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G'Day!

It's a great day to donate to Officer Moab.

Hamilton County Conservation Board meets Thursday

The Hamilton County Conservation Board will meet Thursday morning at the Briggs Woods Conservation headquarters building, Briggs Woods Park.

The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

On the agenda is a discussion of a park ranger position, as well as golf course reports, and reports from the clubhouse manager, superintendent and executive director.

The board also plans to go into a closed session, citing Iowa Code 21.5i.

Farmland leasing, management workshops offered

A Farmland Leasing and Management Workshop will be held at the Hamilton County Extension Office, 311 Bank St., Webster City, on July 26.

This workshop begins at 1:30 p.m.

The cost to attend is \$20 and preregistration is appreciated. You can register online (extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/farmland-leasing-meeting-be-held) or by calling 515-832-9597.

These workshops are an annual event to share educational resources related to Iowa farmland ownership and tenancy with Iowa farmland owners, tenants, and others involved in agricultural production in the state.

Each workshop attendee will receive a booklet of reference materials for farm leasing arrangements. Workshops will last up to three hours and will be led by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach farm management specialists.

The 2023 meetings will focus on trends in land values, rental rates, landownership and tenure, incorporating conservation practices on leased farmland, and issues impacting rental rates for the next year in Iowa agriculture.

Two virtual options are also available for 2023.

Classic cars, classic music

The sounds of The Shades comes to Thursday's Market Night

By JANE CURTIS

What's better than classic cars and classic music?

Putting them together for a Market Night in downtown Webster City.

This Thursday's Market Night will feature the sounds of the iconic 1960s Webster City band The Shades on the Availa Bank stage. Featured in the performance will be original band members vocalist Jerry Foster, bassist John Hemingway, and keyboard player Tom Osboe. Rounding out Thursday's sound will be guitarist Tom Follett and drummer Brad Larson.

With that background in sound, classic cars will line the 700 block of Second Street. Classic car owners are invited to bring their vintage vehicles to downtown Webster City for the event, according to Anna Woodward, Webster City Area Chamber of Commerce director.

The official start of Market Night is 5:30 p.m., but classic car owners should enter between the hours of 4 to 5 p.m. and use the Prospect and Second street entrance.

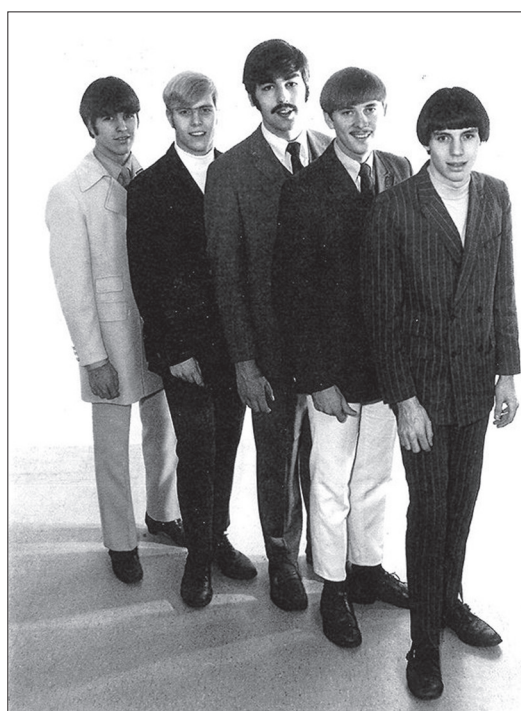
There is no registration fee required to bring a classic car to Webster City Market Nights. Every make, model, and vintage are welcome to attend. Past events have featured historic cars from the early 20th century up to modern

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— Daily Freeman-Journal photo by David Borer

Event attendees admire classic cars at a recent Webster City Market Night. Classic Car nights are held every third Thursday in July and August from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. In addition to viewing classic cars, the weekly event also offers hot food, market vendors, live entertainment, and street games.

The Shades were comprised of, from left, Doug Meyer, Bruce Seaboch, John Hemingway, Bruce Hovland and Jerry Foster.



— Submitted photo

The Shades cut a record at Chess

By JANE CURTIS

A handful of young guys from Webster City stepped into the legendary Chess Records on the south side of Chicago to cut a record more than 50 years ago.

The Shades' road to Chess began on an October weekend at the Star Ballroom in Dakota City. They'd been invited to participate in a battle of the bands, a popular type of contest in those days.

They were the last group to show up and the first

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Iowa Central breaks ground for new fuels testing lab

By BILL SHEA

FORT DODGE — The biofuels testing lab at Iowa Central Community College got started about six years ago in a rather small area that had actually once been a closet.

It quickly moved into bigger accommodations in the BioScience and Health Sciences Building. It emerged as

the only independent testing facility of its kind in the United States.

It is also the sole source testing lab for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. That means the lab is the place where fuels to be used all across Iowa are tested to make sure they meet state standards.

The lab's next big growth spurt got

a formal start Monday afternoon when college leaders plunged golden-colored shovels into a pile of dirt to break ground for a new 9,200-square-foot facility along A Street West.

The new building will enable the lab

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Camaros and Thunderbirds. Car enthusiasts will be excited to view a pre production GMC Hummer EV model on display from Karl Webster City.

To feed hungry classic enthusiasts, the American Legion Post 191 tent at the corner of Des Moines and Second streets — in front of the Daily Freeman-Journal parking lot — will see post members grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. The American Legion Women's Auxiliary will be selling desserts. American Legion grill-outs are a partnership event with Greg Littlejohn, Farm Bureau Financial Services.

New this week is Lucky Wife Wine Slushies, Woodward said. "The slushies are made from a 100% real fruit base blended with a secret powder mix to create a 'smooth finish' as an adult treat. There's over 19 flavors to choose from!"

Loudi's Kitchen, El Paletero Popsicle Truck, Hungry Boys Taqueria, and The Feedshack, will round out the food vendor selection, along with outdoor dining at local eating and drinking establishments including Leon's Pizza, La Perla Jarocha Restaurant, Chicago Style, and Wildcat Distilling Co.

Market Nights is presented by American Sanitation.

Contact the Webster City Area Chamber of Commerce office at 515-832-2564 for more information. You can also find a complete list of weekly themes and activities at visitwebstercityiowa.com



— Daily Freeman-Journal photos by David Borer

A warm, sunny evening brought out a good crowd to downtown Webster City for a recent Market Night, above and below.

Nicole Canty, the proud owner of Lemony Sweets, gets ready to serve customers at her lemonade stand at Market Nights, right.



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group to win, Jerry Foster remembers.

Foster, the youngest of the group at 17, was The Shades' lead singer.

The rest of the group was Bruce Seaboch, on keyboards; John Hemingway, bass; Bruce Hovland, drums; and Doug Meyer, guitar.

Hemingway recalled they decided to go to the Star at the last minute, packed their equipment into a Ford Econoline van, and raced up to Dakota City.

The Shades were popular in the Midwest, playing at local ballrooms and high school dances starting in 1966.

The Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake — at the Surf they stood in for Linda Ronstadt and The Stone Poneys. The Playmor in Fort Dodge. The Macomba Club in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It seemed that, in 1967, every large town had a dance club.

So did some of the smaller towns, and that's where Dakota City's Star Ballroom fit in.

The prize that October was a recording contract. But after a local attorney, who happened to be the bass player's father, combed through the contract The Shades opted not to accept it.

Instead, they decided to fund a recording themselves.

Enter Bruce Rerick, who was in The Princetons from Iowa State, and Tom Crosley, of Webster City, his roommate and a close friend of some of the Shades. Rerick and Crosley were fraternity brothers.

The Princetons had previously recorded in Chicago and that was enough of a connection to lead The Shades to Chess.

It was \$300 to rent the recording studio, Foster remembers.

Ron Malo was the recording engineer. Malo had recorded, among others, the Rolling Stones. Later, he engineered Billy Joel's "Piano Man."

Foster still has the original acetate of the recording signed by Malo.

On the A side, The Shades recorded their original song, "When You Said



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Recording Engineer Ron Malo signed the original acetate of "When You Said Goodbye."

Good-bye."

On the B side, they had planned to record "It's Alright" by J.J. Jackson until they learned they would have to pay mechanical royalties.

Instead, Meyer and Tim Whiting, a friend who had gone along on the trip, went back to the Holiday Inn where they were staying and composed an instrumental called "Ballot Bachs."

While that was being recorded, Foster recalled going upstairs to a small studio at Chess and watching The Dells record "Cadillac Jack."

They drove all night and got home Thanksgiving day.

The Shades recorded two songs in 1969, this time at Don Sears' studios in Omaha, but they were never released.

"When You Said Goodbye" with its B side was pressed under the Cadet Records label. It was distributed in 1968.

The Shades continued to play until mid-1970.

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