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Araseli Lopez of Hawarden opened Hawarden's newest beauty salon, Holy Hair, out of her home at the end of February. She cuts Lois De Jong's hair of Sioux Center as part of a busy day for her business. Photo by Renee Wielenga

Lopez opens Holy Hair in Hawarden

Beauty salon is dream come true for owner

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A new beauty salon is open in Hawarden.

For about three weeks, Araseli Lopez has enjoyed making a difference in the lives of her clients, one

hair cut or style at a time, out of her own salon, Holy Hair, located within her home at 915 15th St. Hawarden.

"Ever since I was a little girl, I've dreamed of having my own salon," Lopez said, noting she was one of the middle children of the four girls

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Oak Grove State Park to see land expansion

Sioux County Board of Conservation purchase

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Oak Grove Park north of Hawarden will expand due to a land purchase in the works from the Sioux County Board of Conservation.

The group will acquire 54.3 acres of neighboring land to its north for \$440,000, although the closing date

is not yet certain.

Those acres were part of the farm at 4003 Cherry Ave. The farm, which is located on the eastern edge of Oak Grove, belonged to LeSharon "Kay" Osterkamp, who died at the age of 82 on June 11. The land being sold by John "Robbie" Osterkamp of Sioux Falls, SD, one of her 10 children.

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IT WAS PATTY PETTICOAT WHO DONE IT

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The murder at Dead Mans Saloon in Ireton has been solved, it was Patty Petticoat who done it. Janelle Hultquist played the part of Petticoat.

Ireton Booster Club held its annual banquet Tuesday at the Ireton Community Center. This year the booster club turned the community center into Dead Mans Saloon and put on a murder mystery show for everyone in attendance.

Twenty suspects, portrayed by actors, introduced themselves and told the crowd the rumor they heard about themselves of there being some kind of murder. Then there was a period of questions and time for the audience to interact with each suspect who traveled from table to table spreading clues and rumors about the other suspects. A second round of questioning was done by the audience choosing one member from their team to read a question. Each one was a way for the audience to help figure out who the murderer was and what their motive was.

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Janelle Hultquist played Patty Petticoat during the murder mystery portion of the Ireton Booster Club's annual banquet Tuesday. After much questioning, it was discovered Petticoat was the night's culprit. Photo by Katie Anderson

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