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Dredging running behind



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Crews with Superior Seawalls out of Rock Island work to pull sediment out of the marina in preparation for docks that are arriving April 1.

MARINA: Contractor running double crews and weekends trying to catch up

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Construction crews on the city’s marina project are behind schedule and working full crews to get caught up before docks are expected around the first of April.

Crews from Superior Seawalls and Docks out of Rock Island were working in three different locations inside the city’s stripped-down marina on Tuesday afternoon.

Fort Madison Public Works Director Mark Boussetot said he’s seen workers on site on Sundays and late into the evening working with lights.

The extra work is due to the dredging falling behind a contract deadline. Right now the city’s working with a completion date of March 1 after a change order extended the deadline to that date.

He said the contract is in three parts with accretion re-

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COUNTY NEWS

LCEDG

hosts open house

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – Visitors to the Lee County Economic Development Group’s office spaces in the former KL Megla building were treated to a decked-out version of the new digs Tuesday evening in a reception.

New furniture occupies the office space and historical perspectives adorn the walls and hallways showcasing the history of the LCEDG and accomplishments of the group since it started the Grow Lee program back in 2013.

Board members, elected officials and dignitaries wandered through the facility looking at meeting spaces, robotics demonstrations, and technology updates.

Board member Bob Huffman said the

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DAMMYS

RadioKeokuk wants to honor county businesses

Submitted article

KEOKUK – Radio Keokuk (KOKX & WCEZ) along with community partners, introduced “The Dammy Awards” for locally owned businesses this Monday March 21, 2022. Billed as “The Best Dam Business Awards for Lee County, Clark County, and Hancock County” the Dammy Awards will recognize and award businesses in over 50 categories in each county. Groups of categories will include Food & Drink, Retail, Health & Wellness, Professional Services, and

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IOWA NEWS

Miller-Meeks signs on to Rural Prosperity Act

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Last week Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-02) signed on as a cosponsor of H.R. 7019, the Rural Prosperity Act. This bipartisan bill, introduced by Reps. Angie Craig (MN-02) and Dan Newhouse (WA-04), would streamline federal services for rural America and cut bureaucratic red tape by establishing the Office of Rural Prosperity – a permanent



MILLER-MEEKS

office in the White House tasked with coordinating federal efforts to support and connect America’s rural communities to federal programs and resources.

This legislation is the House companion to S. 3803, which was introduced by Sen. Mark Kelly

(D-AZ).

“Rural America is the backbone of our country. Unfortunately, it is often left behind and forgotten. The act would work to make sure that does not happen,” said Miller-Meeks. “We have seen a lot of success with Iowa’s Center for Rural Revitalization and federal

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FRI 25 Mar.....	Scattered Clouds, 54° F/ 35° F

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For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

03/17/22 – 11:09 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Joseph Robert Decker, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 23rd Street, on warrants for failure to appear/contempt of court and violation of a court order, and a charge of driving while suspended or revoked. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 03/17/22 – 12:15 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2000 block of Avenue E.
 03/17/22 – 12:31 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 700 block of 13th Street.
 03/17/22 – 4:10 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of 41st Street.
 03/17/22 – 6:37 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Timothy Allen Regan, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of Avenue D, on a charge of 5th degree criminal mischief.
 03/17/22 – 8:38 p.m. – Fort

Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1400 block of Avenue D.
 03/18/22 – 3:12 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Ambrosia Maxine Fleming, 41, of Fort Madison, in the 1000 block of Avenue F, on a charge of city: dog at large.
 03/18/22 – 2:50 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Wayne Joe Davis, 59, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue J, on a Cerro Gordo County warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 03/18/22 – 3:38 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 4600 block of Avenue J.
 03/18/22 – 6:00 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Michelle Lynn Gaugler, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 2500 block of Avenue I, on a charge of animal neglect – no injury.
 03/18/22 – 11:31 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3700 block of Avenue L.
 03/19/22 – 2:32 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2500 block of

Avenue A.
 03/19/22 – 3:33 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2500 block of Avenue A.
 03/19/22 – 8:51 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Becky Jo Andrews, 46, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue N, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 03/19/22 – 3:19 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Daniel Douglas Reiter, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Avenue G, on a Des Moines County warrant for probation violation. He was transferred to Des Moines County.
 03/20/22 – 12:34 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Eric Eugene Fortune, Sr., 55, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue P, on a Henry County warrant for driving while suspended. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 03/20/22 – 10:54 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Brian Lee Bolin, 43, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 21st Street and Avenue D, on a Washington County warrant for probation

violation, and charges of 2nd degree theft greater than \$1,500, but less than \$10,000, driving under suspension, and operating a vehicle without the owner's consent. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 03/21/22 – 8:55 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 500 block of Avenue D.
 03/21/22 – 10:30 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3200 block of Avenue H.
 03/21/22 – 7:15 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 500 block of Avenue D.
 03/21/22 – 7:28 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue F.
 03/21/22 – 10:20 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jessica Kay Queen, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 36th Street, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 03/21/22 – 11:15 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of burglaries in the 1800 block of 39th Street and the 1400 block of 26th Street.
 03/22/22 – 12:48 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Melissa Ann Murphy, 45, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue G, on a charge of disorderly conduct – fight/violence. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 03/22/22 – 4:19 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 48th Street and Bluff Road.

Lee County Sheriff Report

03/17/22 – 2:40 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Megan Jean O'Day, 29, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 03/18/22 – 5:15 p.m. – Lee

County sheriff deputies arrested Richard Leon Hutcherson III, 19, of Keokuk, in the 3300 block of Main Street, Keokuk, on charges of drug tax stamp violations and controlled substance schedule IV/V. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 03/18/22 – 7:09 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Robert Steven Land, 45, of Argyle, in the 100 block of 10th Street, Montrose, on a charge of contempt / violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.
 03/18/22 – 7:09 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Erica Michele Slough, 40, of Burlington, in the 100 block of 10th Street, Montrose, on a charge of contempt / violation of a no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later transferred to another agency.
 03/19/22 – 12:45 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 1500 block of 245th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Aiden Lyon, 16, of Montrose, was traveling westbound on 245th Street when a deer entered the roadway. Lyon tried to avoid hitting the deer, lost control of the vehicle and it rolled. Lyon was transported to the hospital due to possible injuries. No citations were reported.
 03/19/22 – 10:48 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Charles Franklin Bruner, 60, listed as homeless in Montrose, at the intersection of 48th Street and Valley Road, Fort Madison, on charges of 1st offense OWI, open container – driver 21+ YOA, provide proof of financial liability, failure to carry registration card, carrying weapon while intoxicated, driving under suspension, improper rear lamps, possession of drug paraphernalia, and 3 counts of possession of a controlled substance. He

was taken to Lee County Jail.
 03/19/22 – 7:48 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jennifer Marie Bruner, 38, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 48th Street and Valley Road, Fort Madison, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, 3 counts of possession of a controlled substance, and a warrant for a judgment hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 03/20/22 – 4:14 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Chelsea Nacole Smith, 23, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after paying her fine.
 03/20/22 – 9:53 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Justin Matthew Curtis, 26, of Keokuk, in the 2500 block of 55th Street, on a charge of disorderly conduct – fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 03/21/22 – 4:17 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Vincent J. McGinnis, 60, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.
 03/21/22 – 4:29 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jeremy Christopher Gillette, 21, of Fort Madison, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 03/22/22 – 12:00 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Russell Arlo Young II, 46, of Dallas City, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

Those listed above are charged with a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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CURRENT-LEE

Sam Lozano's FMAAA Art Exhibit – Viewings open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday throughout March. The gallery is located at 825 Avenue G.

Our PROMise – Prom assistance for teens in need – Come shop for a Prom dress and accessories. Dresses and accessories are available to those in need with a promise to return items for future use. March 23, 3:30-6pm; and March 27, 1-4pm. 927 Avenue G (next to Aldi's). Call 319-520-8592 with questions.

City of Donnellson Tornado Warning Siren Test – The city of Donnellson will be conducting a test of the tornado warning system on March 23 at 10am.

Art Workshop – March 25, 2022 6pm-8pm, Ft. Madison Public Library (1920 Ave E). Art honors and reflects multiple aspects of a person's identity and personal experiences. No matter what our background, we all have the power to create. Please Join RVAP for trauma-informed art sessions. Anyone who has experienced trauma is welcome. RSVP: carmalitta-baum@uiowa.edu or 319-541-0963 (Not Required but appreciated). Sponsored by North Lee Community Foundation.

Sheaffer Golf Course Feather Party – March 26th. Meat bundle raffles start at 2pm. \$2.50 beers. www.SheafferGolf.com.

Back to the 90s Trivia Night – March 26th at the Fort Madison Eagles Club. Doors open at 6pm. Trivia starts at 7pm. \$150/table of 8. Walk-ins will be placed on a team and are \$20. Presented by Fort Madison Bloodhound Booster Club. Trivia! Raffle! Auction! Brings Snacks! Dress Up! Have Fun! Contact Kelly Knustrom at the high school with any questions.

Elvis Tribute Artist Junior Talley – March 26th, 7pm, Moose Lodge 671, 624 Avenue G, Fort Madison. Serving salisbury steak dinner, 5-7pm. Tickets are \$20.

Teens Training Teens – Psychological First Aid (PFA) – March 29th and 31st 6:00 to 7:30. Learn skills for Psychological First Aid (PFA) a 3-hour online course designed to help high school students gain skills to manage distress and cope with post-disaster stress and adversity. This will help teens who want to learn new skills for dealing with crisis and support others in the aftermath of a disaster or traumatic event. PFA is offered by Iowa high school students across Iowa who will train others in becoming ready to deal with crisis and trauma response. Please send response to Karen Hyatt at khyatt@dhs.state.ia.us and training link will be sent.

Rebuild Nepal Education Foundation Adult Prom – An adult prom is being planned at the Kingsley Inn in Fort Madison on April 1 with drinks and refreshments provided by River Rocks. Funds raised will go to help Central Lee students Sydney Jones and Paisley Grafton provide scholarships for Nepalese children.

West Point Fire & Rescue Pork Loin Dinner – Saturday, April 2, 2022, 4:30-7pm. To Go Only, No Dine In. Watch for Signs. Menu includes Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes, & Green Beans. No need to get out, as you pull up to the West Point Fire Station, the firefighters will place your meals in your vehicle! Free Will Donation. Proceeds go towards purchasing life saving equipment.

Gardening with Children Child Care Provider Training – Thursday, April 7, 6:30-8:30pm, Learning Center 1100 N. Main St., Donnellson, IA 52625. Can digging in the dirt be good for children? Yes, when it encourages children to taste new vegetables that they've helped to grow. Gardening with children promotes a healthy lifestyle, early learning experiences, social development, and environmental stewardship. You'll engage in experiential-learning gardening activities through crafts, literacy, container gardening, and taste testing. Intended audience: Child care providers Format: One 2-hour class Certification: Approved by Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) for Child Care Professional Development Credit and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Contact Info: Whitney Weisinger weisinge@iastate.edu (319) 835-5116 Primary Instructor: Sara Sprouse sprouse@iastate.edu (319) 293-3039.

Fort Madison 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – Saturday April 9, 2022, Fort Madison Middle School. Boys and Girls K – 12 & Open Men divisions. \$80/team. 3 game guarantee. Contact: TJ Sargent 319-795-3787 or Tony Sargent 319-520-5340. Sign-up deadline is April 1st.

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OBITUARIES

HAROLD W. PUNDT

Harold W. Pundt, 86, formerly of Donnellson, passed away at 6:09 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2022 at his home in Keokuk, Iowa.



PUNDT

Born October 27, 1935 in Cantril, Iowa, the son of Fred and Nellie (Witt) Pundt. On September 20, 1959 he married Freda Carruthers. They later divorced. On March 18, 1989, at Argyle Presbyterian Church he married Carolyn Hawes Fuger.

Survivors include his wife: Carolyn, son: Harlan (Lori) Pundt of Donnellson, Iowa; daughter: Denise (Aaron) Nichols of Donnellson, Iowa; daughter in-law: Kris Pundt of Aledo, Illinois; grandchildren:

Joshua (Heather) Pundt, Jeremy (Beth) Pundt, Nicholas (Sydney) Pundt, Justin Pundt, Jessica (Justin) Fuller, Emily Roberts, Sara Roberts and Ryan Roberts. Carolyn's children: John (Michelle) Fuger, Matt (Heather) Fuger; foster children: Tracy Krogmeier, Robin Ashton, David Keefe. Together they have nineteen grandchildren and thirty-seven great grandchildren. Also surviving two sisters: Donna Herzog of Kettering, Ohio and Norma Pundt of Fort Madison, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother: Forrest Pundt; son: Myron Pundt, daughter at birth and foster daughter in-law Amy Keefe.

Harold served in the United States Army in 1958 through 1960. He owned and operated Pundt Trucking Company and retired from Wal-Mart Transportation. After retiring he mowed lawns in the Donnellson area. He was a member of Emmanuel Methodist Church in Keokuk and Green Acres Country Club. He served on Donnellson Fire and Rescue and was active with the Donnellson Jaycees. Harold enjoyed playing cards, bowling, golfing, jigsaw puzzles, and playing games on his tablet. He thoroughly enjoyed his grandchildren, great grandchildren, coffee club and attending grandson Jeremy's races.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2022 at Argyle Presbyterian Church in Argyle, where the family will be receiving friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Argyle Presbyterian Church with Pastor David Barrett officiating.

Burial will be held at Argyle Memorial Gardens in Argyle, Iowa.

A memorial has been established in his memory to Argyle Memorial Gardens or Emmanuel Methodist Church.

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



Lunch Specials
March 21 - 25
11am - 1pm

Monday, March 21

Ribeye Sandwich, Steak Fries, Slaw

Tuesday, March 22

Beef Enchiladas, Spanish Rice

Wednesday, March 23

Roast Beef, Cheese Potatoes

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

FRIED CHICKEN DINNERS

Friday, March 25

Fish & Shrimp Dinners

From the Front

City hoping dredging done by time docks arrive

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Workers continue to stack stone blocks making up the north wall around the Fort Madison Marina. The wall also has rip-rap rock at the base to help when the marina freezes.

Voting for honors starts April 1

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Recreation & Entertainment.

“We are very excited to partner with others in the community to make The Dammy Awards into a reality for our local business owners. They deserve it. They deserve the recognition for all the blood sweat and tears they put into their local business and the investments they have made in our community. It’s been very tough on local business owners the last several years, we want The Dammy Awards to give them something they can be very proud of” said Radio Keokuk’s Leah Jones.

Titan Foundry, Faircast Inc, Cores

For You, Dodd Printing, and Trophy Outlet partnered with the local radio stations to bring the awards to fruition. They will be 100% community member nominated and voted upon with nominations for the awards beginning on April 1st and voting beginning on April 17th. The winners will be announced on June 1-3rd, with each county receiving their own day of award recognitions.

For more information visit <http://www.thedammyawards.com>, email leahj@radiokeokuk.com, or call the Radio Keokuk studios at 319-524-5410.

removal, the jetty work, and the dredging.

“A change order moved the date out to March 1 because they were running a bit behind so we extended it for them,” Boussetot said.

“The accretion removal’s been completed, but we’re still working on completing the jetty, and the dredging. We extended the contract to March and here we are at March 23. They ran into some difficulties, but they have two hydraulic dredges and an excavator and you can see them running full capacity.”

Workers continue to work on the marina wall up against the north and west side of the marina that then transitions into the jetty wall extending out into the river.

Workers with DeLong Construction ran rip-rap, or large rock, down the jetty wall that creates the exterior base of the jetty wall slopes. The height of the jetty wall at completion will be out of the 500-year floodplain.

Boussetot said the permanent docks should be arriving on April 1, just 10 days from now.

He said the city tried to bring a boat in to measure the grade of the silt in the marina – called a bathymetric survey, but the boat struggled getting some of the readings which indicated there was still some work to be done.

“The goal of that bathymetric survey was to indicate where the contractor needs to focus so that way we can make sure we’re good for the future A or B dock,” he said,

Boussetot said the city could decide to pursue liquidation damages due to the lateness of the project. Damages are assessed per day the contract work runs past the agreed upon completion date.

“When we look here and see Superior going, they’re running two crews and two dredges, and an excavation crew,” he said. “They got the people down here and they’re saying they’re throwing everything that have at it.”

Boussetot said you can see on the rail camera that crew are on site into the later evening hours trying to get the work caught up.

The silt, or sediment being pulled up from the marina dredging is being pumped into a retention lagoon built on the park’s west side. The sediment will settle and the remaining water will flow out through “french drains” made of rock in the bottom of the lagoons. The sediment that remains will create a higher ground level taking it out of the 100-year floodplain as well.

When the retention soil that was used to create the retention lagoons is pushed in, in about nine months to a year, the area will be leveled off and it as well will then be raised out of the 100-year flood plain.

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Scene Around Town/From the Front

Still more to come at LCEDG Montrose office

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fully-furnished LCEDG space speaks to the efforts of the group not only in building the new facility, but the program as well.

“I think the facility is fantastic for Lee County Economic Development, whose been working for this a long time, along with the Career Advantage Center and have everything centrally located in the county. The building is perfect for what we’re looking at doing,” Huffman said.

“With everybody talking workforce, workforce, and trying to solve those issues, we can walk companies who want to come to the county or existing industries right in here and show them what we’re doing. I think it sets a pretty impressive tone for our county.”

He said the majority of the credit goes to LCEDG President and COO Dennis Fraise who didn’t give up on the project despite some peaks and valleys along the way.

“Through his leadership and staying after it, I think it’s become just very important to the future of this group and all the groups involved.”

Fraise said the progress showcases the group’s forward momentum.

“It’s a once-a-generation move for our organization. The front part of the building now looks the part. We’ve hosted more meetings in the past two months than we have in the previous eight years. because we have a central location people can use,” he said. The collaborative learning spaces are also part of the growth.

“You’re seeing the beginning of that right now, seeing young people working together in the back spaces, and what that collaboration with the three schools and SCC can look like.”

Huffman said there’s more to come.

“I would say this is an ever-evolving project. I think Dennis is working on some renderings that will be coming out very soon that will give us a better look at the vision,” he said.



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LCEDG President Dennis Fraise, second from right, talks with guests and dignitaries at Tuesday’s open house reception at LCEDG. The office was opened to showcase new furnishings, robotics demonstrations and new office spaces.

Bipartisan bill would ensure better agency cooperation

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agencies like the Department of Agriculture’s Office of Rural Development. I hope we can spread the importance of rural development across the country and close the gap between urban and rural.”

Currently, there are more than 400 federal programs dedicated to helping rural communities, spread across thirteen departments and over 50 offices and sub-agencies, which can create siloed, duplicative, and ineffective bureaucracy.

Numerous states have established Offices of Rural Prosperity, or similarly titled offices, with the goal of providing resources to and serving as an advocate for rural communities within state government. The structure and model of the act reflects elements of the Kansas Office of Rural Prosperity and the Wisconsin Blue Ribbon Commission on Rural Prosperity.

The bipartisan act would ensure better coordination across federal agencies by:

- Establishing the Office of Rural Prosperity within the White House to coordinate rural economic development programs across government. The office would be led by a Chief Rural Advisor, who will be appointed by the President and be responsible for coordinating all federal rural development efforts.

- Forming a Rural Prosperity Council consists of members of all of the heads of executive branch departments, agencies, and offices that have programs that serve rural areas. The Council would serve as a forum to resolve interagency disputes and coordinate a whole-of-government effort to address the needs of rural communities across the country.

- Developing a comprehensive strategy for rural economic development across the Executive Branch.

- Engaging with stakeholders, including convening public hearings to identify common challenges faced by rural areas.

- Making recommendations on how to coordinate, streamline, and leverage existing Federal investments to address challenges faced by rural areas.

- Developing a common set of metrics to ensure that all rural development programs are meeting a common set of evidence-backed standards.



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PUBLIC NOTICE MOUNT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

The Mount Pleasant City Council will meet in Regular Session Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at City Hall, 307 E. Monroe Street, second floor meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call.
2. Consent Agenda: To the Public – All items with an asterisk (*) are routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion and a roll call of

the Council-members. There will be no separate discussion of items unless the Mayor, a Councilmember or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

3. Receive & file communications- City has received the 2021 Audit.
4. Approve agenda.
- *5. Approve minutes of previous meetings.
- *6. Approve payment of bills.
- *7. Receive reports of Officers.
8. Old Business-
 - a) 3rd reading/adopt

proposed ordinance on no parking on W. Pearl Street.

- b) 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing on FYE23 City Budget.
- c) Resolution adopting FYE23 City Budget.
- d) 2nd reading of proposed ordinance to increase solid waste charges.
- e) 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing for Oakbrook Place Project.
- f) Resolution awarding contract for Oakbrook Place Project.
- g) 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing for Harvey Drive Project.
- h) Resolution awarding contract for Harvey Drive

Project.

- i) Resolution ordering bids, approving plans and specifications, and setting date for public hearing on Madison Street.
- * j) Renewal of a Class C Liquor, Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales and Catering Privilege Permit for the Grange Public House and Brewery LLC, at 129 Jefferson Street.
- * k) Renewal of a Class A Liquor, Sunday Sales, and Outdoor Service Permit for Mt. Pleasant Golf & Country Club at 2275 Hickory Road.
9. New Business-
 - * a) Approve issuance of a Class B Native Wine and Sunday Sales Permit,

for Etc. at 105 North Main Street.

- b) Approve purchase of Public Works vehicle.
- c) Approve purchase of Public Works end loader.
- d) Approve Mayoral appointment to the Library Board.
- e) Resolution approving Combined Fixed-Base Operator and Airport Manager Agreement.
- f) Award demolition bid on 312 E. Vernon.
- g) Approve salary increase for the evidence control officer.
- h) Resolution approving salary increase for WWTP Operator.
- i) Resolution authorizing Parks Department to

hire temporary part-time employees.

- j) Resolution approving appointment of Police Officer.
10. Public Forum.
11. Adjourn to meet in regular session on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

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5th Grade

Braxton Beeson, Landry Benda, Brenna Bonar, Caycin Bowen, Aubryanna Burke, Zachary Burnett, Jenna Christensen, Hannah Cook, Haydynn Couchman, Claire Crabtree, Serenity Crank, Bella Eid, Kean Eid, Ava Featheringill, Aubrielle Gnann, Ethan Hall, Colby Hardin, Grant Hayes, Nevaeh Hayes, Jasmine Herring, Cadyn Holmes, Hayden Janic, Ronin Kemper, Kian Koering, Cael Kokjohn, Macyn Lampe, Zoey Marshall, Addalee Mason, Destinee McCray, Parker Overberg, Ryker Peters, Makenzie Pugliese, Gabriel Raldiris, Abigail Ralph, Ashton Schuelka, Vance Schuessler, Brian Sherman, Jada Shrum, Makayla Simpson, Chloe Smith, Adelynn Spear, Tylyn Stegall, Charlie Sutton, and Emma Wagner.

6th Grade

Max Barnes, Aneja Bell-Washington, Stefan Berlett,

Addison Breckon, David Castan, Jayden Dejesus, Ila Holmes, Jordyn Marshall, Tatum McLey, Autumn Muldoon, Chelsea Patton, Lyla Smith, Anika Sproul, Elaina Steffensmeier, Jaxson Sutak, Pieper Terrell, Moses Thacher, Eliza Wagner, Kaitlyn Winn, and Drew Woodbury.

7th Grade

Rowan Benda, Avery Bousset, Estherlyn Gnann, Alivia Holmes, Charley Huebner, Rainer Johnson, Mira Koser, Nolan Lamb, Adelyn Lampe, Owen Menke, Elanor Moffett, Faye Mohrfeld, Mason Overberg, Torey Potter, Liam Prier, Jonah Santiago, Molly Schulte, Alyvia Stigall, Rylan Swearingen, Hailey Tory, Hunter Wiegand, and Natalie Wright.

8th Grade

Ladriel Anderson, Dynasty Bell-Washington, Maleena Bentley, Shane Bryant, Caralena Crooks, Addison Dean, Addyson Fowler, Conner Fowler-Wolf, Kadence Gobble, Nolan Guzman, Jackson Haessig, Jake Haessig, Markus Holbert, Ellie Huebner, Mackenzie Huebner, Mason McLey, Tatum Peters, Karlyna Plate, Kaydynce Plate, Alyssa Rife, Addison Rump, Avery Rump, Lily Schuelka, Savannah Sissel, Mara Smith, Kevin Tripp, Hadley Wolfe, and Mia Woodbury.

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4th Grade

Kenadi Allen, Kinsley Bohnenkamp, Amelia Bruhl, Sophia Conrad, Piper Denning, Greyson Garcia, Arlie Gnann, Oliver Gracey, Connor Hellige, Brae Hill, Greyson Jenkins, Natalie Lamb, Brianna Luke, Valentino Maestro, Teigan McFadden, Niko Taylor,

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5th Grade

Cash Blanchard, Isabella Brown, Dayton Bumgardner, Peyton Burch, CanBria Chandler, Lucia Darnell, Eric Detlefsen, Jaksen Drummer, Kenlie Durbin, Rorie Evans, Zackary Hermes, Aubrey Hesler, Kayda Huebner, Noah Johnson, Merlana Loomis, Zane Lorange, Parker Lumbeck, Marlia Maciel, Liam McEntee, Brynley Pixler, Bradley Richers, Edward Snook, Savannah Tanner, Jaycee Thompson, Deshawn Townes, Naomi Vincent, Hannah Wagler, Mikah Washington, Abel Wilmot, Reid Zeh, and Sunshine Zioui.

6th Grade

Ashlan Blanchard, Cade Blind, Morgan Brooks, Mallory Crooks, Madison Curtiss, Brynlee Dixon, Rose Durand, Payton Fields, Shanise Foy, Karson Gnann, Jordyn Grisham, Sophia Hale, Betty Hendrix, Owen Huffman, Kimberly Jones, Tatum McLey, Alia Osorio, Maximus Swigart, Jordan Thompson, Jacob Walker, Kailey Wayson, and Ryder Zeh.

7th Grade

Iris Arevalo, Brody Bolander, Nathan Cottrell, Rosario Delgadillo, Blayne Ellis, Ava Fuget, Eva Genck, Connor Horn, Isabella Palmer, Cole Quittem, Emma Ramsey, Destanie Rhoer, Alaina Schwerin, Hayden Stancil, Jake Wehrle, Precious Wilson, and Lucille Zimmerman.

8th Grade

William Biggs, Beverly Brogdon, Skyler Cale, Hayden Derr, Reinalis Garcia-Aponte, Brook Johnson, Noah Krogmeier, Isabella Patton, Taylor Prado, Kelli Roberts, Athena Snook, Kayreena Sterling, Kayden Warner, and Olivia Willits.



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