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Schepers, Sybesma earn top trophies

By KELLY GERLACH

Back flips, old folks speed dating, the return of the younger Elvis. Hard work applauded, a stylin' two-step, an ode to Hawkeye football, a surprise group dance and a Michael Jackson tribute.

In the end, the surprise group dance won over judges and the Hawkeye tribute resonated best with the audience.

Live local entertainment returned to Maquoketa Saturday night, March 13, when seven local business people partnered with seven Maquoketa high school students to entertain, win trophies and raise money for the Maquoketa Athletic Boosters.

The Boosters hosted "Dancing With the Cards" Saturday evening in the west gym at Maquoketa Community High School. More than 600 people showed up to be entertained and, quite frankly, to watch adults make lighthearted fools of themselves on the dance floor.

"There was already a line at the door at 5:30 when the doors opened," said Vanessa Fowler, who co-chaired the event with Laurie Steines.

Dr. David Sybesma and partner Taylor Fowler won the crowd's votes with their Iowa Hawkeye routine. Working the crowd, Sybesma, wearing quarterback Ricky Stanz's jersey, tore through an Iowa banner and onto the floor, handing out personally autographed (by him) photos while Fowler threw out red and gold T-shirts.

Dancing to "Hey, Mickey," they definitely wore themselves out on the floor with their dancing, tossing, rolling, splitting, flipping – a routine of which any acrobat would be proud.

"We did a show that sticks in people's minds and that's why they voted," Fowler, daughter of Steven and Vanessa Fowler, said after the performance.



MSP photo by Kelly Gerlach

"Dancing With the Cards" winners posed for a photo after performing for crowds of people Saturday, March 13. Shown are, from left, Lenke Carson and Tyler Zaruba, third place; Kerry Schepers and Jason Schuster, first place; Emily Oetken, trophy girl; and Taylor Fowler and Dr. David Sybesma, voted second by the judges and first by the audience.

"Excellent choreography. High energy," a beaming Sybesma chimed in. "I'm glad it's all over but it was fun."

"We've seen him in a whole different light," Sybesma's employees at Sybesma Eye and Vision Clinic teased after the show.

His 11-year-old daughter Claire said she was proud of her dad. Wife Beth added that Sybesma and Fowler called each other trying to squeeze in 30 minutes of practice whenever their schedules allowed, at least twice a week.

Sybesma and Fowler finished in second place

with the judging panel, which included 2008 dancing winner Curt Coleman, MCHS teacher Teri Taylor, Dr. Don Schwenker and DAC social worker Lenae Owen.

"As a chiropractor I hate to say this, but I think my wife has some Aleve in her purse," Schwenker joked in his critique of Sybesma. "Some of those moves you're doing I think are humanly impossible for a guy your size."

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City's budget to take toll on YMCA

By DOUGLAS MELVOLD

Budget cuts affecting services and hours of operation at the Maquoketa Area Family YMCA may be needed if the city trims its subsidy as planned, City Council members were told this week.

The council's Finance Committee met with officials of the Scott County Family Y on Monday morning, March 15, to open discussions toward a renewal of the city's management contract with the Davenport-based YMCA organization to operate the Maquoketa facility and the city's recreation programs.

The current three-year management agreement expires on June 30.

Although no extension or renewal of the agreement has been worked out, the council last week adopted a budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year that calls for the city to spend \$175,000 for the year beginning July 1 subsidizing the 2 1/2-year-old YMCA facility and recreation programs.

That figure represents a \$25,000 decrease from the \$200,000 a year the city budgeted for the past three years and nearly \$50,000 less than the city actually spent last year.

The amount of subsidy the city will pay the Scott County Family Y is at issue because membership numbers and thus membership revenue at the YMCA have not reached hoped-for levels since the indoor swimming pool and recreation center opened in October of 2007.

YMCA officials had said initially that about 1,100 paid memberships and a city subsidy of \$125,000 a year were needed to allow the YMCA to operate fully staffed and with a full slate of services.

Memberships peaked at about 850 a year ago, but since have fallen off due at least in part to the economy, officials said.

The YMCA now has between 650 and 700 paid memberships, said Frank Klipsch, president and chief executive officer of the Scott County Family Y, told the committee.

An additional number receive memberships that are subsidized at least in part by funds donated by Maquoketa area residents in the YMCA's annual Partners with Youth fund drive.

The YMCA at first adjusted to the revenue shortfall by making small budget cuts, such as trimming the hours of part-time employees.

With revenue still dropping, the YMCA recently eliminated one full-time position, cutting the full-time staff from five to four.

Any further cuts will directly affect services or operating hours, such as opening later or closing earlier each day or closing one day a week, Klipsch said.

Committee members noted that any cuts in services or operating hours could cause some members to drop on grounds they are not getting the same value for their membership fee.

Committee member Neil Morehead asked that the Scott County Y provide data on current revenue and expenses and on membership numbers to help determine the shortfall and the amount of subsidy needed to maintain services.

He added that he favored the YMCA continuing to run the facility.

"I don't want the city to run it," Morehead said.

Councilman Ed Turney, who isn't a member of the Finance Committee but attended the meet-

ing, said the Scott County Family Y shouldn't be allowed to spend more than the subsidy granted by the council.

"The way it's sitting now, you have an open checkbook," he told the YMCA officials.

Klipsch replied that that Scott County Family Y isn't taking more money for itself. Any increase in the city's subsidy is to cover expenses of operating the facility not covered by revenue.

Klipsch estimated that the YMCA currently needs a subsidy of about \$225,000 and said he would obtain the figures requested by Morehead.

When committee member Amy Moore asked about the effect if the city dropped its subsidy to \$175,000, Klipsch replied that "we'd have to look at what services and hours we'd have to cut."

Under the current agreement, the city agreed to subsidize the YMCA by \$200,000 per year, with \$125,000 earmarked as overhead and \$75,000 to cover operating shortfalls until membership revenue increased to cover that shortfall.

The initial plan was for the \$75,000 to gradually decrease and eventually to no longer be needed after the third year.

The city last year, however, not only subsidized the full \$200,000, but covered an additional approximately \$48,000 more in expenses.

Klipsch said the problem has always been not excessive spending, but a shortfall in revenue due to lower than expected paid memberships.

He noted that every 100 memberships bring in approximately \$40,000 in revenue.

"The key comes down to memberships,"

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