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Hawks mark time at FOD

FIELD OF DREAMS: Central Lee boys get big win and bigger memories in Dyersville

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

DYERSVILLE — It's one thing to see the baseball field in a movie. It's another thing to step on its pitching mound and deliver your own masterful performance, or step up to its home plate and smack a baseball into the corn.

Central Lee wrote its own script on Monday with a 12-2 win over Pekin at the Field of Dreams, five innings and 90 minutes that the Hawks won't forget.

"I mean, it was awesome," said freshman pitcher Blake Davis, who struck out 10 in four innings while allowing just two hits. "You don't get to do this every day. It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

The Hawks (12-5) had a nine-run fourth inning to take control, and closed the game on the 10-run rule in the fifth inning when Hunter Edlin's single, his fourth hit of the game, drove in Carter Ellingboe with the game's final run.

The Hawks watched the movie "Field of Dreams" as a team last week, junior Chase Johnson said, but there's a difference seeing the field on the screen and then getting a chance to play on it in real life.

"I thought, wow, we're really going to play on a field that's been in a movie," Johnson said.

"We rolled in, and I was like, 'This is the real deal,'" Davis said.

"I've seen the movie a couple of times," coach Shane Weirather said. "Just seeing the house, the field, it's cool. It's really cool to see everything around it, the corn around the field, all that."

There was the matter, of course, of actually playing the game.

"That's the next thing," Weirather said. "You want to show up here, you want to have a good time here, but I couldn't have a good time here if we didn't win."

Davis struck out the side in the top of the first inning, then the Hawks



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee assistant coach Ron Walker hits outfield balls to the Hawks at the Field of Dreams site in Dyersville prior to the Hawks' 12-2 victory over Pekin Monday. Below, the Hawks and Pekin Panthers pose at home plate following Monday's game at the Field of Dreams.



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COMMENTARY

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



North to Alaska - The Last Frontier

On our cruise ship, the rugs in the elevators have the day of the week imprinted on them. What a hoot! Is it because there are so many seniors on board that the ship is like a floating nursing home? Or because, on a cruise, we tend to forget what day it is? I dunno but, like a gaggle of geese, it makes for noisy comments on our way to the buffet.

There is no coffee pot in our cabin. Grr. I get up in the middle of the night to write and read and pray. Coffee is required. There are also no electrical plugins in the bathroom, except for one high up on the wall. What gives? Even the most basic no-tell motel has room coffeepots and plugins. I found out that coffee pots and hair dryers are considered fire hazards aboard ship. Okay, I can appreciate that. So, I sufficed by robbing our cabin refrigerator of Diet Coke in the middle of the night. Ka-ching!

This is the Land-of-the-Midnight-Sun. I'm writing at 12:04 a.m. right now and it's broad daylight. With our insulated cabin curtains drawn, it's almost like night, but not quite. My middle-of-the-night inspiration is still active, however. Summer Solstice is approaching (longest day of the year) and we can celebrate by staying up all night, or day. Ginnie thinks of everything, and has included in her luggage—blindfolds! She says that I need to stay up here in the winter when it's the opposite—darkness for 23 hours a day. I could dig it.

With so much daylight, flora grows monstrous. Outside one of our hotels, rhubarb was taller than my head, with

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TUE 25 Jun.....Warm with chance of thunderstorms, 87° F/ 69° F
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Obituaries/Iowa News

OBITUARIES

CHESTER E. BOWMAN

Chester Eugene "Gene" Bowman, 80, of Carman, Illinois, passed away at 11:58 p.m. Saturday, June 22, 2024 at the Roseville Nursing & Rehab Center in Roseville, Illinois.



BOWMAN

Gene was born August 14, 1943 in Carman the son of Chester A. and Stella Marie (Stimpson) Bowman. On June 21, 1966 he married Cathy Staub at the Stronghurst Christian Church, Stronghurst, Illinois.

Gene spent all of his life in the Carman area. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army. Following his military service he work at JI Case in Burlington, Iowa. He stayed active in his retirement by working part-time at Doran & Ward



Packaging in Burlington. He enjoyed fishing and bowling. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and a member of the NRA and Ducks Unlimited.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy, two sons: Shawn Eugene Bowman of Dallas City, Illinois and Douglas Dewayne (Christy) Bowman of Nekoma, Illinois; three grandchildren: Emily, Bradley and Brandi; one great-grandchild: Kennedy; two brothers: Steven (Terri) Bowman of Carman and Phillip Bowman of Dallas City; one sister Diane Bowman of Kirkwood, Illinois and special friends: Roger and Donna Schaley.

He was preceded in death by his parents: one brother: Edwin Bowman and two sister: Linda Weaver and Kate Cartwright.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home. No services are planned.

Cards may be sent to Cathy Bowman, P.O. Box 93, Dallas City, Illinois 62330. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Gene's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Reynolds tells residents to stay off flood waters

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds and Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen have issued a joint request for people to remain off the Missouri River in the coming days, as water levels continue to surpass flood stage. That urgent message comes following the latest update from emergency management officials and representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Governors Reynolds and Pillen stressed the seriousness of the situation, and the need to remain informed and make safety a priority:

"Now is not the time to be on the water. In addition to higher-than-normal flow, there's also the potential for more debris in the water, which poses a significant risk to anyone on the Missouri. It's best to wait until levels return to normal to resume regular activities."

Excessive rainfall in eastern South Dakota, northeastern Nebraska and northwestern Iowa has resulted in flooding, road closures and evacuations in affected areas. Officials on both sides of the river have been closely monitoring conditions along the river and its tributaries since late last week.

OBITUARIES

MELISSA L. RHEA

Melissa "Missy" Lynn Rhea, 44, of Keokuk, died Friday, June 21, 2024 at the Southeast Iowa Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.

Missy was born on August 15, 1979 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Ned Otis and Patricia Lynn Smith Rhea.



RHEA

She graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1997. Missy then furthered her education by attending Culver Stockton College in Canton, MO to obtain her bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Missy was a loving caring and fun loving person. She expressed her caring in her career as a social worker with Community Action. She saw the very best in everyone and only saw who they could grow to become. She took pride in her work caring and helping people to the best of her ability excluding the paperwork. She would love nights where her friends and family would mix together and we could sit around playing games, having a fire, or grilling and enjoying each other's company. While listening to her very wide and extensive love for music by picking up her large cd collection or creating a YouTube mix that would play for hours. She was also a talented artist, creating beautiful acrylic paintings. She always enjoyed taking time to play vintage video games.

She grew up with loving brothers, Tory Rhea (Chas McClain), and Joel Rhea (Raquel Garcia Rhea), sister Holly Claire Rhea (Michael Walton), she is carried on by her only biological son, Ethan Rhea and his fiancé Sara Nuno.

She found a caring best friend and fiancée in Joseph Root who was there to help her through difficult and the good times. With their relationship came her stepson Joey Root. She was a very loving Aunt to many, Beau Paris, Alex Alger (Zach Alger), McKenzie Paris (Kaitlyn Maulding), Tori Rhea, Kirsten McClain, Tatyana Garcia Rhea and Yazmin Garcia Rhea and great nieces and great nephews. All of whom have shared many fun and loving nights with Missy. As we say goodbye to such a wonderful person we must always remember and cherish all of the love and happiness she has brought onto everyone who was lucky enough to meet her and be a part of the life of this wonderful social butterfly.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ned Rhea and grandmother, Verna Smith.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 28, at the St. Paul United Church of Christ, 2030 Plank Rd., Keokuk, with Rev. Milo VanVeldhuizen officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to the family.

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

Online condolences may be made the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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GAVIN M. ROWLEY, SR.

Gavin M. Rowley, Sr. 32 of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Island, formerly of Jacksonville, FL and Keokuk, IA passed away Friday, May 24, 2024.

He was born March 9, 1992 in Keokuk, IA the son of John A. Rowley and Teresa Skinner. Gavin graduated from Woodward Academy in Woodward, IA with the class of 2008.



ROWLEY, SR.

Gavin had been employed as a carpenter and also a framer. By experience working with wood he enjoyed creating and building things. His work is in many homes in Jacksonville and St. Thomas. He loved playing his guitar, frisbee golf, Hacky Sac and Pokemon.

He enjoyed spending time outdoors in the sun, sand and surf, just about anything outdoors. He also enjoyed fishing, boating, camping and cooking. His tan was proof. He never knew a stranger. Gavin had a hard life and lived hard. He didn't have much, but he didn't mind. He wouldn't leave a friend behind and he was a friend to those who loved him. His greatest joy was his four children. He spoke of them every day and the love for his mother. He was a believer and as a kid, he always wanted to be the red Power Ranger.

Gavin is survived by his mother and step-father, Terri and Kurtus Miller of Keokuk, his siblings, Kenneth "Duke" Rowley (Dani), Stephanie Miller of Keokuk and Justin Rowley of St. Louis, MO, four children, Hayden Rowley of Keokuk, Gavin Rowley, Jr. and Kenneth M. Rowley both of Marion, OH and bonus daughter, Ariana Jordan of Marion, OH, his grandparents, Peggy Skinner of Keokuk and Don and Judy Skinner of Montrose, IA and Paul and Joyce Miller of Warsaw, IL. He is also survived by his four bonus sisters, Kristina Finley (Darren) of Silvis, IL, Christina Kramer (Darec) Kayla Miller and Kelsy Miller all of Warsaw, IL, several aunts and uncles including Pastors Donnie Skinner (Angie) of Hamilton, IL, Kimberly Farias of Keokuk, Rick Rowley (Denise) of Florissant, MO, Chris Campbell (Kenny) of St. Louis, MO, Pastor Bob "Floyd" Payne (Mary) of Keokuk and Suzan Payne of Keokuk, Gary Payne (Trish) of Keokuk, Vicki Pezley (Denis) of Palmyra, MO, Leona Husband (Larry) of Mendota, IL, and Keith and Sally Miller. cousins, Scott, Sophia and Kory Skinner of Hamilton, IL, Ashylin (Dillon) Morgan of Keokuk, Olivia (Luke) Skinner of Denver, CO, Jessica (Andrew) Nye of Keokuk, Colby (Nicki) Tate of Alexandria, MO, Jared Jobe of Keokuk and Matt, Amy, Elizabeth, Jayson and Shawn of St. Louis, MO and godparents, Dan (Kim) Bell and Pastor Michael (Jennifer) Bell all of Keokuk.

He was preceded in death by his father, John A. Rowley, grandparents, Frank and Mary Rowley, Della Payne, Floyd Payne, Helen Nye, and George "Jack" Hall, aunts and uncles, Patsy Bell, Ron Payne, Larry and Susie Payne and cousins, Larry Michael, Kaley, Jeffery, RJ Payne and Ricky Rowley.

Come help us celebrate the life of Gavin Michael Rowley, Sr. on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the New Beginnings Church, 2244 McKinley Ave, Keokuk. with Pastor Donnie Skinner and Pastor Michael Bell officiating.

If you have a memory of Gavin, please write it down to share with his children.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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

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

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RUDOLPHIA J. CASTAGNA

Rudolphia "Rudie" J. Castagna, 96, of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 4:30 PM at the Birdhouse Hospice Home in Iowa City.

She was born on March 27, 1928 in Ft. Madison to Enrique and Frances



CASTAGNA

Winkler Becerra. On November 27, 1964 Rudie married James "Pete" Castagna and he passed away on May 16, 2015. Early on she worked in the kitchen at Sacred Heart Hospital, then Mitchell Cleaners and was a leader for Weight Watchers for thirty-six years. Rudie was a member of Holy Family Parish, the Altar & Rosary Society, CLA, Coming Home RSVP and the hospital Auxiliary. She was a very dedicated volunteer. She was a volunteer at the physical therapy department at the hospital for fifty-four years and for Lee County Hospice for thirty-three years. Rudie also enjoyed reading and gardening. Rudie will always be remembered for many things. Her selflessness and kindness towards others shine bright, just as her love to accessorize with jewelry and fun hats!

Survivors include one daughter, Frances Hardin of Ft. Madison; four grandchildren, Tara Hardin, Brooke (Levi) Good, Deanna Forquer and Donnie Kempker; three great grandchildren, Avery Hauck, Emily & Calvin Witt and six great great grandchildren; one sister, Petra (Gerald) Leafgreen of Ft. Walton Beach, FL; one brother, Arnie (Darlene) Becerra of Ft. Madison; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Dean Forquer; her husband, Pete; two sisters, Natalia and Elissa and two brothers, Brigido "Brick" and Henry.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The memorial mass will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 11 AM at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Gary Beckman officiating. A rosary will be recited at 9:30 AM and the family will meet with friends from 10-11 AM just prior to the service at the church.

A memorial has been established for Sacred Heart Church and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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From the Front

Big fourth inning gives Hawks win over Pekin

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opened the scoring when Edlin's two-out single scored Kayden Calfee.

Davis also struck out three in the second inning, but Pekin's Sven Dahlstrom hit a solo home run to left field to tie the game. Davis then struck out the side in the third.

"It's great pitching here, but once you get out there you can't think about it, though," Davis said. "You have to just pitch.

"I had pretty good command today. The breaking ball was working. Everything was just falling together."

"He's played a lot of baseball," Weirather said. "The velocity is already there as a freshman. And he can make pitches. That's a good combination."

Johnson gave the Hawks a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the third with a home run to deep left field.

"It got on the barrel and I knew," he said. "It just had that feeling.

"That just added to the feeling, and the experience of playing here, a lot. It's a different feeling, I tell you, but it's a good one."

Pekin tied the game in the fourth, then the Hawks sent 13 batters to plate in the bottom of the inning. Cory Jones drove in three runs in the inning in two plate appearances, Zach Manwill drove in two runs with a single. Edlin, Calfee, Bo Herdrich, and Brayden Wyrick also drove in runs.

Johnson pitched the fifth inning and struck out the side.

"Outside of one batter (Pekin's Alijah Brock lined into a fourth-inning double play), everything else was a strikeout," Weirather said. "That's a pretty good day."

It was a moment late in the season that the Hawks needed.

"It is really nice to play in a new area, freshen it up," Johnson said. "It was a fresh slate to play on."

"It's nice to get these games," Weirather said. "Whether it's at Busch Stadium, or anywhere special, this is cool. To get the community to come out for moments like this, it's really neat."

It was the perfect ending for the Hawks.

"I know," Davis said, "this is something I'm always going to remember."



Central Lee's Chase Johnson gets mobbed by teammates after his solo homerun in the bottom of the third inning Monday at the Field of Dreams site in Dyersville. The Hawks put up 9 runs in the fourth inning enroute to a 12-2 win over Pekin.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Freshman hurler Blake Davis got off to a hot start striking out five of the first six Pekin hitters he faced Monday evening in Dyersville at the Field of Dreams baseball field. The Hawks got a 12-2 win behind the pitching of Davis and Chase Johnson. Below, Hawks' centerfielder Cory Jones throws in a ball after chasing it down near the cornfield in deep center.



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- 🚶 **Move more** – commit to 30 minutes of physical activity every day.
- 📵 **Take a break** from your computer, your phone, your job, your stress, AND relax!
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Umpire Donald McKune even got into the spirit of the Field of Dreams experience Monday evening as Central Lee played at the historic movie site. McKune dressed up in historic umpire gear, calling outs in the field as the Hawks won 12-2.

Sports/Classifieds

Central Lee Lady Hawks get fourth straight win Saturday

SOFTBALL: Sandoval, Buford are among state's best in offensive production

PCC SPORTS

DONNELSON - The Central Lee softball team has won four in a row after a loss to Class 3A, No. 8 Washington four days ago.

The Lady Hawks have racked up wins over Hillcrest, two over Holy Trinity Catholic, and a win over Danville on Friday night to move to 20-5 on the year.

The Class 3A, No. 14 Hawks rode 17 runs in the first two innings to roll to a 17-3 win over Danville.

Elaina Barlow got the win going all three innings surrendering seven hits and three runs, one earned, while fanning four and walking 1. Carlee Pezley, Shanna Buford, and Kenna Sandoval each had two hits for the Hawks. Jaci Hawk scored three runs and had an RBI single. Buford had three RBIs and a run scored for Central Lee in the win. Sandoval was 2-2 with a homerun and two

RBIs. Her homer was a solo blast in the second inning to center field.

On Thursday, the Hawks needed just four innings in each game to get by SEI Superconference and cross-county foe Holy Trinity Catholic. In the opener, Pezley and Sandoval each had two hits. Sandoval would get a homerun in the top of the first scoring Pezley and spotting the Hawks to a 2-0 lead. HTC's Brooklyn Todd would score a run on a fielder's choice in the bottom to make it 2-1 after one.

The Hawks would open things up in the top of the second with three more runs with Pezley, Hawk, and Barlow all getting RBIs. Barlow would get the win giving up just one run on five hits while striking out five and walking three. The Crusaders' Sydney Jarvis took the loss, allowing 10 runs, eight earned, on eight hits. HTC's Elizabeth Griffin, Jarvis, Emily Ross, Ellie Hellman, and Kat DiPrima all had hits in the loss.

In the nightcap, Jayln Hawk got the win for Central Lee, allowing just four hits and one run while striking out four.

Central Lee scored one run in the first and then broke things open with seven runs in the bottom of the second.

They would add three insurance runs in the bottom of the fourth, enough to invoke the 10-run rule at 11-1. Sandoval was 2-3 for the Hawks with an RBI and two runs scored. Buford went 3-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored. The senior had seven total bases in the game.

The Hawks improve to 20-5 on the year and lead the SEISC with a 9-1 mark - two wins ahead of West Burlington. Sandoval is now hitting a whopping team-high .609 with seven homers and 36 RBIs. Buford leads the Hawks with 39 RBIs. Her batting average is 13th best in the state in all classes and the seven homers rank her in the top 25. The 36 RBIs is 15th best. Buford's 39 is ranked in the top 10 in the state.

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Bolten-Menk Engineering will host a virtual

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- Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on June 5, 2024
- Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for May 2024
- Liquor License Renewal for Wal-Mart
- Payment #8 to Jones Contracting for work completed on Phase 2 of the Gear Ave. Trail Extension
- Tobacco Permit Applications for Westland Fast Break, Hwy 34 Truck Stop, Casey's (W. Mt. Pleasant), Murphy USA, Walmart, MK Mini Mart Inc., Casey's (NEW - Agency Rd.)
- Payment to Mississippi Valley Pump for repair - \$7,645
- Accept Officer

HOUSES FOR RENT

Three to four bedroom home for rent in Fort Madison. Corner lot. Central Air, full bath, partially finished full basement, \$1,000/mo. \$1,000 deposit. 1405 35th Street.

Contact Sal at 319-572-1091 by text if possible.

Brueck's resignation from the Police Department
8. Payment of Claims as listed on the Expense Approval Report - \$453,623.22
COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS
• ADMINISTRATOR:
• PUBLIC WORKS:
• POLICE DEPARTMENT:
• FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:
• CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
• OTHER STAFF REPORTS:
• COUNCIL REPORTS:
• COMMUNITY REPORTS: Update from Burlington Public Library Liaison
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
1. Consider a Resolution adding Matthew Heckert to the Fire Department
2. Consider the final reading of an Ordinance amending the City Code to include a new zoning district titled "R-6 Recreational Vehicle Park District" and establishing regulations for said district
3. Consider the final reading of an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map to establish the boundary lines for a new R-6 Residential Vehicle (RV) Park District
4. Consider amendments to the Beaverdale, Westwood Hills, and Woodsman Subdivision Water Contract Agreement
5. Consider a Resolution closing certain streets for the 4th of July Celebration
6. Consider a Resolution authorizing End of Year Transfers for FY23-24
7. Consider a three-year Right-of-Way Permit for LISCO
8. Consider hiring Service Master to provide janitorial services for City Hall and the Public Works Department
9. Consider a Resolution amending positions

and setting wage for swimming pool managers
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
ADJOURN

PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MEETING June 6, 2024 501 Main Street 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on June 6, 2024, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, none absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Tyler Walker, Roslyn Garcia, Dorothy Cackley, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Staff in attendance: Interim City Administrator Dave Hinton, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Police Chief Zeth Baum, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, Sewer Department Manager Michael Clark, and Bridge, Cemetery, Parks, and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis.
MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of several events happening in the area, including SBEV and Insight events, a mural project on Main Street, and the awarding of two grants for Brownfield and Main Street Keokuk.
Motion made by Tillman, second by Dade to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda.
(9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
• Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting and Workshop of May 16, 2024;
• Minutes of the Special Council meeting of May

- 20, 2024;
- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of May 23, 2024;
- Minutes of the Civil Service Commission for May 25 & 29, 2024;
- Certified List of Candidates for the Keokuk Police Department;
- RESOLUTION NO. 73-2024: Approving a Liquor License for Casey's General Store #2595, 326 Main Street, Class E Retail Alcohol License -effective July 1, 2024;
- RESOLUTION NO. 74-2024: Approving a Liquor License for Casey's General Store #2636, 3530 Main Street, Class E Retail Alcohol License -effective July 1, 2024;
- RESOLUTION NO. 75-2024: Approving a Liquor License for Dr. Getwells, 5 Day License, effective June 21-25, 2024, for Special Event Permit for Main Street Keokuk's Summer Fun & Fundraiser being held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, 6:30-10 p.m., 501 Main Street, between Main Street and Alley;
- Appointment of Erika Barrett to the Historic Preservation Commission, fulfilling a term to expire September 1, 2025;
- Appointment of Erika Barret to the Board of Adjustment, term to expire April 1, 2029;
- Appointment of Shirlee Laubersheimer to the Civil Service Commission, term to expire April 1, 2030;
- Appointment of Chris Carroll to the Building & Housing Advisory Board, term to expire September 19, 2027;
- Appointment of Carlos Guzman to the Architectural Design Review Commission, term to expire June 19, 2026;
- Appointment of Brent Merydith III to the Architectural Design Review Commission, term to expire June 19, 2026
- Re-appointment of Josh Kirchner and Brett Wrieden to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, terms to expire June 1, 2027;
- Resignation of Kyle Myers from the Historic Preservation Commission, effective immediately;
- Cigarette/Tabacco Licenses for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025;
- Sidewalk Display Permit for Home Town Wine & Spirits, 1501 Main Street;
- Special Event Permit for Keokuk Chamber

of Commerce, Farmers Market, every Saturday through September 28, 2024, 7 a.m.-12:00 p.m. @ Victory Park under the Bridge;
• Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5407-5409;
Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 76-2024: "A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO SHOE-MAKER & HAALAND FOR GRAND AVENUE FROM N. 17TH TO BOULEVARD MILL & FILL PROJECT." (8) AYES, (1) NAYS- Walker. Motion carried.
Motion made by Garcia, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 77-2024: "A RESOLUTION FOR PLACEMENT OF FLOWER GARDEN SCULPTURE." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Garcia, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 78-2024: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Greenwald, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 79-2024: "A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENT TO TITLE 20 ZONING, SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR F-2, CONDOMINIUM DISTRICT." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Garcia, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 80-2024: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF SURVEY FOR PROPERTY PARTNERS LLC." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Greenwald, second by Garcia to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 81-2024: "A RESOLUTION WAIVING PERMIT FEES FOR KEOKUK HOMELESS ALLIANCE." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Garcia, second by Tillman to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 82-2024: "A RESOLU-

TION GRANTING GLEN-CORE AN EASEMENT AT KINDUSTRY PARK." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Walker, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 83-2024: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TASKE FORCE, INC. FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF A CITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF KEOKUK." (8) AYES, (1) NAYS - Garcia. Motion carried.
Motion to approve Special Event Permit for Main Street Keokuk, Summer Fun & Fundraiser, Saturday, June 22, 2024, 6:30-10:00 p.m., North 5th Street between Main Street and Alley, alcohol being served (pending dram). (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion to approve Special Event Permit for J&M Display, Doug Deck Service, Funeral Shell Firework (one funeral shell), Oakland Cemetery, Saturday, June 22, 2024, 8-11 a.m. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion to approve Special Event Permit for Brett Matlick (Dr. Get Wells), 1100 Block Side Street, Juneteenth Celebration Friday June 21, 2024, from 12-9 p.m., Outside Music & Food. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
STAFF REPORTS: Carroll reported on S. 18th street, updating rules and regulations regarding city campground, and camera installation at Victory Park and Tolmie Park splash pad due to vandalism.
Motion made by Greenwald, second by Garcia to enter closed session at 6:14 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel concerning imminent litigation. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Tillman, second by Crenshaw to enter regular session at 7:04 p.m. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to have City Administrator and City Attorney to proceed as discussed in closed session. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.
Motion made by Garcia, second by Crenshaw to adjourn meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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Lee County News/From the Front

Workforce board launches new SkillUp program

LEE COUNTY - The Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board is excited to announce the launch of the "SkillUp® Mississippi Valley" program, aimed at enriching the area's workforce skills and equipping residents with tools for new job opportunities. This initiative offers free access to a diverse library of over 7,000 online courses to all residents across the Board's eight-county area, encompassing Jackson, Clinton, Scott, Muscatine, Henry, Lee, Louisa, and Des Moines counties in Iowa.

SkillUp® Mississippi Valley offers a wide array of flexible, self-paced learning opportunities accessible from anywhere with a high-speed internet connection, 24/7. Miranda Swafford, the Board's Executive Director said "All residents can take advantage of this program to explore career pathways, prepare for various industry-recognized certifications, and enhance their job skills—all from the comfort of their homes." Through an online portal, the program delivers free access to Skillsoft's nationally recognized training resources, which cover essential workplace, business, technical, and IT skills.

Residents can start with a self-assessment to identify skill gaps and receive personalized course recommendations to address those gaps. Jobseekers can improve essential workplace skills and prepare for job interviews. The program also offers thorough training for industry certifications, including CompTIA, Microsoft Office, Project Management, Six Sigma, AWS, and more. As an added benefit, there are over 1000 courses offered in Spanish.

The platform can be used by anyone including youth, adults, seniors, and even businesses looking to upskill employees, who reside in the eight-county area.

To enroll in the SkillUp® Mississippi Valley program, residents can visit <https://mississippivalley.skillupamerica.org/>.

For those requiring assistance or seeking additional career services, please visit one of the local IowaWORKS centers or our website at www.mississippivalleyworkforce.org.

For mobile device users, 85% of Metrix Learning courses are mobile-friendly. Metrix does use a pop-up screen to launch the course. Additionally, the 1Huddle app offers shorter, gamified courses accessible from smartphones to make it fun to learn. To sign up for 1Huddle, please reach out to Mandy@mississippivalleyworkforce.org or contact customersupport@metrixlearning.com.

The Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board is committed to supporting the community by providing valuable educational resources to foster career growth and development.

Alaska doesn't have snow days, just snow shoes

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leaves the size of elephant ears. Alaskans don't cut out seed stems like we do in Iowa. They use rhubarb like a decorative plant.

As we approached Juneau, the ship captain comes on the intercom: "There are only three ways of getting to Juneau, Alaska—boat, airplane or birth canal. Ask'a Inuit." Everyone up here thinks they're comedians.

As you can discern, Ginnie and I are on vacation in Alaska. We joined with two high school classmates who were gracious enough to include us. The trip is a combination of cruise ship along the coast and an inland tour of the Yukon and Denali National Forrest.

We spent the first three nights in Vancouver, British Columbia (my first time in Canada). I could be impressed by the city. There is so much to see and do. However, the hordes of homeless on the streets of China Town was a bummer. We even saw what looked like a teenage boy, passed out on the sidewalk in the middle of the day. I'm having a hard time wrapping my mind around this social dilemma. My world view doesn't include a land of plenty with people clawing for existence on the streets. If it was Mexico City, maybe. But Canada?

We went on a whale siting excursion and saw hump back whales putting on a fantastic blow-show. And our steamboat tour at Fairbanks, Alaska might be the best tour I've ever been on. A helicopter ride that let us view Dall Sheep, landed on the tundra, and gave us a sight of Mount Denali, was a lifting experience, as was the Tundra-Wildlife Tour and Dog Sled Demonstration. Ginnie got to hold a Husky puppy.

The train ride from Danali National Park to Anchorage was extraordinarily beautiful. We rode in the top viewing seats and had a rare sight of Mt. Denali, wildlife and glacier-swollen rivers and streams.

We spent three nights in Seattle where we went sightseeing on Whidby Island, ate King Crab, then it was home. Buddy could smell the Husky puppy on Ginnie. Uh-oh.

BTW: Alaska doesn't have snow days. They have snow shoes.


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