden Alex Velasquez-Aguilar, 35, of Denison, was arrested for public intoxication on North 14th Street in Denison. On 10/29 at 8:51 p.m., he was arrested for public intoxication on North Main Street in Denison.

**10/27, 2:25 p.m.:** Two vehicles collided at the intersection of Highway 30 and South 11th Street in Denison. Bonnie Ann Harper, 69, of Denison, was driving a green 2020 Toyota Prius east on Highway 30. Stellah Moraa Bosire, 35, of Denison, was driving a blue 2007 Mazda CX-7 south on South 11th Street and was turning left onto Highway 30. Both drivers said they had the green light. Multiple businesses in the area were checked for camera footage but nothing was found. No citations were issued due to not knowing who had the right of way. Harper's vehicle received \$750 damage and Bosire's vehicle received \$500

damage. No one was injured.

**10/29, 5:21 a.m.:** Carol Quail, 64, hit a deer at 253rd Street and Vernon Voss Road, rural Denison, while driving a black Chrysler Aspen Limited.

**10/29, 10:43 p.m.:** Duol Duer Door, 29, was arrested in Harrison County on a Crawford County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge of possession of a controlled substance.

**10/30, 8:13 a.m.:** Matthew Gregory Knowles, 53, of Charter Oak, was arrested on a warrant for stalking.

**10/30, 9 a.m.:** A backing accident occurred on 2nd Avenue North. Colby Anthony Ellis, 27, of Denison, was backing a white 2006 Chevrolet Silverado pickup from a parking stall and rear-ended a white 2011 Ford F150 pickup being driven by Steven Allen Schmidt, 70, of Schleswig. Ellis stated that the glare from the sun made it difficult for him to see Schmidt's vehicle. Schmidt's vehicle received \$500 damage and Ellis's vehicle received \$300 damage. No one was injured.

**10/30, 2:55 p.m.:** Alan Gierstorf Sr. reported that a small farm building was broken into.

**10/30, 5:10 p.m.:** Amber Lea Nelson, 38, of Denison, was arrested on a Crawford County warrant and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

**10/30, 7:48 p.m.:** Matthew Knowles reported a possible break-in at a residence in Charter Oak. He reported that items in his house appeared to be moved but did not see anything missing. He was advised to check and report if he found anything missing.

be a little bit longer for some of them."

Rehearsals this week involved performing the show from beginning to end.

"We've tried to be flexible so it doesn't get to be too much waiting around for anyone, but this week is a little bit different because we'll be doing the whole show and everyone's in costume," Olsen said. "By the time everyone gets there and is in makeup and costume usually is around between 5 and 6 (p.m.) and the practice doesn't get done until 10, so it's a big time commitment for the people who are in the show."

This year's community musical won't include a pit orchestra, which gave instrumental musicians the opportunity to take the fall off or take acting roles in the production.

"The music sounds good from the recordings that we're using," Olsen said. "I do miss having the pit orchestra because it adds to the professionalism of the show and I think it fills the space better."

She hopes to return to using a pit orchestra in future productions.

"I think it worked out well this year because the high school got a new pit cover and they weren't quite done with the construction process; they weren't able to adjust the height of it and put it where we needed it until after we would have started practicing with the pit orchestra," she said. "For multiple reasons, it ended up working out just fine this year not to have one, even though I look forward to working with a pit again in the future."

Olsen said she's very excited to present the musical to audiences this weekend.

"I'm hoping we have a great turnout, lots of people in the audience and lots of excited performers and everything runs smoothly," she said.

She wouldn't mind if the cold weather eases up for the weekend.

"When we did 'Elf' four years ago, I was happy when it snowed during show week, but I don't think we need snow for 'Mary Poppins,'" she said.

Performances will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday at the DHS Fine Arts Center.



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The Banks family discusses the requirements for the new nanny during a rehearsal this week. From left, Seth Ullrich and Claire Olsen as Michael and Jane Banks and Cody Schulte and Chloe Koch as Mr. and Mrs. Banks.

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### Vendor fair at the mall



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A vendor fair took place Saturday at the Broadway & Main Mall. Above, Tavin Adams, of Denison, mans a booth that sells items from Adams Chocolate Factory, based in Loveland, Colorado. He is a freshman at Denison High School and is raising money for a Spanish class trip to Costa Rica in June 2024. Leah Preul, of Arcadia, looks at one of the treats for sale. Adams Chocolate Factory offers fundraising opportunities and can be found online.



Sharon Blume (right) of Schleswig, checks out items at Leah Buckley's Divine Enchantment booth. Buckley is from Earling.



Ann Hanigan-Kotz signs a copy of her new book, "Sons & Daughters," at the vendor fair.

### In Remembrance



Mary Ann Segebart

April 18, 1930 - October 24, 2023

Mary Ann Katherine Segebart was born on April 18, 1930, the daughter of John and Florence (Kessel) Mathies in Denison, Iowa. She was baptized into the Catholic faith and was confirmed as an adult into the Lutheran faith. She received her education from Charter Oak schools.

Mary Ann was united in marriage to Wilbert Segebart on November 24, 1948, and they were blessed with four children. Mary Ann worked hard inside of her home, taking care of her family and preparing hot meals. She also helped in the kitchen at the Red Lantern in Denison and Joanie's in Deloit. Mary Ann was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing BINGO and going to the casino with friends and family. She loved the holiday season, and her family will forever treasure the memories of their get-togethers she organized at the Deloit Community Building for Christmas. Above all, she enjoyed and cherished spending time with her grandchildren.

Mary Ann passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at Gracewell - An Eventide Community in Denison at the age of 93 years, six months and six days.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wilbert Segebart; brother, Allen "Jack" Mathies; and sister, Alma Fritz. She is survived by four children: Robert Segebart and his wife Linda of Fairfield, Texas, Shirley Gray and her significant other Mike Ruch of Aspinwall, Karen and her husband Davie Veit of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and Ron Segebart and his wife Tammy of Brownsville, Texas; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; brother, Lloyd Mathies and his wife Deb of Deloit; sister, Viola Shrimpton of Deloit; sister-in-law, Lucille Johnson of Deloit; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services were held 10:00 AM, Monday, October 30, 2023 at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison, Iowa. Rev. Aaron Terwilliger officiated the service with interment in the Deloit Cemetery in Deloit, Iowa. Recorded musical selections included "On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas and "Rock of Ages" by Amy Grant & Vince Gill. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Mary Ann's grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Serving as pallbearers were Shane Gray, Ethin Segebart, Joshua Veit, Ronald Segebart, Jr., Steve Mathies and Lloyd Mathies. Following the graveside service, the family invited everyone to the Deloit Community Building for a time of fellowship and lunch. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

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### Trunk or Treat at WESCO



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The colder weather on Friday chased the WESCO Industries Trunk or Treat indoors, but everyone was happy to be warm while loading up on treats. Pictured Kaleo and Willow Rayme, of Charter Oak, receive treats from Ashley McCollough, a WESCO employee. She is with Kathy Plunkett. Jessica Raymie (at right) was Luigi to her son's Mario.



Kazic Galicia and Nash Hanson stop by this booth. They are from Manilla.



Hannah Ogren, of Schleswig, dressed as a bat, gives a "high five" to this lion.



Arlynn Gonzalez, of Denison, was Wednesday Addams for Trunk or Treat.

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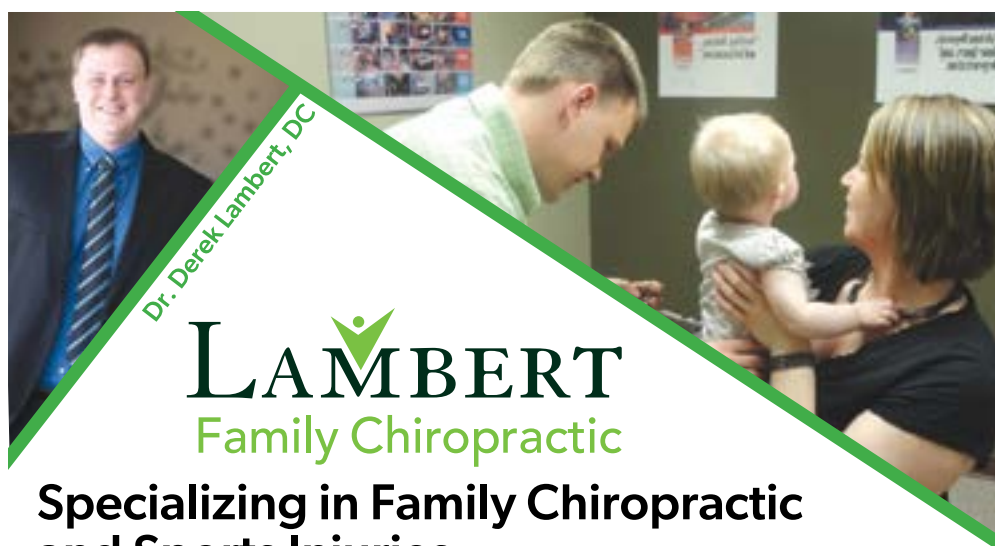
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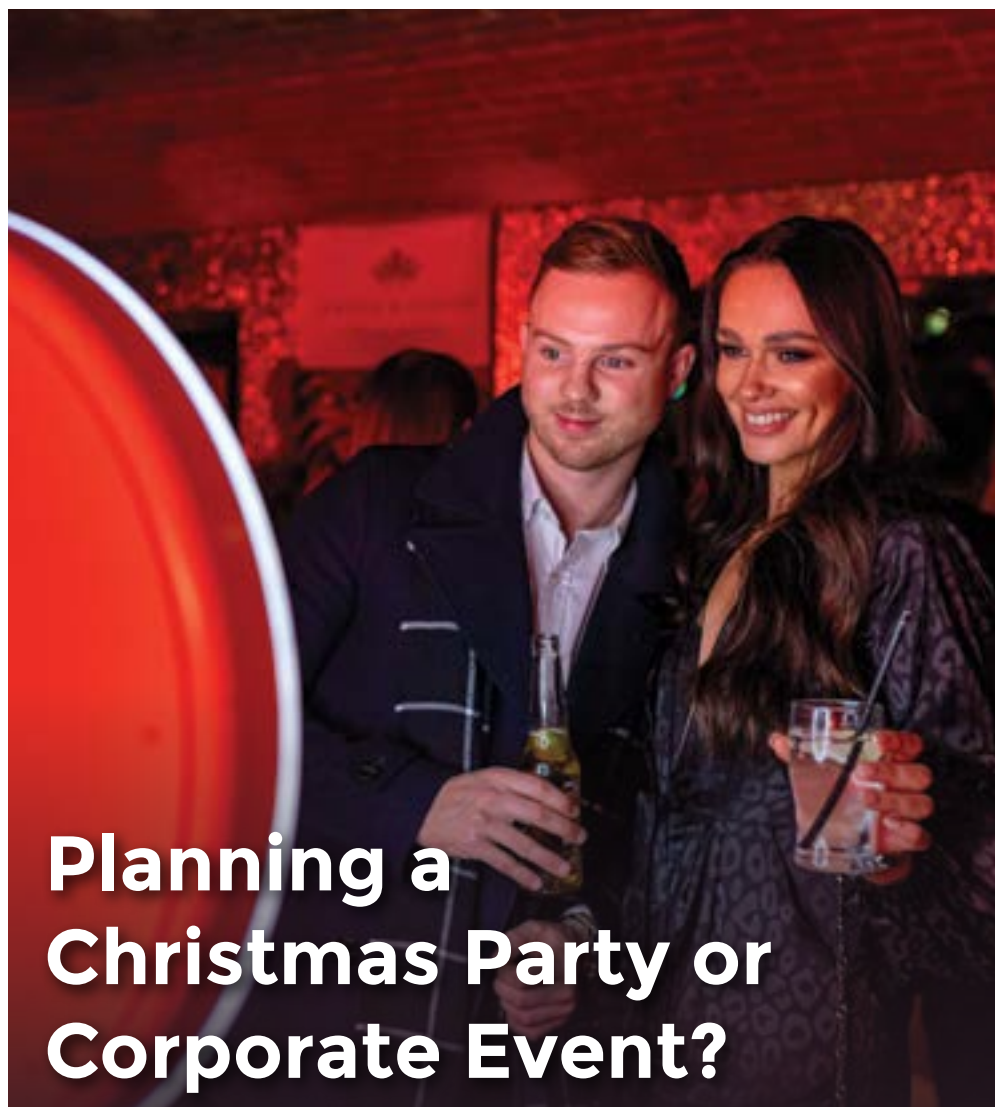
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needed a watchmaker. Don switched employers, which meant moving from the south side of Broadway to Kelly's Jewelry on the north side of Broadway.

He worked for Howard Kelly for six years, and then Kelly closed the business and moved to Nebraska, leaving the building empty for a short time.

"A friend, Art Pagel, knew that Don had his own store in Council Bluffs and said that Don should open his own store," Joan said.

"Don thought about it, and I guess we talked it over, because we had children to raise," she said. "It was a big decision."

Joan added that it took five years before the store gave the Sessions family what she called a decent living.

At first, Dr. Donald Soll was a partner in Don's Inc., but after a year Don Sessions was able to buy him out.

A short time after Don's Inc. opened, Mary Hargens came in for a job.

She was working as a bookkeeper for the Ford Motor Company in Denison, but she wanted something different.

Dr. Soll, who was Mary's physician, said Don Sessions was probably going to need a worker.

"And that's how I got started," she said.

Mary started learning all aspects of the jewelry business from Don – how

to change batteries in watches, replacing watch bands, the types of jewelry settings and how to tell the difference between genuine gems and synthetic gems just by looking.

And most important, Don taught by example how to build a reputation of friendly and courteous service, which wasn't difficult for Mary.

"What I like most about this business is the people I serve," Mary said. "I love people and I like making people happy."

"You have to treat people right," she added. "And you're going to try to help them all you can and do the best you can."

Mary had been working for Don for 18 years when he decided to sell the business.

"His health was failing, or he probably wouldn't have sold out then, because he really enjoyed what he was doing," said Joan.

Mary purchased Don's Inc. in July 1991 and had her grand opening in October of 1992.

Just like Don, Mary's decision to buy the jewelry business wasn't easily made.

"I remember I was scared to death," Mary said.

Joan remembered Don coming home and saying that he wondered if Mary was going to buy the business or not.

But she did.

"I just put it in the hands of the good Lord," Mary said. "And Don kept saying,

"Mary, you can do it. You worked for me for 18 years. You can do it."

Mary has seen a number of changes in the jewelry business, driven by customer trends.

Don had a section of greeting cards in the store at one time but discontinued that.

"And we used to have china and flatware," Mary said. "Girls would come in and register for that. But younger people today don't do that anymore – buy china, flatware or glassware."

Grandfather clocks were something that Don's Inc. had also carried.

"Don didn't have much call for those," said Joan.

Service became a problem.

"Now days it's difficult to find a repair place that you can take those to," said Mary. "There's nobody going into the trade to work on grandfather clocks and cuckoo clocks and other clocks."

There are people who repair jewelry, and for that Mary relies on JR's Jewelry & Gifts in Omaha.

"If I have to send something to be repaired, people want to know that the repair person is reliable," said Mary. "I've dealt with JR's for over 20 years. The people there are like family to me."

Just as Mary was a trusted employee for Don Sessions, Mary has been helped by her own loyal employees. Pat Rosauer worked for Mary for 20 years before she passed away in 2011. Pat Swanson has

been working for Mary for 10 years.

Mary said she is excited for the anniversary celebration to meet and talk to people.

She and Joan are especially excited to welcome some very special guests.

Mary's only grandson, Adam, and his wife, Meredith, are flying in from Seattle, Washington, just for the celebration. Other family members, who live in the Okoboji area, will also be at the celebration.

Robert Lyons, who Mary has known since he was three months old, is flying in from Washington, D.C. for the anniversary. Mary is a life-long friend of his parents, Don and Jayne. Robert, or Radio Robert, as Mary calls him, did commercials for Don's Inc. when he was growing up.

Three of Joan's four children will attend the celebration. Rick, Doug and Lori worked at the store during their high-school years. Rick and Lori did engraving when required on some of the jewelry. Doug was the window washer, cleaning both the inside and outside of all the store's many windows. Lori also clerked at the store on Saturdays. The fourth child, Mary Carol, was too young at the time to be a store employee. She will be unable to attend the celebration.

Mary invited people to stop and chat and reminisce during the anniversary celebration and to enjoy cider and cookies.

**DHS mariachi group performs at Sioux City museum and mall**

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Denison High School top mariachi ensemble, Mariachi Reyes del Oeste, is pictured after a performance at the Sioux City Public Museum on Sunday. In front, from left, are Karla Sanches, Janet Castillo, JP Montano, Nallely Rivera and Christopher Rangel. Back: Miranda Estrada, Maite Arreola, Leila Jaime, Rosy Segoviano, Estele Lupian, Ismael Alfaro and Alan Rivera.



Mariachi Reyes del Oeste is pictured performing at the Southern Hills Mall in Sioux City on Monday. The performances in Sioux City were for Dia de Los Muertos.

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## Drew Perrien is new tourism coordinator

Wants insight from all  
communities in the county

BY DAN MUNDT

The Chamber & Development Council (CDC) of Crawford County announced last week that Drew Perrien is the new Crawford County tourism coordinator.

He previously worked at the CDC as an administrative assistant in 2021.

Perrien is a 2000 graduate of Denison High School, and served 12 years in the United States Navy as an information systems technician; he attained the rank of E-6, petty officer first class.

"When I got out, I did some contractor work for the Missile Defense Agency with my IT experience," he said.

Perrien returned to Denison in 2019 when his mother, the late Coleen Barngrover, became ill.

He attended Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC) in Denison where he received an associate's degree in business administration and a coaching certification.

Perrien was a work-study student at the CDC and then Crossroads of Crawford County while attending WITCC.

He stepped up this summer to help with the Tri City BBQ Fest when the previous tourism coordinator, Shani Bonner, left her position the month before the event.

"While I was here, I realized it wouldn't be too bad to just stick around here," Perrien said.

He applied for the open position and is now settling in to his new job.

Perrien said his vision for tourism involves working with other agencies that focus on tourism.

"We've talked to Travel Iowa; we need to build that network on more than just the local area," he said.

Tourism involves bringing people from neighboring counties, and beyond, to Crawford County, he said.

Perrien also plans to reach out to all the communities in the county to get their insights on how the tourism office can serve them.

"At the end of the day, the CDC is for the benefit of the entire county," he said.

The Tri City BBQ Fest will be a major area of his efforts.

"It's the biggest event held annually in Crawford County, and it gets bigger every year," Perrien said. "We'll look for



Drew Perrien

better ways to promote and make it even larger."

He said other community events, such as Hot Summer Nights organized by Taylor Borkowski, and Movies in the Park organized by Jennifer Zupp-Smith, are successful models that can be built on by Denison and other towns in the county.

"We're on the right path when we have people like that taking the reins and volunteering their time," Perrien said.

He said the recent staff turnover at the CDC is an opportunity for the new leadership to take a fresh look at all of the organization's activities.

Other new employees include CDC Executive Director Paul Plumb, who took over in September, and CDC Office Manager Mariah Nutt, who took her position in June 2022.

"We're looking at what we've been doing with a different set of eyes, and looking to change things up a little bit," he said.

Perrien said he would like to eventually start his own business; that interest and the knowledge he gained while studying for his business degree will help inform how he promotes tourism and how he coordinates his duties with the larger goals of the CDC.

"The CDC is about building members' businesses ... bringing in more businesses and bringing in more housing for businesses' employees," he said.

"Tourism is to help bring more visitors into the county from outside."

He said the CDC is expected to wisely use the funds the organization receives from the City of Denison and Crawford County to promote those efforts.

"Our goal is to get those funds back to the community in one shape or another," he said.



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## Trunk or Treat at Our Savior



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Trunk or Treat at Our Savior Lutheran Church took place in the warm confines of the fellowship hall on Tuesday. Claire Boettger and her brother, Owen, meet characters from the Harry Potter series, represented by Aubrey Young, Isabel Bradley and Colvin Young.



Jarryn Wiley-Pearce, the director of Christian education at Our Savior, handed out candy at the entrance to the church. She was dressed as a character from the game The Legend of Zelda.



Emma Bengford takes candy from a table that is the Trunk or Treat entry by Azul, Eva and Violet Petterson.



Lukas Stone, of Denison, reaches for candy. He is dressed as Thomas the Tank Engine.

## Grinch visits Deloit



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The Grinch arrived a few weeks early and decided to make his appearance while the Deloit firefighters were handing out candy for Halloween.

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### CCMH Pumpkin Decorating Contest



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Taryn Gute and her award-winning entry, called Nemo's Pumpkin Reef.

Taryn Gute, a medical lab technician who has been with Crawford County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) for three years, was the clear winner of the 2023 CCMH Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Her entry, called Nemo's Pumpkin Reef, received 375 in-person and online votes in the contest, which ended Tuesday.

Taryn spent 12 hours and used more than 57 hot glue sticks to build her creation.

She won a \$30 gift certificate to the CCMH Gift Shop.

Brandi Mefferd, CCMH marketing and development coordinator, said 2023 was the seventh year for the pumpkin

painting/decorating contest.

"In the past, they had done carvings but it was simply too messy, and this allows us to keep the pumpkins out for a longer time for more people to see and enjoy," she said. "Each year, we post the photos to the hospital's Facebook page and also take votes in person."

The pumpkins are displayed near the CCMH Information Desk.

"The contest is always wildly popular; we have lots of guests who stop to admire all the time and effort that goes into the pumpkins, and they comment about how multitalented our staff are," Mefferd said.



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Franken-Pumpkin by AmyJo Jensen, Medical Clinic



Oscar the Grouch by Stacy Hardy, Business Office



Boo Boo Crew by William Vargas and Megan Lange, Emergency Department



Fireman That Saves the Day by William Vargas and Megan Lange, Emergency Department



Up, Up & Away by Janet Theulen, Cortney Heese, Chelsea Miller and Brooke Schwery, Medical Unit



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Silence of the Pumpkin by Marc Kinney, Maintenance



Nemo's Pumpkin Reef by Taryn Gute, Lab



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