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# Burzlaff marches in 'big' parade

By KELLY GERLACH

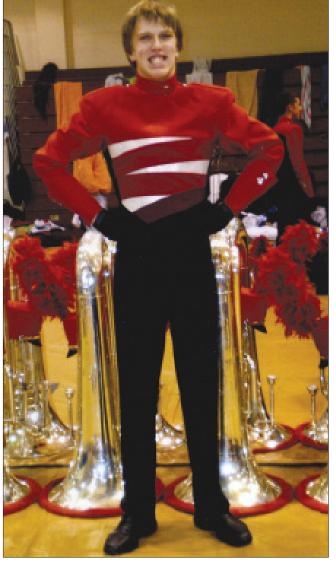
It was 30 seconds Levi Burzlaff will never forget almost worth overlooking the preceding seven or eight hours of numbing cold.

"When we finally turned on to Pennsylvania Avenue, we could see the viewing stand the president was in and we all stood noticeably straighter.

"It was like 'Ohhh, yeah.' I was like 10 feet away from the president, about two people deep in the (marching band) line. For 30 seconds I just stared. He waved at me, I saw it. And I thought this may be cold but its definitely worth it," Levi explained.

Levi, a senior Maquoketa Community High School, marched in the 56th Inaugural Parade Jan. 20, playing contra as part of the Dubuque-based Colts Drum & Bugle Corps.

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Contributed Photo

Levi's father Denny Burzlaff Levi Burzlaff, senior at Maquoketa Community High School, marched with the Colts Drum & Bugle Corps in the 56th Inaugural Parade Jan. 20 in Washington,



# Joseph and cast take the stage

The subject of desire and loathing, love and envy, Joseph and crew bring the Old Testament story to life this weekend as the Peace Pipe Players present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The production will be held Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30 and 31 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center. Maquoketa area residents make the musical production come to life. Tickets will be available at the door.

# **Eminent** domain to be initiated

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

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#### By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

The Jackson County Board of Supervisors has agreed to proceed with condemnation procedures to acquire land needed for a lagoon for a sewage treatment plant for the Leisure Lake development.

The supervisors earlier this month directed county Attorney Chris Raker to initiate eminent domain proceedings on approximately eight acres of land in Leisure Lake owned by Thomas Kurt of Bernard.

The project to construct a sewage treatment system for the rural western Jackson County subdivision is being planned by a group called the Eastern Iowa Regional Utility Service System. The East Central Intergovernmental Association of Dubuque and the Limestone Bluffs Resource and Conservation District of Maquoketa are assisting.

Frank Frieberg, Jackson County sanitarian, said the EIRUSS board voted unanimously on Dec. 22 to ask the Board of Supervisors to condemn the parcel for the proposed lagoon and access to the site.

He said engineers have determined that the Kurt site "is ideal" for the sewage plant lagoon.

He said Kurt has declined to sell the land and has denied engineers access to the land to do borings to obtain soil samples.

He added, however, that "the engineer felt that they should proceed with getting the land even without the soil borings.

"He said that site is ideal, he said that's the best site and would result in the lowest cost to the users over a period of time," Frieberg told the supervisors.

Time is becoming a factor, Frieberg noted. He said the county must show that the project is progressing by the end of 2009 or the project could lose a \$500,000 grant to help finance it.

"If we don't have some progress by the end of this year, we'll have to pay that money back and we've already spend some of that money. So we need to get going on it," Frieberg told the supervisors.

"It looks like you need to move forward," Supervisors Larry "Buck" Koos told Frieberg. "We don't want to be in a position where we have to pay a bunch of money back. We were very fortunate to get this money in the first place."

He said the project up to now has been moving forward steadily.

"The project is important; it needs to be done," said Supervisor Jack Willey. "It's in the best interest of Jackson County to proceed."

At the supervisors' request, Frieberg supplied the board with written documentation of the EIRUSS board's request for the condemnation action. The supervisors voted unanimously to proceed with the condem-

The project is one of the first in Iowa to construct a sewage treatment system in a rural subdivision.

The project is being funded entirely with federal grants and loans. Leisure Lake property owners will repay the loans through user fees.

Supervisors said Bobbi Alpers, chief judge for the Seventh Judicial District, will select a panel from the Eminent Domain Commission appointed by the supervisors to hear the condemnation proceedings and set a price for the land.

Meanwhile, county officials have been working with Leisure Lake residents and their proper owners association to coordinate septic systems so that they don't pollute wells in the subdivision.

More recently they have allowed some newer residents to use holding tanks rather than having to construct a septic system that would be used for only a relatively short time before the sewage treatment system goes into operation.