



Sarah Diekevers

Student artist recognized

The 2023 Congressional Art Runner-Up for the 4th District of Iowa is Sarah Diekevers, a sophomore at MOC-Floyd Valley. Her artwork will be on display at the district office in Fort Dodge for a year. The contest, beginning in 1982, sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation in each congressional district. The winners of the competition have artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for the following year. (Photo submitted)

Siouxland Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication in Hospers

HOSPERS — Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is hosting a home dedication at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 3 at 111 Sunrise Drive in Hospers, Iowa. The home in Hospers is one of seven Siouxland Habitat homes to be constructed in 2023. The construction is complete and the house is ready to officially become home to Eustoquia Barranco and her two daughters.

All are welcome to come and celebrate as we dedicate this home to God and thank all of the volunteers, donors, and community supporters who made this project possible. There will be a program at 11:30 a.m. where we will bless each room, hear from the Barranco family, and share more about the construction journey. Attendees are welcome to tour the home and there will be a meal provided, by Sioux County committee members and volunteers, following the program.

"We are very grateful to the Hospers community for their partnership on this home. Home dedications are a staff favorite at Habitat. It's a great opportunity to thank volunteers, donors, and community supporters who helped make this home possible, allowing them to see the fruit of their efforts in the completed home," said Kurt Franje, Sioux County Director for Siouxland Habitat for Humanity.

"As we dedicate these residences you can feel the transition from house to home. As with every partner family we walked side-by-side with the Eustoquia and her daughters on their Habitat journey. The family's 'sweat equity' hours were completed on the construction of this home and in Sioux City at our ReStore. Not only were they compiling sweat equity hours they were acquiring skills helpful to every homeowner," stated Shayla Becker, Siouxland Habitat's Executive Director.

Home dedications are not only a milestone for the soon to be homeowner, but a celebration of all the volunteers, staff, and donors who help make the dream of safe, affordable homeownership a reality. The Barranco family will officially move into their home sometime in June.



Team effort

Eight local members of the Sioux County Democrats cleaned at the Habitat for Humanity house going up in Hospers (111 Sunrise Dr.). Volunteers cleaned cupboards, wiped woodwork, scrubbed shower/tub units, installed screens, cleaned windows, and vacuumed. This house will be dedicated soon. For more details on this house or the upcoming dedication, contact Kurt Franje at kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org. (Photo submitted)

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Debra Severson
passed away on March 10, 2023

A Celebration of Life
will occur on
Wednesday, June 7, 2023
at 11:00 AM
Faith Lutheran Church
Orange City, IA



60 year reunion celebrated

The Class of 1963 held their sixty-year reunion on May 20. Fifteen classmates attended. When they started high school in the fall of 1959, Orange City and Maurice had officially become M-OC High School. The school colors were changed from purple and gold to purple and white. The school name remained as the Dutchmen, and the Pride of the Dutchmen Marching Band started wearing Dutch uniforms. Back row, left to right: Sharon (Mouw) Bonnema, John Kobes, Kay (Korver) Myers, Allen Price, Laura (De Beer) Peuse, Marv Muilenburg and Jean (Weyers) Van Veldhuizen
Front row, left to right: Dean Hibma, June (Houtsma) Huizenga, Nan (Hollinga) Reinking, Karen (Van Steenwyk) Bolluyt, Judy (Kleinwolterink) Rawlings, Betty (Redden) Russell, Sharon (Goslinga) Swanson and Leon Roggen. (Photo submitted)



Memorial Day observances

Orange City and Alton held Memorial Day observances on Monday, May 29. In Orange City at West Lawn Cemetery, Dan Tracy (in photo at with Pressman Kusters Post 329 Chaplain Ronald J. De Jong) gave the address. At Bandshell Park in Alton, Matt Smit addressed those gathered to remember those who served in the U.S. armed forces. (Photos by Doug Calsbeek)

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