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Robotics team heads to Houston

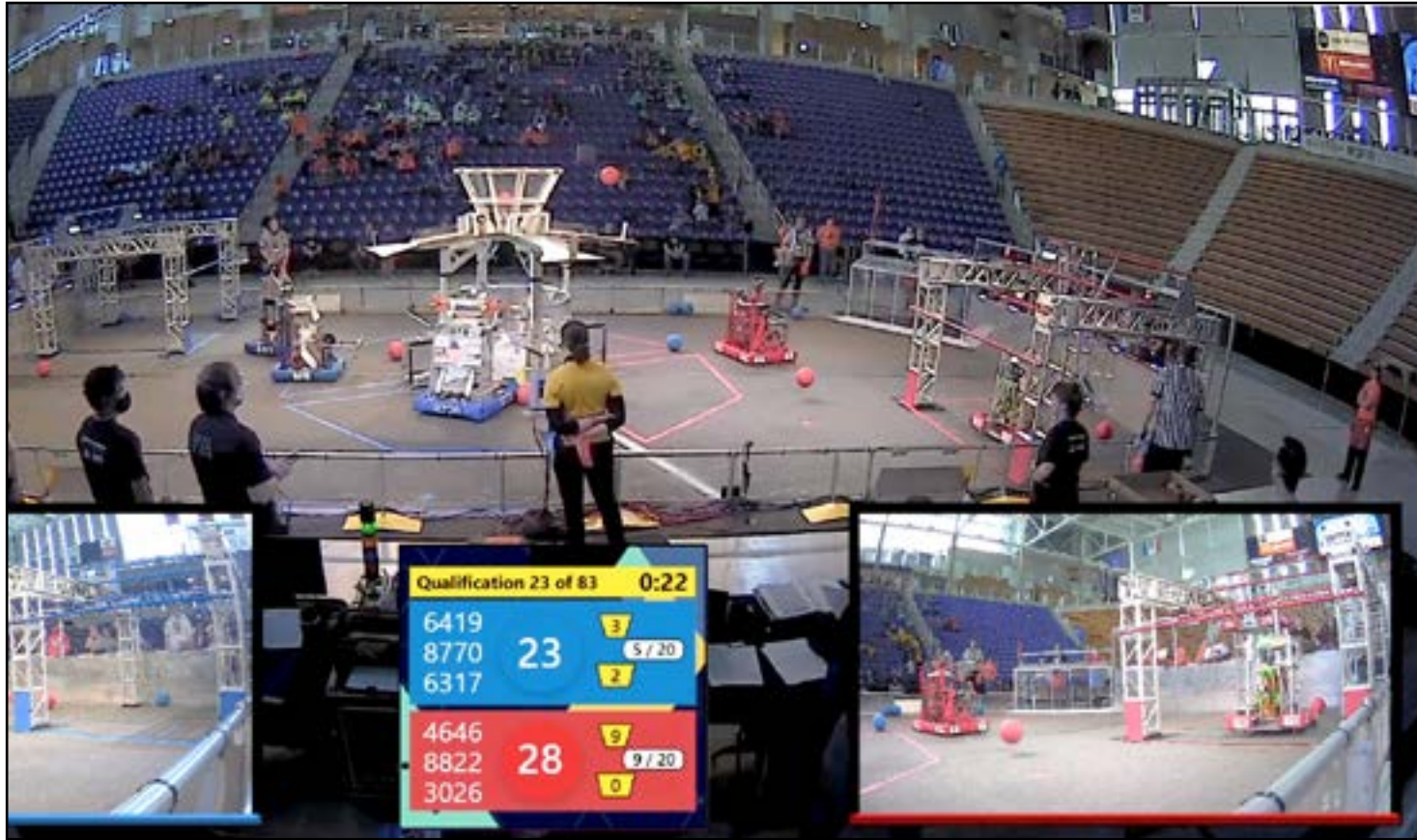


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The Lee County Robotics team's robot (8822) lifts itself off the ground in the lower right corner as action takes place on the floor of the Iowa Regional Competition last week.

F.I.R.S.T. event: Lc3 Thunderbirds get invitation off Rookie of the Year award

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Lee County Robotics team, Lc3 Thunderbirds, is in full go mode today as they prepare to head to Houston for the World F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition this week.

The team placed 40th out of 45 at the Iowa Regional competition a couple weeks ago, but earned Rookie of the Year honors at the competition for their effort and support of other teams.

That award kicked them into a lottery of sorts for the world championships that start Thursday in Houston and the Fort Madison school board gave emergency authoriza-

tion for the group to attend at Monday night's board meeting.

Several students and coach Shalisse Johnstun were at the meeting in support of the experience for the team. Ten students representing all three Lee County public schools are on the team and will be making the trip to Houston.

"Although this is a crazy and last-minute thing, it's an immense opportunity for the kids. This is just the start and the team will be growing next year and beyond," Johnstun said Tuesday.

The Lee County Robotics team's robot (8822) lifts itself off the ground in the lower right corner as action takes place on

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SENTENCING

Davis gets 50 years for OWI homicide

Donnellson man gets prison for role in deaths of Horn couple

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – On Friday, April 15 Chad Ray Davis, 55 years old of Donnellson Iowa, was ordered to serve a 50-year indeterminate sentence within the Iowa Department of Corrections.

Davis was charged with two counts of homicide by vehicle while operating under the influence, both Class B Felonies, each punishable by an indeterminate twenty-five year prison sentence for his involvement in the traffic accident on Highway 2, east of Donnellson on August 4, 2020.

The accident resulted in the deaths of Michael and Linda Horn of Donnellson, who were stationary on a motorcycle at the time. Davis rear-ended the motorcycle which pinned the couple between his vehicle and a Mack truck just outside of Donnellson on Hwy. 2.

According to the state patrol report, the Horns were on a motorcycle facing east bound stopped in a string of vehicles waiting in the construction zone. They were behind a 2021 Mack construction dump truck, when a 2005 Nissan Frontier pickup driven by Davis struck the motorcycle from behind pinning the couple between the two trucks.

The maximum penalty of two consecutive twenty-five year sentences were ordered after Mr. Davis pled guilty as charged on February 18, 2022.

The Iowa State Patrol and the Lee Sheriff's Department were the responding and investigating agencies. The matter was prosecuted by Ross J. Braden, Lee County Attorney.

CITY NEWS

City Council amends vacant property ordinance

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A new city ordinance that would require owners of vacant property to register with the city got tweaked on a second reading Tuesday night.

At the regular Fort Madison City Council meeting, city councilman Tom Schulz introduced an amendment to the proposed new ordinance that would have required all vacant properties in the city to be registered with the building department. A fee was also assessed to

the vacant properties on a sliding scale based on square footage and the number of years it was listed on the registry.

But several property owners objected to the new law, some going as far as call-

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

KENNETH A. PANTHER

Kenneth A. "Doc" Panther, 77, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 2:04 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

He was born on September 15, 1944, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Albert Edward and Edna M. (Holtkamp) Panther. On April 11, 1970, he married Mary Lynn Fedler at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point.



PANTHER

Survivors include his wife: Mary Lynn; daughter: Heidi (Brian) Kanealy of Cedar Rapids; son: Ed (Jen) Panther of North Liberty; two granddaughters: Emma and Jillian Panther; sister: M.J. (Stan) Boeding of West Point; five brothers: Tony (Nancy) Panther of West Point, Mike (Linda) Panther of Fort Madison, Don Panther of West Point, Bill Panther of West Point and Bernie (Karen) Panther of Winfield, Missouri; stepbrothers and sisters: Bob (Sharon) Fullenkamp, B.J. (George) Gay, Joe (Karen) Fullenkamp, Jeff (Sue Kruse) Fullenkamp, Ann (Ted Abhalat) Shambo and sisters and brothers-in-law: Jane Panther, Joan (Harold) Holtkamp and Larry Fedler. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents; step-father: Glenn Fullenkamp; two brothers: Larry and Karl Panther; two sisters-in-law: Jeannie and Cindy Panther. Kenny was a 1963 graduate of St. John's Catholic High School. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. He was a mechanic for twenty-five years. He then did plant maintenance at Arctic Glacier and went on to retire as an electrician from Mohrfeld Electric. There wasn't very much that he couldn't fix. Kenny was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the West Point American Legion Holtz - Geers Post #668. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan.

He enjoyed golfing, working in his garden, working on his 1969 Mercury Cyclone CJ and most of all, spending time with his family.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Monday, April 18, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, where the family will receive friends from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A parish rosary will be recited at 4:00 p.m. and a Christian wake service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dennis Hoffman as celebrant.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point, Iowa with full military rites presented by the West Point American Legion.

A memorial has been established in his memory for St. Mary's Catholic Church or the West Point American Legion.

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Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARIES

TOMMMY R. JENKINS

Tommy Ray Jenkins, 66, of Croton, Iowa, passed away at 2:29 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2022, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.



JENKINS

He was born on February 18, 1956, in Keosauqua, Iowa, the son of Ottis and Martha (Maxwell) Jenkins. He married Dixie Randolph, they later divorced. On August 7, 1985, he married Tina Armstrong in Farmington, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife: Tina; three daughters: Sasha (Byron) Rich of Fleming Island, Florida, Lacey Jenkins of Niota, Illinois and Elizabeth (Kevin) Thornburg of Donnellson, Iowa; honorary son: Carlin James, Jr.; nine grandchildren: Jordan, Kaidan, Camden, Weston, Jolee, Norah, Ashby, Allison and Carlin; great grandson: Tobias; two sisters: Colleen (Steve) Treece and Cheryl Hootman; brother: Cecil Barnes; honorary brothers: Melvin Easton and Marty Munford. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: James and Perry; special aunt and uncle: Vickie Randolph and Ervin Jenkins.

Tommy was a 1975 graduate of Harmony High School. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Richardson - Anthony Post #231 in Farmington. He enjoyed fishing, racing, watching Westerns and spending time with family. Tommy was always the life of the party.

His body has been entrusted the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 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 memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, with Michael Browning officiating.

Burial will be at a later date at Croton Cemetery in Croton, Iowa.

Memorials have been established in his memory for the Sons of the American Legion or Camp Footprint.

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

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WILLIAM J. POLHANS

William John "Bill" Polhans, 76, of Fort Madison, IA, and formerly of Niota, IL, passed away at 1:26 a.m. on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at his home. He was born on July 31, 1945 in Niota, IL to Elmer George & Thelma Annabel Williams Polhans. He married Barbara Louise Lee on December 19, 1980 at the Church of the Nazarene in Fort Madison. He was a welder at General Electric in Burlington, IA for 34 years, retiring in 2004. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War as a Staff Sergeant. He enjoyed the outdoors and most of all spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.



POLHANS

Bill is survived by: his wife: Barbara Polhans of Fort Madison, IA; 2-daughters: Kimberly Polhans of Monmouth, IL & Nichele (Jeff Pittman) Polhans of McCook, NE; 2-sons: Gene Polhans of Savanna, IL & Matthew (Cayla Heule) Polhans of Donnellson, IA; 16-grandchildren; 13-great grandchildren & 2-brothers: James (Elizabeth) Polhans of Hereford, AZ & Henry (Kit) Polhans of North Las Vegas, NV. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-grandson: Michael Polhans, 1-sister: Thelma Palm & 3-brothers: Elmer Jr, David & Jackson Polhans.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will immediately follow at 5:30 p.m. with Pastor Jeff Metcalf officiating. A memorial has been established for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Online condolences to the family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



KAREN RUBLE

Karen Ruble, 73, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2022 at 5:00 PM at her home.



RUBLE

She was born on August 1, 1948 in Ft. Madison to Richard "Dick" and Leila Pollmer Nutgrass. Karen was a nurse for numerous years, including at the Fort Madison Community Hospital and the Iowa State Penitentiary. She was a devout Catholic and a member of Holy Family Parrish, the Altar & Rosary Society, CLA, FMCH Auxiliary and was a parish nurse minister. Karen enjoyed crocheting, knitting and going out to eat with her friends.

Survivors include one son, Steve (Terry Bunker) Ruble of Ft. Madison and one brother, Bill Nutgrass of Ft. Madison. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral mass will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 11 AM at Ss. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church. A rosary will be recited at 10 AM at the church with visitation to follow until the time of the service at 11 AM. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for the Holy Family Parish Altar & Rosary Society and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

KEITH J. MELLER

Keith J. Meller, 77, of Tempe, Arizona, died at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, December 30, 2021, in Arizona. He was born February 15, 1944, in Burlington, Iowa, to Mark and Dorothy (Wolkenhauer) Meller. On February 6, 1967, he married Sally Krogmeier. Keith graduated from Ft. Madison High School in 1962. He was employed at DuPont in Ft. Madison for 32 years, and Catfish Bend in Burlington for 10 years. He was a medic in the Iowa Army National Guard for 26 years, active-duty Desert Storm, 1991. He was a huge Iowa Hawkeye fan, even working as a security guard at the games. He also enjoyed going to spring training baseball games and always followed the Cubs. He was still active in several bowling leagues. He enjoyed traveling with family. Keith took long walks and would start conversation with everyone and was always ready for a game of cards. In his younger days, he played golf, softball and coached Little League baseball.



MELLER

Keith is survived by his four sons: Brian (Lety), and Joe, both of Arizona, Cairy (Lisa) of California, and Craig (Ashley) of Illinois; ten grandchildren: Blake, Maddy, Alexis, Sophie, Charlie, Natalie, Julia, Braydon (Sarah), Ashton, and Emelia; three great grandchildren: Luci, Findley, and Macie; two sisters: Jeannie Boline and Jerlyn Johnson, both of Burlington; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mark and Dorothy; one daughter, Anita Meller; one brother, Gary; and two sisters, Donna Heminger and Marilyn Wirt.



Keith donated his organs to the Donor Network of Arizona. Cremation was entrusted to Neptune Crematory Services. There was a Memorial Service at Corpus Christi Church in Arizona on Friday, February 25, 2022. A graveside service with full military honors will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2022, in Oakland Cemetery. King-Lynk Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. The family requests no flowers.

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Tuesday, April 19

Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes

Wednesday, April 20

Tater Tot Casserole, Applesauce

Thursday, April 21

Fried Chicken Dinners

Friday, April 22

Ribeye Sandwich, Potato Salad

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

04/13/22 - 10:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Bradley Robert Bohnenkamp, 36, of Burlington, in the 1700 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for parole violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/13/22 - 11:24 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2900 block of Avenue K.

04/13/22 - 1:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 3300 block of Avenue L.

04/13/22 - 3:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of 26th Street.

04/13/22 - 6:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 1600 block of Avenue I.

04/13/22 - 10:44 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 38th Street and Avenue O.

04/14/22 - 1:35 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited James Eugene Martindale, 57, Donnellson, in the 1400 block of Avenue M, on a charge of driving while barred.

04/14/22 - 3:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue H.

04/14/22 - 4:44 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Shakir McClelland, 19, of Fort Madison, no location given, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

04/14/22 - 4:44 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Caleb Pilkington, 19, of Fort Madison, no location given, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

substance.

04/14/22 - 5:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the alley in the 2900 block of Avenue J.

04/15/22 - 9:19 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Gregory Ernest Beach, Jr., 46, of West Point, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for probation violation. He was transferred to another facility.

04/15/22 - 12:12 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2300 block of Avenue L.

04/16/22 - 11:28 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 700 block of 18th Street.

04/16/22 - 2:23 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2200 block of Avenue G.

04/16/22 - 9:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Hailey Noel Gilman, 23, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue A, on a charge of driving while barred.

04/17/22 - 6:18 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Randy Allan Akers, 50, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/17/22 - 10:39 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of 35th Street.

04/17/22 - 1:22 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue M.

04/17/22 - 2:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Matthew David Holmes, 46, of Fort Madison, at the Fort Madison police department, on a charge of assault - displaying a dangerous weapon.

04/17/22 - 5:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited David Leon Holmes II, 30, of Fort Madison, at the Fort Madison police department, on charges of disorderly conduct - fight/violence and simple assault.

04/17/22 - 5:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Frank Allen Dempsey, 39, of Fort Madison, at the Fort Madison police department, on charges of assault - bodily injury and disorderly conduct - fight/violence.

04/18/22 - 11:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited William Paul Cochenour II, 29, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 31st Street and Avenue M, on a charge of driving while barred.

04/19/22 - 1:52 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Brandon Allan Erb, 37, of West Point, in the 2200 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred.

Lee County Sheriff Report

04/13/22 - 10:17 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Timothy Richard Hogan, 61, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/13/22 - 1:30 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Ryan Paul Markey, 43, of Wever, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on 2 warrants for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/13/22 - 4:15 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jerry Lee Blackwell, 30, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/14/22 - 3:17 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Marlana Sue Stephenson, 27, of Keokuk, in the 400 block of Hwy.

61, on a charges of 1st offense OWI and provide proof of financial liability. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/14/22 - 5:18 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Quentin Kade Beach, 22, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for willful injury - serious injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/14/22 - 3:07 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Rhea Ann Humes, 54, of Keokuk, in the 900 block of Carroll Street, Keokuk, on a warrant for 3rd degree burglary. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release.

04/14/22 - 6:53 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Stone Fylyp Shoup, 26, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/14/22 - 9:12 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Danyelle Christine Quinn, 34, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of 340th Street, Keokuk, on warrants for possession of a controlled substance and prohibited act by registrant, and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release.

04/15/22 - 12:07 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Lea Jane Barrs, 23, of Keokuk, at the intersection of 215th Avenue and Argyle Road, Argyle, on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and speeding. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/15/22 - 8:08 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kimberly Joy Hadenfeldt, 35, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County

Courthouse, on a judgment hold warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on weekend service.

04/16/22 - 10:03 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kaylin Lynn Featheringill, 23, of Donnellson, in the 2100 block of 255th Street, Donnellson, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on her own recognizance.

04/17/22 - 5:29 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Donald Ray Bauswell, Jr., 40, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's department, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/17/22 - 9:01 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Eli Daniel Darling, 22, of Donnellson, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for judgment hold and voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/18/22 - 12:18 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident on 255th Street, Charleston. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Traci M. Mosby, 48, of LaGrange, Mo., was traveling westbound on 255th Street when she struck a fox. No injuries or citations were reported. The vehicle sustained approx. \$2000 damage.

04/18/22 - 11:26 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 1400 block of 320th Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Wendell Paul Dorothy, 63, of Birmingham, was traveling westbound on 320th Avenue when it pulled out from a lot, striking a vehicle traveling northbound that was driven by Mary Nona Pugh, 57, of Muscatine. No injuries or citations were reported. Pugh's vehicle sustained minor damage, but was able to be driven from the scene.

04/18/22 - 3:21 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Octavious Sergio Dion Whitaker, 26, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/18/22 - 4:31 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Tina L. Rice, 49, of Beardstown, Ill., at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for felony forgery. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff Report

04/10/2022 - TILLMAN, TYREE O (27 of Hamilton, IL) Driving While License Suspended - NTA

04/11/2022 - JENKINS, RACHEL J (31 of Burlington, IA) Driving While License Suspended, Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Deliver - HELD

04/11/2022 - CARR, DANNY E (52 of West Burlington, IA) Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Deliver - HELD

04/14/2022 - HILAND, ARIANA R (19 of Carthage, IL) Possession of Adult Use Cannabis - NTA

04/14/2022 - ALVARADO ARDON, ALEX A (29 of Columbia, SC) Operating Vehicle When Registration Suspended - NTA

04/15/2022 - DIAZ PEREZ, DAVID (40 of Monmouth, IL) Speeding

04/15/2022 - TRIPP, MEGAN K (40 of Niota, IL) Speeding

04/15/2022 - OAKS, STEVEN A (36 of Cameron, IL) Speeding

04/15/2022 - MONEY, PATTY S (33 of Warsaw, IL) Speeding

04/15/2022 - JOHNSON, TIMOTHY A (42 of Dallas City, IL) Driving While License Revoked, Operate Uninsured Vehicle - NTA

04/16/2022 - HELMERS, DEREK A (56 of LaHarpe, IL) Speeding

04/16/2022 - PATTERSON, ERIN K (34 of LaHarpe, IL) Speeding

04/16/2022 - LEAR, LEANNE A (55 of Keokuk, IA) Driving While License Revoked - HELD

04/16/2022 - NEUMAN, KAYLEE M (18 of Hamilton, IL) Speeding

04/16/2022 - REGAN, TIMOTHY A (25 of Fort Madison, IA) Failure to Appear Warrant (Original Charge - Battery) - BONDED

04/17/2022 - JACKSON, PATRICIA M (62 of Fort Madison, IA) Failure to Appear Warrant (Original Charge - Driving While License Revoked) - BONDED

04/17/2022 - JOHNSON, TAMBATHA M (38 of Dallas City, IL) Driving While License Suspended, Speeding - BONDED

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CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 - 6:00 PM
West Burlington City Hall
122 Broadway Street

TENTATIVE AGENDA

EXEMPT SESSION
 Council will hold an Exempt Session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) before the Regular City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on April 6, 2022
2. Approve payment to Bauer Built for tires - \$7,948.80
3. Approve payment to Spear Financial, Inc. - \$7,100
4. Approve payment to J&M Display for 2022 4th of July Fireworks Display - \$11,000
5. Approve payment to Snyder & Associates for Engineering Services related to the Water Tower Project - \$16,000.81
6. Approve Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for February 2022
7. Approve payment of Claims as listed on the April 20, 2022 Expense

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- COUNCIL REPORTS:
- COMMUNITY REPORTS:

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing on a proposal to enter into an amended Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a Resolution authorizing and approving an amended Loan and Disbursement Agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$9,522,000 Taxable Sewer Revenue Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2022
2. Resolution setting a Public Hearing date of May 18, 2022 on the Budget Amendment for FY 2021-2022
3. Discuss options for Concessions at the Swimming Pool for the 2022 pool season

4. Consider the final reading of an Ordinance restricting parking on Division Street from Broadway to S. Gear Ave.

5. Consider the first reading of an Ordinance amending City Code Section 90.11 to include the installation of tracer wire on newly constructed or reconstructed water service lines

6. Consider the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 96 of the City Code to include a new Section requiring the installation of tracer wire on newly constructed or reconstructed sewer lateral pipes and mains

7. Consider the first reading of an Ordinance adding a new Section 90.22 prohibiting theft of services and tampering with the water service system

8. Consider the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 91 of the City Code by adding a new Section 91.11 prohibiting the tampering of water meters

9. Consider a Resolution accepting Quit Claim from Westland Mall Realty Holding LLC for Lot P in Westland Mall Plat Two Subdivision

10. Potential action to ratify an agreement

following the Exempt Session

OLD BUSINESS

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

ADJOURN

PUBLIC NOTICE

West Burlington Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 6, 2022

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
 Ron Teater, Kathy Newberry, Andy Crowner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young

MEMBERS ABSENT:
 Police Chief Jesse Logan, Fire Chief/Building Inspector Shaun Ryan, City Clerk Kelly Fry, IT Administrator Brad Newberry, Finance

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 Moved by Crowner, seconded by Lees, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:
 Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

CONSENT AGENDA
 • Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on March 16, 2022

- Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for January 2022
- Payment to Dorsey & Whitney LLP - \$11,500
- Payment to GPM Environmental Solutions, LLC - \$7,474
- Liquor License re-

newal for Uncle Ronnies, 1201 Derek Lincoln Dr.

- Authorization to purchase up to \$6,700 for 31 trees

- Hiring nine employees for 2022 Swimming Pool Season

- Approve payment of Claims as listed on the April 6, 2022 Expense Approval Report for \$182,107.44

Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion

carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young
COUNCIL & STAFF

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- COUNCIL REPORTS:
- COMMUNITY REPORTS: Michael Dear, Executive Director with the Greater Burlington Partnership Convention & Visitors Bureau presented an update from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau
- CITIZEN INQUIRIES No inquiries.
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on a proposal to enter into an amended Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow

money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000

Moved by Young, seconded by Crowner, to approve a Resolution setting a public hearing of April 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. on a proposal to enter into an amended Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Resolution committing FY22-23 funding for a Housing Study Project

The Housing Task Force (a subcommittee of the Chamber) met to interview the remaining two candidates for the Housing Needs Assessment. It was the unanimous

recommendation to move forward with the study and the proposal presented by Hanna Keelan. Southeast Iowa Regional Planning commission will be the contracting authority. The total cost to conduct the study will be \$31,500 and will be split between the Greater Burlington Partnership, an Alliant Energy Grant, Des Moines County, the city of Burlington, and the city of West Burlington. City Administrator Mandsager asked Council to approve a Resolution committing \$3,000 in funding to the project.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Johnson, to approve a Resolution committing \$3,000 to help fund a Housing Study. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees,

and Young

Consider a Resolution adding MacIntyre Walters to the Fire Department

Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to approve a Resolution adding MacIntyre Walters to the Fire Department. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider disposing of Police Department duty rifles

The Police Department has 6 Bushmaster AR 15 and 2 Ruger Mini 14 rifles that are no longer in service. Police Chief Logan asked Council to allow the officers to purchase them before the company bought them back. The weapons have been valued by Kiesler Police Supply and the officers would be required

to pay the value as well as the FFL transfer fee to take them out of the City's name and into their own. Attached is a list of rifles that our officers would like to purchase. The quote is what we received from Kiesler Police Supply to purchase the rifles back from us. It is very common to first allow the officers to buy back the weapon. Every Officer would be required to pay the FFL transfer fee to get the rifle out of the City of West Burlington's name and into their own. The total sale would be \$2,030.

Consider a Resolution amending wages for swimming pool employees

Council discussed amending the wages for swimming pool employees to allow a .25 increase in wages for each year an employee returns.

The lifeguard wages range from \$10.00 to \$10.75. A wage was also established for a Head Life Guard position. The Pool Manager would use this position to designate one lifeguard as the Head Guard in her absence. The wage scale for admission staff would range from \$8.00 to \$8.75.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution amending wages for swimming pool employees as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider authorizing the use of the Square Processing System

Finance Manager Moore asked City Council to approve an interim financial policy to allow

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the use of the Square Processing System in order to accept credit/debit card payments for 4th of July transactions as well as taking payments at the swimming pool. The Square System meets the State code guidelines (Chapter 12 of the Code of Iowa and specifically Chapter 12.21) for the use and acceptance of credit cards. The processor must also be FDIC insured and be on the list of approved banks. Square processing follows all these guidelines.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Crowner, to allow the use of the Square Processing System. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the second reading of an Ordinance to restrict parking on Division Street from Broadway to S. Gear Ave.

A representative with COBO USA, 304 Division Street, approached Council asking that the Ordinance restricting parking on Division Street be delayed until the company could discuss plans to expand their parking lot. Council would like to see a plan in place before they discuss delaying the final reading of the Ordinance.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the second reading of an Ordinance restricting parking on Division Street from Broadway to S. Gear Ave. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Lees, Young, and Johnson
Nays: Newberry and Crowner
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
ADJOURN
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.
Approved
Ron Teater, Mayor
Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

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AGENDA
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April 21, 2022
Time: 5:30 P.M.
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- I. Excused absences
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of minutes
 - a. Meeting March 17

- V. Approval of the Bills
- VI. Correspondence
- VII. Director's Report
 - a. Financial
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Programming
 - d. Collection Development
 - e. Operations
 - f. Facilities
 - g. Professional
 - h. Reports to City Council

- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - a. Carol Sandrock Donation Discussion
 - b. New Board Member

- IX. New Business
 - a. Election of Officers
 - b. Approve 2022/2023 Budget
 - c. 2021/2022 Budget Amendments
 - d. Emergency Reloca-

- tion Shelter Agreement
 - e. Approve Strategic Plan
 - f. Fine Free Evaluation
 - g. Beverly Moultrie Donation

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From the Front

Group looking for funding to help fund trip to Houston Robotics event

TEAM - Continued from Page 1

the floor of the Iowa Regional Competition last week. Image courtesy of FIRST Inspire webcasts

Shalisse and her husband Joe Johnstun have been mentoring and coaching students in the program for the past seven years. The ROBOTICS team program has grown from a club, to a team at the Elliott Test Kitchen, to now being hosted and sponsored by the Lee County Economic Development Group.

Joe Johnstun said the 40th place finish at the Iowa regional competition was better than the team had expected to do, but it was the grace with which the team handled itself during the competition that drew attention.

“That told us that our hard work had been noticed. Other teams appreciated us being helpful and kind and keeping a positive attitude,” he said.

The team won Rookie of the Year status despite having competed at competitions for the past six years, because it was the first year they represented Lee County as a whole.

The team has a GoFundMe page set up at <https://www.gofundme.com> Type Lee County Robotics in the Search link and then click on the corresponding page for Team 8822.

Joe Johnstun said the team got a note from the directors at the regionals that the Rookie of the Year award entered them into the lottery to go to the World championships. They were notified Monday morning at 6:30 a.m. they had been selected. They have to be in Houston and have the Robot and the pit area set up Wednesday so they are leaving Tuesday evening.

The competition is the same as the regional competition.

The Robot has to be programmed to shoot sponge balls at large metal hoppers and points are awarded for successful shots. Points are also awarded for autonomous movement of the unit prior to the shooting session. Additional points are awarded for the Robot being able to lift itself off the ground by grabbing onto a bar, and then bonus points are issued if the Robot can climb a set of bars.

Johnstun said the Lee County Robot hasn't yet been able to climb, but is programmed to hold itself up and can sustain autonomous movement. He said team

members helped other teams at the regional program the autonomous movement drills and were recognized for their help.

The difference in this competition is that there are six divisions and more than 200 teams from around the world competing.

The GoFundMe page has a goal of \$7,000 dollars for the trip with less than \$2,000 currently raised, and Johnstun said some of that reflects funds raised to pay for the regional event.

Those interested in supporting the effort can donate at GoFundMe or drop off a check at the Lee County Economic Development Group at 2495 280th Street in Montrose.

“We're desperate for funds and we're kinda in panic mode. We thought we would be able to leave Wednesday morning, but we got the schedule for things Monday afternoon and saw we have to have the Robot and our pit set up by Wednesday at 2 p.m. so we have to leave tonight.”

The Lee County Economic Development Group is helping with some of the initial funding and the Johnstuns are contributing some personal resources to the effort.

Johnstun said registration for the event is \$5,000 and the group has travel, lodging, food and transportation expenses to cover.

He said the team has been working with the robot to improve efficiency and scoring, but he said the trip will be more about enjoying the experience and meeting different kinds of people doing the same thing.

Climax Molybdenum and Axalta have made contributions to help cover some of the expenses and Keokuk School District has contributed \$1,000.

There will be a livestream at www.FIRSTchampionship.org/watch and the Lee County team is Team No. 8822 Lc3 Thunderbirds. The competition schedule hasn't been released yet. The regional contests can be watched on the FIRST webcast at <https://frc-events.firstinspires.org/2022/team/8822>.

Johnstun said if there was time and the team had the energy after three days of competition they would like to take the students to the Houston Space Center before returning on Sunday.

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Vacant property owners could get exemption

COUNCIL - Continued from Page 1

ing it illegal and without an appropriate appeals process.

Schulz proposed an amendment that had been worked out with city staff, including Building Director Doug Krogmeier, that would permit property owners who have insurance with the city listed on the certificate, and all utilities running in the property, to fill out an exemption.

The insurance policy has to equal the value of the property and not be less than the cost of demolition.

Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker said filling out a form for Vacant Property Registration negates exemption because they are still registering the property.

“Code at the end of the day is very important and how it's worded is exactly how Doug is going to enforce it later,” she said. “So I have a problem with the titles, I would like to make sure it reflects the accuracy. That says they must submit a form titled Vacant Building Registration.

“If I have a building and it's perfectly fine on the outside and nobody's reporting problems with it, then why do I have to come to the city and give Doug a form saying I'm submitting a vacant registration form and 'Oh by the way here's proof of utilities and insurance'”

Councilman Rusty Andrews, serving as Mayor Pro Tem, asked if Bowker wanted additional adjustments to the language of the ordinance or to throw it out completely.

Bruce Grigsby, who owns several vacant properties, said he didn't oppose the new language but took objection with the ordinance in its original form.

“I don't oppose this because I do think it needs to be done. My exception was that as a responsible homeowner, over-insured with utilities in all buildings, I took exception to the fact I was lumped in with irresponsible people,” he said.

Grigsby said he was concerned having the city listed as a certificate holder.

Schulz said that only allows the city to be notified if insurance lapses on the property and costs homeowners nothing. Grigsby said that's nothing he would ever do.

“I know that, but we can't write 9,875 ordinances for each individual property owner,” Schulz said.

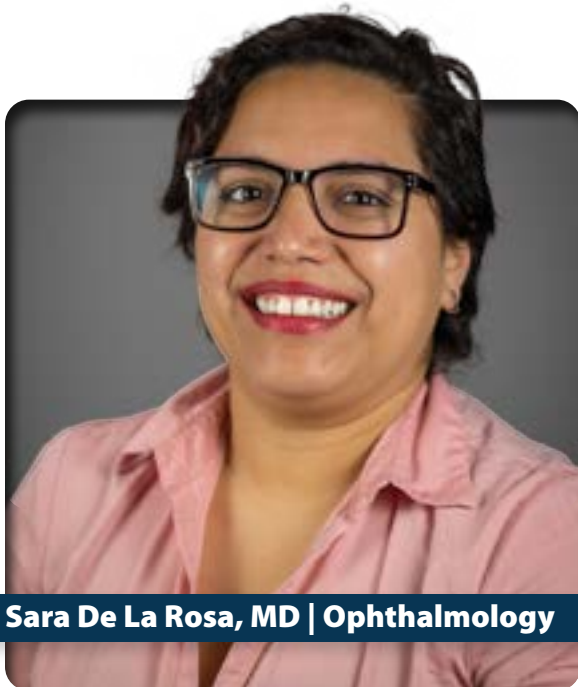
Andrews said he hadn't received any phone calls on the proposed ordinance, however several residents have voiced heavy concerns about the increased regulation on property owners.

The motion was passed as amended 4-1 with Bowker voting against the measure. Councilmen Kevin Rink, Jack Gray, Schulz, and Andrews all voted in favor of the new ordinance, which will still require a 3rd reading before becoming part of the city code.

In other action, the council:

- passed a second reading of a change to the Ward Precincts per the Secretary of State's adjusted supervisor precincts within city limits.
- accepted a submitted plat survey and waived subdivision requirements for property south of PAW Animal Shelter on 48th Street. The property will be acquired by the animal shelter for future expansion.

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