STEM FESTIVAL

Becky Wigeland (left), curator of the National Balloon Museum in Indianola, and hot air balloon pilot Denny Anderson of Ankeny give a tour of the inside of a hot air balloon, which holds 90,000 cubic feet of air when fully inflated. The presentation was part of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Festival recently held in the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

First-year DMACC students Annie Stark of Ankeny and Ann Luong of Clive examine a pelvic bone during a DMACC Biology exhibit at the annual STEM Festival held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

Eight-year-old Justin Mbuthia (left) of Des Moines and eight-year-old Tynajai Hutchins of Des Moines blow on a toy wind turbine simulator to produce electricity during an exhibit at the STEM Festival. More than 800 people attended the two-hour event with more than 180 exhibitors on hand.

Ten-year-old Rachel Huisinga of Ballard collects a strawberry DNA extraction with the help of second-year DMACC Biotechnology student Bailey Laidlaw of West Des Moines at the STEM Festival.
STEM FESTIVAL (CONT.)

Matt Hayden (left) of Boy Scout Troop 413 hands out homemade silly putty to 10-year-old Tessa Williams of Sheldahl at the STEM Festival. There were more than 180 exhibitors at the two-hour free event.

Eleven-year-old Darrtavious Young of Des Moines poses with his new friend at the STEM Festival held in the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

Five-year-old Nathan Bushbaum of Des Moines demonstrates his creativity in a hands-on exhibit at the DMACC STEM Festival.

TRANSFER FAIR HELD ON THE ANKENY CAMPUS

DMACC first-year Liberal Arts student Blake Beitelspacher (right) of LeMars visits with Iowa State University Transfer Admissions Counselor Katy Leichsenring at a Transfer Fair held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. More than a dozen colleges and universities were represented at the day-long transfer fair.
TRANSFER FAIR HELD ON THE ANKENY CAMPUS (CONT.)

DMACC second-year Liberal Arts student Nicole Kidman (left) of Grimes visits Buena Vista University Assistant Director of Admissions/Transfer Coordinator Heather Runneberg at a transfer fair held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

URBANDALE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TOUR WIND TURBINE

Rolling Green Elementary School student Dylan Cromer wears a safety harness as he prepares to tour the wind turbine on the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Ankeny Campus.

DMACC Instructor Dean Hoffman described the DMACC Wind Turbine program to the Urbandale elementary school students and then gave a tour of the inside of the 11-story structure on the DMACC Campus.
COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR AT SOUTHRIDGE

DMACC student Brandy Ray (left) visits with Amanda Arrasmith of United Way 2-1-1 at a Community Resource Fair held recently at the DMACC Southridge Center.

DBR BREAKFAST AT SOUTHRIDGE

Michael Wagner of White Rabbit Group was the moderator of the DMACC 50th Anniversary Breakfast sponsored by DMACC Business Resources and held at the Southridge Center on Friday, Oct. 23.

T.J. Tollakson of Rüster Sports and Rob Frew of Xpanxion were three area business leaders who were interviewed by Wagner at the breakfast.
DMACC first-year Liberal Art student Skye McClure (left) of Des Moines waited in line to get an autograph from Station Eleven author Emily St. John Mandel. *Station Eleven* was chosen as DMACC's One Book, One College, One Community selection for the academic year. A *New York Times* best seller, *Station Eleven* is also the winner of the Arthur C. Clarke Award and The *Morning News* Tournament of Books.

St. John Mandel's presentation was attended by 150 DMACC students and an additional 150 students from nearby school districts.

Ankeny Centennial High School student Mackenzie DePhillips (right) of Ankeny had her copy of the novel *Station Eleven* signed by author Emily St. John Mandel at the DMACC Ankeny Campus. More than 1,300 copies of the book were distributed and are being used in 60 classrooms across DMACC’s six campuses and five learning centers as well as area high schools. St. John Mandel spoke at both the DMACC Ankeny and Boone Campuses.
DMACC’S PRESIDENT’S DAY

DMACC faculty and staff assembled, bagged, and boxed a total of 214,704 meals for Meals from the Heartland during the President’s Day activities.

Every nine or ten-member team worked as a cohesive unit in assembling the food packages.

After the meals were assembled and the bags sealed, the bags were placed in boxes and readied to be shipped anywhere in the world.
DMACC’S PRESIDENT’S DAY (CONT.)

Hundreds of DMACC faculty and staff enjoyed lunch inside a large tent outside the FFA Enrichment Center at President’s Day and listened to brief remarks from Vice President Kim Linduska and President Rob Denson. Following the presentations, some took part in a friendly game of tug-of-war.

Thanks to all DMACC faculty and staff who helped make the 50th-anniversary celebration at President’s Day a success. Thanks to drone operator Christopher Simons for the photos.
Iowa Supreme Court Justice Bruce Zager recently spoke to Court Reporting students at the DMACC Newton Campus. Zager said he was a strong advocate for court reporters, which he used daily when then-Governor Tom Vilsack appointed him to the Iowa District Court in 1999. He served in that capacity until 2011 when Governor Terry Branstad named him to the seven-member Iowa Supreme Court. Zager said court reporters are not needed to assist the Iowa Supreme Court.

The DMACC Newton Campus is the only educational facility in Iowa offering court reporting. Justice Zager told the students there is an ever-increasing need for more court reporters. He said of the 168 positions currently on the Iowa Supreme Court payroll, 27 reporters (16 percent) are eligible to retire under the IPERS “Rule of 88.” That number increases to 34 in the next year. Within the next three years, 48 court reporters will reach the “Rule of 88,” and in just five years 67 reporters would be eligible to retire under the “Rule of 88.”

NORMAN BORLAUG AWARD RECIPIENT SPEAKS AT DMACC

Eric Pohlman (center), winner of the 2015 Norman Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application, poses with DMACC Arts & Sciences Dean Jim Stick (left) and DMACC President Rob Denson prior to Pohlman’s presentation on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Pohlman received his award in conjunction with the World Food Prize, primarily for his work in helping Rwandan farmers and those in other developing African countries to help escape hunger and poverty.
BOONE CAMPUS PLAY

DMACC Boone Campus students Keith Schrieber (left to right), Sarah Giese and Rachel Ellefson, all of Boone, rehearse a scene for the upcoming production of Neil Simon’s “Plaza Suite,” to be performed at 7:30 p.m., Fri., Nov. 6 and Sat., Nov. 7 in the Boone Campus Theatre. Tickets cost $5 per person and may be purchased at the door. DMACC students receive free admission with their DMACC One cards. The play is directed by DMACC Drama Department Professor Kay Mueller.

JOB OPENINGS

Administrative Assistant I
Urban Campus
Application Deadline: Nov. 1, 2015
If interested in the above positions, please visit the DMACC website at http://jobs.dmacc.edu.
PIONEER CONNECTION

OCTOBER MEETING – Thur., Oct. 8, 11:30 a.m.

It was a lovely fall day with sunny skies and gentle breezes. Trees were turning color and the fields were being harvested. Our group arrived at the Berry Patch Farm right on time and were greeted by Judy and Dean Henry. Judy had fixed us lunch and we thoroughly enjoyed the homemade bread sandwiches and apple pie with homemade ice cream. Dean filled us in on the history of the farm and, after lunch, continued with a grand hay rack tour of the farm. This was truly a wonderful meeting and the apples (now in season) are being enjoyed by many of our Pioneer families. Thanks again to Dean & Judy for hosting this meeting.

NOVEMBER MEETING – Thursday, November 12, 11:30 a.m. in the FFA Enrichment Center, Room 108/109

Calling all DMACC Pioneer veterans! Please join us for lunch and a special recognition ceremony on Thursday, November 12. Don Enright, DMACC Veteran Affairs and current DMACC student veterans will be with us to share this event.

There will be a Board Meeting at 10 a.m.

There will be a Board Meeting at 10 a.m. on November 9.
To reserve a spot, please call 964-6868 by 4 p.m. on Monday, November 2. If you need to cancel after that time, please leave a message. Pamela’s...
(I’d run this revision by the original author to make sure the dates are accurate)

IMPORTANT: We will be mailing the monthly meeting fliers to those members who do not have e-mail. Thanks to Linda Fernandez, Membership Chair, for taking on the responsibility to go over the entire Pioneer list, and for updating the mailing list.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

We will be accepting nominations for needy student families from all campuses to be delivered prior to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The nomination forms will be online. Due to the number of nominations received, we have decided to limit the number of baskets to 30 for this year. If you would like to assist with this important project in any way, please contact Breck Danner at 965-7331, 291-4394, or bbdanner@dmacc.edu.

DECEMBER MEETING

Get together to celebrate at the traditional Holiday Party on Monday, December 7th in the FFA ENRICHMENT CENTER – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The party is hosted by the DMACC Board of Directors and the Pioneers. Enjoy our wonderful holiday goodies and much more.

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