

# Community News

## Marion residents find solutions for troublesome basin

By KATHRYN GILLMORE  
TIMES STAFF REPORTER

Residents of the Sunburst Avenue neighborhood are trying to gather solutions from the city for a troublesome city-owned retention basin problem. Sheryl Knodle, Tree Board Member, along with about eight other neighbors spoke in front of the council last Thursday on how to resolve the problem regarding the basin that runs through this neighborhood. Members spoke about the build-up of silt and compost in the bottom of the basin. The basin is home to the run-off from rain, which helps prevent flooding. Lilac trees were planted along the bank of the basin to replace weeds and to aid in reducing flooding. These plants are also used to help eliminate mosquitoes and decrease soil erosion. Neighbors want to keep this area as clean as possible and take care of it for small wildlife. The council will meet with contractors to help find solutions to these problems, such as maintaining the

basin by mowing around it. The request made by Paul Stopples for a traffic signal was approved at 29th Avenue and Highway 13. Cost for traffic materials will be approximately \$3,000. This request was made due to the heavy amount of traffic that frequent the area.

In other news, Seth Nemec announced the Battle of Marion to be held in City Square Park starting July 7 from 4 to 10 p.m. and running every Friday in July. This is a non-profit event that will host several garage bands from the Marion area. A motion was approved for a fireworks display July 1 in Marion with July 3 scheduled as the rain date. The speed limit on Lucore Road was reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph north of Indian Creek Road due to the increase of residents moving to the Hunter's Ridge area. Effective July 18th, Tuesday worksessions of the Marion City Council will begin at 3 p.m. instead of 4 p.m.



Mount Mercy College Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team left to right: Kelly Chlan, Shaylee Knudtson, Mount Mercy President Robert Pearce, Deb Fitzgerald, Laura Ballard and faculty advisor Tom Castle.

## Local student and Mount Mercy SIFE team place internationally

Mount Mercy College senior Shaylee Knudtson of Marion is a member of Mount Mercy's "Students in Free Enterprise" (SIFE) team that placed among the top 48 teams in the SIFE International Competition May 22 and 23 in Kansas City, Mo. Mount Mercy received two perfect scores and beat the national champions from Canada and the Ukraine to win second runner-up.

The seven-student team presented its summary of annual service projects to a panel of 15 judges and won second runner-up in its division and \$750.

"The experience was incredible for the students," said SIFE adviser and Mount Mercy assistant professor of business Tom Castle. "We received recognition at the awards banquet and had lunch with the president and CEO of Johnson Wax."

In April, the SIFE team won the St. Louis regional competition — a \$1,500 prize — to advance to internationals. Also, for its work teaching disadvantaged children, Mount Mercy earned the "Special Competition: Success 2000" award and an additional \$1,000 at the St. Louis competition.

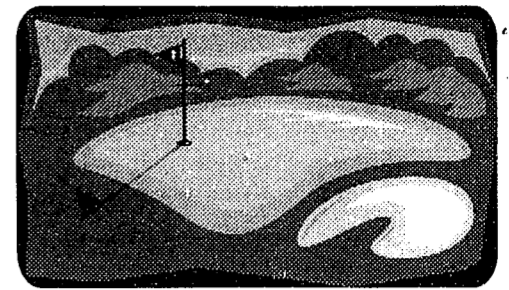
The 1999-2000 Mount Mercy SIFE team completed 26 projects, volunteered over 1,200 hours, and educated 1,600 people about the principles of free enterprise.

Students In Free Enterprise is a non-profit organization that provides college students an opportunity to establish a variety of community outreach programs that teach the principles of free enterprise. Each year, more than 800 colleges and universities from all over the world compete in SIFE regional competitions. Stu-

dents prepare an annual report and present their outreach programs to a panel of national business leaders and entrepreneurs who rate the overall effectiveness of their efforts.

Founded in 1928 by the Sisters of Mercy, Mount Mercy College is a Catholic, four-year, coeducational, liberal arts college located at 1330 Elmhurst Drive in Cedar Rapids.

## YWCA to host benefit golf tournament



By KEVIN BEASLEY  
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Continuing support of individuals with special needs, the YWCA of Cedar Rapids is hosting a benefit Golf Tournament July 19 for Cerebral Palsy.

The annual tournament, The "Buzz Hand Open," originated under the direction of Allen "Buzz" Hand, a local man with Cerebral Palsy wanting to raise money for kids with special needs. The money raised benefits the YWCA's Lekotek and Compuplay companies.

"Compuplay and Lekotek are programs designed for individuals with special needs," a YWCA official said. "They help children learn through monthly play-learning sessions that allow children to develop needed skills and independence."

Compuplay uses computer technology to help children with

special needs learn through the use of innovative technology and adaptive equipment. Lekotek also helps children learn through a program that uses a toy lending library with more than 2,500 specially selected or adapted toys.

Now in its 22nd year, the tournament still helps to benefit children with more than \$15,000 raised during last year's event.

This year, the tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19 at the Hunter's Ridge Golf Course in Marion with a 1 p.m. Tee-time. According to the YWCA, spaces for 36 teams of 4 are available for entry and prizes, and food from the Outback Steakhouse will be offered. The registration deadline for this event is July 5 and anyone interested or needing more information should contact the Sheryl Valenta at the Cedar Rapids YWCA at (319)365-1458.

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At-Large	Mary Lou Pazour	Term Expires: 12-31-01
At-Large	Julie Sperl	Term Expires: 12-31-03

## Area natives graduate from Coe College

Sixteen Marion area natives were among the graduates receiving degrees at Coe College in Cedar Rapids on May 21.

Receiving Master of Arts in Teaching degrees are Joan Boche, Carol Borschel, Rebecca Feldt, Laura Gangestad, Susan Myers, Sheri Soukup, and Susan Taylor.

Stacie Vuichard was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees are Nancy Chiafos, Joshua Claypool, John Heald, Rebecca Humbert, Janette Kewley, Timothy Maher, Irene Sauer, and Gregory Wilkinson.

Chiafos graduated with a major in psychology and a minor in French. Claypool graduated with a major in physical education and qualified for a Professional Teaching Certificate. Heald graduated with a major in physical education and qualified for a Professional Teaching Certificate. Humbert graduated cum laude with a major in history and qualified for a Professional Teaching Certificate. She was inducted into the Pi Lambda Theta international honor society for members of the teaching profession and was awarded Coe's Linnie E.

## Two local Coe students named to dean's list

Aaron Smith and Dale Stentz of Marion have been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. Smith is the son of Daniel and Carol Smith and a 1998 graduate of Linn-Mar High School. Stentz is the son of Don and Shirley Stentz and a 1997 graduate of Springville High School.

Full-time students who rank in the top ten percent of the student body are named to the Dean's List.

Schloeman Prize in Teacher Education for the graduate with the most promising career in secondary education. She also received the Brian Schappert Memorial Prize in History for her outstanding work in that field. Janette Kewley graduated with a major in business administration. Maher graduated with a major in computer science. Sauer graduated cum laude with a double major in business administration and managerial accounting. She was inducted into Coe's chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi national honor society and the Sigma Beta Delta honor society for students in the field of business administration. Wilkinson graduated with a major in elementary education and a minor in English, and he qualified for a Professional Teaching Certificate.

Iowa Congressman James Leach addressed the 270 graduates in Coe's class of 2000 on the topic, "The Value of Culture."

## Local students named to Central College spring dean's list

The following students from Marion have been named to the spring dean's list at Central College in Pella: Christopher Landherr, Jennifer Brutsman, Margaret Acker, Patrick Stark and Timothy Barcz. To be eligible for the list, students must attain a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

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## Marion students, teachers honored at UI (Continued from page 6)

"The ceremony is our effort to let the students know that the development of their talents and their commitment to education will be rewarded," said Nicholas Colangelo, director of the Belin-Blank Center. "It's also a chance to let teachers know that their dedication is not only vital to the education of students but also has a major impact in the lives of students."

Established in 1988, the Belin-Blank Center specializes in programming and research to meet the educational needs of exceptionally talented children and their teachers. The center conducts an extensive roster of talent searches, precollege programs, professional development workshops and counseling programs.

The ceremony was sponsored in

part by an endowment established by Jocelyn Wallace of Scottsdale, Ariz., and with support from the Belin-Blank Center, the Colleges of Education, Liberal Arts, Public Health and Medicine, the offices of the Provost, the Vice President for Research and of Admissions, the UI Foundation, Men's Athletics and the UI Honors Program.

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