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FOURTH OF JULY

We shoot 'em but we don't see 'em

By Patrice Harson
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Boone Jaycees’ President, Tammie Foltz, reported Monday that Boone is almost halfway to reaching its $7,000 goal to pay for the Fourth of July fireworks display.

The fireworks will be shot Friday evening from inside the Boone Speedway—a 30-minute show beginning at dusk—and interested sky gazers can view this free event from the speedway’s parking lot or other personal choice locations throughout Boone.

"The best view is right underneath," said Kathy Leaf, chairperson of the Jaycees and a member of the group of 12 to 15 volunteers who will work as a team loading and igniting the shells from inside the speedway.

But this Fourth of July, Leaf won't see the "bombs bursting in air." She said, "We (the display team) can't watch the fireworks go off because we each have a specific job to do." (Continued P. 2)

ENROLLMENT

Record numbers in Boone, Ames

By Lorraine Powell
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Registration figures for the summer session at Boone Campus show that 590 students are registered for this summer session. According to Executive Boone Campus Dean, Kris Philips, this is the most students Boone has had for the summer.

Allen Suby, Dean of Weekend and Evening classes for DMACC, reported that he believes the Ames Evening classes complement the other DMACC campuses. He said that there was a greater number of students in the Ames area who desired classes in Ames.

Suby went on to say: "Classes in Ames have been growing tremendously. ISU students definitely make up the greater percentage of that number. Apparently it is more convenient for those students living in Ames to attend classes there."

The student enrollment figures for Ames shows 378 students registered. Fifteen instructors (Continued on Page 2)
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were hired this summer.
The question of whether the DMACC Ames High School evening classes affected the enrollment at Boone this summer can be seen from several perspectives.

There were 31 classes canceled on the Boone Campus during this summer session and 6 were added.
The 31 canceled classes here at Boone were primarily in the communications area, as reported by Dean Philips. Philips said that "it must be remembered that the Boone Campus offers many additional student benefits. These include a fully equipped computer lab, college library, counselors on staff, student athletics and activities, and the opportunity for independent work studies."

Instructor chooses part-time status to stay home with family

Boone Campus--DMACC

Boone Campus nursing instructor, Karen Packer-Steig, will change to adjunct status at the beginning of the fall semester.
Packer-Steig started as an adjunct instructor on Boone Campus in 1993. Then in 1995, she switched to full-time. Packer-Steig said she is making the switch back to part-time hours in order to stay home with her 1-year-old son, Tanner.

Connie Booth, DMACC Boone Campus nursing instructor and program chair, said, "We will miss Karen's participation on committees and her work with Mary Greeley Medical Center. We wish her well.

"Since Karen will be working part-time for us, we look forward to having her still teach in the clinical area."

Rich Finnestad

Parting words for retiring counselor

By Lorraine Powell
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Rich Finnestad, DMACC academic counselor for 26 years will enjoy his last day at DMACC June 30. Finnestad will miss his days here but will have lots of time now to golf and support his daughter who is a pro golfer on tour.

Boone Campus Executive Dean, Kriss Philips, said, "I worked with him 15 years and was able to observe his advocacy for the students. We're going to miss him."

Paula Goldsworth, the executive dean's secretary, said, "Rich was a counselor for DMACC when I came here to school. It seemed he'd always be here. I think the students and staff will miss him. I wish him well, especially enjoyment in his retirement."

Sandi Johnson, front office secretary, said, "Rich is a very dedicated person in helping students to plan for their futures. I'm going to miss him a lot."

Sharon Blaskey, another front office secretary, added, "He'll be missed by many of us here at DMACC."

Fireworks -- from Page 1

While spectators sit back, look up and enjoy the show in the summer evening air, the display team members are performing unnoticed in the trenches. Things get a little heated for the displayers while they dash from load to load, clad in their long-sleeved non-synthetic shirts (nylon melts), long pants, ear plugs, (the noise is atrocious), safety glasses, caps (helmets for some) and heavy shoes, (boots for others).

"Once you're down there and the show begins, you lose track of time. You can feel the ground tremble when the charges lift."

Leaf said, "Once you're down there and the show begins, you lose track of time. You can feel the ground tremble when the charges lift. You're so busy and so thrilled, you don't notice the heat, but you're dripping wet when you're done."

Nearly $6,000 worth of Bomb Shells, Fancy Oriental Shells, American Flash Shells, French Shells and an Opening Barrage Series containing rapid fire display shells and flutes --the noisy crowd-pleasers--have been ordered from Pyro Magic Displays. Dick Wilson, representative for the New Carlisle, Indiana, fireworks company said, "The Boone Jaycees purchased 439 shells for this year's show, about the same amount they ordered last year.

The fireworks range from roughly $95 for the most expensive shell to $5 for a (Continued on Page 3)
Chinese Shell. Pyro Magic Displays is one of the few American companies that specializes in American special effects. The company's shows use a lot of American shells and a variety of Multiple Break, Crackling Spiders, Whistling Banshees and Screaming Banshees.

Leaf said that Boone's fireworks are purchased from Indiana rather than Missouri because the Indiana company offers "Class B Fireworks" which is a higher class of fireworks, and Leaf believes, "They produce a more spectacular show." The displayers will combine these different shells to provide their audience with a variety of sights and sounds.

The total bill to the Boone Chapter Jaycees reaches almost $7,000 when the $760 cost for insurance is added. Leaf said, "This insurance doesn't cover the volunteers who put on the show. The insurance is purchased just in case a car going down Highway 30 gets hit by a stray shell or a partially lit shell lands on someone's car roof."

Leaf said, "As far as I know, since we started displaying, there hasn't been an injury claim, but once my husband's ponytail was burnt by ignited paper and debris coming down from the sky."

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Craig was so busy loading shells that he didn't notice that his hair was on fire until another team member pointed it out to him. "He wasn't hurt," said Leaf.

Wilson said, "Both Craig and Kathy (Leaf) have attended several training sessions over the years. They keep up on shooting techniques that vary from year to year, and they will put on a good show for the city of Boone."

The Boone Fire Department and Boone Search and Rescue will be on hand in case of an emergency. The members of these squads volunteer their time and Robert Lawton, owner of Boone Speedway, donates the use of his facility. Lawton said, "The Jaycees do a lot of nice things for the city of Boone. Allowing them to use our facility is a small way we can thank them for all that they do."

"Residents from Madrid and Stanhope have seen Boone's fireworks display from their hometowns."

The display team is grateful to Lawton for allowing them the privilege of tearing up his speedway once a year. Leaf said that the display team will report to the speedway at 8 a.m. on July 4th to begin their day-long preparation for the show. They will sort the fireworks and then place them into steel garbage cans to protect them from any stray sparks that could accidentally ignite the shells during the show. The team will also map out where they want each tube inserted into the ground; then a trencher digs the holes where the team has decided to insert the tubes.

The shells are placed into these tubes during show time, and it's these tubes that shoot the shells skyward. A four-inch tube will shoot a shell 400 feet into the air, a five-inch tube will shoot a shell 500 feet into the air, and so on. Leaf said, "Residents from Madrid and Stanhope have seen Boone's fireworks display from their hometowns."

The fireworks come with a packing list which contains directions correlating the type of firework shell with the proper tube. Certain shells can only be shot out of certain tubes, and the tubes are made of either steel, plastic or cardboard. The team member in charge of loading the shells must be sure the correct-sized shell is placed in its corresponding tube.

The display team must be cautious that certain shells are launched from the tube constructed of the proper material. For example, some shells can only be shot from cardboard tubes. If they are mistakenly inserted into a steel tube and launched, the steel tube will explode and dangerous shrapnel will burst in every direction. Leaf also said, "Put a three-inch shell into a five-inch tube, and it will misfire, and someone will get hurt."

For these reasons and more, nine members of the display team have received Pyre Technician Course training. The organized crew consists of a lighter, who has the flare and ignites the fuses-- loaders, who take the shells from protective steel trash cans and put them into the tubes and--canners, who make sure the trash can lids are firmly fastened between loads. This job is extremely important because if a stray spark falls into the can, everything inside the can will blow and the result could be disastrous.

The team also consists of spotters. Spotters do not have to be Pyro Technicians. The spotter's job is to watch each firework go out of the tube. If it doesn't go off, the spotter watches the "dud" land so it can be properly retrieved. The fire department retrieves and soaks the dud in water and is also in charge of proper disposal of the (Continued on page 4)
Fireworks from page 3
dud. Last year there were three
duds retrieved.

“We do it for the thrill.”

“All the people involved with
the fireworks display are strictly
volunteer,” said Leaf. “We do it
for the thrill and to put something
back into the community, and we
hope the community enjoys it.”

Firecracker canisters are
located at many Boone
businesses for those wishing to
make a donation for the Fourth of
July fireworks. Retailers in Boone
have noticed that more children
and teen-agers are putting money
into the canisters than adults.
“Children will buy candy and then
put their change into the
canisters,” said Leaf. “The
children really look forward to
seeing the show each year.”

The display team also looks
forward to providing this display.
The team is too busy to look up
and watch the fireworks explode,
so “we rely on the audience’s
response,” said Leaf. “Honking
horns during the show is our
applause.”

The display team also
appreciates hearing visual
accounts from spectators the day
following the display. Although
they always hope to hear “good
show,” they also appreciate being
told what didn’t work and which
shells brought their audience the
most enjoyment.

Stratford upon Avon
and Shakespeare
Meeting upon party and
Ann Watts

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Summer Staff

The storm clouds
parted on Saturday
and that afternoon the members
of the DMACC Boone Campus
Communications Department
enjoyed a generous portion of
sunshine, light-hearted
conversation and chocolate--
Shakespearean style.

Prior to 1995, celebrating the
Summer Solstice was an exercise
unexplored by most of her
colleagues, but thanks to DMACC
Boone Campus librarian, Ann
Watts, the arrival of the longest
day of the year has given cause
for celebration.

History of event

The first Communications
Department Summer Solstice
celebration occurred two years
ago when Watts, who some
consider to be DMACC’s “Martha
Stewart of the Communications
Department,” teamed up with Dr.
James Bittner to make her
meeting/party concept a reality.
Watts said, “My number one rule
for life, my entire philosophy is
based on this--life is too short not
to celebrate every moment you
can.”

Upon discovering Stratford, a
little town north of Boone that
rightfully named its city streets
Shakespeare, Shelley, Milton, just
to name a few, Watts concluded
that the Communications
Department should definitely have
a party there, and her first
Summer Solstice picnic theme
was appropriately chosen.

Each of Watt’s guests were
assigned an author and upon
arrival to Stratford were sent
wandering throughout the small
town in search of the street
named for their particular literary
genius.

Following the search, guests
dined at a table eloquently
adorned with linen, Dr. Bittner’s
Czechoslovakian Blue Onion
China and cut crystal glasses,
Ann’s antique 6-inch china plates
and sterling.

Her guests enjoyed dishes not
so easily prepared yet effortlessly
consumed. The menu included a
dish made from artichokes—the
barbs of which were lodged in
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Summer solstice cont’.

Watts’ hands for days—Greek salad sandwiches, brie served with crackers, grapes and Dr. Bittner’s (made it from scratch) Baklava. Watts summary of the event was, “It was a tremendous amount of work but wonderful.”

Since then, Watts has turned meetings into parties which in turn has increased attendance. “If you want people to attend, bring food,” declared Watts.

However, even the best intentions can be “...short as any dream. Brief as the lightening in the collied night...so quick bright things come to confusion,” and Watts soon discovered the second Summer Solstice celebration could have easily been dubbed, “First-Summer Nightmare.”

Event had problems

“I don’t even want my name associated with the 1996 picnic,” said Watts. “My name should be dropped from the Martha Stewart fan club. I should be denied membership for allowing it to happen. The party was a disaster.”

The department member’s spirits were already dampened because into their 1996 celebration the group incorporated a bittersweet farewell to a cherished colleague. The party that was to be held the day of the solstice was changed to accommodate their associate’s moving plans and the group arranged to meet at dawn. The rain poured down, many roads were flooded and the guests had to take a detour in the dark because rainwater blocked their normal route.

Different members of the group had agreed to bring different food items to the picnic, but everyone was so depressed no one, including Watts, made anything from scratch. The group was soaked by another deluge that occurred while they were walking from their cars to the shelter house, and they sat shivering while eating their store bought items. Their sole recourse was from warm coffee that had to be brewed in the shelter house rest room because the only other electrical outlet in the building was high in the rafters and out of reach of the brewing pot’s short cord.

In planning this year’s Summer Solstice celebration, Watts said, “I wanted to atone for last year’s disaster. I’ve been giving parties since I was 12 years old,” and in quoting a friend, Watts continued, “There are never any failures...you just learn what doesn’t work.”

So, biffittingly, the quote “I will show myself, highly fed and lowly taught,” from the Shakespearean comedy All’s Well That Ends Well was this year’s Summer Solstice theme. Watts said, “You can’t ever repeat a perfect party, and you’ll only get frustrated trying, so this year’s event was a bit more informal than the first.”

Watts’ daughter, Emily, was 13 when she handwrought the invitations in calligraphy for the first Summer Solstice party and, for a minimal fee, she agreed to do so again this year. Emily also scripted another quote, “Make the coming hour o’erflow with joy. And pleasure drown the brain,” onto brocade pattern cards that Watts gave to the guests as mementos. “Talismans are important,” said Watts. “They touch the magic and remember the magic.”

This year, the Communications Department enjoyed a party reminiscent of the first because Watts was “back in control” before and during the celebration. In preparation, Watts made a special early-morning trip to Des Moines to find just the right dried cherries required of Martha Stewart’s recipe for Dig Deep Layered Salad. The shredded Chicken (Continued on page 6)
Observations made on Boone Campus that took two semesters to notice...and I'm so ashamed

By Patrice Harson
Bear Facts Staff

- There's a huge orange depository located outside the north campus door where students can secretly return overdue library books after dark.
- Logging In instructions and other useful information really is posted on the windows as you enter the computer lab.
- You're not getting away with anything when you secretly return your overdue library books via the orange depository.
- No two campus wall clocks register the same time.
- The only desirable Dean's List to be on is the one that has to do with achieving a high GPA.
- Front office personnel are not talking to themselves while listening to KWBG/1590 AM--their telephone receivers are headsets.
- No two DMACC tuition bills received simultaneously by the same student in the same mailbox are...the same.
- DMACC students parking their vehicles on the Boone Campus with their parking stickers properly adhered to their rear car window are considered "unique" by some and "odd" by others.
- No DMACC student who adds and drops courses like an excited child in a candy store should expect any two DMACC tuition bills to be...the same.
- There's a lonely vending machine in a far corner of the L.W. Courter Center that contains nutritious drinks and low-fat snacks.
- How did my calculator get in the freezer and why is there a package of frozen hot dogs in my school bag?

Summer solstice cont'.
with Soy Sauce prepared and served by Watts had to be, according to Bittner, "chewed as slowly as possible so that the flavors would linger as long as possible because it was so delicious that you never wanted the experience to end." And this year Watts demonstrated her love of chocolate by serving Buttermilk Brownies, Chocolate and White Chocolate Dipped Strawberries and an Eclair Dessert containing several layers of French vanilla pudding and German chocolate.

Although the accommodating Watts served Biscotti Stuffed Apricots and a fruit tray garnished with sugar-frosted grapes and mint leaves for any misguided soul who preferred a chocolate-free dessert, Watts warned some of her guests prior to their arrival, "If you don't care for Cherry Lemonade, Clearly Canadian Sparkling Water or Iced Tea...bring your own diet Pepsi!"

The forest green tablecloth, burgundy cups, silverware and napkins perfectly matched the white stoneware plates bordered with grapes and grape leaves. Smiling sun confetti, a handwritten copy of the menu and a copy of the play, All's Well That Ends Well also adorned the picnic table and, as one of the guests, Jan LaVille, concluded, "The party was less formal than the first year's, the food was outstanding and the conversation relaxing. Ann did a wonderful job of bringing a touch of elegance to Stratford Park."

Gender inequality swings two ways

By Lorraine Powell
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Isn't it time for the gender inequality battle to reverse itself? We've lived a long, long time waiting for women to come up to men's position in this world. Isn't it time now for men to realize that this is their opportunity to strive to be more "feminine"?

Whereas Aristotle and all the early male thinkers venerated in this culture said that women were incomplete men and lower in intelligence, Judeo-Christian tradition teaches that women were a higher creation, created from matter that was already created.

Who should men blame for being created a man? As a man, will some ever know anything beyond the physical release of the sexual drive? Will they ever know the satisfaction of "birthing" a child? Will they ever be acquainted with the feminine Spirit beyond the masculine God?

Isn't it time for men to exercise more caring, more nurturing and more awareness of others' needs besides their own?

Women - stop trying to get to where men are and look up and realize that the journey is beyond the body and its selfish needs. Killing, in the guise of "doing it for my country," is not where this world needs to go. The world needs to look towards peace where all people, regardless of age, race and gender, all have the same opportunity to enjoy "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."
Boone Campus announces spring scholars

arating in the 1997 spring term, students need only be enrolled for six or more credit hours in a given semester to be eligible for the President's or Dean's List, according to Carol Wenndt, DMACC registrar's office in Ankeny.

President's List (4.0)

Jeffery T. Benna, Business Administration, Perry; Kari L Boyer, Liberal Arts, Boone; Kathleen A Brice, Liberal Arts, Boone; Rachelle L. Brown, Office Technology, Boone; Stephanie M. Buening, Leisure Studies, Boone; Dennice M. Cerfogli, Leisure Studies, Ankeny; Stacey A. Clark, Liberal Arts, Stratford; Denise L. Curtis, Liberal Arts, Stratford; Bonnie E. Beck, Business Administration, Boone; Karen S. Brayman, Accounting Specialist, Ames; Suzanne J. Brincks, Nursing Associate, Carroll; Sara A. Britson, Business Administration Prep, Ames; Jiang-Aun Chan, Engineering Prep, Ames; Jack H. Clark, Liberal Arts, Dayton; Stephen R. Coif, Liberal Arts, Jefferson; Kelly K. Crouyman, Liberal Arts, Jefferson; Jeana J. Crouch, Accounting Specialist, Pilot Mound; Michael K. Crouthamel, Liberal Arts, Boone; Cindy L. Daleske, Associate General Studies, McCall surround; Sarah E. Davis, Liberal Arts, Boone; Joshua C. Dodd, Liberal Arts, Boone; Molly A. Duncan, Education Prep, Boone; Michael V. Dunn, Engineering Prep, Story City; Janelle L. Forth, Liberal Arts, Ames; Casey R. Garman, Business Administration Prep, Boone; Erik A. Godwin, Liberal Arts, Jefferson; Sheri A. Goshorn, Nursing Practical, Ames; Courtney N. Hall, Liberal Arts, Boone; Amy M. Herrick, Education Prep, Boone; Sheryl J. Hoeff, Education Prep, Grand Junction; Danielle M. Huntley, Liberal Arts, Boone; Kelsey J. Jacob, Liberal Arts, Ames; Joanne M. Johnson, Nursing Practical, Ames; Marcia K. Johnson, Liberal Arts, Dana; Theresa M. Johnson, Physicians Assistant, Boone; Brianna L. Jones, Liberal Arts, Boone; Betty J. Kepley, Office Technology, Ames; Jennifer D. Klehm, Liberal Arts, Palatine, IL; Scott D. Kovach, Liberal Arts, Boone; Barbara A. Krugler, Liberal Arts, Madrid; Kin Li, Liberal Arts, Ames; Robert P. Lombard, Business Administration, Ames; Robyn A. Lundberg, Liberal Arts, Stratford; Nancy K. Luppen, Liberal Arts, Ames; David L. McCaskill, Liberal Arts, Ames; Randal J. Moffitt, Education Prep, Story City; Carmen M. Mosley, Liberal Arts, Ames; Kathy J. Musfeldt, Nursing Prep, Boone; Michael C. Nieman, Liberal Arts, Ames, Tracy L. Nowlin, Leisure Studies, Boone; Debra L. O'Brien, Social Work Prep, Ames; Ya-chin J. Ou, Engineering Prep, Ames; Sun-Min Park, Liberal Arts, Ames; Heidi L. Patterson, Liberal Arts, Stratford; Marcy M. Patterson, Liberal Arts, Ames; Jennifer A. Peterson, Liberal Arts, Ames; Lorraine F. Powell, Liberal Arts, Nevada; Shauna R. Pregitzer, Liberal Arts, Ames; Yordy Purnomo, Business Administration, Ames; Tracy L. Reed, Business Administration, Perry; Brandon D. Rockow, Liberal Arts, Ames; Cherilynn A. Schendel-Hennager, Nursing Practical, Story City; Denise Schmidt, Office Technology, Boone; Joann C. Seeman, Liberal Arts, Woodward; Bethany G. Shaffer, Nursing Practical, Perry, Alecia A. Smith, Liberal Arts, Ames; Sherilyn K. Smith, Nursing Prep, Ogden; Susan L. Smith, Leisure Studies, Boone; Robyn M. Smithson, Liberal Arts, Ames; Melissa N. Starling, Liberal Arts, Boone; Christine C. Swanson, Office Technology, Madrid; Tina L. Tharp, Accounting Specialist, Nevada; Erin Thomas, Liberal Arts, Boone; Rose M. Thompson, Business Administration Prep, Boone; Timothy L. Thompson, Associate General Studies, Boone; Sandra L. Townsend, Accounting Technician, Ames; Tuan H. Trinh, Liberal Arts, Perry; Tracy VanMeter, Nursing Associate, Coon Rapids; Kari J. Vickers, Education Prep, Boone; Nickolas P. Vogel, Liberal Arts, Davis City; Todd E. Wadsworth, Engineering Prep, Boone; Tyler J. Ward, Liberal Arts, Boone; Joy S. Weidow, Liberal Arts, Ames; Jeffrey M. Weiss, Business Administration, Ames; Jodi S. Welder, Liberal Arts, Boone; Linda S. Wendt, Nursing Advanced, Ames; Tonya K. Williams, Liberal Arts, Boone; Sze-Kay Yau, Pre Vocational, Ames.

Information courtesy of Dan Ivais, media liaison, DMACC Ankeny Campus.
"Who's playing "hooky" with the hook?"

"I heard him say, 'A-a-a-h-h! This is the best kind of summer school!'"

"What's his name?"

"Davey...?"

"David...?"

"Who cares! The worms are Juicy—he's a Darling!"

"It's that computer teacher again!"

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