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G'Day!

It's a great day to look forward.

Fuller Hall Health & Wellness Fair will offer many activities

The Fuller Hall Health & Wellness Fair is Saturday in Webster City.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fuller Hall Recreation Center, 625 Bank Street.

Yoga, meditation, open swimming, emergency preparedness, diabetes education, stress and anxiety management, women's health and crafts for the kids are just a few of the activities that will be available during this annual free event. Here are more event highlights:

- Enjoy complimentary access to cardio and weight rooms.
- Dive into the open swim session from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Kids' Corner: Engaging crafts, exciting contests, and a special fitness class.
- Adults & Seniors: Broaden your wellness journey with educational classes, yoga, meditation, aquacise, and much more. And there's more — be sure to participate in the many giveaways.

Groundbreaking for East Twin Park splash pad is Thursday

The official groundbreaking for the East Twin Park splash pad is Thursday, April 4, at East Twin Park, corner of Bank and Superior streets in Webster City. This is a public event.

Webster City Community Theatre reschedules 'CLUE' production dates

Webster City Community Theatre is rescheduling some "CLUE" production dates because some actors will not be available.

The affected performance dates are April 5, 6 and 7. Those holding tickets for April 5, 6 or 7 should contact the box office to change their orders.

New new show dates are April 10, 11, 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. and April 14 at 2 p.m.

Call 515-832-4456 or order online at wccboxoffice@gmail.com. The box office is open weeknights 5 to 7 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon, and one hour prior to each performance.

City will sell bonds for key projects

Buying new electric and water meters; building new electric substation; critical repairs to water treatment plant head list

Real estate taxes reduced

By ROBERT E. OLIVER

The City Council of Webster City, at its first meeting of April on Monday evening, began the years-long process of paying for necessary upgrades to local electrical and water utilities with a proposed series of new municipal bonds.

A smaller bond issue, using projected sales tax collection for backing, might be used to fund an expanded local street repair program in 2024, and a General Obligation (G.O.) bond is the most likely means of paying for a new HVAC system at city hall.

The cherry on the top, and it was a sweet, not sour cherry, was a lowering of the property tax levy by \$1.61 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Speaking of the lower taxes, which will save the owner of a hypothetical home worth \$100,000 about \$12, Interim City Manager John Harrenstein said, "Each year, every department of city government takes steps to accomplish the strategic goals of

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Dodie Wolfgram, Webster City's finance director, presents plans for sales of bonds to support construction of the new Reisner Substation, and substantially rebuild the existing water treatment plant at Monday night's City Council of Webster City meeting.

"After looking carefully at our finances, and after a lot of work by Finance Director Dodie Wolfgram, we're able to deliver a reduction to the basic levy. It's a celebration for the public."

Iowa Senate votes to limit lawsuits over Roundup, other farm and lawn chemicals

By JARED STRONG

Iowa Capital Dispatch

A bill that would partially shield the maker of a widely used agricultural and lawn herbicide from lawsuits over its health effects was adopted by the Iowa Senate on Tuesday.

Senate File 2412 would protect Bayer against claims it failed to warn people about the potential health effects of Roundup so long as its product is labeled as required by federal regulators.

The legislation would apply to all domestic producers of herbicides and pesticides, but eliminating the failure-to-warn claims is part of Bayer's public strategy to "manage and mitigate the risks of Roundup litigation," according to its website.

The company hopes the U.S. Supreme Court decides that the claims are overruled

Sen. Amy Sinclair, R-Allerton, said without Roundup, the state's farmers "will have to return to pre-modern methods" of crop production.

by federal law, which the company predicts "could largely end the Roundup litigation." But a federal appeals court rejected that argument in February.

Bayer says about 167,000 lawsuits have been filed by people who claim their exposure to Roundup caused ailments such as cancer, often non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The herbicide has been used to kill weeds

for about four decades. The litigation has cost the company billions of dollars.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has said Roundup's primary ingredient, glyphosate, is not likely to cause cancer in humans and that it poses no health risks "when used in accordance with its current label." But in 2015, the International Agency for Research on Cancer determined glyphosate is "probably carcinogenic to humans."

That decision "opened up a floodgate — and what I'm going to call a loophole of legal practice — in which these lawsuits specifically detailed on the failure to warn," said Sen. Jeff Edler, a Republican from State Center who managed the bill.

Edler and other Republicans argue that allegations about Roundup's negative

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