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Early voting begins in primary election

BY GORDON WOLF

Early voting opened on Wednesday for the June 4 primary election.

Monday, May 20, is the last day for people to request that the auditor's office mail an absentee ballot to them.

Crawford County Auditor Terri Martens said the auditor's office needs absentee ballots returned by 8 p.m. on June 4, primary election day, in order to be counted.

"If people don't think they can get their absentee ballot sent in the mail in time, they can hand deliver it to our office," she said.

The contested races in the June 4 primary election are all on the Republican ballot.

Four candidates are running for two available nominations for the board of supervisors.

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Volunteers lend hands to help neighbors



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Lots of hands, and equipment, helped the Scott and Morgan Saunders family and Denise Christensen clean their farms of the debris left in the wake of the tornadoes that tore through rural Manilla on April 26. The farm places are located along 300th Street, west of Manilla. Pictured above, volunteers work to remove tin siding from a structure on the Christensen homestead that was demolished by the storms. See more photos inside.

Denison High School graduation this Sunday

BY GORDON WOLF

This year's graduates were eighth graders when in-person schooling closed in mid-March 2020.

When they returned to school as freshmen in August that year, they were met with social distancing requirements or the wearing of masks, if social distancing was not possible. Online learning was an option they had, and about 12% of students district-wide initially chose that, less than the 20% anticipated based on a survey of families.

There were guidelines for attending fall sporting events, and lunches were taken in the classroom, not the cafeteria.

That is all in the past for the 165 Denison High School seniors who will cross the stage Sunday.

Their ceremony is vastly different than the Class of 2020 graduation, which was a drive-through event in the district's bus barn.

This Sunday's commencement ceremony will start at 2 p.m. at the Denison High School gym.

Chloe Koch will be the student speaker. The choir will perform "I Love You/What a Wonderful World." And Juan Diaz will give the senior thank-you message.

Principal Dave Wiebers will present the scholastic awards and the school board will present the diplomas.

Despite the historic conditions in which they started their high school years, the Class of 2024 chose a forward-looking quote from Mahatma Gandhi as its class motto: "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

In the field



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Area farmers continue to work their fields to get all the crops planted. According to the weekly crop report released on Monday by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, 57% of Iowa's expected corn crop had been planted and 39% of Iowa's expected soybean crop had been planted. Those percentages were one week behind last year for the corn and beans both. The report said 26% of the corn crop had emerged and 13% of the soybean crop had emerged. Topsoil moisture statewide was rated 1% very short, 7% short, 71% adequate and 21% surplus.

Fundraising for the wellness center



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

Jasper Christensen, a Boy Scout with Troop 55 in Denison, hands a bag full of Staley's chicken dinners to the driver of a vehicle waiting in line to support the Crawford County Wellness Center project. Around \$11,000 was raised in a drive-through chicken dinner at Stables at Copper Ridge on Tuesday evening. See more photos inside.

Arion man dies from injuries sustained in accident

Chance Benjamin Davis, 23, of Arion, died as a result of injuries sustained in a vehicle rollover accident that happened at about 4:16 p.m. on Sunday, May 5.

Davis was driving a cream-colored 2006 Ford XPL south on 210th Street when, for unknown reasons, at approximately 260 feet from the Hanover intersection, he started to lose control of the vehicle. The vehicle went off the roadway with its two passenger side wheels. At approximately 371 feet from the intersection, the vehicle came back on the roadway and then started

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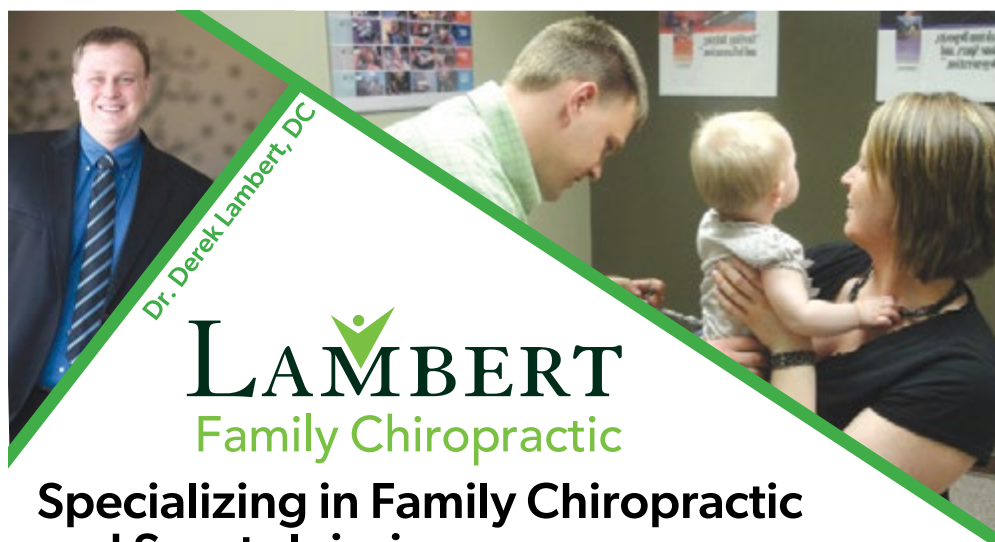
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Denison PD observes National Police Week



PHOTO BY GORDON WOLF

The Denison Police Department is celebrating National Police Week, which began on Sunday, May 12, and will end on Saturday, May 18. In 1962, May 15 was designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in May 15 falls is designated National Police Week. In recognition of the special week, the Denison Police Department is flying Thin Blue Line flags in front of the law enforcement center.



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Republican Women to Host Iowa AG and Rep. Feenstra

The Crawford County Area Republican Women will meet at Bella Sera Restaurant in Denison at noon on Monday, May 20.

The "Pizza & Politics" event is scheduled to run until 1:30 p.m. and will feature guest speakers Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird and U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra.

Before taking office as the state's attorney general in January 2023, Bird served as a prosecutor for six years. She was elected by fellow county attorneys to leadership roles with the Iowa County Attorney Association, most recently serving as the association's president. Bird has also engaged in the private practice of law, worked in the Iowa Governor's Office and the U.S. House of Representatives, and taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Iowa College of Law.

Feenstra was elected to represent the Iowa's 4th District in the U.S House of Representatives. He serves on the House Ways and Means and the House Agriculture committees. Feenstra was born and raised in Hull where he has served as city administrator, Sioux County Treasurer, and as a state senator.

After being head of sales for the Foreign Candy Company, he began teaching business and economics classes at Dordt University.

Area conservatives are invited to attend the meeting, free to members and associate members. Pizza will be served. The meeting is open to men and students.

Questions can be directed to Gwen Ecklund, Crawford County Area Republican Women president, at 712-269-2250.



Brenna Bird



Randy Feenstra

Blood Drive Results

LifeServe Blood Center
Denison Community Drive
30 units collect with the ability to save up to 90 lives
Milestone donation
Marsha Waderich, 3 gallons
Next drive: Monday, June 10, 12:15-5:45 p.m. at Crawford County Memorial Hospital
Text 'LIFESERVE' to 999-777 to make an appointment.

Hunger Fighters food distribution May 21

The Crawford County Hunger Fighters monthly food distribution is planned for Tuesday, May 21, at the United Presbyterian Church, 205 North 24th Street in Denison. The drive-through pickup will be from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Families in need of food assistance will verify their income level eligibility with the TEFAP form which is completed once every year. Forms may be picked up in advance in the bench in front of the Presbyterian Church or filled out that day.

Proxy consent forms that are used for picking up another person's food will not need to be renewed unless there are changes. People are asked to abide by the policy of one allotment of food per household.

Monetary donations made to Crawford County Hunger Fighters may be dropped off at V & H Tire, The Hoffman Agency or Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Those who would like to volunteer at the drive-through food distribution can call the United Presbyterian Church at 712-263-4130.

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They are incumbents Jean Heiden and Tyy Rosburg, and Paul Outhouse and James R. Steinkuehler.

Two people are running for sheriff – Yovan G. Cardenas and Roger E. Rasmussen. The incumbent sheriff, James Steinkuehler, is retiring from that position and is running for supervisor.

One other contested race is on the Republican ballot. Incumbent U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra, of Hull, is being challenged by Kevin Virgil, of Sutherland.

Others up for election on the Republican ballot are incumbent State Sen. Jason Schultz and incumbent State Rep. Steven Holt.

Following are the candidates on the Democratic Party ballot.

For U.S. Representative: Ryan Melton

For State Representative: Dustin Durbin

For County Auditor: Incumbent Terri Martens

The Libertarian Party ballot has just one candidate. David M. Davis is running for state senator.

Requests for absentee ballots had been light so far, Martens said on Wednesday; about 50 ballots had been requested by mail.

However, a good number of people had been in the auditor's office on Wednesday to vote early in person, she added.

Martens noted that the auditor's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, for early voting in person.

Following is some other information about absentee voting and early voting, taken from the auditor's office's website.

* To vote absentee by mail you must complete a request form. You may contact the Auditor's Office to request that a form be sent to you. When filling out the form, please be sure to include the date the request is signed. Once completed, please return the form to the Crawford County Auditor at the County Courthouse, 1202 Broadway, Suite 5, Denison, IA 51442. Printable absentee ballot request forms are also available from the Secretary of State.

* In-person absentee voting is available in the Auditor's Office during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The deadline for in-person absentee voting is 5 p.m. on the Monday before the election.

* Instructions on how to vote your absentee ballot will be included with your ballot.

Volunteers help raise wellness center funds

Those supporting the Crawford County Wellness Center bought 1,011 Staley's chicken dinners on Tuesday evening and helped raise around \$11,000 for the project.



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Cars line up in the parking lot at Stables at Copper Ridge.



Joe Ferguson and Paul Assman put chicken in containers to start the assembly line of food distribution.



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Pictured are members of Boy Scout Troop 55 and other volunteers who helped at the fundraising dinner.



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Local Calendar

SATURDAY MAY 18, 2024

STEAM Saturday at Norelius Community Library, 10 a.m., for ages 8-13. Each activity will involve science, technology, engineering, art or math.

SUNDAY MAY 19, 2024

Denison High School graduation, 2 p.m., high school gym.

Ar-We-Va High School graduation, 2 p.m.

IKM-Manning High School graduation, 2 p.m.

MONDAY MAY 20, 2024

Manilla Clean Up Days, have all items placed in your front yard before 7 a.m. Day is for yard waste, rubble, furniture, lumber (no pieces longer than six feet). No cardboard.

Euchre at the Denison Senior Center, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY MAY 21, 2024

Manilla Clean Up Days, have all items placed in your front yard by the curb before 7 a.m. Tuesday is appliance day. All appliances must be empty. Appliances accepted are air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water heaters and microwaves. Items not accepted are grills, humidifiers, television sets. No tires!

Beef Quality Assurance Training, 1-3 p.m., at Denison Livestock Auction. Pre-register by calling the Crawford County Extension office at 712-263-4697 or email Kathy Thul at kthul321@iastate.edu.

Crafternoon at Norelius Community Library, 4-6 p.m., for ages 12 and older.

Euchre Night at Ricketts Community Building, 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$5.

WEDNESDAY MAY 22, 2024

Caregiver Appreciation Event, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Boulders Conference Center.

Euchre Night at Charter Oak Community Building, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY MAY 23, 2024

Fireside Book Discussion, Norelius Community Library, 2 p.m. For this month's book, inquire at the circulation desk.

The Library Book Club, 5:30 p.m., Norelius Community Library. For adults 19 and older. Go to the library's website calendar to register.

FRIDAY MAY 24, 2024

Hot Summer Nights, 6 p.m., Uptown Denison. Read more about this event in next week's Denison Free Press.

Funeral Notices

Dale Ewoldt

Graveside services for Dale Ewoldt, 76, of Vail, were conducted at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 16, at Crawford Heights Memory Gardens in Denison. He passed away May 3 at Dunlap Specialty Care in Dunlap.

Survivors include two sisters, Diane Edgar, of Denison, and Darlys Ewoldt, of Chicago; one brother, Dean (Barb) Ewoldt, of Humboldt; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



Dorothy Olerich

Mass of Christian Burial for Dorothy Olerich, 68, of Westside, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 16, at St. Ann Catholic Church in Vail with burial at the parish cemetery.

She passed away Saturday, May 11, at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll.

Survivors include her husband, Myron Olerich, of Westside; children, Michael (Bonny) Olerich, of Waverly, Dennis Olerich, of Minnesota, and Robert Olerich, of Missouri; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Jim (Kathy) Lawler, of Texas, Katie Lawler, of Carroll, Mary Jones, of Ankeny, Tom (Jan) Lawler, of Harlan, Kevin (Cindy) Lawler, of Carroll, Kristy (Mark) Poland, of Carroll, and Jeff (Nancy) Lawler, of Granger; mother-in-law, Lois Olerich, of Wall Lake; and other relatives and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Huebner Funeral Home.



Senior Lunch Menu

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

Friday, May 17:
pork roast, cooked potatoes and carrots, peaches

Monday, May 20:
sloppy Joe's, tater tots, coleslaw, brownie

Tuesday, May 21:
shepherd's pie with biscuit topping, broccoli-raisin salad, pears

Wednesday, May 22:
ham, sweet potatoes, peas, peach dump cake

Thursday, May 23:
brown sugar pork loin, potatoes, carrots, cookie

Friday, May 24:
chicken and mushrooms, baked potato, green beans, chocolate pudding

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to roll. It rolled five times before coming to rest on its top against a farm shed, striking the shed approximately seven feet off the ground. Davis died from injuries sustained in the crash.

The Denison Volunteer Fire Department extricated Davis by mechanical means. The Crawford County Ambulance transported Davis to Huebner Funeral Home in Denison.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office conducted the investigation.

Retired school personnel meet in Denison



PHOTOS BY GORDON WOLF

Members of the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association (IRSPA) from District 1 conducted their annual meeting on Tuesday, May 7, at the First United Methodist Church in Denison. After a welcome by Crawford County IRSPA President Annette Boeck and a welcome by IRSPA President-Elect Beth Hieronymus, the retired teachers and school personnel heard about scholarships and IPERS and benefits. They divided into focus groups to discuss program ideas, membership recruitment and retention, issues facing the organization's presidents and presidents-elect and issues for secretaries and treasurers, and Ann Neumann from NEU-FIT in Denison conducted a "Sit and Be Fit" session. Crawford County Naturalist Kelly Sonnichsen gave a presentation on bees. IRSPA members heard an AARP presentation on fraud and scam protection and heard an Alzheimer's Association presentation on healthy living for the brain and the body. During lunch, they were entertained by the Musical Monarchs from Broadway Elementary School.



Letters TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor: Celebrating Beef Month

May is National Beef Month, but for me, as a cattle farmer in Crawford County, beef is celebrated year-round.

I want my community to understand giving my animals top-notch care is a constant commitment. Values like

compassion, hard work, integrity, and responsibility are crucial in cattle care, and something I take seriously.

That's why I collaborate closely with a veterinarian and feed nutritionist to ensure the best life for my animals.

I also stay up to date on new animal research and stress-free handling recommendations to improve their comfort and health, ensuring high-

quality food for my family and yours.

Our family farm is always striving to improve, whether it's in animal care or environmental practices. Every day, we prioritize beef, and I hope you can join in celebrating knowing you're consuming a nutritious product raised with care.

*Jeremy Stangl, President
Crawford County Farm Bureau*

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ON THE SCANNER

May 7, 3:02 p.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened at South 15th Street and Highway 30. Kellie Michelle Bradley, 35, of Manson, was driving a silver 2024 Nissan Rogue. She told the investigating officer that she was at the stop sign on 15th Street entering Highway 30 when she felt a bump to the rear end of her vehicle. Harmony Ann Holt, 18, of Denison, was driving a red 2015 Jeep Ranger. She explained she had gotten temporarily distracted and released the brake and hit the vehicle that was in front of her. The Bradley vehicle received \$380 damage and the Holt vehicle was not damaged.

May 8, 10:12 a.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened at 1st Avenue North and North Main Street. Matthew Adam Mohr, 41, of Denison, was driving a red 2015 Chrysler. He stated that he was headed westbound on 1st Avenue North and said that a white 2016 Chevrolet Colorado being driven by Matthew Lee Hogan, 40, of Mapleton, came out of the alley and did not see his (Mohr's) vehicle. Mohr's vehicle was struck on the passenger side door. Hogan stated that he was coming out of the alley after making a complete stop at the stop sign. He said he thought an SUV parked on the street blocked his view. He stated that he looked both ways and proceeded into the roadway. As he looked back to the left, he saw Mohr's vehicle, and by that time it was too late to stop. The officer stated that since Hogan didn't yield the right of way after coming to a complete stop, he was at fault for the accident. A witness to the accident stated that Hogan did stop at the stop sign but would not have been able to see around the car. Mohr's vehicle received \$6,000 damage to the rear passenger side. Hogan's vehicle received \$300 damage to the front middle. No one was injured.

May 8, 12:38 p.m.: The Crawford County Sheriff's Office investigated a vehicle vs. deer accident. Patrick Michael Clarey, 59, of Carroll, was driving a blue 2018 Toyota RAV4 west on Highway 30 west of 380th Street when a deer came out of the north ditch and hit the vehicle on the passenger side, causing \$2,500 damage.

May 10.: The Denison Police Department received information from Steven Alvarado Guerrero, 17, of Denison, about an accident that happened the previous day on 8th Avenue North by Denison High School. Alvarado Guerrero explained that he was attempting to pull into a parking lot when his red 2003 Chevrolet Silverado pickup was struck on the rear passenger side by a white 2010 Dodge R15 pickup being driven by Cristian Daniel Paz Oropeza, 17, of Denison. The investigating officer went to the Paz Oropeza residence and spoke with Paz Oropeza's father and then spoke with Paz Oropeza. Paz Oropeza explained that Alvarado Guerrero had braked suddenly for another vehicle and that he (Paz Oropeza) had to swerve and struck the rear passenger side of Alvarado Guerrero's vehicle. Both were not cited. The Paz Oropeza vehicle received \$250 damage to the front driver side corner and the Alvarado Guerrero vehicle received \$5,400 damage to the rear passenger side corner.

May 10, 4:15 p.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened on Bel Aire Drive. Richard Lee Jepsen, 75, of Denison, was backing a gray 2017

Chevrolet Silverado pickup from a driveway. Durene Faye Krohnke, 82, of Denison, was driving a white 2009 Chrysler Town & Country van and was passing a parked car and therefore was in the southernmost lane. Jepsen did not see Krohnke's vehicle and backed into it. No one was injured. Krohnke's vehicle received \$5,000 damage to the rear driver side. Jepsen's vehicle received \$1,000 damage to the rear passenger side corner.

May 10, 9:36 p.m.: Four juveniles were cited for possession of alcohol and Alfredo Lara Garcia, 18, of Denison, was arrested and charged with minor in possession of alcohol, 1st offense.

May 11, 3:08 p.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened on 6th Avenue North. Jesus Segouiano-Trujillo, 68, of Denison, was driving a white 2003 Ford Explorer. He parked his vehicle in the driveway at 528 North 18th Street. After stepping out of the vehicle he noticed that it began to roll backwards. He tried to enter the vehicle while it was rolling backwards; the vehicle struck a white 2013 Chevrolet Traverse LS located in the driveway across the street at 1808 6th Avenue North. Segouiano-Trujillo received possible injuries (complaint of pain). EMS was called to the residence to check him. He was transported to Crawford County Memorial Hospital. His vehicle received \$1,500 damage to the rear driver side corner. The Chevrolet Traverse received \$3,000 to the rear middle.

May 11, 9:29 p.m.: Obdulio Omar Zuniga Perez, 31, of Denison, was arrested and charged with harassment, 3rd degree, for harassing a 16-year-old female.

May 12, 3:02 a.m.: Ever Noel Gonzalez Alfaro, 19, of Denison, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol, 1st offense.

May 12, 4:47 p.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a moped vs. automobile accident that happened at Avenue B and North 7th Street. Emily Claire Ladwig, 14, of Denison, was operating a gray 2022 KYMC moped and was stopped at the intersection of Avenue B and North 7th Street. She started to turn left onto North 7th Street. Eduardo Alejandro Garcia Rodriguez, 26, of Storm Lake, was driving a red 2008 Chevrolet Impala. He was already traveling on North 7th Street. Garcia Rodriguez swerved to avoid the moped, causing the vehicles to sideswipe while both were traveling south. Ladwig had suspected minor/non-incapacitating injuries. She was not transported. Garcia Rodriguez was not injured. His vehicle received \$500 damage to the middle driver's side. The moped received \$250 damage.

May 13, 3:47 p.m.: The Denison Police Department investigated a two-vehicle accident that happened at 3rd Avenue North and North 17th Street. Maria Gloria Nieto Menendez, 63, of Denison, was driving a black 2014 Jeep Cherokee west on 3rd Avenue North. When she crested the hill at 3rd Avenue North and North 17th Street, she failed to yield at the stop sign. Her vehicle struck a silver 2010 Ford Fusion being driven by Consuelo Delosangeles Nieto-Pelayo, 38, of Denison. Nieto-Pelayo was traveling north on North 17th Street. No one was injured. Nieto-Pelayo's vehicle received \$4,000 damage to the rear passenger side. Nieto Menendez's vehicle received \$1,000 damage to the front middle.

LAND TRANSACTIONS

May 3-9, 2024

Warranty Deeds

• Teodoro Aguirre Nicia and Jacinta I. Pineda De Aguirre to Jose Luis Valdez, Maria Barjaras and Jose Alfredo Valdez, Erica Valdez and Javier Acosta: Lot 13 and Lot 14, Block 117, City of Denison; \$180,000.

• Leo C. Kasparbauer Trust, Joleen M. Kasparbauer Trust, Leo C. Kasparbauer Co-Trustee and Joleen M. Kasparbauer, Co-Trustee to Leo and Joleen Kasparbauer Trust, Leo C. Kasparbauer and Joleen M. Kasparbauer, Co-Trustees: SE1/4 Section 36, Milford Township; \$1.00.

• Jose Munoz to Francisco Velazquez: Lot 2 and Lot 3, Block 34, City of Denison; \$150,000.

• Rex Kuhlman Junior and Jeanette Faye Kuhlman to Eugene Garrett, Catherine M. Garrett, Kelly Garrett and Amber Garrett: N1/2 NW1/4 Section 17, Paradise Township; \$500,000.

• Nathan W. Ranniger to Steven H. Kremin and Nancy A. Kremin: Lot 10, 11, 12, Block 1, Woodard's Addition, City of Manilla; \$15,000; NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 25, Nishnabotna Township; \$15,000.

• Brandon Gosch and Katlyn N. Gosch to Fabiola Navar Maganda: Lot 28, Morningside Third Addition, City of Denison; \$169,000.

• Thomas E. Lambert and Brenda Lambert to Jeremy J. Ewoldt: NW1/4 NW1/4 Section 13, Jackson Township; SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 13, Jackson Township; \$96,385.

• Sue Vang and Khou Yang to Xeng Grap: Lot 1, Block 18, City of Denison; \$77,294.05.

• Martin A. Asprelli II to William

Albert Blunk: Lot 4, Block 17, City of Schleswig; \$148,000.

Quit Claim Deeds

• Mary Jane Prussing, Mary Jane Swanson to Matthew Lynn Swanson: Lot 10 and Lot 11, Block 11, City of Denison.

• Keith Weller, Keith A. Weller, Debra Weller, Debra K. Weller to Keith Allen and Debra Kay Weller Trust, Keith Allen Weller and Debra Kay Weller, Co-Trustees: Lot 5, Block 19, City of Westside; NE1/4 Section 14, East Boyer Township; SE1/4 Section 14, East Boyer Township; NE1/4 Section 24, Westside Township; W1/2 NE1/4 Section 24, Westside Township; S1/2 N1/2 SW1/4 Section 26, Westside Township; SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 28, Westside Township.

Court Officer Deeds

• Wayne T. Harmening Estate, Rita Pedersen, Executor to Parker Dale Wessel: E1/2 W1/2 NE1/4 Section 32, Soldier Township; \$428,000.

• Wayne T. Harmening Estate, Rita Pedersen, Executor to Austin David Wessel: W1/2 W1/2 NE1/4 Section 32, Soldier Township; \$428,000.

• David L. Outhouse Estate, Leslie Outhouse, Executor to Leslie D. Outhouse and Debra A. Outhouse: N1/2 SW1/4 Section 36, Washington Township; NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 36, Washington Township; \$175,000.

• David L. Outhouse Estate, Leslie Outhouse, Executor to Paul Outhouse: E1/2 NW1/4 Section 7, Nishnabotna Township; W1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 7, Nishnabotna Township; W1/2 SW1/4 NE1/4 Section 7, Nishnabotna Township.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

May 3-9, 2024

SCHEDULED TRAFFIC

• Kevin Alexis Ramirez, Denison, person under 21 years of age using tobacco/vapor product, first offense, \$205.50.

• Triston Lee Coenen, Dow City, failure to provide proof of financial liability, \$615.63.

• Jacob Anthony Green Jr., Denison, person under 21 years of age using tobacco/vapor product, first offense, \$105.

• Melanie Marie Mooney, Denison, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$175.75.

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

• Amilcar Santos Cifuentes Cifentes, Denison, \$354.

• Mark Frederick Milkert, Manning, failure to maintain or use safety belts, adult, \$135.50.

• Arce Rivera Mauricio Adonay, South Sioux City, NE, no valid driver's license, \$354.

• Truman Glen Phillips, Longview, TX, no valid driver's license, \$354.

• Victoria Daniella Altamirano, Denison, \$141.25.

• Gabriel Christian Bohlin, Soldier, unsafe passing, \$210.25.

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Monarchs

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS TRACK AND FIELD

Fink qualifies for state meet while again setting school record

Just one week after setting a school record that had stood for 27 years, the Denison-Schleswig Monarch's Jake Fink bested his effort by nearly a second on Thursday, May 9, running the race in 54.99 and qualified for the state meet in the 400-meter hurdles.

The state meet will take place this Thursday through Saturday at Drake Stadium in Des Moines.

The state qualifying meet took place in Atlantic.

On May 2 at the Hawkeye-10 Conference meet, Fink had eclipsed the 27-year-old school record, running the 400-meter hurdles in 55.91.

Anthony Arambula turned in a fourth-place performance in the long jump at Thursday's qualifying meet, leaping 20-4. Monarch Head Coach Willie Baughman said it will be close with Arambula's performance, whether he qualified for state, and that he would find out more about that on Friday.

Team results

ADM, 209 points
Glenwood, 146
Harlan, 101
Atlantic, 99

Creston, 64,
Carroll, 56
Denison-Schleswig, 39
Storm Lake, 21

Denison-Schleswig's placings

Sprint medley relay: Jake Fink, Anthony Arambula, Chris Lovan and Morgan Wood, 5th place, 1:41.65.

4x800 meter relay: Kevin Sanchez, Anthony Valtierra, Edgar Ortiz and Ethan Olsen, 6th place, 9:27.65.

Long jump: Anthony Arambula, 4th place, 20-4.

High jump: Grant Olsen, 6th place, 5-8, personal record.

Distance medley relay: Trae Hartwig, Wilson Riphin, Edgar Ortiz and Kevin Sanchez, 7th place, 4:06.06.

4x200 meter relay: Grant Olsen, Wilson Riphin, Chris Lovan and Morgan Wood, 6th place, 1:44.03.

110 high hurdles: Brayden Adams, 7th place, 16.75, personal record.

400-meter hurdles: Jake Fink, 1st place, 54.99, personal record and school record; Brayden Adams, 7th place, 1:01.00, personal record.

1600-meter run: Ethan Olsen, 8th place, 5:10.62, personal record.

4x100 meter relay: Trae Hartwig, Anthony Arambula, Chris Lovan and Morgan Wood, 6th place, 46.45.

4x400 meter relay: Grant Olsen, Edgar Ortiz, Enrique Santos and Anthony Valtierra, 7th place, 3:59.02.

Three Monarch girls qualify for state track meet

The Denison-Schleswig girls scored 51 points and ended in seventh place at the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union state qualifying track and field meet at Atlantic on Thursday, May 9.

Three Monarchs qualified for the state meet this week at Drake Stadium in Des Moines. They are Mayah Slater in the discus, Avery Bock in the long jump and Kyia Clark in the 100 meter dash.

Team standings

ADM, 188 points
Glenwood, 139
Carroll, 97
Atlantic, 87
Storm Lake, 73
Harlan, 65
Denison-Schleswig, 51
Creston, 31

Denison-Schleswig placings

Sprint medley relay: Hannah Harris, Kamden Bruhn, Alejandra Cardenas, Charlotte Schrum, 6th place, 2:04.15

3000 meter run: Lola Mendlik, 3rd place, 11:32.34

4x800 meter relay: Alexa Tremblay, Annaluisa Cruz Nieto, Rylan Ipsen,

Atong Agang, 6th place, 11:42.25

Shuttle hurdle relay: Kamden Bruhn, Alejandra Cardenas, Kysa Neddermeyer, Avery Bock, 5th place, 1:13.37, personal record

100 meter dash: Kyia Clark, 5th place, 12.85

Distance medley relay: Kyia Clark, Piomo Okwer, Lauryn Turin, Lola Mendlik, 6th place, 4:31.85

4x200 meter relay: Hannah Harris, Kamden Bruhn, Alexa Santos, Atong Agang, 8th place, 2:06.76

100 meter hurdles: Avery Bock, 6th place, 17.17, personal record

200 meter dash: Lauryn Turin, 2nd place, 28.02, personal record

1500 meter run, Lola Mendlik, 6th place, 5:21.97

4x100 meter relay: Hannah Harris, Lauryn Turin, Emily Gehlsen, Kyia Clark, 5th place, 54.98, personal record

4x400 meter relay: Charlotte Schrum, Atong Agang, Kysa Neddermeyer, Piomo Okwer, 5th place, 4:30.32

Long jump: Avery Bock, 5th place, 16-4.75

Shot put: Emily Gehlsen, 7th place, 30-9.25

Discus: Mayah Slater, 4th place, 109-5, personal record

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS SOCCER

Monarch boys shutout Atlantic in regular season finale

The Denison-Schleswig boys' soccer team ended its regular season with a 10-0 victory over Atlantic on Friday, May 10.

Jose Muntuiga, Jesus Hernandez and Carlos Zamago led the team with two goals each, and Luke Wiebers, Richard Gonzales, Jackson Saravia and Kevin Sanchez all had one goal each.

Chris Magana and Sebastian Contreras shared time in the net and did not allow a goal.

The Monarchs will host Storm Lake on May 20.

On May 8, the Monarch boys clinched second place in the Hawkeye-10 Conference by defeating Glenwood 3-0.

Carlos Zamago, Isai Marquez and Luke Wiebers all had one goal.

Chris Magana and Sebastian Contreras both time in the net and did not allow a goal.

"It was a solid team victory and a great showing for our senior night," said Head Coach Nate Desy.

Denison-Schleswig girls finish regular soccer season

The Denison-Schleswig girls fell to Boone 1-0 in the final regular season match on Monday at Boone.

The loss put the Monarchs' regular season record at 6-9.

The Monarchs had six shots on goal to 12 for Boone. Monarch goalie Sam Chandler had 11 saves.

Boone's goal came with 10:33 remaining in the first half on a crossing pass that was received 16 yards out, and the Boone forward got the shot off from eight yards.

"We battled all game, but we weren't able to put a goal in," said Head Coach Chris Eller. "We did a great job on defense as the majority of Boone's shots came from 25-45 yards out on drops to their midfielders or defenders."

"I thought Janet Castillo did a great job on their leading scorer to hold her scoreless despite Boone targeting her every time they had the ball," he added. "The goal we gave up really was because the ball bounced Boone's way

- we had three girls in the area but the carom went right to her right foot for the one-touch shot just inside the right post. If it bounces anywhere else, the game would have been scoreless after regulation."

He continued that on offense, all of the Monarchs' best looks weren't on goal. The Monarchs had some chances from about 15-25 yards out several times, but the shots were consistently wide of the goal.

"We didn't have the speed to get by their defense on our counters or our one-on-ones, so too many of our possessions ended without a shot," Eller said. "It was a good back and forth soccer game, with the possession much more even than the stats would suggest, but Boone's speed was too much for us tonight."

1-0 home-field win against Atlantic

On Senior Night on Friday, May 10, the Monarch girls scored a 1-0 home-field soccer win against Atlantic.

The win put the girls' overall record at 6-8 and their Hawkeye-10 Conference record at 3-4.

Denison-Schleswig had 20 shots on goal. Monarch goalie Sam Chandler

had two saves.

Just 3:09 into the second half, Aremy Santos scored her 10th goal of the season on a header from five yards out. Estela Lupian provided her second assist of the season. From about 16 yards out, Lupian put a nice crossing pass right at the center of the goal and Santos ran in from 10 yards out to head the shot in just under the crossbar.

"It was a great conference win on senior night," said Head Coach Chris Eller.

Seven seniors and the senior manager were recognized prior to the game. Angela Cruz, Mia Garcia, Zoey Gonzales, Estela Lupian, Aliyah Meyer, Genesis Reyes and Aremy Santos played their last home regular season game. Hania Ramos was recognized for her help as a manager this season.

"Our defense was fantastic again with another shutout," said Eller. "Our midfield also did a great job of getting back and marking when Atlantic had counters. Offensively, we did a great job of controlling possession and creating several great shots."

Eller said this was the Monarch girls' first win against Atlantic since 2019.

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS BASEBALL

Fink pitches no-hitter in win over Greene County

The Monarch boys shut out Greene County in a season opening baseball game on Monday, May 13, at Denison.

Jake Fink pitched a no-hitter for the Monarchs. He struck out 14 batters and walked only two.

Noah Hinote was on the mound for Greene County. He gave up five hits, walked four and struck out eight.

The Monarchs scored once in the first inning and three times in the second.

Runs were scored by Jake Fink, Owen Galvin, Camdyn Nemitz and Nash Langenfeld.

Cole Kastner and Galvin got two hits each and Langenfeld added the fifth hit.

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS GOLF

Monarch girls 4th in H-10 golf tournament

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch girls registered a score of 408 and placed fourth at the Hawkeye-10 Conference golf tournament on May 6 at the Glenwood golf course.

Following are the team standings.

1st, Atlantic, 388
2nd, Red Oak, 395
3rd, Lewis Central, 400
4th, Denison-Schleswig, 408
5th, Shenandoah, 437

6th, Glenwood, 440
7th, Clarinda, 453
8th, St. Albert, 481

Monarchs' scores (top 4 count toward team score)

Emily Bahnsen, 13th, 100
Myah Schwarte, 14th, 101
Tanna Petersen, 17th, 102
Maggie Hennings, 18th, 105
Quinlan Bygness, 28th, 110
Isabel Jepsen, 38th, 120



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Sports

DENISON-SCHLESWIG MONARCHS TENNIS

Denison-Schleswig boys fall in tennis substate

The Denison-Schleswig Monarch boys fell to Kuemper 5-1 in substate tennis on their home court on Saturday.

"Kuemper is probably the best team in our conference, so we knew we were in a difficult situation," said Head Coach Aaron Ratliff. "When we played them last week, we dishearteningly only won four games total. It was good to see some of the matches today (Saturday) be more competitive."

He said that Owen Galvin, who was injured last week, picked up a win at #5.

Blaine Brodsky in the #1 position was able to make it a match in the second set only losing 4-6.

Grant Fink, playing in the #6 position in his varsity debut, was competitive in his 3-6, 2-6 loss.

"This ended what was a rough 1-10 season, but we have many young players that should make significant progress next year," said Ratliff.

Monarch girls bow out in third round of tennis regionals

The Denison-Schleswig girls topped Harlan and St. Albert in tennis matches on Friday, May 10, to advance in the team regionals.

The Monarchs fell to Spencer in the third round of team regionals on Tuesday, 5-1.

"We knew they (Spencer) were a tough team and we had to be ready to play our best tennis," said Head Coach Spencer Pauley. "I thought we played and competed well, but we didn't have enough consistency to win close sets."

He pointed out that Abby Gutierrez picked up a fantastic win against a state qualifier.

"Throughout the entire season, we always competed and got better along the way," said Pauley. "We truly played our best tennis at the end of the year and that is all a coach can ask for."

He thanked the seniors for leading the way for the tennis program for the last four years and leaving the program in a better spot.

Denison-Schleswig results

#1 Kiana Schulz fell to Julie Gastelum 6-3, 6-4

#2 Abigail Gutierrez topped Lauren Ellis 6-0 in the first set, lost 3-6 in the second set and won the tiebreaker

#3 Claire Leinen topped Ali Graettinger 6-3 in the first set and then fell 7-6 and 10-2

#4 Lynnae Johnson fell to Kennedy Graettinger 6-0, 6-0

#5 Abbey Meseck fell to Emma Fassbender 6-0, 6-2

#6 Zoey Beery fell to Kate Elser 6-3, 6-1

On Friday, May 10, the Monarch girls beat Harlan 5-1 in singles so didn't have to play doubles.

"We had too much depth for Harlan to be able to compete with us," said Pauley. "I was glad of how we took care of business in singles."

The Monarchs then beat St. Albert 5-1.

"Everyone played their part in a great team win," said Pauley. "I thought we played our best tennis all year, and the

girls should be very proud of how they competed today."

Monarchs vs. Harlan

#1 Kiana Schulz over Scarlett McGuinness, 6-1, 6-2

#2 Abigail Gutierrez over Anastacia Kay, 6-0, 6-0

#3 Claire Leinen over Claire Schmitz, 6-0, 6-0

#4 Lynnae Johnson lost to Chloe Swensen, 6-4, 2-6, 10-8

#5 Abbey Meseck over Ava Wohlenhaus, 6-2, 6-0

#6 Zoey Beery over Darbie Argotsinger, 6-1, 7-5

Monarchs vs. St. Albert

#1 Schulz over Georgie Bohnet, 6-0, 6-2

#2 Gutierrez over Mari Valdivia, 6-3, 6-2

#3 Leinen over Lily Barnes, 6-2, 4-6, 10-8

#4 Lynnae Johnson lost to Natalie Crisp 6-3, 6-2

#5 Meseck vs. Grace Marz, 6-1, 6-0

#6 Berry over Ellie O'Donovan, 6-0, 6-1

Denison-Schleswig boys host district tennis tournament

The Denison-Schleswig boys hosted one of the eight District 1A tennis tournaments on Wednesday, May 8.

The top two finishers in both the singles and doubles tournaments advance to the individual state tournament in Waterloo.

Singles results

1st place, Landon Murch, North Polk

2nd place, Mason Reichs, Kuemper

Doubles results

1st place, Easton Moon/Ethan Moon, North Polk

2nd place, Noah Narmi/Cole Pekny, St. Albert

Denison-Schleswig's results

Hunter Pieper/Danny Saldana

1st round defeated Harlan's Abram Wilwerding/Jeb Sonderman 6-1, 6-2

2nd round lost to Kuemper's #1 Josh Langel/Jake Hausman 0-6, 0-6

"Hunter's and Danny's doubles play has steadily improved throughout the season, but they were overmatched playing Kuemper's #1 team," said

Monarch Head Coach Aaron Ratliff.

Omar Abarca/Blaine Brodsky

1st round lost to Kuemper's Max Reincke/Carter Running 1-6, 0-6

"This was an unlucky draw for Omar and Blaine," said Ratliff.

"Kuemper has a deep, talented team and facing them in the first round was unfortunate."

Adonay Arellano

1st round defeated St. Albert's #5 Ben Hoy 2-6, 6-0, 1-0(6)

2nd round lost to Kuemper's #1 Mason Reichs 0-6, 0-6

"Adonay could have folded after

losing the first set in his first match, but he responded well winning 6-0 in the second set and winning 10-6 in the third set super tie breaker," said Ratliff. "Despite the score in his second match, he served very well and hit his groundstrokes quite well."

Owen Galvin

1st round lost to Kuemper's #3 Hans Kraus 1-6, 3-6

"Owen is a promising player that has had a fantastic first year playing tennis. His athleticism added to his improving groundstrokes will make him a dangerous opponent in future seasons," said Ratliff.

The play that tells why there shouldn't be a play



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Eighth grade students at the Schleswig Community School gave a performance that demonstrated why they should not perform a play. The 11 members of the Class of 2008 performed the short comedy by Alan Haehnel, "13 Reasons Not To Be In A Play." Members of the class are Ethan Adkins, Clare Brown, Karsen Bruhn, Bryli Bubke, Hayden Fineran, Michelle Gonzalez Escobar, Hailie Hast, Shelby Krohnke, Brody Morgan, Draton Palmer and Cale Paulsen. The play was directed by Andrea Gurney and Cindy Stoppel.



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Cool in the furnace



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“It’s Cool in the Furnace,” a musical about Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abendego, was performed by the students of Unity Ridge Lutheran School twice on Friday, with a matinee and an evening performance. The musical told the story of Daniel’s friends being thrown in the furnace for not obeying Nebuchadnezzar’s decree to bow down to a statue of himself and how an angel kept Shadrach, Meshach and Abendego from burning.



Army of volunteers helps with storm cleanup

By mid-morning on Saturday, 35 people in 20 groups brought their hands, strong backs and equipment to clean up the yards and fields at the Scott and Morgan Saunders farm and at Denise Christensen’s farm place on 300th Street west of Manilla. The people and equipment made short work of the demolished buildings and debris left in the wake of the April 26 tornadoes that hit rural Manilla. Steve Hall smoked the meat for a meal to refuel the workers, while others brought salads, beans, treats and beverages. Monogram Prepared Meats in Harlan donated packages of bacon to volunteers.



Part of the crew rests on the Saunders lawn for a noon break.



Debris from a building on the Saunders farm is thrown into a pile.



More building debris is tossed on a pile in the field north of the Saunders home.



Machines like this one made short work of tree debris.



A trailer full of debris is pulled up the Saunders driveway.



This piece of equipment was used to pull down the walls of a demolished shed at the Denise Christensen place.

Crawford County Pheasants Forever named Outstanding Chapter for 2023



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The Crawford County Pheasants Forever chapter was presented with the 2023 Outstanding Chapter Award in April. The Conservation Excellence Award was given in appreciation for over \$1 million in contributions towards habitat and conservation programs.



In Remembrance



Lee William Stence

August 20, 1947 - May 6, 2024

Lee William Stence of Coon Valley, WI, passed away Monday May 6th, 2024, at the Mayo Hospital in La Crosse, WI.

Lee was born August 20th, 1947, to James and Lillian (Mohr) Stence, in Elkader, IA. Lee began his life working the family farm on Pony Hollow Road in Clayton County. On the farm, field work was his calling as he could drive his father's orange tractors until his heart was content. After graduating High School in Elkader, he attended college at Iowa State University. He fully embraced his time at ISU, continuing to play the coronet in the marching band and studying abroad in Europe during his senior year. His consistent yelling at the TV while watching ISU games was proof those red and yellow colors never faded from his system.

He began his teaching career in Guttenberg, IA as an Ag teacher in 1974 and finished his career teaching at Charter Oak Ute School District from 1996 until his retirement in 2017. Although he was 70 years old at the time of his retirement, he still found it difficult, as he truly missed his interaction with all the students. He enjoyed participating in both community and FFA events, working with students and helping them achieve their goals.

Lee and Susan Blumer were married on December 16th, 1992, in Leavenworth, Kansas and enjoyed 31 years of marriage with their blended family. Over the course of his life, Lee took every opportunity to enjoy time with his children, grandchildren, family, friends, cousins and neighbors. Any given evening, he could be found watching Star Trek or James Bond with his trusted companion Poudre in his lap.

Lee is survived by his wife Susan; his children, Jennifer Stence and Matthew (Molly) Stence; Susan's children Nicole (Jeremy) Johnson, and Jason (Danielle Eitsert) Bacon. He is also survived by his grandchildren Kelsey, Benjamin, and Jamie Stoffel, Lilly, Henry, and Avery Stence, Isabella and Cole Johnson, Emma and Hegan Bacon. He is further survived by his sister Deborah (Dave) Thomas, and father-in-law Donald Blumer, and several brothers-in-laws, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law Thelma Blumer, and brother-in-law Jinx Tucker.

A Memorial Gathering was held on Sunday, May 12, 2024, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, at Central State Bank, 200 North Main Street, Elkader, IA. There will also be a celebration of Life for Lee on Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in the Charter Oak Community Hall, 33 Main St., Charter Oak, IA.

Online condolences may be made at www.blaschkeschneider.com

Awards presented in honor of Older Americans Month

Eventide celebrated Older Americans Month with the presentation of the annual Gracie Awards at Gracewell on Friday, May 10. The community room at Gracewell was decorated as an awards auditorium and awards presenters were dressed in formal wear. The awards celebrated the personalities and interests of the residents and the dedication and accomplishments of staff. Among the awards presented, Jeannetta Knief, at age 102, received the Youngest at Heart award; and Jenelle Higginbottom, a cook with the dietary department, was recognized for working at Eventide for 45 years.



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Pictured are the award presenters dressed in formal wear. Front, from left: Pat Schechinger, Gracie Outhouse, Kaylie Baker and Roxie Neumann. Back: Robin Schiltz, Doreen Adams, Tamara Baker, Connie Ellis and Morgan Saunders. Gracie Outhouse is the daughter of Shannon Cose, resident services manager for Heritage Heights Independent Living, and Kaylie Baker is the daughter of Mindy Baker, Eventide CEO. They are Denison High School seniors who volunteered to hand out the awards to staff and residents.



Kaylie Baker hands an award to a resident.



Jenelle Higginbottom receives her award for her years of service with Eventide.

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Ike's present awards

Seven state and national Izaak Walton League awards were presented at a meeting in Schleswig on Tuesday, May 7. National directors Jack Johnson, of Schleswig, Lisa McIntyre, of Indianola, and Rick Cerwick, of Des Moines, gave presentations and handed out the awards.

The Crawford County Conservation Commission was presented with the Iowa Honor Roll Award, which recognizes non-members (groups or individuals) who have achieved

outstanding accomplishments involving conservation, public education or publicity efforts in keeping with the Izaak Walton League's goals. The award was based on the 20 acres located to the east of the Izaak Walton League's property, purchased by Crawford County Pheasants Forever and the Izaak Walton League. The property was donated to the Crawford County Conservation Commission, which has made improvements to the property – new parking areas and boat docks, and fish kill and restocking of the pond. Future plans include a shelter house and picnic areas. The award was presented at the state convention.

Following are photos of the other awards presented on May 7.



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Sandy and Jerry Bryan were awarded the Judge John W. Tobin Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Award. It is presented to dedicated chapter members. Jack Johnson (in center, presenting award) said that the Bryans always come up with good ideas, do the work that others may not want to do and get things done.



Henry Jessen was presented with the Ries Tuttle Communication Award, presented to a person or organization that best exemplifies the goals of the Izaak Walton League by informing people of conservation needs and issues or by providing information to the conservationist through newspapers, radio, TV, lectures, photographic displays or social media. Jessen does a daily half-hour talk program about the Izaak Walton League. Lisa McIntyre is presenting the award.



Todd Jepsen and his daughter, Jacee, were presented with the Soil Conservationist of the Year award, presented to a landowner who has shown advanced practices in soil conservation. The Jepsens developed a pond on their land last year. Alfalfa and oats have been seeded around the pond to prevent erosion. The pond has an island in it. Lisa McIntyre is presenting the award.



Larry Grill received the Conservation Award, given to a member of the chapter in recognition of their contributions to conservation work. Johnson said the West Central Chapter supports the Loess Hills Prairie Seminar, which has been taking place for about 47 years. Grill has been active with the seminar. Lisa McIntyre is presenting the award.



Gage Miller was presented with the Rookie of the Year Award. It is awarded to a new chapter member who has shown outstanding work during their first three years as a member. Jack Johnson said Miller has stepped up, works whenever help is needed and has volunteered to serve on the board of directors. Lisa McIntyre is presenting the award.



The West Central Chapter of the Izaak Walton League was presented with the Leopold Conservation Award, which recognizes the chapter that has carried out the most outstanding conservation program during the past year. The award is named for Aldo Leopold, born in Burlington in 1887, who is considered by many to be the father of wildlife economy and the United States wilderness system. In addition to participating in the purchase of the 20 acres of land donated to county conservation, the chapter last year dredged the pond on its property. Pictured are West Central Chapter members and other award recipients - from left are Todd and Jacee Jepsen, Scott Schiltz, John Hansen, Gage Miller, Larry Grill, and Chris Gosch and Nathan Lakner with Crawford County Conservation.

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