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## Dinnerless Theater



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Member of the combined Dinner Theater Choir sing "Car Wash" in the traffic-themed presentation of the 20201 Dinnerless Theater. Below left, a quarter sings as part of the ensemble, while at right, Dylan Estrada sings and plays bass to "In the Flesh".



### PENITENTIARY

## ISP staff over doses inmates with vaccine

BY PEN CITY STAFF

FORT MADISON – According to reports in the Des Moines Register on Friday, 77 inmates at the Iowa State Penitentiary were given higher than normal doses of the Pfizer vaccine on Tuesday.

The copyrighted story quoted Cord Overton, a spokesperson for the Iowa Department of Corrections as saying the inmates were not suffering any additional side effects from the extra vaccine.

An inmate notified family in Fairfield of the incident, and the family then contacted the Des Moines Register who picked up the story, along with

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### LEE COUNTY

## West Point gets traffic safety grant

BY DENNIS MCGREGOR  
City of West Point

WEST POINT – The City of West Point has recently received a valuable Iowa LTAP Grant after an application was submitted in November of 2020. Iowa LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) is described on their web page as being dedicated to helping Iowa's local governments keep up with growing demands on local roads, streets, bridges, and public transportation. The center provides technical and management assistance to Iowa's local transportation officials through a variety of programs.

West Point has needed street safety devices to bolster the safety during work on the City's streets, sealcoating the streets and working on infrastructure adjacent to the streets. West Point Public Works and

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### GUEST AUTHOR

## Is henfit a cause for menfit - Empty Nest, by Curt Swarm

Romping through a field of clover, the maiden laid down on the hillside and breathed in the fragrance of nectar-filled blossoms, felt golden sunshine on her fair cheek, and heard humming bees going about their springtime busy-business of making honey and building

honeycomb. "Is this heaven?" she asks. "No it's Iowa," she laughs, quoting a passage from "Field of Dreams."

Have you noticed the fields of purple flowers blooming all around the countryside and asked yourself, "What's going on? Where's this coming from?"

It's like a scene from "The Sound of Music" with the Trapp family and Julie Andrews singing "the hills are alive."

There's a huge field of the purple blossoms just east of Mt. Pleasant on the south side of Highway 34. Mo-

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### WEATHER

MON 26 Apr ..... Scattered Clouds, 77° F/ 52° F  
TUE 27 Apr ..... Light Rain, 82° F/ 61° F  
WED 28 Apr ..... Overcast, 69° F/ 55° F

### IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 04/24.....5 20 21 26 27, Star Ball: 4, All Star Bonus: 2  
LUCKY FOR LIFE 04/22.....20 28 29 35 37, Lucky Ball: 15  
MEGA MILLIONS 04/23.....4 28 29 30 60, Mega Ball: 25 Megaplier: 3  
PICK 3 04/22, 04/23, 04/24 MIDDAY.....9 5 8, 8 0 0, 0 9 0  
PICK 3 04/22, 04/23, 04/24 EVENING.....7 0 1, 5 5 1, 1 4 1  
PICK 4 04/22, 04/23, 04/24 MIDDAY.....7 6 2 7, 0 8 9 6, 6 5 8 0  
PICK 4 04/22, 04/23, 04/24 EVENING.....1 6 6 4, 7 7 3 6, 8 6 2 6  
POWERBALL 04/24.....22 36 48 59 61, Powerball: 22, Power Play: 3

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## From the Front

# Purple fields are more common in no-till acreage

**SWARM** - Continued from Page 1

torists (including me) have stopped to take pictures of this pastoral scene. My daughter, an artist, painted it.

Is this one of those cover crops you hear so much about—a temporary fall planting of grass or clover by farmers after harvest to help control winter erosion and nutrient runoff in the fields throughout the winter? Could be. But the typical cover crops are green not purple.

Ask any farmer what this flower is and you might get a sharp retort or growl, like, “It’s a weed called henbit. And it’s a nuisance!”

In fact, from the publication, “Who’s Your Iowa Farmer” comes the following information: “Farmers would no doubt take issue with describing these troublesome weeds with such positive adjectives. Henbit is easily confused with its close relative, purple deadnettle.

Both are winter annuals with

square shaped stems and purplish blooms. Members of the mint family, you may even catch a hint of the familiar aroma. In a rural landscape, henbit is most frequently found in no-till corn and soybean fields, making itself at home in fertile, moist, undisturbed soils.

You might also discover it flourishing in your flower beds this spring. If this is not problematic enough, researchers have found that soil in no-till fields covered with winter annuals in spring is slower to warm which can potentially reduce yields.

The weeds are also competing with crops for water and light needed for germination and growth. The pesky weeds can even rob farmers of part of their nitrogen application.

Since henbit and other winter annuals complete most of their vegetative growth very early in the season, they have a head start when it comes

## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



to absorbing the nitrogen supply meant for field crops before their seeds are even planted.

In conventional tillage systems, the winter annuals would be destroyed by the tillage process. However, no-till systems, designed to protect the soil and preserve water and nutrients in the soil, require an application of herbicide to eliminate these weeds.”

The good news, for people like my artist daughter, who enjoy the beauty and fragrance of the purple flower, is that the entire plant is edible, making it great for salads and herbal tea.

From “Eat the Planet”: Henbit “was brought over to the Americas as chicken fodder. In fact, the name

‘henbit’ came from the fact that chickens love eating the leaves of this plant. Today, many foragers have realized the nutritional value of this wild edible.”

Obviously, henbit is quite invasive and can cause men (and women) to have a fit (henbit fit), or artists, like my daughter, to have another subject for a pretty picture.

If you like its beauty, enjoy it while it’s here. As soon as Roundup Ready corn and soybeans are in the ground, henbit, I imagine, will be history.

Times are changing; weather patterns are changing. What we have never seen before is becoming common place. What is one person’s problem is another person’s cup of tea.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at [curtswarm@yahoo.com](mailto:curtswarm@yahoo.com) or visit his website at [www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com](http://www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com).





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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### SHERYL L. HOENIG

Sheryl L. Hoenic, 69, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 1:56 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City, IA. She was born on April 15, 1952 in Fort Madison, IA to John M. & Genevieve G. Wilson. She married Donald L. Hoenic on



HOENIG

August 11, 1973 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on December 21, 2011. She worked at several local banks throughout her lifetime. She was a member of the Lee County Historical Society and enjoyed antiques and working with the Tri-State Rodeo selling tickets and window painting.

Sheryl is survived by: 2-sons: Jeffrey (Donna) Hoenic of Tipton, IA & Carter (Darla) Hoenic of Redding, CA; 4-grandchildren: Nicholas McDonald, Sheridan Hoenic, Kayla Watts & Gilan Hoenic; 3-great grandchildren: Harper McDonald, Hadley McDonald & Liam Watts; 1-brother: Mike (Debbie) Wilson of Chandler, AZ & 1-sister: Gwen (Stephen) Moss of Fort Madison, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Les Featheringill officiating. A memorial has been established in Sheryl's memory. Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### BRAD A. BODE

Brad Alan Bode, 53 of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at Blessing Health Keokuk in Keokuk, IA.

He was born August 15, 1967 in Keokuk, IA the son of Ronald Lee and Sharon Kay Spees Bode.



BODE

Brad graduated from Keokuk High School in Keokuk, IA.

He had been employed by several local businesses through the years, including Happy Joe's and Walmart.

Brad enjoyed rock and roll music and loved playing his guitar. He also enjoyed cooking and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.

He is survived by his father, Ronald Lee Bode of Donnellson, IA, his girlfriend, Sherri Morgan of Michigan, three aunts, Patty Means (David) and Vye Land both of Keokuk and Debbie Symmonds of Hamilton, one uncle, Rusty Spees of Keokuk and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held at a later date.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## Reports show inmates inadvertently given six times normal dose

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other national news outlets.

Pen City Current reached out to the DOC on Friday for comment, but no response was received.

Overton sent an email to the Register saying none of the inmates became ill enough to need outside medical attention.

"The large majority of inmates continue to have very minor symptoms consistent with those that receive the recommended dose of the vaccine," he wrote in an email to the Des Moines Register. "These include sore arm, body aches, and one inmate has experienced a low-grade fever, which was treatable with Tylenol."

Overton said early reports indicat-

ed the inmates were given up to six times the standard dose of the vaccine.

He said prison officials have consulted with experts at the University of Iowa, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Pfizer, which manufactured the vaccine. He said the experts recommended the patients be monitored for at least 48 hours, but "they did not expect any inmates to have severe reactions."

Iowa DOC officials are conducting an investigation and two nurses were put on leave pending the outcome of that investigation. Vaccines, as of Thursday, had been halted at the facility.

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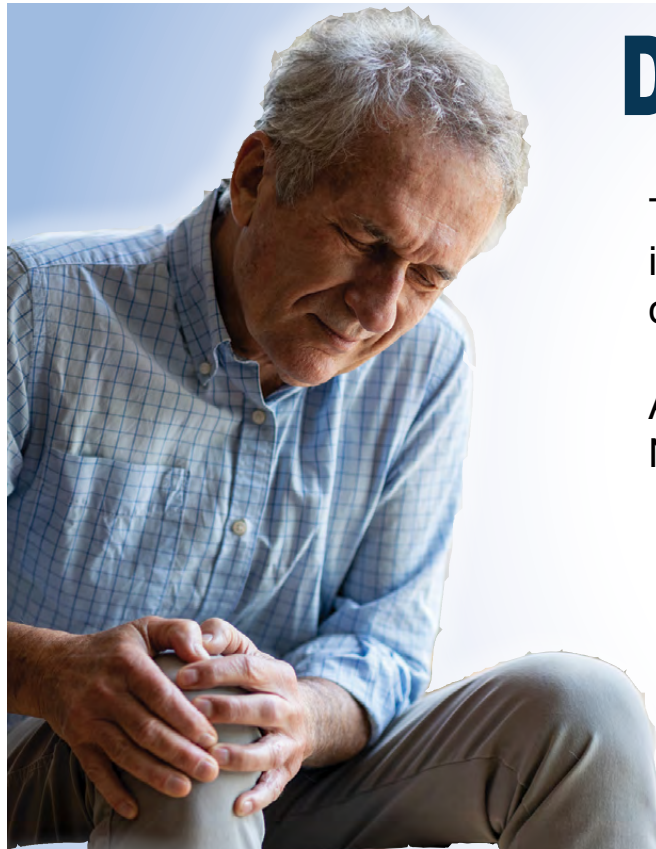
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 4/20/2021

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 4/20/2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Andrews, Bowker, Lair, Schulz, Rink, Cangas and Amandus present either in person or electronically. This meeting was held with some members of Council and staff present but was also available electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 4/6 and 4/8/2021; Payroll of 4/9/2021; April Library Claims, Claims dated 4/15/2021, and Liquor License Renewal: Horan's Cabaret, effective 5/7/2021.

Mark Holtkamp gave a report on The Madison's proposed improvements.

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing at 6:13 P.M. With no written or oral comments, the Mayor

closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2021-23, adopting the Amended City-Wide Urban Revitalization Plan for the City-Wide Urban Revitalization Area.

On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-073, amending Title 2, Chapter 11, by adding a new Section 11, and Title 3, Chapter 2, by adding a new Section 4. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-24, updating fees for Re-zoning Applications and setting a Construction Board of Appeals Hearing Application Fee. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-25, ratifying a Settlement Agreement with the Public Professional and Maintenance Employees, Local 2003, Police Department.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a One-Year Lease Agreement with Sanchez Boxing. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's appointment of Dan Bahl to the Airport Commission, filling an unexpired term, term expiring 9/30/2021. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 1, for PIP 2020-05, Re-

construction of Old Hwy. 61, 6th-10th Street. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 3, for PIP 2020-03, GRHS-FMCH Community Health Foundation - Fort Madison High School to Rodeo

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$44,215.87
Special Revenue	50,507.38
Road Use	15,686.70
Capital	125,421.04
Water	16,219.69
Sewer	11,733.24
Solid Waste/IWC	11,593.85
Storm Water Util.	4,499.81
	<u>\$279,877.58</u>

PAYROLL 4/9/2021	
General	\$ 196,695.57
Old Fort	2,766.89
Road Use	28,098.35
Tourism	642.11
Water	29,434.42
Sewer	58,177.41
Solid Waste	11,932.66
Airport	312.77
Storm Water	3,744.13
	<u>\$331,804.31</u>

### CLAIMS 4/20/2021

ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.....	2,246.93
ALTORFER INC., COMPRESSOR/SEALS/GASKETS .....	880.49
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, FINGERPRINTING PAD .....	575.68
AMSOIL, INC, OIL .....	135.00
ANSWER IOWA, ANSWERING SERVICE .....	198.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORMS .....	747.07

Park Trail. At 6:52 P.M., the meeting adjourned until May 4, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

REVENUES 4/15/2021	
General	\$958,839.80
Special Rev.	662,116.03
Road Use	50.00
Debt	268,240.63
Capital	28,938.09
Water	1,381.21
Sewer	2,440.41
Solid Waste/IW	529.74
Storm Water Util.	88.95
	<u>\$1,922,624.86</u>

BAIER FORD, REPAIR POLICE VEH.....	628.75
BUILDING MATERIALS INC, BUILDING SUPPLIES & MISC ...	2,087.15
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE .....	85.00
BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS CORP, SPRING TRAVEL GUIDE....	573.75
CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE DISCHARGE .....	3,201.28
CULLEN PEST CONTROL, MONTHLY SER-	

VICE .....	189.00
CURE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC, APRIL COMPLETE PLAN .....	4,641.25
DAILY DEMOCRAT, POSTINGS .....	385.18
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, EXHIBIT SIGNS .....	843.55
DONNELLSON TIRE & SERVICE, TIRE REPAIR .....	21.40
DOUDS STONE, LLC, WASHED CHIP; PO-ROUS BACKFIL .....	3,420.14
DOUG KROGMEIER, TRAVEL EXP REIMB .....	386.62
EASYPERMIT POST-AGE, POSTAGE .....	1,000.00
EBERT SUPPLY, POP UP & BOXES.....	192.60
EMD MILLIPORE CORP, FILTERS/PROGARD .....	809.24
ENTENMANN-ROVIN CO., BADGE.....	132.25
FASTENAL COMPANY, NUTS & BOLTS.....	78.16
FLOYD'S E-Z WAY, GARBAGE PICKUP .....	766.10
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY, FLASHLIGHT .....	14.99
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, LANDFILL FEES .....	11,369.76
GREGORY MANUFACTURING, TARGETED JOBS .....	8,226.27
HACH CHEMICAL CO., TESTING SUPPLIES .....	884.46
HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC, MESH TARP .....	115.43
HILL PRINTING, TOW STICKERS & OT SLIPS .....	290.37
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, 6TH TO 10TH STR AVE H ENG .....	86,699.91
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, HYDRAULIC LINE FITTING....	1,338.17
HUMBURD'S AUTO SERVICE, TIRE REPLACEMENT.....	504.00
ICMA, CITY MANAGER MEMBERSHIP ..	1,004.00
ICONNECTYOU, INTERNET .....	5.00
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SAND.....	4,764.51
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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC, QUARTERLY TERMINAL RENT .	300.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT, ACA EVALUATION .....	150.00
IOWA PUBLIC AIRPORTS ASSOC, MEMBERSHIP .....	100.00
J&S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, PHONE SYSTEM PROGRAMMING....	30.00
JIM'S BODY SHOP, TOWING.....	75.00
JOHNSTON HY-VEE, MEALS @ ACADEMY .....	2,018.50
JONES CONTRACTING CORP, PAY EST 12 - AVE H 2-6.....	31,182.00
KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C, ENG - DEPOT PROJECT .....	32,550.32
LEE COUNTY RECORDER, RECORDING FEE .....	69.00
LISCO, PHONE .....	2,047.70
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC, MAIN BROOM FOR SWEEPER .....	546.18
MADISON TURF & TIMBER, ELEMENT; ASSEMBLY; FILTERS.....	189.75
MARTIN'S FLAG COMPANY, FLAGS.....	415.81
MCFARLAND, TOWELS .....	49.98
MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, ANTIFREEZE .....	271.44
MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PARTS, PERMATX.....	5.98
MIDLAND SCIENTIFIC INC., TESTING SUPPLIES .....	134.31
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE ABATEMENT .....	920.34
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, REPROGRAM DOOR LOCK SYSTEM....	962.85
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 PRAETORIAN DIGITAL, SUBSCRIPTION 4/20-4/21..... 1,660.00  
 PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNTS, BALL; SADDLE & LIFT CYLINDER ..... 932.02  
 QUILL CORPORATION, INK..... 207.98  
 RAINBO OIL COMPANY, MULTIFAK ..... 128.80  
 ROBERTS TIRE CENTER CORP, SERVICE CALL & REPAIR ..... 1,641.34  
 S.H. ENTERPRISES LTD. HAULING SLUDGE ..... 5,485.80  
 SE IA REGIONAL PLANNING COMM, GRANT ADMIN ..... 5,500.00  
 SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRAINING ..... 5.00  
 STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, TESTING ..... 20.00  
 TESTAMERICA INC., WEEKLY TEST ..... 409.50  
 THACHER TREE CARE, 1600 BLOCK AVE B - TREES..... 1,500.00  
 TRUCK REPAIR INC., FILTERS ..... 165.04  
 USA BLUE BOOK, WEED HERBICIDE ..... 1,145.50  
 VERIZON WIRELESS, PHONES ..... 320.08  
 WINDSTREAM, INTERNET/PHONE..... 260.48  
 WOODROFFE SAWMILL INC, LUMBER ..... 960.00  
 TOTAL ..... 271,570.86  
 GENERAL ..... 39,134.47  
 SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 46,791.49  
 ROAD USE..... 15,686.70  
 CAPITAL PROJECTS ..... 125,421.04  
 WATER ..... 16,219.69  
 WASTEWATER ..... 11,733.24  
 SOLID WASTE ..... 11,593.85  
 AIRPORT ..... 490.57  
 STORM WATER ..... 4,499.81  
 ..... 271,570.86

### CLAIMS 4/15/2021

ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, ANNUAL INSPECTION ..... 73.80  
 AMAZON.COM, SANDISK/ODOR ELIMINATOR ..... 3,017.59  
 BAKER & TAYLOR, SHELF MATERIAL ..... 2,014.25  
 BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING, SHELF MATERIAL ..... 262.74  
 CENGAGE LEARNING, SHELF MATERIAL ..... 24.69  
 DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, COLORED PAPER..... 217.25  
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AGE, POSTAGE .....  
 IOWA LIBRARY ASSOC., MEMBERSHIP ..... 70.00  
 J&S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, BLACK TONER ..... 469.71  
 KANOPY, INC., SHELF MATERIAL..... 11.00  
 KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, FASTNER NUTS ..... 0.85  
 MEDIACOM, PHONE ..... 354.68  
 MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO., HEAT ..... 192.87  
 ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY, TOYS/POSTER..... 383.14  
 PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE, SHELF MATERIAL..... 86.25  
 QUILL CORPORATION, FACE MASKS..... 153.14  
 RAYMOND GEDDES COMPANY INC, TOYS ..... 69.66  
 SERVICE MASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE ..... 905.10  
 TOTAL ..... 8,306.72  
 GENERAL ..... 5,081.40  
 SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 3,225.32  
 TOTAL ..... 8,306.72

### PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 29, 2021, at Heartland Co-op, east of Wever.

### PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County Board of Supervisors Meeting Mon, April 19, 2021 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (CST) AGENDA

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 Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
 Public Input  
 Consider Approval of Recruitment Bonuses for Full-time Paramedic  
 Consider Approval of

Recruitment Bonus Policy and Agreement  
 Consider Approval of Resolution Opposing Rate Hike by Liberty Utilities  
 Consider Approval of Monday, April 19, 2021 Board Minutes  
 Consider Approval of Claims  
 Personnel Actions:  
 A. Temporary Part-time New Hire-Conservation Commission or Committee Reports  
 Adjourn

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### CURRENT-LEE

#### Lincoln PTG Fundraiser Auction

Bidding is currently under way for the Lincoln Parent Teacher Group online auction through Fraise Real Estate & Auction. Go to <https://www.fraiseauction.com/auctions/online-only-fundraising-auction-for-lincoln-elementary/> and register to vote on a number of donated and student-created auction items. Bidding ends Saturday, May 1 at 7 p.m..

#### Special Olympics Charity event

The Fort Madison Eagles Club will be hold a fish and shrimp fry on Friday, April 23 at 4821 Avenue O from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The event will serve as a fundraiser for Special Olympics Iowa, with a 50/50 raffle and karaoke. All to go orders will be curbside pickup only. Call 319-372-6928 to order and for more information.

#### Community Clean-up

FORT MADISON – The annual community clean up has been set this year for April 24. Contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

#### Sheaffer Golf Customer Appreciation

Saturday April 24 from 11 to 3 p.m. at the Sheaffer Golf Course. Complimentary Food and Keg beer, door prizes and drawings. Visit the website at [www.sheaffergolf.com](http://www.sheaffergolf.com).

#### Paint-A-Thon

The annual Fort Madison Partners Paint-A-Thon is still looking for volunteers and volunteer teams. The event takes place April 26-30th. Contact Partners at 319-372-5471 or email Tim Gobble at [tgobble@fortmadison.com](mailto:tgobble@fortmadison.com) for more information and to register to help.

#### Live Healthy Iowa 5K

Fort Madison is one of 11 counties participating in the Live Healthy Iowa 5K on May 1 with a 5K run walk at 8 a.m. and a 9 a.m. 1K Kids' Walk. Register now at [LiveHealthyIowa5K.org](http://LiveHealthyIowa5K.org).

#### Salute to Small Business Breakfast

Huffman's Farm & Home and Huffman Welding, Inc and the Fort Madison Chamber are sponsoring this year's Salute to Small Business Breakfast. Nominations are being accepted now at <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ehq7d5l1kmf27okf/a008k-mzivosw/questions>. The breakfast is being held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at Small Grand Things south of West Point.

#### United Way Golf Outing, Virtual 5K

LEE COUNTY – The United Way annual golf outing will be held on May 7 this year with a noon shotgun start. Registration and sponsorships are now available by contacting Karen at 319-524-4504 or at [director@unitedwaygrr.org](mailto:director@unitedwaygrr.org). The group is also sponsoring a virtual 5K event from May 21, to May 31. Registration is ongoing with a cost of \$20 per person including a t-shirt, \$15 to participate with no shirt. Shirts can be picked up at 511 Blondeau St. in Keokuk or you can include an additional \$5 to have it shipped to you.

#### Old Fort Players "Leaving Iowa"

"Leaving Iowa" takes the stage May 7th – 9th and 14-16th with 7:30 shows on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. matinees on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and military and \$10 for students. Tickets are available at [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com) and the theaters Facebook page.

#### Glo 5K Crazy for Education Glow Run

This year's 5K event will be held live on May 8th beginning at 8:30 p.m. at Baxter Sports Complex. The run will be an untimed fun run to reduce runner interruptions due to ongoing pandemic concerns. All proceeds will benefit Elliott Test Kitchen Foundation programs. Click here for early registration and save \$5! <https://www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy-for-education/>.

## City one of just a dozen in state to get road work funding

### GRANT - Continued from Page 1

West Point Utility Systems will both benefit from this generous grant.

The LTAP grant included a "Road Work Ahead", "One Lane Road Ahead", "Be Prepared to Stop" signs. Also in the package was 28-inch Traffic Cones, Type III Barricades, 42-inch channelizers, sign stands, and safety vests. These are all suitable for the slower speed city street work. There were 10 cities to be selected across Iowa for the grant package however Paul Albritton, the Technical Training Coordinator for Iowa State told us "The pricing on the package this year was low enough that two additional cities were included". Thus, a total of twelve cities out of nearly 100 applicants received the LTAP Grant this year.

"City Employee safety is always a major concern of mine and whenever I can improve safety procedures, equipment or policy and if it doesn't damage the budget; I will focus my eyes on that goal." "The LTAP Grant was an opportunity to give my employees another layer of protection against a fast-paced lifestyle of fast cars, trucks and bikes and a world of distractions.

"The City of West Point is very thankful that the administration of Iowa LTAP for their foresight to see the need of safety assistance in the smaller communities and provides them with signage package that will benefit West Point for many years to come."

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# FM Lincoln Elementary PTG Online Auction



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Mrs. Billingsley's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Photo Project

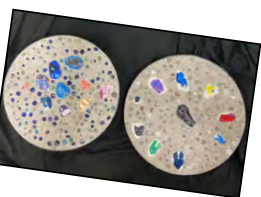
Mrs. Billingsley's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Cookbook

Mrs. Cashman's 2nd Grade Tote Bag (2019-20)

Mrs. Terrell's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Jenga Set

Library Handmade Bean Bag and Book Basket by Mrs. Carter

Mrs. Bailey's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coffee Mug Set and Hot Cocoa Basket (2019-20)



## Classroom Projects

Ms. Martin's Kindergarten Dr Seuss Basket and Portrait

Ms. Howard's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Jenga Set W/ Photo Project

Mrs. Wheeler's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classroom Faces Blanket

Mrs. Wibbell's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Student Photography Collage

Mrs. Woolever's 3rd Grade American Flag Painting

Movie Night Basket Created by Lincoln's Ms. Loots, Ms. Pollpeter, & Ms. Settles

Bloodhound Basket Created by Ms. Forbes

Mrs. Hellige's Kindergarten Barn Quilts (2020-21 AND 2019-20)

Mrs. Cashman's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classroom Guess Who Game

Ms. Nagel's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Checkers Set

Mrs. Bothell's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Stepping Stones

Mrs. Saathoff and Mrs. Ridgeway's Online Students Outdoor Fun Basket

Specials Cooking Basket by Mr. Rump, Mrs. Price, & Ms. Harting



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