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Kerry wins Iowa

Edwards second,
Dean third and
Gephardt is out

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — John Kerry and John Edwards rode 11th-hour surges to a one-two finish in Iowa's kickoff presidential caucuses Monday, dealing a stunning blow to Democratic front-runner Howard Dean. Kerry's comeback blew the nomination fight wide open, setting



Kerry

the stage for a free-for-all in New Hampshire's follow-up primary.

Dean finished third, stripped of his front-runner's mantle but still defiant — "We will not give up," he told backers. Rep. Dick Gephardt

finished a weak fourth and ended his 33-year political career by pulling out of the race.

His campaign given up for dead just weeks ago, Kerry predicted another

comeback in New Hampshire's Jan. 27 primary.

"As I've said in New Hampshire and here, I'm a fighter," the Massachusetts lawmaker told The Associated Press. "I've come from behind before, and I'm going to take the same fight that I've been making here to New Hampshire."

Edwards, 50, also claimed momentum.

"This campaign, this cause, this movement is about bringing real change to America," Edwards told

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Eric Young of the Winona Daily News

A new 3,000-square foot Pizza Hut restaurant will open Wednesday at 1630 Service Drive replacing a smaller store at the same location and the Pizza Hut carryout-delivery store at 617 Huff St. which will close tonight.

New Pizza Hut ready to open

By David Krotz
Winona Daily News

One Pizza Hut will close this evening and another one will open tomorrow.

No jobs will be lost when the 617 Huff St. Pizza Hut carry out and delivery store closes its doors for the last time tonight because its employees and about 15 new hires will all work at the new store just erected at 1630 Service Drive.

■ The new restaurant will offer 84 customer seats compared with the 60 seats at the building that was razed last fall.

The new 3,000 square foot restaurant will offer 84 customer seats compared with the 60 seats at the 1970s-era building that was torn down at the same location last fall. It will employ about 40 compared with the 15 to 20 that previously worked there. The enlarged store will offer 32 parking spaces.

Former employee Heidi Viestenz and her young daughter Lexie stopped by for a look Monday. "I was looking through the windows the other day," she said. "It's awesome in here. It's a lot different from what it used to be. It's nice."

Store managers were busy preparing the restaurant for a soft opening Wednesday, with the official grand opening planned for the first week of February. Owner Mike Johnson, of Colorado City, Colo., was on hand to supervise the count-

down to opening with a new expanded menu, including sandwiches, buffet and pasta dishes.

There were minor glitches that impeded an orderly flow, however, such as a paint crew that had to repaint the exterior of the building with the correct color.

"I've done a lot of these. This is normal. You think the I's are all dotted and the T's are all crossed when all of a sudden another T shows up," said Johnson, a retired Pizza Hut corporate executive. He bought two Pizza Huts in La Crosse and two in Winona two years ago to keep his hand in the business.

The interior of the dining area is spacious with windows on three walls and an open ceiling. Wood oak trim is accented by checkerboard table tops in green and red and a "pizza toppings" motif in colorful accents.

Fourteen-year employee and shift manager Shelly Marks said she had been shopping for decorations, such as plastic tomatoes, bell peppers, grapes and cucumbers that matched the accent colors.

Johnson is planning to add old Winona photographs and college-related items to the walls.

The operation will be more of a challenge than before, Marks said, because of the new menu, the buffet and the transfer of the pizza delivery service to this store.

The kitchen has been greatly enlarged and outfitted with a three-deck oven and modern food service equipment.

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Eric Young of the Winona Daily News

Morgan Haag of the Silo Happy Hustlers 4-H and judge Jean Kalmes share a laugh as they evaluate Haag's writing project on American Indians on Monday afternoon at Lewiston-Altura Elementary School. Participants in the communications competition had the opportunity to advance to the regional competition and, perhaps, to the statewide event.

4-H'ers get their messages across at local competition

By Kirsten Singleton
Winona Daily News

LEWISTON, Minn. — They might or might not be the next generation of Walter Cronkites, Michael Crichtons and Oprah Winfreys.

But regardless, the Winona County 4-H'ers who gathered Monday afternoon at Lewiston-Altura Elementary School to test their communication abilities will use those skills throughout their lives, the event's organizers said.

Monday was just good practice. "A lot of them get into high school, and they join the speech team, and then we lose them to that," said Caroline Dingfelder, 4-H program coordinator.

"But still they learn the basics here," volunteer Donna Speltz said.

4-H'ers demonstrated their abilities in public speaking, interpretive

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reading, story telling, creative writing and photo story/photojournalism.

Participants were judged in three age levels, and the winners from the local event then advance to the regional contest with potential to advance to the state level.

Grace Nelson, 9, of Rushford's Happy Hart 4-H Club, dressed in Biblical clothing — a flowing robe, sandals — for her rendition of "The Good Samaritan" tale.

"I like stories from the Bible," she

said, adding, "It's a story I'm familiar with."

Nelson read the story of a man being jumped by robbers and being passed along the road by two men until a Samaritan finally stopped and helped.

When the story was ended, judge Sharon Hrstka had words of encouragement — and a few tips.

"I have one general statement that I have for all kids when they start speech: slow down," Hrstka advised with a smile.

Hrstka then praised Nelson for dressing for the role.

Just down the hall, judge Jean Kalmes also was impressed — with Morgan Haag's essay on "The Cheyenne People."

"There's so many of those Indian tribes," Kalmes said.

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Saint Mary's students recall King's legacy

By Adam Crowson
Winona Daily News

Thirty people gathered at Toner Center at Saint Mary's University Monday night to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

Student members of the Intercultural Awareness Association, at Saint Mary's, arranged Monday night's prayer service in Room E.

The service included the hymns "Amazing Grace" and "We shall overcome."

With the lights turned off, "This little light of mine" was sung as people held little flashlights.

In addition to the singing of hymns, the Song of Ascents from Psalms was read by Danielle Cox, a IAA member, who emceed and also sang a solo, the "Negro National

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Seamus Boyle of the Winona Daily News

Xavier Wilson, a member of university relations at Saint Mary's University, gave a moving rendition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, at the SMU Martin Luther King, Jr. Day prayer service.

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