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PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE VETO

In a rare move, mayor uses power of office to block 4-3 council decision to proceed with plans for Green Bridge replacement

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Waverly Mayor Chuck Infelt has decided to veto the latest measure for WHKS & Co. to draw up plans for a pedestrian bridge replacement to the Green Bridge, which has been closed since February 2015. Infelt wants the new City Council, which will be seated in January following the Nov. 7 election, to take the reins on the project.

This is a large enough amount to potentially impact other capital projects. And since this expenditure is not in this year's budget, it has not gone through appropriate public vetting or the budgetary prioritization process."



- **CHUCK INFELT, WAVERLY MAYOR**

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Editor's note: This is the eighth of a continuing series of stories about the Green Bridge.

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Waverly Mayor Chuck Infelt invoked the power of his office this morning to block a council decision for a pedestrian-only replacement of the Green Bridge.

In a rare and historic act, the mayor vetoed the approximately \$70,000 in expenses to pay for engineering

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THE GREEN BRIDGE DILEMMA: VEHICULAR OR PEDESTRIAN

A TIMELINE OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

Constructed as the Harmon Street Bridge in 1917, the Green Bridge has been closed since February 2015. This timeline is courtesy of the City of Waverly and from Waverly Newspapers reporting:

Feb. 18, 2015: WHKS bridge inspectors and engineers, acting on behalf of the City of Waverly as the City-designated Bridge Program Manager as required by the Iowa Department of Transportation, informed the city that the Third Street Southeast Bridge was in unsafe condition and needed to be closed immediately for both vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

March 16, 2015: VJ Engineering of Coralville was retained by City Council for a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000 to gain a better understanding of the extent of the issues, verify the report with an independent third party, and understand the scope necessary for rehabilitation or replacement. The project was given 120 days for both phases and the report.

July 22, 2015: VJ Engineering's report was delivered to Council.

July 27, 2015: Tim McDermott of VJ Engineering gave a presentation to Council during a Study Session going over the phases and the report's findings.

July 27, 2015: Butch Kehe, professional engineer and principle of Cedar Valley Engineering, responded to the presentation having inspected the bridge in the past before the Iowa DOT had instituted new requirements for program managers of bridges.

July 28, 2015: Butch Kehe submitted a letter that was shared with the City Council including his recommendations for repair of the bridge.

Aug. 17, 2015: Butch Kehe shared his ideas from the letter at the Council meeting.

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W-SR enrollment up, solid financially

by **KATHY SUNDSTEDT**
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To honor the guidance and service of outgoing W-SR School Board members Cheryl Elsbury-Reiher and Nancy Luebbers, President Kelly Flege summarized district events of their 20 and 11-year tenures.

Notable were board decisions following the flood of 2008, including land purchase and building projects. The list included many



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sports victories, initiation of all-day kindergarten, Dollars for Scholars, Greenview Alternative School, a break-

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JAM FOR THE FAM

Benefit concert for cancer-stricken 19-year-old soldier Tristin Laue will be held Saturday at The Centre

by **ANELIA K. DIMITROVA**
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A 19-year-old soldier who joined the military to fight for his country is waging a battle on a front he never expected.

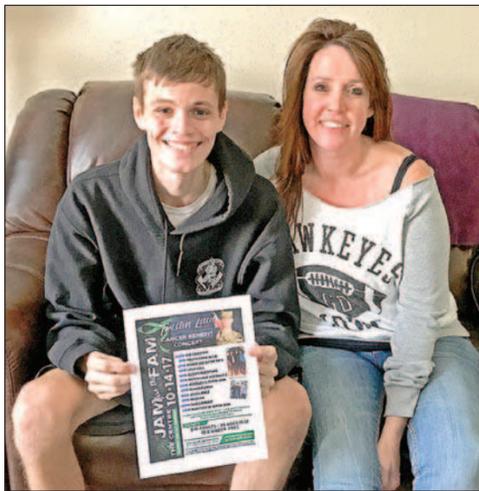
Tristin Laue, of Waverly, is fighting a rare form of liver cancer, which has limited treatment options.

"The medical community is still learning about this cancer," said Debbie Nichols, Tristin's stepmom.

To boost Tristin's spirit and thus up his chances for recovery, his friends and the

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ANELIA K. DIMITROVA PHOTO
Tristin Laue and his stepmother, Debbie Nichols, invite the public to attend the benefit concert on Saturday at The Centre.



Hitchhiking car thieves sentenced

Shea gets 5 years prison, Brodigan probation

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The duo who was accused of stealing a car and later was picked up by police while hitchhiking back to Waverly received their sentences in Bremer County District Court last week.

Daryl John Shea, 34, of Waverly, pled guilty to second-degree theft, a Class D felony, while Kole Mikenzie Brodigan, also known as Kole Winters, 22, also of Waverly, pled down from theft to accessory after the fact, an aggravated

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Jam for the Fam held Saturday

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community are coalescing around him to raise money for an experimental treatment in Germany and other expenses that have fallen on the family as a result of his illness, and an accident his stepsister was in.

Called "Jam for the Fam," the benefit will take place at The Centre in Waverly from 11 a.m. to midnight on Oct. 14.

A silent auction will start when the doors open and end at 9 p.m.; and a live auction will take place from 6 to 7 p.m.

An array of 12 bands will cater to the audience, including a performance by Tristin's father, Mitch, who will do an acoustic performance at 5 p.m. and wrap up the evening at 11 p.m. with his band, Bar Flyz.

A popular Waverly group, Redline, will perform at 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 11 to 17. Admission is free for 10-year-olds and under.

Tristin was diagnosed with the rare condition in February after tests revealed the pneumonia-like symptoms he was experiencing were actually caused by a 17-centimeter mass on his liver.

He was home for Christmas break after having had just graduated from basic training.

The disease has caused him to lose 70 pounds, but his spirit is strong.

He was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support he witnessed when he found



Tristin Laue, center, is pictured with his stepsister, Madison Stoffregen, stepmother, Debbie Nichols, father, Mitch, and brother, Braden.

out that the benefit organizers were planning the event.

Tristin goes to the Mayo Clinic weekly or bi-weekly and is expected to be discharged from the military at the end of the year.

He wanted to become a helicopter mechanic.

He is the son of Mitch Laue, of Waverly, and Sarah Larson, of New Hampton.

Asked what he wishes for himself, he fought back tears.

"I want to be cancer-free and move on with my life," he said.

October Events

OCT. 13 6PM

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OCT. 14 7PM

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OCT. 19 7PM

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TRISTIN LAUE BENEFIT OCT. 14

Tristin lives here in Waverly with his parents Mitch & Debbie. The benefit will be held on Oct. 14, from noon to midnight (Doors open at 11 a.m.) at The Centre in Waverly. (The old Wal-Mart by Hy-Vee) There is a full band line up and jam sessions all day. There is a silent auction, a live auction, raffle prizes, bake sale, merchandise and food & bar (all day) available for purchase. Credit Card Payments will be available for merchandise at the benefit.

Please join us in supporting Tristin's fight against cancer. Medical expenses are mounting and they are seeking options for alternative medicine.

PLAINFIELD LIBRARY MOVIE NIGHT

The Plainfield Public Library will be hosting a movie night Friday, Oct. 20. The movie "Hacksaw Ridge" will be shown at 7 p.m. It is free to the public along with free popcorn.

TRICK, TREAT AND TROLL AT THE PHELPS YOUTH PAVILION OCTOBER 25

The Waterloo Center for the Arts is hosting Trick, Treat and Troll at the Phelps Youth Pavilion on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 5-8 p.m. Kids and families are invited to come in costume for a special guided tour of the museum where you will discover the colorful trolls that live at the Youth Pavilion! Enjoy treats and short performances by the Black Hawk Children's Theatre. Tours will be every 15 minutes from the Grand Foyer; reservations are required. To register, stop by the Waterloo Center for the Arts or call 319-291-4490. For a complete list of upcoming programs, events and classes, visit www.waterloocenterforthearts.org and connect with us socially.

STROLLING WITH THE SPIRITS

The Grout Museum District is hosting "Strolling with the Spirits" on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017, 3:30-5 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m., at Calvary Cemetery.

Meet at the Grout Museum 15 minutes prior to show time and ride a bus, provided by EPI, to Calvary Cemetery and spend the evening strolling down the paths of the Cedar Valley's past, as actors bring residents back to life through live historical interpretation. This unique, living history experience is designed for the entire family. This is a walking tour so please wear comfortable attire, dress for the weather, and if coming to the 7 p.m. tour, bring a flashlight. The presentation will take place rain or shine. Each program will last approximately 90 minutes, which includes transportation to and from the Grout Museum of History & Science. This year's cast of characters includes: The 5 Sullivan Brothers & family, George Beck, Martin Blim, and Dr. John E. O'Keefe. Pre-registration is required for Strolling with the Spirits. Admission price for members is \$8 and \$10 for non-members. To register visit: www.gmdistrict.org/calendar.

Thought of the day



"Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."

- Mother Teresa

Events for **The BUZZ** can be emailed to news@waverlynewspapers.com or call 319-352-3334



WATERLOO — The popular Vertigo Performance Art Series is back on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. This fascinating series expands the traditional definition of art using sound, video and the human body. All performances are at the Waterloo Center for the Arts and free of charge; co-sponsored by the University of Northern Iowa Department of Art.

October 27, 7 p.m.

Andrew Leo Stansbury, Cuero, Texas, andrewleo.carbonmade.com Andrew Leo Stansbury's work makes connections between ceramics and performance art. He aims to confront his audience with questions about popularized ideals of beauty and desire and seeks his own alternative version of beauty. Andrew is an Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota Morris, and a member of the artist collective Lullwood Group in San Antonio.

November 3, 7 p.m.

Chelsea Coon, Los Angeles, chelseacoon.info Chelsea Coon is a writer, painter, photographer and performance artist who has recently performed in Australia, Bulgaria and Bangladesh. She will be presenting her work Systole, exploring beginnings and endings; the cyclical nature of life and death; and the way in which humans are connected to the universe.

For more information about Vertigo or other upcoming events and programs, visit waterloocenterforthearts.org and connect with us socially.



Wartburg Community Symphony to open season Oct. 14

WATERLY — The Wartburg Community Symphony opens its 2017-18 season Saturday, Oct. 14, with guest violinist Natasha Korsakova.

The symphony, under the direction of Jacob Tews, will honor the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation with "Mozart and Mendelssohn: A Reformation Celebration," beginning at 8 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium on the Wartburg College campus.

The award-winning Korsakova has appeared in some of the world's most prestigious concert halls, including Wigmore Hall in London, the

Auditorium di Milano and the Grand Hall of the Moscow Conservatory. The Carolina Philharmonic artist-in-residence will join the symphony for Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante."

The concert also will include Mendelssohn's "Symphony No. 5 (Reformation)" and the world premiere of "Dawn of Glorious Day," a Reformation-inspired piece by Tews.

To purchase tickets in advance, visit www.wartburg.edu/symphony. Season ticket packages also are available. Individual tickets are \$16.50 for adults and \$6.50 for students. Children 5 and younger are free. Wartburg

College students are admitted free with their student IDs. Additional concert information will be available on the WCSO Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wartburgcommunity-symphony.

The Max and Helen Guernsey Charitable Foundation of Waterloo supports the symphony's performance. Attendees are invited to join the Association of the Wartburg Community Symphony. Memberships will be available in the lobby. Members are issued priority-reserved seats and receive a tax-deductible gift credit.

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