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AmeriCorps members to work in schools

An initiative to increase academic performance and student engagement will place 68 AmeriCorps members at 49 schools throughout the Des Moines school district.

Funding for the initiative was provided by the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Services.

In total, the organization will support the work of 657 AmeriCorps representatives in the coming year, with members being placed at community-based organizations throughout the state.

AmeriCorps, founded in 1994, provides stipends to young people who serve their communities.

At the Des Moines school district, members will provide tutoring and career mentoring, facilitate service-learning opportunities for students and improve volunteer engagement.

Des Moines schools received \$610,064 to implement the program. In addition, the school district received \$268,787 for educational funding for AmeriCorps members who successfully complete their terms of service.

Dance program offered at Gray's Lake

The new free social dance series Dancing at the Lake will be offered every Thursday through Aug. 29 at the Overlook Terrace at Gray's Lake Park, 2101 Fleur Drive.

Lessons start at 7:30 p.m. and the dancing begins at 8 p.m. Learn social dances like salsa, swing, line dancing and contra dancing — a different kind each week.

The program is open to everyone, from beginners to experienced dancers. No partner is needed.

All-city speech and debate team named

The Des Moines school district named an inaugural all-city speech and debate team this year. Selections to the team were made by the coaches of the high school programs.

This was the first time citywide recognition was presented to high school speech and debate participants.

"These are exceptional students who succeed not only in their events but also in the classroom," said Harry Strong, head coach at Roosevelt High School. "By creating the all-city format, we hope to provide a new layer of recognition for students who excel here in Des Moines that is comparable to athletics and other activities. And, at the same time, we hope this brings some additional attention to speech and debate to attract the interest of more students and their parents."

Co-captains of the inaugural all-city speech and debate team are Miles Menninga from East High School, who was named the Iowa National Forensic League's district student of the year, and Roosevelt's Carolyn Evans and Nathan Leys.

The all-city team included six students who qualified for the National Forensic League national tournament and five who won state championships in their events.

The 2012-13 team members are: Mennenga and Heaven Chamberlain of East; Brett DuBois, Adrian Mitchell, Taylor Best, Sarah Herriott, Andre Flatt and Carlos Santiago of Lincoln High School; and Luke Theuma, Claire Yocom, Nolan Bursch, Michael Cummings, Anson Tonelli, Emma Weddle, Crystal Hou, Stephanie Hou, Max Pilcher, Reid Wade, Elena Hildabrandt, Lily Nellans, Madison Holmes, Murphy Burke, Julianna Courard-Hauri, Jenna Pokorny, Marlee Rutledge, Henry Wimble, Danny Drane, Sarah Johnson, Rubi Cordova, Evans and Leys, all of Roosevelt.

Shelter, I-Cubs sponsor patriotic race

Central Iowa Shelter & Services, in partnership with the Iowa Cubs, will host the second annual Run White and Blue 5K starting at 8:30 a.m. July 14 at Principal Park. A Children's fun run and games and crafts for all ages also are planned.

Runners are encouraged to dress up in their most patriotic garb in support of U.S. military veterans and active service members.

Prizes and awards will be given out throughout the day to event attendees, the best dressed participant, and the first male and female runner to finish the 5K. Following the 5K there will be tailgating with food, drinks and entertainment and an I-Cubs baseball game in Principal Park.

Register at www.centraliowashelter.org/5K.

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Jay Simpson, left, and Nate George, both of Des Moines, cook barbecue Wednesday during an open house at the Southern Meadows Homes on the south side. A time capsule from the Booth Memorial Hospital from early 1900s was opened at the event. SCOTT MORGAN/PHOTOS FOR THE REGISTER

Neighbors gather at Southern Meadows development



HISTORY UNVEILED

A neighborhood barbecue at the new Southern Meadows Townhomes site last week also featured the opening of a time capsule from the former Booth Memorial Hospital, which previously was located on the property. What was in the time capsule? Look for photos and read about the event in Friday's Des Moines Register.

From left, Tony Bisignano, Ellen Celsi, Jo Corigliano, all of Des Moines' south side, and Chris Ranallo of West Des Moines, judge a barbecue contest during an open house. Hatch Development Group and Koester Construction hosted the event, which included tours of the project's first two townhouses.



From left, Ryan Galloway, Linda Glover and Anu Galloway, all of Des Moines, enjoy the neighborhood barbecue. Booth Memorial Hospital was once located on the site of the Southern Meadows townhome project.



Chris Ranallo of West Des Moines performs at the Southern Meadows Homes open house.



Jack Hatch of Hatch Development speaks during the open house and neighborhood barbecue. Hatch is developing the Southern Meadows Homes property.

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