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# One year and one word, thankful

By Heather Spriggs

Thankful is a word that repeatedly comes to mind when I reflect on the past year.

I write this while also getting my toddler down for a nap. This is significant because my two children are exactly the reason I started the Marion County Messenger one year ago.

My family needed to have me available for all the "mom" things but they also needed me to continue working. Starting this business has allowed me to balance it all in any way that works for our family. It is exactly that, a constant balance but also one I am thankful for!

In the past year I have been able to go with my 9-year old on a field trip to the State Capitol. I can work from my car while my daughter has softball practice. I can work while my toddler plays independently in my home office. I can stop what I am doing to snuggle my teething mama's boy. I can be flexible with when I work. For this I am thankful.

I am incredibly thankful for this opportunity as I know this is a dream for many mothers. As someone who can be conservative when it comes to taking the leap into big changes, I am also proud of myself.

I could not be here if it were not for the support of many. First and foremost comes my husband and two children. The balance is not always pretty and they make sacrifices but we make it work.

Deadline weeks are often stressful and busy, even on the weekend. I write this on Friday. This weekend we have a softball tournament all day Saturday as well as Mother's Day on Sunday. Deadline is Sunday evening and I still have A LOT to do. It will mean staying up well after the kids have gone to bed but, it is worth it. For this I am thankful.

My mothers. My motherin-law Rita, for watching our adventurous toddler a few days each week so I can put my focus solely on work. He keeps her busy!

My mother, Kitty, for moving to Knoxville and filling in the last minute gaps when we are stretched too far.

My clients. The support has been tremendous. You all are what keeps this train moving! To my "regulars" that have been here since the beginning. It was a blessing knowing I could count on

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### **Second Tower at National Sprint Car Hall of Fame**

By Mike Kerchner

The footprint of the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum on the Marion County Fairgrounds is about to change in a big

Construction is expected to begin in late May on a second suite tower, the Dennis Albaugh Suite Tower, which will be a twin to the Bryan Clauson Suite Tower that was built seven

ears ago.

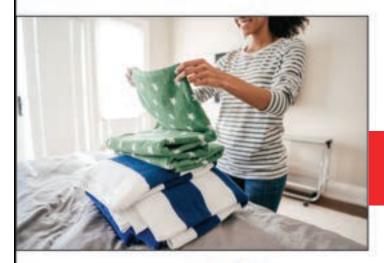
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### Correction

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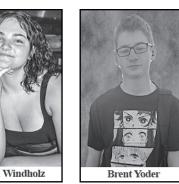
















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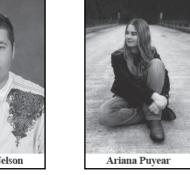






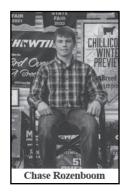
























# Congratulations Graduates!



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# Area softball youth teams fair well at Annual Kim Friday Classic



10U Prowlers were the champions in their division. Roster: Hallie Boender, Noelle Carlson, Kapri Curry, Gracie Devore, Lia Fuller, Jadyn Marshall, Sophia Scott, Lyla Swayne, Mya Weldon, Emersyn Wight and Audrey Spriggs.

Each year the Pleasantville Youth Sports Association hosts the Kim Friday Classic. The tournament is in memory of Kim Francy

Kim Friday was a great softball player, a committed member of the Pleasantville Community but her #1 calling was mom. The tournament is held annually on Saturday of Mother's Day weekend.

Kim Franey Friday passed away suddenly 2018 at the age of 47. Kim was an All-Conference and All-State pitcher while helping her teammates earn a spot in the IGHSSA State Softball Tournament. She played for the Central Dutch and continued her passion for softball as a coach.





Brodie Elliot, Jovey Flaws, Brexley Mesecher, Rose Mesecher, Stella Noftsger, Emma Hayden Aylsworth, Hayden Edwards, Bella Sutter and Tinsley Terpstra. O'Conner, Madi Olson, Piper Flesher, Lauren Marsh, Quinn Flesher, Evy Keegel.



12U Orange Crush were runners-up in their division. The team is pictured with Robert 8U Orange Crush were the champions of their division. Roster: Hazel Carr, Jovie Cox, Tatum Herselius, Madison Jahnke, Craigan Smith, Hazel Spear, Grace Williams,

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# A letter from the editor: One year and one word, thankful

Continued from page 1 us working together when I took that leap a year ago.

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the way down to individuals, you are all important to us. Thank you!

My colleagues that I also consider friends. I appreciate you! You are always a phone

call away and have helped my confidence as a business owner grow more than you know.

An unexpected reward has been the ability to give back. The most obvious way is our monthly Marion County Humane Society Adoptables. Non-profits need our

support to exist and this is the least we can do.

While every year is bound to be an adventure, I am ready. In the meantime our goal is to continue to grow on what we have.

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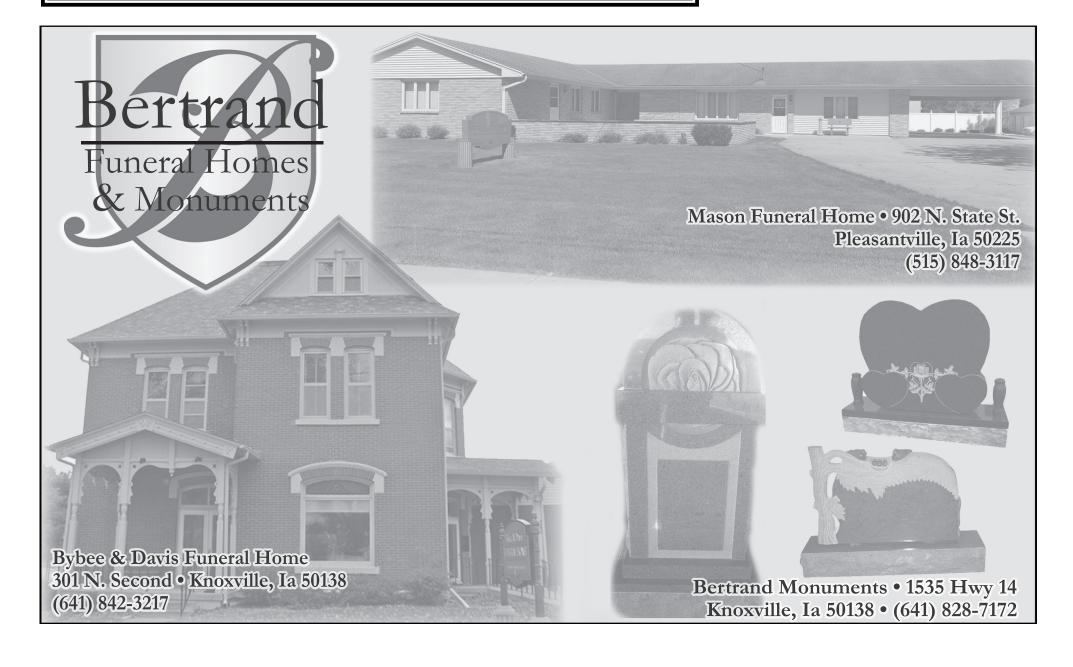
Knoxville RAGBRAI is pleased to announce a special Town Hall meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 29th, at the Knoxville Performing Arts Center located at 1811 W Madison St, Knoxville. The meeting will commence at 6 p.m. and will provide valuable updates on the planning progress for the upcoming Knoxville RAGBRAI Overnight Stay, slated for Wednesday, July 24th.

Members of the Knoxville RAGBRAI Executive Committee will lead the discussion, covering various essential topics including the Downtown Concert Area, Camping arrangements, Housing options, Shuttle services, Volunteer Opportunities, Traffic management, Parking areas, Full Route details, and Vendors.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage directly with the Executive Committee during the question and answer segment, providing a platform to address any queries or concerns related to the event.

All interested individuals, including residents, business owners, and volunteers, are encouraged to attend and participate in shaping this momentous event for Knoxville.

Date: Wednesday, May 29th, 2024 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Knoxville Performing Arts Center, 1811 W Madison St, Knoxville



# Dusty Zomer holds off Brian Brown to win Knoxville thriller

By Bill Wright

Dusty Zomer won his first 410 feature event at Knoxville since 2015 in an exciting battle with Brian Brown Saturday at the Knoxville Raceway. The Sioux Falls, South Dakota driver's eleventh career win here came aboard the Jeremiah Jordahl #3J and paid him \$6,000. Aaron Reutzel recovered from a tip-over in the season opener to win the 360 feature, while Mike Mayberry won his eighth career main event in the Pro Sprints class.

Dustin Selvage led the 20-lap 410 feature early over Zomer, Garet Williamson, Brian Brown and Aaron Reutzel. Zomer used the second lap to take the point. Austin McCarl entered the top five on lap three. Brown disposed of Selvage for third on lap four before Christopher Thram flipped on the backstretch five laps in, negating a McCarl pass of Selvage for fourth.

On the restart, Brown surged into second, followed by McCarl. Jake Bubak got out of shape on the backstretch a lap later. Chris Martin and Kelby Watt took evasive measures, collecting JJ Hickle who was upside down with nowhere to go. He was uninjured.

Once the green flew again, Brown was all over Zomer. At the halfway point he edged Zomer at the line by a nose to lead lap ten. Zomer got up on the wheel hitting the bottom of turn one and two to regain the lead. Chase Randall had climbed from 21st to seventh before bringing out a caution with eight to go. Jason Martin slowed a lap later to bring out the final yellow flag and set up a seven lap dash to the checkers.

Brown was all over Zomer again and led lap 14, again by a nose. Zomer again hit the bottom of one and two and chose to slide across three and four. The maneuver worked in holding off the rim riding Brown. Reutzel was third, ahead of Austin McCarl and Garet Williamson. Carson McCarl, Selvage, Lynton Jeffrey, hard-charger Matt Juhl and Zach Hampton rounded out the top ten. Brown set quick time over the 36-car field, and Selvage, Bubak, Emerson Axsom and Josh Schneiderman won heat races. Randall claimed the B.

"I took a lot of notes from (Danny) Lasoski running like that," said Zomer, crediting his mentor. "Every restart, I hugged the bottom as best I could trying to keep the car underneath me. I knew (Brown) was fast, and I was going to obviously try to make him pass me on

the outside. I was getting to stagnant on the bottom of three and four, and once I changed my line there it was for the better. Anytime you see that 21 pull up beside you, it makes you sit up in the wheel a little bit more. I'm super happy for this team. We started this deal a year ago, and we just pieced everything together. This year we're getting everything in place. I'm super happy."

Reutzel's tenth career 360 win here came ahead of Ball, McCarl, Phillips and Kelby Watt. Kaleb Johnson, Higday, Beaver, Clint Garner and Anderson completed the top ten. Ball set quick time over the 33-car field and won his heat. Phillips, Clint Garner and Cole Garner also won heats, while Nate Mills won the B.

"The track started to get a bunch of mud thrown out in the middle, and it was honestly perfect timing where I just got by Jamie and kind of found it," he said of his winning move. "(Beaver) just didn't get a good run, and I had a good run coming through. It all played out good. The car got decent late, but I was struggling early. I couldn't hit the bottom and fell back to fifth at one time. The car was good and the motor was great. It was a good bounce-back from last weekend."

Casey Friedrichsen led early in the 15-lap Pro Sprints feature ahead of AJ Johnson, Ryan Navritil and Brandon Worthington. A lap was in the books when Worthington got into the turn one wall. He was unhurt.

Mayberry took off and won by nearly half a lap. Johnson secured second ahead of Friedrichsen, Allen and Chase Young. Hard-charger Toby Mosher, Jeff Wilke, Koddy Hildreth, Kinder and Navratil rounded out the top ten. Young set quick time, and Mayberry and Worthington won the heats.

"I've been getting my butt kicked on Wednesday's in non-wing," said Mayberry in Victory Lane. "It's taught me a little throttle control. Without my team, I couldn't do this."

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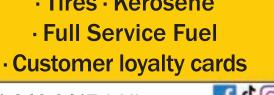
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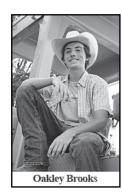




















































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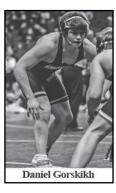


































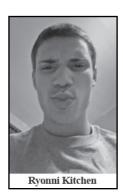
























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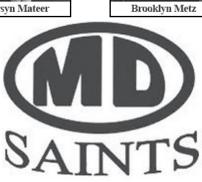














# Freedom Fun Walk gearing up

Everyone is invited to come to the 4th annual Freedom Fun Walk. It will be held a little later this time, June 8th 9-noon at the Marion County park. The theme this year is health and fitness through the Bible even if you are not a fan of fitness don't worry, you will still have plenty of fun. Hey, we hope to have music and chocolate milk. The walk usually takes about an hour to go through so plan accordingly.

### So what is the fun walk?

It is Freedom for Youth's main fundraiser of the year and the money raised goes right into programing, food, and all the expenses that it takes to run a successful program. We chose to do this in an exciting way that engages the entire community. It is open from babies to adults.

This year we decided to make purchasing t-shirts optional to bring our entry fee down a bit. Now it's only \$10 per person ages 6 on up. 5 and under are still free. If you wish to purchase a t-shirt most are \$8.50 with the exception of larger sizes and toddler shirts, those are a bit more. If you want to order a t-shirt please be sure to order by May 14th.

Here is what the fun walk will have, it isn't just walking. I mean the park is nice but we need to take that up a notch. The walk has several stations you can enjoy like playing HORSE at the basketball court, the kids can bounce on the bounce houses, there is an area you can sit and listen to music, there will be fun races with the Corp of Engineers, and an obstacle race, other activities to enjoy.

Two of the stations have a competition. There will be a sprinting competition and the other is with KNX

Fitness and they will have an endurance test. Both will have prizes at the end of the day for the overall winners.

We will also have water and snacks at the walk.

To register go to runsignup. com and search for Freedom Fun Walk or scan the QR code. If you want to wear our fabulous shirt in the walk you need to register by May 14th.





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### Knoxville Senior Center Congregate Meals Menu

Knoxville Senior Center 308 E Montgomery St, Knoxville, IA 50138 641-842-6070. Menu Subject to Change. Reservations required by 10 a.m the day prior. Contact Marth Dykstra, site coordinator, for reservations, information or with questions.

May 15: Baked Fish, potato wedges, cauliflower, mixed fruit, cookie

May 16: Chicken stir fry & vegetables, rice, mandarin oranges, brownie

May 17: Chef Salad w/ Ham & Tureky, Cheese, Egg &Tomatoes, Cottage Cheese, Peaches, Assorted Crackers, Cake Roll

Meatballs, Mav 20: Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Cauliflower, Strawberries

May 21: Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas, Crisp, Fruit Cocktail

May 22: Pork Chop, Cheesy Potato Casserole, Brussel Sprouts, Applesauce, Cookie

May 23: Pizza Baked Italian Potato, Blend Vegetables, Diced Pears, Apple Cake

May 24: Seafood Salad on Lettuce, Fresh Veggie Mix, Apple Slices, Dessert Bar May 27: CLOSED Memorial Day

May 28: Chicken Patty on

Bun, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Fries, Banana

May 29: Greek Style Salmon, Rice, Asparagus, Pears, Strudel Bits

May 30: Grilled Chicken Salad, Breadstick, Black Bean Salad, Tropical Fruit May 31: Ham Salad Sandwich, Coleslaw. Carrots w/ Ranch Dressing, Pound Cake, Strawberries

\*\*Milk offered with all meals. All meals meet 1/3 of the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) for older adults.







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### **Second Tower at National Sprint Car Hall of Fame**

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highway 14, which runs just outside of turns one and two at the legendary half-mile dirt track.

The new suite tower is named for Dennis Albaugh, who made a significant donation, which will allow construction to begin. Albaugh is a huge supporter of sprint car racing and the Hall of Fame, including his sponsorships of the Jason Johnson Racing sprint car wheeled by Carson Macedo and the Troy Renfro 2ks driven by Chase Randall.

Hall of Fame Executive Director Bob Baker said, several other options, including a USDA loan are on the table to fund the remainder of the project, which is expected to cost \$6.2 million.

"Dennis Albaugh is making a major donation to get us started and we have two or three other funding sources that we are working on," he

The location of the tower is interesting to many.

"Some people wondered how that building is going to fit in the space, but it is exactly the same size as the Bryan Clauson Suite Tower foot by foot by width and depth, and so are the suites. They are the same size," Baker explained. "This new suite tower will not have an observation deck on top. One observation deck is plenty for our turntwo area over here.

"This will be boxed in on the first and second floor and that is a little different. It will be enclosed whereas the Bryan Clauson Suite Tower is open air underneath," Baker added. "We will be able to utilize the first floor for museum store inventory storage and the second floor will have viewing windows like the second floor in the museum, so people can go in and watch the races from the second floor."

Preparations are currently under way to prepare the site for construction, and a groundbreaking ceremony is expected to be held Friday, May 31 during the annual National Sprint Car Hall of Fame Induction weekend.

"We are moving dirt around now, but we are not building anything," Baker said. "We

are just relocating utilities. There is a lot of work that needs to be done before we can begin construction. Construction is scheduled begin at the end of May."

The Dennis Albaugh Suite Tower is expected to be complete in time for the opening of the 2025 sprint car racing season at Knoxville Raceway.

"Our scheduled completion date is opening night of the 2025 season at Knoxville Raceway," Baker said. "We were able to do that with the Bryan Clauson Suite Tower and open it before the season started, so suite holders can get in and bring in furniture and other amenities. We like to have it available to suite holders before opening night, so they can decorate and bring in appliances. This way, we can also lease the suite out for the entire season starting on opening night"

For more information on the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame, contact Baker at bbaker@sprintcarhof.com or call the Hall of Fame at 641-842-6176.



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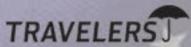


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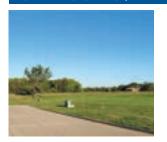


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