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58.83	57.82	-1.01	DEERE & CO. (D)
56.78	56.29	-0.49	NU-HESS (NHS)
45.91	45.98	0.07	FAMILY DOLLAR (FDO)
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53.83	53.80	-0.03	MONTANO (MON)
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## Dancers offer serious(ly funny) entertainment

By KELLY GERLACH

Flips, twirls, spins, 360s, jazz hands. Practice, skill, plenty trash-talking of opponents. Elvis, the Beatles, the Black-Eyed Peas?

It's not some new Olympic sport set to music. It's precisely what's been happening and playing during rehearsals for the March 13 "Dancing With the Cards."

Seven high school students paired with seven local businesspeople take the floor of the Maquoketa Community High School west gymnasium to show off their moves while raising money for the Maquoketa Athletic Boosters.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a 6:30 start time.

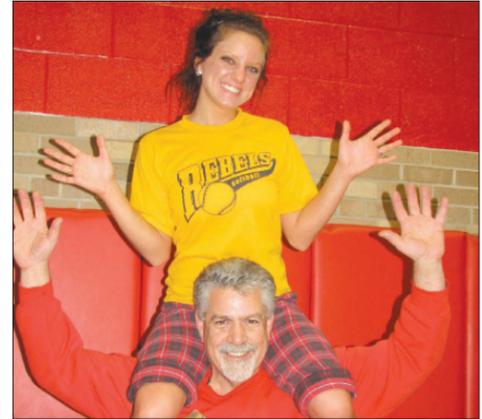
This year's competition includes Evan Collister and Erica Barker, Taylor Fowler and David Sybesma, Mackenzie Moore and Tom Devine, Chelsea Sagers and Jason Hute, Jason Schuster and Kerry Schepers, Catherine Vazquez and Kristian Becker, and Tyler Zaruba and Lenke Carson.

The couples have only about 11 days before the big competition. Many have been devoting long hours prac-

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## Contract awarded for downtown clean-up

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

The Maquoketa City Council drew another step closer toward cleaning up the downtown fire debris this week when the council awarded a contract for the job.

More than 25 months after the fire that leveled four buildings housing three Main Street businesses, the council on Monday night, March 1, awarded a \$268,550 contract to G&B Construction of Burlington to demolish the remains of the buildings, load up the debris and haul it to an approved landfill.

"I'm glad this day has finally come," said Mayor Jason Hute. "I was getting kind of worried."

Demolition of the building at the northeast corner of South Main and Pleasant streets, was withdrawn from the contract at the last minute when complications arose.

City Manager Brian Wagner said that building still could be razed later, after the debris cleanup project is completed.

Although a cleanup contract has been awarded, Wagner said it will be April before the work begins. He said a series of steps must be completed first, including signing of contracts and giving the Iowa Department of Natural

Resources a 10-day notice.

"Our engineer believes that the actual work on the site is going to happen in April," the city manager said. He added that the job is expected to take about two weeks.

Wagner said the city late last week received final clearances from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which is providing the biggest share of the funding with a \$200,000 Brownfield clean-up grant, and from the State Historic Preservation Office in Des Moines.

The contract was awarded on the 46th day after bids for the job were opened on Jan. 14. The prices had been guaranteed for 60 days.

The abrupt removal of the corner building from the contract was done to avoid further delays, Wagner said.

He noted that the clean-up project originally included only the buildings that were destroyed by the Jan. 19, 2008 fire.

A few months later, the Maquoketa Industrial Development Assistance Service, an economic development financing arm of the city, purchased the corner building, at 147 S. Main St. with the intention of demolishing it.

Figuring on getting that job done as an economy of scale, the MIDAS-owned building was

added to the clean-up job as an alternate bid.

MIDAS' own funds would be used to pay for that demolition, under the scenario.

"If the bids came in reasonably, MIDAS could be part as an alternate and take care of its part, the city could do its part and the whole thing is done at the same time by the same contractor," Wagner noted.

That scheme fell apart, however, because of the involvement of federal funds and the rules attached to the money.

With federal EPA funds paying a portion of the cost, the funding automatically involved the State Historic Preservation Office to determine if any historic properties might be disturbed or destroyed by the project being pursued.

Wagner said the property of concern at first was the site of the building that housed Sue's Hallmark, as it was on the National Register of Historic Places.

As the process continued, however, the building "that became the area of concern was the MIDAS building on the corner—not because it had been designated as historic, but because it

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