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Pipeline concerns WP council

HEARTLAND GREENWAY: City worried about future development near CO2 line

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – The location of the proposed Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline has created some concern for the West Point City Council.

Randy Welding, the new City Administrator, told the council Monday night that the pipeline is being proposed to run north and west of the city limits.

Ryan Keller, a representative with CR3 Connect, a lobbying group for the pipeline, was present at the meeting but didn't offer any comments in the public portion of the meeting, when asked by Mayor Paul Walker.



"They're working on the routing around West Point. As it stands now, it's about 1/2 mile to the west and

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

West Point Mayor Paul Walker (right) hands outgoing City Administrator Dennis McGregor a certificate for his four years of service to the city. McGregor was replaced by Randy Welding.

Randy Evans,
Executive Director

We're all in this together

What is happening to us? What passes for public discussion these days certainly is not civil or thoughtful. Nor is it really much of a discussion. If you read the comments from some supposed leaders, you find references to the members of the other political party being our enemies. It's not just Republicans doing this. It's Democrats, too. Enemies are those people on the other side of the guns in a war. Our enemies are not the people in our own state, or around the nation, who disagree with us on some issue or another. Nor are these people we disagree with lunatics, morons or imbeciles. They are not crazy, crooked or unpatriotic. We would not think of using terms like these to describe our neighbors, or serving us at the coffee shop or ringing up our purchases at the grocery store. So, why do we think this is acceptable when our political leaders do it?

The growing use of incendiary descriptions of people we disagree with is hurting our nation. It is long overdue for our mothers or grandmothers to grab us by the ear and lecture us about the importance of civility, politeness and the Golden Rule. They need to shake us by the shoulders and tell us to remember we are all in this together. One reader of a recent column offered his assessment of my work. We have never met, but he told me without equivocation, "You are of no good to this nation." It wasn't always this way — even during some of the most trying times in our history. An unlikely friendship that sprang up under unlikely circumstances in an unlikely place provides a wonderful example for all of us. Alan Simpson was born in 1931 and grew up during the Great Depression in the rugged remoteness of Cody, Wyo. Norman Mineta was born in San Jose,

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Iowa News

Reynolds commits \$100 million to school safety

State to set aside \$50,000 per school district for safety measures

DES MOINES – Today, Governor Kim Reynolds announced \$100 million in school safety funding to support Iowa's 327 public school districts and 183 non-public and independent schools during a press conference with the Department of Public Safety, Department of Education and Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

This dedicated new funding will provide vulnerability risk assessments free of charge for all 1,500 K-12 school buildings in the state and create a School Safety Improvement Fund making up to \$50,000 available per school building to implement recommended safety measures. School districts can combine these funds with their ESSER funding allocations to cover additional costs to implement safety improvements.

"Every family should be able to confidently send their children to school knowing they'll be safe," said Gov. Reynolds. "These investments will make a tremendous impact on our ability to prevent violence in schools while also taking steps to ensure schools and communities are in the best position possible to respond to an active event."

The funding also builds upon the foundation of the Governor's School Safety Bureau to support all schools and law enforcement partners with prevention, training and response

strategies. A portion of the funding will be utilized to implement technology and tools including proactive social media scanning software, an anonymous reporting tool, digital critical incident mapping and specialized training.

"The Governor's School Safety Bureau will provide Iowa with an intentional focus on providing assistance and tools to identify, report, and assess school-based threats, while still embracing local control," said Iowa Department of Public Safety Commissioner Stephan Bayens.



REYNOLDS

"It will facilitate training so that teachers, administrators, and first responders are equipped and empowered to keep our kids safe. The Bureau will work shoulder to shoulder with all involved for the common good of providing a safe place for our children to learn and grow."

"Mass shootings and other violent acts committed against innocent people are difficult to understand," said Gov. Reynolds "But work must be done to answer the question why they happen and what can be done to prevent this type of behavior."

Prioritizing mental health services across Iowa has been a top priority for Reynolds since taking office and has received strong bipartisan support. When Iowa's FY23 budget goes into effect on July 1, 2022, total mental health-related funding will

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

BARBARA A. BRIGGS



BRIGGS

Barbara Anne Briggs, 72, of Keokuk, IA, died Saturday, June 11, 2022 at her home. She was born on January 31, 1950 in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of Delbert Eston and Janet (Egley) Haage. Barbara graduated from Keokuk Senior High with the Class of 1968.

She was of the Baptist faith.

She enjoyed playing bingo and watching classic TV shows. Her most favorite show was "Days of Our Lives" and everyone knew she was not to be interrupted when her show was on. Barbara's greatest joy in life was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Barbara is survived by two sons, Johnnie Smith of Burlington, IA, and Brett Briggs (Tara) of Wayland, MO, one daughter, Kimberly Strunk of Dallas City, IL, seven grandchildren, Paige and Natalie Smith, Clarissa and Justine Strunk, Angelina Lox (Justin), Blake Briggs and C.J. Overhulser and five great-grandchildren, Royalty, Khalani, Aubrey Piles, Emmalyn Korn and Mark Lox. She is also survived by her mother, Janet Haage of Keokuk, one brother, Ed Haage of Keokuk, one sister, Peggy Tweedy (Walter) of Montrose and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, one son, B.J. Briggs, one son-in-law, Brian Strunk and one daughter-in-law, Rebecca Briggs.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

West Point Presbyterian church makes National Historic Register

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1/2 mile to the north. There will be other meetings with Lee County," Welding said.

None of the proposed line is within the city limits.

Lee County Supervisor Ron Fedler said at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors' meeting that the city had concerns with the proximity to the pipeline. Fedler is a West Point resident and former mayor.

"Their big concern is that pipeline and how close it's coming to the west and north side of the city," Fedler told the board.

"They want that changed. They don't want it that close to the city because it would really hinder further development that way. Nobody's going to build that close to or over the top of a pipeline."

The pipeline is set to run about 50 miles through Lee County, including connecting with the Iowa Fertilizer Plant. The pipeline would be owned by Navigator CO2.

A meeting is set for June 30th at 11 a.m. in Donnellson at the Pilot Grove Savings Bank to update county officials. The meeting isn't to take public comment, but to discuss operational safeguards with county officials.

Board Chairman Matt Pflug said an Iowa Utilities Board hearing was held Monday but nothing was really covered locally about the pipeline.

County Auditor Denise Fraise said another public meeting is being planned for August.

Fedler said it's his understanding Navigator hasn't applied yet for permits from the IUB.

In an unrelated issue, Larry Bucholz announced that West Point Presbyterian Church has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It's the first building in West Point to be listed on the register and the 18th in Lee County.

"About a year ago we started a project to get the West Point Presbyterian Church on the National Register and, at the end of May, we were accepted on to it," Bucholz said.

The church was first built in 1836 and was organized in 1837.

"In 1861, they built the current church at the beginning of the civil war. It was a very good operation and very small. It's unbelievable what you can find when you dig. There was at one time six churches in town and a Presbyterian college," he said.

A celebration is being planned for the fall.

In other action, the city's 4th of July fireworks celebration will be held June 25 in South Park after dark. The park will be open at 5 p.m. with music, kids' games, and fireworks at dusk.

Lunch Specials

JUNE 13 - JUNE 17

11am - 1pm

Monday, June 13

Tenderloin, Potato Salad, Baked Beans

Tuesday, June 14

Meatloaf, Potatoes, Corn

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

06/10/22 – 3:03 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 5000 block of Avenue O.
 06/10/22 – 3:49 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 06/10/22 – 8:40 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Diana Guadalupe Rodriguez, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue P, on a charge of city: dog at large.
 06/11/22 – 11:03 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3900 block of Avenue O.
 06/11/22 – 2:50 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 06/12/22 – 3:39 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded

to a report of a burglary in the 2600 block of Avenue J.
 06/12/22 – 7:32 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3900 block of Bluff Road.
 06/12/22 – 8:15 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue F.
 06/12/22 – 2:02 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 06/12/22 – 2:45 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Randy Allen Davis, 58, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue J, on a charge of disorderly conduct – loud noise. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/13/22 – 4:30 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2200 block of Avenue L.
 06/13/22 – 10:41 a.m. – Fort Madison police re-

sponded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of Avenue E.
 06/13/22 – 4:25 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of Avenue G.
 06/13/22 – 4:45 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited James Eugene Martindale, 57, of Donnellson, in the 1200 block of Avenue G, on a charge of driving while barred.
 06/13/22 – 9:36 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested William Raymond Woodbury, 61, of Fort Madison, in the 5800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of domestic assault – bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/13/22 – 9:59 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of 5th Street.

Lee County Sheriff Report

06/10/22 – 3:15 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jeremiah Lewis Jack Jordan, 40, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on warrants for failure to appear and felony forgery. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/10/22 – 9:20 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Nathan James Kull, 43, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/11/22 – 1:58 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Donald Ray Bauswell, Jr., 40, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/12/22 – 10:27 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Andrew Walter Heins, 29, of Donnellson, on a charge of 2nd offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release.
 06/13/22 – 8:46 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christopher Adam Barnes, 31, of Keokuk, in the 3500 block of 270th Avenue, Keokuk, on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.
 06/13/22 – 10:53 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 1900 block of 210th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Preston David Hetrick, 16, of Donnellson, was traveling eastbound on

210th Street when it lost control, went off the road to the south, struck a culvert, went airborne, and came to rest on the north side of 210th Street. The driver sustained minor injuries. The vehicle sustained debilitating damages. Hetrick was cited for failure to maintain control of a motor vehicle.


Hancock County Sheriff Report

06/06/2022 – RUFF-CORN, DAKOTA R (24 of Warsaw, IL) Domestic Battery, Operate Uninsured
 06/09/2022 – SARGENT, CHRISTOPHER R (40 of Burnside, IL) Driving While Suspended
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Sports/From the Front

Fort Madison boys snap BHS 11-game win streak

SPLIT: Bloodhounds earn split with Grayhounds

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – The fourth inning of Monday’s first game of a home doubleheader against Burlington was just a perfect example of what Fort Madison coach Ron Walker calls “Bloodhound baseball.”

But the opportunistic plays the Bloodhounds had in their 5-4 win over the Grayhounds couldn’t be duplicated in the second game, a 13-2 Burlington win in five innings.

The Bloodhounds (9-5 overall, 6-4 Southeast Conference) missed a chance to gain ground on the conference-leading Grayhounds (13-4, 8-1), although they did snap Burlington’s 11-game winning streak in the first game.

Fort Madison found a way to get runs in that first game against Burlington pitcher Jacob Zahner.

It started in the bottom of the first inning after the Bloodhounds fell behind 1-0. Landes Williams had a seven-pitch at-bat that led to a single, leading off what would turn into a three-run inning.

“I think we took a lot of good at-bats in that first inning against a good arm, and that gave us belief and so forth,” Walker said. “So that was huge.”

Burlington tied the game in the second, and it stayed that way until the pivotal fourth.

Matt Hopper was hit by a pitch to start the inning, then Caden Barnes singled. Both runners advanced on Brennan Ulik’s sacrifice bunt. Then Williams laid down a safety squeeze bunt that brought in Hopper with the go-ahead run, and courtesy runner Henry Wiseman scored on a wild pitch for a 5-3 lead.

“All of the sudden we get two runs,” Walker said. “We did the little things there and competed. We competed well.”

Williams then finished the game in relief, getting out of a first-and-third jam in the sixth after Burlington had cut the lead to 5-4, then pitched a scoreless seventh.

Kane Williams (2-0) was the winning pitcher, throwing 5 1/3 innings.

“He’s been on the shelf for 2 1/2 weeks,” Walker said. “We were hoping to get two innings out of him. He really came out and competed. Pitched to contact, and the outfield did a good job of going and getting the ball.”

Fort Madison couldn’t be as opportunistic in the second game. The Bloodhounds



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison’s Landes Williams gets back just under the tag of Burlington’s Brock Krieger Monday night in Fort Madison in game 2 of a doubleheader. The Bloodhounds would fall 13-2 in the second game, but won the first game 5-4 to earn a split.

got two runs in the bottom of the first after falling behind 3-0, but ended up stranding 10 baserunners.

“You can’t do that,” Walker said. “Good baseball teams can’t do that. And you especially can’t do it against a good baseball team and expect to win.”

Burlington batted around in the third and fifth innings, scoring five runs in each. The Grayhounds had just eight hits, but took advantage of six hit batters, eight walks, and an error.

“Between leaving 10 runners on base, and 14 combined walks and hit-by-pitches, you’re not going to win too many games doing that stuff,” Walker said. “You’ve got to make them hit their way on, so you can’t give them free bases.”

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\$75 million goes directly to schools

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increase by nearly \$3.5 million dollars.

“We must be persistent in our efforts to keep students and those who care for them safe from violence,” said Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo. “Our schools provide a reassuring presence and much needed connection for our families, our communities and for our students to learn and grow. With this additional funding we can build on our strong foundation and help ensure our schools continue to be physically, emotionally and academically safe places of learning.”

The Governor’s School Safety Bureau will immediately begin its work with a goal of being fully operational by the start

of school this fall.

Breakdown of funds:

- \$75M – School Safety Improvement Fund
- \$7.5M – Vulnerability assessments for all 1,500 K-12 school buildings
- \$6M – Digital critical incident mapping technology
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Electronic Meeting
(Pursuant to Iowa Code
Section 21.8)

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- I. Excused absences
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of minutes

a. Meeting May 19
V. Approval of the Bills
VI. Correspondence
VII. Director's Report
- be sure to include trust fund end of year summaries

- a. Financial
- b. Personnel
- c. Programming
- d. Collection Development
- e. Operations
- f. Facilities - landscaping
- g. Professional
- h. Reports to City Council

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. New Business
a. Revise Operations Policies to include administering Narcan

b. Add Public Comments guidelines to Board By-Laws

c. Discussion of adding community events to the library calendar
X. Trustee Education
a. Library Trustee Handbook Chapter 11: Effective Board Meetings and Chapter 12: Problem Solving and Decision Making

XI. Upcoming Events and Information
Next Meeting June 16, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MEETING June 2, 2022 501 Main Street 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on June 2, 2022 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Linda Altheide, Roslyn Garcia

(via phone), John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Dan Winn was absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, and Sewer Department Manager Michael Clark.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of upcoming events in Keokuk.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Joe Shuman informed of upcoming racing union in Keokuk.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Altheide to approve the agenda and the consent agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of May 19, 2022;

- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of May 19, 2022;

- Minutes of the Goal Setting Session of May 25, 2022;

- Cigarette Permits for July 2022- June 2023;
- RESOLUTION NO. 81-2022: Approving a Liquor License for Casey's #2636, 3530 Main Street, effective July 1, 2022 – Class E Liquor License with Sunday Sales;

- RESOLUTION NO. 82-2022: Approving a Liquor License for Casey's #2595, 326 Main Street, effective July 1, 2022 – Class E Liquor License with Sunday Sales;

- Special Event Permit for Rand Park Pavilion, various music concerts for Summer 2022, requesting council approval to allow BYOB;

- Special Event Permit for Rollin on the River, Victory Park, August 19-20, 2022 (will be applying for a liquor license);

- Special Event Permit for Lake Cooper Foundation for the Big Dam Street Festival, Victory Park, August 25-27, 2022 (will be applying for a liquor license);

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5274-5276;

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 5:36 p.m. on a proposed Amendment No. 7 to the amended and restated Twin Rivers Urban Renewal Plan in the City of Keokuk, State of Iowa. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on Friday, May 20, 2022.

COMMENTS: O'Donnell gave an overview of Amendment No. 7 Twin Rivers Urban Renewal Plan.

No further comments were received, Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

HELP WANTED

YOUTH DIRECTOR Part-time

Union Presbyterian Church in Fort Madison is seeking a Youth Director. This position would be for 10-12 hours a week, starting immediately. If interested, please contact us. 319-372-1424 or unionchurchfm@gmail.com.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 83-2022: "A RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN AREA OF THE CITY TO BE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BLIGHTED AREA, AND THAT REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF OF SUCH AREA IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; DESIGNATING SUCH AREA AS APPROPRIATE FOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS AND ADOPTING AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED TWIN RIVERS URBAN RENEWAL PLAN." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Greenwald to approve the third/ final reading of an Ordinance amending Section 9.28.040 dealing with parking regulations.

Roll Call Vote: (8) AYES – Crenshaw, Altheide, Garcia, Helenthal, An-

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draws, Marsden, Bryant, and Greenwald.(0) NAYS, (1) ABSENT-Winn. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal second by Marsden to adopt & give final approval of

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 AMENDING SECTION 9.28.040 DEALING WITH PARKING REGULATIONS (20TH FULTON). (8) AYES, (0) NAYS, (1) ABESNT-Winn. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Helenthal to approve initial of an Ordinance amending the employee residency requirements. Garcia made a motion to table, a letter from Jean Ludwig was read not in favor of the ordinance, after discussion Garcia rescinded her motion to table.

Roll Call Vote: (8) AYES – Crenshaw, Altheide, Garcia, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Greenwald.(0) NAYS, (1) ABSENT-Winn. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Greenwald to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinances

No.'s 1852, 1952, 2010 and 2013 Amendment No. 7 to the amended and restated Twin Rivers Urban Renewal Plan.

Roll Call Vote: (8) AYES – Crenshaw, Altheide, Garcia, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Greenwald.(0) NAYS, (1) ABSENT-Winn. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Helenthal to waive the 2nd & 3rd reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinances No.'s 1852, 1952, 2010 and 2013 Amendment No. 7 to the amended and restated Twin Rivers Urban Renewal Plan.

Roll Call Vote: (8) AYES – Crenshaw, Altheide, Garcia, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Greenwald.(0) NAYS, (1) ABSENT-Winn. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Bryant to adopt & give final approval of an ORDINANCE NO. 2027 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO'S 1852, 1952, 2010 and 2013 AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE AMENDED AND

RESTATED TWIN RIVERS URBAN RENEWAL PLAN. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS, (1) ABSENT-Winn. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 84-2022: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH THE SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SEIBUS)." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Final Notification for Ed Kiedaisch to the Architectural Design Review Commission, 2-year term to expire 6/19/2024.

Appointment of Brett Wrieden, Josh Kirchner to fill a 3-year term to expire 6/1/2024; Daniel Logan, Barb Smidt to fill a 3-year term to expire 6/1/2025

to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Second notification for Thomas Dreasler to the Airport Commission, fulfilling a 6-year term to expire 10/22/2023. Second notification for Jean Toole to the Building & Housing Advisory Board, 3-year term to expire 9/19/2025. Second notification for Sue Dickson to be reappointed to the City Planning Commission, 5-year term to expire 5/14/2027. Second notification of Dustin Wade,

Tom Seabold, and Carla Celania to be reappointed to the Depot Commission, 4-year term to expire 6/1/2026. First notification for Dustin Cackley to the Veterans Memorial Commission, 5-year term to expires 6/1/27.

First notification for Sylvia Mills to the Keokuk Housing Authority, 2-year term to expire 9/5/2024.

Resignation of Harold Peterson from Revolving Loan Fund Committee, 3-year term. Resignation of Brenda Bradley from Historic Preservation Commission, 3-year term.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Helenthal to approve all above. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Marsden updated on Main Street Keokuk past and future events.

STAFF REPORTS: Broomhall gave code revision update. Helenthal commented on swimming pool census over Memorial Weekend. O'Donnell updated on status of IDNR administrative order and ADM consent order; informed of Washington DC trip next week with Mayor Mahoney to meet with congressional delegation.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Marsden to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

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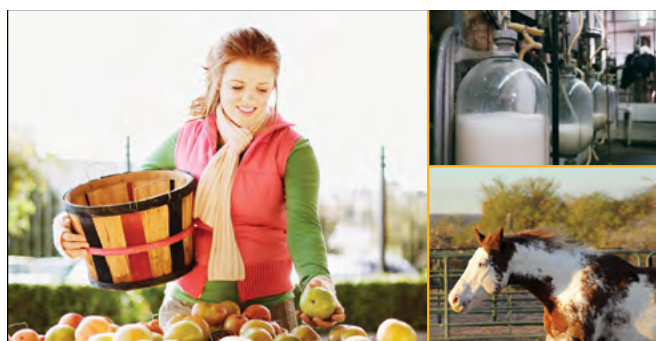
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Calif., also in 1931, and grew up there.

Mineta's parents came to the United States from Japan in the early 1900s. His father opened an insurance agency in San Jose, and Norm joined the family business after military service and college in the 1950s.

Simpson's ancestors were living in Wyoming for several decades before it became a state. The family business has always been the law. (His grandfather once prosecuted the outlaw Butch Cassidy.) After military service in the 1950s, Alan became a country lawyer. How did a first generation Japanese-American from California and the member of a pioneer Wyoming family become buddies? Thank the attack on Pearl Harbor and the U.S. government's misguided response back home to the surprise bombing by the Japanese navy. President Franklin Roosevelt signed an executive order two months after Pearl Harbor that relocated 120,000 U.S. residents of Japanese descent to protect the U.S. homeland from possible espionage or saboteurs.

Simpson reminded Cowboy State Daily readers

recently, "Don't forget, we were at war with the Germans, but we couldn't tell who they were. And we were at war with the Italians, but we couldn't tell who they were. But we could sure as hell know who the Japanese-Americans were, and they came to get 'em."

Ten "relocation camps" were built in remote areas of the West to house these Japanese-American families. One camp, called Heart Mountain, was northeast of Cody. It had rows of military-style barracks surrounded by a barbed wire fence and patrolled by armed guards. The camp's residents included 10-year-old Norman Mineta, his four siblings and their parents, along with about 11,000 other Japanese-Americans.

Families tried to live as normally as possible. Mineta, like other boys at the camp, participated in Boy Scout activities there. Sometimes, Scouts from nearby Cody would go to the camp to participate in those activities.

One who did was a kid named Al Simpson. The friendship between Mineta and Simpson blossomed over knot-tying, camping and other Scouting endeavors in the high country of northeastern Wyoming. The friendship flourished in Washington, D.C., in the halls of Congress 30 years later and lasted right up to

Mineta's death last month at age 90. "It was the oldest friendship I had," Simpson told the Cowboy State Daily after Mineta's passing. When Mineta was elected mayor of San Jose in 1971, one of the notes of congratulation came from Wyoming from a lawyer who identified himself as "that fat kid from the scout troop in Cody." Mineta went on to represent California in the U.S. House for 20 years. He then served as commerce secretary under President Bill Clinton and transportation secretary under President George W. Bush.

Simpson represented Wyoming in the U.S. Senate for 18 years and remembers the phone call he received after his first victory. "When I got elected to the Senate in 1978, Norm called me and said, 'Boy, this is great. We'll both be in Congress together.' I said, 'It'll be great for the country and for us.'" And it was.

Mineta was a true-blue Democrat; Simpson is a Republican. Together, the two engineered passage of a 1988 civil rights law that provided \$20,000 each in reparations to Japanese-Americans who were incarcerated at the relocation camps in the western U.S. Mineta went on to lead the U.S. Department of Transportation through the chaos after 9/11. In 2010, a dozen years after Simpson retired from the Senate, President Barack Obama asked him to co-chair a bipartisan commission to recommend ways to reduce the federal deficit. The recommendations were derailed in Congress, however, by the same political pressures that paralyze us today. Through everything, Mineta and Simpson showed that a friendship built on their shared interests, rather than emphasizing their differences, can last — for 80 years, in their case. Tom Lawrence, a South Dakota journalist, knew them and wrote recently: "Their deep and abiding connection was inspiring. They met in a terrible time in our history, boys who forged a friendship that endured. Al and Norm set an example for all of us."

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