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GRHS-FMCH group gets in on marina

\$1.5 MILLION: Group gives contingent funding to help with jetty wall walking trail

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The GRHS-FMCH Community Health Foundation has again stepped up to help Fort Madison's wellness efforts.

On Wednesday, the group announced a \$1.5 million contribution to the Fort Madison marina project. This comes just two weeks after the group announced it would be essentially doubling down on its commitment to the Fort Madison P.O.R.T. trail project by committing another \$1.3 million to



MOHRFELD

that project.

The group already gave \$1.5 million to the P.O.R.T. trail to build the connection to Rodeo Park up 15th Street from the Fort Madison High School trail head.

The marina funding is designated for an expansion of the city's trail system along the newly proposed jetty wall.

"I am excited that GRHS-FMCH Community Health

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CITY NEWS

Promotional video for city in the works

New York firm on the ground with officials creating PR piece

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A new marketing video featuring Fort Madison businesses, services, and industries is being assembled with a nod to future promotions.

And the best thing is, it has no cost to taxpayers.

Fort Madison Tourism Director Jean Peiton and Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Savannah Collier are making the rounds with videographers from CGI Company out of Rochester, New York this week.

The video will be shot, edited, and produced by the New York media company.

Peiton said the company does promotional videos for communities of certain sizes at no charge and Fort Madison fit the demographics. She said the company contacted Fort Madison City Manager David Varley just as the pandemic was getting into full swing, so the project had to be delayed.

"A couple of months ago, they reconnected with him and he sent it on to me, so Savannah and I were like, 'Yeah we want videos,'" Peiton said.

Collier said the whole process has taken less than two months.

"It just went boom, boom, boom just like that with scripts, shots, video, connecting with the company and us trying to figure out what we want to do," Collier said.

She said they will be doing a Fort Madison video, a testimonial video with people talking about the community. There will also be another video looking at economi-



COLLIER

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

HTC Marketing Director Judi Dinwiddie loses the blindfold right as 4th grader Elijah Fuerman loses the apples in an apple grab at the Holy Trinity Elementary after school Halloween party Wednesday night in West Point. Nolan Peitz, also a fourth grader looks on.

WEST POINT NEWS

HTC teacher's illustrations part of children's book

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – With about 30 children at her feet, decked out in all sorts of the garb of the Hallow's eve, Holy Trinity Catholic art teacher Tracee Guzman began reading.

Guzman opened "The Witches' Ball"

a book by Lori Ries and illustrated by Guzman, and started reading and showing the hand-drawn pages to the children in the library at Holy Trinity Elementary School in West Point on Wednesday evening as part of the school's after-school Halloween party.

The book follows Millie the Witch

as she races against the clock to get to the Witches' Ball at a castle complete with an alligator-filled moat.

The book is available at Amazon for \$17.99 hardcover, \$10.99 for paperback, or on Kindle for \$4.99.

Guzman said Amazon sold out of

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JANICE A. NIXON

Janice Ann Nixon, 68, of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at Mississippi Valley Healthcare in Keokuk.

She was born May 23, 1953 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Claude "Tom" and Leona M. Abrahams Nixon. Janice graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1971 and attended Southeastern Community College in Keokuk.



NIXON

She had been employed at several local businesses through the years including Woolworth, Keokuk Area Hospital and Casey's in both Keokuk and Montrose, IA.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Keokuk and was also a member of the Keokuk Jayceettes.

Janice enjoyed shopping, traveling and was an avid Elvis Presley fan. She was a left handed golfer and always liked playing a round of golf. She also enjoyed all types of crafts, especially crocheting and jewelry making. Janice adored all of the people at the nursing home. She loved playing card games and Bingo with them and was ecstatic when she won a prize.

She is survived by four sisters, Nancy Nixon, Libby J. Wigginton (James) and Kim G. Hardy (Tim) all of Keokuk and Susan Stambach (Stan) of Nauvoo, IL, six nieces and nephews, Jackie Allen, David Allen (Mandee), Jennifer Bourgeois (Ryan), Ashley Manning (Shad), Shannon Smith (Scott) and Samantha Rose (Alan, Jr.), several great nieces and great nephews and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Sandra Rae Nixon and Becky Worster.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 5-7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Every Step Hospice or Southeast Iowa Dialysis.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

OBITUARIES

RONALD A. HOGAN

Ronald "Doc" Ambrose Hogan, 86, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 12:52 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, in West Burlington, Iowa.



HOGAN

He was born on March 16, 1935, in Appanoose Township, Hancock County, Illinois, the son of Ambrose and Emeline (Moore) Hogan. On June 25, 1955 he married Joan Marie Falk at the Saints Peter & Paul Church in Nauvoo, Illinois.

Survivors include his wife: Joan; five children: Ron (Amy) Hogan of Saint Louis, Missouri, Don (Jeanne) Hogan of Fort Madison, Iowa, Judy (Pat) Hayes of Palmer, Alaska, Susan (Tom) Walljasper of Fort Madison, Iowa, Debra (Jim) Hurt of Augusta, Illinois; 18 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren; and 2 brothers: Leonard Hogan and Patrick Hogan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Richard and David, and one grandson: Thomas Walljasper.

Doc was a graduate of the Saints Peter and Paul High School in Nauvoo. He retired from J.I. Case in Burlington, Iowa.

Doc was very active in the Boy Scouts of America serving as both the Cub Master for pack 56 and Scout Master for troop 56 for many years. He also volunteered countless hours at Camp Eastman. He was especially proud of his "Eagle Scouts." He was always available to anyone in need and frequently opened his home as a safe place for others. He served on the Nauvoo Fire Department. Doc enjoyed camping, motorcycles and being with his family and friends. He is best remembered for being "Doc".

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 29, 2021 at the Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home where family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

A graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 30, 2021 at the Appanoose Township Cemetery, near Niota, Illinois, with Fr. Tony Trosley and Pastor Mark Anderson officiating.

A memorial has been established in his memory for the Saints Peter & Paul School.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.sbbfuneralhome.com. Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.



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VERA M. SCHLEIF

Vera Mae Schleif, 91 years, of West Burlington, Iowa and formerly of Fort Madison died Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at the Covenant Care Center in Pensacola, Florida. She was born July 6, 1930 in Croton, Iowa a daughter of William McKinley McPherson and Bertha Esther (Raines) McPherson. On January 22, 1950 at Fort Madison Iowa she married Arthur Eric Schleif.

She grew up in Fort Madison and graduated from Fort Madison High School. She worked at the Shaeffer Pen Company and the Iowa Ordnance Plant until her husband, Art, became a pastor in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They were pastors of churches in Mississippi, Missouri and Iowa.

She is survived by one son Brad (Sheryl) Schleif of Pensacola Florida; one sister, Alice Jean Ray of Cheyenne, Wyoming; two grandsons, Dustin (Dawn) Schleif and Greg (Trina) Schleif, both of Central California; numerous nieces and nephews. Vera Mae was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and seven brothers and sisters.

The funeral for Mrs. Schleif will be held at 10:30 am Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, officiated by her son, Pastor Brad Schleif. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral at the Barr Memorial Chapel, beginning at 9:30 am Tuesday morning. Burial will be at Denmark Cemetery, Denmark, Iowa. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left or sent to the Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Schleif family and online condolences to the family may be made at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.


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L. DEE HARRISON, JR.

L. Dee Harrison, Jr., 83, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 9:10 a.m. Monday, October 25, 2021, at his home in Farmington

He was born on February 13, 1938, in Burlington, Iowa, the son of L. Dee, Sr. and Ruby Aileen (Massey) Harrison. In November of 1957, he married Mary Allaman. She preceded him in death.



HARRISON

Survivors include his four children: Philip D. Harrison of Indian Springs, Nevada, Cathleen (Steven) Burke of Edgerton, Kansas, Lisa (Leighton Cain) Harrison-Cain of Saint Cloud, Florida and Bradley D. Harrison of Rowlett, Texas; six grandchildren: Rory Burke, Taylor Harrison, Reid Harrison, Alex Karimipour, Shelby Burke and Farrah Karimipour and one great grandchild: Teagan Burke.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Mary; brother: Greg Harrison and grandson; Ryan Burke.

Dee attended a one room school house outside Kirkwood, Illinois in his early years. He was a 1956 graduate of Kirkwood High School. He attended Bradley University for two years and was in the National Guard. Dee and Mary raised their family in Monmouth, Illinois. He worked as a salesman at Ray Green Chevrolet until he partnered with Chuck Woods, owning Woods Harrison Ford Dealership which later became Harrison Ford. In 1990, Dee moved to Farmington, where he lived until his death. Dee was a member of the Bonaparte Baptist Church. He enjoyed going to swap meets for his NOS parts business and tinkering in his warehouse.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 31, 2021 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington. The funeral home will be open from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. that afternoon.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2021 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington with Reverend Chad Welch officiating.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Farmington Public Library.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.



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Lee County News/Health News

Mohrfeld pitches marina to state CAT grant panel

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Foundation is investing in the wellness component of our riverfront revitalization," said Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld.

"Wellness opportunities are important to the people of Fort Madison. Thank you for being a major partner in making this project happen."

The pledge is contingent on the marina project receiving estimated funding of \$6.5 million. The City of Fort Madison and Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission each have committed \$1.5 to the project.

The marina project began earlier this year with dredging and removing the existing docks. When completed, the Fort Madison riverfront will be enhanced with covered and uncovered docks with 170 public-access boat slips and a hospitality building offering gas, food, beverages, and convenience items.

Mohrfeld was in Des Moines on Thursday with eight other presenters trying to secure a state Community Action and Tourism grant to help with the costs of the project. He said preliminary plans are underway to begin a community capital campaign as well.

"We've got the \$1.5 million from the city, \$1.5 million from SIRRC for the docks, and we have the \$1.5 million being put in by the hospital foundation for the wellness component. In the dredging part, these are rough numbers, but FEMA will be in for about \$1.5 million there," Mohrfeld said.

He said there has also been a preliminary commitment from the for-profit arm of the structure to talk about the agreement between the entities for the operational structure. That group has already formed an L.L.C and will build the hospitality center.

The GRHS-FMCH Community Health Foundation was created in 2018 as part of an agreement to provide funding for projects or initiatives that help improve the health of communities served by Great River Health System. Although the name of FMCH has been changed to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, the foundation's name has not changed. It is not part of the Great River Health Foundation.

Dems set Eppers-O'Malley dinner for Nov. 11 at Meyer's in Keokuk

KEOKUK - The Lee County Democratic Party is hosting its annual Eppers-O'Malley Dinner on Thursday, November 11, at Meyer's Court-yard, 629 Blondeau Street, Keokuk. The social hour begins at 5:30 pm, with the dinner/program to follow at 6:30 pm. The social hour is always a great way to personally meet candidates before they speak during the dinner.

Several candidates are speaking at the dinner this year. Two candidates for U.S. Senate are planning to attend, former U.S. Representative and state representative Abby Finkenauer and Dr. Glenn Hurst, a leader in the Iowa democratic party as chair of the party's rural caucus, and a Minden city councilman. State Representative Christina Bohannon is a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives. She is a law professor and former engineer.

Two candidates for governor will be attending. State Representative Ras Smith and businesswoman Deidre DeJear. Eric Van Lancker and Joel Miller, both county auditors and candidates for Secretary of State will be speaking.

Van Lancker is the Clinton County Auditor and Miller is the Linn County Auditor.

Awards will be given to four outstanding Lee County Democratic volunteers. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased in advance by mailing a check to the Lee County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 1302, Keokuk, IA 52632, calling 319-526-3160, or at the door if available.

If the cost of a ticket might prevent you from attending, please call the number listed.

All Democrats and those interested in hearing the visions of the candidates are encouraged to attend.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Savanna Collier stands with a videographer and City Tourism Director Jean Peiton on Wednesday morning as they create footage of the Southeastern Community College facility in downtown Fort Madison.

Local businesses can sponsor video

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cal development and recruiting.

The distribution of the videos will be on the city's and the chamber's website. The company will work with the city for three years and edit and update with changes.

"It's all been so fast. I got a script a week ago. I got the shoot list last Friday and now he's here shooting it," Collier said.

Peiton and Collier are accompanying videographers around for the rest of the week gathering the footage, talking with people about possible testimonials, and talking to businesses.

Sponsorships will be available on the videos. Businesses who purchase sponsorships on the video will also get videos for their own, but the rates have not been set yet.

Collier said she wants to get testimonials from people who've been here a long time, business leaders, and people who are more transient.

Once completed the videos will be uploaded to the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce, as well as the city's website.

Collier said there may be other places of value to include the video, but that will be determined after the project is completed.

SIRMC's WB campus earns award for treating heart attacks

WEST BURLINGTON - Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center's West Burlington campus has received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Achievement Award for implementing specific quality improvement measures to treat patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

Each year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), the deadliest type of heart attack, caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it is critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

The American Heart Association's

Mission: Lifeline program helps reduce barriers to prompt treatment for heart attacks - starting from when 9-1-1 is called, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge. Optimal care for heart attack patients takes coordination between the individual hospital, EMS and healthcare system.

"EMTs and paramedics play a vital part in the system of care for those who have heart attacks," said Tim Henry, MD, chair of the Mission: Lifeline Acute Coronary Syndrome Subcommittee. "Since they often are the first medical point of contact, they can save precious minutes of treatment time by activating the emergency response system that alerts hospitals to an incoming heart attack patient."

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From the Front

Guzman has thoughts about writing own children's book

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the first printing and then a paperback printing.

One of the neat characteristics is the dot edging of the illustration. Guzman said there are millions of dots in the illustrations that she manually added to give the pictures a softness.

"There's million of dots, millions and millions of dots in here. I actually get carpal tunnel from this. I'm not kidding," she said.

"There's a scene with a shop and that was the one that I sent in with my sketch. It makes it look softer."

She said the technique is called stippling and she said it took a full year from start to finish to illustrate the 32-page book.

Her passion for drawing started when she was about three years old. Guzman said she can remember the book, "Where the Wild Things Are," and that spurred a curiosity in drawing and literature.

She said now having her own illustrations featured in a published book seems almost surreal.

"It's almost surreal to think that it's really happened. It really is, and has been an interesting journey.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC art instructor Tracee Guzman reads and shows illustrations to children at HTC elementary's after school Halloween Party Wednesday. Guzman is the illustrator of the published book.

"My college professors said for my final project in my senior year, that my work was suitable for illustration and asked me if I had ever thought about that. I told them, I've always wanted to be an illustrator," she said.

A social media event known as InkTober opened the door for her to have her work published. InkTober is a month where anyone can illustrate one word and then post it on the Internet and social media avenues.

A publishing company saw her work and asked her if she did illustrations. She said she didn't, but always wanted to and they said they could put her

to work right away.

"That's how it started for me. It was just kind of serendipity."

She said she gets royalties for the book but hasn't received a royalty check yet.

Guzman said she would like to write and illustrate her own book at some point. She has an idea for it, but hasn't started it.

"That's on my list."

The front and back covers of *The Witches Ball*, written by Lori Ries and illustrated by Holy Trinity Elementary art teacher Tracee Guzman. The book is available on Amazon.



Hayden Kelch looks for a place to sit in his magician's outfit as he gets ready to listen to Tracee Guzman read on Wednesday at Holy Trinity Elementary from the book she illustrated.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES
KEOKUK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 2021
501 Main Street
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on October 21, 2021 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, none absent. Mike O'Connor, Linda Altheide,

Roslyn Garcia (left prior to staff reports), Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden (left at 6:58 p.m.), Roger Bryant, and Susan Dunek were present. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, Sewer Manager Michael Clark, Police Chief Dave

Hinton, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, as well as other personnel.

MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE: Recognized Dave Johnson's retirement from Sanitation Department, effective Oct 29, 2021. Mayor gave comments on current budget deficit.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Tony and Marty Fox of Decker Manufacturing commented on franchise fees and relationships with the city. Brad Schreck and Kathy Marion commented on

noise pollution. Teresa Murray asked about cost savings of redistricting. Drake Custer spoke in favor of franchise fees, he commented cuts to city services may result if fees are not approved. City employee John Reiter asked for a review of his duties before eliminating his position. Andy Whitaker has questions regarding 2019 audit report. Nancy Symmonds inquired about educating the public regarding city finances.

Motion made by Dade,

second by Andrews to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of October 7, 2021;

- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for September 2021;

- Special Event Permit, Keokuk Economic Development Corporation, Live After 5 Networking Event, will be offering alcohol (does not require a liquor license), Thurs-

day, October 28, 2021 from 4-8 p.m. to be held at SE Iowa Development Center, 1417 Exchange Street;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5235-5237; Old Business:

No motion to remove from table an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1998, and granting to Midstates Natural Gas, its successors, and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate a

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- Hydraulics & Pneumatics
- Mechanical assemblies (gearboxes, drives etc)
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- Basic electrical knowledge (3 phase, breakers, schematic reading, etc.)

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- 3-5 years of experience in Industrial Ammonia Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, and/or a 2-year technical college degree (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration)
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Vaccination Nurse

Lee County Health Department is seeking to contract with a RN, LPN, or other qualifying professional licensed to administer vaccines in Iowa. The contracted position will include working in LCHD's scheduled vaccination clinics which involves clinic preparation work, administering COVID-19 and flu vaccination, possible vaccine data entry and tracking, and scheduling. Hours will vary each week throughout LCHD's vaccination campaign. Those interested should contact or send credentials/resume to Emily Biddenstadt, Community Health Program Manager, at ebiddenstadt@leecountyhd.org. LCHD is an EOE.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

natural gas utility in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell natural gas to the city and its inhabitants, and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the City.

No motion to remove from table an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1830, and granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, its successors, and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-five-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate an electric system in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the City and its inhabitants, and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the City.

New Business: Motion to table by Andrews, second by Garcia the reductions as proposed or provide staff with further direction on possible reductions. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Con-

nor, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 309-21: "A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING AND FIXING A DATE ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$ 5,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK, STATE OF IOWA (FOR ESSENTIAL CORPORATE PURPOSE), AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dade, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 310-21: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Grand Theater Commission final notification: Bob Soule, Jim

Wolff, and Kathy Joyce, three-year terms to expire 11/5/2024. Park and Recreation Advisory Board final notification: Peg Vermillion and Richard Moore, three-year terms to expire 11/2/2024. Motion made by Helenthal, second by Dunek to approve appointments. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion to approve resignation of Diane Bramhall McWilliams from City Planning Commission, term to expire 5/14/2023. Motion to approve by Garcia, second by Helenthal. (8) AYES (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Rand Park Pavilion Commission second notification: Kimberly Buerklin, term to expire 10/22/2025. Joe Morgan fulfilling the unexpired term of Michael Albright, term to expire 10/22/2023 (no votes required).

STAFF REPORTS: Community Development Director Broomhall reported on demolition of

422 Main Street. O'Donnell reported on City Hall project including the roof, Per Mar alarm system

and covid policy.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the

meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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November is RiverCall at the FMAAA Art Center

FORT MADISON - RiverCall, an installation by glass artist Jim Topic will be on display through the month of November at Fort Madison Area Arts Association. The Opening Reception is scheduled for Friday, November 5th from 5-7pm at the Art Center located at 825 Ave G, Fort Madison, Iowa. This month's exhibition is generously sponsored by Axalta Coating Systems.

Jim Topic, the primary artist behind Nauvoo GlassWorks, has a full installation of inspired glass creations to support a concept he is exploring. He invites you to explore along with him. "The river has always been a metaphor for life... describing change within permanence," says Topic. Going on to further state "We encounter the river in four ways: above it, on it, in it, under it. We are reminded that life and the river are often more complex than our initial perspective."

Glass, as a medium of choice for Topic, is also paradoxical. It is permanent yet ever changing. How this artist came to utilize glass is an origin story that spans two continents and three individual's visions. His artist practice inspires him to seek long connections through space and time with his staged installation stories. RiverCall is not a final work, but a work evolving. FMAAA will be the initial installation of Topic's vision, the origin story he intends to make additions to and utilize to spring-board future collaborations. RiverCall is destined to appear in other venues before returning in the future to Fort Madison in an evolved form. Come see it now at its original source!

In addition to the conceptual glass installation work, Topic will have many signature items available for sale just in time for that perfect holiday gift.



The work of Jim Topic, a local glass works artist, will be the November exhibit at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association. A reception is set for Nov. 5 at 5 p.m.

HALLOWEEN

The following is a list of upcoming Halloween events submitted to Pen City Current. **October 17-31 - Scarecrow Stroll** - A community-wide scarecrow display contest. Open to all residents and businesses in Keokuk. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in four categories: single family home, neighborhood (2+ homes), small business, and franchise business. Details can be found on Main Street Keokuk's Facebook page here. Register your display here <https://forms.gle/bnZbw1aX3iSDBU467>.

Friday, Oct. 29, 6-9 p.m. - Lee County CrimeStoppers' No Tricks - All Treats event at the Lee County Fairgrounds. This year Wal-Mart Keokuk is jumping in for this huge event. Due to weather conditions, this year's event has been moved into the Lee County Fair Sale Barn. Signs and directions will be posted at the event.

Friday, October 29 - 3:30pm-5pm - Keokuk Downtown Trick or Treat. Participating businesses will be identified with an event window decal and included on a list of Downtown Trick or Treat destinations. More details can be found on Main Street Keokuk's Facebook page here.

Saturday, October 30 - 10am-noon - Shug's Tiny Town Spooktacular Saturday. Pumpkin decorating, costume contest and trick or treat in the play center. Space is limited-registration is required. Only \$15/child-must be paid at the time of registration. Cost includes admission to the play center for the day. Buy your ticket online at <https://tinyurl.com/crkjkev4> or call the store at 319-372-SHUG (7484).

Saturday, October 30 - 3pm-5pm - Old Settlers Halloween in the Park.

Saturday, October 30 - 5pm-7pm - City of Donnellson Trick or Treat.

Saturday, October 30 - 5pm-7pm - City of Fort Madison Trick or Treat.

Saturday, October 30 - 5pm-7pm - City of West Point Trick or Treat.

Saturday, October 30 - 5pm-7pm - Historic Old Lee County Jail Trick or Treat, 711 Avenue F, Fort Madison.

Sunday, October 31 - 10am-1pm - FallFest at Victory Faith Church. This free family event includes breakfast for kids at 10:00am, lunch for everyone, carnival games, live music, prizes, and inflatables. 2359 53rd Street, Fort Madison. Google Map here for directions.

Sunday, October 31 - 5pm-7pm - City of Keokuk Trick or Treat.

Sunday, October 31 - 5pm-7pm - Keokuk Police Department Halloween 1st Stop. Visit their Facebook page here for more information.

Sunday, October 31 - 5pm-7pm - City of Montrose Trick or Treat.

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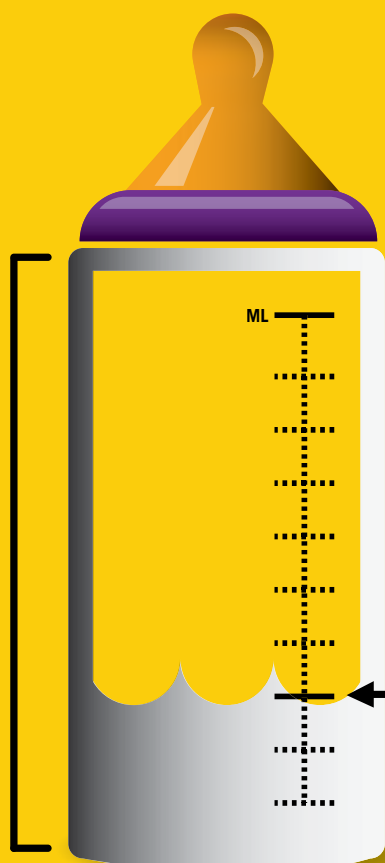
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