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Lest we forget

“ I went to Iraq three times. It gives me a sense of pride.”

--Sam Ruppert
DMACC Student

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Why do we celebrate the 11th of November?

Shane Meier  
Staff Writer

Veterans Day a time to honor the soldiers who gave made the ultimate sacrifice and fought to defend this country in the numer- ous wars and conflicts that this country has been involved in.

What is Veterans Day and why do we celebrate it? Veterans Day began its life as Armistice Day which began right after the end of World War I and was started by President Woodrow Wilson with the intent of celebrating the armistice which was signed on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in November in the year 1918.

This day was to be celebrated by a two minute session of busi- ness starting at 11 am in addition to parades and public meetings.

The reasons for the holiday best surmised by a speech given by Woodrow Wilson to commem- orate the founding of the holiday, “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sym- pathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.”

The next big change for Veterans Day came in Nov 11, 1954 issued a proclama- tion explaining the change. “In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anni- versary, Eisenhower said, “all veterans, all veterans’ organiza-

Zane Alfred Meier served in Korea

Shane Meier  
Staff Writer

The following is an interview with my grandpa Zane Alfred Meier, a Korean War veteran.

Banner: Where and when did you enlist and/or were drafted? Meier: Rockwell City Jan 11, 1951

B: What happens when you’re in-
ducted?
M: [They] take you to Des Moines [were you are sent to basic train-
ing]

Take steps to secure campuses

Eden Hinrichs,  
Executive Editor

In the light of another cam- pus shooting in the University of Central Arkansas, DMACC is try- ing to keep their students as safe as possible. On Nov. 3, plans for text and voice messages to alert emer- gencies will be implemented. This first started as a tria trial basis at the Carroll campus and then eventu- ally to all campuses. This is the first of many steps to protect students. Over the upcoming winter break every classroom will be equipped with “Columbine Locks.” These locks will allow teachers to lock the doors from the inside and keep students out of the line of fire. Boone Campus Provost Tom Lee shares the concern for student and faculty safety. “Many hours have gone into being proactive.” Lee said.

Ankony and Urban cam- puses have hired security guards on their campuses to protect stu- dents. There are meetings that go on regularly with Boone campus faculty for crisis planning. Boone campus has also discussed plans with local authorities and emer- gency response teams to put in place plans for the worst case sce- nario. “(We) never felt the need as an idea to need a security staff.”

Iowa school shootings are rare but to take steps against any such misfortune the University of Iowa has allowed their security to now carry handguns. After the Virginia Tech massacre on April 16, 2007 that claimed 33 lives in- cluding that of the killer- er and 23 wounded, Universities a r o u n d the United States be- gan looking into precautions.

Many schools including many high schools and elemen- tary schools have been putting their teachers through something called “STELT” which stands for Student, Teacher Emergency Lockdown Training. STELT is designed to keep students and teachers alive should an attack ever occur.

DMACC in partnership with Rave wire will send out alerts to the students in- cluding, closures, e m e r g e n c i e s and shootings. “Students are very mobile,” Ned Miller, DMACC safety officer, said in a press re- lease. “There is an expectation that we can reach them quickly and efficiently. This new system al- lows for both.”

Book sale nets dollars for student aid

Amber Smith  
Staff Writer

Wednesday, Oct. 29, the Boone Courier Center hosted Imagination Books to raise funds for the Boone Campus Scholarship Fund. The event was a curiosity to many students, who came to peruse the wares offered.

Greg Kallhoff, who set up and runs the business, gets their merchandise from warehouses they own, from Real-Age publishing, Meredith Books and other places, mostly from China. “The funds raised are mainly for hos- pitals,” Kallhoff said. “We used to come here every fall.”

Paula Goldsworthy coordinat- ed the event, which raised $100 for the Fund. This accounts for 15 percent of the money avail- able to students next semester. This will cover the cost of one student credit.

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Photo by Eden Hinrichs

This Monument is erected in the memory of all veterans. The in- scription reads “In honor of our men and women who served our country in all wars.”
‘Angels for Autumn’ brings community together

Eden Hinrichs, Executive Editor

Angels for Autumn, a charitable organization held in honor of Autumn Miller, the daughter of Marissa Hagen, a former DMACC Boone Campus student.

Angels for Autumn held a benefit on Nov. 1 at the Giggling Goat to help raise money for a trust fund for Autumn. Friends and family alike sported pink lotus flower tattoos in memory of Marissa.

The benefit started at noon and ended at midnight. People of all ages and from all over the community came to the benefit to show their support.

This is the fourth benefit auction that has been held thus far. Hagen passed away in the evening of June 22, 2008 due to a car accident.

Many of the volunteers commented on how many came to the benefit even though some didn’t know her. Amy Dawson, a friend of Hagen said, “How many communities out there work so hard to stand behind and support a two-year-old girl?”

Volunteers handed out food while a various amount of bands played throughout the day and well into the evening. People bought raffle tickets to win donated items via auction. The donated items came from all over the Boone community and not just from businesses.

T-shirts were sold for $15 a piece with a design from Brandon Cheville of Mafia Tattoos on the T-shirt. Nancy Fincel, a coordinator for the organization, said, “The Boone community has really pulled together.”

Even though the benefit has ended, people can still make contributions and donations at the Community Bank of Boone.

Many of the volunteers were close to the family and many of Hagen’s friends came to the event. Cindy Weyer, a volunteer, said “Connie’s (Hagen’s mother) all ways been there for my troubles, and it was time to step up.”

Nikki Carlson, former DMACC student and best friend to Hagen, said, “I didn’t think really I’d be this emotional.” Carlson still feels affected by the loss of Hagen and even though she misses her greatly, she tries to do something every day to commemorate her memory. “She can’t be here to do the things that remind us of her, so I try to do them for her.”

Carlson knows that Marissa influenced her more than anyone that she had ever met and feels amazed at how many people donated time and money to help this cause. “No one could ever be like her.”

Connie Little felt touched by the turn out. “Marissa never knew how many people loved her,” said Little. She remembers that Hagen would always second-guess herself and thought that she wasn’t nice enough to some people but feels that she will always be loved by people around her. Little wore Hagen’s jewelry to the event which included her class ring and many friendship bracelets that Hagen had been given by many of the people who came to show their support.

Hagen touched many lives and between the memories, tears and laughter the people who touched came out to the event to swap memories. “I only knew Marissa for a short time,” said Dawson. “She reminds me of a drop of water in a bucket and the ripple was Marissa. She’d walk in a room and people would instantly become happy.”

Dawson said that despite the short friendship to Hagen, she feels blessed to have had Hagen in her life. Dawson thought it was fitting to have the benefit on Nov. 1, All Saints Day. “We make her live through all of us.”

NaNoWriMo is now upon us

Noelle Brockhoff, Contributing writer

It’s a crazed and manic month. The click of keyboards, the scalding coffee, the scent of anxiety as fingers fly. Ah, yes — it’s almost NaNoWriMo time! “NaNoWriMo?” you may ponder, “is it some new form of the hip-hop?” Nope — November is National Novel Writing Month! Ten years ago, a group of 21 aspiring novelists madly put Cheeto-stained hands to clean keyboards. Six writers passed the designated 50,000 word finish line, some novels even having a plot. Thus, NaNoWriMo was born. In the course of 10 years, the participation alone has increased by 4762 percent.

Last year, there were 101,510 participants from over 80 different countries along with 300 primary and secondary schools. 15,333 of those schools completed the challenge. The final word count is 1,187,931,929 words and approximately 4,751,730 pages. For example, 1,395 boxed sets of the entire Harry Potter series including all 7 books. This year, it is anticipated that over 100,000 people will write with creative vision.

For many famous authors, NaNoWriMo was either the beginning of their career, or a reliable aid to their career. Sara Crueen wrote her best seller “Water for Elephants” during NaNoWriMo. Lani Diane Rich also wrote her story collection, “Maybe Baby”, in a single NaNoWriMo. Over 25 NaNoWriMo books have been published by esteemed printers such as Pinnacle Books, Harper-Collins, Ballantine, Plume/Pengu-
HALLOWEEN HAVOC!

Nick Gaston thinks that he didn’t deserve that!

Alex Kirby poses heroically as Quail Man.

Male group of contestants pose for a Halloween photo.

Photo by Eden Hinrichs

Alex Kirby, Amber Smith, Jan LaVille, Eden Hinrichs, Shane Meier, Cathy Kinyon, and Nick Gaston pose for a group photo.

Photo By Paula Goldsworth

“I saw this episode of Doug where he was Quail Man and I thought, ‘COOL! I’ll be Quail Man!’”

--Alex Kirby,
Male costume contest winner

“I saw this really sweet Queen of Hearts costume and I wanted it. My mom said I should be the Queen of Spades, and I said, O.K.”

--Heather Bassett
Female costume contest winner

The winners Mary Beth Hanlin, Alex Kirby, Heather Bassett, and Cathy Kinyon pose for a picture.

Photo by Paula Goldsworth

Photo By Eden Hinrichs

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Alex Kirby poses heroically as Quail Man.

Photo by Paula Goldsworth

Amber Smith and Eden Hinrichs pose for a photo.

Photo by Paula Goldsworth

Ming Papiboune and Michelle Miller pose as sexy nurses.

Photo By Eden Hinrichs
Bears win season opener

Zach Harder
Sports Writer

Last Saturday the DMACC Men’s Basketball team (1-0) started their season with a win against the Grand View JV (0-1) with a final score of 76-43. The Bears pounded the ball inside to beat Grand View as they scored more than half their points in the paint. They led the game after the first half 31 to 20 when they came out of the locker room ready to put the Vikings away. They started the half strong with a 10 to 2 run to give themselves a comfortable lead that they would continue to increase for the remainder of the game.

Starters Willi Estrella and Scott Windom came up big for the Bears. Estrella had a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds as Windom would have a team high of 15 points, 9 rebounds, and 4 steals. Tauryus Gray came off the bench and gave a great effort contributing 13 points and grabbing 4 steals as well.

Coach Orv Salmon seemed pleased with the teams second-half effort in their first game of the season. Salmon said, “We did a better job of taking care of the ball in the second half and were a young team, so we’ll take the win.”

The team’s next game is at home this upcoming Saturday against William Penn JV at 3 p.m.

Men, women ranked in preseason

Zach Harder
Sports Writer

The NJCAA Service Bureau last week released rankings for NJCAA Men’s and Women’s Basketball ranking the DMACC men 21st and the women at an impressive 7th.

The men’s team received enough votes to sit at number 21 in the country following their 24-6 regular season record last season. Head Coach Orv Salmon was pleased with the rankings, considering that they have only two returning starters from last season.

Salmon said, “Being ranked 21st is mostly out of respect to the turn of players from last season. The men’s team received enough votes to sit at number 21 in the country following their 24-6 regular season record last season. Head Coach Orv Salmon was pleased with the rankings, considering that they have only two returning starters from last season.

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The Bears will look to their young group of freshmen to step up and replace starters from last year, but Coach Salmon is optimistic about this year’s team saying, “We’re a young team and we expect to see mistakes, but being young isn’t a bad thing.”

The women, ranked at an impressive 7th in the country, are looking to gain momentum to start the season, so they can climb even higher. With three returning starters Head Coach Steve Krafcisin calls them, “One of the tightest groups that he has coached,” going into his forth season at DMACC.

Coach Krafcisin says the ranking is, “flattering and great.” He believes this reflects on the program and hopes that it’ll help recruiting in the future.

For now, Coach Krafcisin has his hands full as the team has a problem with injuries. Ciera McLaughin, Brittany Ward, and Stephany Scheuring are all out at the start of the season with some unfortunate injuries.

The injuries have forced Coach Krafcisin and the team to focus on the fundamentals and individual work, to try to avoid any more injuries.

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Willi Estrella nets the ball for a two point lay up at an away game last month.

Congratulations!
DMACC Boone Campus Volleyball team on being named
Conference Champs
Good luck as you head into Regionals

Katie Heuer goes up for the kill during a crossover tournament between ICCAC North and ICCAC South. DMACC defeated NIACC 25-12, 25-15 Friday, Nov. 3 in a morning game. Later in the afternoon, DMACC women went on to win the conference overcoming Iowa Lakes Community College 25-18, 25-27, 15-9. DMACC women became champions of their volleyball conference last Friday in Ft. Dodge and will now compete on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8 for regional honors in Burlington.

Flu vaccines for students

Tues/Wed Nov. 11 & 12 Noon -1:30 PM
Boone Campus - Room 158 (Nursing Lab)
100 doses available – sign up early!
Pay $10 to business office starting immediately and let them know which date you want the vaccine.

Sponsored by Nursing Students United, SAC, and Key Club.
Josh Marker
Staff Writer

We have just passed Hal-loween, where we as a culture went from hand-ing out real food (such as apples, cakes and some hams), to handing out candy. Yes, that sweet, sugary, delicious, pro-cessed, trans-fat filled candy.

As you could tell, I am torn between two worlds. One being the “eating healthy, loves to look good in those pants” sort of guy. The other being “Obese Josh” who weighed 210 pounds, stand-ing at only 5’ 6”. I couldn’t get enough of the delicious pro-cessed candy and sexy-smelling fast-food joints.

It really was a tough couple of years for me but I pulled through with the help of self-empower-ment. I’m not going to sit here and tell you that fast food joints are horribble for you, because most of you know that sort of food is horribble for you in every way. I will tell you that when you eat at fast food joints you can take your body from being lean and trim, to cottage-cheese man-bobs above.

In my case I was 140 pounds, and in just one short summer I got up to 195 pounds. I gained the rest in college.

Although it may sound bad, the food is amazing. To relate it to something, I would relate it to heroin because it is so addicting. Even after you eat it, you seem to get into this magical fast-food coma. This is where you start; just sitting and feeling heavy like you don’t want to move. Then you just sit at home and watch TV and become increasingly amazing.

I would have to say my “her-oin” of choice would have to be Burger King. Everything there is meat on meat on meat. They have a sandwich with that has the following ingredients: sausage, bacon, Canadian bacon (ham) with a lot cheese and some egg, all squashed between two buns. Delicious, I know.

Then there is the triple ba-con whopper. This is 3/4 pounds of beef with bacon and cheesy-gooey goodness with some tomatoes and a pickle. You just can’t beat that deliciousness.

What McDonalds does have going for it is that most of their food joints usually don’t have many of those amazing marketing schemes where they give away a ton of goodies. Most of the time that is just more food, but some of the time, you win big stuff. I am proud to say when I weighed 200 pounds I ended up winning a brand new Play Station 2, which back then was worth about $250. So, not only were they helping me feed my fast food habit, they were also starting me on a new one:

So I leave it up to you to de-cide, which is better? Going into the B&K Lounge to get your score of fries, or going down to Old Mac Donald’s farm and letting him put you into your delicious fast food coma.

Shane Meier
Staff Writer

Ah Square Enix and its Fi-nal Fantasy. This is the heart and soul of Japanese gaming. It has a turn-based battle system with a rich history for Japan on the Play Station are separate and different wars that are separate and different from normal battles.

As for game play, the Sui-koden series utilizes a unique turn-based battle system with a few differences. First off, you have six characters instead of the standard four or three, and you can equip a magic rune, which is the only perquisite to use magic in the series. Graphically the Suikoden se ries is pretty average for the time of each release, nothing really special to say about it. The early games consist of 2D graphics that had a very unique look to them, so much so that little sprites in this style were used in the later games for loading screens. The later games do use 3D graphics, but once again sport a style all of their own and go very far in making the world of Suikoden come to life. Its musical scores on the other hand fit the situations they’re designed for very well.

While not all the music is going to be memorable, the pieces that

Great forgotten games: Suikoden Series

Shane Meier
Staff Writer

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Horoscopes
By Shane Meier

Aries: Despite all your attempts to stop it will snow this week. Your efforts to stop it are futile, human.

Taurus: The strange ruckus your hearing outside lately is the sound of turkeys planning a rebellion against human oppression on thanksgiving.

Gemini: Beware for there is a terrible lizard heading for your house. Stay indoors and wait for the lizard to pass.

Cancer: Beware of the strange neighbor that has recently moved in next door. If he is extremely paranoid of other people, if he sees three or more people talking he will automatically assume that they are plotting against him. He lob a cannon ball at them.

Leo: Beware of the Smurfs evil cousins the Zurfs for they will steal all the cheese from your refrigerator. To identify them they look like the Smurfs except they wear berets and are green in color.

Virgo: If you are ever in trouble just play the Walker Texas Ranger theme and Chuck Norris will appear. After all no one can defeat Chuck Norris except maybe Popeye.

Libra: When you’re ever down just remember the universal truth ‘everything in the universe begins and ends with Nu.’

Scorpio: The little girl who recently moved into the mansion next door is a little sorceress. Don’t cross her or she’ll turn you into a chair.

Sagittarius: People have been ignoring you lately and you are sure it might be that you’ve been invisible for a while. Check the previous issue for the cause.

Capricorn: There has been something that has been bothered you for a long time that you can’t find an answer to: ‘what kind of corn is Capricorn?’

Aquarius: You had best get rid of that old stew in your refrigerator. It will turn into the monster behind the mayonnaise, beside the ketchup, and right of the mustard.

Pisces: You should avoid using the public restrooms this week because to do so you will need the Bathroom Key a janitor has it but he doesn’t like to lend it out. However he like shiny silver dollars which can be found in a mom and pops store atop Mt. Iowa. However it is guarded by a thousand evil were-lawyers. My advice to you is to go and use your own bathroom.

Military

DMACC Veterans Day

Across
1 Frontline medical unit in the Korean War.
6 Ships which planes land on.
8 Landing at normandy in world war 2.
11 Elite fighting force in vietnam.
13 Branch of the military that operate fighter planes.
14 They fight on land.
16 Turning point of the civil war.
20 The place where we battled the vietcong.

Down
2 The political upheaval which created this nation.
3 From the halls of motezuma.
4 Known as the great war.
5 The war between the states.
7 We fought the nazis and japanese in it.
9 Attack that started world war 2.
10 The war we fought in iraq.
12 Civil war leader for the south.
15 The final battle of the American Revolution.
17 Frontline armor unit used for assaults.
18 Site of the first cold war conflict.
19 They defend the country from boats.

Veterans Day

Boone Salvation Army

IN-STORE SPECIALS

Tuesday is DMACC day come in and get
10% off clothes and bric-a-brac

Every Wednesday Senior Citizens’ Day
10% OFF Clothing and Bric-a-Brac

708 Arden Street
Boone Iowa

Open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Accepting Donations: Gently used clothing, home decor, furniture, and more
ACCESS: safe secure environment

Torrey Smith  Staff Writer

ACCESS, short for Assault Care Center, Extending Shelter and Support, has been around since 1975, helping out people in domestic abuse situations.

In 1981 ACCESS opened its first shelter facility, a place where women, men, and children could share a safe environment and readily receive assistance.

ACCESS shelters over 200 people each year and receives nearly 2,000 calls on its 24-hour crisis line.

ACCESS provides a safe environment for all people who have experienced domestic, emotional, and sexual abuse.

They are also advocates for individuals who have experienced these abuse situations.

Members of ACCESS work very hard to promote social change in the judicial, political, and medical systems.

ACCESS partners with other agencies to promote policies, procedures, and programs to create a safe community.

ACCESS contributes education to understand and end put an emotional, domestic and sexual abuse.

They continue to seek resources to implement programs to achieve their vision. ACCESS has shown their dedication since 1975.

There are many volunteers out there that are helping and ACCESS is always looking for more support from the community.

There are many ways to help by the one major way is financial contributions there are many who send just a small amount of $25 dollars can help with gas for a client to get to work for a week.

There are some who contribute as much as $1000 dollars, this helps take care of gas and electricity for the shelter for a month.

Other then financial contributions there are volunteers at ACCESS as a trained advocate, and speakers.

ACCESS is not just an organization for women but also for men. Anyone who is in a situation that they do not know how to handle can call ACCESS 24-hour help line and someone will be there to give advice.

ACCESS is a harbor for all who have experienced emotional, domestic and sexual abuse. They provide a safe environment, empowerment and exploration of personal strengths.

DMACC to host Master Sommelier testing in Ankeny

DMACC-- The Ankeny campus will be the host site in 2009 for the first level of examinations leading to the title of Master Sommelier.

The Master Sommelier diploma is the highest distinction a professional can attain in the fine wine and beverage service.

A Master Sommelier passes four levels of examination including an introductory sommelier course, the certified sommelier exam, an advanced sommelier course; and the Master Sommelier diploma exam. Once all these requirements are satisfied he or she earns the Master Sommelier diploma and can be referred to as a Master Sommelier.

To become a Master Sommelier is truly an honor. There are only 96 professionals who hold the title Master Sommelier in North America and only 167 professionals worldwide.

The Introductory sommelier course will be held May 4 and 5, 2009.

“At the end of the second and final day of the course, a short exam will be administered by the Master Sommeliers who teach the session,” said DMACC Enology Instructor Paul Gospodarczyk.

“This is a great opportunity for restaurants, wine retailers, and wine wholesalers to expand wine service.”

“It’s more than opening a bottle of wine—it’s knowing how to properly sell and serve a bottle of wine,” said DMACC Chef Phil Carey, C.C.E., C.E.C. “A great wine steward really increases the restaurants’ bottom line.”

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The Ankeny Campus offers both Enology and Viticulture programs, which works closely with DMACC’s Culinary Arts program, which was recently renamed the “Iowa Culinary Institute,” signifying the national prominence of one of DMACC’s great educational programs.

In addition, the DMACC Ankeny Campus hosts the Annual Mid-American Wine Competition each summer. The competition is open to commercial wineries from 14 Midwestern states. In 2008, over 640 wines were entered by 112 different wineries.

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