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Madison ups game with seniors



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

One of about 15 residents playing Tuesday afternoon BINGO at the Newberry Center in Fort Madison calls BINGO in the "Y" game as Brian Wright, marketing director for The Madison and Montrose Health Center, calls out numbers. The health centers host BINGO each Tuesday starting at 1:15 p.m.

HEALTH ADVICE: SHIIP Volunteers updated seniors about health care Friday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Patrons at the Newberry Center in Fort Madison got a very real discussion on the pros and cons of Medicare and Medicaid health care programs Friday, courtesy of the The Madison.

The long-term care facility has been upping its presence at the senior center to help educate seniors on important facets of life they face as an aging population. The Madison is also bringing in some less heavy activities including BINGO and

planned activities to help brighten the days for area seniors.

Holden Grandstaff, administrator of The Madison, said the facility recently hired Brian Wright as a marketing director for the facility and the Montrose Health Center to help become more a part of the community and get the word out about services.

On Friday, the Madison brought in five volunteers from the area's Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) to provide a little straight talk to seniors about the differences

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COUNCIL MEETING

City may make 15th Street stop sign changes permanent

Bowker says changes will decrease safety for school children in area

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Permanently pulling stop signs from 15th Street south of Avenue E and eliminating parking on the east side of the street north of Avenue E met with some resistance Tuesday night.

During the regular Fort Madison City Council meeting the item came up for a first reading as an ordinance to remove four stop signs on 15th Street. Those signs would be the north and southbound stop signs at Avenues G and F.

The ordinance also would ban parking on the east side of the street from Avenue E to the northern city limits on 15th Street.

Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker had concerns about school children being able to safely navigate the intersections or being forced to go up to Avenue E to make the cross over to Lincoln Elementary.

The issue was part of a recommendation out of a Public Safety Committee chaired by Councilman Chad Cangas to improve traffic flow along that street.

But Cangas said it was his plan to include in the changes a permanent four-way stop at 15th and Avenue E.

Councilman Tom Schulz, who voted in



SCHULZ



BOWKER

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ELECTIONS

Very few contested races in Lee County city/school general

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – Although there are many seats up for election in North Lee County during the Nov. 2 city and school general election, there are very few contested races.

The most prominent election in north

Lee County will be for Fort Madison Mayor's spot with Rodney Hoskins II again taking a shot at the mayor's seat currently being held by Fort Madison businessman Matt Mohrfeld.

Mohrfeld will be seeking his second term in the seat after taking over in 2019 when former Mayor Brad Randolph didn't

seek re-election.

Hoskins challenged Mohrfeld for the seat in 2019 and was defeated handily 823-61. Joe Helmick gave Mohrfeld a stiffer challenge losing 823-516.

The rest of the Fort Madison council

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WEATHER

WED 22 Sep.....Clear and Cool, 71° F/49° F
THU 23 Sep.....Clear and Cool, 73° F/47° F
FRI 24 Sep.....Warm with Scattered Clouds, 83° F/53° F

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LUCKY FOR LIFE 09/20.....22 35 38 40 41, Lucky Ball: 1
PICK 3 09/20 MIDDAY.....219
PICK 3 09/20 EVENING.....599
PICK 4 09/20 MIDDAY.....7676
PICK 4 09/20 EVENING.....3073
POWERBALL 09/20.....37 51 54 58 60, Powerball: 19, Power Play: 2

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JOHN H. ELLISON

John Henry Ellison, 82, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 11:35 p.m. Friday, September 17, 2021 at the Genesis Medical Center in Davenport, Iowa.

John was born on February 20, 1939 near Adrian, Illinois, the son of Maurice and Frances (Noble) Ellison. John was an Operator Engineer with the United Engineers Local 150, where he was a lifetime member. He loved to work and recruit young operators to join the union.



ELLISON

Following his retirement he enjoyed assisting with the retrieval of cars from dealership auctions. In his spare time, he enjoyed going to different casinos and attending his grandchildren's sporting events. He was a volunteer coach for the Dallas City boys pee-wee and little league baseball in the 70's, when his boys were young.

Through the years, he was an avid bowler and pool player, playing in many local leagues. He excelled at all he did throughout his life. John enjoyed sitting outside watching cars go by and welcoming anyone who wanted to stop by for a chat.

Survivors include his wife: Joyce; one daughter: Jody Ellison of Carthage; two sons: John David Ellison of Dallas City and Jeffrey (Alicia) Ellison of DeWitt, Iowa; seven grandchildren: Jordan Giberson, Forrest Ellison, Trevor Vorhies, Brady Ellison, Nick Vorhies, Jack Ellison and Annie Ellison and one great-granddaughter: Libby Ellison. Also surviving are two brothers and three sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and three sisters.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City. Burial will follow Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City. The family requests that non-vaccinated individuals in attendance to please wear a face mask.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. until time of services at Banks & Beals. A memorial fund has been established for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit John's obituary at banksandbeals.com.



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OBITUARIES

RICHARD F. REYNOLDS

Richard F. Reynolds, 70, of Franklin, Iowa, passed away at 7:32 a.m. Sunday, September 19, 2021 at his home in Franklin.

Richard was born on May 1, 1951, the son of Richard Lewis and Betty Jean (Schumann) Reynolds. On July 2, 1999, he married Blanche Wagner.



REYNOLDS

Survivors include his wife: Blanche; mother: Betty (Benny) Reeves of Burlington, Iowa; children: Shane (Kelli) Reynolds of New Braunfels, Texas, Tracy Stoneking of Meade, Kansas, Billy (Sharon) Thompson of Meade, Kansas, Sunshine Norris of Great Bend, Kansas, Jessie (Jim) Spence of Burlington, Iowa, Scarlett (James) Wondra of Meade, Kansas and Jamie Lee (Jamie Piles) Wagner of Fort Madison, Iowa; twenty-two grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; one sister; six brothers and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; infant daughter: Candy; father-in-law: Elmer; mother-in-law: Mildred and grandson: Cody.

Richard was a graduate of Burlington High School. He served as a specialist for the Charlie Company in the United States Army 7th Cavalry from 1968 to 1976. He served in Vietnam for one year. He was a member of the Standing Bear Council and the American Legion. Richard was a roughneck, firefighter and retired as a CNC operator at Heatilator in 2005.



His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation. Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Friday, September 24, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 25, 2021, native rites by Rising Sun will be held at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

Following his service, a celebration of life will be held at the Franklin Park in Franklin, Iowa, with full military rites presented. A fish fry and potluck will be held at the park. A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

CHRISTOPHER A. MEAD

Christopher Allen Mead, 55, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 5:38 p.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison. He was born on July 14, 1966 in Fort Madison, IA to Everett & Bettie Sue



MEAD

Phillips Mead. He was a mechanic at Jim Baier and loved bow hunting, fishing, the Washington Redskins and Iowa Hawkeyes.

Chris is survived by: his other half, Teresa Peitz of Fort Madison, IA, family, Andrew & Jeremy Spears of Fort Madison, IA, 2-brothers, Richard & Michael and several cousins, including John (Gigi) Jones, Donna, Barb, Amy and several aunts & uncles. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences to the family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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Scene Around Town/For the Record



Courtesy photo

Fort Madison Rotary President Tony Fullenkamp presents a check to Fort Madison Head Football Coach Derek Doherty for \$9,000 to go toward rehabilitation efforts at Richmond Stadium. Half of the money came from a Rotary District 6000 grant, while the other half came from the Fort Madison club treasury.

Miller warns Iowans of auto sales scams

DES MOINES -- Hurricane season is in full force, bringing wide-spread storms and flooding to many areas of the United States. Flood waters not only wreak havoc on homes and property in the path of these powerful storms, but they also damage vehicles.

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller warns Iowans that these storm-damaged vehicles could be headed to Iowa, creating a dangerous situation both for consumers' wallets and on our roads.

"Thousands of vehicles were severely damaged in recent hurricanes," Miller said. "The threat is that a vehicle may be repaired only cosmetically, moved to Iowa, and offered for sale without indication of the prior damage."

The current high demand in the used car market compounds fears that flood-damaged vehicles will make their way to the state and Iowans will become victims of scammers.

"This demand could give fraudsters an opening to take advantage of Iowans eager to buy used vehicles, leaving them to pay more and risk costly repairs in the future," Miller said. "Additionally, Iowans could be putting their safety at risk, as these vehicles could be subject to failure of brakes or air bags, computers or other systems."

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/21/21 – 1:49 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue N.
 09/21/21 – 12:07 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue N.
 09/20/21 – 8:07 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 09/20/21 – 8:33 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Michael William Rountree, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L., on charges of driving while barred, reckless driving, and 3rd-degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

report of a one-vehicle accident in the 3200 block of 243rd Avenue. According to the report, a motorcycle driven by Jerald Q. Ludwick, 46, of Warsaw, Ill., struck a deer causing the vehicle to crash. Ludwick sustained injuries in the collision and was taken to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison via Lee County EMS. No citations were reported.
 09/20/21 – 8:56 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cheyenne John Stone, 39, of Keokuk, listed at homeless, in the 100 block of North 7th Street, on a charge of 3rd degree burglary of a vehicle. He was taken to Lee County Jail. *Those listed above were arrested or charged on a suspicion of a crime and are considered innocent until proven guilty.*

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/17/21 – 10:34 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a

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PUBLIC NOTICES

COUNTY NAME: Lee	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT OF CURRENT COUNTY BUDGET	CO NO: 56
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The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the current County budget as follows:

Meeting Date: October 4, 2021	Meeting Time: 9:01 AM	Meeting Location: North Lee County Office Bldg, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627
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At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, the proposed amendment. An approved budget amendment is required in order to permit increases in any class of expenditures as last certified or last amended.

County Telephone No.:	For Fiscal Year Ending:	6/30/2022
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Iowa Department of Management Form 653 A-R Sheet 1 of 2 (Publish) (revised 05/01/14)	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Proposed Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Taxes Levied on Property	1 13,315,240		13,315,240
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2		0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3 900,335		900,335
Net Current Property Taxes	4 12,414,905	0	12,414,905
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5 9,923		9,923
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6 144,000		144,000
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7 2,859,113		2,859,113
Intergovernmental	8 11,655,814		11,655,814
Licenses & Permits	9 313,350		313,350
Charges for Service	10 1,084,139		1,084,139
Use of Money & Property	11 409,482		409,482
Miscellaneous	12 2,019,754		2,019,754
Subtotal Revenues	13 30,910,480	0	30,910,480
Other Financing Sources:			
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14		0
Operating Transfers In	15 2,611,758		2,611,758
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16		0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17 33,522,238	0	33,522,238
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Operating:			
Public Safety & Legal Services	18 10,282,537		10,282,537
Physical Health & Social Services	19 5,083,879		5,083,879
Mental Health, ID & DD	20 1,456,267		1,456,267
County Environment & Education	21 1,910,803		1,910,803
Roads & Transportation	22 6,897,757		6,897,757
Government Services to Residents	23 1,458,246		1,458,246
Administration	24 2,671,507	3,357,287	6,028,794
Nonprogram Current	25 28,510		28,510
Debt Service	26 1,092,380		1,092,380
Capital Projects	27 6,844,637		6,844,637
Subtotal Expenditures	28 37,726,523	3,357,287	41,083,810
Other Financing Uses:			
Operating Transfers Out	29 2,611,758		2,611,758
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30		0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31 40,338,281	3,357,287	43,695,568
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32 (6,816,043)	(3,357,287)	(10,173,330)
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	33 16,170,784		16,170,784
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34		0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35 82,500		82,500
Fund Balance - Restricted	36 5,898,310	(3,268,739)	2,629,571
Fund Balance - Committed	37		0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38 330,000		330,000
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39 3,043,931	(88,548)	2,955,383
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	40 9,354,741	(3,357,287)	5,997,454

Explanation of changes/additional meeting information:
New Department - Safety/Risk Management - Additional Expenses \$88,548
ARPA Funds - Board of Supervisors \$3,268,739

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County
Conservation Board
Agenda (Rescheduled)
September 22, 2021
Lee County
Conservation Center
2652 Hwy 61
Montrose, IA 52639

4:00 p.m.

1. Call To Order
 2. Approval of Minutes from August 31, 2021
 3. Public Input
- This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any

matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot take formal action at the meeting on matters not included on the regular agenda, but may ask the staff to research the matter or have the matter



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Lee County Health Department is seeking a full-time experienced Administrative Assistant/Biller. High School graduate or equivalent. Three to five years in Administrative Assistant experience. One year experience in medical office preferred. Highly sufficient in all Microsoft Office applications, especially Excel. Clinical billing experience preferred. Please send or email resume to Tammy Wilson, Finance/Operations Director at LCHD, PO Box 1426, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or to twilson@leecountyhd.org by September 27, 2021. LCHD is an EOE.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

placed on a subsequent agenda.

4. Approval of Bills
5. Approval of Financial Report
6. Project Updates
7. Conservation Technician Step Increase
8. Staff and Director Reports
9. Board Members Comments

10. Request for closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Pursuant to the provisions of section 21.5(1)(i), Code of Iowa 2021.

11. Possible Action On Matters Discussed in Closed Session

12. Adjournment
Next regular meeting will be October 12, 2021
Hearing and vision assistance available upon request. Citizens are welcome to all LCCB meetings.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
August 9, 2021**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Rich Harlow, Ron Fedler, Garry Seyb and Rick Larkin. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

The Board held a discussion on updating the Pandemic Policy to follow the Iowa Department of Public Health and CDC guidelines. Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to strongly recommend that fully vaccinated persons who are in a high transmission county, should wear a mask when they cannot socially distance from other persons, in County buildings and vehicles. Seyb amended his motion to add that the requirement for unvaccinated persons to wear a mask in the County buildings and vehicles should remain in place. Fedler seconded the amendment. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2021-85. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye. RESOLUTION #2021-85

LEE COUNTY BRIDGE EMBARGO RESOLUTION
WHEREAS: The Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.236

Sub. (8), 321.255, and 321.471 to 321.473 to prohibit the operation of vehicles or impose limitations as to the weight thereof on designated highways or highway structures under their jurisdiction, and
WHEREAS: The Lee

County Engineer has completed, or has caused to be completed, an inventory and appraisal of certain county bridges, and has determined, or it has been determined, that they are inadequate for two-lane legal loads at allowable operating stress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Board of Supervisors that the following vehicle and load limits be established and that signs be erected advising of the permissible maximum weights thereof on the bridges listed below and supersedes all previous resolutions on specific bridge postings.

Bridge No. Road Section Feature crossed Posted Limit

Green Bay 70 185th St NE ¼ 15-68-03 Drainage ditch 10 Ton & 1 lane

Green Bay 72 400th Ave SE ¼ 13-68-03 Drainage ditch 10 Ton & 1 lane

Franklin 108 170th Ave SE ¼ 30-68-06 Sugar Creek trib. 20 Ton & 1 lane

Charleston 146 160th Ave NW ¼ 19-67-6 Sugar Creek trib. 10 Ton & 1 lane

Passed and approved this 9th day of August, 2021.

Recommended: /s/ Benjamin Hull, P.E. Lee County Engineer

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman, /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair, /s/ Ron Fedler, Member, /s/ Rick Larkin, Member and /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to replace a Maintenance Worker II Position in Secondary Roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Harlow, to approve an Agreement with the City of Fort Madison for a temporary easement for the 6th through 10th Street Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Larkin, to approve a Purpose Statement for the American Rescue Plan Committee. The Statement is "Lee County has established an ARP Committee that has come to an agreement to recommend process to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) of application, review, recommendation and approval. The committee will serve as the screening committee for applications for county ARPA funds.

The committee will review applications through the filters set by the BOS, such as the following:

1. Funding, 2. Spending limits per project and category, 3. Prioritize funding categories, 4. Authorized uses and administrative tracking requirements, 5. Project timelines." Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Larkin, to approve Seyb as Chair, Denise Fraise as Secretary of the American Rescue Plan Committee and Seyb, Fraise, Cindy Renstrom, Ron Fedler and Sara Helenthal as voting members. Mike Norris will act as the Committee's informal consultant and will not be a voting member. Roll call: Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Bottoms Up in Wever, for the period August 27, 2021 through August 26, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a Class C Liquor License for the Fellow Wedding catered by HyVee at Small Grand Things, West Point, for the period August 26, 2021 through August 30, 2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Harlow, to approve the Monday, August 2, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a step increase for Breanna Kramer-Riesberg, Community Outreach Project Coordinator, from \$18.73/hr. to \$19.10/hr., effective 8/19/21; a step increase for Rachael Patterson-Rahn, Oral Health Services Program Manager, from \$33.78/hr. to \$34.46/hr., effective 8/1/21; a step increase for Jeana Vradenburg, Administrative Assistant, from \$18.63/hr. to \$19.00/hr., effective 8/24/21; a step increase for Leslie Dettmers, MCH Nurse, from \$30.42/hr. to \$31.03/hr., effective 9/17/21; a step increase for Tammy Forsen, Registered Dental Hygienist, from \$20.40/hr. to \$20.81/hr., effective 8/10/21 and a transfer for Secondary Roads employee Bret Scott, from Maintenance \$23.48/hr. to Sign Specialist \$23.48/hr., effective 8/9/21. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of July 2021, the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of July 2021 and the Sheriff's Monthly Report for July 2021.

Committee Reports: Fedler reported on an American Rescue Plan Committee meeting. Seyb reported on the Rescue Plan Committee meeting and a Pioneer Cemetery Commission meeting. Larkin reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting.

At 10:15 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Matt Pflug, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

**Claims paid
August 9, 2021**

A Abueg, svcs.....	150.00
Advd Crctnl Hlth, svcs	10779.02
Agriland FS, fuel	10842.68
Alliant Energy, svcs	3982.97
Amazon, splys	56.60
Am Trust Rtrm, fees	943.50
Jim Baier, svcs	415.32
Ball Volvo, splys..	2077.53
Baxter Sports, edu	150.00
Blades/Green, svcs	2607.00
Brightree, svcs.....	2413.50
Brozene Hydrlic, svcs	244.36
Brlngtn Fire, svcs....	390.00
Catholic Mssgr, pb	100.00
CDW Gov, equip....	118.00
Charm-Tex, splys	2794.68
City/Dnnlsln, svcs ...	102.57
Comm Action, svcs	861.00
Connection Ins, ins	177.00
Cullen Pest, svcs..	1106.00
Harold Curtis, svcs ...	17.60
Democrat Co, publ	461.00
Darkside Tint, splys	96.00
Dodd Prtg/Stat, splys	80.90
Dnnlsln Tire, svcs	61.45
Drake Hdwr, svcs ...	747.50
Estrn IA Trsm, dues	500.00
EMSLRC, edu.....	30.00
R Essex, svcs.....	4.31
Farm/Home, splys	281.86
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Floyds, svcs.....	60.00
FM Hsng Auth, svcs	1986.49
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GRRWA, svcs.....	4858.80
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From the Front

School board elections heavily contested

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seats which include the at-large seat currently held by Rusty Andrews, a 2nd-ward seat the was won by Tom Schulz in a special election and a 4th ward seat currently held by Mark Lair will all run uncontested. Jack Gray is the only candidate who has turned in papers to fill Lair's spot.

In Donnellson, Dave Ellingboe is running unopposed as the incumbent for mayor. Jeremy Marshall, Selissa Weber and Brian Moeller are all running again for council as incumbents. Only David Newton will seek a seat as a non-incumbent.

In Houghton Gale Thompson is the only candidate for Mayor, while Marty Bentler, Kurt Lowenberg, Cheryl Brock, Jay W. Henrich and Russell Schwartz all have filed papers for City Council.

In Keokuk, there are three candidates for Mayor with Tom Richardson not seeking re-election. Carol Mardis, Devon Dade and Kathie Mahoney have all turned in papers for the mayoral seat.

In Montrose, Matt Mullins will take his first seat in political office running unopposed for the Mayor seat, while Mark Holland, Tony Sciumbato, Kent Rubey and Emma Rubey all are seeking council seats.

John Dingman is running unopposed for mayor of Saint Paul, while Erin Dop, Marty Bentler, Brent Pieper, Mark Hymes and Rod Cox will all be seeking seats on the council.

In West Point all incumbents will retain their respective seats. Paul Walker is on the only candidate for mayor, while Will Stuekerjuergen, Joe Loving, Brian Meierotto, and Dan Waters will all retain their seats running unopposed for the council.

In the school board races, Central Lee will not have any contested races as current board members Anthony Sciumbato and Brock Westfall will both run unopposed and are the only two candidates to turn in papers for a seat on the board.

But Fort Madison will have a loaded election with Paul Wilkerson and attorney Mio Santiago both filing for seats on the board. Also potential newcomers could include Allena Garr, David Allen, and Jadi Zioui. Current Board members Brad Menke and Brian Steffensmeier have filed to retain their seats. Former board president and current board member Tim Wondra will not be seeking another term on the board.

Keokuk School board has six new candidates running including Bonnie Peevler, Hayley Handyside, Clint Wray, Lacy Ames, Jeff Dahl and Sharon Seay. None of the current seven board members are seeking re-election.

4-way stop may come to 15th and E

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favor of the ordinance change, said the four-way has to be part of the overall solution.

"This is a no without that four-way stop," Schulz said.

Schulz had originally made a motion to table the first reading of the ordinance until the four-way language was added, but when Cangas said a recommendation would be coming for the four-way, Schulz pulled his motion to table.

The stop signs were taken down temporarily earlier this summer at the request of the council because of complaints about the inconsistency of traffic with "bagged" stop signs, which had black bags put over them while detouring traffic during the Hwy. 61 reconstruction.

Traffic was routed up 6th Street, which also has bagged stop signs north and southbound to Avenue E, then west on E to 15th and back south to Hwy. 61. Only the signs on the 15th Street have been removed because it serves as a major arterial to the city's landfill and Hwy. 61 bypass, and carries substantial truck traffic.

Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff said data captured since that signs were bagged and then ultimately pulled down shows an improved traffic flow for the city.

"We've had three accidents at those intersections since the detour. One was a bicyclist and the other two

were motor vehicles. And neither of them had anything to do with the changes we put in place," he said.

"With the signs being taken down, we've had several positive comments and it seems to be like a good permanent fix for that roadway."

Bowker said there are too many children moving through the intersections at both F and G to remove the signs permanently.

"It's a public safety thing and we do so many other public safety things," Bowker said.

"So we just let the kids get hit? Park your car down there in the morning and see how many children are walking down there."

Mark Lair also voted against the first reading saying he'd heard from many parents and grandparents who've expressed concerns about the kids safety and having to take different routes to get to school.

Mayor Pro Tem Rusty Andrews presided over the meeting, as Mayor Matt Mohrfeld was recovering from a medical procedure. Andrews reminded the council that Lincoln Elementary, under current construction plans, won't be around in two years. The Fort Madison School District's plan include retiring the school once construction is complete to add the students to the current Fort Madison Middle School on the city's west side.

Those plans were extended by a maximum of one year last month when the construction management team informed the school district that materials were becoming difficult to obtain.

Madison plans monthly events at Newberry

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in federal health insurance programs.

Dr. Charles Holmes, Dennis Osipovich and several other volunteers addressed seniors on new coverages by Medicare and Medicaid, and what hurdles there are to getting nursing home benefits.

The SHIIP program is not affiliated with any insurance group or organization but a volunteer information service that is available to state seniors.

A Newberry Center patron calls BINGO as Brian Wright, marketing director for The Madison and Montrose Health Center calls BINGO at the Newberry Center Tuesday afternoon.

Holmes, a retired dentist

in Fort Madison, said one of the things seniors need to be aware of is when they are being charged for nursing home services, even on a temporary basis such as following a medical procedure.

He said Medicare has certain diagnoses they cover and some they don't, but it's up to the individual to make sure going into procedures, if they need extended care, to be clear on whether the stay is covered.

The group also talked about the benefits of Medicaid Advantage over traditional Medicaid programs, and Medicare vendors like UnitedHealth Care and Humana.

Grandstaff said The

Madison is out of network with Humana, but the facility does contract with UnitedHealth.

"That's the only Medicare Advantage insurance that we are contracted with so if you ever needed to come to us or wanted to stay locally, we're not in network with them so you'd have to pay entirely out of pocket if you wanted to stay with us."

Holmes said if a senior has a lot of medical issues and sees doctors regularly, the Medicare Advantage plan probably isn't the best thing.

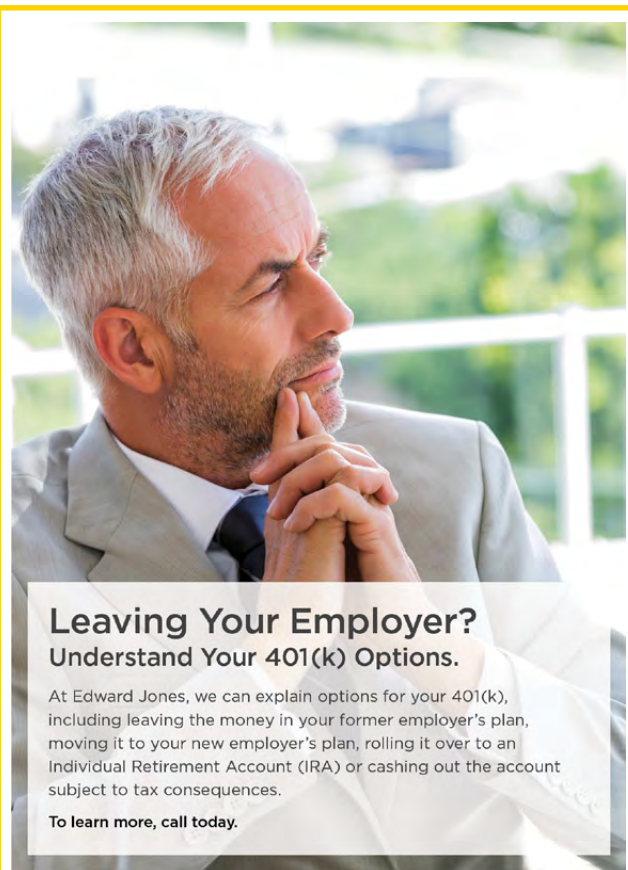
The Madison has also partnered with other groups in the area to offer other classes and events. BINGO is being held every Tuesday starting at 1:15 p.m. Cards are just

.25 each with money and prizes for each winning BINGO.

An October Cookie Decorating class hosted by Bake A Wish by Cathy is set for Oct. 8, and a unique Cell Phone 101 has been planned for Nov. 5th sponsored by Conn Communications. All classes and events are free.

The Madison is close to breaking ground on a 50,000 square foot addition to the Fort Madison facility to help fill a void in the market.

"We just want to get the word out. We've got a lot of changes going on with our current building and our new addition coming," Grandstaff said. "We're just trying to have a more of a presence in the community."



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