

DCHS students bleed for a good cause



DCHS Instructor and Student Council Facilitator Christopher Merck donates blood at the Davis County High School on May 8.

By Kimra Hines, Reporter
 Instead of the shirt off of their back, some Davis County High School students will give you the blood out of their arm! Davis County Student Council organized a blood drive with Impact Life in the old high school entryway on May 8. Student Council President Karston Nebel said the council tries to organize three blood drives per year. Due to a snow cancellation, they only

hosted two this year. She said that each drive typically has around 25 donors which could help up to 75 people. Senior Chad Stice, 18, gave blood at the event. He has been giving since he turned 16. When asked his reason for starting he said, "To be honest, it's because of that nice cord you get, but then I realized I could donate to a lot of people because of my blood type."

The red cord is earned through the Student Impact Award Program. The cord requires six credits. Students can earn one credit for donating blood, one credit for volunteering at a blood drive, one credit for recruiting a new or lapsed donor, or all six credits for organizing one blood drive. Stice said he donated four times at school and twice in Ottumwa with his mom.

DC Elementary logs 76,440 reading minutes



Elementary students enjoy a carnival day they earned by reading 76,440 minutes in the month of April.

Davis County Elementary students read 76,440 minutes in April, earning themselves a carnival day on May 9. Carnival games were set up in the gym where each grade cycled through in hour increments. Parents in Education (PIE) donated treats and prizes for the carnival. The overall winning class was Mrs. Lindberg's

fourth grade class. Those students will receive medals. The grade level winners who will receive a treat are Mrs. Murdock's preschool class, Mrs. Greenfield's kindergarten class, Mrs. Kerby's first grade class, Mrs. Cormeny's second grade class, and Mrs. Slayton's third class. According to Literacy Coach Lori Graves,

students got to watch a video of a "masked reader" reading a book each week. The class made guesses as to who the reader was. The "masked readers" were second grade teacher Annette Westercamp; Secretary Betsy Gibson; P.E. Teacher Mahala Glosser; and "Tech Guy" Gage Mikels.

Absentee voting begins May 15

Absentee voting for the June 4 Davis County Primary Election will begin Wednesday, May 15, at the Davis County Auditor's Office. Voters may vote early at the Auditor's Office in the Davis County Courthouse during the normal office hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Friday, through Monday, June 3. The Auditor's Office will be open until 5 p.m. on Monday, May 20, and Friday, May 31. The Auditor's office will also be open Saturday, June 1, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Absentee ballots to be mailed must be requested in writing no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, May 20. Absentee request forms are available from the Davis County Auditor's Office or on the Auditor's webpage of the Davis County website at www.daviscountyia.gov. Completed forms

should be delivered or mailed to the Davis County Auditor's Office, 100 Courthouse Square, Suite 2, Bloomfield, IA 52537. The Primary Election is a candidate nomination process for the Democratic, Libertarian and Republican parties. Voters must declare one of these three parties on their absentee ballot request form to vote in the Primary Election. Absentee ballot request forms must also include the date the request is signed. The Davis County Auditor's Office will pay the postage for all ballots returned by mail. All absentee ballots must be received by the County Auditor's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Ballots received after Election Day, regardless of postmarks or bar codes, will not be eligible to be counted. The only

exceptions being ballots from Safe at Home participants and ballots from uniformed and overseas citizens. The only people who may return a voted absentee ballot to the County Auditor's Office, other than the voter, are someone in the voter's household, an immediate family member, the special precinct election officials who deliver a ballot to the resident of a health care facility, or a delivery agent if a voter is unable to return a ballot due to blindness or other disability. Absentee ballots cannot be placed in the drop box outside of the Davis County Courthouse. For further information, contact the Davis County Auditor's Office at 641-664-2101 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Correction

An editorial in the May 8 Bloomfield Democrat should have stated, "When the second public hearing on the budget — a new requirement enacted by the Iowa Legislature last year — was held on April 29, a revised budget was approved, lowering the proposed FY2025 property tax levy rate from \$14.67715 per \$1,000 valuation to \$13.86314 per \$1,000 valuation. The Bloomfield Democrat apologizes for the incorrect figures.

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION June 4, 2024 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M

Polls

First, Second, Third Wards - Bloomfield Fire Station, 501 S. West St, Bloomfield
 Central Precinct - Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, 22458 Hwy 2, Bloomfield
 Northeast Precinct - Floris Community Hall, 103 Monroe St, Floris
 Northwest Precinct - Drakesville Shelter House, Drakesville City Park, Railroad Way, Drakesville
 Southeast Precinct - Pulaski Community Center, 106 S. Second St, Pulaski
 Southwest Precinct - West Grove Township Hall, 22050 Eden Ave, Bloomfield

Federal Candidates

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE District 3: DEMOCRAT - Lanon Baccam, Melissa Vine
 UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE District 3: LIBERTARIAN - No Candidate
 UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE District 3: REPUBLICAN - Zach Nunn

State Candidates

STATE REPRESENTATIVE District 26: DEMOCRAT - No Candidate
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE District 26: LIBERTARIAN - No Candidate
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE District 26: REPUBLICAN - Austin Harris

County Candidates

DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: DEMOCRAT - No Candidate
 DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: LIBERTARIAN - No Candidate
 DAVIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: REPUBLICAN - Alan Yahnk

DAVIS COUNTY AUDITOR: DEMOCRAT - No Candidate
 DAVIS COUNTY AUDITOR: LIBERTARIAN - No Candidate
 DAVIS COUNTY AUDITOR: REPUBLICAN - Kristi Goodson, Brenda Johnson

DAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF: DEMOCRAT - No Candidate
 DAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF: LIBERTARIAN - No Candidate
 DAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF: REPUBLICAN - Zachary Dunlavy, Josh Sinnott

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered - such as voters registering to vote on election day - and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification, or prove residence if required 1) may have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the county auditor's office by noon on June 10, 2024. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone (641) 664-2101.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the county auditor's office at the following number or E-mail address: 641-664-2101 or auditor@daviscountyia.gov.

For TTY access, dial 711+641-664-2101.

The above Notice of Election is given by the Board of Supervisors and the County Commissioner of Elections.

Davis County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections

Sinnott: 'Pay attention to storm warnings'

By Karen Spurgeon, Publisher
 Deputy Sheriff Josh Sinnott shared information on Davis County's storm warning system last week after severe weather threatened the county on multiple occasions this month. "When you hear the siren, take cover!" he said emphatically, indicating the importance of reacting quickly to the siren. Davis County's storm warnings are set off by Davis County Dispatch using a Zetron Maxx Console with all of Davis County's radios and pagers linked to the console, Sinnott said. Davis County dispatchers are responsible for setting off the sirens in Bloomfield, Pulaski, Drakesville, and Floris. When the dispatchers receive information from the National Weather Service that there is a radar-indicated or imminent threat of a tornado in our area, they set off the sirens, Sinnott said. Dispatchers also set off the sirens for severe thunderstorm warnings with 70-mph or above

winds. "There is no siren for hail," he added. The sirens are designed for outdoor warnings. "A public address system is linked to the warning system in Bloomfield," Sinnott said, "but we don't often use it. At times it is hard to understand, and we want you to take cover, not try to figure out what is being said over the PA system." Sinnott said in years past, several different signals indicating different dangers had been used. "When Kaitlin Sedore took over this responsibility, dispatchers were using different signals, but she suggested we needed consistency," he said, "and only one sound is now used. "Anytime the siren is activated, it is time to take cover," Sinnott emphasized. "We're not offering a whistle to go stand out on your front porch and watch the storm!" Dispatch does not offer an all-clear signal, he said, but Davis County Law Enforcement does keep its Facebook page

up to date with current weather conditions. For citizens who noticed there were two sirens within a short period of time on April 30, Sinnott said the second siren was actually a second storm warning. Firemen Keith Waller and Jeremy Breeding reported the Floris and Pulaski sirens worked flawlessly a couple weeks ago. Rock Johnson of the Drakesville Fire Department said Drakesville has been "having some issues," but Deputy Sinnott was in the area and manually set off the alarm earlier this month. Sinnott added one more piece of advice for residents taking cover in a storm shelter or basement: "Be prepared with water, flashlights, batteries, and a battery-powered NOAA radio when taking shelter."

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