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Lynx earn volleyball
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G'Day!

It's a great day
to hunt down
your wool socks.

Lynx Winter Sports Pep Rally is Thursday at WCHS

Thursday is the kick off to the Lynx winter sports season, and the Webster City Community School District and sports department is inviting all students, fans, parents, grandparents, and community members to the Community-Wide Winter Sport Pep Rally.

The rally will be held at the Webster City High School.

The Webster City Sports Boosters will serve a chili supper at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. It costs \$5 per person.

After the meal there will be a pep rally to learn all about the upcoming basketball and wrestling seasons. This is in the Competition Gym starting at 7 pm.

There will be vintage uniforms and helmets, Lynx tattoos, apparel, and pom poms available for purchase. Also raffled off will be two preferred parking spots for all winter events.

After the rally, why not take the opportunity to come down to talk and interact with athletes and coaches? The winter seasons are upon us, so it's time to show Lynx athletes support.

Hamilton County Board of Health meets Thursday

The Hamilton County Board of Health meets Thursday evening at 5:15 p.m. at the Hamilton County Public Health building, 1610 Collins St., Suite 1, Webster City.

On the agenda are the director's, Home Health, and Environmental Services reports.

Dirk Quinn Band is back at the Blairsburg Opera House

The Dirk Quinn Band returns to the Blairsburg Opera House Thursday, bringing with it the funk and soul.

The music starts at 7 p.m. This is a bring your own refreshments gig.

WILSON BREWER PARK COMMISSION PUSHES FORWARD ON SPLIT VOTE

McCormick-Welch dissents as group recommends pursuing partnership with county, as well as consideration of \$1M Bowden gift

By JANE CURTIS

The Wilson Brewer Park Commission on Tuesday agreed to recommend that the City of Webster City pursue negotiations with Hamilton County regarding the future of Wilson Brewer Park in Webster City.

In a four to one vote, with Lindsay McCormick-Welch casting the dissenting vote via Zoom, the five-member group finally moved past its lingering questions regarding offers to expand and improve the park through county and private endowment means.

Next, the proposal goes to the Webster City Parks and Recreation Commission for its recommendation. That group meets Thursday evening at 5:15 p.m. at Fuller Hall Recreation Center, 625 Bank St., Webster City.

At stake are a number of things, key among them the gift of land from Hamilton County, which is a parcel contiguous to the park and part of the Wilson Brewer family's original bequest to the city.

Only after Parks and Rec votes on it will the measure make its way to the City Council of Webster City for a decision.

Here is the text of the recommendation approved by the WBP Commission:

"Advise the City Council to appoint the current advisory committee to take over operation of Wilson Brewer Park as soon as possible and to begin serious negotiation with Hamilton County towards reaching an agreement to enhance the Wilson Brewer Park pursuant to the oral commitments that have been made by the parties together with the conditional commitments made by the Bowden family."

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And just like that, WINTER!



— Daily Freeman-Journal photos
by David Borer

Three Webster City friends, Luke McCoy, John Wright and Brody Barnes enjoy Tuesday's first measurable snow of the season at Hospital Hill, top.

Luke McCoy has a blast as he flies down the Hill on his sled, left.

This was Hamilton County's first significant snowfall of the season.

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NEW TRIAL IS BEING SOUGHT

Esters' Attorney Says Verdict Result of Passion, Prejudice.

A motion for a new trial has been filed in court for Charles Esters who last week was convicted of robbery with aggravation in connection with the theft of \$2,117 at the courthouse the night of Sept. 1.

The motion will be submitted to Judge H. E. Pry tomorrow morning. Sheriff Charles A. Blair has been notified to have Esters in the courtroom tomorrow, as well as others who have been convicted of crimes or have pleaded guilty to various charges. Esters has been held in custody in the Fort Dodge jail since his arrest.

E. P. Prince, attorney for Esters, in his motion for a new trial alleges that there was insufficient evidence for conviction and that the evidence which, was submitted at the trial was purely circumstantial. He also charged that the verdict of the jury came as a result of passion and prejudice.

LOCAL BOY IS GIVEN PAROLE

Garland Turpin Fined \$300 in Connection With Fox' Death.

Garland Turpin, 21, charged with failing to report an accident in connection with the death of Melvin Fox and subsequent indictment of Ward Carson for manslaughter, yesterday pleaded guilty before Judge H. E. Fry in district court.

Judge Fry imposed a fine of \$300 on the youth, but suspended the penalty and paroled Turpin to Chief of Police J. R. Silver.

I. C. RAILROAD MEN IN CITY

Come at Invitation of Guy C. Mills for Pheasant Hunting.

A distinguished group of high railroad officials arrived in this city this morning, on the invitation of Guy C. Mills, of the Zitterell-Mills company, to take advantage of the opening day of the pheasant season. In the party were: W. Atwill, Chicago, vice president and general manager of the Illinois Central System; J. W. Hevron, Chicago, general superintendent of all Illinois Central lines north of the Ohio river; W. W. Williams, Waterloo, superintendent of the western lines of the Illinois Central; A. L. Harshaw, Chicago, engineer in charge of coal traffic of the Illinois Central; A. M. Umshler, Chicago, superintendent of the Chicago terminal, the committee for presentation to lines. They arrived in a special car and Mr. Atwill, Mr. Hevron, Mr. Harshaw and Mr. Umshler were taken by Mr. Mills to Kossuth county, where they got their limit of birds this afternoon.

Mr. Williams remained here with the car, where he entertained a group of local men at dinner this noon. In the party were George Selby, R. E. Jones, Earl E. Mason, Meade Hughes, Guy Scott, J. N. Stonebraker and George C. Tucker. Chickens for the dinner were furnished by the Selby Poultry company, of this city.

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Lieut. Wilke Leads Air Attack on Japs
FORMER LOCAL YOUTH BRAVED FIERCE RAIDS

In a dispatch from a United States air base in Northern India, Lieut. James V. Wilke, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilke of this city, was named as one of the American fliers "who braved withering enemy machine gun and cannon fire" to take up planes during Japanese air attacks.

The American fighter pilots, of which Lieutenant Wilke is a flight leader, were credited with six confirmed victories, and four aircraft probably destroyed, and anti-aircraft crews made up of American and British gunners claim at least five more Jap attackers shot down and several badly damaged during three raids late last month. ...

Lieutenant Wilke has been in the army air force two years, but has been overseas only for the past seven months. He received his preliminary training at Randolph and Brooks fields in Texas and was later transferred to Hamilton Field, Calif. Previous to his departure from the United States the flier was stationed at the Wilmington air base, Wilmington, N. C.

Obituaries



TOM SEVERE

Tom Severe, 77, of Webster City, died Friday, November 11, 2022, at Van Diest Medical Center. A Celebration of Life is pending for a later date. Foster Funeral and Cremation Center is entrusted with caring for the family.

Tommy Lee Severe, son of Thomas and Leona (Mason) Severe, was born June 21, 1945, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He graduated from Webster City High School in 1963 and from Iowa Central Community College. He served in the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1967. On September 14, 1996, Tom was united in marriage to Jeanne M. Schulte. He worked for 45 years as an optician for Dr. Niemann, Dr. Brauer, Dr. Tesdahl and Wolfe Eye Clinic, retiring in 2019.

Tom was a kind and gentle soul, a loving husband and father whose family meant the world to him.

He enjoyed watching the races at the Hamilton Co. Speedway and the Boone Nationals. He had an extensive

record collection and loved listening to and sharing his music.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne of Webster City; children, Chad (Lisa) Severe of Troy, MO, Jessica Severe (Wil) of Clive, Matthew (Joan) Severe of West Des Moines; brother, Steve (Vicki) Severe of Webster City; nephew, Ryan (Lisa) Severe and great-niece, Ali Severe of Webster City; brothers-in-law, Gerald (Mary) Schulte of Virginia Beach, VA, Robert Schulte (Theresa Swanger) of Sioux City; nieces and nephews, Noah (Kristina) Schulte and children Leigha, Zoe & Jack of Virginia Beach, VA, Marshall Schulte of Washington, D.C., Emily (Rob) Hunter and children Cassidy, Brandon, Ahlivia & Calum of Merville, TJ (Kristi) Schulte and children Theo, Emmet of Sioux City, Kegan (Kim) Schulte and children Jayden & Aurora of Bonnie Lake, WA, and Molly (Brad) Keane of La Brea, CA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Leona Severe; infant sister, Sandra Sue Severe and nephew, Justin Severe; in-laws, Carl and Mary Lou Schulte and sister-in-law, Kathy Schulte.

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At stake are a number of things, key among them the gift of land from Hamilton County, which is a parcel contiguous to the park and part of the Wilson Brewer family's original bequest to the city. And, as well, a proffered right-of-way through county-owned property, also adjacent to Wilson Brewer Park, that would guarantee access to the gifted parcel. In addition, the county would also be willing to give the park, which is owned by the City of Webster City, the first right of refusal should the remaining county-owned parcel ever go on the market. That parcel includes the former Bliss Cancer Center, which the county now rents to the state Department of Human Services.

The county has already moved \$180,000 into an Enhance Hamilton County fund that was previously pledged to help restore the original Hamilton County Courthouse, which is on the site of Wilson Brewer Park.

Also in the mix is the \$1 million gift offered by the Dean Bowden family, with the intent to fund a professional position that would serve as director and curator of Wilson Brewer Park.

Bowden has also talked about his desire to see a Hamilton County Heritage Center built on the park site that would be gifted by Hamilton County, but that offer has not been solidified through Tuesday's vote.

The sticking point has been how to go

forward. Because the City of Webster City was the recipient of the original gift of property from Wilson Brewer's family, and because that gift required that the city own and maintain the land as a park in Wilson Brewer's name, the notion that the park become a city/county entity still faces legal/technical hurdles.

For many years, the park ranked low in funding priority in the city's budget. But recent expensive improvements, including the reconstruction of the two log cabins and elaborate concrete walking/biking path throughout the park, have drawn speculation as to how the improved park will best go forward.

The decision is ultimately the City of Webster City's to make.

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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Rating: GOLD

Solution to 11/15/22

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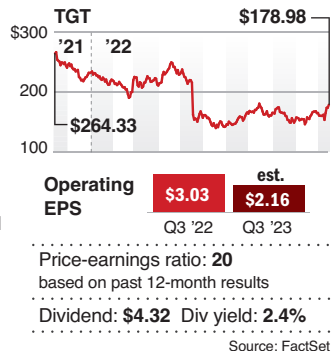
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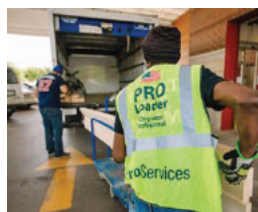
Target

Minneapolis-based retail giant Target reports its third-quarter earnings today. Analysts expect its profit fell to \$2.16 last quarter from \$3.03 a year before. The chain of nearly 2,000 stores has seen its shares lose more than 20% this year. Target reported solid sales in the second quarter but its profits plunged nearly 90% because it slashed prices to clear unwanted inventories of clothing and other items. It has said it plans to hire up to 100,000 seasonal employees in stores and distribution centers this holiday season.



Lowe's

Home improvement chain Lowe's is expected to report today that its earnings grew again last quarter. The North Carolina-based company is forecast to have earned \$3.09 a share in the third quarter, up from \$2.73 a year ago. Lowe's shares have 20% this year, on par with rival Home Depot's performance. Lowe's sales are forecast to have risen slightly to \$23.1 billion last quarter, up from \$22.9 billion a year ago. Earlier this month Lowe's sold its Canadian retail business to a private equity firm for \$400 million in cash.



TJX Cos.

Analysts expect another quarter of lower earnings from TJX Cos., the Massachusetts-based owner of TJ Maxx, Marshalls and other retail chains. Its earnings are forecast to have fallen to 80 cents a share last quarter from 84 cents a share a year ago, according to FactSet. TJX Cos. reports its earnings today. Its shares have far outperformed rivals like Ross Stores and Burlington Stores this year.

