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IN BRIEF

Learn more about mentoring

Caring Connections will be hosting another information gathering Tuesday beginning at 5:05 p.m. in the General Assembly Room in the Floyd County Courthouse. All are invited to come and learn more about how mentoring can help children and how you could possibly become a mentor. There is no obligation by attending.

Charles City Municipal Band

The Charles City Municipal Band is getting together again for its 31st summer season and is seeking some new musical talent to join in on the fun. If you are interested in playing, come to the first rehearsal on Wednesday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Charles City High School band room. Rehearsals will be over by 9 p.m.

Don't have an instrument? No problem, the group will help you find one to use.

If interested in joining the band, please send your name, address, town, telephone number, instrument played and what concerns you would be available for and send to: Joel Thompson, c/o First Citizens National Bank, 300 N. Main St., Charles City, IA 50616 before the first rehearsal on May 25.

ADC Board

The Charles City Area Development Corporation Board of Directors will meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, at 4 p.m. in the Zastrow River Room of the Charles City Public Library. This meeting is open to the public.

WEATHER

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YESTERDAY'S TEMPS
High: 75
Low: 57
8 a.m.: 60
5 p.m.: 73

Yesterday's temperature 2 degrees above normal Precip (as of 5 p.m.): None
Sunrise: 5:40 a.m.
Sunset: 8:35 p.m.
Today



Area Forecast

Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. **Tonight...** Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers in the evening...Then a 50 percent chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the upper 40s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday... Showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent. **Wednesday night...** Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers in the evening...Then partly cloudy after midnight. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. **Thursday night...** Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.

OPINION



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COMMUNITY



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Oops!
Excavator has to be fished out of river

SPORTS



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Prep Softball
C.C., N.B. meet on opening night

Comet girls golf team to state

Team advances for first time ever, Sindlinger, Joeger qualify individually
By Ryan Kronberg
Sports Editor

NEW HAMPTON — Charles City's girls golf team set a goal at the beginning of the season. They wanted to play as a team in the state championships at the end of the year. Their objective, their dream became a reality Monday afternoon at the New Hampton Country Club.

Charles City placed second as a team with a score of 351 and will now compete in this year's Class 3A state golf championships.

The Comets will tee up at River View Golf Course near Adel on Tuesday, May 31, and Wednesday, June 1.

It marks the first time a Comet girls golf team has ever reached the state championships.

Comet sophomore Jessie Sindlinger placed second and qualified individually for a second straight year. She enters state as the reigning Class 3A individual champion.

Teammate Megan Joeger also qualified individually. The freshman was fourth with an 81. For more see sports, pages 12 and 13.



Sindlinger

Governor, Lt. Governor On Hand For Pfizer Dedication



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Celebration of Pfizer's commitment

Dedication held for new Central Services addition
By Mark Wicks
Managing Editor

It was a big day for Charles City's largest employer Monday, and what better way to celebrate than with the governor and lieutenant governor of Iowa in attendance — and ice cream.

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School board talks building repurposing, upcoming projects

By Andrea Pondergast
Staff Writer

"The easy answer is to keep it as a school, but I don't think that's the right answer in the long run."

Charles City Community Schools Superintendent Andy Pattee closed out a discussion on the possible Middle School Repurposing Project with school board members at a special meeting held Monday with this remark, following statements from both sides of the argument.

By now, Pattee said, most people know his position on the topic, so it is up to the board in deciding where to go from here, noting he is interested in finding a solution that will best meet the district's future needs.

The number \$13 million is being used as an estimate for how much it could cost to repair and

update the middle school in its current state, a building considered too inefficient for the district's needs today and "into the foreseeable future," Pattee has said. Some Iowa communities, however, are constructing new middle school buildings for between \$8.5 million and \$10 million.

Plans for a new building set to open in fall 2012 in one of those communities, with similar needs as Charles City as it will even be connected to the community's high school, were handed out for board members to see what this district could possibly get with an \$8.5 million price tag.

These plans showed a separate gym, media center, cafeteria,

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Whitewater course draws rave reviews from veteran kayakers
By Mark Wicks
Managing Editor

Charles City residents Sunday got their first real peek at the nearly-completed whitewater kayak park in town being utilized by kayakers. More importantly, the kayakers got a chance to experience the new park.

"These are a select group of kayakers that were hand-picked to come up and demo it," explained Charles City Park Board Chairman Bob Kloberdanz as he watched some 15 boaters at play in the newly-created whitewater.

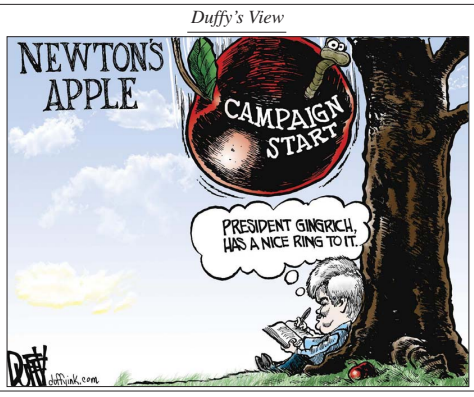
"We really wanted to get their opinion on our whitewater park. I think what they say carries a lot of weight."
"All we ask in return is they tell everyone they know about it and help spread the word."

The whitewater park portion of the multi-phase Riverfront Development Project is about "98 percent completed," according to Project and Planning Supervisor Tracy Meise. However, it still remains closed to the general public with some final landscape work and "tweaking is done."

An official grand opening celebration date of Friday, July 29, has been set by the Park Board for the new whitewater park, but the public is likely to be let onto it prior to that. Just not yet.

Once they are, though, Kloberdanz and Meise are hoping to see the kind of scene they saw on Sunday — more than a dozen

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Travel Dates: July 12-19, 2012
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