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World War II veteran Marcus "Stub" Bartusek signs an autograph near the Omaha Beach memorial in Normandy, France. Bartusek, a 90-year-old Manly resident, returned to Europe in June to tour war-related sites.

WWII vet gets a hero's welcome

Manly veteran part of anniversary trip to European memorials

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MANLY — A 90-year-old World War II veteran from North Iowa didn't expect to be the center of attention during a recent international trip.

Marcus "Stub" Bartusek of

Manly, who was deployed in western Europe from 1944 to 1946, said the gratitude he received from strangers during a visit there in June was overwhelming, with people approaching him for photos, autographs and hugs.

"After 72 years, they still appreciate it," said Bartusek, who served in the Army. "It made tears come to your eyes and would choke you up."

Joined by his son, daughter

and son-in-law, Bartusek was one of five veterans on the World War II Battlefields 72nd D-Day Anniversary Tour June 2 to 14. They visited war-related sites in four countries: France, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The expenses-paid excursion was a surprise from the Edward Tosek American Legion Post 110, to which Bartusek has belonged for 69 years.

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Iowans look to role in history at convention

Democratic delegates will select first major party woman nominee

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CEDAR RAPIDS — Tammy Wawro is going to the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia "to see history and make history."

The Cedar Rapids fifth-grader teacher is part of the 60-member Iowa Democratic Party delegation that will join more than 4,500 other delegates Monday through Thursday to make Hillary Clinton the first female nominee of a major American political party.

It seems appropriate it should happen in Philadelphia, "the birthplace of our democracy," said Andy McGuire, chairwoman of the Iowa Democratic Party.

"As someone who has fought my entire life against the discrimination against women and the glass ceilings and barriers I've hit, that will be a historic moment," she said. "The fact that we've come this far, finally, will be very historic."

One thing McGuire doesn't anticipate being up for discussion is Iowa's first-in-the-nation precinct caucuses. "I haven't heard of any attempt to change it," she said.

For Iowa delegates, Clinton's nomination will be the culmination of a long journey. Even before she formally entered the race in June 2015, Clinton went on a listening tour of Iowa that included a stop in Dean Genth's Mason City living room.

During the convention, Genth will build on that early meeting with Clinton to "put forth a message of unity and organized effort to win races from 'our house to the White House.'" Unity is the theme in delegates' expectations.

On Caucus Night back on Feb. 1, Iowa Democrats were "extremely split" — 49.9 percent for Clinton and 49.6 percent for Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

"Some people are still having trouble," McGuire said, "but I think the differences between

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McGuire



Genth

Harkin will tout disabilities bill

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DES MOINES — Tom Harkin's speech at the Democratic National Convention will come on the 26th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the signature legislation of Harkin's career.

Harkin, who retired from the Senate in 2014, will speak Tuesday at the Democrats' convention in Philadelphia. Harkin said he was asked to speak that day to celebrate the legislation that created federal laws designed to

prevent discrimination against people with disabilities.

Harkin said he will speak Tuesday at roughly 3 p.m. Iowa time.

"They wanted to commemorate that and to have me speak about the inclusion of people with disabilities in our society, and I think it fits in with Hillary's theme that we're stronger together," Harkin said.



Harkin

Algona man recalls drone rescue

MINDY BAKER
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ALGONA — "It is great to be alive."

That's the feeling of Thomas Fitzpatrick of Algona, the subject of a dramatic rescue on Wednesday, July 13, after he and his granddaughter went boating on the Upper Des Moines River.

After putting in at Plum Creek Dam the duo's boat became hung up on a logjam and they were late meeting Fitzpatrick's fiancée, Carol Behning, at Veterans Park.

Fitzpatrick then suffering from a medical condition, and a drone was used to locate them and direct rescuers. The drone then filmed the rescue as Kossuth County Emergency Management Coordinator Dave Penton and Kossuth County Sheriff Deputy Jake Radmaker helped Fitzpatrick and his granddaughter across the river and began giving Fitzpatrick medical attention.

"It's kind of a family tradition to take the boat down the river. My granddaughter was visiting for the

week from Columbia, Missouri, and she really wanted to go," said Fitzpatrick. "We have a 5-horsepower motor, but it was broken, so we were just going to float to Veterans Park."

However, a very wet spring, with a few flash floods, had created several logjams in the river, and handling the boat over the logs was beginning to take its toll on Fitzpatrick.

"I wasn't feeling well. I didn't

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David Penton, Kossuth County Emergency Management, and Kossuth County Sheriff Deputy Jake Radmaker, left, rescue Tom Fitzpatrick, center, and his 10-year-old granddaughter.

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