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Waverly's Hoffman will not seek third term as mayor

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Waverly's two-term mayor, Adam Hoffman, will not seek reelection.

Hoffman, 43, who serves as the county treasurer, said he will be dedicating his energy to his county job and his family priorities. In a piece, which is published on the Opinion page today, he also notes that the change of pace will allow him to invest more time in service to the Waverly Lions Club and the Waverly Kiwanis Club.

In an interview with Waverly Newspapers on Sunday, Hoffman, who is the 51st mayor of Waverly, reflect-



Adam Hoffman
Waverly mayor

ed on his accomplishments during his two terms.

Among them he listed projects that the city has moved forward on, like the demolition of the Green

Bridge in town.

"We did something with the Green Bridge, it may not have been what some wanted," he said. "It may have been what some wanted. But we did something with it, which is what everyone wanted because doing nothing was unacceptable. We brought a 40-year process to a decision and we may have opened the process for a replacement bridge."

Hoffman added that the city wrapped up the Cedar River Parkway Ball Diamonds, another long-term project which had gone through several iterations.

He said that when he was

elected, there was "skepticism" that he and a couple of incoming council members may not be as supportive to the initiative.

"If anything, we enhanced it," he said.

Hoffman noted that he was thrust in a position to lead the city through the pandemic as mayor. He learned a lot during the process, including holding multiple council meetings online, which was not easy.

"We navigated through the pandemic," he said.

Hoffman won his first term in 2019 after defeating then-incumbent Dean

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1965 Corvette keeps memories alive for my husband Paul

BY YVONNE WENTE

Editor's note: Waverly Newspapers encourages community members to share personal stories that bring the community together.

The story of a man's car often tells more about his soul than he would ever put in words.

This is the case of my husband's love affair with his 1965 Corvette.

It was love at first sight and it has lasted a lifetime.

It first arrived in 1965, when Paul, then a recent U.S. Navy veteran, started tending to his family's Century Farm.

A May 1959 graduate of Waverly High School, he began his lifelong farming career after his discharge from the Navy in 1961.

He's known as a quiet, humble person not doing anything wild or crazy. However, when looking for a new car, as his 1955 Chevy was accumulating a considerable amount of miles, Paul saved up an entire extra year of wages to purchase a new 1965 Corvette.

The Chevy Impala was a pop-

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COURTESY PHOTO

Paul and Bill pose with Paul's 1965 Corvette at the 2023 Denver Breakaway Days. Paul Wente, of Waverly, bought the car in Denver, Iowa, as a young man. It is believed to be the only new Corvette sold by Lahmann Chevrolet, a dealership in town at the time.

Driver involved in fatal crash outside of Sumner charged with homicide by vehicle

BY WAVERLY NEWSPAPERS STAFF
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A Florida man, who was involved in a crash outside of Sumner on Feb. 5 that ended in one fatality, has been charged with homicide by vehicle, a Class C felony, according to court records.

Carter John Harris, 23, of St. Cloud, Florida, is also facing a charge of failure to obey a traffic control device. He was arrested on Aug. 21 and taken to the Bremer County jail. Two complaints filed with the Clerk of District Court in Bremer County accuse Harris of "unlawfully and unintentionally caus[ing] the death of Derrius Grey Taylor-Ly by operating a motor vehicle in a reckless manner with wilful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property" and failing to obey a stop sign.

According to a signed affidavit, a 2007 Lexus ES350 operated by Harris was eastbound on County Road C33 (190th Street) when Harris failed to stop and yield the right of way at a posted stop sign at this roadway's perpendicular intersection with County Road V56 (Viking Ave). Simultaneously, a 2023 Hyundai Elantra, operated by Taylor-Ly, was northbound on County Road V56, a through highway, when he was struck in the driver's side door by the Lexus, according to the affidavit.

Prior to his discharge from the hospital, according to court records, Harris told law enforcement that he was listening to a wrestling meet on his phone.

The affidavit says that Harris' iPhone 12 underwent forensic imaging which led to the charges. He was released on a \$10,000 bond.

DESERT DREAMS: W-SR grad Dunn starts Fulbright in Morocco

BY ELIZABETH BINGHAM
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Olivia Dunn of Waverly isn't going to Morocco just for the camels, but she plans to ride the iconic beasts of burden while she is there, possibly on a multi-day tenting excursion in the desert.

"I wouldn't really be able to take a camel trip in the U.S.," she noted, so she wants to try it while she can. It will be one of many new experiences she expects on her first trip to Africa.

Dunn, a 2016 Waverly-Shell Rock graduate, has been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) to Morocco. She will

teach English to medical and pharmacy students in Marrakesh, the North African country's fourth-largest city, starting in September.

"From what I understand, the students have to take a year of pretty intensive English training that isn't just medical related," she said. "It's also conversational English skills."

Dunn applied to the program in Morocco because it is a French-speaking country. After four years of Spanish at W-SR, she majored in French and English at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minnesota, graduating in 2020.

She has long hoped to parlay her love of language into living and

teaching outside the United States.

"I always knew that I wanted to teach English abroad following graduation," she said, "and I applied to a couple of programs my senior year of college. But then COVID came about, so it wasn't really the right time to do one of those."

Instead, she worked a year in the AmeriCorps program (like a domestic Peace Corps) in the Twin Cities, helping middle school English learners.

She then earned a master's degree in linguistics at the University of Iowa from 2021 to 2023, with a focus on teaching English as a second

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ELIZABETH BINGHAM

Olivia Dunn of Waverly leaves for Morocco Aug. 29. She will spend the academic year teaching English to medical and pharmacy students as part of the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship program.

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