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Dear Honorary Mayor Moore and Honorary Council Members,

The Mount Vernon Community Pool has been a very important part of the quality of life in Mount Vernon since 1961, that's 54 years folks. It is amazing to think this pool has survived 54 years through renovations, remodels, additions, etc.

FACTS:

Built 1961

-Bond was for \$75,000...cost to build was a little more than \$75,000 and donations from community helped make up difference

Renovated 1983

-Total remodel cost was \$190,000 (Bond was for \$140,000 / City budget \$50,000)

Renovated 1999

Cost was ???? (zero deck / wading pool removed / etc)
Can not find exact costs at time report was created

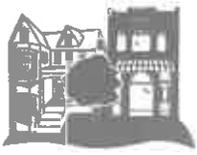
Proposed renovation 2015

Bond for up to \$200,000

I have included some article archives from the MV Sun sharing the history of the pool. Some of the pages are hard to read.

The attached spreadsheet shares with you the Projects, their priority as recommended by Parks and Rec, the estimated cost, and a running total if we were to do all of the items. The total of all of the proposed projects sits at \$265,650. We know we will not perform or install all of the projects.

Park and Rec would recommend all of the Priority 1 items be completed and consideration of the Priority 2 items. All of the items are up for discussion, but Priority 2 and Priority 3 items are not essential for the operation of the pool and to be able to meet code. Most of the Priority 1 items are vital in order to continue to operate the pool in the future.



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One important element to consider is all of these renovations will need to be communicated to the Iowa Department of Health (IDPH) for approval. Priorities and costs could change slightly if IDPH does not approve our plans.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Siders
Director of Parks and Recreation

Priority	Item	Cost	Running Total
1	Replace Two Old Fliters (2 Dual Cell Filters, Piping, Flow Meter, Valves)	\$80,000	80,000
1	Create Storage Closet in Bath House	\$1,000	81,000
1	New Zero Deck Pump	\$7,000	88,000
1	New Deep End Pump	\$15,000	103,000
1	Concrete Work / Patch Basin	\$10,000	113,000
1	Remove tile flooring and replace with stained concrete	\$8,000	121,000
1	New Water Heater for pool house/ concessions	\$1,000	122,000
1	New locks installed	\$1,000	123,000
1	New Plumbing ...all encompassing bath house and pool house	\$20,000	143,000
1	New Controllers and Probes	\$7,000	150,000
1	LED Lighting exterior of pool house and bath house	\$2,000	152,000
1	LED Lighting in Filter Room, new wiring in Bath House/Fliter Room	\$2,500	154,500
1	Paint Pool Basin and Deck	\$1,000	155,500
1	New Security Lights and wiring	\$2,000	157,500
1	Rotomooter - Televiser pipes below deck	\$5,000	162,500
1	Motion Sensors and Door Alarms for security	\$1,000	163,500
1	Permits / Design	\$10,000	173,500
2	Gas Heater for Pool	\$27,000	200,500
2	Paint ceiling in shower rooms	\$1,000	201,500
2	Solar Blanket	\$3,000	204,500
3	Soffit and Fascia on Pool House	\$1,000	205,500
3	Paint interior of bath house	\$1,000	206,500
3	Replace lockers with new lockers	\$5,000	211,500
3	Large Umbrella for Shade	\$5,000	216,500
3	New Feature (i.e..Corkscrew Slide (10.7 ft high and 19 ft length)	\$20,000	236,500
3	Extension of Concession Stand to east/ Block Walls	\$5,000	241,500
X	Contingency	\$24,150	265,650

Priority (1-3)

1= Most Critical

3 = Least Critical

Projects already completed

Contingency based on 10% of Total Project Cost



Park

Davis City

Filter Room

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- 2
- 3
- 4

Pool House

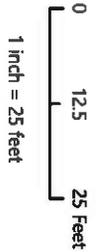
BATH HOUSE

Linn County, Iowa Department of Public Works

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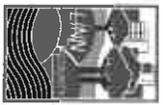
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 Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
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Will Go To Boys' State

Three boys from Mt. Vernon... will go to Boys' State...

Hawkeye Writer Wins Prizes

John E. Hoffmann... won prizes for his work on the Hawkeye...

Reapportionment Is Discussed

John Hoffmann... discussed reapportionment...

County Plan Is Approved

Unanimous approval was given... for the county plan...

Expect 1500 Saturday For Contest

Mt. Vernon will be a hive of activity... for the 1500 Saturday contest...

Will Attend Boys' State

Three boys from Mt. Vernon... will attend Boys' State...

Fire in Corn Field

A fire in a corn field... caused by a lightning bolt...

Fuel Shortage Forces Plane To Land On 30

While local people were sleeping peacefully... a fuel shortage forced a plane to land on runway 30...

Heads Development Corp.

Development Corporation... heads of various departments...

Dr. Deskin Head of Committee On Awards

Dr. William A. Deskin... head of the committee on awards...

Prelim Census Shows Lisbon Has 1226 and Mt. Vernon 2574

First stage of the 1950 federal census... shows Lisbon has 1226 and Mt. Vernon 2574...

Libson School News

Libson School News... reports on school activities...

Public Relations Conference Will Occur On Friday

Public Relations Conference... will occur on Friday...

Names Scoutmaster

Names Scoutmaster... for the local scout pack...

Orchestra Will Give Dance Program

Orchestra will give dance program... at the school...

Libson Real Estate Changes Hands

Libson Real Estate... changes hands...

Bob Beckman Honored In Editorial Competition

Bob Beckman... honored in editorial competition...

Public Invited To Open House

Public invited to open house... for the school...

Well-Known Writer Will Appear Here

Well-known writer... will appear here...

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Haljo World

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Mt. Vernon Locals

The Emil Muller visited relatives in Toledo and Lima, Ill., and returned on Wednesday night. Mr. Muller was in Toledo, Ill., on Tuesday night.

Stephanie Vall of Cedar Rapids is visiting her grandparents, the Earl DeCamp, this week.

The Raymond Krugman family called on Mr. Krugman's uncle and aunt, the Carl Carneys, near Springville Sunday.

Miss Walters entered Mercy hospital on Friday for observation and treatment.

Mrs. Roy Looch entered St. Luke's hospital, Cedar Rapids, on Saturday for observation.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Westberg and family plan to leave next Thursday for a vacation in Estes Park, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Starnart drove to Sigourney on Sunday to visit with Mrs. Starnart's mother, George Scudder.

Miss Charles Smith was released from St. Luke's hospital Saturday after undergoing surgery on her leg. She is now home.

Mrs. Walter Means of Abingdon, Ill., visited Thursday of last week on a business trip with her daughter, Miss Geneva Means.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Means and family were hosts at a picnic in their back yard to 10 families from Wheatland, the Adamses, Harner, Haros.

The Willard Palmers returned the first of last week from Berlin after spending a week there. Mrs. Palmer's father, Lloyd Hall, spent some Friday until Sunday with them.

Ann McCutcheon spent from Saturday until Sunday noon in the presence of Mrs. McCutcheon, returning Sunday afternoon to Camp Kings where she is a counselor.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Johnson and family spent last week at the home of Mr. Johnson's parents, the Noel Johnsons, in the Clifford Park neighborhood on the south edge of Mt. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bennett and family spent the week at the home of Mr. Bennett's brother and family, the Robert Bennetts of Kenosha, Wis., at their cottage on Lake Calhoun which is south of Kenosha.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vandever and family spent the week at the Leo Evans apartment on 10th Avenue. Mr. Vandever, who is employed on the Willard Palmer farm, is a former Stover resident.

The Ray A. Wilson, Davis and Dan arrived Saturday evening for a visit with Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. E. V. B. DeWitt, her sister and family, the Darrell Wilsons, and other relatives. A family reunion is planned for next Sunday at the Stover home.

The Willard Palmers have just returned to the USA after spending over two years in Argentina where they were employed as a geophysicist for an oil company.



We are our own best advertisement— we wear our latest styles! All-All should wear the fast. Always wear of propriety. Mrs. Dem Goolyter tryker to sell some ridiculous lies.

Enjoy Trip Through West Slope of Colorado



Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jones returned on Saturday from a 5-day vacation trip to Kansas and Colorado. They visited Dodge City, Kan., Mesa Verde National Park, Durango, Silverton, Estes Park and Denver. They drove the 100-mile Durango to Silverton over the famous narrow gauge line and drove the million dollar highway between the two points.

While at Estes Park they drove up Trail Ridge road to Fall River Pass and returned. Mrs. Jones and her daughter and Mary of Landon returned from Denver with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson and family returned last Wednesday from an auto trip to Springfield, Mo., El Paso, Texas, and Reno, Nevada.

In Springfield they spent a night and a day with Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Wm. J. Butler, who suffered a heart attack there they last week.

Dr. Littell Will Speak in Berlin

Daily American in the top leadership group to be on the program of a great international Christian conference in Berlin from July 13 to 23. Dr. Franklin Littell, SMU professor at Dallas, Texas, former Mt. Vernon resident.

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Mount Vernon Bank & Trust Company
of Mount Vernon in the State of Iowa at the close of business on June 30, 1961

Cash, balances with other banks	\$ 59,000.00
Due from other banks	48,321.11
U.S. Savings Bonds (including \$1,000.00)	1,000.00
U.S. Government Securities (including \$1,000.00)	1,000.00
Other assets	1,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 109,321.11
Deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$ 1,000,000.00
Deposits of U.S. Government (including \$1,000.00)	1,000.00
Deposits of State and Federal institutions	1,000.00
Deposits of other banks	1,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,003,000.00
Capital (as per charter, total par value \$100,000)	100,000.00
Surplus	1,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves	1,000.00
Other liabilities	1,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 1,003,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 1,003,000.00

Several someone late buying a sidewalk present at the Bureau rack hanging the ball for thousands of dollars in trading money. Another while the happens in the Bureau rack, right and on the ball about to be taken are five gentlemen appearing "incomplete."

Foreign Guests Visit Virgin Stoner Farm
Three visitors from foreign lands and their state department escort arrived at the Virgin Stoner farm Friday and viewed the 4-1/2 acre tract. The Stoner family, including Mrs. Stoner, Mrs. Stoner's daughter, Mrs. Stoner's son, and Mrs. Stoner's daughter, are planning to build a new home on the Stoner farm.

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GEORGE HAS DONE IT AGAIN!
The M. Morrison family spent the week end in Dec Moines in the home of the Morrises' son Barry.

Adult Swimming Class Popular
Over fifty adults are registered in the adult swimming class at the new pool at Mt. Vernon. The enthusiastic response to the offer of free instruction for adults is an indication of how essential it is for people to learn the art of swimming.

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Fast Mount Street Mt. Vernon

Les Henschel and Barb joined the Bill Valerian at a cabin on Lake Delhi for the week end.
The Don Current family of Burlington, Wis., in the company of Charles Hedges and Harold Current, arrived in Mt. Vernon on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mitchell of Louisville, Ky., were week end guests at the home of Mrs. Lewis Mitchell.
Mrs. Mitchell's daughter and son-in-law, the Carl D. Zoller family, arrived in Mt. Vernon on Friday.

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At Close of Business June 30, 1961

RESOURCES	
U.S. Government Bonds	\$ 483,593.76
Municipal and Other Bonds	513,782.11
CASH and Due from Banks	199,494.49
LOANS AND DISCOUNTS	1,488,940.11
Overdrafts	1,903.00
Other Assets	36.67
Total	\$ 2,687,750.14
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves	123,266.69
Unearned Dividend	5,662.15
DEPOSITS	2,316,942.46
U.S. Government Deposits	46,460.38
Other Liabilities	20,418.47
Total	\$ 2,687,750.14

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SUN Office Closed Friday

The SUN office will be closed Friday, July 3 to allow a July Fourth holiday for staff members. All publications will come out on regular schedule.

Ads for next week's Sunlight including Kolache Day ads are due at the SUN office by Wed., July 1 at 5 p.m. If you have a problem with this schedule, call the SUN office at 895-6216.

In addition, the SUN office will be closed on Saturday mornings this summer.

Mayor Pringle Won't Seek Re-election

Mt. Vernon Mayor Debra Pringle announced Monday that she will not seek re-election in the November election. She encouraged all the present council members to run for re-election, however.

Nomination papers for the November election are now available at City Hall. Papers may be filed at City Hall no earlier than August 31 and no later than September 24. The positions of mayor and five council seats are open.

MV Council Passes Paving Resolution

The Mt. Vernon City Council passed a resolution approving the construction contract and bidding for the Seventh Avenue South paving and storm sewer project at a special meeting Monday afternoon.

The council also approved a resolution calling for the temporary closing of Seventh Avenue South for the duration of the construction project.

At a special June 16 meeting, the council awarded the Seventh Avenue South paving and storm sewer project to Mt. Vernon Contracting Corporation of Hillsdale. The council accepted a bid from Mt. Vernon of \$85,000 for the project.

Construction is slated to begin Monday, July 6.

New Councilman Takes Office in Lisbon

by Sara Gaarde

Donald Gean was sworn in as a new member of the Lisbon City Council at a special meeting Monday night. Gean was elected to the post June 18 to fill the unexpired term of Larry McAfee.

The Council discussed paving School Street. Letters were read both in favor of and opposed to the project. The Council tabled the matter until the July 7 meeting.

Lisbon Insurance Agency was awarded the City's liability insurance coverage for the next fiscal year. The agency's bid for the package was \$9876, compared to \$9874 last year. The amount may increase, however, because the Council will consider several increases in coverage.

Bruce Munson of Lisbon Insurance presented the quote to the Council. LaVonne Erva moved acceptance of the Lisbon Insurance quote and the Council concurred in her sentiments to give the City's insurance business to a local agency. Layton Insurance of Cedar Rapids had indicated an interest in the package, but

that company did not submit a bid for Monday night's meeting and no representative of the company was present.

The Council discussed the city's bonding situation. Philip Dewisher of Des Moines, he paid for work he did on two paving projects. Dewisher will receive \$2029.99 for work on the bonds for the Main Street project and \$991.25 for work on the 41-block paving project that was dropped in late April.

The City will purchase a new 6056 IBM typewriter. The cost will be pre-rated to several city departments for which the typewriter is used.

The Council agreed to have the basketball that is currently located in the southeast corner of the park moved to the northeast corner. An ad in the paper solicits bids for the work from qualified local people. If no bids are received the work will be awarded later this month to Scott Roebuck.

Gary Rogers, planner from Linn County Regional Planning, spoke with the Council about the possibility of receiving grants to

offset all or part of the costs of paving. Rogers indicated that it was unlikely that grants could be won for residential paving in areas of moderate to upper income individuals but that the chance of receiving grants were better for paving areas with low to moderate income residents. There might also be grants to pay for part of paving costs in areas with many elderly residents, he said.

He recommended applying for grants from several different governmental agencies.

The Council will meet again next Tuesday, July 7 at 7 p.m. Agenda items as of June 30 included continued discussion of paving School Street. School Supt. Jim Stoffen plans to be at the July 7 meeting to discuss the school's wish to have the street paved.

There will be an employee review and discussion of employees' wages at the July 7 meeting. The books for fiscal year 80-81 will be closed, and there will be a discussion of meeting in the Council chambers.

Renovation of MV Pools Is Recommended

by Tim Hartman

The Mt. Vernon Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously Monday night to recommend to the City Council that the city swimming pool be renovated.

The commission's recommendation stems from an inspection tour of the pool on June 18. At that time, the commission noted the deterioration of the pool in certain areas including the settling of the main building and surrounding decks. The men's and women's locker room floor is slippery and needs a non-slip surface or wooden planks. The 85 gallon hot water tank needs to be replaced, and the concrete deck is sinking and cracking caused by a 12-18 inch separation between the concrete deck and the ground below, due to sand settling. Other deficiencies include the need to replace side gutters as well as the underground pipes which circulate the water. The leaking pipes cause soil erosion under the concrete decks while saturating the ground surrounding the pool. There are cracks and chunks of concrete missing in the floor of the diving area. There is sand leaking into the pool. One of the underwater

wall lights has fallen out. The storage building is sinking and pipes no longer fit together correctly. The concrete filter system leaks and the diving boards need to be replaced.

The commission heard from Dick Whitaker, president of Pool Tech Corp. of Cedar Rapids, with regard to the possible renovation of the pool.

Whitaker, a licensed engineer, told the council that the pool "is due for repair" and that the primary concern should be to get the pool below, due to sand settling. Whitaker told the commission that water is being lost through the circulatory system and that the water treatment plant is not in order.

Options to improve the 31-year-old pool include either renovation or the construction of a new pool. Whitaker indicated that renovation is the most viable solution to the current problem.

Whitaker told the council that the cost to renovate the pool would be approximately \$50,000. Renovation would include a new gutter system, a new circulatory system, and a new chlorination process. Whitaker, however, said that the cost of renovating

only an estimate and that a study should be done before an exact cost figure could be made. The concrete structure of the pool itself is sound, he added.

The circulatory problem, Whitaker said, is due to the deterioration of the copper and metal pipes which circulate the water.

Whitaker discouraged the commission from recommending that a new pool be constructed. Mt. Vernon's 8700 sq. ft. pool is big enough to serve the area, he said, adding that the cost of building a new pool would be an estimated \$185,000.

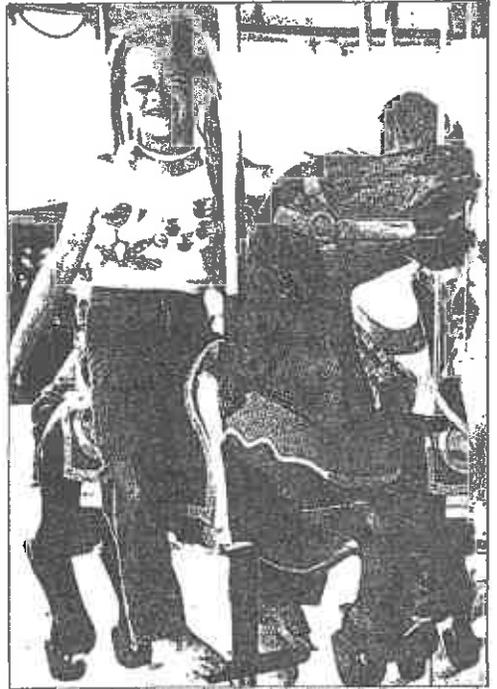
The life expectancy of a renovated pool would be from 20 to 30 years of additional life, he added.

One commission member indicated that the solution to the problem is either to fix the pool or close the pool next year.

The city has already allocated \$50,000 for pool repair.

The commission indicated that the council should act quickly on the renovation recommendation enabling construction to begin by next fall.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will meet again on July 30 at 7 p.m.



A young ranger takes a gallop around the Springville Centennial merry-go-round last weekend. PHOTO: FREDRICK



Dressed in the spirit of older times, these gentlemen run a bingo stand at the Springville Centennial held last weekend. PHOTO: FREDRICK

New Bake Shop to Open in Mt. Vernon

A new business, "L'Grandma Jennie's Bake Shop," will open next Monday at 191 1st Ave. S.

Kathy Patrick will operate the bakery with the help of her mother, Jeanette, a resident at Carroll, announced that Monday would be the shop's grand opening with free kolaches, coffee, and lemonade available.

The site that the business is located in was originally opened as a grocery store in 1948 and was later used as a shoe store by Patrick's grandmother, Jennie.

Laundromat Opens in Lisbon

A coin operated laundromat owned by Mike Sell will be opened in Lisbon next Monday.

The laundromat will be on HI-way 30 next to the Standard Cafe. It will house 14 washers and heavy duty dryers. Hours will be 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Lisbon Building Being Remodeled

Remodeling of the Turner Travel Electronics building, on Main Street in the Lisbon business district, was started last

Baxters Close Mt. Vernon Mortuary

Don and Dorothy Baxter, licensed morticians, have closed their Memorial Chapel in Mount Vernon. Their business is now run solely out of the Marion location.

Dorothy Baxter reported that they still are available for Mount Vernon funerals, just as before.

The Baxters originally opened their funeral chapel in Mount Vernon in 1962 at

work by Victor Ubovsky who plans to open a lounge. The building was recently purchased by Victor and Marlee Ubovsky, who reside in the Schaft Addition

Fourth of July Hours Are Announced

Most Mount Vernon and Lisbon businesses and offices will be altering their regular hours in observance of the July 4 holiday.

The Mount Vernon and Lisbon City Hall will both be closed all day Friday and Saturday.

The Mount Vernon and Lisbon post office will be closed all day Saturday with no mail delivery.

The Mount Vernon Bank will close at 5 p.m. on Friday and will not be open on Saturday. The Lisbon Bank will be open their regular hours on Friday but will be closed all day Saturday.

The Cornell College offices will be closed Monday, July 6.

Dave and Gary's Super Valu, Mount Vernon, will be open their regular hours during the weekend.

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Registration Begins for Mt. Vernon Kolache Day Prizes

Registration to register for other contests, call Laura Wierman at 895-6211 immediately.

Registration for the 1981 Kolache Day, set for Sat., July 11.

An ad with the names of all participating merchants is on Page 3 of this issue.

Cash certificates, redeemable at any of the participating stores, will be drawn on July 11. The certificates will be in \$5, \$10, and \$20 amounts, with over \$500 total given away. They will be drawn during the evening on Saturday night, July 11, from 8-12.

From now until noon on July 11, register as many times as you wish in as many stores as you wish.

BALLOON LAUNCH FRIDAY

This Friday, July 3, at 4 p.m. there will be a helium-filled balloon launch in front of Mt. Vernon City Hall. Many of the balloons will contain slips of paper redeemable for \$5 cash certificates.

These should be turned in at the Mount Vernon Bank prior to Kolache Day to receive the cash certificates.

KOLACHE CONTESTS

There will be kolache baking and eating contests on Kolache Day, and you should register for these contests in advance. There will be a \$15 and a \$10 prize for kolache baking and a \$10 prize for kolache

A Quiet Determination Marks Dr. Prall's Life of Service

by Sara Gaarde

Dr. Elmer Prall's philosophy of life can be summed up like this: we should spend our time in service to others. One of Dr. Prall's favorite Biblical stories is the parable of the talents, in which Christ illustrated how each person should use what has been given to them in service to others. Work in the principle good of man, in Dr. Prall's philosophy, he advises the Apostle Paul's dictum that man should either work or starve.

Elmer Prall has been a dentist in Mount Vernon for over 50 years. He served on the City Council here for nearly 40 years. He has been active for just as many years in the Lions Club, Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, and several dental professional societies.

He is a gentle and soft-spoken man, but one who is prominent in his profession and in service to his community. He has strong opinions, but they are always expressed politely.

Dr. Prall's ancestors were French protestants who sought refuge in Holland. They came to America with the early Dutch immigrants and settled in New York. The trek west took the family, over successive

generations, from New York to Pennsylvania, then to Wisconsin and Minnesota, and finally to Iowa.

Elmer Prall was born in Lammont, Iowa. His parents had chosen to settle there because it was a small college town that was pleasant. The family had first visited Lammont on a trip from Minnesota to the 1890 St. Louis World's Fair.

Elmer was born in 1902. He grew up in Lammont, and at the age of 17 enrolled at Graceland College there. He stayed at Graceland for two years and then left to teach and coach.

His teaching and coaching career began at Logan, Iowa, a small town in Harrison County northeast of Council Bluffs. At Logan, Elmer "taught everything" and taught just about as much. In his two years there he had only two defeats in all the sports events he coached.

From Logan, Elmer accepted a similar post at Paulina. His football team in 1928 scored 315 points to the opponents' six. Also at Paulina, Elmer took up playing cornet in the band.

After receiving an A.A. degree from Graceland College, Dr. Prall decided to enroll in the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

After moving to Iowa City, Elmer met Irma Belkman, whom family's home was in Iowa City. They were married June 25, 1927.

In 1930, Dr. Prall graduated from dental school and decided that he wanted to find a small college town to settle in. He chose Mt. Vernon. He brought out the dental practice of Dr. George Bell, who moved to Cedar Rapids. Dr. Prall opened his dental office in the Buxton Building on Mt. Vernon Main Street in 1930.

Dentistry Service

Dr. Prall has served in many posts in dental societies, including the presidency of the Cedar Rapids dental society, president and secretary of the University district of the Iowa State Dental Assn., superintendent of clinics for this group, president of the Iowa Unit of the American Society of Dentistry for children, and president of the Alumni Assn. of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. There are many honors he has received and other leadership positions he has held in his profession.

Of special interest is Dr. Prall's interest in children's dentistry. During his lifetime the attitude of dentists towards children's teeth

has changed. Dr. Prall has been a big part of that change in Iowa.

He was the first Iowa dentist to become a life member of the Iowa chapter of the American Society of Dentistry for Children. Dr. Prall joined the organization in 1959, 13 years before the Iowa chapter was founded. He worked in the state to upgrade dental work for children. At that time, too many dentists were telling parents that their children's teeth would soon be lost anyway and dental work was not needed.

By 1960 an Iowa unit became part of the national organization. Dr. Prall was the first secretary-treasurer of the Iowa unit, and later became its president.

Community Service

Dr. Prall joined the Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce soon after starting his practice here. In 1958, he was elected president. "There were tough days on Main Street. We had lots of drawings for things like washing machines, and other promotions," he recalled.

-Dr. Elmer Prall-
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Registration Begins for Mt. Vernon Kolache Day Prizes

Registration to register for other contests, call Laura Wierman at 895-6211 immediately.

Registration for the 1981 Kolache Day, set for Sat., July 11.

An ad with the names of all participating merchants is on Page 3 of this issue.

Cash certificates, redeemable at any of the participating stores, will be drawn on July 11. The certificates will be in \$5, \$10, and \$20 amounts, with over \$500 total given away. They will be drawn during the evening on Saturday night, July 11, from 8-12.

From now until noon on July 11, register as many times as you wish in as many stores as you wish.

BALLOON LAUNCH FRIDAY

This Friday, July 3, at 4 p.m. there will be a helium-filled balloon launch in front of Mt. Vernon City Hall. Many of the balloons will contain slips of paper redeemable for \$5 cash certificates.

These should be turned in at the Mount Vernon Bank prior to Kolache Day to receive the cash certificates.

KOLACHE CONTESTS

There will be kolache baking and eating contests on Kolache Day, and you should register for these contests in advance. There will be a \$15 and a \$10 prize for kolache baking and a \$10 prize for kolache

Two Rural Families Victims of Burglary

Two rural Mt. Vernon residences were burglarized June 22, according to the Linn County Sheriff's Department.

Jewelry and stereo equipment were taken sometime between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. June 23 from the Kirby White residence, Route 2, Mt. Vernon.

Between the same hours, someone burglarized the Kenneth Clancy residence on Route 2 and took a microwave oven.

The two incidents remain under investigation.

Area Memorial Day Services Are Planned

Next Monday, May 31, is Memorial Day. Government offices and most businesses will be closed for an official holiday. Several Memorial Day services are planned.

In Mount Vernon, the Main Howard Post #480 has organized a Memorial Day

service. A parade will form at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. and march from there to the cemetery. Richard Peters will be the speaker at the cemetery, and David Wodell will give the invocation and benediction. Master of ceremonies will be Carol Dillard. Commander Charles Havill also noted that free coffee and doughnuts will be served at the fire station for community residents.

In Lisbon, the Cyclops Post #109 has organized a service. The parade will form at the Lisbon Bank at 9:30 a.m., will go to the park, and will then continue on to the cemetery. The Auxiliary will place flowers on honor graves, and then Rep. George Petrick will be the speaker. Father John Barnes will offer the invocation and benediction.

Featured in the parade will be the high school band, Boy Scouts, and the Legion Color Guard, said Commander Charles Postell, who will lead the parade. At Campbell Cemetery, the May 31 service begins at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Gary Burnett, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Mt. Vernon, will conduct the service. Campbell Cemetery is located west of Mt. Vernon on Id Hwy. 30, about a half mile east of the intersection with Hy. 19.

In Ely, the general Memorial Day services are on Monday at 11 a.m. at Rogers Grove Cemetery northwest of Ely. The guest speaker is Rev. Jerry Crew, now pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ely. Following the services a potluck dinner will be

held at the Ely American Legion Hall and the public is welcome to attend. In case of rain the services will be held in the Legion Hall.

Peace Pentecost Worship Service Set in Park

A worship service for global peace and nuclear disarmament will be held Sat. May 29, 11 a.m. in Memorial Park, Mt. Vernon. A mock lunch picnic will follow.

The day commemorates Peace Pentecost, designed to promote efforts for solutions to the upcoming United Nations conference on nuclear disarmament. Similar services will be conducted throughout the world that weekend. This service has been organized by members of Mt. Verado Fellowship for Peace. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, contact Marsha Ament 895-6678.

Banks, POs Closed

Both the Mount Vernon and Lisbon banks will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. The Lisbon Bank will also be closed on Sat. May 29.

The Lisbon and Mount Vernon post offices will be closed all day on Mon., May 31. No mail will go in or out of the local post offices on Memorial Day.

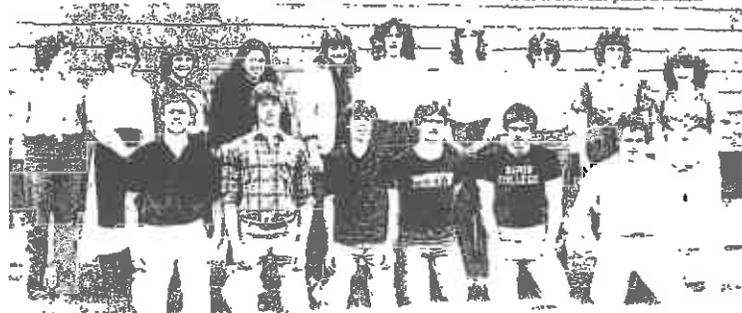
MVHS Graduation Is Saturday Night

Commencement exercises for the Mount Vernon High School Class of 1982 will begin at 8 p.m. this Saturday night, May 29, in the high school gymnasium. Eighty students will receive their high school diplomas. Nineteen class members will graduate with academic distinction.

Robert Stenzel, former teacher and coach at MVHS, will give the commencement address. The title is "New Beginnings." Stenzel is now the Midwest Regional Administrative Manager of the Service Steel Company. Rev. Dr. Richard Thomas will offer the invocation and benediction. The MVHS concert band and concert

choir will both perform. The diplomas will be presented by Dr. Paul Christiansen, a member of the Mount Vernon Board of Education.

Superintendent Winston Addie will introduce the speaker, and high school principal Adria Ringold will present the Class of 1982. The public is invited.



Graduating with Academic Distinction...

These Mt. Vernon High School graduating seniors have maintained a GPA of at least 3.2 through their high school careers. They will be graduating with academic distinction at commencement exercises Saturday night (Front row, l-r) Bill Strauss, Rob Wagner, Mike Frantz, John Gaston, Jeff

Lifson, and Andy Buchmeyer. (Back row, l-r) Sarah Carow, Cathy LeVan, Cindy Spellerberg, Lisa Addie, Mary Ellen Henik, Carol Hufford, Kelly Wilkey, Julie Atherton, Tara Cole, and Sheri Russell. Not pictured are Christine Hartzell, Jennie Jordan, and Heidi Stimschauer.

PHOTO: DUNHAM

SUN Office Closed; Deliver Sunlights Tuesday

The SUN office will be closed all day next Monday, May 31. Please plan to get your Sunlights on Tuesday, May 26.

Those who receive their Sunlight shoppers by carrier should expect to receive the Sunlights on Tuesday instead of Monday. Those who receive their Sunlight through the mail should receive it on Tuesday, as usual.

The SUN newspaper next week will appear on its regular schedule. Ads to start in the SUN must be at our office by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1. The entire SUN staff wishes our readers a pleasant and safe holiday. Please drive carefully if you plan to leave home.

Terms of Resignation Criticized

by Ron Dungan

The Mt. Vernon School Board took bids for roof repairs in a special meeting on Mon., May 24, leaving the facilities committee to determine the final cost of repairs, which could range from \$40,000 to \$60,000.

The board was also blasted for accepting terms of resignation of Superintendent Winston Addie.

The low bid for repairs came to \$40,738. The bid was submitted by Redco, a Dubuque-based firm. The bid was "way lower than the board had anticipated, and so the facilities committee will try to negotiate additional repairs.

Addie cautioned that while some \$50,000 of funding may be available next year for repairs, the board almost never funds available for other expenditures that will show during the 1982-83 school year. The repairs will help seal leaks and insulation will be added to help save energy.

After the meeting, high school teacher Charles Haley expressed concern, as a teacher and as a taxpayer, over the terms of Addie's resignation.

Reading from a prepared statement,

Haley said: "I find it hard to believe that the board has granted two months' pay on next year's salary when they are so short on money they cannot hire a full-time middle school teacher."

Addie recently resigned his post as superintendent, and was to serve out part of his 1982-83 contract before leaving to become Executive Director of the Sitgreaves Institute in Seattle, Wash.

Addie will be active until July 31. His new contract takes effect on July 1. Beginning "August 1," Addie will take a sabbatical vacation time before he begins his new role at the institute.

Criticism focused on the board's approval of a vacation under the 1982-83 contract.

Addie, in a written statement prepared the following day, said the vacation time was earned during the 1981-82 contract year.

Haley said after the meeting he felt the district could operate for one summer month without a superintendent, and that he understood Addie had previously earned vacation time.

"I'm suggesting it should be taken in

June, at last year's pay, not at this year's pay," he said.

"I'm not quarreling with the vacation, just the time of it," he said later.

Haley said before reading his statement that he was speaking for himself, but board members said they had heard similar criticisms.

"I've heard many comments that are the same," board member Mark Colburn said. Dean Borg said he voted in favor of the terms and gave his reasons why.

"Winston Addie has been extremely helpful in providing guidance...when we need an orderly transition and to plan for the new school year." He said "critical months were ahead for board members as they attempt to find a new superintendent, and that Addie will be able to help the board find a qualified candidate.

"We probably will get some heat," board president Claude Harrison said after

School Board

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Two Mt. Vernon Seniors Honored

Mt. Vernon High School student Andy Buchmeyer was given a Citizenship Award from the Iowa State Bar Association during a high school awards assembly on Mon., May 24. Buchmeyer also received a \$300 scholarship on behalf of former Mt. Vernon High School student Lawrence E. Winstead. Another Mt. Vernon student, Terry Hauser, received a \$600 scholarship from the R.J. McElroy Trust.

The Winstead scholarship was made possible by Lawrence E. Winstead, who left Mt. Vernon High School more than 60 years ago without graduating. Since then he has served as President of the Board of Education and as a member of the city council in Mantion Springs, Colo. The Mt. Vernon School Board granted Winstead an honorary high school diploma in 1981. Winstead recently donated \$800 to the school district, and the School Board elected to have the funds used for a scholarship.



Andy Buchmeyer (left) Terry Hauser (right)

PHOTO: DUNHAM

M. V. Pool Renovation Bond Election June 8

by Tim Hartman

On Tuesday, June 8, Mt. Vernon voters will determine whether or not to renovate the 20-year old municipal swimming pool.

Registered voters will, as part of the Primary Election, cast their ballots either for or against a special bond issue which would raise \$140,000 in General Obligation Bonds as part of the total renovation and repair cost of \$180,000. The 1982-83 city budget has allocated \$50,000 to complete the total cost of the project.

In order for the bond issue to pass, the law requires that the affirmative vote is at

least 60 percent of the total votes cast. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at City Hall.

City Clerk Don Siggas indicated that if the bond issue passes, bid letting will take place sometime during the summer, while construction will begin shortly after the pool closes in August with the final stages of the renovation to take place in the spring of 1983. Siggas noted that no actual pool time would be lost because of the split construction periods.

"Without the issue of the General Obligation Bonds made possible by the approval of the citizens of Mt. Vernon, the

continued operation of the pool is in doubt," according to a fact sheet distributed by the Mt. Vernon Recreation Commission.

The recreation commission, with the aid of the League of Women Voters, began promoting the renovation project on April 28 with an informal telephone canvass.

The purpose of the telephone survey, according to Staci Coll, a member of the recreation commission and League, was to make the residents of Mt. Vernon aware of the special election. The canvassing turned into an informational type of survey with the League providing the public with basic

information concerning the proposed pool renovation. "A lot of people did not even know about the special election or the proposed pool renovation," she said.

Bonds which are currently in need of repair or replacement at the swimming pool are:

- * The current deck on the north, southeast, northeast corner, northwest corner, southwest corner, along the children's pool, and between the bathhouse and the pool is cracked due to the deck settling. Pieces of the concrete deck continue to deteriorate and chip away. Several areas of the deck have been patched through the years but continued settling has caused hazardous conditions because of significant differences in the elevation of portions of the deck.
- * Patched cement surrounds a deck drain which otherwise would provide dangerously above the level of the deck. Deck settling between the bathhouse and the pool has left the deck drain almost two inches above the deck level.
- * Deck settling in the filtration unit area located on the south side of the pool has also caused dangerous conditions for the filtration system. One leg of the filtration system's block foundation is no longer resting on the deck but is now held one foot off the deck because of settling.
- * The pool's deep end needs to be patched.
- * Replacement of the pool's gutter system due to the present cement gutter chipping away.
- * Deck settling has caused cracks to develop in the walls, showers, and floors of the bathhouse.
- * Replacement of the 20 year old hot water heater.

Since the pool's construction some 20 years ago, the only addition has been the expansion of the west deck, according to Siggas. The pool's renovation has been a topic of discussion for the last several years, he said. In the present council, however, has gone on record in supporting the proposed renovation.

Siggas noted that in 1979, Mt. Vernon applied to the State Conservation Commission for a grant of \$40,000 to help pay for the State proposed renovation. The grant, however, was denied. The total cost to

renovate the pool in 1979 was \$98,000, according to plans prepared by Skonmeyer Healdt Engineers of Iowa City. These preliminary plans are currently on file at City Hall.

Bonds to be included in the proposed swimming pool renovation are:

- * Replace pool's filter system and the current deck that it sits on.
- * Replace present gutter system and piping.
- * Replace chlorinator in filter area.
- * Install a filter system for the existing pool.
- * Replace the hot water heater for the showers.
- * Replace the entire deck except for a small portion on the west side of the pool.

Pool

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Leonard Is LHS Valedictorian

Patricia Leonard graduated as Valedictorian of the Lisbon High School Class of 1982 last Saturday night. Fatty maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout her four years at Lisbon High. She also has received a \$100 award from the Lisbon Education Association and a \$250 award from the Lisbon Community Scholarship Fund, Inc. She is the recipient of an engineering scholarship from the University of Iowa. Fatty was also named a State of Iowa scholar.

Dan Franta was Salutatorian of the class. Dan maintained a 3.6 grade point average through high school. He was also named a State of Iowa scholar.

Lisa Light was the recipient of the Iowa Bar Association Good Citizenship Award. She also received a \$100 award from the Lisbon Education Association and a \$250 award from the Lisbon Community Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Lisa was also the recipient of a \$600 scholarship, the R.J. McElroy Scholarship. She has received an academic scholarship to attend Mt. Mercy College. Lisa was also the winner of the D.A.R. Citizenship Award.

Besides Leonard, Franta, and Light, eight other Lisbon seniors graduated with academic distinction, meaning they held cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better. These seniors are: Amy Brown, Colleen Butcher, Susan Ferguson, Mike Hocking, Mary Nost, Jeff Owen, Russell Proffitt, Jr., and Brett Stankovik.

Mary Nost was the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Merit, and Jeff Owen received the \$50 Music Appreciation Award.

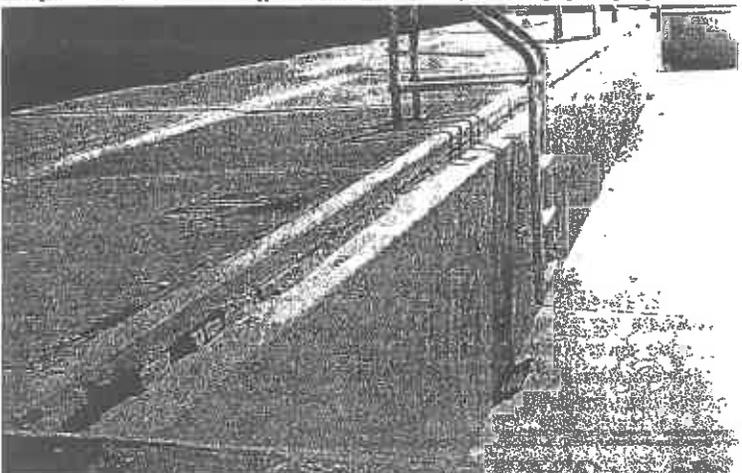
These awards were all presented at Lisbon High School's graduation exercises last Saturday night.



Patricia Leonard

Daniel Franta

Lisa Light



Will It Be Repaired?

The pool's current gutter system is cracked all the way around the pool. The proposed renovation will replace the current gutter with a plastic system.

PHOTO: HARTMAN

Mt. Vernon Police Report

David R. MacKay, 20, of Mt. Vernon reported to the Mt. Vernon Police Department on May 15 that he was a victim of a hit-and-run at the corner of Highway 1 and Elk Road. MacKay was struck by a vehicle while riding his motorcycle. MacKay was treated and released from Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids with facial injuries and a knee injury. Mt. Vernon Police Chief Guy Roehl said that the vehicle has been identified and that the incident remains under investigation.

James L. Feldman, 29, of Cedar Rapids was charged on May 21 with parking in a no parking zone. The Mt. Vernon Police Department issued the following speeding tickets last week: James M. Langer, 34, Cedar Rapids, May 16; Donald F. Schimpf, 15, Mechanicville, May 17; Mike J. Ernst, 18, Mt. Vernon, May 20; Lesa R. Kinninger, 20, Waterloo, May 21; Douglas R. Smuder, Sr., 29, West Branch, May 22; Rhoda M. Kibbler, 57, Marion, May 22; Susan R. Howe, 41, Mt. Vernon, May 23; Pamela A. Stamer, 28, Mt. Vernon, May 23; Ivan L. Joyce, 47, Glen, May 23; Steven P. Meane, 20, Marion, May 22; and David L. Graybill, 20, Lisbon, May 22.

Addis: "Terms Misunderstood"

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Halley's statement was read. "I welcome criticism; we probably need more of it."

Addis went on to say that these terms are a "normal occurrence at the time of a change in superintendents."

Dr. Harrison said he did not think the decision could be changed. Guy Booth, the board's attorney, agreed. Addis said later he did not think the terms of his release were completely understood.

In other business, the selection of a new superintendent. Board members Borg, Harrison, Paul Christensen, Tom Iwan, John Welch, and the board's attorney Guy Booth are set to meet to interview candidates for the post. Over 60 applicants have been received so far. Interviews were held on May 23, May 24, May 25, and May 26. All of these meetings were closed to the public because each of the candidates exercised the privilege of requesting the interviews be held in a closed session, Addis said.

Letter

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Halley's letter to the school board suggests that there is some misunderstanding about the terms of my contract renewal. Apparently many people think that I am being paid two months on my new contract but only working one month. This is a misunderstanding.

It was at my suggestion, because of the timing of my resignation, that I stay on beyond July 1st. I felt it was my professional obligation to aid my former employer by helping the board make this major transition to a new superintendent as smoothly as possible. I think the terms of the agreement are very reasonable, fair, and in the best interests of the school district. The board unanimously agreed and accepted these terms.



by L.A. Gosholt

This week tender bulbs such as gladioli, dahlias and calliopsis may be planted. For best blooming performance, fertilizer beds before planting with a 6-12-6 or 5-10-5 fertilizer at the rate of 1 lb. per 50 square feet. For a longer period of blooming gladioli should be planted from now until early July. Tender bulbs with the tops five inches deep, and stake tall types when planting to prevent root damage later on.

Case of tulip and other spring flowers now will determine the extent of damage to be done next year. Snap off all faded flower heads to prevent seed formation. Fertilize with 5-10-5 fertilizer at the rate of 1 lb. per 100 square feet of flower beds. Do not cut off foliage but allow it to die back naturally. If you wish to transplant bulbs, wait until foliage is yellow but still attached to the bulbs. If your tulips and calliopsis have been in place more than three years, they need to be divided this year when the foliage has yellowed. When this occurs, dig the entire clump up, and sort out the corms, or bulbs, which will have formed. These should each be treated as a new and separate bulb, and planted accordingly.

When planting any flowers or bulbs, keep a chart of what you put in, both by variety name, color, and number planted. This will make it much easier to know what to expect at blooming time, and allow you to check on performance. If a variety does not bloom as expected, or you don't like the color, it is easier to remove type cut and replace it if you know where and how many you planted.

This early vegetable planting now, and watch to prevent weeds and conserve moisture. If anyone has any questions concerning gardening, or specific problems, drop me a note at Box 126, Mt. Vernon, 52314, and I will try to answer your questions in upcoming columns.

MV Council Approves Pay Hike, New Pool Fees

The Mt. Vernon City Council has approved a six percent across the board pay increase for city employees. Action came at Monday night's special meeting. The council also set pool admission fees for the 1982 season at \$1.00 for a family swim season; \$16 for an individual swim ticket; and \$1 for daily admission. The city also increased the daily rate, which increased from 75 cents to \$1 per person.

Pool Repair Issue Has Five Year History

Pool

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Replace the deck drains so that the drains are lower than the deck level. Add additional deck area on the south side of the pool for a pool concession area. Concession area will also be enclosed in a boardwalk to the pool along the boards, and showers. Replace bathroom metal doors which are rusted. Change wiring in bathrooms. Reset and paint the entire pool. James Meyer, chairman of the recreation commission, said that the idea of renovating the pool has been kicked around for the last five years. "A lot of people feel that the pool has been neglected," Meyer said. "There have been no major repairs to the pool since its construction, he noted. Meyer, strongly in favor of the renovation proposal, said that Mt. Vernon needs a pool. "It will be a great job if we do not have a pool," Meyer said. "If the pool is renovated," he said, the pool will have to close down.

Estimated Property Valuation

Table with 2 columns: Estimated Property Valuation, Annual Tax Increase. Rows include 815,000, 20,000, 40,000, 60,000, 80,000, 100,000, 120,000, 140,000, 160,000, 180,000.

Charles Halley, director of the pool since 1977, said that the major problem with the pool is the old filter system. Every year the city crew puts together the filter system with the underground pipes and hoses it wears. Many of the underground pipes are shared off, leaking, or just not working, he said. The old filter system is old, leaky, and water which causes an oxygen problem under the cement deck. The old system beneath the deck leads to sand and dirt seeping into the pool as well as the collapse of concrete deck.

Halley noted that there are several leaks in the pool itself. The preliminary construction plans call for nothing to be done to the main structure of the pool. It was previously believed that the pool's main structure was sound but now it is compromised. Something will have to be included in the renovation plans to correct the leakage problem, he said.

Last year Halley said, approximately 20,000 gallons of water was lost within two days after the pool was first filled. The pool holds 180,000 gallons when full. After the pool was refilled, it took only about four days to lose 20,000 gallons. The ground around the pool gets saturated with water, the water level in the pool drops significantly. Despite extensive ground around the pool, he said, the pool is still losing water each day.

With a new filter system, Halley said, the underground pipe would become obsolete. All water would flow through the filter system and not underneath the deck as the current system is designed. The result would be less water loss, less sand and dirt seeping into the pool, and a reduction of soil erosion from beneath the deck.

Halley noted that the present filter system has been re-connected and is working for the 1982 swimming season. The pool will open as usual on June 6.

Assessed Property Valuation

Table with 2 columns: Assessed Property Valuation, Annual Tax Increase. Rows include 815,000, 20,000, 40,000, 60,000, 80,000, 100,000, 120,000, 140,000, 160,000, 180,000.

The campaign to gain support for the proposed pool renovation began April 25 with the sale of some 100 buttons with "S.O.S." printed on them. The S.O.S. stands for "Sink or Swim" concerning the proposed renovation. Money received from the sale of the buttons was used for the other items in the campaign, including a photo display and advertising. The photos, which show many of the items at the pool that need repair or replacement, are on display at City Hall. A book about the area churches on various Sundays.

A telephone survey was also taken on April 26 by the League of Women Voters. The preliminary renovation plans are currently on display at City Hall. A book about the area churches on various Sundays.

The idea to build a pool in Mt. Vernon began in 1967 when the American Red Cross expressed an interest in teaching Mt. Vernon children how to swim, according to Dr. E.C. Prall, chairman of the Mt. Vernon Water Safety committee from 1949-78 and

president of Mt. Vernon's chapter of the Red Cross. Prall, a member of the Mt. Vernon City Council for 45 years, said that at that time Mt. Vernon did not have a pool. As a result, he said, my child that wanted to learn how to swim had to go to Cedar Rapids. The Mt. Vernon Lions Club provided \$128 to pay for buses to provide transportation to and from Cedar Rapids. But Prall, an old money club chairman of Mt. Vernon, favored building a local pool.

The Lions Club played a major role in the initial phase of constructing a municipal pool by purchasing the land now known as Doyle Park. The Lions purchased 4.16 acres of the Doyle estate land adjacent to the Chicago and Northwestern depot for \$8,300 and then donated the land to the city with the passage of the bond issue.

Money for the purchase was raised over a period of years by the Lions Club's musical shows and other community activities. The August 12, 1962 bond issue election for the construction of the pool was overwhelmingly approved by Mt. Vernon voters by almost 4 to 1, 608 voted for the construction of the pool, while only 101 voted against the bond issue.

At one time it was suggested that Lisbon and Mt. Vernon go together and build a pool. However, the cost of furnishing water and sewer to a site between the two towns was prohibitive.

The project for the original swimming pool election was initiated by the Lions Club which investigated and studied the proposition for several years. Signs noted that the original pool was constructed with General Obligation Bonds to the tune of \$75,000. The final construction costs, however, were slightly more than the bond issue of \$75,000. Prall noted, adding that the citizens of Mt. Vernon put on a bond issue to make up the difference.

The public response was good and the needed money was raised. "The citizens saw a need for a local pool," he said. The purpose of the pool, he noted, was to keep the kids off the streets, serve as a baby-sitter, and eliminate trips to Cedar Rapids to teach water safety. The big criticism at the time that the original pool was constructed, he said, was that there was nothing for young people to do in Mt. Vernon.

There will be an open house at the swimming pool on Tuesday, June 1, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pool director Charles Halley will conduct tours of the facility and point out to interested citizens the needed repairs and/or replacements included in the proposed renovation. The public is urged to attend.

In The News...

The Restaurant

Mt. Vernon's Main Street restaurant, on the corner of Main and 1st Ave., has been renamed simply "The Restaurant," according to owner Les Niedelmeier. Steve Worton of Cedar Rapids is the new manager of the facility. Steve has had experience as assistant manager at several Cedar Rapids restaurants.

Holiday Re-opened

The Holiday Restaurant at the corner of Hwy. 30 and 1st in Mount Vernon has re-opened. It is owned by Charles Kild and will be managed by Joyce Lane of Mount Vernon. Refer to an ad in this issue for more information and for specials.

Lisbon Police Report

James M. Campbell, 18, Mt. Vernon, was charged May 11 with driving while license under suspension. John McPhail, 17, Lisbon, was charged May 19 with riding two on a motorcycle not equipped for passenger. Lori S. Glover, 24, Cedar Rapids, was charged May 20 with O.W.I.D. and speeding.

Last Day to Register

Saturday, May 29 is the last day for Limb Co. residents to register before the June 6 primary election. The voter registration office will be open Sat., May 29 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for last minute registrations.

MV Council

The Mt. Vernon City Council will hold a special meeting Tuesday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall to consider a public hearing for the purpose of applying for a Community Development Block Grant. The grant would be used to construct an additional water storage tower. The city would apply for the maximum grant of \$95,000.

Lisbon Council Will Apply For Grant

The Lisbon City Council will be applying for a Community Development Block Grant to help finance a new water main loop system in part of the town. A public hearing has been set for June 7 at 7 p.m. on the proposal to apply for \$27,100 in grant money as part of the estimated \$63,100 total cost of the project. (See legal notice in this issue.)

Showerman Handled Engineers Estimate

At the suggestion of the city attorney, the Council is considering whether to place an engineer on retainer with the city, similar to the situation with the city attorney. The matter will be discussed at the June 14 council meeting. At Monday night's meeting, the Council discussed how policies should be set for the city. The League of Women Voters will provide the city with some model policies for further review.

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Ringold Named New MV Superintendent

Adrian Ringold was named the new superintendent of schools in Mt. Vernon by the board of education late Tuesday night. Ringold is currently the high school principal here. He will replace William Adkins, who has resigned to accept a post in Washington.

Pool Bond Passed by Wide Margin; Voting Machines Didn't Work

Three incredible machines! The voting machines in both Mt. Vernon and Lisbon failed to count the votes in Tuesday's primary, an election officer from both towns had to drive to Cedar Rapids late Tuesday night to run the ballots through a properly functioning machine.

The swimming pool bond election in Mt. Vernon passed overwhelmingly by a margin of 709 Yes votes to 54 No votes. David Osterberg outpolled Marty Chabrowski in both towns, the margins being 854-138 in Mt. Vernon and 128-65 in Lisbon. Jerry Flanagan had 91 in Mt. V. and 68 in Lisbon. Ed Campbell had 69 in Mt. V. and 35 in Lisbon.

Mechanicsville Bank Is Sold

Controlling interest in the Mechanicsville Trust and Savings Bank has been sold by Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Hartzell to Mr. Dale Luckow and associates of Dyanoville, Iowa. The agreement between the two men was effective June 3, but the transaction is subject to the approval of federal and state authorities.

Luckow said Monday that he anticipates a major change at the bank and that he intends for the bank to be reorganized "provide the best banking service available for the community." Luckow said the bank would remain as a separate entity operating in Mechanicsville.



Dale Luckow has entered into an agreement to purchase the Mechanicsville Trust and Savings Bank. Luckow will purchase the bank from Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Hartzell. Luckow purchased the Lisbon Bank and Trust Co. last year.

Final approval to be given to the transfer in ownership.

Elderhostel Starts Sunday

The June session of the Cornell Elderhostel program is June 13-19 on the campus, with participants invited to stay on campus for the week.

English professor Elizabeth Isaacs will hold classes on John Milton's Paradise Lost, the greatest epic poem in English concerning the problems of good and evil. She will show how the classic book is as relevant to today's world as it was in the 17th century.

The program will feature three courses in music, biology, and English. Cornell music professor Minnie Lee will teach "Big Beethoven," which will explore the two greatest giants of the period, Johann Sebastian Bach and George Friderich Handel; their lives, major works, and musical forms and instruments in the 17th century.

Additional activities will include piano, concert, lectures, and movies. Tennis courts, heated pool, and other recreational facilities are reserved at Cornell for participants. Classes and meals are in the Commons.

Participants will be from around the country. The next Elderhostel session will be held August 1-7.

For information contact Continuing Education Director, Jackie Wallace, 895-6811, ext. 241.

MV Schools Will Provide Bus Maintenance for Lisbon

by Tim Hartman

The Lisbon School Board has unanimously approved a bus maintenance agreement with the Mt. Vernon Schools. The action came Monday night.

The agreement stipulates that the Mt. Vernon district agrees to do routine maintenance and washing of Lisbon School vehicles and other repair work as practical and mutually agreed on. The agreement takes effect from July 1, 1982, to June 30, 1983.

The following items will be charged on a flat fee basis: lubrication-\$10.50, a five percent increase over last year; hydraulic oil-\$15.00, a 5.5 percent increase over last year; tire repair-\$10.50, a five percent increase over last year; bus wash-\$6.25, a five percent increase over last year; van or van wash-\$3.00, an 8.5 percent increase over last year. All other repair work will be charged at \$12.00 per man-hour, a 6.7 percent increase over last year. No major repair work will be done without consultation. The Lisbon staff will be responsible for drivetrain repairs to the Mt. Vernon bus garage for service.

The board approved student fees for the 1982-83 school year. The fees, recommended by Boyd Kim Steffen, revealed no real change from the 1981-82 fees. "I think we should not try to throw any more of a financial burden on the people of the school district with the economy in such bad shape," Steffen said. Book materials remained the same: 86 for kindergarten and \$12 for grades 1-12. Also included in Steffen's recommendation is a 90 cent single day lunch ticket.

The board discussed the cost of providing students with workbooks. Steffen noted that textbook rental fees do not begin to cover the cost of providing workbooks to students. The Lisbon School provides workbooks to students from grades 1-8 at an average cost of \$18 per year, he said. The workbooks are beneficial to the learning process, Steffen said, but added that the workbooks, however, are supplemental material. As the school system begins to feel the pinch of a tight economy, workbooks may be an area where costs could be saved, Steffen stated.

Steffen said that either additional rental fees could be charged to students or that workbook usage could be altered. Non-required student equipment could be sold or returned when no longer needed.

The board appeared to have quickly bid items sent out to Lima Co-op, Lima-Jones

FS, Lisbon Axicon, and Petro Gas Limited, formerly Loody Oil of Stanwood. Bids will be awarded from July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983. Approximately 750 gallons of regular gas, 600 gallons of unleaded, and 200 gallons of diesel fuel will be needed per month by the Lisbon School. Steffen indicated that the approximate cost for the entire school year may run as high as \$16,000.

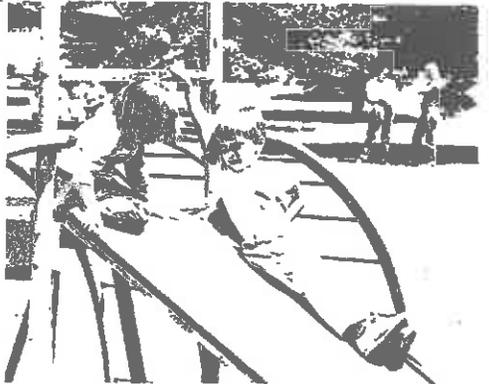
As present, Lima Co-op gives the Lisbon School a two cent discount off the tank wagon price, plus a two percent discount, as well as a 5.1 cent per gallon rebate. Steffen said that Lisbon may be getting a 10 cent discount off the tank wagon price from Lima Co-op.

The board approved a student teaching agreement with Cornell. The agreement calls for Cornell to pay the Lisbon School District \$60 for each student teacher assigned and accepted by the district. At the present time, two Cornell students will be student teaching at Lisbon for the 1982-83 school year.

The board discussed a request by the Des Moines School Board concerning changing the traditional six-girl basketball to five-girl basketball in the state. Steffen indicated that Lisbon would not benefit one way or the other if the change occurred. "I think that five-girl basketball will happen eventually but I don't think Lisbon should be a forerunner in changing it over," he said. After some discussion, the board took a neutral stand on the issue.

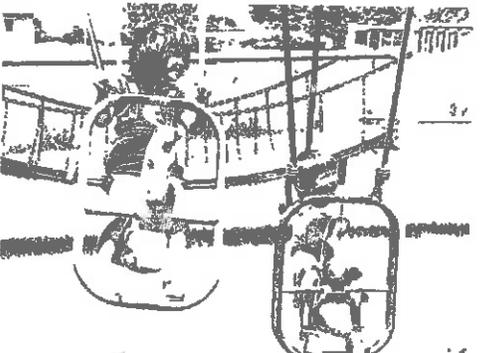
A motion was approved by the board to have Brian Grub, school attorney, represent the board in the Kille arbitration case. A review of the 1970-80 census figures for Area 10 revealed that the population of the Lisbon School District has increased from 2,028 in 1970 to 2,308. However, Steffen said that despite the increase in population, school enrollment has dropped. Total enrollment in Area 10 public schools has declined by 18.2 percent.

The board also approved the second reading of the School Board Policy 406.1 which states that property owning school teachers shall be paid on a daily basis. Such rates shall be 85 percent of a beginning teacher's daily rate. A substitute who serves in a specific assignment for a period of an entire teaching day will be paid on a per diem salary that is 100 percent of a beginning teacher's daily rate.



Lance Davidson hangs at the top of a slide at Davis Park while Maggie Lesmaier (left) looks on.

Those lazy days...



Jenna Skinner and Mathew Wolrab enjoy themselves at Davis Park in Mt. Vernon. The children were attending the summer playground, a recreation program for Mt. Vernon school district students.

Heartland Consort: Jazz in Middle America

by Tim Hartman

In the attention-confronted and commercialized world of popular music, it is refreshing to discover a creative band dedicated to writing and performing their own music. Mt. Vernon's own Heartland Consort is such a band.

Composed of three professionally minded musicians, The Heartland Consort boasts 30 years of collective music experience. The trio includes Janice Kennedy, Greg Groeper, and John Riley.

The music evolved from years of formal training. It's a blend of classical influences, including jazz, classical, 19th century impressionistic, folk, and even avant-garde music.

Member of The Heartland Consort has appeared in concert with the Cornell College Jazz Ensemble and such noted jazz artists as the late Bill Evans and his trio, the Phil Woods Quartet, Joe Pass, and the Woody Shaw Quintet. The Consort's music has been featured on Gordon Fullman's "Journey Into Jazz" on KCCO-FM, Kirkwood Community College, and on "Live From Studio One," a live performance show on KUNI-TV from Cedar Falls.

Group member Janice Kennedy, 30, graduated magna cum laude with a 1961 degree in music composition/guitar from Cornell. She is currently adjunct professor of music at Cornell and is presently doing graduate study at the University of Iowa's School of Music. In the Consort, Kennedy composes and plays six and twelve string classical, jazz, and folk guitar.

Greg Groeper, 24, graduated from Cornell with a degree in composition/performance with emphasis in electric/acoustic bass and low brass instruments in 1981. A native of Chicago, Groeper began his music career at the age of ten and has extensive ensemble experience including sessions with the Chicago Symphonic Wind Ensemble and The Theatre On The Lake Big Orchestra. Groeper is also taught brass technique at the high school level. In the Consort, Groeper composes and plays the electric bass. He is also a member of the N.A.J.E. and teaches electric/acoustic bass and low brass instruments.

John Riley, 21, is currently a junior at Cornell and is working towards a degree in music. Riley is also studying percussion at

the University of Iowa's School of Music. John started playing percussion only six years ago but has become a vital part of the Consort's music. Riley has studied with renowned percussionist Don Klapp.

All three members of the trio played in the rhythm section of the Cornell College Jazz Ensemble prior to forming The Heartland Consort.

Guest artists currently working with the Consort trio include Brad Cornick on synthesizer and keyboards, as well as Rick Utterback on multiple percussion. The group was formed in September, 1978 as an outlet for original compositions.

"We were still writing our own music and needed an outlet for our compositions," Kennedy said. At the time there were no contemporary jazz groups in the area.

The Consort's versatility in original compositions has been a positive force in the group's musical advancement. Committed to working on original material, the Consort has recorded over 100 pieces of original music.

While most musicians look to either the jazz or rock scene to record, The

Heartland Consort purposely chose to stay in the Midwest. In the Midwest, members of the group said, the season change and the human senses are triggered by the seasonal changes. These seasonal changes are a major influence in the Consort's music.

"Our music comes from the Midwest," Kennedy said, and that is what the name of the group implies.

Although the Consort plays contemporary jazz, the music is a result of everyday life in the Midwest. Jazz is American music, Kennedy said, and the Consort is trying to perpetuate a musical style that is American along with having other cultural influences.

Linking the core of the group to three members gives The Heartland Consort the flexibility to impart supporting musicians.

Over the years, the group has evolved from performing commercial mainstream jazz into original improvisational jazz. Kennedy noted that the group has had several offers to tour cross-country on the motel/hotel nightclub circuit. The touring circuit would have meant playing commercial mainstream jazz pieces that the public

could easily recognize. The group declined the offers, and a year and a half ago focused the band's direction towards improvisational jazz, despite the lure of a steady paycheck.

The trio's uncompromising dedication to improvisational jazz is the lifeblood that energizes The Heartland Consort's music. Improvisational jazz is more of a challenge than playing someone else's music. Kennedy said. Approximately 85 percent of the Consort's music is improvisation, while only five percent is written and form.

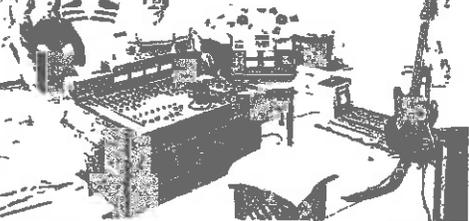
Improvisation is exciting because it means composing on the spot. Kennedy noted. Structured music allows the musician to get lazy, while improvisation gives the musician the opportunity to create.

Jazz has advanced enough musically that improvisation has become very popular. "Improvisation is something you can't practice," Kennedy said, adding that the audience as well as the environment plays a major role in influencing improvisational performance. Improvisation is a "teaching" situation between musicians. Each musician draws energy from the other members of the band and whatever happens, happens. There is a lot of clapping and applause involved with improvisation, he noted, adding that improvisation is both emotionally and physically exhausting. Each member of the band must insure the other members of the group in order to be successful.

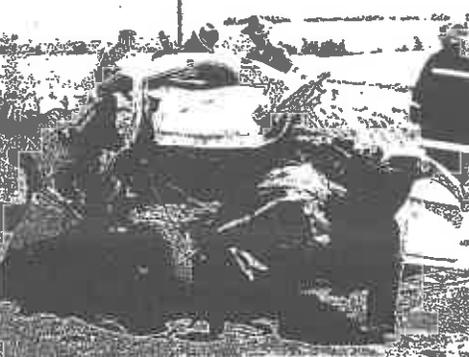
Improvisation is listening, judging, and deciding. Kennedy said. These three ingredients of improvisation must be done with split second timing. The end result is an exciting piece of improvisational jazz. The group, however, does practice musical fragments and puts these fragments together as part of an improvisational performance in concert.

In the past, The Heartland Consort has performed in various bars and taverns, but they prefer playing for a more attentive audience. At the present time, The Consort is directing their performances at church-based organizations and schools. "It is not against the group's philosophy and principles to work in a church setting," Kennedy said.

The Heartland Consort attempts to perform twice a week in concert but can be



Members of the Heartland Consort take a short break from their recording session to pose for a picture around their studio recording equipment. Pictured are (l-r) Jim Kennedy, John Riley, guest artist Rick Utterback, and Greg Groeper. Not pictured is guest artist Brad Cornick.



Lisbon firefighters and highway patrolmen stand near the wreckage of a car driven by Winifred Smith, 36, of RR 1 Lisbon. Smith and her husband, Andrew C. Smith, Jr., 37, of the same address, were pronounced dead on arrival at St. Luke's Hospital after the vehicle struck a semi trailer truck on Highway 30.

Two Die in Lisbon Car Mishap

Two rural Lisbon residents were killed Monday afternoon when the small truck they were driving collided with a semi trailer truck on Highway 30 just west of Lisbon. Dead are Andrew C. Smith, Jr., 37, RR 1 Lisbon, and his wife, Winifred M. Smith, 36, of the same address.

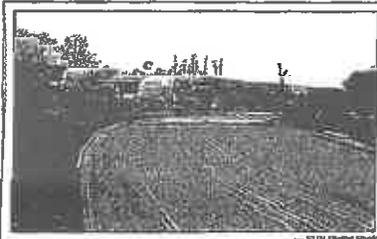
Lima County deputies said that a compact truck driven by Winifred Smith crossed the center line and collided with a semi driven by John Schluster, 41, of Westboro. Schluster was not injured in the crash.

The couple was taken to St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. Both were pronounced dead on arrival.

Lisbon firefighters and Iowa Highway Patrolmen were at the scene as Lima Co. deputies investigated the crash, which happened at 2:30 p.m. Reports indicate the truck was loaded with haybales.

It is not known at this time if any charges have been filed in connection with the accident. Firefighters and highway patrolmen kept a stretch of road from Washington St. to a portion of Highway beyond the high school clear of traffic while investigators were at the scene.

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New street in Lisbon

City Wide Construction, Cedar Rapids, poured a section of Sumner Avenue in Lisbon last week to access up to 12 new lots in the Sumner Ridge development. Sumner Ridge is being developed by First Construction.



Bye, bye BOAB

Workers dismantle the old BOAB restaurant building in Mount Vernon. The site will soon be home to Hills Bank's Mount Vernon branch.

'Trailblazers' to help keep Mechanicsville clean

By RUTH McDOWELL, Mechanicsville Correspondent
Representatives from the North Cedar Middle School Trail Blazers sixth grade class were at the Mechanicsville City Council meeting April 28 to present "Welcome to the World of Trailblazers."

They told of their activities and showed slides of their different projects. This group is an environmentally friendly organization and members show their dedication by planting trees, gardens and making a bird sanctuary and trail last year.

This year's group plans to clean up the area, add a pond, make a bridge and gazebo, and plant trees by Mill Creek. The group will accept any help with their fund-raising and work at Mill Creek.

Loani Koch, ambulance coordinator, was present to review with the council the billing policy for ambulance services. Upon discussion the policy was amended to read: An emergency or any tiered response, for residents and non-residents, will be \$250, plus for non-residents only, the fees for mileage (\$4.00 per loaded mile) and specialized treatment.

Everything else remains as previously published. The \$300 compensation paid to the ambulance coordinator was also discussed. When this was implemented it was to compensate the coordinator for doing the ambulance billing. Now the City Clerk will be doing the billing effective May 1.

The question arose if the coordinator still should receive this \$300 per year. She feels her preparation work to get information to the Clerk merits this compensation. Put to a council vote, by a 4 to 1 margin, the

coordinator will continue to receive \$300.

In other business, the council: Discussed dog and property nuisances. Papers have been served on the Gifford and Cain (Old Smith Old) properties, however, there have been no responses from either.

It was brought to the council's attention that a dog is tied up on city property behind the library. One of the metal agreements, on the city owned apartment, is no pets. The clerk will contact the owner and take care of the matter.

Dog impoundment was also discussed. Dr. Speer at Starwood impounds only dogs that have bite people. Tipton does have a license to impound. Cedar Rapids Humane Society will be contacted.

Mild spring weather has brought another nuisance to the city's attention -- disturbing the peace by loud music coming from cars. The City Attorney will be contacted to draft a noise ordinance.

Approved the fire contract with Cass Township in the amount of \$1,314,511 and the ambulance contract in the amount of \$452,02.

Approved the application for renewal of Class "C" liquor license for Jean's MeVile Inn.

Approved the annual seal coating project, each year designated streets are done, in the amount of \$5,237.47.

The Mayor proclaimed May 17 as Poppy Day.

May 12 the Slogan Committee will give their recommendations to the city and submit their final slogan choice. May 30 at 7 p.m. at City Hall the winning slogan will be announced and the logo unveiled.

Council from page one

Council member John McGinials was diametrically opposed to Hoffmann's position.

"I have a real concern about the safety of the town between the hours of midnight and 2 a.m.," said McGinials.

He cited a recent break-in at Shepley's Pharmacy and the increased noise in the downtown area at night as examples that Mount Vernon isn't as safe as it once was. Mayor Rick Elliott supported hiring a sixth officer because he believes that Mount Vernon needs to go beyond the bare minimum. Council member Abbi Swanson reluctantly voted for a sixth officer. She stated that overall, the benefits of better 24-hour coverage and an expanded DARE program outweigh the financial costs.

That show exactly how much a sixth officer helps the department.

In other business, the council: Discussed the city pool. Pool manager Cheryl Halsey again voiced his opposition to the new pool design. He questioned why the council decided to combine a pending area for small children with the main pool.

"I guess you're trying to recreate a beach, and that's a nice idea, but it's not going to work," said Halsey, who has managed the pool for 27 years. Halsey believes that combining the two pools will create a safety hazard for two- and three-year-old children.

He asked whether the council would consider keeping the small existing pool beyond the new expansion to be the main pool. The council agreed to consider Halsey's proposal but delayed making a change to the pool renovation project until the

Parks and Recreation Committee has an opportunity to consider his proposal.

The council approved a July 21 date for a public hearing on the second phase of the pool renovation project. Pool leasing will start July 24.

Sold the alley behind St. Paul Lutheran Church to property owners who live near the alley. The alley connects Third and Fourth avenues south.

Renewed the liquor license for DonMar Lanes and gave conditional approval for BillBob's Restaurant, located at the former Shepley Pharmacy building, to receive a liquor license. BillBob's will open later this month.

Amended the city hall lease agreement. Organizations that rent city hall must put the ball back in the same condition in which it was received or pay a financial penalty.

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