

Tearing down walls



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Incoming freshman Aubrey Weber stands in the hallway of two former band practice rooms at Central Lee elementary school. The walls in front of her will be brought down and a door added to the front to create a larger sensory room for neuro-diverse challenges.

SENSORY ROOM: Future Problem Solvers project comes alive at Central Lee

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON - While most kids in middle school are trying to find a way to fit in, a Central Lee High School incoming freshman is literally tearing down walls.

Aubrey Weber, 14, of Donnellson won an award at the International Future Problem Solving competition back in June with an idea for creating sensory space with students with learning disabilities - or neuro-diversity.

Now just a month later, Weber is \$10,000 closer to her project's realization and excited to see the project come to fruition.

Weber applied to the Lee County Charitable Fund earlier this summer for a grant to help with the costs of tearing down some walls in the district's K-8 building, after talking with Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier. She said Crozier was on board immediately with the project.

Weber went through an extensive interview and application

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Boy pulled from FM pool Saturday

GOOD SAMARITAN: Nearby adult administers CPR as others assist in saving boys life on free swim day

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - An area youth was taken to area hospitals and then to hospitals in Iowa City after being pulled from the Fort Madison swimming pool Saturday afternoon.

Emergency crews responded to the pool at just after 2:15 p.m. when the boy, who is not being identified at this time, was pulled by an adult male who saw the child at the bottom of the pool.

Lifeguards and a nurse at the scene went to work on the boy, including administering CPR, and resuscitated the child.

Fort Madison YMCA Executive Director Ryan Wilson said the boy is doing well and is being evaluated for any possible side effects from the incident.

Wilson said everything worked as it was supposed to in those situations.

"Our staff at the pool handled the incident professionally, remained calm, and acted according to their training," Wilson said.

"It was a very busy day at the pool with the free swim day and the temperatures and we're just extremely thankful that the boy is recovering and doing well from all we've heard."

Wilson said any event like this is unfortunate and the fact that an individual, who also was unidentified, at the pool reacted quickly to pull the child from the water helped possibly save a life.

Wilson wasn't at the pool at the time, but responded to the scene upon being notified.

"He was right there next to the child when it all happened. From everything I've heard and talked to people about, the

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OBITUARY

Fort Madison's Doyle Hoyer dies Saturday at age 86

Doyle Hoyer passed away peacefully on August 6, 2022 in the company of his family. He was welcomed into eternity by his beloved wife, Bert, and countless family and friends gone before. Doyle touched the lives of so many with his gracious smile, extended hand, and contagious laugh. To say he will be missed is an understatement.

Doyle was born in Fort Madison, Iowa on April 1, 1936. Throughout his



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86 years he enjoyed many jokes and tricks with family and friends for being born on April Fool's Day! It was a source of fun and games coupled with some goodhearted laughter and teasing as we celebrated Doyle's landmark birthday every year! His parents were Willis and Viola (Grossenkemper) Hoyer

who enjoyed their entire lives in Fort Madison. Willis was an only child who worked as a laborer at Crandon Paper Mill on the riverfront. Viola was a homemaker who helped with alterations at Glasgow's in her later years. Doyle cherished his little sister and only sibling, Connie (Hoyer) Barnes, founder of Fort Madison's Under the Sun,

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WEATHER

MON 08 Aug Warm with Chance of Thunderstorms, 84° F/ 64° F
TUE 09 Aug Warm and Mostly Sunny, 82° F/ 61° F
WED 10 Aug Sunny and Warm, 86° F/ 65° F

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LOTTO AMERICA 08/06..... 18 13 18 40, Star Ball: 1 All Star Bonus: 3
LUCKY FOR LIFE 08/06..... 10 16 32 45 47, Lucky Ball: 10
MEGA MILLIONS 08/05..... 25 29 64 69, Mega Ball: 18 Megaplier: 3
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Opinion

Former Salem boy now after World's Strongest Man honor

Spenser Remick, formerly of Salem, is 35-years old, weighs 320 lbs ±, is 6'3" tall and is well on his way to being a competitor at the World's Strongest Man contest. Yep.

Spenser grew up on a farm outside of Salem, played football (lineman) for Mt. Pleasant, and went on to be a three-year starter for Central College in Pella. While at Central, the football team's record was 37-8, winning the Iowa Conference Title three of his four years. Spenser was an All-Conference lineman for Central his junior and senior year. He also earned the top lineman award twice, as he was able to play all offensive line positions, including center.

After college, Spenser became a graduate assistant in strength and conditioning at William Penn University in Oskaloosa. Spenser knew the strength coach, who was previously from Central. The strength coach was involved in Strong Man competition and encouraged Spenser to give it a shot. Spenser had watched Strong Man on television as a kid. It became a real possibility for him now, since he had the resources and facility

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



in which to train.

Spenser received his Master's Degree in Business, and a few years later married Amber Smith, also a Central College graduate. She was a CrossFit athlete and soon became hooked on body building in the Bikini Division. They now have a four-year old daughter, Rhea. Amber and Spenser live in Pella and both work for the Vermeer Corporation, Amber in Marketing and Spenser as a Sales Manager.

Spenser's Strong Man journey began in 2011. He earned a third place in a Strong Man contest which was a blessing in disguise. It motivated him to improve. He competed 25 times over three years, always wanting to feel like he was inching closer to being a national, and eventual world level

competitor.

In 2015 he competed in a contest that would qualify him as a professional. He won that contest. In 2018 Spenser came in 6th in a World's Strongest Man qualifier in Indiana, just missing being able to compete in the World's Strongest Man contest in 2019. But he was getting better. That's all that matters—improvement.

Then his daughter was born, and a month after that Spenser ruptured the bicep tendon in his left arm. It had to be surgically reattached. In 2020 COVID reared its ugly head, so between new baby, surgery and COVID, competition for Spenser was almost nil.

In 2021 Spenser tied for first in the Official Strongman Games. Since it was a tie, the tie breaker went to whoever finished better in their last event. The guy Spenser tied with finished higher in the last event, so Spenser wound up second. Dang! However, the top three qualified for a Giants Live contest in London. Spenser just returned from that event.

The contest was held in the Royal Albert Hall. There are five events in a four-hour

time frame. Whew! The first event was the one-handed dumb-bell press. Spenser pressed 242 lbs, one handed! Then came the Hercules Hold, Farmer's Carry, Wagon Wheel Axle Deadlift (Spenser did four lifts of 795 lbs). The last event was the Atlas Stone Load. Spenser ended up 7th out of 12 competitors, but had competed against some of the world's best.

What's next for Spenser? He's hoping to compete in an event this year that will qualify him for the World's Strongest Man contest in 2023 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. In the meantime he's continuing to train and work hard. He has a trainer, two sponsors, and his garage in Pella is converted into a workout gymnasium.

You can follow Spenser's training (and life outside of training) on his Instagram profile @spenserremick and on Facebook. Future World's strongest man? It could happen.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, find him on Facebook, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com, or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

ROBERT W. ARPINO

Robert William Arpino, 78 of New Ulm, MN, formerly of Keokuk, died Friday, August 5, 2022 at his home in New Ulm, MN.

He was born February 4, 1944 in Ottumwa, IA the son of William Vincent and Nellie Mae Morgan Arpino. On June 30, 1973 he was united in marriage to Mary Ester Whitmore at the Montrose Methodist Church in Montrose, IA. She preceded him in death on March 14, 2018.



ARPINO

He graduated from Keokuk High School and attended Southeastern Community College.

Robert proudly served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army. He received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on August 9, 1968.



He was a member of the Bel Air Baptist Church.

When his son, Michael was in Boy Scouts, Robert was the Boy Scout leader for his troop. He enjoyed Native American culture and dance.

He is survived by his son, Michael Arpino (Heather) of New Ulm, MN and his grandchildren Adeleide, Isaac and Pearl, half-brother, Steve Gabel (Cathy) of Oronko, MN and his step father, Dale Gabel of Keokuk.

Besides his wife he was also preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Simon Arpino. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Mike McMillen officiating. Burial with military rites will be held in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m. Wednesday with the family meeting with friends from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bel Air Baptist Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

DONALD L. HALL

Donald "Zip" Lee Hall, 87 of Keokuk died Friday, August 5, 2022 at his home in Keokuk. He was born September 3, 1934 in Lancaster, MO the son of Roy Edmund and Nellie Opal Grossclose Hall. He graduated from Lancaster High School.



HALL

On May 19, 1957, he was united in marriage to Grace Happs in Keokuk, IA. For just over 65 years they shared a love which saw them through the joys and sorrow of life.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Keokuk.

Donald was employed with the City of Keokuk Water Works/ Water Pollution Control Plant until his retirement in 1995.

He enjoyed going to auctions and horse sales.

He is survived by his wife, Grace Hall of Keokuk, one son, Ronald Hall (Vicki Randolph) of Revere, MO, one daughter, Brenda Hall (Jay Peters) of Keokuk, four grandchildren, Ryan Shannon, Kristy Shannon, Jeremy Hobbs and Tyler Hobbs and seven great grandchildren and two nieces, Kathy Sorenson and Trudy Mahannah.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, a sister, Thelma Spees and her husband Richard Spees, a nephew, Larry Spees and a daughter in law, Veva Hall.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Keokuk with Reverend Bob Brandhagen officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. Family wishes everyone to wear casual attire.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the church with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church or Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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

Pen City Current obituary policy

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Boy being monitored in Iowa City after being pulled from FM pool

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whole thing lasted about 15 seconds and then everyone went to work attending to the child," Wilson said.

"We're very fortunate to hear what we're hearing now. He was taken to Iowa City where they are taking some precautionary steps to make sure there's no other side effects."

Lt. Chad Hannum of the Fort Madison Fire Department said bystanders at the pool took action and the boy was conscious and alert when they arrived and put him in the ambulance.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
August 8, 2022
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

HELP WANTED
Lee County Fair Manager

Manages all day-to-day operations of the Lee County Fair and properties on the fairgrounds. Coordinates all financial information with the Fair Board. General knowledge of QuickBooks, ensures invoices are accurate, payments are paid and deposits are done in a timely manner. Ensures all proper licenses and permits are filed with appropriate authorities. Manages and peruses all sponsorship relationships. Manages rentals and ensures cleaning of Learning Center and Entertainment Pavilion, Facilitates Storage Move In and Move Out. Manager is required to be at all Fair Board meetings, the first Wednesday of the month, the entirety of the fair, attend the Fair Conference in Des Moines in December, is the collaborator between the Lee County Fair Board and the Lee County Extension Office, and the Lee County Fair Board and the Lee County Speedway.

High school diploma or equivalent is preferred, as is knowledge of the Lee County Fair and the Fairgrounds. Proficient in Word, Excel, QuickBooks, Windows Fair Management for Open Art Hall, and WordPress website design.

Please submit cover letter and resume to manager@leecountyfairiowa.com, along with a list of 3 references and phone numbers. Application deadline is August 24, 2022.

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Chris Spann,
 Lee County Treasurer
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Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Public Input
 Presentation from Roger Ricketts-North Lee County Community Foundation

Consider Approval of Municipal Solid Waste Sanitary Landfill Local Government Guarantee Discussion and Possible Action on Amending Sign-on Bonus for EMS Employees

Consider Approval to Replace Full-time EMT

Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Stephenson Wedding Catered by Hy Vee At Small Grand Things

Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Green Bay Bottoms Up

Consider Approval of Monday, August 1, 2022 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment

Personnel Actions:
 A. Transfer from EMT to Paramedic

B. New Hire-Secondary Roads (Replacement) Reports:

A. Manure Management Annual Update for JWC Swine in Des Moines Township

B. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected

C. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected Commission or Committee Reports

Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

PUBLIC MEETING
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PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 8/2/2022

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 8/2/2022, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Rink, Gray, Amandus, Schulz, Bowker and Andrews present. Council Member Cangas was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 7/19/2022; Liquor License Renewal: MOD Convenience Store, effective 8/12/2022; New 5-Day License: River Rocks, effective 8/24/2022; Claims dated 7/28/2022, July Library Claims; and Payroll of 7/29/2022.

Mayor Mohrfeld opened the public hearing Concerning Rezoning 1629 - 1633, and 1641 - 33rd Street from R-4, Single Family Dwelling District to I-1, Limited Industrial District. There were no written comments. The owner of the cottage business located at the property, Aaron Prado, said his business has grown and he needs to a new building. Mohrfeld then closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance rezoning 1629 - 1633, and 1641 - 33rd Street from R-4, Single Family Dwelling District to I-1, Limited Industrial District.

On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 1 Administration, Chapter 4, General Penalty, Section 2, Procedures and

Penalties for Municipal Infractions to add a civil penalty for each day of an ongoing violation. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-71, authorizing the filing of an application for an Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP) grant for construction of Connecting Fort Madison! Phase IV 48th Street Trail Connector. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-72, approving property tax exemption for Asay Properties, LLC, for property located at 3206 Avenue H. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-73, approving Partial Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$94,807.40 to

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$ 44,366.89
Special Revenue	105,213.09
Road Use	12,082.91
Capital	60,180.98
Water	45,187.16
Sewer	30,078.54
Solid Waste/IWC	250.62
SW Utility	5,078.16
	<u>\$302,438.35</u>

REVENUES	
General	\$ 63,558.50
Special Rev.	37,564.99
Road Use	350.00
Debt	8,075.29
Water	4,018.75
Sewer	8,798.25
Sld Waste, IWC	2,988.35
SW Utility	421.19
	<u>\$125,775.32</u>

CLAIMS - 8/2/2022

ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.....	7,253.43
ALTORFER INC., PART	15,921.98
ANSER IOWA, ANSWERING SERVICE	197.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM	829.54
ASKEW SCIENTIFIC CONSULTING, PRE-TREATMENT STUDY	1,827.74
ATLAS COPCO COMPRESSORS LLC, PUMP	2,290.92
BAIER FORD, DIFFERENTIAL FLUID.....	221.18
BEN CORY BROWN, OPERATOR CERTIFICATION	63.04
BLACKBURN MFG CO, SCREENS	276.42
BRIAN S GREEN,	

Kimrey Electric Company of Urbandale, Iowa, for PIP 2020-02, Airfield Lighting Improvements. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-74, Resolution of Necessity and moved to proceed with necessary actions to rectify safety issues at the James Block Building.

On motion, Council approved the appointment of Jamie Carle to the Fort Madison Housing Authority, term expiring 6/3/2023. A Destination Iowa grant application for the marina was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M. until 5:30 P.M., August 16, 2022.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,
 Mayor
 ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PAYROLL 7/29/2022	
General	\$171,446.52
Old Fort	6,173.32
Road Use	23,314.68
Water	22,744.62
Sewer	27,128.60
Solid Waste	13,650.93
Airport	312.77
Storm Water	2,227.67
	<u>\$266,999.11</u>

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.....	62.00
CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATION, PROF FEE - BROS SWAP	16,139.63
CALIBRE PRESS, TRAINING	716.94
DATA SUPPORT COMPANY, MICROFIBER PADS	678.60
DAVE VRADENBURG, NEW OFFICE WORK	2,067.08
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE	4,820.89
DUNKIN GARAGE & TOWING, OIL CHANGE	50.00
ECOANALYSTS, INC., MUSSEL SURVEY	1,386.00
ELECTRIC PUMP, CHLORINATOR HOSE/ FITTING.....	135.82
EUROFINS ENVIRON-	

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PUBLIC NOTICES

MENT, TESTING WEEKLY SLUDGE TEST 302.40
 FARM & HOME SUPPLY, CAMERA 527.97
 FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, WATER @ RV PARK 47.37
 GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO, PAPER PRODUCTS 112.08
 GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, TOILET PAPER 721.13
 GREGORY MANUFACTURING, TARGETED JOBS 3,330.58
 HACH CHEMICAL CO., FLUORIDE TESTS 2,552.29
 HOENIG TREE SERVICE INC, REMOVED ASH TREE 3,650.00
 HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, PLUMBING PIPE 67.34
 HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - AVE H 10-18 41,724.52
 HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, METAL REPAIR 1,300.83
 HUMBURD'S AUTO SERVICE, MOWER TIRES 246.28
 HYDROFIT, FIT TEST 25.00
 ICAP, ADDITIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE 350.00
 IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, INC, CEMENT @ 34TH & E 4,121.13
 INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC MOTORS, BATTERY/FUEL 422.50
 IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES 160.50
 IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, DUPLICATE INVOICE 777.42
 JONES CONTRACTING CORP, PAY EST #19 - FMCH TRAIL ... 15,004.83
 KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, PARTS/RENTAL/SHIPPING 1,872.28
 KIMBALL MIDWEST, PARTS 47.50
 KIRBYBUILT, MEMORIAL BENCH 902.07
 LYNCH DALLAS P.C., PROF FEE 3,713.00
 MADISON TURF & TIMBER, DUST CAP 11.90
 MARTIN'S FLAG COMPANY, FLAGS 619.00
 MCFARLAND, WIPES 165.69
 MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, RADAR ... 36.48
 MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, FOAM CONCENTRATE 392.00
 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, HEAT 1,144.66
 MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS, REPAIR GAS METERS ... 1,220.82
 MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE 4,697.50
 MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, TESTED MOTOR ... 80.00
 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY

COMPANY, PIPES/CLAMPS/VALVES 29,511.96
 NAPA AUTO PARTS, CODE READER ... 205.33
 NORRIS ASPHALT PAVING, SURFACING 391.60
 PITNEY BOWES, MEETER RENTAL 171.00
 QUARRY CREEK ELK AND BISON, SAFETY BOOTS 174.59
 QUILL CORPORATION, HOLDERS/PENS 161.04
 RAINBO OIL COMPANY, GREASE 658.40
 REID'S LANDSCAPES INC., PORT LANDSCAPING MATERIAL 75,000.00
 SE IA REGIONAL PLANNING COMM, SEIBUS - APRIL-JUNE 2022 11,437.00
 SERVICE MASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE 1,250.96
 SHOTTENKIRK SUPER-

STORE, MOUNT/BALANCE TIRE 28.52
 STEFFENSMEIER WELDING & MFG, MEMORIAL PLAQUE .. 61.45
 STRYKER SALES, LLC, DEFIBRILLATOR (X 3) 6,540.00
 THACHER TREE CARE, TREE REMOVAL @ VICTORY 1,000.00
 THE SHREDDER, BULK SHREDDING 180.00
 TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, REPAIR STARTER/PARTS 140.88
 TRI-STATE LAWN SERVICE LLC, NUISANCE 570.00
 TRUCK REPAIR INC., PARTS, REPAIR ... 486.69
 TWO RIVERS VETERINARY, CENTER K=9 39.50
 U.S. CELLULAR, CELL PHONES 500.44
 UMB BANK, N.A., BOND INITIATION FEES 300.00
 UPS, SHIPPING 90.28

USA BLUE BOOK, INCUBATOR 8,429.23
 VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC, PROF FEE - 10 ST COMBINE 5,939.00
 WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CHEMICALS 4,287.80
 WILKENS-ANDERSON, TESTING SUPPLIES 137.86
 TOTAL 292,978.81
 GENERAL 36,559.45
 SPECIAL REVENUES 103,442.81
 ROAD USE 12,082.91
 CAPITAL PROJECTS 60,180.98
 WATER 45,187.16
 WASTEWATER 30,078.54
 SOLID WASTE 250.62
 AIRPORT 118.18
 STORM WATER 5,078.16
 TOTAL 292,978.81

LIBRARY CLAIMS 7/2022

ACCESS SYSTEMS, INK 20.00
 AMAZON.COM, LIBRARY MATERIAL/ETC 1,984.03
 BAKER & TAYLOR, LIBRARY MATERIAL 2,201.65
 CENGAGE LEARNING, LIBRARY MATERIAL 197.52
 CULLEN PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL ... 65.00
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From the Front

Hoyer's legacy is a far-reaching southeast Iowa footprint

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who predeceased him several years ago. Doyle graduated from Catholic Central High School in Fort Madison.

Ever the musician, Doyle started the Doyle Hoyer Orchestra in high school, playing dances, weddings, and parties for the next twenty years! He played tenor sax, sang lead vocal, and always knew how to get the party started! Many couples throughout Southeast Iowa remember Doyle singing the first song on their wedding night! He played as many as three or four nights each week until he retired from performing in 1970.

The fairytale story of Doyle and Bert began in 1956. He was the leader of the band, and she was the sweetheart of the dance! It was love at first sight! Their engagement followed shortly thereafter on Christmas Eve night in Riverview Park. They married on June 29, 1957 and headed for Colorado with a handful of dollars in a 1954 Olds that drank oil. He kept an extra case of oil in the trunk to add as needed along the way. It was a grand time indeed.

Doyle and Bert made their home in Fort Madison in a small trailer parked in his parent's back yard. Gary arrived in 1958, the first grandchild on either side of the families. Soon they moved across the street to their first home where they remained for over 16 years. Jeanne (Hoyer) Deery appeared on the scene in 1961. Jan (Hoyer) Randolph joined in 1969. Life was good!

Doyle worked three jobs during the early years. He started at Glasgow's Clothing Store just after high school, giving up a job as a butcher at Greenwald's Grocery. When he was not playing in the band, he worked door-to-door selling mutual funds most evenings. In 1965, he purchased 20% of Glasgow's from good friend Charley Zimmerman, and acquired the remaining 80% in 1968. Doyle and Bert owned Glasgow's for the next 33 years, with Jeanne and Jan joining them after college graduation. Glasgow's was the center of his world, and a mainstay of downtown Fort Madison. He carried the coveted brands of the day, including Johnny Carson, Hart Schaffner & Marx, Jack Nicholas, Levi's, Ralph Lauren Polo, Tommy Hilfiger, and countless others. He helped create a centralized buyer's group for men's retailers throughout the Midwest and sought out new markets as he began a women's and men's retail and wholesale fur coat business. Doyle loved his customers and his customers loved him! The best part of the business was that the whole family worked together hand in hand in all aspects of the retail clothing scene. Doyle's friendly hello and easy demeanor were legendary, and Fort Madison remained for over 50 years the source of great suits, slacks, furs, and warm welcomes. Every customer would walk away convinced that they needed at least one extra tie! Doyle's natural sales ability was used as an example in several of his dear friend Zig Ziglar's many best-selling books about the art of selling to achieve success in business and life.

In 1977 Doyle and his pal Jim Baier purchased Iowa State Bank in Fort Madison. It was a business venture that started an incredible friendship and partnership for decades to come. Doyle and Jim soon sold Iowa State Bank and purchased Fort Madison Bank & Trust Co. the very next day. Now known as Connection Bank, Doyle and Jim grew their banking business beyond the borders of Fort Madison, where the business now also operates in Burlington, Keokuk, and Montrose. Doyle and Jim remained loyal not only to each other but to their many customers and employees. Even in this day of contracts and fine print, Doyle and Jim never signed a partnership agreement and they never had an argument. The banking business for both families was founded on handshakes and mutual respect. Doyle lost his best friend Jim just ten months ago, but their joint legacy and partnership will continue forever.

Through the years, family has been the key to life in the Hoyer home. Strong family values have been the very fiber of day-to-day life. How rare it is to be able to have your parents as your best friends? Bert and Doyle enjoyed cheering on the Fighting Irish with Gary at Notre Dame and beamed with pride as Jeanne and Jan

were both crowned Miss Iowa USA. The entire family traveled together to root for them at both national Miss USA pageants! Those bonds of strength through family drew all three of Doyle's children back home to Fort Madison so that their children could experience the warmth, strength, and encouragement of a truly close and loving family. The example was set by Doyle and Bert and continues uninterrupted.

The highlight of Doyle's life can be found in the smiles of his ten grandgirls! They have been his life and inspiration. He cherished every minute with each of them, always asking about their plans, their ambitions, and their boyfriends! He was so proud, so interested, and so very engaged in their many triumphs. The grandgirls were indescribably special to the very depth of his soul. Lynn and the two Brads were never in-laws, they were always family to Doyle.

Doyle loved family vacation trips to the Ozarks, his Nauvoo cabin, and his boats that zipped around the mighty Mississippi. Those great adventures were the foundation of the countless stories of fun times. It did not matter where we found ourselves, as long as the family was together.

Doyle lost Bert to cancer in 2001 after a monumental battle. It was the end of a great love affair, a true partnership in business and life. While cancer can often destroy families, it became a source of strength for the Hoyer's. Family bonds grew stronger guided by examples of love, faith in God, and deep caring for one another. So much of Bert's life continued through Doyle and has been passed on to the grandgirls and their families.

Another great highlight of a life well-lived occurred when Doyle's longtime friend Fr. Bob Spiegel arranged a visit to the Vatican. Doyle found himself and his great friend Joe Simmons holding the hand of Pope John Paul II in his private chapel. This moment was followed by an overnight stay in the Vatican's Cardinal College residence that is typically reserved for traveling Cardinals and Bishops. Doyle was truly moved by the Holy Spirit as he felt the warmth and tranquility of Pope Saint John Paul the Great who was canonized to sainthood in 2014. His papal visit gave new hope and vitality in Doyle's life shortly following the death of his beloved Bert. Throughout his life Doyle enjoyed the loyal friendship of numerous priests, particularly lifelong friends Fr. Bob Spiegel, Fr. Tom Spiegel, and Fr. John Spiegel.

Doyle was blessed with another great love in his life. Kay McGushin was welcomed into the family nearly twenty years ago. With many great travels and fun times together, she has been Doyle's strength and steadfast companion. Our truly wonderful, caring, and loving Kay will always be part of the family. Kay has loved each of the grandgirls as her own and she has been a tremendous example of kindness, patience, and love for almost two decades. Doyle's biggest and best smiles were watching Kay cut a rug on the dance floor even if he was just watching from the sidelines!

Doyle was ever-generous to his community, always eager to share his time, talents and treasure. He has been a major benefactor to countless causes, either as a leader or anonymously from the sidelines. He served on countless boards and organizations, usually in a leadership position. For years he was involved with the Chamber, Community Club, Downtown Merchants, Fort Madison Economic Development, the local Catholic schools, Knights of Columbus, Jaycees, YMCA, RecPlex, and more recently the Marina and Pickleball court projects in Fort Madison.

In 1993, Doyle, his son Gary, and Randy Winegard started conversations about bringing a riverboat back to Fort Madison. Soon the Catfish Bend organization was seeking investors, with its grand opening in November 1994. Doyle became one of the founding members of Catfish Bend and has served on the Boards of Directors of Catfish Bend Casino, Great River Entertainment, Grand River Jackpot, Washington County Casino Resort, Elite Casino Resorts, and Riverside Casino & Golf Resort.

Doyle also served as a board member, holding various officer positions over the years, for Iowa State Bank, Lee

County Bank, Fort Madison Bank & Trust Co., Connection Bank, Connection Insurance, and Fort Madison Financial Co.

Doyle is survived by his special friend and partner, Kay McGushin, together with his three children, Gary (Lynn) Hoyer, Jeanne (Brad) Hoyer Deery, Jan (Brad) Hoyer Randolph, grandgirls Dominique (Brad) Deery Jones, Bridget Deery (& fiancé Matt DiVerde), Katherine Colby Hoyer, Hannah Grace Deery, Caroline "Carly" Hoyer (& fiancé Michael Vaiarella), Alyse "Ali" Randolph, Eve Elyse Hoyer Deery, Kassidy Randolph, Gabriella Deery, and Natalie Randolph, and several nieces, nephews, and their families. Also surviving are honorary children and grandchildren Kelli (Ray) McGushin Civello, Kevin McGushin, Floria Tosca Kerekes, Tatum McGushin, Corrado McGushin Civello. Doyle is also survived by brother-in-law Ron Barnes and sisters-in-law Bernadette (Bud) Bremhorst Flesher, Janice Bremhorst and Linda Bremhorst. He was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife, Bertha "Bert" Bremhorst Hoyer, sister Connie Hoyer Barnes, brothers-in-law Bernard Bremhorst and David Bremhorst, sister-in-law Sandra Bremhorst, and his honorary brothers Jim Baier and Leo Perry, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Doyle made his mark on his family, his friends, and his community! It was a life well-lived filled with joy and love. Doyle contributed in countless ways. He paid attention to people and was a friend with an easy smile that made everyone feel important and valued. Life was always celebrated with laughter and fun. Hard work came naturally, and devotion to his faith was a constant ingredient in his daily life. Doyle always made time to show every employee, friend, relative, child, and grandchild that he loved them. He will forever be remembered for his kindness, empathy, and caring soul. If everyone who's life he touched joined together with a candle in hand, the brightness of his impact would rival the sun.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church in Fort Madison. The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 12, 2022 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Revs. Robert, Thomas & John Spiegel officiating. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison. A luncheon will be provided following the funeral mass and burial at McAleer Hall, right across the street from the church. A memorial has been established in Doyle's memory. Online condolences to Doyle's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is handling the arrangements.

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From the Front

Freshman hopes to have room ready by Jan. 1

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process with the charitable fund and was awarded the money in June.

"I knew I needed funding because of the bigger things that needed to happen here for students. My mom was talking with a friend about this grant program, so I looked up what I needed to do and applied and went to the meeting," Weber said.

Hollie Weber, Aubrey's mother and a teacher in the district, said one of the fun things she gets to see as a teacher with Community Problem Solvers is how activist-minded the students become during the process.

Aubrey Weber had an idea for the project several years ago, but COVID got in the way of those plans. As things started to ease up, she decided to move forward with the effort.

The project involves removing several cinder block walls in rooms that are currently used for storage and were originally built for individual band lessons. The rooms are close to where special education programming is now being done and removing two walls allow for a larger sensory

room.

Weber put together the plan for the space as part of her Future Problem Solving project which includes supplying correct lighting, and hands-on toys and trinkets to help students refocus their energy, while providing a safe place to decompress.

One of the tools she wants to bring to the room is tactile board which costs about \$2,000.

"I explain it like when you go to the doctors office and you have those beads on metal, It's kind of like that. They'll have things you can tie, beads, lots of textures and things like that to play with to get their brains back on task," she said.

Crozier told her it would cost about \$4,000 to remove the walls. The two walls being taken down will create a larger space that kids can appreciate rather than just getting by with squeezing something in somewhere.

"Before I started I did a lot of research to see what is needed, including pricing after Andrea (Wheatley), our Level II special education instructor, said she really liked the ideas," Weber said.

Weber went to New London and Fort Madison's Lincoln



Weber shows some of the tactile pieces that will be part of a new sensory room at Central Lee High School. Weber won a Community Future Problem Solvers' International competition in June.

Elementary to look at their sensory rooms. She said Fort Madison has a larger sensory room with different aspects for students to engage in, while New London had stations along a hallway where things could be added and removed. The hallway wasn't used much for regular student traffic, so Weber decided to add some facets to her project in a hallway near the future classroom at Central Lee.

Weber said she hopes to get the classroom up and running before the second semester of the upcoming school year.

"I've always been interested in helping with neuro-diverse students. Mom told a story the other day about when I was in first grade and there was a student with autism and I said he had brain-tism," Weber said. "I've always been interested in helping them and finding a better way for them to function around school."

"I thought this project could be used so much and help them with everything."

She said research shows that seven minutes in the sensory room can calm the brain and get the students ready to go back to regular class, and be more ready for the day.

Weber said associates are with the students most of the time, but she said details for the program including supervision still needs to be worked out.

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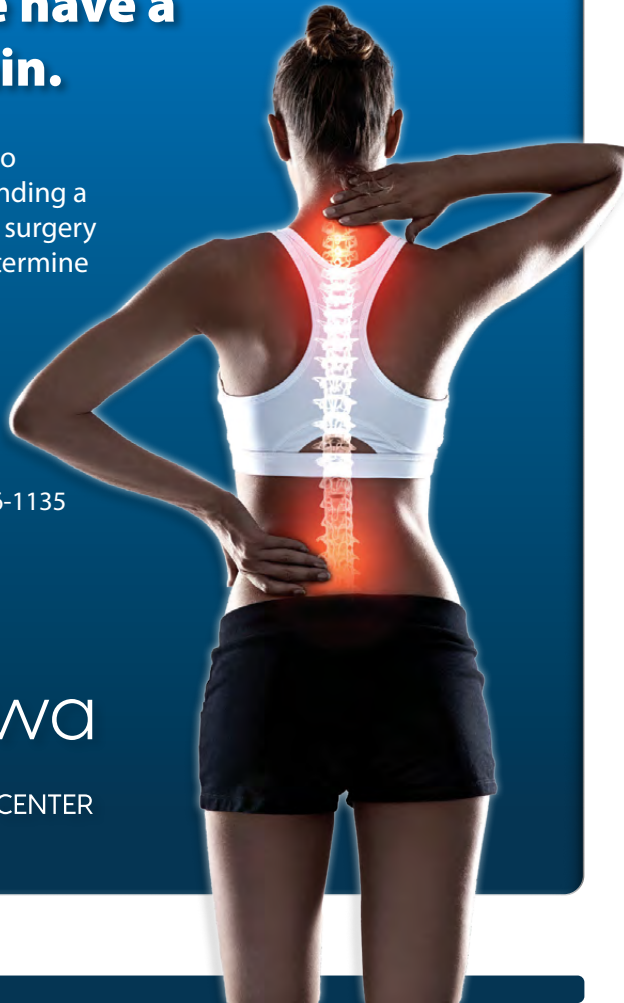
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