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## Winter Wonderland Dow City's Hometown Christmas is Saturday

BY DAN MUNDT

"This is a bit of a big event," said Dustin Durbin, Dow City Community Club president. "I think the thing that really makes Hometown Christmas a delight is it really plays off Dow City being friendly and welcoming."

Hometown Christmas will take over the whole town from morning until well after dark on Saturday.

This year's theme is "Winter Wonderland."

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. with shopping for kids until 11 a.m. at O'Mearas on Franklin Street.

"People have donated lots of gifts they can get for their parents, like colognes, wallets and scarves for men and bath and beauty products for women," Durbin said.

A vendor fair will take place at the

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Putting down roots

## Denison artist has work on display in Davenport exhibition

BY DAN MUNDT

As an illustrator, Haley McAndrews, of Denison, has always been interested in trees as a subject.

"I was a military kid growing up. I was born in South Carolina," she said. "We moved across the country a couple times, so trees for me represent growing up as well as being able to put roots down and stay in one place."

One of her most-recent works,

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## A visit with St. Nick



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

The essence of a visit to Santa Claus – telling your wishes to the jolly old elf who can deliver – is summed up in this photograph. Kaydym Darrow, of Carroll, is the youngster wistfully thinking what he wants Santa to bring. This moment was captured at Santa Claus Day in Schleswig on Saturday. Santa was busy in Crawford County this past weekend, traveling from Schleswig to Manilla and then to Denison on Saturday, and making an appearance in Charter Oak on Sunday. For each town, Santa decided to change his appearance a little bit. See more from this weekend's holiday gatherings inside The Denison Free Press.

Preserving a piece of history

## Old bridge gets a new home



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

This bridge, which had been located south of Buck Grove since 1945, is being installed at Yellow Smoke Park to replace a trail bridge that showed signs of significant deterioration.

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## City explores use of BRIC grant to provide safe house space at wellness center

BY GORDON WOLF

The City of Denison is looking into the possibility of making the hard-court gym space at the Crawford County Wellness Center a safe house and to pay for that change through the FEMA BRIC grant.

BRIC stands for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities. The program supports states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects.

An attraction of the BRIC grant program is that communities do not provide matching funds. The federal government provides 90% of the project cost and the state provides 10%

The City of Denison has an advantage in the grant application process. As one of two cities in Iowa designated as a community disaster relief zone (CDRZ), it will be awarded 40 points in the grant application selection process.

However, as City Manager Jessica Garcia explained, other states have CDRZ entities, and the competition for the FEMA BRIC grants is nationwide.

According to FEMA's website, for this grant application cycle, BRIC's available funding is \$1 billion, and for flood mitigation assistance the available funding is \$800 million.

Each applicant for a BRIC grant can ask for a maximum of \$50 million.

Garcia told the city council on Tuesday that she continues to have meetings with officials connected to the FEMA BRIC grant.

"I did present to the wellness center committee last Wednesday that one of the first pieces of continuing with the BRIC grant was to have the potential of running two sets of plans, side by side, with each other; one that would

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PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Tami McCollough, behind the counter, checks out customers on Saturday during the Winter Market at Rural Road Trading Co., which is located west of Vail.

## Rural Road Trading Co. is open for business

Next event on December 22-23

BY DAN MUNDT

Drivers to the west of Vail on Highway 30 might be surprised to see something new in the former location of Pollock Salvage Yard.

Rural Road Trading Co. and Rural Road Coffee, owned by Tami and Brad McCollough, now occupy the buildings.

"When my husband was a little boy, he used to go down to the salvage yard with his dad for coffee in the morning, and then for pop in the afternoon," Tami said. "When Mary (Pollock) talked about maybe wanting to sell the place, he knew right away he wanted to buy it."

She said Brad had always wanted to have a coffee shop.

"I thought he was kind of crazy,

because his idea is a cup of Folgers," she said.

The coffee shop, which is located in the old scale house, started out as a morning hangout for Brad's friends.

"He'd stop in every morning and start coffee and it's kind of evolved from there," Tami said.

Tami and Brad knew they also wanted to do something with the old Quonset hut that sits to the east of the scale house.

"We fixed it up good enough for Iconic (Screen Printing) to have their shop there, and then once they left and went to Des Moines, we decided to do something else," she said.

They initially thought about using

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Elvis at the Homestead



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Elvis was a guest at Homestead of Denison last week Thursday. He sang Christmas songs.

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include a safe room concept and one that would not," Garcia said.

She asked representatives of HGM Engineering, the firm that is designing the wellness center, what it would cost for a Plan B that would include the safe room. Garcia said she was given a range of \$265,000 to \$300,000 for engineering.

"I sent some clarifying questions to Homeland Security, who I'm working on with the BRIC grant," Garcia said. "I have not received responses to that, so I have not updated the wellness center committee yet. I did do an intent to apply for the grant, just because that needed to be done."

She explained there is no harm in deciding later not to apply even after filing an intent to apply.

Garcia said if the city does decide to move forward, the BRIC grant application is a phased process, and it is her understanding that the HGM fees and expenses would be phased as well.

"So, if we get to a certain point, if we do phase one and they charge us an amount for Phase 1, and then we find out that we're not awarded (the grant), we could stop at that point and move forward with the plans the way we have them," said Garcia. "So it's not the \$300,000 right up front. It's my understanding that's what the total end result would be if we completely changed the plans."

She added later that it is her understanding that the BRIC grant would cover everything with the construction of the facility except for the fixtures. She is trying to clarify a lot of this information, she said.

City Clerk Jodie Flaherty added that the BRIC grant would cover the engineering if the city is awarded the grant; if the grant is not awarded, the city would be responsible for any engineering fees.

Garcia said that she had not yet asked HGM what Phase 1 of the engineering would entail or what it would cost because Homeland Security has not yet given her what Phase 1 of the application process would entail.

When asked, Garcia repeated that the safe room would be the hard-court gym area of the wellness center.

Councilman John Granzen questioned the amount of fees HGM would charge for developing a plan B that would include the safe room concept.

Councilwoman Jennifer Zupp-Smith asked for a break-down on how much of the total \$18.8 million for the wellness center is for the non-gym areas.

Garcia said she would get the exact numbers for that. She explained that when taken by size, the fieldhouse is comparably the largest cost, and adding the second floor was the second highest cost, while the gym would be the third highest cost, but she couldn't be sure without first looking at the exact numbers.

Discussion also took place on why the gym and not a smaller room would be designed as the safe room. The answer is that the safe room would be for the population that surrounds the building.

In other items related to the wellness center, the city council voted 4-1 to approve a resolution of support of the operation of the Crawford County Wellness Center.

Zupp-Smith, who is a member of the wellness center ad hoc committee, said that she and Garcia would be presenting before the state Community Actions and Tourism (CAT) board on Thursday. She said one of the questions posed by the CAT board the last time was that the city didn't have anything in its operational budget that showed the city would cover operational shortfalls, if there are any.

"We will have to fund it going forward, which obviously it falls on our shoulders to do a good job," said Zupp-Smith.

She later explained that the document is like a good faith resolution.

Councilman Dustin Logan wondered how an operational contract with the YMCA would affect the issue.

Garcia said part of the city's contractual agreement with the YMCA is that if the wellness center does not cash flow, the city would cost share in the deficit in order to keep the wellness center operational.

"So what Jen (Zupp-Smith) is proposing is really nothing different than what we're going to end up having to do anyway. It's just to show the CAT grant board that the city council is aware of it and supports it, and knows that we're going to end up paying operating expenses if there's a deficit or downfall," said Garcia.

Granzen was the lone no vote on the resolution.

Later in the meeting, Garcia said she is working on a 28E agreement with the YMCA and hopes to be getting closer to bringing that in front of the council.

**Lighted parade is one of the best-attended winter parades**

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Dow City Community Club Building from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"That will have local vendors and vendors from out of town, as well," he said.

Scented products, food items, crafts and decorations will be among the many items for sale.

"Drinks with the Dows" will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Dow House.

The \$10 admission fee will get visitors five drinks (spiked, if preferred), hors d'oeuvres, and a short walk through the history of Christmas traditions at the house.

A scavenger hunt will take place at 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. bingo and chuck-o-luck will take place at the community club building.

"It's an interesting game and worth coming to see," Durbin said of chuck-o-luck. "It's kind of funny."

From 2 to 4 p.m., kids' games and cookie decorating will take place at the Dow City Fire Hall.

Gingerbread house entries will be set up at the Dow City Library from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

"Viewing and judging will take place between 4 and 5:45 (p.m.)," he said. "They're going to be judged by the people who walk in to see them. It will be fun to see who will win that."

A cookie walk will take place at the Community Club Building at 3 p.m.

"You pay for a container and then you fill it up with cookies," Durbin said. "That's always a big hit. I think in Dow City we do that for every event we have."

"Soup and Santa" runs from 4 to 5:45 at the Community Club Building.

"There will be chilies, chicken noodle soup, sandwiches," he said. "Come hungry for that because there's always plenty of soup and chili."

Santa will also be on hand to greet children.

A lighted parade begins at 6 p.m. on Main Street.

"The lighted parade is one of the best-attended parades this time of year; that's why you have to come see it," Durbin said. "It's a lot of fun and it's really neat to see all of the lights on the vehicles. There's a ton of candy and the kids love it. You see a lot of smiles on people's faces."

Last year's lighted parade had more than a dozen entries; Durbin expects at least that many on Saturday.

Individuals interested in joining the parade should go to the west side of the Dow City Park before 6 p.m.

Immediately following the parade, a live nativity will take place under the new awning on the south end of the Community Club Building.

Construction of the awning started in October and was finished this week.

The last activity of the event will be a cantata at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.



**Senior Lunch Menu**

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

**Friday, December 8:** crunchy pollock, potato wedges, green beans, berry fluff gelatin salad

**Monday, December 11:** cup of vegetable soup, whole wheat crackers, half a turkey sandwich, pears

**Tuesday, December 12:** baked honey chicken, sweet potato fries, green beans, whole wheat roll, banana

**Wednesday, December 13:** open faced hot beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, Mandarin oranges

**Thursday, December 14:** ham and cheese egg bake, coffee cake, mixed fruit

**Friday, December 15:** goulash, whole wheat bread, broccoli, peaches

**Kiwanis drawing winners**

The following winners in the November 29 Denison Kiwanis Club Lottery drawing will each receive \$25.

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**More donations needed for Goodfellows**

Donations to this year's Goodfellows campaign are coming in, but more are needed to make sure that children from families in need have a merry Christmas.

Goodfellows will be helping 156 children ages 12 and under from 66 families in the county.

Here's how community members can help.

- Christmas trees are on display at Bomgaars, Fareway, Hy-Vee and the Crawford County Courthouse. Cards on the trees match the Christmas gift wish lists of children, identified by a number assigned to each family.

- People are encouraged to select a card and shop for any or all of the items listed.

- Gifts should not be wrapped.

- The cards need to accompany the gifts. That way, "Santa's Helpers" can make sure the gifts are matched to the children who requested them.

- The new drop-off location is the Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County office, located at

109 North Main Street, just south of Denison City Hall.

- People can donate items without selecting a card from a tree. In the past, people have donated quilts, clothing, books and toys and crafts of their own choosing. Cash donations are also accepted. Donations are tax deductible.

- The last day to bring gifts to the drop-off location will be Tuesday, December 19.

Donors so far are Monogram Foods, \$5,000 foundation grant; Walmart, \$1,500 grant; West Central Iowa Collectors Club, \$50; Norma Ricke, gifts for one child; anonymous, dolls and stuffed animals; James and Sheri Freml, \$50; Community of Christ Church, hats, gloves and socks; anonymous, baby doll for a child; anonymous, dinosaurs and trucks for a child; anonymous, a Barbie and a kitty for a child; Alec Beymer, coat and a package of pens; Sharon Gaughan, toys for a child; anonymous, variety of toys; Schleswig Sharks 4-H, variety of toys; Sundquist Engineering, \$100.

**Change to Community Housing Agency makeup proposed**

BY GORDON WOLF

Members of the Denison City Council agreed with the idea of making a representative of the Chamber & Development Council (CDC) of Crawford County a member of the Community Housing Agency.

The past executive director, Evan Blakley, had been a member until he left town.

Mayor Pam Soseman said the current executive director, Paul Plumb, is very interested in housing and sat in on two agency meetings this fall. He also sat in on other conversations about housing within the city.

Plumb does not live in Denison or in the county, so Soseman asked if one of the appointments to the agency could be a CDC liaison.

"I think it works well because they

look for opportunities with jobs and new businesses and they work hand in hand with needing housing," said Soseman.

She added that the agency's board is already composed of real estate people, bankers and contractors.

The section of city code for the housing agency says that at least four of the seven members shall be residents of the City of Denison and that one member may reside outside of the city limits but within a two-mile radius of the city limits. Plumb's residency fits neither of those existing conditions.

The ordinance would have to be changed by adding language that will allow a CDC liaison to be a member of the agency's board. This change was requested to be on the agenda for the city council's next meeting.

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# Local Calendar

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2023

**Patron Appreciation Day at Norelius Community Library, 9 am. To 5 p.m.** Stop by for a treat from the librarians.

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 2023

**Christmas Bazaar & Craft Show, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.,** Boulders Conference Center. Music, food, shopping, face painting; food and new gift donations accepted for Crawford County families in need.

**Festival of Trees at the McHenry House in Denison, 1-4 p.m.** Every room is decorated for the holiday season. Refreshments available. Saturday and Sunday are the last two days of the event.

**Holiday Open House at the Schleswig Public Library, 9-11 a.m.** Refreshments served. Featuring information about the historic Schleswig Opera House.

**Ann Hanigan Kotz, author and Denison native, will sign copies of her books, 4 p.m. at the McHenry House.**

**Unity Ridge Lutheran School Christmas Party and Fundraiser, doors open at 4 p.m.; dinner begins at 5 p.m. at the Stables at Copper Ridge:** a delicious meal, live and silent auction, fellowship and entertainment. Auction of Christmas items will raise funds for Unity Ridge scholarships; 10% of proceeds go back to the community. Student tickets \$25; adults, \$50.

**Gift-Giving Workshop from 1-4 p.m. at Denison United Methodist Church;** a time when children preschool age through grade 5 may go to the church and buy gifts for family members. All items are 25 cents each. Parents will be able to drop off children to shop for one hour. Free gift wrapping, cookie decorating and hot cocoa.

**Boy Scout Paper Drive, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Pronto parking lot.** Scouts of Troop 55 will help unload tied, bundled or sacked newspapers. Bring acceptable papers in either paper bags or cardboard boxes; no plastic bags. Please limit cardboard.



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## SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023

**Festival of Trees at the McHenry House in Denison, 1-4 p.m.** Every room is decorated for the holiday season. Refreshments available. Sunday is the last day of the event.

**Santa Visit from 1-3 p.m. at the Santa House in Uptown Denison,** sponsored by the Women in Business Impact Organization (WIBIO). Each child will have a chance to visit with Santa, take pictures and receive a goodie bag.

**The Polar Express screening at the historic Klondike Hotel in Manilla, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Cookies, hot chocolate will be served. Animated Polar Express Train will be set up.

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2023

**Cards and Coffee at Norelius Community Library Fireside Room, 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Card games, coffee and tea.

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

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2023

**Read & Play at Norelius Community Library, 10-11 a.m.** This is a shorter story session designed for those who can't quite sit still yet. Ages 0-5

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

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, 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.

**Santa Visit for special needs guests from 4-6 p.m. at the Santa House in Uptown Denison.** The Women in Business Impact Organization (WIBIO) is the sponsor of Santa's visits and will make every effort to accommodate children with special needs.

# Third children's book and book of poetry to be published in 2024

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Haley McAndrews

called "The Tree of Life," is currently on display at the Putnam Museum and Science Center in Davenport.

The piece is part of an exhibition called "Tails from Tales," which features taxidermy displays and art inspired by children's picture books.

"There was a call for illustrators, specifically," Haley said. "We got to pick out a book or a book series that we wanted to use as inspiration."

Nineteen local artists were chosen for the exhibition.

A range of 2D and 3D art pieces, inspired by stories from "Aesop's Fables" to "Winnie the Pooh," are featured.

"Mine was inspired by 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry," she said. "I was really excited when I saw the book on the list of possible books to choose because I already have a series of tree paintings and drawings."

The book tells the story of a man who goes to a rain forest to chop down a kapok tree.

"The trees are massive, so as he's chopping, he gets tired and lies down to rest," Haley said. "While he's sleeping, all these different animals that live in the rainforest come to him and whisper in his ear while he is asleep. They tell him all the different reasons the tree is important to their ecosystem. When he wakes up, he looks at the animals and they look at him, and he sets his axe down and he leaves."

She decided to show the silhouette of the tree containing all the living things in the rainforest.

"I couldn't even tell you how many different animals and plants are on there: bugs, bees, flowers, fruits, nuts and other things from the rainforest," Haley said.

"I filled in the silhouette of the tree with all of those different animals and plants to represent how much that tree affects the other life around it. The ecosystem in the rainforest is all so connected."

She said she is satisfied with how the piece turned out.

"I had some hesitation as I was working on it – but I really believed in

my initial inspiration – the original idea – so I kept working on it," she said. "It came out different from all of the other pieces in the exhibit but I think that's a good thing."

"The Tree of Life" is the only black and white piece at the exhibition.

"I had thought about adding some color to it, but I liked the idea of leaving it black and white so you could look at the piece a number of times and see something new each time," Haley said. "It doesn't all jump out at you all at once; there are a lot of different details that people could discover every time they go to the exhibit."

As different as her piece is, it still fits well within the exhibition.

"It's interesting to see it amongst the other pieces, the other artists and the variety that is there," she said. "One piece was made from stained glass and one was a quilt; one was digital but it looked like a wood cut. It was really incredible to see all of the other works and to see my piece as part of the show, as well."

Haley is currently working on her third children's book as writer/illustrator; she's also working on an illustrated book of poetry.

"It's a book of almost 40 haiku poems that are all toaster-related," she said. "Each one has its own illustration of a toaster that goes along with it."

Both books are set for release next year - and she has other books in the works.

Haley said she loves writing and illustrating, but she is surprised the direction her career has taken.

She has a bachelor's degree in art photography from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

"It's one of those things that when I was a young adult in my early 20s, if someone had suggested being an illustrator, I don't know that I would have gone for it," Haley said. "I kind of had that idea that I had to focus on the fine arts aspect after getting my bachelor's degree in fine art photography."

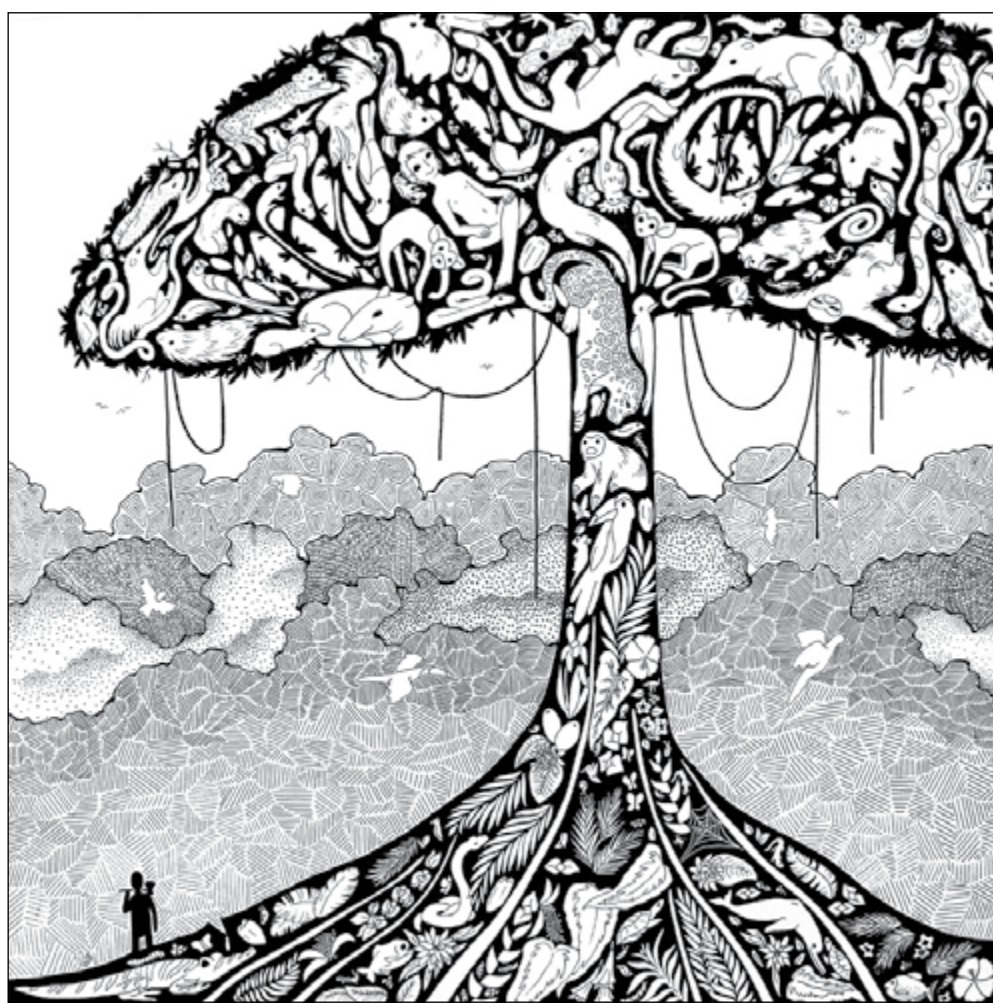
She said it now seems like a no-brainer that she ended up as an illustrator.

"I've always loved cartoons, and I've always loved children's books," Haley said. "Fine art is wonderful, but I think I'm an illustrator and it took illustrating my first book to realize that about myself."

She and her husband, Jon, have lived in Denison since 2017.

"I keep going back to trees throughout my art because the time I've spent in Denison is the longest I've lived in one place for almost my whole life," she said. "To be able to put roots down in one place, and stay in one place, and have a history in one place; that's a foreign concept to me. I always kind of wanted that, and Denison has been that place for me since moving here six years ago with my family."

"Tails from Tales" will be on display at the Putnam Museum and Science Center in Davenport until May 2024.



Tree of Life, by Haley McAndrews, illustrates all the ways the rainforest ecosystem interacts.

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# Letters

## TO THE EDITOR

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## Denison native Ann Hanigan-Kotz presents book discussions



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Author Ann Hanigan-Kotz talks with people who gathered at the Charter Oak Public Library on Saturday.

Ann Hanigan-Kotz presented discussions about her books, "The Journey of Karoline Olsen" and "Sons & Daughters," during sessions at the libraries in Charter Oak and Dunlap on Saturday.

Her discussions also centered on research she had done for the books, including research on the suffrage movement in Iowa and the effects of World War I on Iowans.

Ann is a 1984 graduate of Denison High School (DHS); she taught high school English for 33 years and is now retired from that profession. She and her husband, John Kotz, a 1980 DHS graduate, live in Adel.

"The Journey of Karoline Olsen,"

which Ann self-published in 2021 under the title "The Longest Journey," is a historical fiction about her great-great-grandmother, who raised 10 children on a farm near Soldier. "Sons & Daughters" tells how Karoline's life unfolded after the death of her husband in 1905.

Ann has the manuscript for the third book in the series. She said the title has not yet been decided.

Her next book to be published will be out in the fall of 2024. It will be about moonshine and moonshiners in Carroll County.

Ann will present discussions about her book and a book signing this Saturday, December 9, at 4 p.m. at the McHenry House.



At a book signing at the Dunlap Public Library, Ann Hanigan-Kotz was able to speak with a relative (pictured with her back to the camera).

## Ramaswamy says country needs somebody from the next generation



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy spoke before an audience in the meeting rooms at the Pizza Ranch in Denison last Thursday.

BY GORDON WOLF

Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy included Crawford County on a tour of all 99 Iowa counties, stopping at the Pizza Ranch in Denison last week Thursday.

The former pharmaceutical executive had also campaigned at a town hall meeting at Hrabik Welding in Vail in August.

During a question-and-answer period after his opening remarks, Ramaswamy said the people of the country know they have been lied to and that the government has not been telling them the truth, and now it is up to people like him.

"That's how we win in this country - stand for the principles we actually stand for, with a spine. Practice what we preach," he said.

He later differentiated himself from former president Donald Trump, who

is the Republican frontrunner, saying it will take somebody from the next generation.

"I think it's been a while since we've had a president who isn't just a spouter of partisan talking points. Donald Trump was unique in that respect. I respect him for it," Ramaswamy said. "I think there are two viable candidates in this race. That's Donald Trump and myself. It has to be an outsider, but I think it's going to now take an outsider with fresh legs, somebody from the next generation to lead the next generation, take our America First agenda to the next level."

"The America first agenda does not belong to one man. It does not belong to Trump. It does not belong to me. It belongs to you, the people of this country. So the question is who is going to take that agenda further."

## Holiday fair in Charter Oak



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

McKenna, Ashlyn and Ruby Meeves, of Charter Oak, stopped by to see Santa Claus at the Charter Oak-Ute school on Sunday.



Dutton Hampton (right) of Charter Oak, is more fascinated by Santa's beard than the camera lens. Dutton is nine months old, and his one-month-old cousin, Cory Neddermeyer, also of Charter Oak, is nestled in Santa's right arm.



Tina Bernholtz (center) of Ute, and her daughter, Lauryn, check out the Posh items that Diann Ehlers is selling at the Charter Oak vendor fair.



Cole and Carter Dorale, of Charter Oak, look over beverage containers on sale at the Charter Oak vendor fair.

# “Riverside roundup” to be a future event

RURAL ROAD, FROM PAGE 1

the Quonset hut to sell meat and produce from their farm.

The McColloughs grow corn and soybeans, raise show cattle, and breed Labrador retrievers on their farm about two miles to the north.

Tami and Brad met at the Governor’s Charity Steer Show in 2007; they have five children.

As they worked through ideas for what to do with the Quonset hut, they realized they wanted to find a way to bring in more activities for people in the surrounding communities.

The result is the Rural Road Trading Co., which is an outlet for clothing and specialty décor items.

“It’s all western or rustic rural,” Tami said.

A variety of clothing items, seasonal décor, and rural relics were on sale from December 1 -3 for the “Winter Market” at the shop.

Many items were created by craftspeople from nearby areas.

Tami said she was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support.

“My heart was so full,” she said. “The store was pretty much full from Friday, the second I opened, to the minute I closed on Sunday. The response was just phenomenal. I think people are glad to have something that’s just a little bit different in the area. We have a lot of rural kids that love that western clothing, and the parents like the western décor and the cowhides. I want to be able to bring more of that to the area.”

Rural Road Trading Co. will only be open for special events.

“I’m not having a regular storefront; it will just be open for seasonal markets. My plan is to have three-day weekends,” she said.

Tami said she had some items left from last weekend’s event and she has received additional items, so she will open the store again just before Christmas for last-minute shoppers.

Rural Road Trading Co. will be open

from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 22, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 23.

A future event will be a “riverside roundup.”

Both buildings are just a few hundred feet from the Boyer River.

“I’d like to have all the gals around the area that sell western apparel come and line up their trailers around there and then we can have a big day when people can come out and shop,” Tami said.

The coffee shop will only be open when events are taking place at Rural Road Trading Co.

Tami said she has not picked dates for the next event after the final Christmas event, but she is aiming for March or April.

She has to plan those weekends around her job at Broadway Dental in

Denison.

“I love my bosses and I can’t imagine not being there - but this is kind of my getaway,” Tami said.

The south half of the Quonset hut is set up as a workshop.

“I can go down there and work on refinishing furniture and crafting,” she said. “I have a location where I can set things out, work on it, leave it, and then come back and work on it the next night.”

Before they opened Rural Road Trading Co., The McColloughs put on a haunted house in the Quonset hut in October. Proceeds went to Unity Ridge Lutheran School and Ar-We-Va athletics, which are offering sports together.

All their kids go to Unity Ridge; Hallie, the oldest, is a freshman and a

member of the first high school class there.

Proceeds from this weekend’s coffee sales will go to the Crawford County Wellness Center and to provide winter gloves for kids in need.

Tami said she encourages other local entrepreneurs to contact her about selling their items at Rural Road Trading Co.

“My only stipulation is that it has to be rustic rural or western,” she said. “If someone out there wants to have a little storefront for an occasional market, I would love to have them give me a call.”


Tami may be reached at 712-267-3384.

Follow the Rural Road Trading Co. Facebook page or visit ruralroadtradingco.com for details of future events.



PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDT

Rural Road Trading Co., located in the Quonset hut at the former location of Pollock Salvage Yard, offers a variety of clothing items, seasonal décor, and rural relics.



## CRAWFORD COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

### DECEMBER SPECIALTY CLINICS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27	28	29	30	01 <b>CARDIOLOGY</b> A. RAMACHANDRAN, MD
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Rural Road Trading Co. and a workshop are located in the Quonset hut.



Rural Road Coffee, which is open during events at the Rural Road Trading Co., is located in the scale house building of the former salvage yard.

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## Schleswig BASIC Fund sponsors Tree of Lights

The BASIC Fund, Inc., a local endowment fund, will sponsor a Memorial Tree of Lights during the Christmas season. Contributions may be made in memory of family members or loved ones at Bank Iowa or the United Bank of Iowa in Schleswig.

A list of those memorialized will be published in the newspapers in Denison and Mapleton. Your loved one's name will be listed for a \$5 donation, and for every \$50 collected, a light will be lit on the Tree of Lights, located in front of the Post Office in Schleswig.

The contributions will be made part of the endowment fund, which will provide income for civic projects in the Schleswig community, making it a gift that will continue to give.



## COURTHOUSE NEWS

November 22-30, 2023

### SMALL CLAIMS

- Against: Jonathan Brandon Frydendall, Cawker City, KS. In favor of: United Bank of Iowa. Amount: \$1,473.19 plus \$95 costs.
- Against: Michele Mae Muhlbauer, Vail. In favor of: Crown Asset Management LLC. Amount: \$1,469.97 plus \$95 costs.
- Against: Nancy Ann Rasmussen, Vail. In favor of: LVNV Funding LLC. Amount: \$628.85 plus \$95 costs.
- Against: Claudia Camacho Perez, Denison. In favor of: Midland Credit Management Inc. Amount: \$1,208.93 plus \$95 costs.
- Against: Amber Lee Koch, Denison. In favor of: Accredited Collection Service inc. Amount: \$2,099.98 plus \$95 costs.

### NON-SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

- Rene Bernal Salas, Denison, driving while license under suspension, \$676.25.

### TRAFFIC

- Marilyn Kruger, Schleswig, failure to maintain control, \$287.88.
- Diamond Shanell Jackson, Carroll, violation of instruction permit limitation, \$175.75.
- Josue A. Shull Aguilar, Denison, failure to have a valid license or permit for operation of motor vehicle, \$400.00.
- Juan Diego Rentiera, Denison, failure to have a valid license or permit for operation of motor vehicle, \$285.00.
- Mark D. Harrison, Omaha, NE, operation without registration card or plate, \$135.50.
- Aganos Michael Garkuoth, Denison, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way, \$210.25.
- Cheyenne Marie Henry, Audubon, use electronic communication device, age 18 or above, \$132.63.

- Leonardo Cervandes, Schuyler, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.00.

### SPEEDING (21 MPH OR OVER)

- Juan Valentin Garcia Gallegos, Denison, \$279.25.

### SPEEDING (16-20 MPH OVER)

- Dusty Nicole Ganzhorn, Woodbine, \$192.00.

### SPEEDING (11-15 MPH OVER)

- Ethan Lawrence Sandvold, Dunlap, \$175.75.
- Leonardo Cervandes, Schuyler, NE, \$175.75.
- Angel Manuel Delgadillo Ramirez, Lincoln, NE, \$236.13.

### SPEEDING (6-10 MPH OVER)

- Jose Rigoberto Sandoval, Denison, \$149.88.
- Aidan John Larson, Schleswig, \$118.25.
- David Michael Brandt, Manilla, \$118.25.
- Tisha K. Carey, Vail, \$149.88.
- Josue A. Shull Aguilar, Denison, \$149.88.
- Angelica Ella Marie Baker, Cherokee, \$149.88.
- William Joseph Davis, Denison, \$118.25.
- Eileen Marie Madrigal, Denison, \$118.25.

### SPEEDING (1-5 MPH OVER)

- Anderson Osmir Solisaguilar, Los Angeles, CA, \$106.75.
- Ernesto Juarez Solis, Dow City, \$106.75.
- William Barry Bergman, Arthur, \$89.50.
- Brecken Scott Wiebers, Schleswig, \$89.50.

## LAND TRANSACTIONS

November 22-30, 2023

### Warranty Deeds

- Yorleny Adriana Banegas Ferien to Fany J. Gonzalez and Edilkar Gonzalez Diaz: Lot 3, Block 1, Ridgeway 2nd Addition, City of Denison; \$105,000.
- Donald Blunk to William Blunk LE, Patricia Blunk LE, Timothy W. Blunk, Jeffrey D. Blunk and Jason P. Blunk: SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 13, Parcel A, Otter Creek Township; \$7,600.
- Adam Ullrich, Deanna Ullrich, Levi Ullrich and Laura Ullrich to Rebecca Veit Curnyn: NW1/4 NW1/4

- Section 1, Goodrich Township; SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 1, Goodrich Township; \$869,000.
- S&S Construction Company LLC, S&S Construction to Garrett Brothers LLC: Lot 5 and Lot 6, Block 8, City of Dow City; \$75,000.

### Court Officer Deed

- Thomas J. Brungardt Estate, Tina Brungardt Miller, Executor to M3S LLC: Lot 9, Block 2, Ridgeway 4th Addition, City of Denison; \$125,000.

## Funeral Notices

### JoAnn Reisz

Mass of Christian Burial for JoAnn Reisz, 76, of Denison, will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 12, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Denison with burial at the Dow City Cemetery.



The Huebner Funeral Home in Denison is in charge of arrangements where friends may call from 5-7 p.m. Monday, December 11, with a rosary at 4:30 p.m.

She passed away Monday, December 4 at Gracewell in Denison.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Lucille and her husband, Myron Eggers, of Texas; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services are entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

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## DENISON POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 2023

Total Hours Worked: Police 1,944 hrs. Communications: 862.4 hrs.  
Total Miles Traveled: 6,424 miles Total Fuel Used: 754 gals.

INVESTIGATIONS:	NOVEMBER 2023	YTD 2023	NOVEMBER 2022	YTD 2022
Burglary	0	5	2	15
Thefts	0	35	2	102
Vandalism	0	0	2	54
Drug/Alcohol	0	105	14	93
Accidents	11	124	11	113
General Calls	315	3331	287	2213
Total Activity	326	3600	318	2590
CHARGES FILED:				
Felony-Adult	0	34	4	34
Felony-Juvenile	0	1	0	3
Misdemeanor-Adult	25	282	39	342
Misdemeanor-Juv	7	23	3	35
Total Arrests	32	340	46	414
TRAFFIC CITATIONS:				
Written Citations	50	627	85	651
Written Warnings	93	498	78	481
Verbal Warnings	5	115	22	162
Total Traffic	148	1240	185	1294
ASSISTANCE:				
Persons	146	2540	229	1907
Other Agencies	4	55	4	51
Public Programs	0	0	0	3
Persons Alleged	0	0	0	49
Total Assistance	150	2595	233	2007

# Monarchs

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS BOWLING



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

This series of photos shows Jake Fink rolling his last frame of what proved to be a perfect game.

### Fink rolls perfect game

#### Monarch girls set record

Jake Fink had a big night on the lanes on Tuesday. He bowled a perfect game (300).

Head Coach Shelby Brawner said that according to her records, Fink is the first Denison-Schleswig Monarch

bowler to throw a 300 game since the boys' program was sanctioned.

The Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union added bowling to their sanctioned sports lists in 2009.

Brawner said that in the past, Trey Brotherton was the closest to a perfect

game with a 298.

Fink is a multi-sport athlete throughout the year, and during the winter season he plays basketball and bowls.

"He also works part time at the bowling alley," said Brawner. "He's extremely dedicated to his craft and takes the opportunity to practice



PHOTO BY RHONDA RAUCH

Brianna Musgrave concentrates hard on the pins as she gets to the line.

every chance he gets."

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch girls' varsity team also had a big night on Tuesday. The team set a record for five-game baker series. The team bowled a series of 978 with games of 205, 180, 209, 193 and 191.

The previous record was a 964 set by the 2013-2014 team.

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS WRESTLING

### Monarch boys place ninth in Harlan wrestling tournament

The Monarch boys' wrestling team finished 9th with 73 points in a tournament at Harlan.

Six Denison-Schleswig wrestlers placed in their weight division.

"The Monarch wrestling team learned a lot about who we are as a program," Head Coach Nick Bradley said after the tournament. "We had quite a few guys finish in the top six, and we finished ninth as a team. This is not where we wanted to finish as a team.

"We were sitting in the middle of the pack after Round 1 and then we faltered mentally," he added.

Bradley continued that the team has several members who have never had varsity experience and need to learn to manage their emotions and downtime between matches, and to prepare for their upcoming match.

"As coaches, this will be a major focus for us this week to help us prepare for the MVAOCO tournament," Bradley said. "As coaches, we saw guys utilizing moves that are being taught in the room. We are extremely proud of this. It shows that the boys listen and will implement the moves we are teaching."

He said Coach Parker Preul will show the team members six to seven new moves this week. The moves are based on positions the wrestlers were in at the Harlan tournament, that they did not capitalize on.

Joel Murillo was the highest placer with a third-place finish.

"Joel continues to grow as a wrestler,"

said Bradley. "He has a natural wrestling style and is able to scramble with the best wrestlers."

Jayden Bradley was the next highest finisher with a fourth-place finish.

"Jayden was able to beat a tough Harlan opponent in sudden victory. This Harlan wrestler pinned Jayden last year in 42 seconds," Bradley said.

Garret Plagge placed fifth.

"Garret continues to grow as a wrestler. He puts himself in position to win matches but sometimes comes up short," Bradley said.

Jayden Bradley, 126 pounds, 4th place overall: lost 11-1 in Round 1; won 4-2 in Round 2, lost by fall in 5:27 in Round 3.

Aden Esquerra, 132 pounds, 6th place overall: lost by fall in 1:08 in Round 1; won by fall in 1:20 in Round 2; lost by fall in 2:50 in Round 3; lost by fall in 1:11 in Round 4.

Luis Lopez, 138 pounds, 6th place overall: won by fall in 1:31 in Round 1; lost by fall in 2:10 in Round 2; lost by fall in 55 seconds in Round 3; lost by fall in 1:15 in Round 4.

Chase Williams, 144 pounds: lost by fall in 1:03 in Round 1; lost by fall in 1:03 in Round 2.

Francisco Escalante, 150 pounds: lost by fall in 1:22 in Round 1; lost by fall in 1:55 in Round 2.

Victor Arroyo, 157 pounds, 6th place overall: won by fall in 2:44 in Round 1; lost by fall in 1:23 in Round 2; lost by fall in 1:37 in Round 3; lost by fall in 4:35 in Round 4.

Javier Medina, 165 pounds: lost by fall in 1:32 in Round 1; lost by fall in 43 seconds in Round 2.

Ismael Alfaro, 175 pounds, 6th place overall: lost by fall in 1:36 in Round 1;

times."

Eight out of 10 Monarch wrestlers placed in the top six of their weight bracket. The other two girls were wrestling back for seventh place but their matches were cancelled due to time constraints.

Five girls made it to the semi-finals. They are Daniela Salinas, Taya Adams, Angie Rivera, Giana Garcia, and Andrea Alcaraz.

"Taya Adams and Giana Garcia both placed fourth after being unseeded, which was great to see," Brawner said. "I also want to acknowledge Salinas and Rivera who both got knocked off in the semis as one seeds, didn't hang their heads, and won two more matches to battle back for third.

We still need to get better with our understanding of situational wrestling as well as understanding where we are at positionally and when to hit certain moves," he continued. "Some of that will come with more mat time, but we'll have to try to simulate those situations in practice."

The varsity girls will next be in action at another big tournament Friday at Riverside.



PHOTOS BY RHONDA RAUCH

Joel Murillo looks to get position against an opponent during a match this past week.



Garret Plagge gets the pin.

won by fall in 38 seconds in Round 2; lost 8-2 in Round 3; lost 7-4 in Round 4.

Joel Murillo, 190 pounds, 3rd place overall: won by fall in 1:35 in Round 1; lost 21-6 in Round 2; won 10-8 in Round 3; won by fall in 3:47 in Round 4.

Luis Chan, 215 pounds: lost by fall

in 2:43 in Round 1; lost by fall in 2:35 in Round 2.

Garret Plagge, 285 pounds, 5th place overall: won by fall in 46 seconds in Round 1; lost by fall in 4:16 in Round 2; lost by fall in 5:30 in Round 3; won by fall in 27 seconds in Round 4.

### Monarch girls place fifth in 23-team wrestling meet

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch girls ended up fifth out of 23 teams with 127 points at a tournament on Saturday at Audubon.

Monarch wrestlers ended up in third through six places in their weight classes.

"We're very proud of our girls for their display of competitiveness and toughness," said Head Coach Jacob Brawner. "This was probably the biggest tournament we have been to as a program, and I was a little nervous at how we'd respond.

"It takes a certain level of resilience to be in a gym competing for 12-plus hours on a Saturday. There are highs and lows along the way," he continued. "We won some matches that we probably had no business winning, and we also felt like we let a few wins slip away that we could've gotten. Momentum is a real thing in wrestling, and you could feel our girls' confidence build throughout the day and start to expect to win at

Daniela Salinas, 100 pounds, 3rd place overall: won by fall in 30 seconds in quarter-final; lost by 8-7 decision in semi-final; won by fall in 1:06 in consolation semi-final; won by ultimate tiebreaker 11-10 in third place match.

Grace Collins, 115 pounds: lost by fall in Round 1; won by fall in 4:57 in consolation Round 3.

Taya Adams, 130 pounds, 4th place overall: won by fall in 2:40 in Round 1; won by fall in 34 seconds in quarter-final; lost by fall in 44 seconds in semi-final; won by fall in 1:48 in consolation semi-final; lost by fall in 3:47 in 3rd place match.

Angie Rivera, 135 pounds, 3rd place overall: won by fall in 27 seconds in Round 1; won by fall in 5:22 in quarter-final; lost by fall in 2:42 in semi-final; won by medical forfeit in consolation semi-final; won by fall in 4:30 in 3rd place match.

Giana Garcia, 140 pounds, 4th place overall: won by fall in 45 seconds in Round 1; won by fall in 3:28 in quarter-final; lost by fall in 50 seconds in semi-final; won by fall in 3:30 in consolation semi-final; lost by fall in 3:02 in third-place match.

Aremy Santos, 145 pounds, 5th place overall: lost by fall in 2:34 in quarter-final; won by fall in 1:57 in consolation Round 2; lost by fall in 28 seconds in consolation semi-final; won by fall in 1:44 in 5th place match.

Andrea Alcaraz, 155 pounds, 5th place overall: won by fall in 1:17 in Round 1; won by fall in 4:25 in quarter-final; lost by fall in 2:43 in semi-final; lost by fall in 5:44 in consolation semi-final; won by fall in 1:58 in 5th place match.

Kassandra Barroso, 170 pounds: lost by fall in 1:37 in Round 1; won by fall in 1:00 in consolation Round 1; won by injury default in consolation Round 2.

Taylor Totten, 190 pounds, 5th place overall: lost by major decision, 8-0, in quarter-final; won by fall in 5 seconds in consolation Round 2; lost by fall in 34 seconds in consolation semi-final; won by fall in 9 seconds in 5th place match.

Lexi Hartwig, 235 pounds, 6th place overall: lost by fall in 33 seconds in quarter final; won by fall in 3:12 in consolation Round 2; lost by fall in 3:10 in consolation Round 2; lost by fall in 31 seconds in 5th place match.



# Sports

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS BASKETBALL

### Monarch boys fall to Kuemper Catholic

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch boys' basketball team fell to Kuemper Catholic 86-68 in a non-conference game on Saturday.

Kuemper led 27-17 at the end of the first quarter, extended its lead to 50-38 at the half and was up 71-52 after three periods.

"We ran into a bit of a buzzsaw in Kuemper as they scored 27 points in the first quarter and 50 in the first half," said Head Coach Derek Fink. "Our inability to slow them down on the offensive end created a gap. We had to throw some different defenses at them, and we were unable to execute well enough on that end to give us a

chance." He added that turnovers and misses at the free throw line came back to haunt the team in the final outcome.

"We know we will need to improve on some things as the season continues," Fink said.

Luke Wiebers led the Monarchs with 24 points. Lance Arkfeld and Kole Towne added 12 each, followed by Jake Fink with 11. Rounding out the Monarchs' scoring was Blaine Grady with four, Gage Head with three and Chandler Perrien with two points.

The junior varsity fell 55-42 to Kuemper.

Linkin Beeck scored 24 points, Santiago Lopez added eight, Own Galvin scored five points, Javin Baker had 3 and Edgar Ortiz scored two points.



Koley Towne goes in for a layup against Glenwood on Tuesday night. He scored four points in the Monarchs' 53-50 win.

PHOTOS BY RHONDA RAUCH



Luke Wiebers goes up for the block against Glenwood. He scored 11 points on Tuesday night.

### Storm Lake edges Monarch boys by five points

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch boys' basketball team jumped out to a big lead over Storm Lake on Thursday but was outscored 15-4 in the second quarter, giving Storm Lake a lead it would not relinquish en route to a 61-56 win.

It was the home opener on the Monarchs' renovated gym.

The score was 17-11 D-S after one quarter, 26-21 Storm Lake at the half and 45-35 Storm Lake after three quarters. The Monarchs outscored Storm Lake 21-16 in the final frame.

"We got off to a good start getting out to a 17-1 lead in the first quarter, but I thought we ran out of gas a bit in the second quarter and broke down a little bit on both ends of the floor," said Head Coach Derek Fink. "Storm Lake put a run on us to get the lead, a lead they never would relinquish although

we got it down to one possession a few times in the four quarter."

He added, "The first couple of weeks have been filled with mix-and-match lineups and trying to define roles based upon players available. Tonight, we had a different lineup than night No. 1 due to getting some guys back, but foul trouble and fatigue got us into some unusual rotations.

"We did a lot of good things," Fink continued, "and hopefully we can start to settle in a little bit on who we are as a team and how we want to execute late in certain situations, something I am confident we will get corrected as time goes on."

Luke Wiebers led the Monarchs with 23 points. Lance Arkfeld followed with 15. Other scorers were Jake Fink and Blaine Grady with six each, Kole Towne with four and Gage Head with two.

### D-S girls even record at 2-2 with win over Kuemper

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch girls leveled its season record at 2-2 with a 44-36 victory over Kuemper Catholic on Saturday.

Kuemper led 10-7 after the first quarter, 13-10 at the half and 29-26 after three quarters. The Monarch girls

outscored Kuemper 18-7 in the final frame to get the win.

Mayah Slater led in scoring with 12 points. She also had eight rebounds, one assist and 2 steals.

Following are the other players' stats. Addison Inman: 6 points, 4 rebounds,

2 assists, 3 steals  
Samantha Chandler: 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal  
Kamden Bruhn: 1 rebound  
Claire Leinen: 2 rebounds, 2 steals  
Kiana Schulz: 8 points, 3 assists, 2 steals

Whitlee Auen: 11 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals  
Gaby Cardenas: 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 blocks  
Sara Mun: 5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals



Whitlee Auen drives to the hoop against Kuemper on Saturday night. Auen scored 11 points. Mayah Slater led the Monarchs with 12 points and eight rebounds.

PHOTOS BY RHONDA RAUCH



Sam Chandler and Kiana Schulz look to trap against a Kuemper Catholic player. The Monarch girls won 44-36 over Kuemper, which evened their record at 2-2.

### Vendors and Santa Claus in Schleswig



St. Nicholas exits a Schleswig fire truck that delivered him to the Schleswig Community Building on Saturday.



Camila Cabrera, of Waukee, gives Santa Claus an interesting look as he asks her what she wants for Christmas. Camila's mother is originally from Denison.



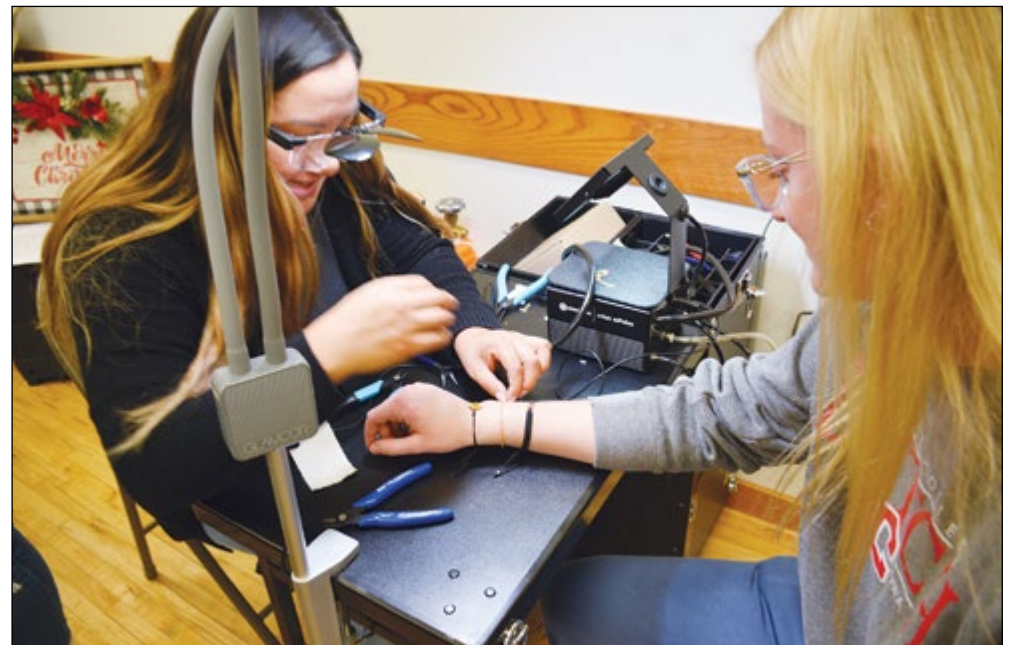
Jasmin and Jeffrey Marron, of Schleswig, smile broadly for the camera but their 10-month-old son, Grantlee, is more interested in the guy behind him.



Jeremiah Galdamez, age 2, of Schleswig, found chairs that were just right for him at the craft fair at the Schleswig Community Building on Saturday. The chairs and other wooden fixtures were crafted by Dan Beebe, of Dan's Woodworking, Holstein.



Tracy Beeck, Amy Schultz and Shannon Cose were busy selling t-shirts to raise funds for Schleswig's 125th anniversary next year. At right, Kelli Rupert, of Schleswig, checks out something that Cose is showing her.



Kaitlynn Spoelstra (right) of Templeton, gets a piece of jewelry worked on at the PS & Co. booth at the Schleswig craft fair on Saturday. PS & Co. is located in Storm Lake and is owned by Priscilla Renteria and Shay Rios.

### Bridge will be visible to campers at Yellow Smoke

BRIDGE, FROM PAGE 1

BY DAN MUNDT

An old rainbow truss bridge that had been located just south of Buck Grove now has a new home at Yellow Smoke Park.

The bridge, which crossed Buck Creek, was built in 1945 after the original bridge at the location was washed out by flooding.

The bridge had reached the end of its design life after more than 75 years of use.

"We removed it from its location in late summer and stored it in the yard," said Crawford County Engineer Paul Assman.

The county bridge crew built a new bridge in its location over Buck Creek.

The old bridge was no longer suitable for vehicular traffic, but could be used as a trail bridge, Assman said.

"Earlier this year, (Bridge Crew Foreman) Tim Beery and I were asked to go out and take a look at one of the bridges in Yellow Smoke Park; an existing timber bridge," Assman said. "While we were out there looking at that bridge, we walked over and looked at another bridge; a walking bridge off the main trail."

They could see significant signs of deterioration.



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

The old bridge, in its new location, will be easily seen and accessed by campers at Yellow Smoke Park.

"We suggested to the conservation department - (Director) Chris Gosch and the board - that perhaps this bridge near Buck Grove would be a good replacement for that decaying timber structure," he said. "Everyone agreed that it would be a good location for it."

The bridge crew had mostly wrapped up the scheduled work for the year and had time to take on the project.

"The conditions were good,"

Assman said. "The ground was dry and we could get in and do the project without much damage to the area around the park, because we had to access it with heavy equipment."

Conservation employees started the removal of the bridge and county employees did the rest.

The county bridge crew put in new pilings on each end of the span.

Reconstruction of the old rainbow bridge began at the location on Friday afternoon of last week.

Assman said he expects work will be complete by Thursday of this week, with placing the deck as the last task to complete.

"I think this is a really nice preservation of a unique structure in an area that will be visible to campers; it's directly across the lake from the campground," he said. "It will provide a unique opportunity for people to easily access it and view it as they're enjoying camping and all the other things the park has to offer."

### Stories told in music at 8-12 Holiday Band Concert



Artwork created the backdrop for the performance of "A Christmas Carol" at the 2023 Holiday Band Concert Monday night at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center. Artwork by Shelby Kastner, Mindy Thongvanh, Ethan Olsen, Magdalen Murillo and Jimena Lupian was displayed. Ethan Olsen served as the narrator for the five-part song.

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Trombones in the 8th grade band were featured in the song "Dance of the Slippery Slide Trombones."



Trumpeters in the 9-10 band play their part in the song "A Holiday Gallop." The music incorporates the melodies of Jingle Bells, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, Twelve Days of Christmas and Jolly Old St. Nicholas.



Ruben Newell directs the 11-12 band in the performance of Karl King's "Our Heritage March."



The 8th grade band performs "Bell Carol Rock" under the direction of Peter Bekkerus.



Ryan Meyer directs the 9-10 band in "Silent Night."

### Manilla Christmas Market



PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDT

Aschtian Montange, of Denison, kept an eye on Leila Corona as she looked at one of the many toys at the Manilla Christmas Market on December 2.



More than 500 lighted and animated figures were on display in the basement of Manilla Memorial Hall during the Manilla Christmas Market.



Manilla Memorial Hall was crowded with shoppers during the Christmas market last weekend. The event took place in two other buildings, as well.



Shepherd Mohler, from Irwin, had a very good time talking to Santa Claus.



Henry Deal, of Dow City, was fascinated by some of the animated toys.

### Second graders rescued from bubble gum goo in musical



A chorus of townspeople sing and cheer merrily about the approach of Christmas.



The townspeople decided there was only one person who could solve their problem with Bubble Gum Bart, so they telegraphed Santa Claus (Jesus Medina), who is seen above deciphering the Morse code message.

PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF  
The Denison Elementary School second graders avoided a sticky mess in the musical "Christmas at the O.K. Corral," performed last Thursday at the Denison High School Fine Arts Center. Bubble Gum Bart did not enjoy all the Christmas frivolity, so he threatened to cover the town with bubble gum goo if it continued. Pictured above is Iker Acevedo, as Bubble Gum Bart, boldly sauntering around town as he issues his threat.



Bob Boettger receives a gift of a meat and cheese tray, given in appreciation for his work set decorations of rail fences, wagon wheels and cactus.



The Candy Cane Kid (Brayten Reisz) came to the rescue of the townspeople, along with his trusty reindeer, Vixie (London Frehse).



Bubble Gum Bart and The Candy Cane Kid finally had a showdown on the street. Only words were exchanged, and Bubble Gum Bart confessed he was so nasty because nobody liked him. But that was not true, as townspeople gathered around to welcome him.



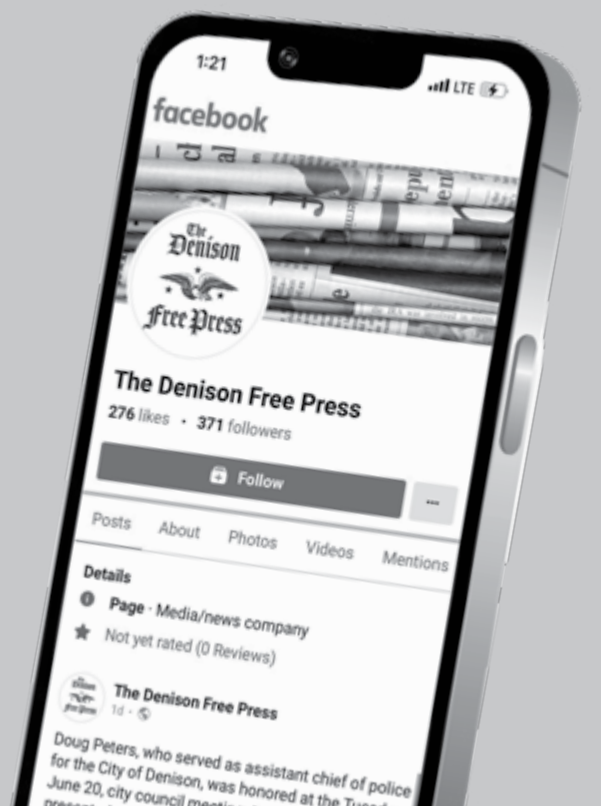
Square dancers line up to perform for the audience. In the foreground is an example of the set decorations provided by Bob Boettger.

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## In Remembrance



**William (Bill) Junior Adams**  
October 21, 1951 - November 22, 2023

William (Bill) Junior Adams was born on October 21, 1951 the son of William and Berniece (Schumann) Adams at Carroll, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm in Stockholm Township Crawford County, Iowa. He was baptized in the Boyer United Methodist Church and later attended Sunday School and was confirmed in the United Methodist Church in Odebolt. With the closing of the Boyer Church, the family joined the United Presbyterian Church in Vail.

Bill started his education at Stockholm #7, and later moved to Ar-We-Va Community Schools, graduating with the class of 1969. After graduation he worked many different jobs. He helped his dad with construction, ran the Vail Drive In, part time at Kiron Food Palace, part time at Hy-Vee, and assisted Joyce Kock in her catering business until he started his own. During his many years of catering, Bill was also a go to cake baker, making cakes for almost every occasion. Along with the catering, his final job was being the Janitor, Cook, and Bus Driver for Ar-We-Va Community Schools Elementary building in Vail.

In the fall of 1983, he and his parents moved off of the family farm and into Vail. At that time, he became caretaker for them until their deaths. On July 6, 1991, at the United Presbyterian Church in Vail, he married his High School Sweetheart Barb Fett. During the first years of their marriage, they hosted Foreign Exchange students from Germany (2), Spain and Thailand. In 1998, they adopted their daughter Melissa Ann.

Bill was very active in his church and community. He spent many hours volunteering in several different capacities for the church and was a member of the church choir. He served several years, including many terms as president, on the Vail Community Club board as well as the Vail Swimming Pool board.

During his spare time, Bill enjoyed working in the yard, sewing, furniture refinishing, decorating, and helping out where he could. He especially enjoyed family gatherings and having his nieces and nephews come for the weekend.

Bill is survived by his wife of 32 years Barb Adams; daughter, Melissa Adams; two brothers: Dennis (Karen) Adams of Omaha, NE, and Sam (LuAnn) Adams of Boone, IA; sister-in-law, Rosella Shelley of Atlantic, IA; nephew, Aaron (Jennifer) Adams; nieces: Angela Adams, Heather Adams, Nettie (Jon) Bruen, Samantha Adams, Amber Adams, and Laura (Nuzum) Karas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Bill passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at the Bergan Mercy Medical Clinic in Omaha, Nebraska attaining the age of 72 years, 1 month, and 1 day. He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws, brother Kenneth Adams, and nephew John Nuzum.

Funeral Services were held 10:30 A.M., Saturday, December 2, 2023, at United Presbyterian Church in Vail, Iowa. Rev. Kevin Freese officiated the service with interment in the Vail Cemetery. Organist Jean Ang provided accompaniment for soloist Sue Rosener and congregational hymns "Amazing Grace" and "Morning Has Broken." Recorded musical selection, "Why Me" by Kris Kristofferson was also played. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Ellie Adams, Natalie Bruen, Kenley Bruen, Calder Adams, Oliver Bruen, Ruby Adams and Willow Adams. Serving as pallbearers were Aaron & Jennifer Adams, Angela Adams, Heather Adams, Nettie & Jon Bruen, Samantha Adams, Amber Adams and Laura (Nuzum) Karas. Following the burial, the family invited everyone to the Vail Community Building for a time of fellowship and lunch. Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.

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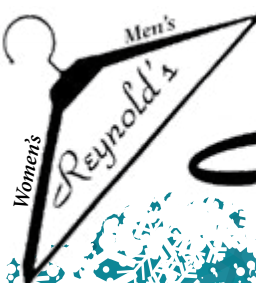
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### Winter Snowcial



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The Winter Snowcial kicked off in Uptown Denison on Saturday, December 1, with a Santa Fun Run/Walk.



Lynzie Reisz, as Santa, heads off on the Santa Fun Run/Walk with, from left, Ryker and Brayten Reisz and Paislee Stoverl as reindeer. The group won the "funniest costume" award.



Aubrey Young, of Denison, was the first to cross the finish line in the Santa Fun Run/Walk. She did not walk.



Sloan, left, and Evelyn Moore, of Carroll, got their chance to talk to Santa while he was at the Merry Market in the Mall during the Winter Snowcial in Denison.



A snowball fight, with fake snowballs, broke out on Broadway during the Winer Snowcial.



The horse-drawn wagon rides, sponsored by the Women in Business Impact Organization, were popular with the crowd at the Snowcial.

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