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## Virtual Relay For Life begins at 5:30 p.m. today

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Crawford County Relay For Life is a virtual event and will begin at 5:30 p.m. today.

People can watch online by logging onto the Crawford County Relay For Life Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/crawfordcountya/>.

Following is the schedule of events.

5:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony  
6:00 p.m. Team Recognition  
7:00 p.m. Survivor Ceremony  
8:00 p.m. Sponsor Recognition  
9:00 p.m. Luminary Ceremony  
9:30 p.m. Closing Ceremony

Today was the original date for the in-person Relay For Life, which is why it was chosen as the date for the virtual event.

Suzanne Mages, Relay For Life senior community development manager for southwest Iowa, reminded individuals, "Cancer has not stopped and neither can we."

Mages would like to be able organize an in-person event sometime later this year, but for the present, she encouraged everyone to support the virtual event because cancer patients still need the programs and services the funds raised by Relay For Life help provide.

For more about Crawford County Relay For Life, see the special section that was included with Tuesday's Denison Bulletin or go to the Denison Bulletin and Review's website, [www.DBRnews.com](http://www.DBRnews.com). Click on the drop-down menu, click on the Print Edition menu on the left side and click on "Special Sections."

## County listed with 633 positive COVID-19 cases

by Gordon Wolf

Just 11 more positive COVID-19 cases were reported for Crawford County since Monday evening.

The state's [coronavirus.iowa.gov](http://coronavirus.iowa.gov) website listed Crawford County with 633 cases as of Thursday evening.

Following are other statistics from the state's website.

- Individuals tested: 2,543, 1 of 7  
- Individuals negative: 1,901, 1 of 9  
- The positive cases were 1 of 27 or 24.9 percent.

A week ago Thursday, the county's positive case count was 592, according to the state's website.

Among the positive cases within the last week was a Denison Care Center staff member.

Chandra Gustafson, administrator at Denison Care Center, said the facility had received confirmation on June 13 about a positive case with a staff member.

She said the test was not administered at the facility and the staff member did not contract COVID-19 at the facility.

Gustafson said all other staff and the residents have tested negative for COVID-19.

Her statement said that the team at

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## Open for fun and sun

### Denison outdoor pool now open, but with social distancing in mind

by Gordon Wolf

The outdoor pool at the Denison Aquatic Center opened for the summer yesterday (Thursday, June 18), however, with some changes to help ensure social distancing.

A maximum of 75 individuals can be at the outdoor pool at one time during the one and one-half hour time slots that have been scheduled.

The outdoor pool will be open Thursday through Monday and closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Approximate time slots are the following.

12-30-2 p.m.	3:30-5 p.m.
2-3:30 p.m.	5-6:30 p.m.

The aquatic center staff is asking that people only use the outdoor pool for one time slot a day.

This is to make sure that everyone who wants to has an opportunity to use the outdoor pool.

No appointments are needed to use the outdoor pool; however, it will be on a first-come, first-served basis.



Brendyn Halde (right), of Manning, welcomes his friend, Avery Bohlmann, of Charter Oak, as she splashes into the water after a trip down one of the water slides at the Denison Aquatic Center on Thursday. Thursday was the first day the outdoor pool was open this summer, under rules to encourage social distancing. The overcast skies played a part in low attendance when the pool opened at 12:30 p.m., and not long after the pool had to be vacated when it began thundering. Photo by Gordon Wolf

People can call the aquatic center ahead of time if they want to see if the capacity for a time slot has been reached.

The entrance and the exit to the outdoor pool will be the concession stand gate in order to limit the number of people going in and out of the locker rooms and the lobby.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, Parks & Rec Director Brian Kempfert

said the capacity would start out at 75 and once the staff is comfortable with that number, the capacity may be increased to 100, but it would be capped at that number.

He compared this capacity to the 200-300 patrons that use the outdoor pool on a "super" hot day.

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## Board of supervisors weigh challenges land lease negotiation when members is landowner

by Gordon Wolf

The Crawford County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday weighed options on how to negotiate a lease agreement for a site for a communications tower near Charter Oak, when a member of the board is a co-owner of the land.

The proposed communications tower site is on land located in Charter Oak Township Section 15, northwest of Charter Oak, and is owned by Kyle and Christy Schultz.

Kyle Schultz is a member of the board of supervisors.

The supervisors appointed board members Dave Muhlbauer and Jeri Vogt as the county's negotiators.

The agreement reached by the county's negotiation team would not be the final word. The agreement would have to come back to the full board of supervisors for a vote.

If Muhlbauer and Vogt would sit down in a negotiation session with Kyle Schultz, it would constitute a meeting of the board of supervisors (three members is a quorum of the five-member board).

Among the suggestions offered at Tuesday's board of supervisors' meeting were the following.

- Conduct the negotiation session with Muhlbauer, Vogt and Kyle Schultz, post it as an open meeting and have Auditor Terri Martens attend to take minutes

- Conduct the session as stated above, but as a closed meeting. In order to do that, the meeting would have to begin in open session and a roll call vote taken to close the meeting. Any action taken would have to be in open session, and the meeting would have to be adjourned in open session.

- Have Christy Schultz serve as the negotiator for her and her husband. As Cecil Blum, chair of the board of supervisors suggested, Christy Schultz could discuss details before and after the negotiation session with her husband, and even pause the negotiations to call her husband.

Asked his opinion, Kyle Schultz said, "The uniqueness of this is, it's challenging to be able to freely discuss stuff amongst two parties trying to come to a

common goal but yet with the structure of whose all at the (table)."

Kyle Schultz offered that he could appoint a third-party to attend the negotiations on his behalf.

When asked if that was what how the negotiations should go forward, he said he had to discuss it with his wife.

As of mid-afternoon on Thursday, Martens had not heard of any negotiation meeting set and had not heard who would represent the Schultzes in the negotiation.

The tower proposed for the site near Charter Oak would be part of the county's land mobile radio system.

Kyle Schultz was not in the board room when Muhlbauer and Vogt were selected as the county's negotiators.

"I don't want to be in here - somebody saying I was trying to influence on the negotiation," he said.

Blum said it was OK for Schultz to stay in the room but added it was Schultz's preference.

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## Petition asks for action

## City to take another look at repair needs on northern part of North 20th Street

by Gordon Wolf

North 20th Street in Denison, from the intersection with Ridge Road north to the T-intersection with Frontier Road, has been in bad shape for a number of years.

It has been patched in the past using concrete but the asphalt surface continues to break up.

Now the City of Denison will take another look at the street following the presentation of a petition at Tuesday's city council meeting.

First Ward Councilman David Loesch, who lives in the vicinity of the street, read the petition, which was signed by 90 individuals.

The petition said the following.

- It is dangerous to drive on that stretch of North 20th Street, as well as to walk on or for children to ride their bikes on.



A view of North 20th Street, looking south toward Ridge Road. Photo by Gordon Wolf

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