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Elaine Ott, left, and Fred Phelps share stories during Happy Hour, a regular Friday afternoon event at The Meadows Assisted Living Center.

## Happy Hour takes senior residents down memory lane

Friday fun at The Meadows

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Every Friday, Recreation Director Leticia Timmerman hosts Happy Hour for Meadows Assisted Living Facility residents. She can't put her finger on exactly when the weekly social gathering began, but she does know it was before she started her work there eight years ago. None of the residents gathered Feb. 23 seem to remember a time without the 2 p.m. get-together.

Like most Happy Hours, there are alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, food, music, games and conversation. Occasionally, Timmerman offers something unexpected, like



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Meadows Recreation Director Leticia Timmerman, center, entertains Fred Phelps, left, Kay Tegeler and other residents by sharing her fear of snakes after a question about personal fears was drawn from a Chat Pack during Happy Hour. Timmerman uses the pack of cards to evoke memories and engage residents in conversation during the weekly social gathering.

temporary tattoos, but the regular entertainment is a trip down memory lane, prompted by song requests or questions from the icebreaker game,

Chat Pack. "What's a job someone couldn't pay you enough to do?" asked Timmerman, prompting a response of

"swimming," from Bernie Hamlett, whose fear of the water was caused by a near drowning as a child. "I went down three times before they got me out."

This shifts the question to "What are you afraid of?" and the room stays silent except for Hamlett, who offered up her fear of horses. "I think they're beautiful, but keep them away from me."

"Does anyone else have fears?" asked Timmerman, who suggests she may be in a room full of warriors, based upon the silence. "Part of overcoming a fear is confronting it," she said, taking the lead to share her fear of snakes with the small group. "I have a terrible phobia of snakes — maybe I will be able

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## Shelly Park project now in state of flux

Grant issues could upend redevelopment

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A major hiccup due to the absence of certain federally-required grant language in recent bid documents could put the Shelly Park redevelopment project in jeopardy.

For more than a year, city staff has been working toward securing outside funding to repair the ailing retaining walls and add Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks to meander through one of the city's biggest attractions.

To much rejoicing, Manchester was awarded a \$342,062 Community Development Block Grant through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) for the project, which was followed by even more welcome news when bids for the contract came in \$47,367 under the architect's estimate of \$328,628.

However, because all the i's were not dotted and t's crossed, that grant money might not be usable given the stringent timeline attached.

According to city documents, East Central Inter-governmental Association (ECIA) staff upon review of the grant discovered federal

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## Proposed pipeline legislation could buy opponents time

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Legislation in the Iowa House on proposed carbon capture pipelines that could slow construction has garnered vastly different reactions from ethanol industry officials and a Delaware County supervisor.

HF368 is proposing that carbon capture pipelines, like the Navigator Heartland Greenway pipeline that would run through 25 miles of Delaware County, be delayed until certain requirements are met.

The file would require the following to be in place before construction permits are issued:

• Federal pipeline and hazardous materials safety ad-

ministration provide new rules updating the safety standards for liquified carbon dioxide pipelines, including requirements related to emergency preparedness and response.

• The pipeline company would need to obtain all other applicable permits, including federal and state regulatory permits, state and local highway and road crossing permits and local zoning permits.

• No interstate hazardous liquid pipeline project would be granted the right of eminent domain unless the company acquires at least 90% of the affected route miles through voluntary easements or preexisting easements. In addition,

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