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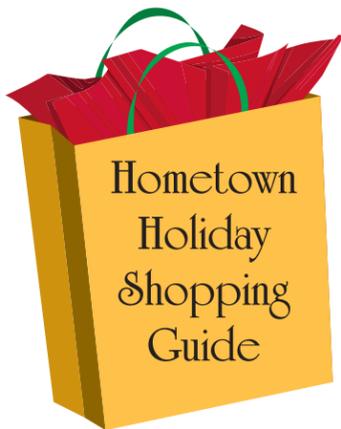
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## Maquoketa River cleanup underway

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

The City of Maquoketa will undertake some major cleanup work on the Maquoketa River over the next several weeks.

The City Council on Nov. 16 hired Ardo Schmidt Tiling & Excavating Inc. of rural Preston to remove several large trees and other debris from the river that accumulated during the heavy rains and flooding last year.

Most of the debris is in the stretch of river along Bicentennial Park, Public Works Director David Popp told the council. He said the flooding last year stripped several trees off the riverbank upstream from the park.

In the year since the flooding, sand and rock have built up around the debris.

The clean-up is estimated to cost \$80,000. The entire cost of the project will be paid for by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Popp said.

Although the cost of the project normally would require that the council take bids, City Manager Brian Wagner said the project isn't considered a public improvement under the Iowa Code and as a result bids aren't required.

Work on the project was scheduled to begin last week and to continue for two to three weeks.

In addition, Popp said IIW Engineers & Surveyors Inc. of Dubuque, the city's engineering firm, is developing plans for a project downstream from the current project to rebuild the riverbank.

That project also will be paid for with FEMA funds, he said.

In other business, the council awarded a \$128,300 contract to Staab Construction Corp. of Marshfield, Wis. to install a fine bubble aeration system at the city's sewage treatment facility.

Todd Allen of Alliance Water Resources,

which operates the city's water and wastewater utilities, said the improvements will result in a cost savings.

He said the biggest savings will be the elimination of two 50-horsepower electric pump motors that operate continuously around the clock.

Twenty percent of the project will be paid for with federal stimulus funds.

The remainder will be financed through the sale of sewer revenue bonds, to be repaid with sewer fees.

The Staab firm submitted the lower of two bids received for the project.

Jim Schroeder Construction of Bellevue bid \$139,269 for the project.

The engineer's estimate for the project was a range of \$130,000 to \$150,000, and the low bid was \$1,700 under the low end of the engineer's estimated range.

The council also approved expenditure of \$5,000 to replace a roof hatch and remove an internal platform and supporting rods in the city's east water tower on East Summit Street.

During an interior cleaning and inspection of the 250,000-gallon water tower, inspectors noted that the roof hatch is corroded, has broken parts and does not meet Iowa Department of Natural Resources code requirements.

The platform and support rods are rusted and severely corroded and are in danger of breaking and falling to the tank floor, risking damage to the tank.

The platform is unsafe and not needed, engineers said.

The work will be done by Central Tank Coatings Inc. of Elgin, Iowa.

In other business, the council approved the expenditure of \$5,959 in emergency repairs to

the municipal airport's runway lighting system.

City Manager Brian Wagner said an Iowa Department of Transportation grant will pay \$4,171 of the cost and the city will pay the remaining \$1,788.

The repairs will be made urgently because of the need to have the runway lighting system operating.

In other business, the council approved tax increment financing rebates for several entities under existing development agreements.

Rebates were approved for Alliance Pipeline, up to \$30,000; Maquoketa Housing I, up to \$30,000; Sunshine Preschool & Day Care, up to \$37,332; Shoreline Development, up to \$34,622, and Hainstock Housing, \$44,750.

On another matter, the council was told that negotiations with the Maquoketa Community School Board over the school district possibly acquiring the city's outdoor pool property will be put on hold until after the mayor-elect and council members-elect are seated in January.

Subcommittees of the council and school board have discussed the possibility of the school district acquiring the property for Goodnow Field parking and possibly for recreation use.

On another matter, Stacy Driscoll, economic development director, announced that Maquoketa has been selected as the host site for the National Wood Carver's Association convention next year, which will be held June 10-21.

The Maquoketa Area Chamber of Commerce and Jackson County Fair Board and staff are working with the group on the arrangements.

Driscoll said the organization is seeking a long-term arrangement for its conventions and said if next year's event is successful, Maquoketa could serve as the host city for many years to come.

## Little 'turkeys' put on Thanksgiving program



**Bows drawn, these little** kindergarteners hunt anything but turkey for Thanksgiving. "Help us out and eat some fish" the Sacred Heart children sang to family members during their Thanksgiving program on Monday.



**These little kindergarten** turkeys ham it up for the cameras at the conclusion of their Thanksgiving program at Sacred Heart School Monday, Nov. 23. They shared the story of Thanksgiving using each letter of the alphabet among the songs and poems they recited.



MSP photos by Kelly Gerlach

**One little, two little, three little Indians...** they think. Gotta count those fingers just to make sure. Sacred Heart kindergarteners performed traditional Thanksgiving songs, recitations and prayers - some serious, some humorous - for their family Nov. 23 in the school gym.



**This little turkey** surprised the audience of friends and family by pulling off his gobbling headgear in the middle of the traditional kindergarten Thanksgiving program at Sacred Heart School.