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COACH PAT MITCHELL

The legacy of a legend

Former C.F. football coach Pat Mitchell succumbs to cancer at 75

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Just six months ago, Cedar Falls High School football coach Pat Mitchell stepped down from the job he'd been doing for 47 seasons.

He had been battling prostate cancer for the last year, which forced him to announce his retirement in July.

During his career, Mitchell had amassed a record of 344-138-2, the

fourth-most wins in the state, as well as molded countless young men and women on the football field, golf course and classroom over the years.

On Saturday, the Mitchell family announced the long-time coach slipped into a coma at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. On Wednesday evening, Mitchell went up to the big coaching box in the sky. He was 75.

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Voters approve \$25M for Hawkeye Community College renovations

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By an overwhelming majority, the Hawkeye Community College bond referendum was approved Tuesday, Feb. 3 with 77 percent of the ballots saying yes.

"Once again, the voters of our service region have reaffirmed their commitment to our college and to the thousands of people served each year by Hawkeye," said Dr. Linda Allen, college president. "We're extremely grateful to the voters for

their overwhelming support of the bond measure."

The voters approved a \$25-million bond that will support a number of capital projects, including a new adult education center that replaces the existing Metro and Martin Luther King Jr. Centers. It will expand career academies in high schools and training for in-demand areas such as healthcare and advanced manufacturing.

Of the 4,495 voters who came out to the polls, 3,463 voted to approve the bond while 1,032 voted against it. Butler County had the largest approval percentage at 85 percent with Chickasaw County one percent less at 84 percent.

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LINDA ALLEN
COLLEGE
PRESIDENT

7 Bridges Wildlife Area is key to Evansdale cousins' investigation

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The investigators looking for the person or people who kidnapped and killed two Evansville girls are focusing their 2-1/2-year-old investigation on the Bremer County wildlife area where the bodies were found.

Evansdale Police Chief Kent Smock held a press conference Tuesday morning to update the public on the progress in the search for whoever took cousins

Lyric Cook, 10, and Elizabeth Collins, 8, near Myers Lake on July 13, 2012.

They were later murdered, and hunters discovered them at Seven Bridges Wildlife Area on Dec. 5 of that year.

Last week, Smock and an agent with the Iowa Division

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KENT SMOCK
POLICE CHIEF

Council considers College Hill proposal

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The Cedar Falls City Council held the first reading of the College Hill Self-Support Municipal Improvement District at last Monday's meeting.

The College Hill project is a proposed voluntary self imposed tax of \$2.75 per \$1,000 of valuation on commercial properties within College Hill which will go towards supporting the operation of the College Hill Partnership.

"What they want to do is, the funds will establish the College Hill Partnership and give them funds to promote, market and develop College Hill in a similar way that

community Main Street does," said Bob Seymour, a city planner.

This tax will only be imposed on commercial properties while residential properties will be exempt.

The partnership has tried to pass, unsuccessfully, a similar measure in the past. This time, Seymour feels College Hill did a better job of educating its tenants about the benefits of embracing the tax by going door-to-door to make the case.

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BOB SEYMOUR
C.F. PLANNER

Dance as a way of living

Cedar Falls couple finds happiness in waltz, cha-cha

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It's a special dose of happiness. One that doesn't come in a pill. It works better than glucosamine for the joints. It keeps the mind nimble, and for sure, its jolt of daily joy is more powerful and longer-lasting than caffeine.

And Hilda and Steve Ostby take it gladly. For an hour every weekday, starting at 6 a.m., they

“We've danced in the ocean... We've danced in airports when a favorite song comes on. We'll dance anywhere!”

- HILDA OSTBY

ing the day that way," Hilda says on a snowy February Sunday morning.

Neither can imagine their life without the titillation of waltzing on the dance floor

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COURTESY PHOTO
Steve and Hilda Ostby have been ballroom dancing for the past 20 years and can't imagine their lives without it.



The evolution of laundry

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Okay, we'll say it right up front: life in the earliest pioneer days of Bremer County was pretty rank.

Farm animals and their steamy by-products, latrines much too close to living quarters, curing animal hides, wood smoke and long-unwashed human bodies and clothes all would have made

for a pungent assault on the olfactory system of those stalwart early citizens.

Life on the frontier in the middle of the 18th century was still a matter of survival. Shooting, gathering, growing and preserving lifesaving food supplies, avoiding becoming the meal of foraging wild animals, erecting shelters sufficiently sturdy to with-

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In the 1880s, salesmen for commercial washing machines used small-scale models to show how their machines worked.



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