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Former County Attorney's legal battles on hold

ANDERSON: Civil suit dismissed without prejudice; criminal theft charge suspended

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK – Civil charges against a former Lee County Attorney and magistrate judge regarding his handling of a charitable trust have been dismissed, as an additional criminal charge has been suspended pending a psychological evaluation.

In January Keokuk attorney Ty Logan filed a motion to dismiss charges that were pending against Barry M. Anderson who served as Lee County Attorney beginning in 1974, after a stint as deputy county attorney. However the charges were dismissed without



ANDERSON

Iowa court records.

prejudice, which leaves open the chance to refile charges at a later date if appropriate. The actual charges in the civil case are no longer listed in the court records.

Anderson is also facing a 1st-degree theft charge with the Lee County Attorney's office. That case has been suspended until a July 12 hearing to evaluate a psychological competency review, according to

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CENTRAL LEE

Hawk band, choir to play at Liberty Bowl

Band to play at parade; choir to sing at legendary Graceland

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELSON – The Central Lee High School band and choir will perform as part of the festivities around the 63rd annual Liberty Bowl in Memphis this December.

The school's fine arts department was selected to participate in the annual event, which is part of a college football game between Big 12 and Southeastern Conference schools. The band will perform in the Liberty Bowl parade on the world-famous Beale Street on December 27, while the choir will perform at Graceland—the legendary home of Elvis Presley.

Central Lee fine arts students will also attend the game and explore other Memphis local attractions during the trip.

“These Memphis performances will be an exciting time for the students,” said Tracy Madsen, CLHS Band Director. “Graceland and the Liberty Bowl festivities are great platforms to showcase the department's talented students. Other than being a performance trip, the education perspective is important. Students will have the opportunity to hear performance comments from the judges to better their musical skills, along with visiting the National Civil Rights Museum and other educational and cultural venues.”

Iowa State played in the Liberty Bowl in 2017, defeating Memphis 21-20 in front of 57,266 fans. The Cyclones also appeared in the 2012 and 1972 games. The Liberty Bowl is one of the oldest bowl games in college football, tracing its roots back to 1959.

“I am excited to see opportunities for our students to perform at venues that provide new experiences for our students,” said Dr. Andy Crozier, Central Lee Superintendent. “I have been to the Liberty Bowl parade twice, and it is truly one of the top bowl game parades in the country. The combination of the parade and Beale Street creates a

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COUNTY NEWS

Police chief, County Sheriff applaud new 'Back the Blue' law

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Area law enforcement officials are touting the impact of the “Back the Blue” legislation signed into law last week by Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber and Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff both pointed to qualified immunity as one of the biggest changes in the bill that will have an immediate impact.

Weber said the language in no way gives a free pass to law enforcement.

“The thing I'm seeing the most push-back on is qualified immunity. Without knowing what that means, people think that gives cops the right to do whatever they want and not be accountable, and that's just not the case,” Weber said.

“If an officer is breaking the law or violating policy by doing something inhumane or violating people's rights, we wouldn't have their back anyway and nothing's changed that.”

Rohloff said the new language may actually help make the career choice to be a law enforcement officer an easier one.

“It's tough to get someone into this profession as it is. Much less that they're out there on their own without backing in some cases and they have decisions they have to make in an instant,”



Image courtesy of Office of Governor Reynolds

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signs the “Back the Blue” bill at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Thursday.

Rohloff said.

“There are situations we encounter where we have to make decisions quickly. We're all human and we make mistakes. This gives them some legal standing to do what their education, experience, training, and background tell them to do in that instant.”



WEBER



ROHLOFF

Weber and Rohloff also pointed to new language that increases penalties for those who elude unmarked vehicles and officers out of uniform.

Rohloff said there have been instances where people used that as a reason for not pulling over for emergency vehicles, but now anyone not pulling over for any vehicle flashing red lights can be subjected to misdemeanor charges. Weber said anyone

trying to elude as an escape can now face heavier charges even if the pursuing vehicle is unmarked.

Reynolds signed the bill at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on Thursday surrounded by officers from the state patrol, county sheriffs including Weber, police officers and other law enforcement agencies around the state.

The legislation makes rioting a felony offense, increases penalties on a range of other destructive behaviors, establishes qualified immunity, and increases due process protections for law enforcement. It also holds local governments accountable that prevent local law enforcement from doing their jobs.

“I made it clear in my Condition of the State Address that Iowa's law enforcement will always have my respect, and I will always have their back,” Reynolds said Thursday. “Today's bill embod-

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

BILL G. STEVENS

Bill G. Stevens, 86, of Croton, Iowa, passed away at 12:04 p.m. Monday, June 21, 2021, at his home in Croton.

He was born July 29, 1934, in Ottumwa, Iowa, the son of Ike and Valena (Howard) Stevens. On October 19, 1957, he married Beverly A. Horsey in Donnellson, Iowa.



STEVENS

He is survived by his wife: Beverly; three children: Daniel Stevens of Farmington, Michelle Toops of Farmington and Lynn (Tim) Kracht of Farmington; grandchildren: Lisa Hassan, Dakota Stevens, Tyler Drummond, Tanner Drummond, Terra Wiseman, Trenton Drummond, Reece Kracht, Callie Kracht and Gabe Payne; great grandchildren: Amman, Aamin, Jaxon, Lennox and Sagan and one brother: Clayton (Lelia) Stevens of Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter: Teri Jo and three brothers: Richard, Joe and Doug.

Bill served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He worked as a chemist at Shellor Globe for thirty-eight years until his retirement. Bill was a member of the Embury United Methodist Church, Farmington American Legion, VFW, Jaycees, Moose Club and Farmington Actioneers. He loved camping, animals, tinkering in his garage, gardening, hunting mushrooms. His last great adventure was going on the Honor Flight.



He was proud of serving his country in the Navy and later, serving many roles in the American Legion including being district commander. Above all, his family was of utmost importance to Bill. He loved nothing more than when his grandchildren came to visit.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 24, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington with Pastor George Lemaster officiating.

Burial will be at Embury Cemetery, rural Donnellson with full military rites presented by the Farmington American Legion Richard - Anthony Post #231.

A memorial has been established in his memory for the Honor Flight of Iowa.

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

OBITUARIES

LORI A. LYMAN

Lori Ann Lyman, 56, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 3:59 a.m. Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Lori was born on September 5, 1964 in Dunedin, Florida, the daughter of Roy and Carol (Haggard) Brindley. On July 31, 1982 she married James Lyman at the Grace Bible Church in New Port Richey, Florida. He survives.



LYMAN

Lori enjoyed helping her husband in ministry and she enjoyed photography, collecting antique dolls and her pets.

Survivors include her husband: James; six children: Charity (Chuck) Pettyjohn of Monroe, Georgia, Hope Lyman of Nauvoo, Josiah Lyman of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Elijah (Katie) Lyman of Keokuk, Iowa, Modesty Lyman of Nauvoo and Mercy Lyman of Nauvoo; one grandchild: Bentley Lyman; her mother: Carol Brindley and siblings: David (Tracey) Brindley and Jennifer Brindley. Lori is also survived by her special dog: Paisley.

Lori was preceded in death by her father.

A funeral service will be held at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo, with Pastor James Lyman officiating. The family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home.

A memorial fund has been established in Lori's memory. To leave a tribute for the family, please visit Lori's obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com.

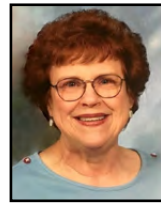
Burial in the Bushnell National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida is pending.

OBITUARIES

MARY A. DENNING

Mary Ann Denning, 78, formerly of Ft. Madison passed away on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 11:05 PM at The Legacy in Richmond, TX.

She was born on September 2, 1942 in Waterloo, IA to Richard and Florabelle (Hess) Heiser. On February 5, 1966 she married Larry Denning in Cedar Falls, IA. Mary Ann



DENNING

was a homemaker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church. Mary Ann enjoyed cooking and playing bridge. Her greatest love was her family and spending time with them.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Denning of Richmond, TX; two sons, Darren (Deborah) Denning of Tomball, TX and Britt (Kathy) Denning of Austin, TX; one daughter, Jill (Arul) Fleury of Katy, TX; six grandchildren, Katelin Denning, Ethan & Alex Denning, Raegan, Brianne & Grant Fleury; one brother, David (Holly) Heiser of Lake Geneva, WI; one sister, Rose (Steve) Schaefer of Lincoln, NE; and several Brother and Sister-in-laws, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Douglas Denning.

Per her wishes, cremation will be accorded. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date at Sacred Heart Church with burial to follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established with Alzheimer's Association and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted to care for Mary Ann.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

06/21/21 – 6:18 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue F.
 06/21/21 – 12:11 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of Avenue G.
 06/21/21 – 12:55 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue H.
 06/21/21 – 1:13 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue G.
 06/21/21 – 5:38 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 600 block of 5th Street.
 06/21/21 – 9:03 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of 34th Street.
 06/22/21 – 1:02 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue F.
 06/21/21 – 11:34 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Amari Nyaja McCutcheon, 21, of Fort Madison, at the FMPD office, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/21/21 – 1:20 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested John David Knapp, 59, of Danville, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on warrants for assault, trespass. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/22/21 – 1:02 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue F.
 06/22/21 – 10:40 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of 12th Street.
 06/22/21 – 1:30 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue C.
 06/22/21 – 4:11 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of 10th Street.
 06/22/21 – 5:03 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue B.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/21/21 – 12:50 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Theresa Lynn Reiter, 55, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for driving under suspension. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/21/21 – 3:30 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cheyenne John Stone, 39, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on warrants for 3rd-degree burglary, 2nd-degree criminal mischief, violation of probation and 3rd-degree burglary of a vehicle-2nd offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/21/21 – 4:09 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brenda Lee Kitavarada, 25, of Keokuk, at the Clark County Sheriff's office in Kahoka, Mo., on a warrant for violation of probation. She was held in custody.
 06/21/21 – 9:21 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ian Seth Vradenburg, 45, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of being a fugitive from justice and 2nd-degree theft. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/22/21 – 2:40 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ryan Wade Eastin, 42, of Farmington, in the 2600 block of 140th Avenue in Farmington, on a charge of violating a no contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/22/21 – 9:35 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Marty Joe Cochenour, 44, of Fort Madison, in the 3500 block of 270th Avenue on a charge violating a no contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/22/21 – 10:27 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Candi Isabella Kay Medina, 27, of Keokuk, in the 3400 block of 270th Avenue on a charge of violating a no contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

06/19/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls, two calls for burnt food.
 06/20/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to no calls.
 06/21/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls.
 06/22/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one burnt food, one carbon monoxide call, and one medical call.



Photos Courtesy of Larry Smith

Ironmen

Above Bobby and Wes Holtkamp pose after competitions in Des Moines. Bobby, along with Janelle Cresswell and Joel Shaw competed in the Des Moines Ironman Relay. Wes competed in the Ironman Triathlon. Below Bobby presents a check for \$284 to Larry Smith of the PORT Trail committee, representing the minutes it took to complete the relay.

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Sports

Former Hawkeye Gesell helps at Central Lee hoops camp

Guard for 2012-2016 tells campers that anyone can make it with hard work

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – Mike Gesell remembers wanting to be a basketball player.

It's why the former Iowa point guard likes making appearances like the one he made on Wednesday at Central Lee High School's boys basketball camp.

"When I was growing up I wanted to play at the next level," said Gesell, who played at Iowa from 2012-16. "Every chance I got to learn from someone or play with someone who had done it, I just tried to soak it in. Now I try to give back some of my experiences, help these kids as much as I can."

His message?

"Anyone can make it with hard work," Gesell said. "I'm from a small town, this is a small town. It doesn't matter where you come from, it doesn't matter your background, if you put in the work, you're going to have the chance to be great. Whether it's basketball or something else, just those habits of hard work can transfer over to any area of life."

Gesell, fifth all-time on Iowa's assist list with 557, works as a financial adviser in the Quad Cities. He played one season of professional basketball in Denmark after his career, but decided to return home.

"I'm kind of a homebody, a Midwest guy," he said. "Once the NBA dream wasn't there, I was ready to move on."

I miss (playing) a lot. I tell people all of the time, I don't necessarily miss pro basketball — I only played one year overseas, and I decided that was enough for me. I really miss my Iowa days. Coach (Fran) McCaffery, when he was recruiting me, told me and my parents in my first meeting,



Photo courtesy of Central Lee schools

Former Iowa Hawkeye guard Mike Gesell works up camp members at Central Lee's summer hoops camp Wednesday afternoon. Photo courtesy of Central Lee schools.

he said, "These four years at Iowa, they are going to be the best four years of your life.' He wasn't wrong. I miss those days, for sure."

Gesell also spoke with members of the Central Lee boys basketball team. "I said, 'Every successful team I've been on has been a really close-knit group,'" he said. "To this day, I'm still friends with all of my teammates. Your four years at Iowa, you spend literally every waking moment with your teammates. You get to be really close with them."

Gesell tries to get to as many Iowa basketball home games as possible, but didn't get that chance this season because of the restrictions placed on attendance due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Gesell did get to see the team play at the Big Ten tournament, but that was it. The Hawkeyes won 22 games and were a 2 seed in the NCAA tournament,

falling to Oregon in the second round.

"It was so much fun watching them," he said. "They had so much talent. It was such a hard year. A normal Big Ten season is so tough, so mentally demanding. To go in a year where you're isolated most of the year, you can't get away and go see family, and get a break at any point, that's hard, and the average person doesn't realize that. My hat's off to those guys, how professional they were all year. They played their butts off all year."

There were times, Gesell said, when he wondered what it was like to play in a season like this.

"Every year we would do a closed scrimmage before the season, and there wouldn't be fans there, and it would feel so weird," he said. "I can't imagine the real games. It's really different."

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Sports

Central Lee girls on four-game win streak

Lady Hawks knock off No. 13 Van Buren Tuesday in 1st game of rain-shortened twinbill

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELSON – The Central Lee girls softball team has won four in a row after dropping a doubleheader to a strong Davis County team last week.

The Lady Hawks knocked off New London in both games of a double header Thursday and then wrapped up the week with a win over Hillcrest on the road Friday. They also edged No. 13 Van Buren 2-1 in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday night. The second game was suspended due to weather.

On Friday the Hawks put up five runs in a big first inning and then relied on junior Sophie Turner who scattered just five hits over seven innings to get the win.

Central Lee's Macy Watkins would walk to lead off the Hillcrest game. Halo Arrowood would then work a single. After Meghan Hopp grounded into a fielder's choice that forced Watkins at third, the Lady Hawks would rattle off three straight doubles from Shanna Buford, Makayla Morrison and Abby Simmons to take a 4-0 lead with just one out.

An infield popout would give Hillcrest its second out,



but a grounder to third turned into an error allowing Simmons to score before another grounder ended the inning.

Central Lee would put up three more in the top of the sixth. Bailey Schwartz wore a pitch and Watkins would reach on an error. Arrowood would single to left to load the bases. Schwartz would score on a passed ball with Hopp at the plate, but Schwartz would have been driven in when Hopp laced a triple to right clearing the bases for an 8-1 Central Lee lead that would hold up until Turner closed things down in the seventh with one on.

Turner went all seven surrendering just one run, unearned in the bottom of the first inning. Arrowood was 3-of-4 on the night with a run scored. Hopp and Buford each had 2 RBI hits on the night. Morrison and Simmons had the other hits for the Hawks.

Central Lee is 11-6 overall and 6-2 in the Southeast Iowa Superconference South division behind 7-0 West

Burlington. They take on Van Buren County Tuesday in a doubleheader at home. They host Lone Tree Wednesday and then face front-runner West Burlington in a single game at 7 p.m. Thursday in West Burlington.

The Hawks swept New London on Thursday 8-2 and 11-5 at home.

Turner got the win going all seven innings in game one allowing just four hits and one earned run while striking out five. She also collected two hits and an RBI in the win. Schwartz had 3 RBI and a run scored, while Hopp, Buford, Morrison, and Simmons also had hits in the win. Kamryn Cox scored two runs courtesy running.

In the nightcap, Central Lee put up five runs in the first two innings for a 5-0 lead. The Tigers battled back to make it a 6-4 game in the bottom of the fifth with Hopp in the circle. But the senior would settle in and allow just one more run in the bottom of the seventh, after the Lady Hawks put up a five-spot in the top half.

Central had two outs with runners at 2nd and 3rd in the seventh when Watkins doubled to center for 2 RBI. Arrowood would bring her around with another double to left. Hopp would then single to center scoring Arrowoods' courtesy runner, and Buford would double to left scoring Hopp to make it 11-4. Morrison would get hit by a pitch and Simmons would reach on an error to load the bases again, but a pop out to the catcher ended the threat.

HAWKS BASEBALL

Hawks boys fall BND 7-1

BY PCC STAFF

BURLINGTON – The Central Lee Hawks baseball team dropped an 8-5 decision to Burlington Notre Dame on the road Monday night.

The Hawks put up four runs in the fifth, but had already spotted the Nikes a 7-1 lead going into the inning.

Notre Dame added an insurance run in the bottom half of the fifth and held the Hawks in check in the sixth and seventh to get the win.

Tommy Eschman went 2-for-3 at the plate for the Hawks and had 2 RBI. His two-run single to right scored Jonny Snider and Alex Sandoval. Kade Myhre and Tanner DeMoss had the other hits in the loss. Myhre's hit was an RBI double as part of the four-run fourth.

Myhre went four innings on the mound surrendering eight runs, six earned on four hits. He struck out seven and walked five. Corbin Pohren came on in relief for the final two innings and didn't allow a hit or a run on 19 pitches.

Brady Oleson got the win for Notre Dame. Carson Chiprez was 2 for 4 with 2 RBI and two runs scored to lead the Nikes on offense.

Central Lee falls to 7-7 (4-6 Southeast Iowa Superconference South), while Notre Dame improves to 8-8 (5-4).

The boys are coming off an 11-5 win over Hillcrest Academy Friday night, but lost 9-1 to New London on Thursday and 10-0 in a five-inning affair. The Hawks take on Lone Tree tonight in a 7 p.m. game.

HOUNDS SOFTBALL

No. 2 Muskies put pair of shutouts on Lady Hounds

Class 5A Muscatine puts up 23 combined runs on Fort Madison in doubleheader

PCC SPORTS

MUSCATINE – Class 5A No. 2-ranked Muscatine jumped all over Fort Madison in both games of a softball doubleheader at Kent Stein Park in Muscatine Tuesday night in a makeup set.

The Muskies put up six runs in the first inning of both games enroute to a 12-0, 11-0 sweep.

In the opener, Fort Madison managed just three hits, one each from Emily Steffensmeier, Erika Kruse and McKenna Cashman in just three innings. Kruse took the loss going two innings and giving up all 12 runs, only 5 earned, while scattering 10 hits and striking out one.

Fort Madison had just three base runners in the game, one was caught stealing in the top of the first.

In the night cap, the Hounds didn't have much more success against the 22-3 Muskies at the plate. Only Kruse and Lauryn Helmick reached base on hits. Neeley Rehm and Logan Johnson

each drew walks.

The Hounds had the bases loaded in the top of the first with Johnson and Rehm opening the game with walks. Kruse singled on a liner to left which held Neeley up at third. Lexi Whaley and Helmick then fanned to end the inning leaving the bases full.

Fort Madison would go 1-2-3 in the second and third and get a single from Helmick with two outs in the top of the 4th, but a strike out would end the inning with Muscatine up 11-0.

Helmick would hold the Muskies scoreless in the bottom of the fourth, but the Lady Hounds couldn't get the two runs across the plate to prevent the 10-run rule ending the game.

Rehm took the loss going three innings and giving up four hits, and five runs three earned while walking four and fanning one. Helmick pitched the final inning giving up three hits and six runs, while walking three.

The Lady Hounds are off until Thursday when they travel to Keokuk for a doubleheader at Joyce Park.

They then travel to Cedar Rapids for the Linn-Mar/Alburnette weekend tourney starting Friday morning.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WEST POINT
CITY COUNCIL
WEST POINT, IOWA
52656
JUNE 14, 2021**

Mayor Paul Walker called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the Conference Room of the Public Library, 317 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on June 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Joe Loving; Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjuergen; Dan Waters; and, Bruce Wellman. Absent: None. Tentative

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If you have any questions please contact Lee County Engineer, Ben Hull, at (319) 372-2541 or email him at bhull@leecounty.org.



agenda was approved by consensus. Upon invitation, Greg Stuekerjuergen requested permission to utilize South Park for the upcoming Independence Day celebration which was approved on motion. The Council reviewed the Public Works Department report. The Council reviewed the Police Department report. Mayor announced the following: Father's Day Breakfast will be held June 20, 2021; Farmer's Market will be held June 25, 2021; Independence Day Fireworks will be held June 26, 2021 (with rain date of June 27, 2021); the Public Library staff has started the summer programs. Mayor reported meeting date and time for upcoming meetings of the Library Board; Municipal Utility Board; and, next regular Council Meeting of July 12, 2021. Dennis McGregor presented the City Administrator's report. Councilor Loving discussed South Park maintenance concerns. Councilor Meierotto thanked the community for assistance with Memorial Day flags at the cemetery. Councilor Stuekerjuergen invited the community to the Independence Day celebration. On motion approved Resolution No. 810-21 setting salaries and wages for FYE22. On motions approved tobacco permits for four businesses. On motion minutes of prior regular Council meeting of May 10, 2021 were approved as presented. On motion Treasurer's Report for May 2021 was approved as presented. On motion warrants payable for June 2021 were approved as presented. On motion meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m., June 14, 2021.

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Alan Environmental, supplies 1015.54
All American Tree Services, services 400.00
Aspelmeier & Fisch, fees 647.50
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Cessford Construction, rock 194.02
City Clerk-FM, fees 610.00
Daily Democrat, publications 64.02
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Ebert Supply, supplies 35.70
Floyd's E-Z-Way, trash hauling 47.00
Fullenkamp Insurance, premiums 1052.00
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HK Solutions Group, ser-

vices 1525.00
Holtkamp Automotive, repair 10.00
IA Dept of Revenue, taxes 183.00
Immense Impact LLC, website 274.73
Iowa DNR, fees 120.00
Kempker's True Value, supplies 26.99
LJ Neuweg Rental, fees 65.00
Mary Jane Pranger, cleaning 99.00
Mastercard, supplies 1871.62
McFarland-Swan, supplies 152.96
Mediacom, telephone 261.65
Menke Professional Auto, supplies 753.75
Midamerican Energy, utilities 24.78
Mississippi Valley Pump, contract 300.00
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Sherwood Company, signage 198.00
Smith Diane, reimb 205.22
Speer Farm Finds, memorial 18.73
Sun Life Financial, premiums 248.13
SYNCB/Amazon, supplies 191.06
US Cellular, telephone 71.14
US Postal Service, postage 75.45
Verizon Wireless, data plans 120.03
Wellmark BC/BS, premiums 2726.89
West Point Lumber, supplies 86.92
West Point Professional Group, lease 685.00
West Point Utilities, utilities 2367.03
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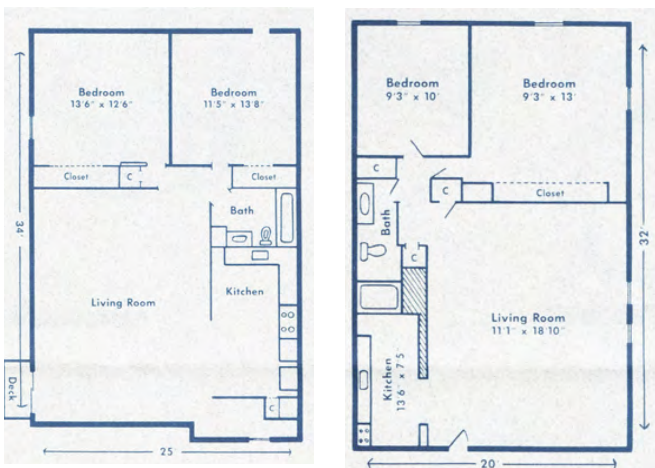
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From the Front

Orders to pay back close to \$180K were dismissed in January

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The former Keokuk attorney and Western Illinois law professor filed a written plea of not guilty in the theft case in April 2020, through is attorney Curt Dial of Keokuk. Dial also represented Anderson in the civil case.

Anderson served as trustee for the Amelia B. Hess Trust out of Pennsylvania.

Anderson had filed an official motion with the court to close the trust in September of 2017 after an initial request was entered in May of that year. Efforts to liquidate assets in the trust began in February 2017.

Attempts to reach Logan for comment on the case were unsuccessful.

According to Iowa Courts Online, Anderson had been ordered, in two separate summary judgments by two district judges, to repay close to \$172,000 plus interest. Those judgments, issued in September of 2020 and November of 2019, had not been satisfied when the case was dismissed, according to court records.

A review of a telehealth evaluation was scheduled with District Judge Wyatt Peterson on Monday. The 1st-degree theft charge is a Class C Felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Hess died in 1930 and was the mother of J. LaRue Hess, treasurer of the Commercial Trust Corp. of Harrisburg, Penn. The trust was a charitable arm that provided funding to several children's homeless groups including: Emmaus House of Mothersville, Mo.; Uhlich Children's Home of Chicago; Fort Wayne Children's Home; Charles Hall Youth Services of Bismarck, N.D.; and Good Samaritan Home of Quincy.

The Trust was created in February of 1984 and Anderson was the appointed the trustee in March of that year with a \$300,000 bond.

Hawk music boosters to help fund trip

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memorable experience for all."

"Providing opportunities for students to experience music is the main purpose of the Central Lee Music Boosters' fundraising efforts," said Heather Fuger, Central Lee Music Boosters President. "Seeing our high school musicians step

out of our district and perform in Memphis is incredibly exciting. We are excited to offer this affordable opportunity to our students and encourage them to participate."

For more information on the Liberty Bowl, visit <https://www.libertybowl.org>.

Gov. also puts \$5M in Public Safety equipment fund

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ies that commitment in a historic way. The public peace is too important, and the safety of our officers too precious, to tolerate destructive behavior."

The bill also bans discrimination in the enforcement of the law and establishes a process for citizens who believe their rights have been violated to file a complaint with the state Attorney General.

"Today's bill illustrates an important truth: there is no contradiction whatsoever between steadfast support for honorable and selfless law enforcement officers – the vast majority – and a commitment to improving law enforcement," said Gov. Reynolds.

Governor Reynolds also signed HF 708 at ILEA, a separate bill creating a law enforcement equipment fund in the Department of Public Safety. It was seeded with \$5 million in this year's budget.

Another aspect of the Back the Blue law resets sheriff salaries across the state to be more congruent for counties of comparable size.

That could amount to substantial increase in pay for the Weber, Chief Deputy Will Conlee, Capt. Craig Burch and Jail Administrator John Canida, all whose salaries are tied as a percentage to Weber's.

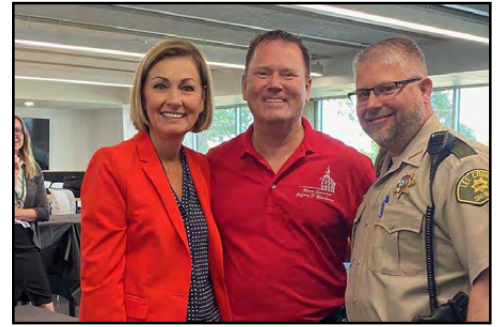
"There will be an effect on the salary and it should make the position more attractive in the future, but that will be Compensation Board decision and I will leave that up to them," Weber said.

Rohloff said that language shouldn't impact his current salary structure.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said the County Compensation Board is expected to meet Monday evening to discuss the new law's parameters and salary requirements.

Other aspects of the new law involve strengthening language for disorderly conduct and rioting.

"They made that almost zero tolerance, Weber said. "I'm a first amendment guy and will stand for people's right to peaceably assembly. But it has to be



Gov. Kim Reynolds poses with State Sen. Jeff Reichman and Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on Thursday.

peaceful."

The law also provides some protection for drivers who accidentally hit people who are unlawfully blocking roadways with posted speed limits; adds penalties for people pointing lasers at law enforcement officers, and provides more protection for harassment of any law enforcement officer or firefighter, paid or volunteer.

State Sen. Jeff Reichman said there was rhetoric around the senate bill that it would hurt people who want to have a voice, but he said that's not the case.

"That's not what we're doing at all. You see the difference between people that want to come out and have a voice vs. those throwing molotov cocktails and spraying graffiti on the capitol," Reichman said.

"This will increase penalties for agitators who use mob mentality and work things into a frenzy."

He said civilians would still have an avenue to seek penalties for perceived injustices at the hands of law enforcement, but it would be through the agency itself as they are responsible for the training and history of complaints.

"There are a lot of state's losing officers left and right because they didn't enact this type of legislation. It looks out for officers and protects them against some of these things."

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WHEN: Money jars may be put out at any time (will be picked up August 7th)

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WHAT: Participants will put out a money jar, preferably a large coffee container at a location (restaurant, gas station, office, etc.) The participant with the most money raised will be crowned the 2021 West Point Sweet Festival Princess! Participants are required to place the jar at the location and the SCF committee will pick them up on August 7th. Please include child's name, West Point Sweet Corn Festival Princess Contest, and any other information you are comfortable with on their decorated jar.

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