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Remington Buchholtz (above, left) and Alexis Hagen focus on creating unique crafts provided by the S-F National Honor Society students. (Below) Kara Harkrader (left) tells her papa Curt Reiser what she would like for Christmas this year so he can tell Santa Claus during his visit to Hometown Christmas Saturday, Dec. 3.



City council meets (Concluded from page 1)

sition to Patricia Ackley for up to 30 hours per week. McNeil commented there were four applicants and three interviews were conducted with herself, Detmer, Mitchell and Henningsen present. The wage and benefit committee recommended a rate of \$20 per hour, and there will be IPERs but no insurance.

Henningsen presented information about American Marking and Publishing, LLC, to create Google ads for the community center and AMVETS Hall. She explained there would be a one-time fee of \$795 and a team would come to the community center Jan. 6 and take pictures. If people search in Google for rentals in the area, the community center would show up and it would show a visual of the community center, the kitchen and other areas. Henningsen added there would be 20 stills which could include the AMVETS Hall.

The council approved to accept a bid of \$5,638 from Darren Steinlage Construction to replace a 12-foot by 14-foot overhead door at the garbage shed. Mitchell explained it includes 17.5R insulation and the motor.

Chickasaw County chief deputy sheriff presented the law report for November 2022. He commented the department spent 111 hours in the city which totaled 474.5 hours from July 2022 to the end of November 2022. The council was informed a search warrant was conducted at 140 1/2 W. Main St. Apt. 4 which resulted in the arrest of Ashley Kirby. Shawver remarked the investigation is still ongoing and there is anticipation of additional charges.

The council was informed the sheriff's office responded to a few minor accidents and medical assists as well. Mitchell asked if the individual back from Oklahoma has been a problem, and Shawver remarked there were minor issues and there was concern about restrictions but sheriff Marty Hemann

answered them.

Henningsen presented the city clerk report and the council approved to allow the purchase of two headsets not to surpass \$500 total. Information was presented to the council and Mitchell suggested Henningsen check with Dennis Unger and see which kind may be compatible with the city's phone system. The council was also informed the audit will be held Dec. 28 which is a one- to two-day process. Henningsen was emailed a list of items needed.

The council was also told the sculpture at Railroad Park was installed Sunday, Dec. 4. Mary Langerman stated the sculpture is 22 feet high and is kinetic and with weathering the sculpture will also change color. There will be a reception Dec. 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the art center for sculptor Dale Merrill.

Discussion was also held about adding up-lighting to the sculpture so it can be viewed at night. Cheryl Mulder commented she talked with Merrill about recommended lights and there are a lot of details so the art council may come back to the city council about possibly splitting the project. Mitchell suggested the art council obtain bids for lighting and electrical work and bring it back to the council.

Under the report for the mayor, Mitchell stated the city is sitting on \$2.7 million with 35 percent of the budget on the revenue side received and 22 percent of the budget expended. He also stated the sewer plant tractor had a broken anti-freeze line so it was fixed for around \$4,500 and he contact the city's lawyer about the Main Street house and following up with the homeowner.

It was approved to give full-time employees holiday bonuses according to the employee handbook and to give part-time employees Dave Fay and park and rec director Misty Prosser \$100 apiece.

The council approved to table the quote from Municipal Pipe Tool to clean up and line a storm sewer riddled with tree roots. It is located on the corner of Jackson Avenue and Main Street going east around 148 feet. An action item was created for Speicher to get a quote to replace the line. It was also approved to table the bids for insulating and tin work at the fire station until the city could get a cost of heating and see what the return on investment would be.

Under old business, Mitchell discussed the ambulance service and substation. For the ambulance he stated the ambulance council met a few weeks prior and discussed why the ambulance council would need to be disbanded. It was voted on by all present to disband the ambulance council and Mitchell added they were advised by the county attorney without a budget they would be locked into an agreement with New Hampton for a garage. Mitchell informed the council he asked the board of supervisors to agree to a supervisory council.

The city council was informed the county is in the process of hiring EMTs and paramedic staff and Mitchell commented equipment was also showing up so it looked like the ambulance service would be up and running Jan. 1, 2023.

For the substation, Mitchell remarked there will be a closeout meeting Dec. 14 with a time to be determined. This meeting will include the approval of the project, payment and other items. He added there will also be discussion about other things which need to be done. The council was told an outage a few weeks ago was not caused by the substation but by a wire which burned off, and Mitchell added there has not been an increase in voltage.

A liquor and alcohol license for Casey's was approved, and the council approved to donate \$100 to Helping Services. The council also approved the quote for \$450 from D&S Contracting to replace the door spring on the water works shed.

The next regular council meeting is set for Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall.

ask parents to keep their little ones up until midnight on a Saturday night," she commented. "We thought by doing it on the football field, people could bring lawn chairs and blankets and we'd open the concession stand."

One movie night was held at the football field, the second had to be canceled due to inclement weather and the third movie night was held at the community center since it had become cold. Sports-themed movies were shown in 2022 since park and rec sponsored the movie nights.

Fredericksburg Park and Rec decided to also hold a Halloween movie night and Chad Wendel, owner of Sarge's Distillery and park and rec board member, offered the use of the barn on his property. Around 40 people attended and Prosser added park and rec is looking forward to next fall as they learned something every time a movie was shown.

There have been many rewarding and challenging aspects for Prosser during her time so far as park and rec director. One of the most rewarding is getting children involved in sports and recreation regardless of their ability level or knowledge of a sport and just encouraging them to try something new.

"For me it's super rewarding as a lifetime of being an athlete and loving sports, whether it's playing, being a coach and being a parent of children who are different in their abilities and interests, seeing them find something which connects with them as an individual and finding a sport they love and want to do is rewarding," she expressed. "It's not just seeing that in my own children but in the past four years a coach seeing a child come into a program and not have a lot of knowledge, seeing them learn the sport and grow as a person and an athlete has been huge. I feel as director I'm going to see that more and more."

While being director can be rewarding, there are also challenges for Prosser including organizing all the children, parents and coaches to make the program as cohesive as possible. This includes getting all children to work together and parents to be supportive of not only their children but all children along with coaches, referees and those involved to make the program work. Prosser remarked it also includes having coaches be supportive of children regardless of ability level and not focus on the wins or losses but focus on growing the sports and the children's abilities and self-confidence.

"To be able to bring all those factors together is not an easy task as you are working with so many different personalities. You all have the same goal in mind but having all the different personalities come together I think will forever be a challenge. But I think that's a challenge worth taking on and should be everybody's goal," stated Prosser.

By being involved, she hopes her children take away seeing her perseverance and working toward a goal no matter how attainable or unattainable the goal might seem in the beginning. Prosser commented she always wants them to see her working not just for herself because ultimately the position is not for her but for all the children involved with the different programs.

"Through that they might want to be in a program because they like a sport but at the end of the season they are going to walk away with friends. Another thing I want my children see me do is create programs and create that safe space where children can be children, make new friends and build that self-confidence and putting themselves out there," she added.

Along with implementing programs and activities for all ages in the city as director, Prosser has also volunteered in various ways including serving on the park and rec board, volunteering as a coach and volunteering to go on fields trips and help with classroom projects for her children. She has also volunteered through Fun in the Sun Daycare and Preschool as all three of her children went there.

Her interest in helping serve the community was something she expressed just kind of happened. Prosser attended Wartburg College, Waverly, and a lot of the college's mission is community.

"They do a lot of reaching out to the community in Waverly and beyond that, so I think that's where it started for me. It just kind of transgressed as an adult as I got married and had children, seeing the need," she stated. "It makes you feel good when you can help someone else. I don't do it to make myself feel good, but it's just one of those awesome consequences of helping someone else or a program. They get something out of it and so do I. It shouldn't always be about yourself, it should be about what you can do for somebody else."

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new programs for children or adults over the past few months, but starting next month park and rec will be offering adult volleyball, which will be co-ed. She commented the program will be split with New Hampton Park and Rec with two Sundays each month in Fredericksburg and two Sundays in New Hampton from January to April.

The volleyball league will be for adults 18 and older and those interested in playing do not need to have team as the teams are formed each time to play for two hours. Prosser added if there becomes interest for other adult programs she is not opposed to figuring something out.

"I have been playing with New Hampton the past few years so when I took this position I was like, 'We need to play in Fredericksburg.' I was bringing a small group of friends from Fredericksburg to play in New Hampton so to be able to have it here we won't have to travel as much," she commented. "I know some other people playing in New Hampton are willing to play and some people in Sumner are willing to drive up here. I'm working closely with the middle school staff to get gym space and be able to offer the program."

"I think park and rec shouldn't just be for the children, I think it should be for everyone to so being able to offer an adult program I think will bring a lot to the community and bring adults together."

A few times during September and October, park and rec hosted a movie night after the city council suggested showing a movie at the athletic complex using the projector and large outdoor screen. Prosser explained it was late enough in the year where weather was still favorable but it was getting dark earlier in the day.

"We could start a movie at 8:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 p.m. and especially if it is family oriented you don't want to

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teaching in the Nashua and Fayette school districts until 1963. He then went to work in Cedar Rapids as an insurance claims adjuster, traveling back to the farm to work with his parents on the weekends, eventually moving back to Fredericksburg in 1967 to farm full time.

Dan met his second wife, Linda Kay Marksteiner, Chicago, Ill., through the Navy Reserves at Glenview Naval Station in Chicago. They married Dec. 7, 1974. Throughout his life, Dan was a passionate breeder of registered Polled Hereford cattle, serving on the board of directors for the National Polled Hereford Association, and was instrumental in saving the Gammon Barn, birthplace of the breed, by having it placed on the National Register of Historic Places and organizing its move to the Iowa State Fair grounds. He was inducted into the Iowa Polled Hereford Hall of Fame in 2009.

Dan began raising bison in 1993 and will be remembered for his connection to the land, his pride in his family history and the designation of their Heritage farm, his tours of the bison and his hollyhock dolls. Dan always said a good farmer plants a few trees and pours a little concrete each year. Throughout life, Dan continued to foster his appreciation for new experiences, hosting exchange students, gifting his grandchildren graduation trips to countries around the world and reminding everyone it only costs a little more to go first class.

He will be remembered for his smile, his warm and welcoming nature and the expectation every farmhouse visitor should take a seat in the kitchen to enjoy some bison jerky, a cat on their lap and a whiskey sour in hand.

He leaves behind his five children, Ken (Cathy) McFarland, Fredericksburg, Susan (Jerry) Macken, Readlyn, Mary (Mickey) Ryan, Sisters, Ore., Martha McFarland, Fredericksburg, and Emily (Brandon) Petrie, Fresno, Calif.; his grandchildren, Keri (Shane) Fountain, Fredericksburg, Shelley (Paul) Carter, Mountain Home, Idaho, Kimberly (Danny) Beineke, Waterloo, Laura (Cody) Clausing, Waverly, Daniel (Stacy) McFarland, Papillion, Neb., Robert (Amanda) McFarland, Florence, Texas, Elizabeth (Daniel) Lemke, Cedar Rapids, Jonathan (Jocelyn) Macken, Readlyn, William (Adrian) Stabe, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., Fianna Stabe, Canby, Ore., and Keller Petrie, Fresno, Calif.; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy Leone (Leach) McFarland and Donald Lester McFarland; and his brother, Richard Lyle McFarland.

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Obituaries



DAN L. MCFARLAND
Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 6, for Daniel Leach McFarland, 89, Fredericksburg, who died of a heart attack Saturday, Nov. 30, at his home while outside doing his nightly chores on his family farm.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. at Peace United Church of Christ, Fredericksburg, with Rev. Scott Smith officiating. Interment was held at Rose Hill Cemetery, Fredericksburg, with Keri Fountain, Shelley Carter, Kimberly Beineke, Laura Clausing, Daniel McFarland, Robert McFarland, Elizabeth Lemke, Jonathan Macken, William Stabe, Fianna Stabe and Keller Petrie serving as pallbearers. Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory, Fredericksburg, assisted the family.

Dan was born June 4, 1933, in the same farmhouse bedroom where he spent the last years of his life. Dan's childhood was filled with typical farm adventure, playing circus in the haymow, riding his horse Tony, playing with his dog Terry, taking care of barn cats and fostering a life-long love of baseball. Dan began his education at the Barker schoolhouse just down the road from his farm and graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1951.

He studied history at the University of Iowa, graduating in 1955, then marrying his high school sweetheart, Constance JoAnn Stong, Fredericksburg, that summer, Aug. 21, 1955.

Dan began his 21-year military career with ROTC at the U of I. He graduated from navigator training at Randolph AFB, Texas, and his first duty assignment was at McClellan AFB, California, where he flew anti-submarine missions off the west coast of the U.S.A. He continued his service in the Air Force Reserves at Minneapolis Reserve Center. After 10 years in the USAF, he transferred to the U.S. Navy, flying C-118 missions around the world, traveling to over 30 countries including Iceland, Spain, Crete, Vietnam and Morocco, eventually retiring at the rank of commander.

Dan moved back to Iowa in 1958,

in 1980, he continued his education at the University of Northern Iowa where he was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Symphonia. In 1984, he graduated with a major in music performance and a minor in music education. He then worked toward his master's degree at McNeese State University, Lake Charles, La. After several years of teaching, he made a career as an educational representative for Riemann Music and Griggs Music, now West Music.

On Sept. 28, 1996, he was united in marriage to Johnna K. Miller in Newton and together they raised two children and are members of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Al's profound passion for music and playing the tuba was passed along to countless students through the years. He impacted numerous musicians in developing their own successful careers in music and performance.

In the 1990s, Al founded Quad City Tuba Christmas which is still a beloved holiday event. His other passion was spending time outdoors. He spent much of his free time fishing, hunting deer and turkey and mushroom and fossil hunting.

Those left to honor his memory are his wife, Johnna Moore, Bettendorf; children, Siouxzee (Forrest Thompson) Moore, Joice and Evan Moore, Davenport; five grandchildren, Madison, Amelia, Briana, Hailey and Aria Thompson, all of Joice; his mother, Myrna Moore, Fredericksburg; his sister, Nancy (David) Zittergruen, Chaska, Minn.; mothers-in-law, Janice Miller, Newton, and Marilyn Conrad, Colfax; sisters-in-law, Teri Miller (Randy Kingert), Fort Dodge, and Michelle (Kent) Deal, Colfax; and his nieces and nephews, Grace, Michael, Nicholas, Andrea, Ashton, Joseph and Rachel.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Moore; his infant son, Ethan Moore; and fathers-in-law, David Miller and Doug Conrad.

ALAN P. MOORE
A celebration of life was held Friday, Dec. 2, for Alan Paul "Al" Moore, 60, Bettendorf, who died at his residence Sunday, Nov. 27.

A celebration of life was held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home, Bettendorf. Per his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded and inurnment will be at a later date at Apostolic Cemetery, rural Clayton County.

Al was born Jan. 10, 1962, in Postville, the son of Robert and Myrna (Laue) Moore. Following his graduation from Fredericksburg High School



Local musicians set to perform with New Horizons Band Dec. 12

More than 80 Northeast Iowa musicians will perform with the UNI New Horizons Band at the group's winter concert Monday, Dec. 12.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Gallagher Bludorn Performing Arts Center, Cedar Falls. Admission is free, and a complimentary reception will follow the performance.

Diana Blake, Waverly, directs the New Horizons Band, which is open to persons aged 50 and older and rehearses twice a week during fall, spring and summer sessions. Musicians come from Waverly, Denver, Shell Rock, Sumner, Tripoli, Fairbank, Oran, Fredericksburg, Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Grundy Center, Dike, New Hampton, Maynard, Parkersburg, Reinbeck and Wellsburg.

The December program will range from Christmas selections to concert band standards by Alfred Reed and Claude T. Smith. Nancy Morris, New Hampton, will solo on the alto saxophone in "Harlem Nocturne." A group comprised of Brad Jensen and David Glenn-Burns, Cedar Falls, Jo VanDeBerg, Sumner, Jim Moeller, Denver, Betty Winther, Waterloo, and Rita Losh, Oran, will be featured in "Dixieland Jamboree."

The concert also will include a performance by the University of Northern Iowa student double reed ensemble.

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