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Mason City groups gather for own games PAGE A3



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Fireworks and festivities welcome the athletes, spectators to Rio SPORTS, PAGE B3



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Contestants crash their combines into one another Thursday during the Mitchell County Fair Combine Demolition Derby in Osage.

# Crunching combines at Mitchell County Fair

Shows, presentations and entertainment continue to Sunday

OSAGE — Missed the combine derby Thursday in Osage?

There's still time to attend the Mitchell County fair, which continues through Sunday.

The midway is open at 1 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday.

Education presentations and working exhibit demonstrations are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, followed by a 7 p.m. car derby.

Two auctions are scheduled for Sunday — wood carving at 1 p.m. and livestock ribbon at 2:30 p.m.

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Combines clash under a glowing twilight sky Thursday at the Mitchell County Fair in Osage. The fair continues through Sunday.

# State Fair ban on guns stands

Iowa legislative panel won't push for change

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DES MOINES — The Iowa State Fair's gun ban will remain unchanged unless lawmakers change state law, leaders of a state panel said Friday after a hearing on the subject.

The committee of state legislators that oversees the implementation and operation of state laws and rules on Friday reviewed the State Fair's policy of banning weapons for attendees.

Leaders said the committee will not implement rules changes that would allow certified individuals to carry weapons during the state fair. Those leaders said such changes would have to be made by the full Iowa Legislature, which won't meet until 2017.

"There's a rule by the fair board. We didn't bring it up. It's not ours," said Iowa Sen. Wally Horn, D-Cedar Rapids,

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# Trump says his campaign has never been stronger

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DES MOINES — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump insisted his 2016 campaign "has never been stronger," pointing to an exuberant crowd of 3,000 Iowans Friday who cheered his slams on rival Hillary Clinton and chanted support for his get-tough approach for restoring American greatness.

Responding to GOP calls for him to refocus his message on Clinton after recent campaign missteps, Trump peppered his hour-long town hall remarks by calling his Democratic opponent "the queen of corruption" and "a dangerous liar."

Trump said Clinton "lacks the judgment, temperament and moral character" to lead the country for four years on the heels of Barack Obama's "terrible job" as president.

"I can tell you this," he told the crowd, "if Hillary Clinton becomes president, you will have terrorism, you will have problems. You will have really, in my opinion, the destruction of this

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# Parkinson's patient turns to stem cells

Treatment at Mason City clinic appears to have eased symptoms

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MASON CITY — In the three years since Shirley Smith received her Parkinson's disease diagnosis, she has gradually given up painting and traveling.

The progression of her symptoms has been heartbreaking for the once-active Greene woman as she has been losing her ability to walk.

Earlier this year, she decided to take a gamble by trying stem cell therapy at Regenerative Cell Institute in Mason City.

Smith had tremors, an unstable balance and was heavily

dependent on a wheelchair, and Dr. Crispino Santos, who runs the practice, was initially skeptical he could offer any effective treatment.

Since 2014, Santos has offered treatments in Mason City for patients who have chronic neck, back, spinal or joint pain, as well as those with arthritis or sports- or work-related injuries.

Santos said Smith is the first patient he has attempted to treat with Parkinson's.

After her first stem cell treatment at his office Jan. 29, where stem cells were taken from her abdomen via liposuction and injected into her spine, Smith appeared to show little improvement, Santos said.

Following a second treatment

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Dr. Crispino Santos, right, laughs with his patient Shirley Smith, center, and her partner, Eddie Hesalroad, at the Regenerative Cell Institute office in Mason City.

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