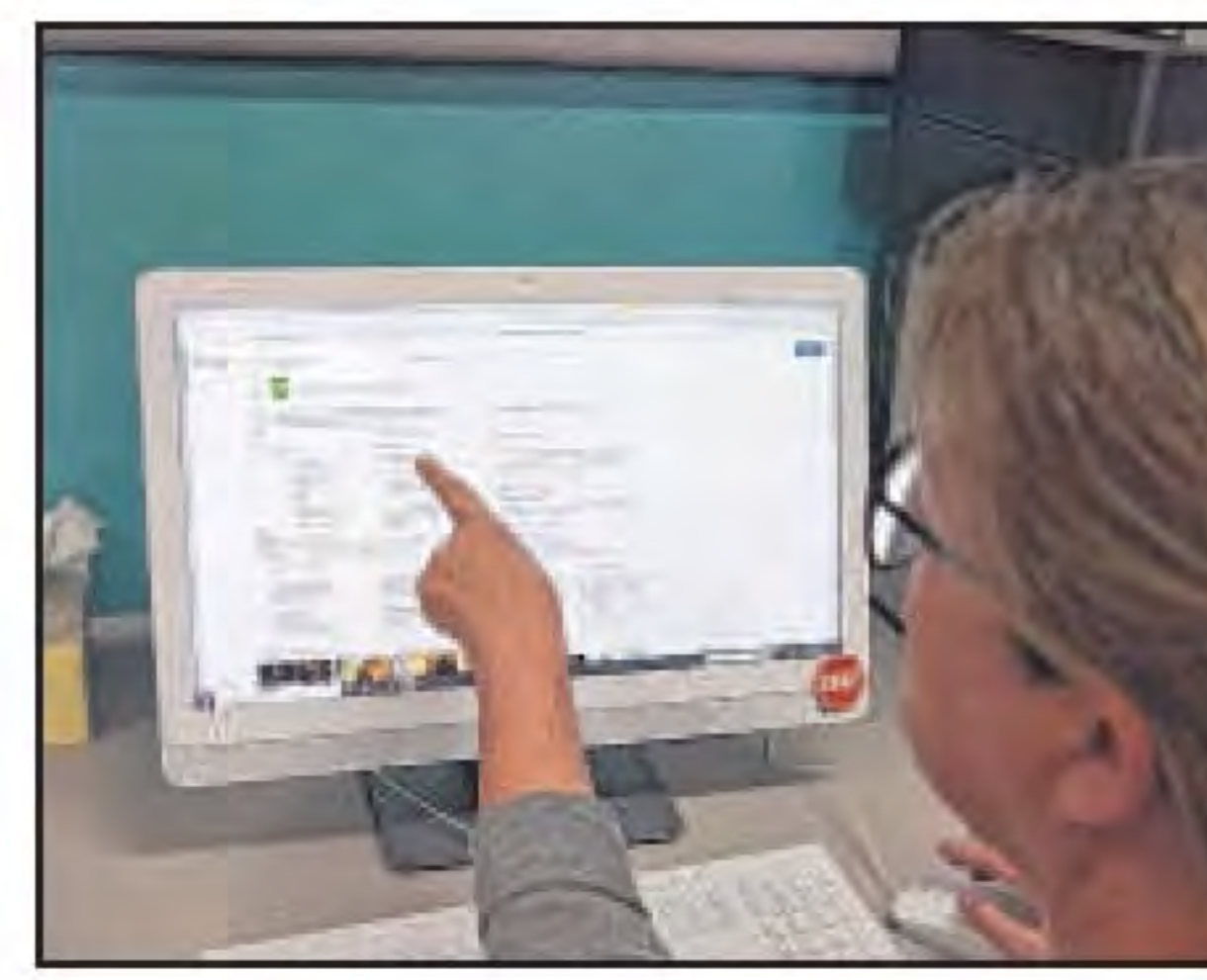


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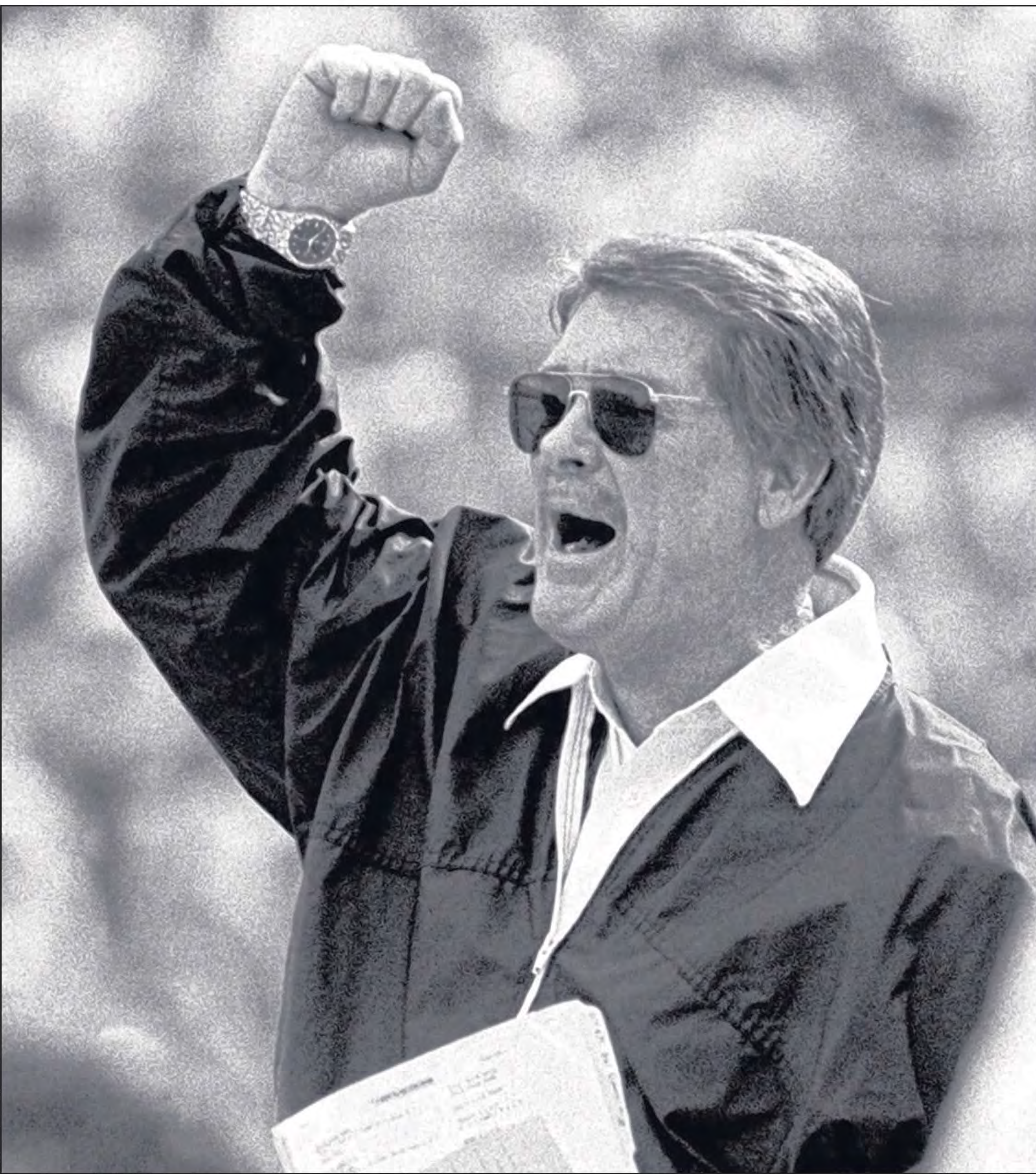
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# END OF AN ERA

## Hayden Fry: 1929-2019



University of **Iowa** football coach Hayden Fry is seen Sept. 27, 1986, at a Hawkeye football game against UTEP. Fry died Tuesday at 90. (The Gazette)

# Hayden Fry, coach who made **Iowa Hawkeyes** winners, dies

### The iconic coach from Texas endeared himself in **Iowa** hearts

By Mike Hlas, The Gazette

**H**ayden Fry, who changed the image of University of **Iowa** football from a perennial loser to a consistent winner, died Tuesday. He was 90.  
Fry was hired as the **Hawkeyes'** head football coach in late 1978 and had the job for 20 seasons. **Iowa** had 17 consecutive nonwinning sea-

sons when he arrived, a streak that grew to 19 after his first two years.

Then, to put a twist on a Fry expression, he stopped selling the sizzle and started peddling the steak. **Iowa** shared the Big Ten title and went to the Rose Bowl in 1981. The **Hawkeyes** remained a vital program through most of his tenure.

In all, **Iowa** shared three Big Ten titles and went to three Rose Bowls under Fry. He was the winningest coach in school history when

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## Deal calls for C.R. to refund \$3M in fines

### City would waive 177,000 old traffic camera tickets

By B.A. Morelli, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Thousands of people who had their state income taxes withheld last year to pay old automated traffic camera tickets would get refunds while tens of thousands more of unpaid tickets would be waived under a proposed settlement of a class-action lawsuit.

The city of Cedar Rapids would refund \$3 million to settle a January 2018 lawsuit led by WHO-AM 1040 personality Simon Conway over a city collection effort launched days before Christmas two years ago.

City officials said they no longer would attempt to collect unpaid tickets issued before Aug. 31, 2018, under the automated camera program, which amounts to about 177,000 tickets.

“To avoid additional time and expense to all parties involved, the city recommends

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## Cargill wins approval for rail yard in Rompot

By B.A. Morelli, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — After two years, multiple tries and bitter resistance, one of the city's major employers — Cargill — has the green light to build a 12-track, 200-car rail yard between the Rompot neighborhood and Prairie Park Fishery the company says will allow it to remain competitive and protect jobs.

After hearing 90 minutes of testimony, largely from neighbors opposed to Cargill's \$6.5 million project on 28 acres of city-owned land south of Stewart Road SE, the Cedar Rapids City Council approved a third and final rezoning vote to allow industrial use in a residential neighborhood.

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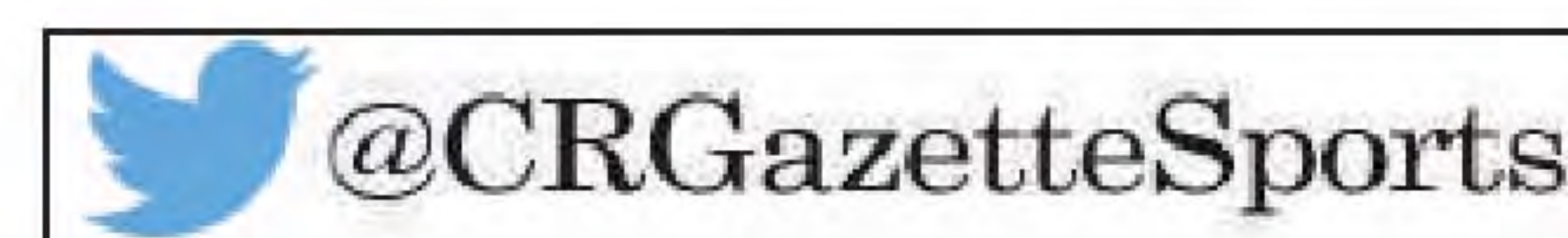
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# SPORTS



HAYDEN FRY: 1929-2019

# THE GAME CHANGER



Iowa head coach Hayden Fry is hoisted by his players above the Sun Bowl field after beating Washington, 38-18, in 1995. Fry, the legendary Hall of Fame coach who changed the Hawkeyes' fortunes on the gridiron from 1979 to 1998, died Tuesday at the age of 90. (The Gazette)

## Fry brought the sizzle and the steak to Iowa

**MIKE HLAS** | THE GAZETTE

His legend was built on winning, of course. Without the three Big Ten championships and three Rose Bowl trips, without the consistent and colorful winning for most of his 20 years as the head football coach, the Hayden Fry story is just another footnote in University of Iowa sports history.

Instead, it was one of Iowa's best all-time stories.

The whole thing almost seemed out of the movies. A down-in-the-dumps football program gets a coach no one in Iowa knew, and he enters like a west Texas whirlwind with a language and style totally alien to the locals.

In his third season, Pasadena. And away the Hawkeyes went, with their football image forever changed.

But statistics are statistics. Games come and go, seasons come and go. There were many glorious victories, and some hard-to-swallow losses. "The sun don't shine on the same dog's rump every day," Fry said.

He came to a place that was desolate, football-wise, and brought an immediate pizzazz of personality followed before long by a football feast. He introduced



Iowa head coach Hayden Fry hugs quarterback Chuck Hartlieb after the Hawkeyes' thrilling 29-27 victory over Ohio State in 1987.

Hawkeye players and fans to the concepts of looking like winners, thinking like winners, and ultimately, winning.

Blood and guts, Big Ten football? Well, like all good football teams, Fry's

Hawkeyes were built with fundamentals, blocking and tackling. But they threw the ball in an era in which the forward pass was still a strange and hard-to-tame thing for a lot of teams in

### THE FRY FILE

- **Born:** Feb. 28, 1929, in Eastland, Tex.; grew up in Odessa, Tex.
- **Career:** 37 years, 232-178-10 at Southern Methodist, North Texas State and Iowa
- **Record at Iowa:** 143-89-6
- **Retired:** Nov. 23, 1998
- **Bowl appearances:** 14, including three Rose Bowls (1981, 1985, 1990)
- **Died:** Dec. 17, 2019, age 90

the Big Ten. What was this entertaining, effective thing that had landed here?

It was, to use another Fry-ism, a high porch picnic.

Yet, I'll maintain what the old Texan who was called "Crazy Legs" as the quarterback of Odessa High's Texas state-championship team of 1946 did off the field was just as important and enduring here as all the triumphs.

You know that Tigerhawk logo that is omnipresent in Iowa? Fry commissioned that almost as soon as he took the Iowa job — which he got thanks to the foresight of recently deceased Bump Elliott, the athletics director who brought him to Iowa with the assurance he'd be given what he needed

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### HAYDEN FRY, IN OTHERS' WORDS

• **Gary Barta, Iowa athletics director:** "Iowa Athletics has lost an icon, a man that raised the bar for every Hawkeye program, and every member of our athletics department. Hayden was respected by everyone who knew him. His passing creates a void for all those who played for, coached with, and supported his successful tenure as our head football coach. ... Hayden represented all that is good in college athletics, and did it 'his way.' Iowa athletics, and college football, has lost a pioneer. He was a dedicated family man and he will be missed."

• **Kirk Ferentz, Iowa head football coach:** "Hayden Fry is a college football icon and an Iowa legend. His Hall of Fame career is well known, but personally, he will always be the man who took a chance on me at the start of my coaching career. I was proud to coach with him and honored to succeed him when he retired. He's been a great mentor and a



Hayden Fry speaks after his introduction to the media as Iowa's new football coach on Dec. 9, 1978. Fry's 20-year run with the Hawkeyes included three Big Ten championships and trips to the Rose Bowl. (The Gazette)

true friend. I am forever grateful to him. Mary and I send our heartfelt condolences to his wife Shirley, their children and the entire Fry family. We hope that Hayden's legacy of integrity and high character will provide his family comfort during this difficult time.

"His vision included hiring coaches who would be forward

thinking and challenge each other. If you look across college football, you will see a part of his legacy in the coaches who he hired and mentored — coaches like Barry Alvarez, Bill Snyder, Dan McCarney, Bob, Mike and Mark Stoops and many more. ... In 20 seasons at Iowa, Coach Fry showed us all that you can

succeed at the highest level by playing by the rules."

• **Jerry LeVias, SMU player who helped break the color barrier in the Southwest Conference under Fry:** "Coach Fry caught a lot of hell for doing what he did. After he left SMU, he went to North Texas, and he couldn't get a break in Texas — sometimes coaching and having to go to good bowl games. All of a sudden, Iowa calls. From my understanding, before Coach Fry got there Iowa had not had a .500 season since 1948 or so. This guy comes in and he turns the program around. When one door closes, the Good Lord has plans. It was like in the Good Lords plans for him to come to Iowa."

• **Chuck Long, Iowa quarterback, 1981-85:** "I have to give him all the credit for getting my personal career launched among others. I speak for many of the Hawkeye football past players. He had a special way of making you feel good all the time even in the tough

games and in the tough moments. For me it was after an interception. He had a way of getting you back up and confident. That feeling ... not every coach has that ability and I've been around a bunch of them. Not every coach has that ability to make you feel confident and be positive even in the negative situations."

• **Merton Hanks, Iowa defensive back, 1987-90:** "Hayden was always on the cutting edge and looking for the best people, regardless of race, creed, or color. What he did at Iowa, really rebuilding that program to what it was to, quite frankly, national power. To get it to the point where you were able to attract young men from states away, like myself, who may not have known about the University of Iowa and everything Iowa has to offer, speaks very well of not only him, but the University itself and being a partner with him to make the University of Iowa brand that much bigger and better."



# Hayden Fry scratched where it itched, and then some

When it came to quotes, it was Fry-speak, not coach-speak

By Mike Hlas, The Gazette

Hayden Fry, who died Tuesday at the age of 90, was best known as the man who turned the Iowa football program into a winner after decades of losing.

But he was equally well known for his turn of a phrase. He brought his own Texas lexicon with him to Iowa when he became the Hawkeyes' coach in late 1978.

Fry is credited for things that have remained in place with Iowa football to this day,

21 years after his retirement. Included are the Hawkeyes' Swarm entrance and exit from the field, and the pink walls in the visiting locker room.

About the Swarm, Fry said, "I wanted the players to feel like they were part of a family, to be conscious of that controlled togetherness as they made that slow entrance onto the field. It had a great psychological effect on the opposing team, too. They'd never seen anything like it."

The origin of the pink visitors' locker room walls in Kinnick Stadium depended on who was telling it, but this was Fry's version: "When I talked

to a coach before a game and he mentions the pink walls, I know I've got him. I can't recall a coach who has stirred up a fuss about the color and then beat us."

Here's a sampling of "Fryisms," not including his famed "lil' dumpling" or "high-porch picnic" references:

- "You just witnessed an old-fashioned rump kicking."
- "We have to be realistic. If we don't win, life will continue."
- "If you stay with this game long enough, the worm is bound to turn."
- "Welcome to the Salvation Army. I've never been associ-

ated with an offense so nice about giving the ball away."

- "When it's football season, I'm all football."

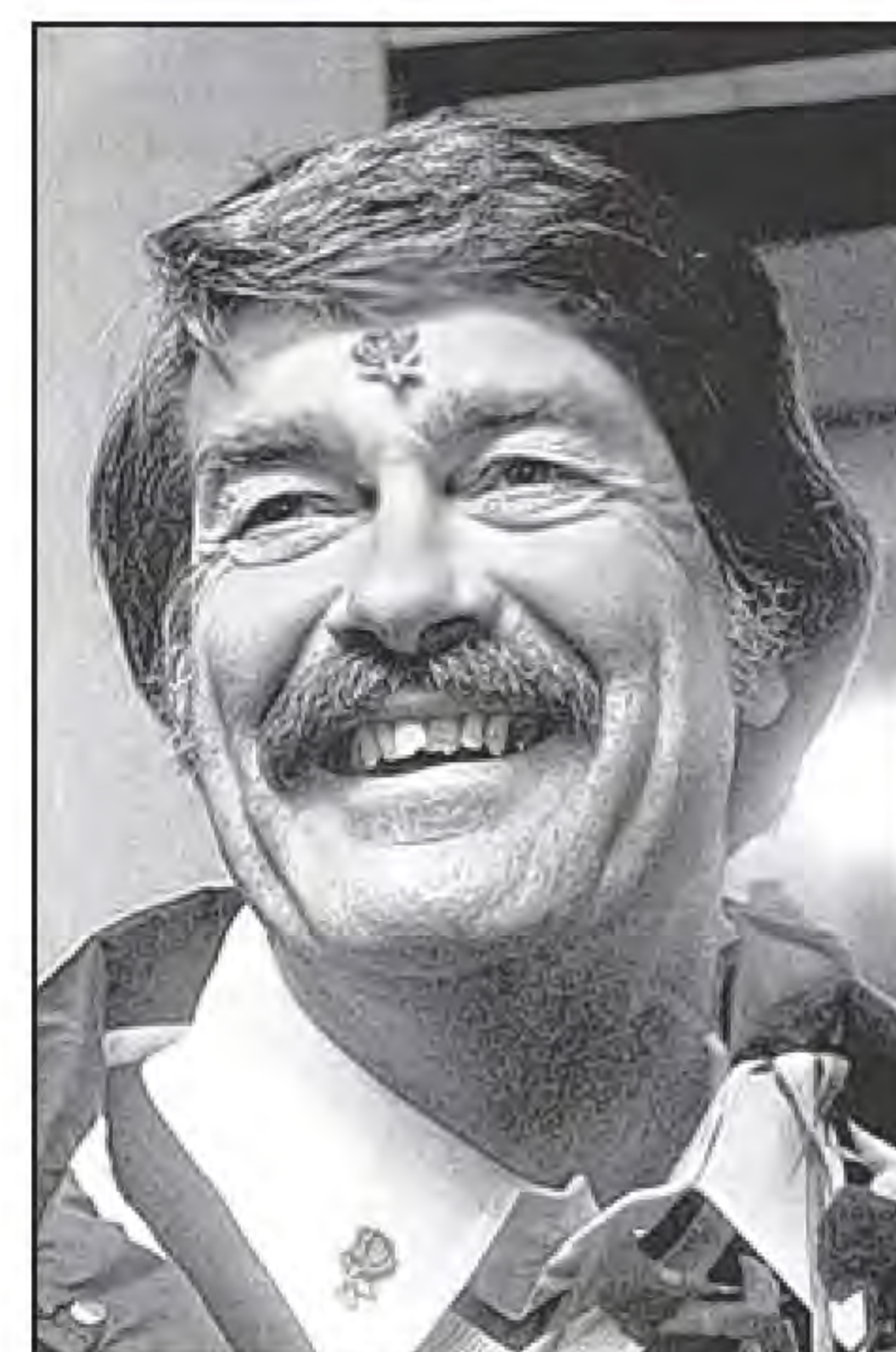
- "We changed our image. At least when we ran out of the field or broke the huddle, we would look like winners."

- "Some folks think we just came to town on a load on wood."

- "When you take over a program that's been down, you have to plow up snakes and kill 'em."

- "We'll take what the other teams gives us. We'll scratch where it itches."

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Hayden Fry smiles after Iowa earned a bid to the Rose Bowl in 1981. (The Gazette)

# Hlas/A force of nature in Iowa

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to be competitive there.

At the time, the Tigerhawk was this weird-looking thing that seemed a little kooky. That was 40 years ago. It stuck. It went on the Hawkeyes' helmets. It went on Hawkeye fans' hats, shirts, car bumpers, mailboxes. It even finally found its way onto the UI water tower.

It's now called branding, but it wasn't very common back then. Fry, a Baylor University graduate with a psychology degree, knew people needed and wanted things to cling to and call their own. The Tigerhawk has been embraced tightly for 40 years.

Every Hawkeye fan may see something different when looking at the logo, whether it was a special win, a championship season, a favorite player or coach, or maybe a get-together at a game with family or friends. But that brash bird has been the tie that binds, and the logo probably will be part of the University of Iowa as long as there is a University of Iowa.

Fry was a force of nature. His occasional blowups at what he always called "the news media" were often in-season events. He never backed down from a battle, and wasn't averse to creating one if he thought he needed a diversion so his players would be ignored for a few days and could go about their football business.

He came here after having a sour experience years before when he coached SMU, and was determined he would be the boss in all phases that concerned him. When then-UI president Hunter Rawlings stated in 1989 that the school would abolish freshman eligibility within three years whether or not the NCAA banned it, Fry had a beauty of a tirade. Freshmen remained eligible at Iowa.

But this man was far more about fun than flare-ups. I've never known a football coach who laughed as much as he did. He came out for a postgame interview session in Minneapolis wearing a red flannel shirt, a white cowboy hat, and blue bib overalls to make fun



Hayden Fry waits for his Hawkeyes to take the field at the Metrodome in Minneapolis in November 1998. It was the last game the Hall of Famer coached at the University of Iowa. Fry died Tuesday at the age of 90. (The Gazette)

of Minnesota media that made fun of Iowa in the week leading up to the game.

If there had been a fully functional internet in Fry's coaching era, he'd have been a global sensation.

Hawkeye supporters were satisfied with him being an Iowa sensation. I used to hear a variation of this all the time and saw it on occasion: A fan goes to an I-Club event somewhere, meets Fry for the first time in five, even 10 years. He says the fan's name before

the fan can spit out a salutation.

Ultimately, the measure of all coaches is what his or her players say about them long after their playing days are done. In the next few days, you'll hear all sorts of Fry's former players share their love and appreciation. If you lived in Iowa over the last four decades, you've already heard it.

Fry related to football players and their families in urban New Jersey and small-town Iowa. He knew presidents, he touted farmers. He was a

Marine Corps captain, and then a high school teacher and coach. Lifting people up was his thing, on and off football fields.

He went north to this place he had never seen, plowed up some snakes and killed 'em, and made a whole lot of Iowans feel good about being Iowans.

Fry's legend was built on winning, of course. But you'll never find a statistic that adequately captures it.

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## RECRUITING

# Defensive line hopeful Lois just taking things as they come

Iowa remains committed to recruit with spinal injury

By Marc Morehouse, The Gazette

Just more than a year ago, Michael Lois jumped off a trampoline and into a pool that was only four feet deep.

Everything that you think would happen happened.

On Sept. 16, 2018, Lois missed the floaty and broke three vertebrae in his spine. He remembered being unable to move his arms or legs after impact. A friend helped pull the 6-foot-4, 260-pound Lois from the pool.

Now, Lois has two rods in the back of his neck, between the C5 and C7 vertebrae. He also has a plate through the front.

This was three surgeries for the Elkhorn, Wis., native. Lois needed to wear a halo to reset his spine and then the rods and the plates.

Lois also has a football scholarship to the University of Iowa. Yes, he still does.

Just two weeks before the accident, Lois committed to play football for the Hawkeyes. The Iowa staff took the news of the injury with aplomb and have been extremely supportive of Lois and his family.

"It's definitely a blessing they stuck with me after the



Michael Lois, who broke his neck in a pool accident in 2018, is a 2020 Iowa football commit. (Dave Dresdow/Southern Lakes Newspapers)

neck thing," Lois said. "I'm super thankful and appreciative and I want to see where this takes me. I couldn't have picked a better school to commit to."

Lois' football career still is very much up in the air.

He won't be one of the Hawkeyes' 20 signees today. He will sign his letter of intent during the February signing period with the intent of playing football for a Hawkeyes at some point.

Lois still has to meet with UI sports medicine and team

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physicians.

"I don't even know what's going to happen," Lois said. "I have to meet with them, but I'm just excited to be down there and be blessed with this opportunity to be with the team no matter what I do."

This has been a year of clearances for Lois.

This spring, he was cleared to lift weights, and not just weights, but the heavy lifting that makes Big Ten football defensive linemen. He's still not doing squats, he doesn't want to take that chance. He hasn't been cleared for football contact.

He could've played hoops for Elkhorn High School. He will play baseball. He was cleared for that this spring and that is part of the reason why he elected not to enroll early.

If regret and sorrow are in there, Lois doesn't let them out. "I wouldn't say it was the

easiest thing, but it wasn't too hard for me," Lois said. "I didn't really care what other people thought, I just wanted to get better and worry about myself. I didn't have time to worry about what other people thought. I had enough problems going on rather than worrying about what other people thought."

"I wasn't going to let that bother me."

Lois (pronounced Loyce) acknowledged this was probably toughest on his parents, Hayley and Matt.

"My parents have finally started to settle down and relax. They know everything is going to be OK," Lois said. "They definitely had it the hardest of anyone out of all of this. I was going to be OK and knew I'd have to work hard to get through it."

For Lois to get back the field, he literally has to grow a spine. OK, it's neck vertebrae technically, but this is where Lois is.

Doctors have told him they want a full year of healing where they performed the spinal fusion surgery before there's talk about being cleared for contact.

The monthly visits to the doctor have been charting the bone growth in his neck. In September, everyone will know more.

You know it's an uncertain situation when Lois talks about what position he might play.

"Possibly talked about a position change to a safer position, I don't know quite yet," Lois said. "We'll know more after the doctors clear and say 'Maybe this position or somewhere else.'"

"No matter what they do, if I can't play, I'll just try to be a good asset to the team and help them out any way I can."

Does Lois feel good about his chances of playing again?

For role models, Lois, if he remains a D-lineman for the Hawkeyes, won't have to look far. D-line coach Kelvin Bell had his playing days end before his sophomore year at Iowa in 2001. Staff analyst Martin Hopkins also was recruited as a D-lineman at Iowa and also had his career end early due to injury.

The ending has yet to be written. The desire is there and, who knows, Lois could be doing back squats at some point soon.

"I know I want to, but I'm not 100 percent sure," Lois said. "I'm not Dr. Lois, but I feel like I could put on the pads again and get ready to rumble."

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# Fry/Coached Hawkeye teams in 14 bowl games

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he retired, with an overall record of 143-89-6, and a Big Ten mark of 96-61-5.

Kirk Ferentz, who followed Fry at Iowa, broke the record in 2018.

"We are proud to know that our father's life had a positive influence on so many people, the players, the coaches, and the fans who played for, worked with, and supported his long and successful coaching career," Fry's family said in a statement late Tuesday. "His legend will live forever with the people he touched and inspired, and the programs he led to greater heights."

Fry coached Iowa in 14 bowl games. His 1985 team was ranked No. 1 in the nation for five consecutive weeks.

Fry retired as Iowa's coach shortly after the 1998 season concluded. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 2010.

John Hayden Fry was born Feb. 28, 1929, in Eastland, Texas. He grew up in the west Texas city of Odessa, where he quarterbacked the high school team there to a Texas state championship. He got a football scholarship at Baylor University and earned a degree in psychology.

After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1952 to 1955, he was discharged with the rank of captain. He returned to Odessa to teach and coach football, and was named the head coach at Odessa High School in 1956. He advanced to college coaching three years later, serving as an assistant coach at Baylor for two years and at Arkansas for one.

He started an 11-year run as the head coach at Southern Methodist University in 1962. Battling the deeper pockets of programs like Texas, Arkansas and Texas A&M, Fry's record was 49-66-1. But in 1966 the Mustangs won their first Southwest Conference championship in 18 years.

Fry frequently said his top achievement in coaching was being the first coach to recruit a black player into the Southwest Conference. That was Jerry Levias, who went on to be a three-time all-conference player and an All-America defensive back.

In 2008, Fry and Levias were featured in the HBO documentary "Breaking the Huddle: The Integration of College Football."

Though SMU went 7-4 in 1971, Fry was fired after the season. In a post-retirement book he wrote with former Iowa sports information director George Wine, "Hayden Fry: A High Porch Picnic," he said:

"For several years some of SMU's big contributors had been trying to get me to buy players. They wanted me to use their money to recruit illegally, and I wouldn't do it. Every time I was approached on the matter I told them absolutely no. I believe they used a new president who wasn't strong enough to stand up to them to get to me."

Several weeks later, Fry was hired as football coach and athletics director at North Texas State University. The team went 40-23-3 in Fry's six seasons there. His final NTSU team went 9-2 in 1978, but received no bowl invitation. That only heightened Fry's interest when then-Iowa athletics director Bump Elliott inquired if he would be interested in interviewing for the vacant Hawkeyes job.

Fry had never been to Iowa before taking the position, but became an icon in the state within a few years. He was a stranger in a strange land with his Texan



Former Iowa football coach Hayden Fry points to a member of the audience Sept. 2, 2016, after the unveiling of a bronze statue of Fry at FRYfest in Coralville. (The Gazette)

**"His legend will live forever with the people he touched and inspired, and the programs he led to greater heights."**

#### Family of Hayden Fry

accent and vast repertoire of phrases that needed deciphering to Iowans.

But he quickly became dear to Iowa fans' hearts with an innovative and aggressive offense that was radical at the time for the Big Ten.

He assembled a coaching staff that was notable for the roles they played at Iowa and for going on to have their own head-coaching success stories elsewhere. They included Bill Snyder, Barry Alvarez, Dan McCarney, Bob Stoops and Ferentz. Fry hired Ferentz to be his offensive line coach in 1981 when Ferentz was a 25-year-old graduate assistant coach at the University of Pittsburgh.

In Fry's third year, Iowa scored a shocking 9-7 win at Michigan, and closed the regular season with a 36-7 Kinnick Stadium thumping of Michigan State that gave the Hawkeyes a tie for the Big Ten title and the league's berth in the Rose Bowl.

Roses made their way into the stadium before game's end, and fans threw them onto the field in salute. It was the first of eight straight winning seasons.

The Big Ten's "Big Two and Little Eight," with Michigan and Ohio State the perennial big two, was dented.

"I liked it when Iowa was good. It really added something to the conference," said legendary Michigan coach Bo Schembechler, who was on the losing side of perhaps the most-memorable game in Kinnick Stadium history, No. 1 Iowa's 12-10 win over the No. 2 Wolverines in 1985.

The two coaches were fierce competitors, but became close friends as time passed. Schembechler appeared at a salute to Fry in Carver-Hawkeye Arena in March 1999.

Off the field, Fry started a

marketing group to create a logo for the football program. He had already given the Hawkeyes a distinctive look by getting permission from the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers to imitate their black-and-gold uniform.

Early in his time at Iowa, Fry wanted a logo for the program. With the help of Wine and Cedar Rapids printer Chuck Edwards, Bill Colbert of Cedar Rapids was asked to come up with some sketches.

The tigerhawk logo was born in 1979. It became the logo identified with all things Hawkeye, and has remained so.

"A real splash of sunshine!" Fry told Colbert and Edwards.

"We changed our image," he said later.

Fry eventually turned the marketing business over to the university.

The second half of Fry's time at Iowa wasn't quite as successful as the first half on the field, but the Hawkeyes did return to the Rose Bowl in 1990, won 10 games in 1991, and went to bowls in each of the three seasons before his final one, 1998. The Hawkeyes were a mere 3-8 that season, and Fry retired shortly afterward. He had kept it secret, but he coached that season while undergoing radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

Fry had several bouts with cancer in his retirement years, and spent some of his post-football years raising money for cancer research. He chaired a fundraising campaign for the J. Hayden Fry Center for Prostate Cancer Research at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Fry moved to Mesquite, Nev., shortly after he left coaching, but returned to Iowa often for much of his post-football life. In 2009, an annual one-day FRYfest debuted in Coralville. The inaugural event featured Coralville's First Avenue being co-named Hayden Fry Way. A bronze statue of Fry is outside the Iowa City/Coralville Convention & Visitors Bureau on Hayden Fry Way.

Last April, dozens of Fry's former players gathered in Dallas to greet him and be greeted by him in a celebration of his 90th birthday.

Details of a memorial service will be announced later, Fry's family said Tuesday.

# Cargill/Neighbors fought industrial use

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That was the rail yard's last major hurdle.

"We are out there trying to do the best we can to mitigate every concern that has been brought to our attention," said Dan Pulis, plant manager for Cargill's wet corn milling operation that would be served by the rail yard.

A few more procedural steps remain, including closing on the land sale from the city, before construction can begin, Pulis said. The company hopes to begin construction by spring and have the yard operational by the end of 2020.

The council also approved a development agreement tied to the sale of the property. The land value would be the greater of the city's internal estimate of \$83,220 and a third-party appraisal, which has not yet been conducted.

The council voted 8-1 on the rezoning and 8-1 on the development agreement, with member Susie Weinacht opposed in both cases.

#### 'THAT IS INAPPROPRIATE'

Some are skeptical of the city's initial land value estimate, which equates to nearly \$3,000 an acre.

Nearby properties similarly in the 500-year flood plain range in value from \$20,000 to \$30,000 an acre, according to property records on the Cedar Rapids assessor's website.

"That is inappropriate in my mind," Richard Hanson said. "You are helping Cargill achieve their economic efficiency by having a very low-cost acquisition price for the land."

Between the rezoning and development agreement, several more stipulations are in place, such as governing hours of operation, use of lights and an aesthetic buffer.

Cargill would reim-

burse the city \$32,800 for replanting pollinators in a buffer area of the Stewart Road site and donate 28 acres of nearby land where a new pollinator zone would be built to replace one that is lost.

"I believe we can help protect jobs in our community with a project that will coexist with the neighbors and fishery," Mayor Brad Hart said before the vote.

#### NEIGHBORS SPEAK OUT

Up until the end, while many neighbors seemed to recognize the outcome, they pressed for a new direction.

"I beg you, Cargill, come to our neighborhood and talk to us," Tonya Sotelo said. "There are other solutions out there."

Angela Gillis, who lives near the site, was among those frustrated by the outcome.

"I'm disappointed we couldn't slow it down enough to be more collaborative because I think from the beginning it was a flawed process and (the council) had their minds made up last fall."

Cargill employees were the primary advocates for the project before the council.

"What this rail yard would mean to my team specifically is the ability to have available the cars we need to load, when we need to load them, (so products) arrive to our customers at the peak of their freshness," said Kirk Perreau, food safety quality and regulation manager.

Neighbors already have hinted at legal challenges.

Rob Hogg, a neighbor and state senator, said he filed a petition Tuesday in Linn County District Court challenging the city's amendment to its future land use map.

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Rompot neighborhood spokesman Kerry Sanders (right) walks out of the City Council meeting Tuesday night along with Jeremiah Kenny, a Rompot resident, (left) after the vote at Cedar Rapids City Hall. (Andy Abeyta/The Gazette)

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Democratic presidential candidate and South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg has scored the endorsements of two Des Moines-area lawmakers: Sen. Tony Bisignano and Rep. Brian Meyer.

"At a time when our politics feels more divisive than ever, Pete is offering a fresh approach that brings people together," Bisignano said in a statement

provided by the Buttigieg campaign.

"He's put forward bold, common-sense solutions to actually tackle the urgent problems facing working people. I've seen the way he has impressed, inspired, and persuaded Iowans with each visit to our state. His message has connected with people of all walks of life — and that's why Pete is the best candidate to take on Donald Trump."

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