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## Movies in the Park is Saturday

### “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” to be screened

BY DAN MUNDT

Movies in the Park returns to Denison on Saturday with a showing of “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” at Washington Park.

“I usually stay away from the more recent movies because people have seen them recently, but “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” is so good,” said Jennifer Smith, who is the lead organizer of the event.

“It really speaks to anybody who is three years old to about 70 who grew up around Nintendo. It really reaches across generations, so everybody can be a part of it.”

The animated movie was released on April 5 of this year, and went on to earn \$1.36 billion dollars on a \$100 million budget.

“The Super Mario Bros. Movie” stars Chris Pratt, Anya Taylor-Joy, Jack Black and many others in voice roles.

As sponsor of the September Movies in the Park event, Broadway Dental will cover the licensing fee for the film, which was \$480.

“They are third-year sponsors for our movie night and we love having them be part of the festivities,” Smith said.

She noted that the licensing fees started at \$435 two years ago and have steadily increased.

“I don’t know if that’s a product of Corona or what, because it does not seem to be tied to the quality of the movie or the recency of the movie,” Smith said. “If we didn’t have sponsors, we probably wouldn’t be able to have these events.”

She noted that “The Little Mermaid” was her first choice for the August Movies in the Park to go along with the event’s water theme.

“It ended up they (Swank Motion Pictures) were not able to acquire the licensing rights in time,” Smith said. “Maybe that will be for next year.”

The Movies in the Park event begins with activities at Washington Park beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday.

“We are going to have bouncy houses set up, corn hole and other games,” Smith said. “The school has soccer nets there, and that’s been really

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## The show comes together

### “Mary Poppins” rehearsals move ahead

BY DAN MUNDT

After three full weeks of rehearsals, the cast of “Mary Poppins” ran through the entire production for the first time.

Every four years, the Denison Community School District puts on a community musical with a cast of students and adult members from the community; “Mary Poppins” is the 2023 production.

“We have lots of talented adults and students,” said DHS vocal teacher Kandice Thompson, who is co-directing the musical with Denison High School (DHS) language arts teacher Laurel Olsen.

“I feel like we’re ahead of schedule, so that’s exciting.”

Thompson handles the singing parts of the rehearsals and Olsen directs the acting performances.

Rehearsals to this point have involved scene blocking and choreography for each of the scenes, as well as work with Thompson to learn the musical’s many songs.

Olsen said the run-through this week would help her determine what

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PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Beth Vogt, as Mary Poppins, explains to Claire Olsen and Seth Ullrich, as the Banks children, that their behavior will become “practically perfect” under her direction as their nanny.

## Mohr Shade, less hassle A new shade design leads to a growing business

BY DAN MUNDT

A new building under construction in Denison will house a business Cody Mohr started in Schleswig about five years ago.

“I needed a shade for our cattle and a couple of the brands I was going to buy took you three hours or so to put it together,” Mohr said.

He instead decided to create a shade of his own.

“I invented a shade that cranks up and collapses just like an umbrella,” he said. “It comes all preassembled with the canvas and ready to go.”

He made two for himself, and two more for someone who liked the design.

As more people heard about his shade, a few more orders came in.



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

Production of Mohr Shades will soon be underway in this building in south Denison. The company sold about 300 of the collapsible shades last year and aims to sell more than that in the coming year.

“Our first year, we sold 13,” he said. “The second year, it was 50.”

Last year, he sold 300.

“I didn’t really plan on it being much, but it turned into quite something,” Mohr said.

For the last five years, he and a few others have been making Mohr Shades at Bedrock Concrete Products in

Schleswig.

Mohr Shades have been put to use by the Denison Community School District for softball, baseball, and track and field events.

A few have been placed in city parks, and the shades have proven to be popular with livestock producers.

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## Denison High School heads into homecoming week



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

The Denison-Schleswig Homecoming Queen and King will be crowned at a ceremony at 7 p.m. Monday, October 2, at the Denison High School football field. Queen candidates are, front, from left, Helen Belisle, Taya Adams, Christell Salazar, Mia Garcia and Hania Ramos. In back are the king candidates: Andy Ledesma, Christopher Ochoa, Luke Wiebers, Quincy Mahrt and Juan Diaz.

BY GORDON WOLF

The Denison-Schleswig Homecoming King and Queen will be announced this coming Monday, October 2, at 7 p.m. at the high school football field.

The coronation marks the beginning of activities for Homecoming Week.

Other events on Monday evening will be the Powder Puff football game at 7:30 (9-10 girls’ Powder Puff followed by the 11-12 girls’ Powder Puff), and the announcement of senior awards.

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## Another opportunity to view a vision for Denison this Saturday

### Four possible long-range projects considered

BY GORDON WOLF

Not set in stone, or even in final form on paper, the four long-range targets or goals of a visioning process in Denison will be available for the public to view this Saturday, September 30, at Washington Park, beginning at 5 p.m.

Denison is one of 10 communities to participate in this year’s Iowa’s Living

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## Set construction takes place on Saturdays

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is on target and what needs more work. Up until this week, the actors had worked together in smaller groups, so this week's rehearsals were the first opportunity many of them had to see the flow of the production.

"I think they'll enjoy seeing how it all fits together," Olsen said.

She said the adults from the community and the students are working well together.

"A lot of the adults who are in the show are still tied to the school somehow," she said. "We have quite a few current teachers and some former students, which helps the high school students feel comfortable."

"I think the students know what to expect from this kind of production," Thompson said. "It's a big show, but it all works itself out."

"The elementary kids seem to be very excited about participating in their scenes," Olsen said.

Scheduling rehearsals can be challenging when the cast includes such a wide range of ages.

"There are some scenes that are primary high schoolers and there are some that are primarily adults; it varies, and everybody's been doing a great job," she said. "I've been impressed with attendance and attitude."

Olsen said she feels the production is about where she wanted it to be at this point.

"In some ways, it never feels like enough time, but I think we're pretty well on schedule compared to past years," Olsen said. "This show is a little bit longer, a little bit more involved, because it's a community show. There

are a lot of scenes, so it did take a little bit longer than usual to get through teaching everything, but so far, so good. I think the people in the different roles are doing an excellent job and they seem to be having a good time."

Costumes, projections (for the background) and backdrops have been ordered.

Volunteers have been showing up on Saturdays to help build sets.

"We're making good headway on the scenery," Olsen said. "We've got a lot of the big stuff out of the way."

Community members have donated most of the non-rental items needed for the production, but Olsen said she is waiting on collecting them.

"I don't want to get it too soon because we don't have a place to put everything," she said. "We're still doing a lot of moving back and forth with painted scenery and things on stage."

Her theater class students will soon work on a unit about scenery construction - and Olsen plans to put them to work on "Mary Poppins."

She expects to be done with most of the scenery in the next two weeks.

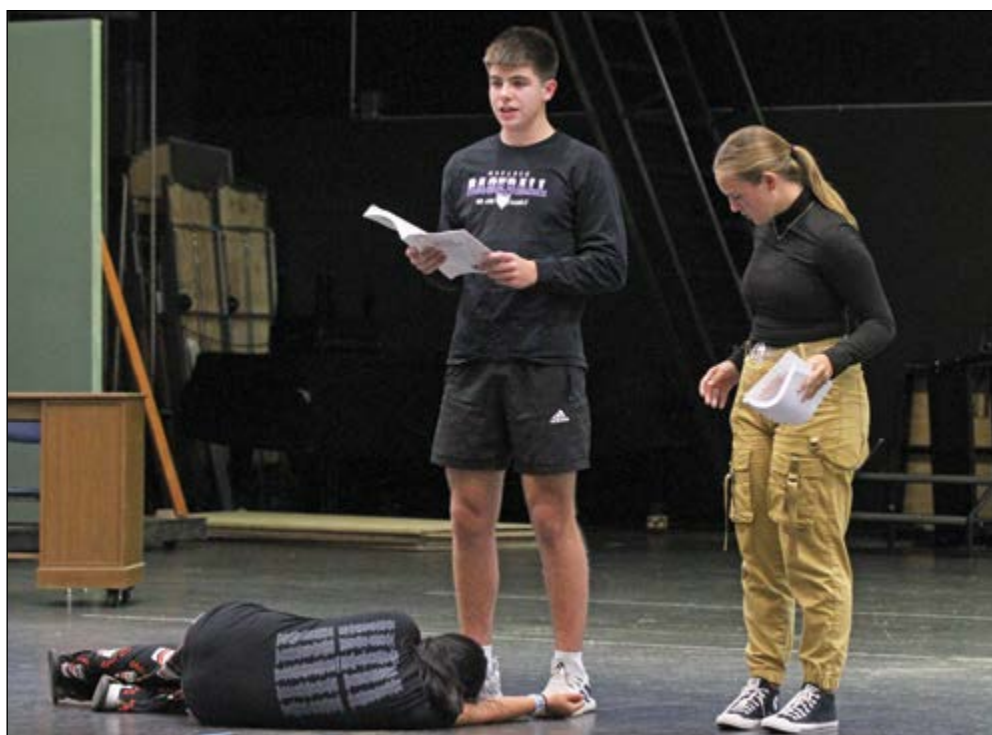
Individuals who would like to help work on the sets are welcome to join, she said.

This Saturday, September 30, set construction will take place from 9 a.m. to noon; on Saturday, October 7, construction will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We'll have painting to do and usually some construction. I try to find something for anybody who shows up," Olsen said. "I would encourage people, if they do come, to wear clothes that could get paint on them."

Set construction takes place in the scene shop; entry is through the Fine Arts Center's south door.

Performances of "Mary Poppins" will take place on November 3, 4 and 5.



PHOTOS BY DAN MUNDT

Adonay Arellano, as Robertson Ay, the butler, sleeps on the floor in front of Cody Schulte as Mr. Banks and Chloe Koch as Winifred Banks.



Co-director Laurel Olsen gives instructions on how cast members should react when Mary Poppins arrives for the first time.

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## Hansen begins work as Ag in the Classroom program coordinator

Alayna Hansen is the new Ag in the Classroom coordinator for the Loess Hills Area Farm Bureau.

She currently resides in Templeton with her husband and four boys.

Growing up on a farm just north of Halbur, her experience and expertise in agriculture started at a young age.

"My summers were filled with 4-H, county and state fairs, walking beans, and helping out on the family farm," Hansen said.

She graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School and then Buena Vista University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and human services. Over the last 10 years, she has been a coordinator for non-profits and most recently ran a successful in-home daycare program where she designed and implemented play-based learning curriculum.

In her free time, Hansen enjoys going on adventures with her boys, running, spending time with friends, and volunteering in her community.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Alayna Hansen is the new Loess Hills AITC Coordinator.

"I am excited to get into the area classrooms and bring the excitement of agriculture to the kids," Hansen said. "I have fun ideas and projects to share as I get started with Loess Hills Ag in the Classroom."

Hansen invites teachers to reach out to her at [ahansen@loesshillsaitc.org](mailto:ahansen@loesshillsaitc.org) for more information to see how Loess Hills Ag in the Classroom can help them.

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## Hamburgers and chips to be sold as playground fundraiser

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popular for the kids to play when they're there."

A variety of food and drinks will be for sale.

"Taqueria La Tapatia Taquizas, the blue taco truck, will be there," Smith said. "They've been part of our events three years in a row. They have amazing food. Bakers on Broadway will be providing desserts for the second time and we're appreciative to have them back."

Denison Parks & Rec and the Crawford County Cattlemen's Association have joined forces to sell hamburgers and chips as a fundraiser for a new playground to replace the recently-demolished Kids Kastle at Washington Park.

"They're ready to serve about 100 burgers," she said. "I'm sure my family will have about 10 of those."

Smith said she would like to see more causes/benefit activities added to future

Movies in the Park nights.

"We've tried to stay away from making it about money, but when you have groups that are able to do something like the Cattlemen and Parks & Rec Commission members are going to do, I think those kinds of things can go a long way by sending a positive message," she said.

Parks & Rec will also sell popcorn, nachos and other snacks on Saturday.

The movie will start at dark, which is about 7:30 p.m.

"Hopefully, with it starting a little bit earlier, that can help out parents with little ones," Smith said.

The final 2023 Movies in the Park event will take place on October 28 with the annual Día de los Muertos and Halloween Party.

"As soon as this movie is over, I will start to actively solicit a list of participants for that - and it doesn't take long to fill up," Smith said.

More than 50 businesses took part last year by setting up trick or treat stations at the park.

"A really good thing about this community is when there are things to do, things born out of an intent to do good, people recognize that and they step up to lend a hand," she said.

- School dismissal at 12:45 p.m.
- Parade in uptown Denison at 1:45 p.m.
- 9th grade football game at 4:15 p.m. vs. Storm Lake
- Varsity football game at 7 p.m. vs. Storm Lake

### Saturday, October 7

- Homecoming dance 7-10 p.m.

### HOMECOMING CANDIDATES

Following are the homecoming queen and king candidates.

- Helen Belisle, of Deloit, daughter of Roxana Belisle
- Taya Adams, of Denison, daughter of Clay Adams and Christie Adams
- Christell Salazar, of Denison, daughter of Elmer and Sonia Salazar
- Mia Garcia, of Denison, daughter of Omar Garcia and Virginia Navarro
- Hania Ramos, of Denison, daughter of Daniel Ramos and Blanca Garcia
- Andy Ledesma, of Vail, son of Jose and Maria Ledesma
- Christopher Ochoa, of Denison, son of Veronica Hernandez
- Luke Wiebers, of Denison, son of Dave and Sarah Wiebers
- Quincy Mahrt, of Denison, son of Nathan and Amber Mahrt
- Juan Diaz, of Denison, son of Yanira Diaz

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Monday's dress-up day theme is Lazy Day at the Beach (relaxing, non-swimwear beach clothing).

Following are the activities for the rest of the homecoming week.

### Tuesday, October 3

- Tacky Tourist dress-up theme (bright colors, button-ups and flowers)
- Movie night at 7 p.m. at the east soccer field (movie is Hotel Transylvania 3)

### Wednesday, October 4

- Country vs. Country Club dress-up theme (students will dress either in the style of the country or the country club and the side with the most participants will win)

### Thursday, October 5

- Barbenheimer (Barbie vs. Oppenheimer) dress-up theme (in colors of pink for Barbie and black for Oppenheimer or a mixture of both)
- Community pep rally with food and games on Broadway between Main Street and 14th Street, 5-8 p.m.
- Bonfire uptown at 8 p.m.

### Friday, October 6

- Aloha Homecoming dress-up theme (school colors of purple and gold)
- All-school picnic and class games at 12 p.m.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

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### NON-SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

- Fausto Marqarito Perez, Denison, driving while license under suspension, \$647.60.

### SCHEDULED TRAFFIC FINES

- Armando Rafael Tercero, Omaha, NE, careless driving, \$112.50.
- Christopher Allen Crews, Vail, operating non-registered vehicle, \$175.75.
- Christopher Allen Crews, Vail, failure to maintain control, \$287.88.
- Ronmel Barrientos, Omaha, NE, no valid driver's license, \$503.50.
- Kerri Ann Gray, Castana, operation without registration card or plate, \$175.75.
- Jenny Amy Chavez, Denison, dark window or windshield, \$175.75.
- Brody Matthew Tremblay, Kiron, windshield and window requirements, \$135.50.
- Leonardo Baltazar, Omaha, NE, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.
- Mateo Baltazar, Omaha, NE, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.
- Leonardo Baltazar, Omaha, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Catarino Lopez Martin, Sioux City, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Tytan Scott Frohlich, Harlan, dark window or windshield, \$135.50.
- Rylan Avery Hass, Manning, operation of unregistered vehicle, \$89.50.
- Michael James Bauer, Denison, fail to obey stop sign and yield right of way, \$210.25.
- Jonnatan Noe Carrillo Castro, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Juan Carlos Montanez, Denver, CO, operating non-registered vehicle, \$135.50.
- Kristen Renee Anastasi, Manilla, \$135.50.
- Jesus Manuel Ramirez Vargas, South Sioux City, NE, dark window or windshield, \$135.50.
- Adan Ernesto Ramirez Flores, Danbury, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Roberto Carlos Vazquez Bustillos, Omaha, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Roberto Carlos Vazquez Bustillos, Omaha, NE, dark window or windshield, \$135.50.
- Fernando Zaragoza Sanchez, Denison, no valid driver's license, \$354.
- Aaron Mumm, Denison, use electronic communication device, age 18 or above, \$106.75.
- Austin Jackson Moyer, Scottsdale, AZ, failure to obey stop or yield sign, \$210.25.

### SPEEDING (21 mph +)

- Ronmel Barrientos, Omaha, NE,

- \$339.63.
- Jimmy David Shoemaker, Spurger, TX, \$529.38.
- Thomas Isaac Scott Locklear, Westside, \$290.75.

### SPEEDING (16-20 mph over)

- Adan Ernesto Ramirez Flores, Danbury, \$193.

### SPEEDING (11-15 mph over)

- Aliaksandr Zharabila, Feasterville-Trevoze, PA, \$175.75.
- Jennifer Lynn Juhl, Denison, \$175.75.

### SPEEDING (6-10 mph over)

- Tegan Ryan Steinkuehler, Harlan, \$149.88.
- Audrey L. Radican, Elkhorn, NE, \$118.25.
- Arturo Montoya Saenz, Hobbs, NM, \$118.25.
- Justin M. Jeanette, Lincoln, NE, \$118.25.
- Patrick Robert Cogdill, Dunlap, \$118.25.
- Maria Eric Marquez Govea, Denison, \$118.25.
- Jeremy Noah Moore, Council Bluffs, \$118.25.
- Karla Maleni Morales Chino, Carroll, \$149.88.

### SPEEDING (1-5 mph over)

- Austin Daniel Wych, Ida Grove, \$106.75.
- Tyler Eugene Brummer, Dunlap, \$106.75.
- Yesenia Rodriguez Aragon, Denison, \$106.75.
- Blake Nathaniel Koch, Dow City, \$296.50.
- Rogelio Zaragoza Morales, Rembrandt, \$89.50.
- Amanda Marie Lasher, Manning, \$89.50.
- Kevin Kenneth Braasch, Deloit, \$106.75.
- Justin Scott Miracle, Bellevue, NE, \$89.50.
- Skyler Richard Hartwig, Denison, \$89.50.
- Lita Lorraine Modell, Ava, MO, \$89.50.
- Mayra Zarazua Najera, Denison, \$89.50.

### SMALL CLAIMS

- Against: Jacob Duane Boettger, Denison. In favor of: Midland Credit Management Inc. Amount: \$693.37 plus \$95 costs.
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# Local Calendar

**FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**

**All School Band Night** at Denison-Schleswig Monarchs football game, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**Pippa White** will perform "Voices from Ellis Island" at the Charter Oak Public Library at 2 p.m.

**Movies at the Park** at Washington Park in Denison. See the story on Page 1 of this edition.

**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**Ricketts Volunteer Fire Department Annual Pancake Breakfast**, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Ricketts Community Center. Pancakes, biscuits and gravy, eggs, hash browns, ham, rolls.

**Life Chain stand for life**, 2-3 p.m., along Highway 30 at 15th Street. People are invited to join in.

**Food sale benefit** for Denison community member Luis Torres Washington Park, 8 a.m. until the food runs out. Everything sold will help with Torres's transportation costs for cancer treatments.

**MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 2, 2023**

**Presentation of Homecoming Court**, Crowning of King and Queen, 7 p.m. at Denison High School.



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

**TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 3, 2023**

**"Color Me Calm" at Norelius Community Library**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A relaxing coloring session for adults.

**Family & Teen Coloring**, ages 6 to 11, in the Children's Library at the Norelius Community Library, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Euchre Night in Ricketts** starts at 7 p.m. at the Community Building in Ricketts. \$5 fee.

**WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 4, 2023**

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

**Euchre Night in Charter Oak** starts at 7 p.m. in the Charter Oak Community Building.

**First United Methodist Church in Denison annual steak fry**. Staley's Sirloin dinner, \$18. Swiss Steak dinner, \$15. Includes baked potato, green beans, salad, roll and dessert. Drive through to order and pick up, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 5, 2023**

**Anime Club at Norelius Community Library in Denison**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Snacks, games and anime. The first episode of a new anime will be screened each month, followed by one or two episodes of "Sleepy Princess in the Demon Castle."

## Ballot names set for November 7 city/school elections

### Kris Rowedder retiring from Denison School Board

BY GORDON WOLF

The names for the November 7 city and school elections are set. Last Thursday was the last day to file nomination papers.

One school election change will be the retirement of Kris Rowedder from the Denison School Board. She is in her 21st year on the board and had served as president of the board for a number of years. When she knew she was not going to run again, she stepped down as president two years ago to give other board members the experience of serving in that capacity. Louis Scheuring is the current board president.

Filing for the two seats up for election on the Denison School Board are Derek Lambert, an incumbent, and Michael Schrum.

Denison School Board seats are at-large.

Following are the other school board filings in the county.

**Ar-We-Va:** Greg Oeser, Brad R. Hinners and Denise Ragaller, all incumbents, filed for the three at-large positions up for election.

**Boyer Valley:** Incumbents Craig Malone, Benjamin Hansen, Steve

Puck and Kim McAllister filed for re-election. Malone and McAllister are candidates for the two District 1 seats up for election, and Hansen and Puck are running for the two District 2 seats.

**Charter Oak-Ute:** Melanie McAndrews was the only incumbent to file for re-election. She is a District 1 board member. Gregory Amunson filed for the other District 1 seat up for election and Adam Hadden filed for the at-large seat. Kyle Schultz and Tyson Goslar did not file for re-election.

**IKM-Manning:** Mike Blum, Zachary Meiners (incumbent) and Sara Ferneding are running for one at-large position; Bridget Gore and T.J. Sterk are running for one District 1A position (incumbent is Beth Williams); David Heller (incumbent) and Emmalie Rasmussen are running for one District 2A position; and Jeremy Puck (incumbent) is running to fill a vacancy for an at-large position. A public measure on the ballot asks voters to give the school board authorization to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$18.6 million to construct, furnish and equip an addition for classrooms/support space at the middle/high school building, and to renovate, remodel, repair, improve, furnish and equip existing portions of the middle/high school building.

**Schleswig:** All incumbents filed for the three seats up for election. They are Danette Miller, Rachel Frances Jacobson and Wade Gurney. Schleswig seats are all at-large.

## Zupp-Smith runs with incumbents for Denison City Council

BY GORDON WOLF

Jennifer Zupp-Smith, who has been a frequent participant at Denison City Council meetings and a member of the Crawford County Wellness Center Ad Hoc Committee, is running for the council for the at-large seat that was vacated by Jessica Garcia

Garcia stepped down from her council seat to accept the position of city manager.

Three incumbents are running for election for the City of Denison offices - Pam Sosemen for mayor, Gregory J. Miller for an at-large seat, and John C. Granzen Sr. for the Ward 2 seat.

Following are the people who filed for city elected offices in other cities in the county.

**Arion**  
No candidates filed for the mayor's position and the three council seats.

**Aspinwall**  
Mayor: Incumbent Thomas Irlbeck filed.  
City council (5 seats): Kody Kerkhoff, Rick Warner, Carol Lile, Fred Irlbeck and Ted Jansen filed. Kerkhoff is the only non-incumbent.

**Buck Grove**  
Mayor: Incumbent Terry Kolln filed.  
City council (5 seats) Incumbents Aaron Schroeder, Karen Kolln and Michele Stover filed.

**Charter Oak**  
Mayor: Peggy Staley, currently a council member whose term ends this year, filed. The current mayor, Randy Ulmer, did not file.

City council (3 seats plus a seat to fill a vacancy): Russell Maack and James Wilcox (incumbents), and Nathan Mohr and Tracy Helmhold filed for the three seats. Alec Castillo is running to fill a vacancy.

### ELECTION REMINDERS

**October 18:** First day for absentee ballots to be mailed to those who request them; and first day to vote absentee in the auditor's office

**October 23:** last day for voters to pre-register; and last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed

**November 6:** Last day to vote absentee at the auditor's office

**November 7:** Election day, polls open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

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# A new college logo symbolizes a bond with students and communities

BY GORDON WOLF

Change at the Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC) drove the need for a new logo, according to WITCC President Terry Murrell.

He was at the Denison WITCC campus last Thursday to talk about the design of the new logo and the synergistic relationship among the college, students and the community.

"Within the past 10 years we have seen a significant change at Western Iowa Tech. There's a couple of things that we've done that led us to think that maybe we need to have a new look," Murrell told those gathered at the Denison campus building.

One change was the adoption of a new mission statement. The old statement did not have the students at the center of the message, Murrell said.

The new mission statement is: As a comprehensive community college, our mission is to provide quality education and to economically enhance the communities we serve.

The community college's board of directors also adopted new values. The first letter of each value spells the word "TECH" - transformation, engagement, community and harmony.

Another development was being named an Apple Distinguished School three times. Murrell said WITCC is only one of four community colleges to ever receive that designation.

He continued that WITCC has awarded more credentials than any other community college in the Iowa system, which stems from a philosophy of giving students and businesses what they both need to thrive.

"Rather than try to give everybody an associate degree, we try to find out what it is that you're (businesses are) looking for so we can get the students out into the field," Murrell said.

He said one more reason to design a new logo is the work that has been done at the college's buildings.

"Over the last 10 years we have changed almost every one of the learning spaces that we have in the college to try to make sure that those learning spaces

are appropriate for what a student might need and for what it might look like when they get out into the field," he said.

Input from staff, students, community residents, board members, alumni and others were considered in the design of the new logo.

"We hope that this logo becomes a visual representation that instills the pride in our college that our students and our community and our alumni are looking for," Murrell said.

Murrell said the purpose of Western Iowa Tech remains the same in its focus to elevate diverse learners and the communities it serves through an inclusive and innovative education.

"I'm a firm believer that Western Iowa Tech can be no stronger than the communities. So really our mission is to help strengthen our communities. By strengthening our communities, we think we're also then helping to strengthen our college and the people going to our college," Murrell said.

Later, before the members of the Denison Rotary Club, Murrell spoke about the plan to add on to the Denison campus building to establish a regional career academy that will involve the Denison Community School District and other area school districts.

He said \$5 million had originally been budgeted for the career academy with WITCC and the Denison Community School District each providing \$2 million. The state also provided a \$1 million grant.

Murrell said the budget hasn't been developed but he did look at the plan and said he would be surprised if the project could be done for \$5 million.

He said it was important to bring in other high schools to broaden and diversify the programs that can be offered to students.

Murrell said that 10 years ago WITCC did not have any vocational program at the Denison campus. Today nursing, welding and HVAC are offered on campus.

"And I think with the academy, it's going to allow us to bring in a few more



PHOTOS BY LORENA LÓPEZ ALTAMIRANO

Dr. Terry Murrell, president of Western Iowa Tech Community College, speaks at the Denison campus about the purpose of the college's new logo, which is in the background.

different programs and we will continue to listen to the community as to what your needs are," he said.

Some of the projected new programs are business, education, ag and electrician.

He also spoke about the placement of WITCC students in careers. He said placement was probably an issue in 2008 and before, but if there's a college that's not placing in the 90th percentile right now, he's not sure why they're in business because of the high demand for employees.

Because of the demand, students coming out of high school can earn \$20 to \$25 an hour; it was around \$15 an hour less five years ago, Murrell said. He added that to a high school graduate, \$25 an hour sounds like a lot of money, and it is, but it's not as much money when that high school graduate turns 45 and 50 years old.

Murrell said the issue for WITCC is to support people to get an education while they are out earning the \$25 an hour by offering day classes, online

classes or night classes. He said if too many graduates take jobs right out of high school without further education, it leads to a very low skilled community, and if it becomes too low skilled, it will be difficult for communities to attract the businesses they want.

"We really try to work directly with people and get them what they want. Over the last seven years, we've issued more credentials than any other community college in the state," Murrell said.

He pointed out that most community colleges shy away from giving a one-year diploma or a six-month certificate because they want the kids to stay with them for two years to receive an associate degree.

"Early on we said we need to meet the needs of our students, so if they come to us and say they want a six-month certificate, we're going to give them a six-month certificate. And then we feel strongly that they're going to come back to us and finish up their diploma or finish their associate degree."



The Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County conducted a ribbon cutting at the Western Iowa Tech Denison campus last Thursday. The college's president, Dr. Terry Murrell, cuts the ribbon. Pictured with him are college staff and students.



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# VISIONING, FROM PAGE 1

Roadways Community Visioning program, a collaboration among the Iowa Department of Transportation, Iowa-based nonprofit Trees Forever and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Those present to explain the drawings of the visioning projects will be Brad Riphagen with Trees Forever and representatives of the landscape architecture firm HDR that did the drawings.

A recent step in Denison's visioning process took place on July 26 at the city hall council chambers. Members of the Denison Visioning Committee and the Uptown Improvement Committee met with Riphagen and with landscape architect Alison Ingunza with HDR and HDR summer intern Caeley Reade, a student at Iowa State University.

Following are the four targets of the visioning program in Denison.

**An expanded trail system**  
Safer pedestrian crosswalks with higher visibility, especially across Highway 30

Wayfinding signs that will more visibly direct motorists to the businesses, services and amenities that the community offers

**An expanded Northside Rec area.**  
The July 26 meeting was one of the final ones before the designs for each of the target areas were refined and attached to display boards. Ingunza and Reade took the feedback they received from the meeting, did more investigation and research into making those changes and then presented the revised versions to the Visioning Committee.

On Thursday, November 2, the designs will be presented at the annual community visioning celebration at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames. Each community involved in this year's program will present their visioning plans at the celebration.

Prior to the most July 26 meeting, the designs for the visioning targets were made available at a booth at the Immigrant Heritage Festival in Washington Park on June 24.

Before that, HDR representatives had met with committee members at

least two times, and prior to that people had the opportunity to help shape what the target areas would be through focus group meetings on March 4.

Following are the points of the visioning plans.

**Trail extensions**  
The intent of this visioning component is to connect Denison with the Wheels to Heels and Yellow Smoke trails.

Information from HDR's drawing says the proposed route will create a more than 10-mile loop, connecting the Yellow Smoke Lake Trail to downtown, the Walmart Supercenter, and on to Crawford County Memorial Hospital.

The proposed trail corridor would incorporate three treatments: share-street sharrows (road separation markings), buffered lanes and sidewalk improvements and landscape enhancements.

**Highway 30 crosswalks**  
A solution to making the Highway 30/South 11 Street crossing safer became a possible design for all future crosswalk changes in the community.

Of particular concern at the above intersection is for WESCO Industries clients to safely cross the highway on their way to the WESCO building on the west side of South 11th Street and to the day habilitation building on the east side of the street.

At the July meeting, a suggestion was made to use stained concrete for the crosswalks, and the color of the stain should closely match the red brick that is in the Uptown Denison streetscape.

It was suggested that this concept be used for any other crosswalk improvements made in Denison.

**Wayfinding signs**  
Directing motorists off Highway 30 to the businesses, services and amenities north and south of that corridor has been a concern for other groups,

such as the Uptown Improvement Committee, the group that is behind the new banners that have been placed in Denison.

Originally, a monument-style sign was suggested, but the Department of Transportation would not approve that style, and break-away signs are now in the plan.

**Northside Rec**  
The drawing for this proposed project shows two soccer fields and two little league ball fields in the middle of 60 acres owned by the Weis family north of North 9th Street and west of North 20th Street.

HDR's concept is that the two ball fields and the soccer fields would be grouped together in the Weis property. Because of the hilly terrain, the soccer fields would be tiered, one at a higher elevation than the other, with a terrace between them.

The design also envisions a trail within the area.



Pictured is an architect's rendering of proposed wayfinding signs for Denison.

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## Voices from Ellis Island

One's Company, with actress Pippa White, will perform "Voices from Ellis Island" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 30 at the Charter Oak Public Library. The show is sponsored by the Charter Oak Public Library Board.

One's Company is a collection of one-woman shows featuring Pippa White. Pippa grew up in San Francisco, appeared regularly on television as a child, trained at the American Conservatory Theatre Academy, and for five years was seen as hostess of a daily morning television show on ABC. Moving to the Midwest led to her pursuing an education, starting a family, and reestablishing a career with work in theatres, arts in education programs, and finally, not just one, but several one-woman shows drawing on many different sources for a collection of unusual and entertaining solo productions.

Ms. White has a love of dialects and accents, which she tries to incorporate into her shows. Some of her dialects come naturally, thanks to a British father, and both her parents spent considerable time in England. "Other children came home to milk and cookies after school," she said. "I came home to afternoon tea!" Her parents often recounted amusing stories in dialect. However, not all Ms. White's dialects come easily. She uses the International Phonetic Alphabet (her mother taught speech and dialects at San Francisco State University) and she is always trying new dialects and accents.

Learn more about Pippa White at [www.pippawhiteonecompany.com](http://www.pippawhiteonecompany.com). Please join the Charter Oak Public Library for an entertaining afternoon, followed by refreshments and snacks.

## Ricketts Fire Department pancake breakfast on Sunday

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The Ricketts Fire Department will host its annual pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 1.

On the menu are pancakes, biscuits and gravy, eggs, hash browns, ham and rolls.

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## Meeting Minutes

DELOIT CITY  
DELOIT CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 12, 2023

The council meeting called to order by Mayor Braasch and roll call were Anderson, Kelly, Lorenzen, and Schillerberg. Absent: Mulligan.

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

Terry Crawford talked about the USDA loan. The USDA is willing to let us get the money, but we have a checklist that need to complete before we can move on. Alex Foley from Regional XII council of Government was there to talk about the CDBG application and the hearing for CDBG. Motian was made to apply for the CDBG grant made by Schillerberg/Lorenzen. All approved. Matt Gosch for equal rights on letters of junk vehicles and that everyone in the city would get a letter, who has a junked vehicle. John Kelly, the city is starting to look better but there is more to be done. Matt Gosch said the park need mowing and sticks pick up, plus filling the hole around the root of trees that was removed. John was wondering if they were going to replace the rock in the alley behind Powell's house. Mayor said yes when they are done moving dirt around. Ed. Mancilla need to renew his building permit and pay \$25.00. Marico Martin will come to the next council meeting after the survey of his land then we will discuss the building permit. Brenda Crouch needs to come to the next Council meeting about the Duplexes. The state of Iowa remediation article was made to a motion by Schillerberg/ Anderson. All approved. The city clerk will be taking an online Classes for the clerk position on October 4-6. The city will pay for these classes made by Lorenzen/Kelly. All approved.

Maintenance report as given, and Doug stated that there are nails on the west side of the burn pile so be safe went driving around the burn pile.

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

Bills were read and moved by Anderson/Schillerberg to pay. All ayes.

Bill: Amazon \$54.61, Bomgaars \$79.51, Denison Bulletin \$59.19, The Denison Free Press \$50.00, Dept of Inspection & Appeals \$20.00, Frontier Comm. \$145.25, Growmark \$404.21, GWorks \$6320.00, Iowa State University \$160.00, McClellan Electric, Inc \$166.02, MidAmerican Energy \$753.84 Wal Mart \$46.62, Payroll \$3063.68, Payroll Taxes \$1325.76, Vanwall Equipment \$3.10, V & H tires &25.00, Verizon Wireless \$49.21, Water: Chad's Plumbing, Inc \$2120.07, Foundation Ana. Lab. \$16.50, Frontier \$25.00, Hawkins. Inc. \$186.52, Master Meter \$1300.00, MidAmerican Energy \$149.08, Taxes \$119.78, Garbage: Craw. Co. Landfill \$391.80, Growmark \$198.27, Rice Trailer Co. \$173.0, Sewer: Bomgaars \$17.38, MidAmerican \$35.35, Sunquist Engineering \$189.00, RUT: UBI \$1,176.65.

Meeting adjourned by Schillerberg/Lorenzen.

Corrine Kinney-Mehaffey, City Clerk  
Tyler Braasch, Mayor

## LAND TRANSACTIONS

September 15-21, 2023

### Warranty Deeds

• Nicholas P. Hansen and Doreen A. Hansen to Nicholas P. Hansen and Doreen A. Hansen: N1/2 NE1/4 Section 34, Soldier Township.

• Byron G. Gorden and Sharon Gorden to Christopher Michael Hartmann: Lots 18, Block 8, Dow City Original Town; \$25,000.

• Michael Richard Hull and Kathryn Ann Hull to Victor Reyes Felipe and Luz Alonso Reyes: Lots 6, 7 and 8, Vail Lappe Addition; \$168,000.

• Kevin L. Garrett and Debra A. Garrett a.k.a. Debra L. Garrett to Alec Charles Hast and Candace Jo Hast: Lot 3, Block 2, Dow City Springhill Addition; \$121,000.

• Kevin Alexander Rihner and Claudia Christine Rihner to Fred R. Sweers and Renee J. Sweers: Lot 58, Denison Purdy Hills 2nd Addition; \$399,900.

• Merlin E. Whiteing and Marie K. Whiteing to Merlin E. Whiteing Revocable Trust, Merlin E. Whiteing, Trustee and Marie K. Whiteing Revocable Trust, Marie K. Whiteing, Trustee: W1/2 SE1/4 Section 5, Hayes Township; SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 5, Hayes Township.

• Dale Carstensen and Barbara A. Carstensen to Daniel Mathies: Lots 4 and 5, Block 8, Denison Normal School Addition; \$75,000.

• John Henry Giesman and Sharon Kay Giesman to Edward August Giesman:

Lot 12, Block 1, Denison Ridgeway 2nd Addition; \$165,000.

• Edward August Giesman to Elisa Fierro: Lot 12, Block 1, Denison Ridgeway 2nd Addition; \$217,000.

• Arlene R. Brummel Revocable Trust, Bradley J. Nelson, Trustee to Tyler Lee Weller and Grace Helen Weller: Lot 3, Block 32, Denison Original Town; \$182,500.

• Kimberly R. Waldemar Revocable Trust, Bradley S. Waldemar Revocable Trust, Bradley S. Waldemar and Kimberly R. Waldemar, Trustees to Tyler J. Collins and Mackenzie K. Collins: NE1/4 Section 6, Milford Township; SE1/4 Section 6, Milford Township.

### Court Officer Deeds

• Jean L. Christensen Estate, Julie Weller and Jeffrey Christensen, Executors to Sandra Yanira Bonito de Lopez: Lots 11 and 12, Block 139, Denison Original Town; \$130,000.

• Jeanette A. Mathies Estate, Barbara A. Carstensen, Executor to Barbara A. Carstensen and Daniel Mathies: Lots 4 and 5, Block 8, Denison Normal School Addition.

### Quit Claim Deeds

• Sherman Bryant and Carolyn R. Bryant to United Bank of Iowa: Lot 5, 6 and 7, Block 72, Denison Original Town.

## ON THE SCANNER

### September 16, 1:27 a.m.:

Feliciano Lopez Lopez, 20, of Denison, was arrested for OWI, first offense, and child endangerment. The location of the offense was on South 12th Street.

### September 16, 10 a.m.:

Officer Krajicek with the Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened on Arrowhead Road at the intersection with Highway 59/141. Rachel Jean Torrey, 39, of Denison, was driving a silver 2018 Chevrolet Suburban and Gordon Harrison Wolf, 69, of Denison, was driving a white 2005 Cadillac. Wolf stated that he was behind Torrey's vehicle at the intersection, stated that he looked at cross traffic and hit the Torrey vehicle. Torrey stated she stopped at the intersection, waiting for the right of way. The Torrey vehicle received \$500 damage and the Wolf vehicle received \$900 damage. No injuries were reported.

### September 17, 2:45 a.m.:

Jose Elvis Regalado Perez, 28, of Denison, was arrested and charged with OWI, first offense. The location of the offense was on First Avenue North.

### September 17, 12:17 p.m.:

Officer Clausen with the Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened at 1st Avenue North and Avenue C. Wayne Alexander Stowers, 29, of Kiron, was driving a gold 2013 Ford Edge and was facing west while stopped at a stop sign. Sara Beth Klatt, 43, of Denison, was driving a blue 2022 Hyundai and was traveling southeast on Avenue C. Stowers failed to yield and struck the Klatt vehicle on the driver side front and rear doors. The Klatt vehicle received \$12,000 damage. The Stowers vehicle received \$5,000 damage. Klatt had possible injuries but was not transported. Stowers was cited for failing to yield while entering a through highway.

**September 18, 10:39 a.m.:** The Manilla Fire Department responded to a combine on fire at 340th Street and S Avenue.

**September 18, 1:14 p.m.:** The Denison Volunteer Fire Department responded to a barn fire the 2300 block of 210th Street. The barn was listed as a total loss and the hay bales were on fire. The Dow City-Arion and Charter Oak fire departments were also listed in the incident report.

**September 18, 1:14 p.m.:** A bean field in the 1900 block of Q Avenue was reported on fire.

### September 18, 5 p.m.:

Officer Clausen with the Denison Police Department investigated a hit-and-run accident on North 14th Street. A black 2014 Cadillac was struck sometime between 5 p.m. on September 16 and 9:30 a.m. on September 17. The Cadillac was parked off the roadway in a driveway and was facing east and was struck in the driver side rear bumper. The vehicle received \$1,500 damage.

### September 18, 6:33 p.m.:

Sgt. Romero with the Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident on 6th Avenue North. Diamond Shanell Jackson, 25, of Carroll, was backing a white 1993 Cadillac DeVille and hit a silver 2005 Dodge Caravan being driven by Jessica Kalani Malone, 35, of Denison. Jackson was attempting to return to the stop sign as Malone was approaching the stop sign. The Jackson vehicle received \$1,000 damage and the Malone vehicle received \$1,500 damage. No one was injured.

**September 18, 9:40 p.m.:** An arrest warrant was served on Richard Vernon Schiernbeck, age 58.

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# Monarch

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS CROSS COUNTRY

### At MVAOCOU on September 21

**Teams competing:** Denison-Schleswig, MVAOCOU, East Sac County, Lawton-Bronson, Ridge View, Sergeant Bluff-Luton, Siouxland Christian, South Central Calhoun, South O'Brien, West Monona, Westwood, Whiting, Woodbine, Woodbury Central

**• VARSITY GIRLS' TEAM RESULTS**  
2nd place, 72 points

*Individual results*

Lola Mendlik, 3rd, 20:10:00  
Alexa Tremblay, 6th, 21:00:00  
Charlotte Schrum, 19th, 22:25:00  
Emily Bahnsen, 32nd, 24:52:00  
Jenna Meadows, 26th, 25:04:00

**• JV GIRLS' TEAM RESULTS**  
1st place, 22 points

*Individual results*

Tiffany Ramirez, 2nd, 25:09:00  
Estella Lupian, 3rd, 26:14:00  
Lynnae Johnson, 5th, 26:51:00  
Andrianna Lupian, 7th, 27:10:00  
Janet Castillo, 8th, 27:21:00

**• VARSITY BOYS' TEAM RESULTS**  
7th place, 213 points

*Individual results*

Ethan Olsen, 15th, 18:18:00  
Brody Skarin, 34th, 20:02:00  
Juan Diaz, 46th, 21:08:00  
Omar Ramos, 70th, 22:36:00  
Leo Sanchez-Rios, 73rd, 22:48:00

**• MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' RESULTS**  
*No points, 2 runners*

Aubrey Young, 12th, 18:19:00  
Cora Gotto, 23rd, 20:52:00

**• MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' TEAM RESULTS**  
1st place, 20 points

*Individual results*

Angel Garcia, 5th, 14:42:00  
Giovanny Gomez, 6th, 14:54:00  
Raul Castillo, 7th, 14:56:00  
Jaime Hernandez, 10th, 15:07:00  
Raul Salas, 11th, 15:08:00

**COMMENTS FROM HEAD COACH NICK BRADLEY**

*Another great race night for the Monarch cross country teams. The girls continue to run well together. The varsity girls were paced by Lola Mendlik and Alexa Tremblay. Both girls finished in the top 10. Charlotte Schrum, Jenna Meadows and Emily Bahnsen continue to pack up and bring in low scores to put us in position to be in the top three every meet.*

*The JV girls had an amazing night. They were able to capture the JV title. All the girls ran well and pushed themselves.*

*The boys were paced by Ethan Olsen. Ethan continues to be a strong leader for the boys. We still have some injuries that the boys' team is working through, but when the boys compete, they give it their all.*

*We are so proud of how these 2 teams are growing and working. The middle school had another great race. This was race No. 2 for them. The girls pushed hard. Aubrey Young was just outside the top 10 finishers. She is working hard to crack that top 10. The middle school boys continue their dominance with four boys inside the top 10 and four more inside the top 20. These boys are packing up and pushing each other in meets. The boys need to continue to work hard in practice and they will continue to see this kind of success in meets.*



PHOTOS BY RHONDA RAUCH  
Lola Mendlik with Denison-Schleswig heads toward a 3rd place finish at the Denison Invitational on Tuesday.



Alexa Tremblay comes into the home stretch at the Denison Invitational. She finished in sixth place.

### At Harlan Invitational on September 23

**Teams competing:** AHSTW, Atlantic, Clarinda, Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson, Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln, Denison, Glenwood, Harlan, Lewis Central, Red Oak, Riverside. St. Albert, Treynor, Underwood and Woodbine.

**Varsity Girls' Team Results**  
7th place, 172 points

*Individual results*

Lola Mendlik, 4th, 19:42:00  
Alexa Tremblay, 10th, 20:42:00  
Charlotte Schrum, 34th, 22:27:00  
Emily Bahnsen, 61st, 24:24:00  
Tiffany Ramirez, 72nd, 25:27:00

**Varsity Boys' Team Results**  
13th place, 358 points

*Individual results*

Ethan Olsen, 39th, 18:43:00  
Brody Tremblay, 61st, 19:42:00  
Juan Diaz, 81st, 20:50:00  
Omar Ramos, 89th, 21:31:00  
Leo Sanchez-Rios, 95th, 22:26:00

**COMMENTS FROM ASSISTANT COACH RAEGAN ANDERSEN**

*The Monarch cross country runners ran another great race at Harlan. Today was our first meet to see more of the teams in the Hawkeye Ten. The kids all did a great job of getting themselves focused and ready to go. This is the first meet where we've dealt with some weather, but the kids didn't let it affect them at all.*

*The Monarch girls came out with a 7th place finish. They were paced by Lola Mendlik (4th) and Alexa Tremblay (10th). The girls got out fast and put themselves in a place to be competitive for the whole race.*

*The Monarch boys were paced by Ethan Olsen with a 39th place finish. He did a great job of using the hills to his advantage and making some passes.*

*We are still battling some injuries on the boys' side, but at each meet they continue to step up for one another and run hard.*

*The Hawkeye Ten is a loaded conference with some really fast runners, and our kids did a great job of pushing themselves and trusting their training. This meet built confidence for many of our runners and showed them what they are truly capable of.*



Kevin Sanchez is pictured running the course at the Denison Invitational.



Ethan Olsen heads toward the finish line at the Denison Invitational.

### At Monarch Invitational September 26 at Majestic Hills Golf Course

**Teams competing:** Boyer Valley, Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln, Denison-Schleswig, IKM-Manning, Kuemper, Logan-Magnolia, Missouri Valley, MVAOCOU, South Central Calhoun, Storm Lake, Whiteing, Woodbine, and Woodward

**Varsity Girls' Team Results**  
4th place, 134 points

*Individual results*

Lola Mendlik, 3rd, 20:45:00  
Alexa Tremblay, 6th, 21:38:00  
Charlotte Schrum, 27th, 24:16:00  
Tiffany Ramirez, 53rd, 26:15:00  
Abby Guitierrez, 61st, 26:44:00

**Varsity Boys' Team Results**  
10th place, 218 points

*Individual results*

Kevin Sanchez, 15th, 18:50:00  
Ethan Olsen, 26th, 19:23:00  
Juan Diaz, 59th, 21:07:00  
Brody Skarin, 65th, 21:24:00  
Omar Ramos, 72nd, 21:49:00

**Middle School Girls' Results**  
*No team score, 3 runners*

Chloe Galvin, 15th, 16:23:00  
Aubrey Young, 20th, 16:52:00  
Cora Gotto, 32nd, 18:15:00

**Middle School Boys' Results**  
1st place, 30 points

*Individual results*

Angel Garcia, 2nd, 12:51:00  
Giovanny Gomez, 4th, 13:09:00  
Raul Salas, 7th, 13:21:00  
Raul Castillo, 10th, 13:33:00  
Jaime Hernandez, 11th, 13:37:00

**COMMENTS FROM HEAD COACH NICK BRADLEY**

*What a fantastic night of running for the Monarch cross country team. I would like to thank Majestic Hills Golf Course for allowing us to run our home meet on the course. The course was in absolutely beautiful condition. We heard many comments from people about how they liked the course and how challenging the course was. The course was challenging. Denison is full of hills and our golf course is no exception.*

*All the kids did a great job.*

*Our girls continue to work hard and compete. Fourth place is a good showing for our girls. However, we have been looking to stay in the top three throughout the season. We have competed a lot in the last two weeks and I think that is starting to show now. We have to stay healthy and listen to our bodies. We will adjust some of the things we are doing to ensure that our athletes perform at peak performance.*

*The boys team ran a tough, gritty race. We are still struggling with some injuries that have slowed us down. Again, we will adjust so the boys can recover and compete at the highest level possible.*

*The middle school girls continue to get better each week. We have to continue to pack up and push each other. It helps tremendously when you have a teammate next to you that you can run with. The middle school boys continue to dominate. They listen to the coaches and make the necessary adjustments during the race. The boys always start great, pack up throughout their race, and then finish fast. We are excited to see this group of boys continue to get better over the next several years.*



# Sports

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS VOLLEYBALL

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

September 19 vs. St. Albert

*Game results*

25-13 St. Albert  
25-16 St. Albert  
25-15 St. Albert

*Stat leaders*

Kills: Addison Inman, Emily Gehlsen, Maria Cardenas, Mayah Slater, 3  
Set assists: Claire Leinen, 11  
Service aces: Avery Bock, 2  
Digs: Elli Heiden, 7  
Solo blocks: Addison Inman, 1

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG JV VOLLEYBALL

September 19 vs. St. Albert

*Game results*

25-16 St. Albert  
25-16 St. Albert

*Stat leaders*

Kills: Laurin Turin, 2  
Set assists: Kyia Clark, 4  
Service aces: Kamden Bruhn, 2  
Digs: Kamden Bruhn, 10

### 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

September 19 vs. Carroll

*A game results*

21-9 Carroll  
21-19 D-S  
15-6 Carroll

*C game results*

21-8 Carroll  
21-12 Carroll  
15-5 Carroll

*B game results*

21-8 Carroll  
21-17 Carroll  
15-8 Carroll

*D game results*

21-12 D-S  
21-11 Carroll  
15-13 Carroll

### 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

September 19 vs. Carroll

*A game results*

23-21 Carroll  
21-16 Carroll  
15-10 Carroll

*C game results*

21-12 D-S  
21-12 D-S  
15-8 Carroll

*B game results*

21-15 D-S  
21-16 D-S  
15-11 D-S

*D game results*

21-9 D-S  
21-16 D-S  
15-13 D-S

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

September 21 vs. Atlantic

*Game results*

25-14 Atlantic  
26-24 D-S

25-20 Atlantic

25-22 D-S

15-12 Atlantic

*Stat leaders*

Kills: Addison Inman, 8  
Set assists: Claire Leinen, 29  
Service aces: Claire Leinen, 7  
Digs: Addison Inman, 7  
Solo blocks: Maria Cardenas, 2  
Block assists: Avery Bock, 1

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG JV VOLLEYBALL

September 21 vs. Atlantic

*Game results*

25-22 Atlantic  
25-14 D-S  
15-8 Atlantic

*Stat leaders*

Kills: Sam Chandler, 4  
Set assists: Kyia Clark, 5  
Service aces: Kamden Bruhn, 1  
Digs: Lauryn Turin, Nessa Hedstrom, 7  
Block assists: Giana Garcia, Sam Chandler, 1

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

September 21 vs. Woodbine

*Game results*

21-14 Woodbine  
21-9 Woodbine  
21-15 Woodbine

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

September 21 vs. Woodbine

21-13 Woodbine  
21-15 Woodbine  
21-18 D-S

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

September 26 vs. Kuemper Catholic

*A game results*

25-6 Kuemper  
25-10 Kuemper  
15-3 Kuemper

*B game results*

25-14 Kuemper  
25-22 Kuemper  
15-9 Kuemper

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

September 26 vs. Kuemper Catholic

*A game results*

25-13 Kuemper  
25-5 Kuemper  
15-9 Kuemper

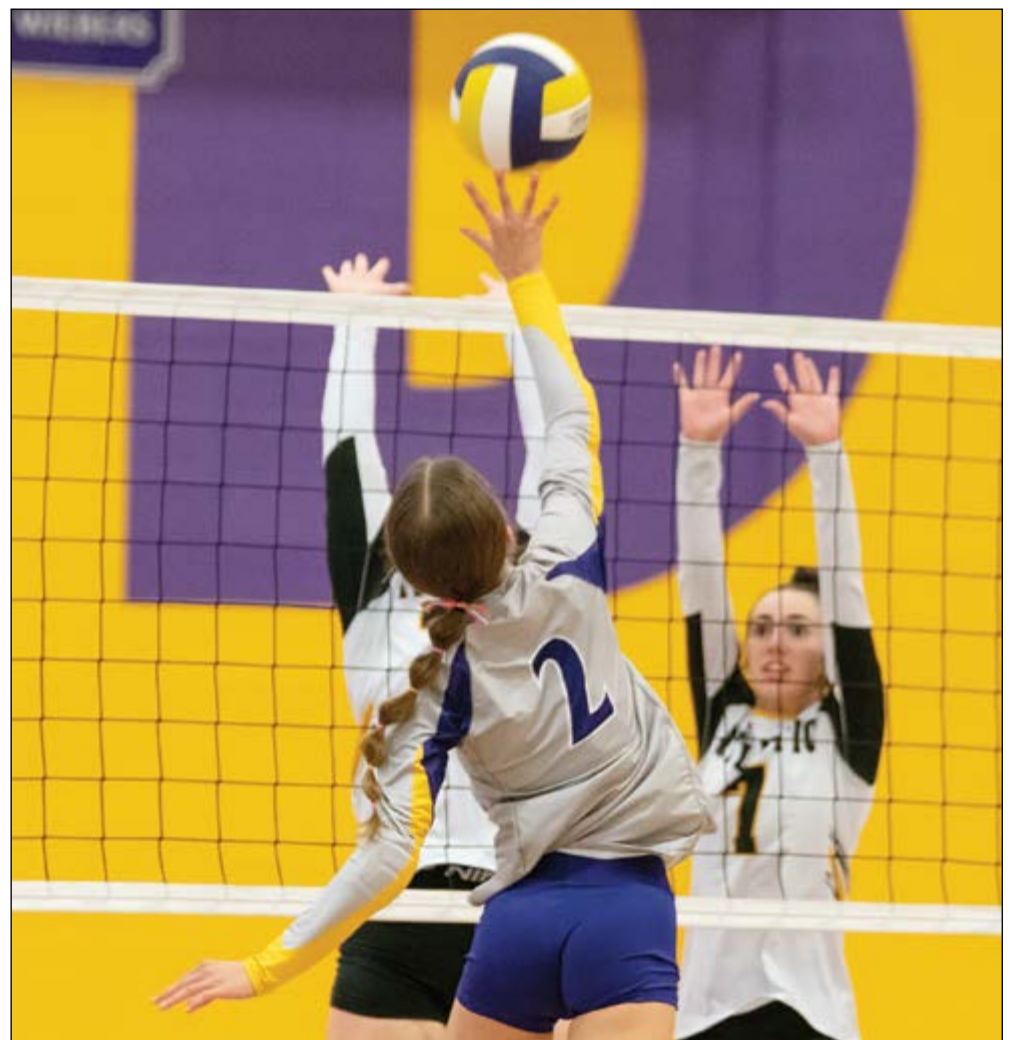
*B game*

25-4 Kuemper  
25-10 Kuemper  
15-10 Kuemper



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Gabby Cardenas and Claire Leinen go up to block a spike against Atlantic.



Avery Bock goes up for a kill against Atlantic.

## DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS FOOTBALL

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG VARSITY

September 22 at Fort Dodge

*Opening game of Class 4A District 1 play*

**Final score:** 15-12 Denison-Schleswig

*Score by quarters*

1st: 6-6, 2nd: 9-6 D-S, 3rd: 15-12

D-S, 4th: 15-12 D-S

*Denison-Schleswig scoring drives*

1st quarter: Luke Wiebers handoff at 48-yard line to Braylin Desy for a run into the endzone. PAT kick by Sebastian Contreras is blocked. Six-play, 78-yard scoring drive.

2nd quarter: Sebastian Contreras 26-yard field goal.

3rd quarter: Luke Wiebers handoff at 8-yard line to Cole Kastner for a run into the endzone. PAT kick by Sebastian Contreras no good. Nine-play, 57-yard scoring drive.

*Denison-Schleswig stats*

First downs: 18  
First downs rushing/passing/penalty: 13/3/2  
Rushing yards: 250  
Passing completions/attempts: 6/11  
Passing yards: 117  
Total plays: 63  
Total offense: 367 yards  
Fumbles/lost: 1/1  
Penalties/yards: 8/55  
Time of possession: 36 minutes  
3rd down efficiency: 8 of 14  
4th down efficiency: 0 of 1  
Punts/average: 3/17 yards  
*Individual rushing stats*  
Luke Wiebers: 11 carries for net gain of 43 yards  
Cole Kastner: 17 carries for gain of

62 yards and 1 touchdown

Ty Fink: 5 carries for 6 yards

Braylin Desy: 4 carries for net gain of 52 yards and 1 touchdown

Blain Brodsky: 14 carries for 87 yards

*Receiving stats*

Jake Fink: 4 receptions for a net of 81 yards

Gage Head: 1 reception for 23 yards  
Chandler Perrien, 1 reception for 13 yards

*Defensive stats, solo tackles*

6 solos: Joel Murrillo  
4 solos: Ty Fink and Easton Emery  
3 solos: Anthony Arambula and Luke Wiebers  
2 solos: Evan Zavitz and Ismeal Alfaro  
1 solo: Jake Fink, Gage Head, Dominik Garcia, Cole Kastner, Blain Brodsky and Grayson Wilcox

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG 9TH GRADE FOOTBALL

September 21 at Fort Dodge

**Final score:** 28-7 Fort Dodge

*Score by quarters*

1st: 7-0 Fort Dodge, 2nd: 21-0 Fort Dodge, 3rd: 21-0 Fort Dodge, 4th: 28-7 Fort Dodge

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG JV FOOTBALL

September 25 vs. Fort Dodge

**Final score:** 28-18 Fort Dodge

Denison-Schleswig 8th grade football

*A game results:* 0-0 tie  
*B game results:* 22-2 D-S

*Game highlights*

Chris Castro 40-yard touchdown run  
Drake Myron 50-yard touchdown run  
Chris Castro 70-yard touchdown run  
Defense created a safety

### COMMENTS FROM COACH JOHN TORREY

*The Monarchs opened district play at Fort Dodge in Dodger Stadium. Most of the opening quarter was spent with each team feeling each other out, trading field position. Then on 4th and 7 deep in Monarch territory, the Dodgers scored on a 23-yard touchdown pass. Owen Fink returned the ensuing kickoff into Dodger territory, but the Monarchs couldn't take advantage of great field position. It was 0-7, end of the 1st quarter.*

*Grant Olsen threw an interception with the Monarchs backed against the wall, and Fort Dodge added a touchdown on their 1st-down play in the red zone. 0-14. Another Monarch three-and-out ended in Osvan Diaz being sacked on a punt, giving the Dodgers the ball in the red zone with 17 seconds left in the first half. The Monarchs gave up another touchdown in the air and trailed Fort Dodge, 0-21 at half.*

*The Monarchs played better in the second half, stopping Fort Dodge in their red zone. Jackson Steinkuebler rattled off a 20-yard run that ended in Dodger territory, but another promising drive eventually ended with a punt. The 3rd quarter ended with Fort Dodge in the red zone after completing a 43-yard pass.*

*The Dodgers scored on the opening play of the 4th quarter, taking a 0-28 lead. With 1st down conversions and explosive runs fueled by Grant Olsen, Andy Alvarenga, Osvan Diaz, Owen Fink, Trae Hartwig, and Jackson Steinkuebler, our offense drove into the red zone. With 1:37 left in the game, Steinkuebler capped off a nice drive with a 7-yard touchdown run. Osvan Diaz drove home the PAT, which produced the final score.*

*District play next continues Friday back in The Bowl, as the Monarchs take on the Spencer Tigers in a 4:15 p.m. curtain-raiser.*

### COMMENTS FROM HEAD COACH NATE PARDUN

*The Monarch JV squad played the Dodgers from Fort Dodge on Monday, September 25, at Denison High School. After four quarters of play, the Monarchs fell to the Dodgers 18-28. The score was 6-8 at halftime.*

*A high snap on a Dodger punt attempt put the Monarchs in scoring position before halftime. Touchdowns were scored by Ryan Slechta on a pass from quarterback Blaine Grady. The score came on a screen pass from Blaine Grady to Jayden Bradley. Finally, Ethan Totten scored on a goal line run.*

### DENISON-SCHLESWIG 7TH GRADE FOOTBALL

September 21 vs. Glenwood

*A game results:* 62-14 Glenwood  
*Scoring summary*

Alexis Revolorio touchdown run; conversion failed  
Angel Rodriguez touchdown run and 2-point conversion  
*B game results:* 8-0 Glenwood

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON TRANSMISSION LINE PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN CRAWFORD COUNTY, IOWA DOCKET NO. E-22430

Notice is hereby given that an additional informational meeting will be held on October 18th, 2023 at Boulders Conference Center located at 2507 Boulders Drive, Denison, IA 51442 starting at 5:30 PM (CDT).

Silver Queen Wind Farm, LLC, a limited liability company, whose principal place of business is located at 5775 Flatiron Parkway Ste 120, Boulder, CO 80301 and whose mailing address is the same as above, has filed a Petition with the Iowa Utilities Board for authorization to construct and collocate the current 69kV electric transmission line with a new 230kV transmission line along the proposed route:

The proposed line will originate from the existing WAPA Denison electric substation, located southwest of Denison, Iowa near the intersection of Westcott Road and R Avenue in Section 29, Township 83N, Range 39W in Crawford County. The current petition provides that the proposed line will proceed approximately 0.8 miles southeast along R Ave and 240th Street, 13.5 miles east and 1.5 miles north along Q Avenue, and then 1.5 miles north along 380th Street to terminate at the proposed interconnection electric substation that will be located in proximity to Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative's existing Halbur Substation that is southwest of the intersection of 380th Street and O Avenue in Section 15, Township 83N, Range 37W in Crawford County.

A public informational meeting concerning the proposed line was held March 5, 2020, prior to the Petition being filed. Silver Queen Wind Farm, LLC has subsequently determined that an alternate route may be necessary at one location along the original proposed route, which could impact a landowner that was not included in the original notification corridor. Therefore, an additional public informational meeting is being scheduled to provide the parties affected by the alternate route an opportunity to receive information about the proposed transmission line, the Iowa Utilities Board process, and applicable landowner rights.

The proposed re-route will impact properties located in Section 35 and 36, Township 83N, Range 39W in Crawford County. The re-route would provide that the preferred route deviates from the half section line before or after crossing 260th Street, and extends south to the S 1/8th line or South Section line and then extends

East to a point on the west line of Section 36 of said Township and Range, crossing Highway 59, and then extending North along said west line of Section 36 to the half section line where it rejoins the original preferred route and extends east along the half section line. The re-route will involve a single circuit 230 kV line, as the existing 69 kV line will remain along the half section line at the location of the re-route. The proposed re-route is reflected on the attached map.

The proposed transmission line in Crawford County Iowa is a part of a proposed wind generation project in both Crawford and Carroll Counties Iowa consisting of up to 78 wind turbines (depending on turbine technology) with a total generating capacity of approximately 255 MWs total that might be built in one phase or multiple phases. The wind turbines will be connected to 34.5kV underground gathering lines which will interconnect to the proposed wind farm's substation. The proposed 230kV transmission line will be used to transmit the wind farm generation to the grid and the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) market. Petitioner intends to construct the majority of the transmission line on private property, following the existing transmission lines' paths, except for the location of the proposed re-route.

The Petitioner will seek to acquire easements over private property as necessary to construct, operate, and maintain the transmission line. The double circuit line will be constructed on a single pole made of steel. The width of the easement sought is 150 ft total, 75 ft from the centerline of the pole. Where needed, additional temporary construction easements will adjoin the permanent easements. The easement request included the right of ingress and egress to and from the easement area as well as the right to trim trees and vegetation that may interfere with construction, operation, and maintenance of the line. The landowner, however, may use the surface area of the easement strip for any purpose that does not conflict with the operation of the line.

Your receipt of this notice indicates that your property, or property in which you have an interest, may be affected by the proposed re-route and construction of this line. As a landowner or party in possession of or residing on the property that may possibly be affected by the location and construction of this proposed line, you have the right to be present at the informational meeting to be held at the place and time set forth above. Qualified representatives of the

Petitioner will be present at the meeting to explain the project and answer any questions you may have. You also have the right to file with the Iowa Utilities Board written objections to the proposed transmission line. Written objections may be filed by using the Utilities' Board's electronic filing system at https://efs.iowa.gov/efs/ or by mailing them to: Iowa Utilities Board, 1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069.

It is possible that the Petitioner may acquire the right-of-way by condemnation if approved by the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB). The IUB will decide on whether to approve the Petitioner's franchise petition and whether to grant Petitioner the right to take property by eminent domain. Under Iowa law, private property cannot be taken for public use without just compensation. This means that if the property rights cannot be acquired voluntarily and it becomes necessary to "take" an interest in property, (a) the proposed project must be needed to serve the public use, (b) the proposed project must represent a reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electricity in the public interest, and (c) there must be just compensation. In Iowa, when an electric utility desires to take an interest in property in this manner, which is called eminent domain or condemnation, the Utilities Board determines under Iowa Code Chapter 478 whether the Petitioner has shown a need to serve the public use. The matter of just compensation for the property rights taken by eminent domain is not determined by the IUB. It is determined by a Compensation Commission appointed from your county.

At this time, the Petitioner does not have the right of eminent domain. In other words, it does not have the right of condemnation. The right of eminent domain may only be granted by the Utilities Board after a public hearing on the eminent domain request. If the right of eminent domain is granted by the IUB, it is granted for the life of the proposed transmission line.

You will receive written notice of the public hearing if the right of eminent domain is requested by the Petitioner, to acquire the right to place the proposed electric transmission line on your property. You have the right to file written objections to the proposed project with the IUB setting forth the nature of your objections. You also have the right to appear before the IUB at any and all hearings with or without the aid of legal counsel.

The IUB does not supervise or control negotiations for the purchase or acquisition of voluntary right-of-way easements for electric transmission lines. Once the informational meeting held pursuant to this Notice has been conducted, negotiations are strictly between you and the Petitioner either with or without your use of private counsel.

At the formal franchise hearing before the IUB, objectors will be given the opportunity to cross-examine the Petitioner's witnesses and to present witnesses on their own behalf. The burden is on the Petitioner to prove the necessary elements of its petition.

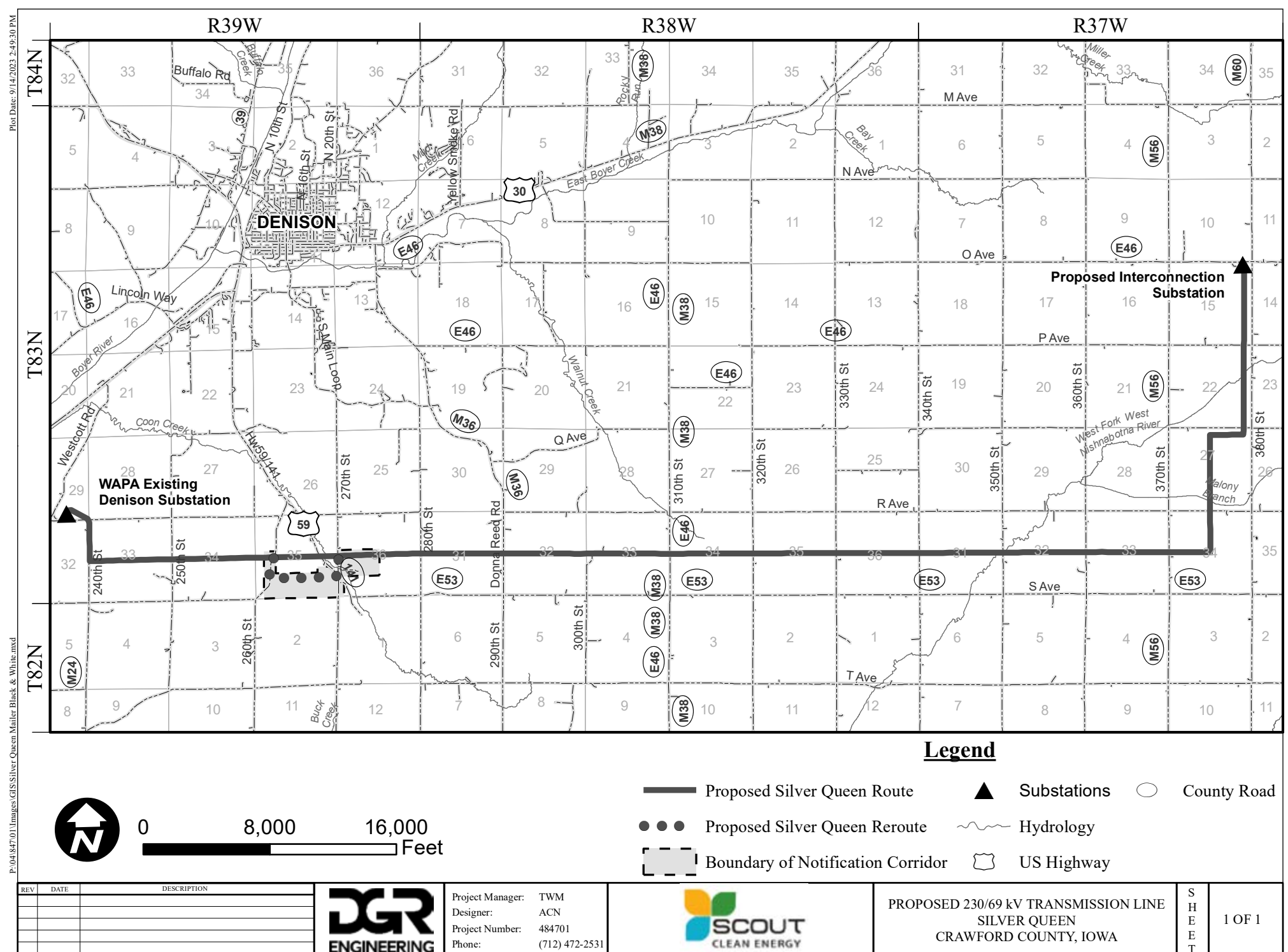
The IUB is not an advocate or protector of any particular landowner or landowners. The IUB only determines whether a proposed electric transmission line is necessary to serve the public use, and whether it represents a reasonable relationship to an overall plan of transmitting electricity in the public interest. If you believe you need to be represented by an attorney in this matter, you may retain one at your own expense.

The decision whether to grant the franchise and/or the right of eminent domain will be made by the IUB. The Utilities Board may appoint a hearing officer to preside over the hearing and issue a proposed decision. This proposed decision will become the final decision of the Utilities Board unless it is appealed to the Utilities Board by a party to the case within the time limit provided in the proposed decision. When the Utilities Board has decided the case, either initially or on appeal from the proposed decision, any party to the proceeding may file for rehearing within 20 days. Once a final decision has been made, any party may appeal to the District Court within 30 days.

A representative of the IUB will be present at this informational meeting and will distribute and review a statement of individual rights as required under Iowa law.

Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the IUB at (515) 725-7300 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

In the event of inclement weather, determined by the cancellation or early dismissal of school/classes for Denison Community Schools due to weather on the date of the Informational Meeting, the meeting will be held November 1st 2023 at 5:30 PM (CDT)



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PROPOSED 230/69 kV TRANSMISSION LINE SILVER QUEEN CRAWFORD COUNTY, IOWA SHEET 1 OF 1

## Paving a trail



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

A paving machine and workers from Ten Point Construction made quick work of paving the T. Edwin Weiss Family Safe Routes to School Trail last week.

## CCHappy Cats on track to treat 180 cats this year

### Presentation made to city council



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

The CCHappy Cats building is located at the corner of Broadway and 7th Street in Denison.

BY GORDON WOLF

In 2022, CCHappy Cats was able to spay or neuter 47 cats, and so far this year, the 501(c)3 organization is on track to spay or neuter 180 cats.

CCHappy Cats is the brainchild of Masha Bachmann. It has been in existence for just a year and a half but was four or five years in the making.

Its mission is to improve the lives and health of community cats and kittens in Crawford County through community outreach, humane education, spay and neuter programs and adoption.

Last week Tuesday Bachmann, Nancy Voggeser and Tony Lile gave a presentation about CCHappy Cats to the Denison City Council to raise awareness of the organization's mission and to put the word out about the need for donations and for volunteers.

Voggeser became involved with CCHappy Cats because of her experience with the Harrison County Humane Society's low-cost spay and neuter clinics. That was when she lived in Logan.

"It was just for Harrison County," Voggeser explained, "and I would get emails constantly from people in Denison and people in Crawford County saying, 'Can we get in on this?'"

When she moved to Denison, Bachmann asked Voggeser to help with CCHappy Cats.

"One of the things that we have really dedicated ourselves to doing right off the bat - and we've been going for about a year and a half now really strong - is low-cost spay and neuter clinics," Voggeser said.

Fifteen cats are spayed or neutered at the monthly clinics. CCHappy Cats works with Tarin Clausen, who used to

be at a veterinary clinic in Denison and now has her own clinic in Schleswig. Clausen does the spaying and neutering at the CCHappy Cats building at 720 Broadway.

Voggeser explained that the cat owner pays \$40 toward the spaying or neutering. The cat is vaccinated and microchipped. Donations and money from fundraisers allow CCHappy Cats to pay the balance of the fees.

CCHappy Cats also has a trap, neuter and release (TNR) program that spays or neuters and vaccinates feral cats.

As of last Tuesday's presentation, the organization had treated 143 cats through the low-cost clinics and 55 cats through the TNR program.

Not all cats are from Denison, but quite a few are, Voggeser said.

She said if each of the 198 cats treated so far in 2023 would have been responsible for five kittens each throughout the year, the work of CCHappy Cats would have curbed the overpopulation of cats by 990 kittens.

"Right now, one of our big needs is boosting our fundraising in the community," Voggeser said.

Meeting with the city council was one way to get that word out. Voggeser said the organization hopes to meet with various service organizations.

A shelter and adoption program is part of CCHappy Cats, but it has taken on a role of less priority at this time in lieu of the low-cost clinics and the TNR program.

Bachmann explained that the time involved in caring for cats in the shelter takes away a lot of time from running the TNR program and making public

presentations about the mission of CCHappy Cats.

"As we grow and we get more volunteers and get more community involvement, our shelter will grow as well and we will have more cats up for adoption, and we will be able to focus on that aspect of our mission as well," Voggeser said.

Lile explained how the TNR program works.

A resident will call CCHappy Cats about a feral cat problem in their neighborhood. Lile, who does most of the TNR work, will trap the cats, take them to a local veterinary clinic to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated, and a day or two later when it is safe to do so, the cats will be released at the location where they were trapped.

Bachmann explained that the TNR program helps to keep cats healthy and makes sure they are no longer able to breed.

"Generally, it cuts down on the bad behavior of yowling and the fighting, and there's less smell and less noise, and there will still be rodent control," she said.

Funds and volunteers are needed, said Voggeser

"When we start do TNR in neighborhoods in Denison, we will need people to volunteer to watch the traps and do some transport as well," she added.

Currently, Lile does a lot of the trapping, and he lives in Manilla.

"Having the community take part in this program is huge in helping us to keep it going," Voggeser said.

For more about CCHappy Cats, go to the organization's page on Facebook.

## In Remembrance



**Colton Larr Clausen**

December 18, 1989 - September 10, 2023

Colton Larr Clausen was born December 18, 1989 in Denison Iowa, firstborn son to Grant and Janette Clausen. He grew up on a farm north of Schleswig 4 years before moving into town and trading in kitties, pigs, and cows for bicycles and ball games, and a bit later, golf. He was baptized in Christ at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig and he confirmed his faith on April 25, 2004.

He attended K-8 at Schleswig Community School and Denison-Schleswig High School, graduating in 2008. He was active in Boy Scouts of America from the time as a Tiger Cub through earning Eagle Scout Rank on November 21, 2006.

After graduation, he went to DMACC for Fire Science until he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve on February 16, 2010. He attended Basic Training in Fort Benning, Georgia and AIT in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where he completed the Transportation Military Occupational Specialty.

Colton served honorably through deployment with the 425th Transportation Unit out of Salina, Kansas. With courage and commitment, he served in Kandahar Afghanistan. He was honorably discharged on March 28, 2011, and had achieved the rank of Private First Class. He earned several awards and medals in his selfless service, including the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, NATO Afghanistan Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

Upon return from deployment, Colton had set out for a nonmilitary career and attended Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, graduating from the Powerline Program in 2015. He started for Watts Electric as a journeyman power lineman. After a little over a year, he traded in living on-the-road and out of a bag and to begin working for Johnson Propane and calling Schleswig home once again. Colton was active in the community, serving on the Schleswig Fire Department since 2017 till present. He was also an active board member of the Schleswig Golf Course.

Colton adopted the 'Work Hard—Play Hard' philosophy. Golf was always a favorite, and he twice took 1st place in the Schleswig Men's Club tournament. Taking after his Great Grandparents and Grandparents, he also enjoyed fishing and had many fishing stories to share. Come September, Colton was always ready to trade in the golf clubs and fishing rods for his bow, where he spent most nights sitting in his tree stands taking in the peacefulness of fall and always waiting for the BIG one. Deer stories and the love of hunting were always a topic of conversation within the family. Bow season quickly turned into shotgun and mussel loading season, which was a whole family tradition. Colton enjoyed watching football and was a loyal Vikings and Iowa Hawkeye fan. Trips to Minnesota would welcome adventures on the farm with Grandpa Van.

Colton had found the love of his life, Kenzie Jorgensen, and together they have spent the last year and a half sharing a passion for golf, hunting, and family. They both enjoyed time with Colton's Pointer Lab, Ruger.

Colton passed away suddenly at his home the morning of September 10, 2023. We are assured through his baptism, his confirmation, and his personal testimony that he is at his heavenly home and enjoying the view and peacefulness. He was welcomed into heaven by his paternal grandfather, Larry Clausen, maternal grandparents, Les and Janette Vanden Berg, and other relatives.

Family who will cherish Colton's life are his loving parents, Grant and Janette Clausen; sister, Brittany (Cody) Bremser and their children, Reighlyn, Graham and Finnley; brother, Cody Clausen (Kelsey Jorgensen); paternal grandmother, JoAnn Clausen; girlfriend, Mackenzie Jorgensen, all of Schleswig; paternal uncles, Greg (Kathy) of Waukee and Gerrad (Carrie) of Granger; maternal uncles and aunts, Duane (Rosann) Vanden Berg, Peter Vanden Berg, Joann Schelhaas, all of Edgerton, Minnesota, Melvin (Brenda) of Pipestone, Minnesota, and Gene (Thelma) Vanden Berg of Spokane Valley, Washington; step grandmother Beth Vanden Berg, step uncles, aunts; cousins and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services were held 10:30 A.M., Friday, September 22, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig, Iowa, with Rev. Merle Mahnken officiating. Organist Marlene Hight provided accompaniment for congregational hymns "There is a Time for Everything" and "This is the Feast" and for soloist Greg Masselink who sang "On Eagle's Wings" and "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus." Serving as pallbearers were Wade Vaden Berg, Joshua Wolthuisen, Matt Riessen, John Blum, Michael Rothe, Jacob Klauer, Cody Friedrichsen and Tanner Schultz. Interment was held at the Morgan Cemetery with Military Honors provided by members of the Schleswig American Legion Post 645, VFW Post 3930 and the Iowa Army National Guard Honor Guard. Following the burial, the family invited everyone to return to the church for a time of fellowship and lunch. Services were entrusted to Huebner Funeral Home.

## Denison will have a new laundromat

### Personalized service offered

BY LORENA LÓPEZ ALTAMIRANO

A young entrepreneur, Claudio Pulido, will soon open Carolina's Laundrymat in Denison.

It will be in the former Siemer laundry building at 103 South 7th Street.

Pulido named the laundromat in honor of his deceased mother, Carolina.

Carolina's Laundrymat will offer a personalized washing and folding service in addition to the self-service washers and dryers.

"The weight of the clothing will determine the service charge," Claudio explained to La Prensa Iowa, Hispanic Newspaper.

Carolina's Laundrymat will also offer an exclusive home pickup and delivery service.

Pulido said the idea of a laundry with personalized service had been on his

mind for several years.

"But it is a long process that takes time, especially finding the right place and working hard to follow the city codes, and although there had previously been a laundromat there, updating the place has not been easy at all," he said.

When asked when he plans to open the laundry, Pulido said, "I think in about two months. I am currently working on replacing the entire roof. This has been an unexpected expense and work, but it has to be done before the opening."

Pulido is also remodeling the interior and exterior of the building.

"The remodeling begins with putting in new insulation," he said.

Pulido said he appreciates the support he's received from his partner, Karen, a businesswoman who owns Bella's Jewels in downtown Denison.

"Karen has helped me a lot in this long process. Without her, this project would not be at the stage it is, so close to opening."



Claudio Pulido is a Denison businessman who will soon open a new laundry business with personalized service.



This is the design of the sign for the new laundry, Carolina's Laundrymat. Pulido named the business in honor of his deceased mother, Carolina.

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## Gustafson recognition



Crawford County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees Chairman Jay Mendlik presented a memorial plaque to Kathi Gustafson, widow of Tom Gustafson, at the Monday trustees meeting. Tom was a member of the board of trustees from 2014 to 2023.

"He had a lot to do with the vision of where we've been and where we're going in this particular facility and the people that are in it," Mendlik said. "I think he had passion for this facility and really enjoyed his work with us." Mendlik said Tom wasn't a "yes man," to which Kathi agreed.



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## Mohr shade designs coming soon

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"A lot of cattle guys use them," he said.

Blank Park Zoo of Des Moines has purchased several to provide shade for their giraffe and rhinoceros enclosures.

The new building in Denison is 150 feet by 80 feet, with an attached office, and will be dedicated to manufacturing Mohr Shades when complete.

"We'll be doing all the fabrication down here instead of in Schleswig," Mohr said.

The new building will allow the business to expand into additional products.

"We're coming out with a couple other models and sizes," he said. "We came out with a new one last year, and we'll have right at five different models this upcoming year."

The shades are popular, in part, because of their easy-to-use design.

"Mohr Shade, less hassle' is our slogan," Mohr said.

Concrete was poured at the new building in Denison on Monday.

Mohr said he expects construction to be complete and to move into the building within a month.

Because production of the shades has been ramping up over the last several years, most of the necessary staff is already in place, but Mohr plans to hire one or two additional individuals when production begins in the new building.

"We'll build all winter," he said. "We're hoping to see more than 300 shades for next year."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mohr Shades have proven to be popular with livestock producers - and livestock.

## An unmodified opinion CCMH audit delivered

BY DAN MUNDT

"We are issuing an unmodified opinion - that's essentially stating it's a clean opinion for the two years presented," said Jay Horn, CPA Partner with Denman and Company of West Des Moines.

Horn attended the September 25 Crawford County Memorial Hospital (CCMH) Board of Trustees meeting to present the fiscal year 2023 CCMH audit.

An unmodified opinion is what the hospital strives to receive when undergoing an audit, he said.

Fiscal years 2022 and 2023 were presented in the audit statement with additional comparisons to 2021.

Horn led the trustees through a look at the primary financial numbers in the 53-page report, which was pared down to a PowerPoint presentation for the meeting.

"We felt the balance sheet is in good position, needless to say (and we're

pleased with the cash positions," Horn said.

The audited assets had a combined value of \$45.7 million; of that, cash and investments totaled about \$21 million.

Horn said CCMH was in a "solid position" with cash, which he said would be useful for the hospital's proposed expansion project.

He noted that a concern 15 years ago, when construction of the new hospital was being considered, was whether the cash position at CCMH would hold throughout the life of the project.

"And fortunately, it has," he said.

Gross revenues for 2023 were \$66,485,000, which was an increase of 9% over 2022; 2022 had a 9% increase over 2021.

The most significant increases in revenue in 2023 came from the CCMH observation room, the pharmacy and the clinics.

Net patient service revenue in 2023 was \$36,374,000, an increase of 5% over 2022, which was 7% above 2021.

Horn said CCMH is "actually in pretty good shape" with respect to bad debts, with the hospital owed about

\$1.62 million in 2023, which was a 20% increase from 2022. 2022 had a decrease of 9% from 2021.

As part of the bad debt discussion, CCMH President and CEO Erin Muck noted that Crawford County currently has an uninsured population of about 11%, which is up 2% from a year ago; Crawford County's uninsured rate is significantly higher than the rates of Carroll and Shelby counties.

Horn said the audit showed that the hospital's total expenses were \$39.8 million for 2023, which was an increase of 11%; salary expenses, with a total of \$19.8 million, were up 8% over 2022.

He said other hospitals are reporting similar increases and said inflation was one of the drivers.

"Other expenses," at \$16.5 million, were up 19% from a year ago; the largest increases were in the emergency department and the clinics.

The hospital's depreciation expense for 2023 was \$2,603,000.

Horn noted that the depreciation expense has remained fairly stable from year to year - and could increase with a new expansion project.

Interest expenses were \$772,000 in 2023, a decline from \$865,000 in 2022.

Horn said hospitals had seen volatility in net income following the pandemic due to provider funds provided by the government; CCMH's net income in 2021 was \$2,609,000; \$3,832,000 in 2022; and \$1,797,000 in 2023.

Horn said the hospital's 2023 debt service coverage ratio of 2.83 was above the target of 1.25.

Board of Trustees Chairman Jay Mendlik explained that the debt service coverage ratio is essentially a requirement that the hospital have \$1.25 of net income for every dollar borrowed.

"In this instance, we're showing \$2.83 for every dollar we have borrowed," he said.

For the 2023 audit, CCMH had 210 days of cash on hand, down from 233 in 2022 but up from 201 in 2021.

Horn said the final step of the CCMH audit process would be to file the audit with the Auditor of the State of Iowa and with the Crawford County Courthouse.

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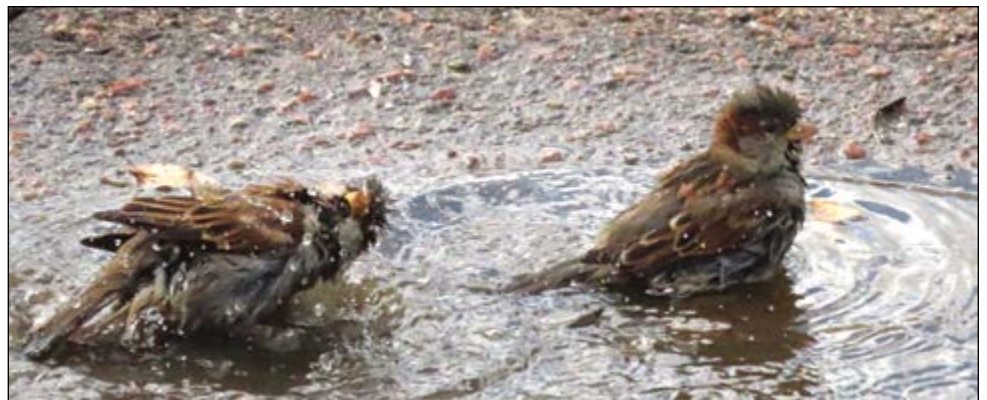


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## Eyes up



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This group of Denison High School students kept their eyes on the ball as they watched a Monarchs volleyball match against Atlantic on September 21. The students were dressed in outfits for "Cops and Robber Day."

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## Working on 30



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Crews from Ten Point Construction started work last week to patch rough areas on Highway 30 through Denison. After breaking out the rough spots, new pavement was poured.

## Christmas at The Cottage

Something to do on a Monday night



PHOTO BY DAN MUNDT

This fluffy snowman is from last year's inventory; many new items will soon stock the shelves at The Cottage in Uptown Denison.

BY DAN MUNDT

The shelves at The Cottage in Uptown Denison are presently arranged with fall items, but that will soon change when the shop plays host for a special event called "Christmas at The Cottage" during the evening of Monday, October 9.

"We'll be sampling all of our products – the jams and breads and the new products we're bringing in," said Taylor Borkowski, who runs The Cottage in Uptown Denison with her mother, Cindy.

"We'll have charcuterie and

complimentary drinks. It will be a nice social gathering to give you something to do on Monday night."

She explained that, even though the beginning of October may seem early for Christmas, it's not.

"As a retailer, we have to be a season ahead," Borkowski said. "Normally, we would have already started in September to put up Christmas trees and such. Other stores have had Christmas items out since July."

The shop will be closed from Friday, October 6, through the beginning of

the event for "a complete reset."

"Some people will start decorating for Christmas very soon, and some people have already started buying Christmas presents, so it's time to flip everything," Borkowski said.

They chose October 9 for the event because that weekend starts with Denison High School Homecoming on Friday, and Monday is Columbus Day, when banks are closed.

Sales are traditionally slow on both days.

"So, I felt it would be OK to be closed to do a complete flip of the store," she said. "The windows will be papered and nobody will be in or out, besides my mom and me."

The windows will be papered over on the inside, but on the outside will be a full homecoming wrap, she noted.

With the full reset of the products on the shelves, not every new product will be tied to Christmas.

"I think sometimes it's easy to have

everything be about Christmas, but we really have been trying to be conscious this year to have more everyday gifts so you're not overwhelmed by just Christmas when you're coming to shop," Borkowski said.

Two weeks ago, The Cottage received 68 boxes of new inventory unrelated to Christmas.

"We'll have about nine different lines that we've never carried before, and we're really excited to be presenting those that night, as well," Borkowski said.

Ticket sales for Christmas at the Cottage run through this Friday.

The event runs from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 9.

"Your \$25 ticket gets you in the door for your first look at Christmas 2023," she said.

"One person will receive a \$250 gift certificate to The Cottage, and we have a few surprises we're not releasing yet that will just be for our ticketholders."

### First event in renovated gym



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

The Denison-Schleswig Monarchs volleyball games against Atlantic were the first events to be played in the renovated Denison High School gym.

### College-bound decisions



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Angie Avise, admissions counselor for the University of Iowa, talks to Denison High School juniors at a college fair conducted in the Denison Middle School gym on September 21. A session was also conducted for Denison High School seniors. Upperclassmen from other schools, including Woodbine and Boyer Valley, attended.

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