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## Sewer rate hikes on agenda

**30%:** Rates to jump 10% for each of the next three years starting in July

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Sewer rates in the city may be on the rise.

At Tuesday's Fort Madison City Council meeting an amendment to city sewer rates will be considered on a first reading that will increase rates 10% starting in July. The move increases basic service rates to \$28.61 per bill and the volume charge to \$6.61 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

The rates would apply to both monitored and non-monitored customers.

The council is proposing to increase rates additionally 10% the following July and 10% in July of 2024. A 3% increase would be instituted in July of 2025 taking the basic service charge from the current \$26.01 to \$35.66 over the four-year period.

The volume charge would increase from \$6.01 per 1,000 gallons to \$8.24 per 1,000 gallons.

See **RATES**, page 11



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Progress once again has torn up the streets along Avenue H from 10th to 12th streets. Crews are tearing up Business 61 along Avenue H in Fort Madison. Streets are being dug up and sewer lines replaced and then new concrete poured for a 3-lane highway.

### OPINION

## Farewell to Nohema Graber - Empty Nest by Curt Swarm

Ginnie and I participated in the First Annual Walk for Nohema in Chautauqua Park in Fairfield last Saturday morning. Nohema Graber was a Spanish teacher at Fairfield Community High School, who was murdered allegedly by two high school boys as she walked in Chautauqua Park.

Ginnie and I did not know Nohema Graber, we just wanted to show our support for a grieving community and high school that are reeling from this senseless tragedy. The walk was a "First Annual" so hopefully

we will be able to walk it again next year. It was a fundraiser put on by the FHS Student Council for a scholarship in memory of Nohema, since she was such a big supporter of learning. On the back of the t-shirts we were able to purchase, were the Spanish words, "AMOR Y PAZ" meaning "LOVE AND PEACE" which Nohema was well known for saying. It was a windy Saturday morning and, as we walked the hilly road through Chautauqua park, following the same path Nohema walked

See **MURDER**, page 11

### OPINION



## Our lives are our own prizes

Life is the prize.

Sometimes we ask ourselves, unfortunate as it may seem, why we struggle through this ride, especially when we get punched in the stomach throughout life.

Little Lucy Saltzgaver of Fort Madison died in March from pulmonary hypertension. The same silent killer that took our 20-year-old daughter two years ago.

They asked Pen City Current to help publish a fundraiser trivia night on May 21st at the Eagle's Club in Fort Madison. I'm usually asleep less than 10 minutes after I finish up our e-edition every night so I don't really read through everything knowing the wife has things well in hand after I finish laying out the editorial stuff.

When she brought this to my attention, she couldn't do it without crying. It's tough to see in those moments where life is the prize.

But it is. God works in funny ways. But I don't believe God is to thank for being able to catch a football better than anyone else. He just created life and life took over from that point.

I don't believe God took my child from her mother and me because he needed a warrior for an angel. That's what he got for sure – but I believe he grieves her death and our loss as a circumstance of His creation.

I believe He grieves the loss of little Lucy. We do.

Most people don't know what PH is. But in a nutshell, blood doesn't flow efficiently between the heart and lungs causing the heart to stress and eventually fail. There are new medications and treatments and people are living 30 even 40 years with the disease, if there are no other mitigating factors like Down's Syndrome in Lucy's case, or Type 1 diabetes and congenital asplenia, in Kelsey's case.

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### DONALD C. WILKENS

Donald Clyde Wilkens, 77, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 10:35 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Born on November 3, 1944, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Clyde and Margaret (Koechle) Wilkens. On July 10, 1965, he married Mary Louise Hutson at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo. They later divorced.



WILKENS

He is survived by his son: Jim Wilkens of Lewistown, Missouri; daughter: Jackie (Larry) Melton of Bucklin, Missouri; six grandchildren: Cody (Autumn) Wilkens, Justin Wilkens, Donnie (Kodi) Melton, Megan (Leland Malloy) Berry Melton, Candace (Reuben) Yoder, Ronnie (Makaila Ohmenus) Melton; ten great-grandchildren: Parker, Berkley and Timber Melton, Chloe Berry, Hutson

Melton, MaKenzie, Liam Yoder, Brogan, Mayson and Kensley Melton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother in infancy.

Don was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus in Nauvoo. He enjoyed farming, raising cattle and hogs and checking his crops. Don sold Wayne Feed and was very knowledgeable about trees. Together Don and Louie Boyles built trailers for hauling equipment and livestock. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, son-in-law Larry and going out to eat and visiting with his farm friends.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo with Father Thomas Szydllick as celebrant.

Burial will be held in the Nauvoo City Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

On-line condolences to the family may be left at [www.sbbfuneralhome.com](http://www.sbbfuneralhome.com).



## OBITUARIES

### HAROLD B. WELLMAN

Harold B. Wellman, 96, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 7:00 a.m. Friday, April 29, 2022, at his sons home in West Point.

Born on July 20, 1925, in West Point, Iowa, the son of George and Veronica (Moller) Wellman. On March 3, 1945, in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he married Ruth E. Ponte. She preceded him in death on December 25, 1990.



WELLMAN

Survivors include daughter: Kathleen (John) Hamilton of Smithville, Missouri; two sons: Marvin (Wilma) Wellman of West Point, Iowa, Raymond Wellman of West Point, Iowa; brother: Norb (Geri) Wellman of West Point, Iowa; sister: Adelle Stuecker of Saint Paul, Iowa; grandchildren: Kerry (Kenny) Cooper, Christopher (Cory) Wellman, Kim (Mike) Fullenkamp, Dan (Kris) Wellman,

Geoffrey (Kristy) Wellman, Stefan (Tracy) Wellman, Andy (Amy) Hamilton, Jesse (Deidra) Hamilton, Alexander Hamilton; great grandchildren: Kole, Kameron, Caleb, Kendall, Cade, Gage, Shaylin, Elek, Evan, Kenzie, Raegan, Braylan, Enslee, Emily, Eliana, Sarah, Luke, Liam, Raelyn, Zander;



and great-great grandchild: Izzie. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Ruth; daughter-in-law Eva; brothers: Leonard, Walter, Arnie, and Dick Wellman; sister: Laverne Hartley.

Harold was a member of Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and the Holtz-Geers American Legion Post 668. He was a United States Army World War II veteran. Harold worked for Sheaffer Pen Company for twenty years. He enjoyed farming, raising sheep and hogs, fishing, going to the casino, trips with the Passport Club and playing cards.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Sunday, May 1, 2022 at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, where the family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A parish rosary will be recited at 2:00 p.m. and a Christian wake service will be held at 3:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2022, at Saint 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. Jukes Children's Research Hospital or Saint Mary's Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com). Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# Obituaries/Illinois News

## OBITUARIES

### KENNETH N. PICKEREL

Kenneth N. Pickerel, 88, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:15 AM on Friday, April 29, 2022 at his home.

He was born on August 21, 1933 in Jerseyville, IL to Clarence and Delia Atchison Pickerel. On August 29, 1959 he married Linda Bailey in Kampsville, IL. Ken retired from Roquette in Keokuk. He served in the US Air Force during the Korean War. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the Knights of Columbus. Ken enjoyed playing golf, reading history books and was an avid Iowa Hawkeye, Chicago Cubs, and Green Bay Packer fan.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Pickerel of Ft. Madison; one son, Christopher (Elizabeth) Pickerel of Burkburnett, TX; one daughter, Suzanne Scancella of Ft. Madison; two grandsons, Bryan Scancella and Justin Majors; one sister, Diane Landon of Idaho; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his step mom, Bonnie Wade and two brothers, Frederick and Ralph.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and there will be no formal services at this time.

A memorial has been established for the Ft. Madison Fire Department or Lee County Ambulance Service. Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### Hancock County Fights Cancer holds block party

CARTHAGE - The annual Hancock County Fights Cancer block party is planned for Saturday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hancock County courthouse lawn. The celebration has two major goals, to raise money to help the fight against cancer, and to honor local cancer survivors.

As the event approaches, survivors are urged to sign up now to be part of the celebration honoring cancer survivors.

"Whether you have been recently diagnosed, are taking treatment, or have been a cancer survivor for many years, we want you in the celebration," noted Cynthia Stewart, president of HCFC.

Those who register in advance by May 15 and come to the event will receive a free cancer survivor t-shirt. Many survivors have received a form in the mail. Others can register online at [www.hancockcountyfightscancer.org/registration-info](http://www.hancockcountyfightscancer.org/registration-info). Forms are also available at branches of Fortress Bank or Marine Trust Bank.

Survivors should check in at the survivors table before 11:30 a.m. on the day of the event. They will be honored in the opening ceremony and will take a short victory lap.

Hearts of Hope

Another way to celebrate cancer survivors, and to honor those who have passed away due to cancer, is to purchase Hearts of Hope.

These can be purchased from any HCFC team member. Forms are available at the website, or at Fortress Bank and Marine Trust Bank in Carthage and many local businesses and offices.

Hearts of Hope will line the courthouse sidewalks during the day June 4. The Block Party event includes food, entertainment, a car show, the high heels race and a time of celebration and hope. For more information go to [HancockCountyFightsCancer.org](http:// HancockCountyFightsCancer.org), or the group's page on Facebook.

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## OBITUARIES

### HAROLD SELTZER

Harold "Dean" Seltzer, 87, of Montrose, IA, died Saturday, April 23, 2022 at the Sunset Home in Quincy, IL.

He was born on June 23, 1934 in Versailles, IL, the son of Robert Jacob and Carrie (Hall) Seltzer. He graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1952.

Dean first married Audrey Mae Vice and to this union were born three children, Harold, Robert and Angela. She preceded him in death. He later married Sharon Kay Fox and to this union one child was added, Rhonda. Sharon also preceded him in death.

Dean was a member of the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Keokuk.

He first was employed by Frank Wentzel Plumbing and went on to own and operate Keokuk Plumbing and Heating for many years. He also had been employed at Keokuk Water Works until his retirement.

Dean enjoyed fishing, working on jigsaw puzzles and welding. He was a talented metalworker and made custom metal hearts personalized with family names. He was also a skilled woodworker and enjoyed making birdhouses and feeders.

He is survived by his four children, Harold W. Seltzer (Tami) of Quincy, Robert G. Seltzer of Keokuk, Angela S. Seltzer-Welch of Keokuk and Rhonda Wharton (Benjamin) of Florida, eight grandchildren, K.C. Nye, Kari Ann Seltzer, Robert Seltzer, Eric Seltzer, Jenny Skinner, Amber Mann, Ethan Wharton and Marc Wharton, eighteen great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

Besides his wives, he was also preceded in death by one grandson, Benjamin Wharton, one sister and her husband, Doris and Bud LeMaster, a son-in-law, William Welch and a daughter-in-law, Cathy Seltzer.

A Memorial service will be held at 12 noon, Saturday May 7, 2022 at the First Christian Church in Keokuk with Pastor David Turner officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 11:30 am - 12 noon at the church with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to Camp Eastman.

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

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

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## Sports

# Hounds 2nd, Lady Hounds 3rd at Ekstrand Invite

**WACO MEET:** Johnson finishes 24th in 100 at Drake Relays. 4x100 finishes in 31 position.

BY PCC STAFF

WAYLAND – With Fort Madison's sprinters at the Drake Relays Friday, the Bloodhounds went to the Ekstrand Relays on Thursday in WACO a bit shorthanded, but came away with second place.

Macayden Rhoer swept the individual hurdle events taking first in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.24. He also won the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:00.61. Rhoer ran the first leg of the Hounds' shuttle hurdle relay that took 3rd with a 1:10.74.

Fort Madison's boys also got firsts from Adam Sobczak, Nik Fullenkamp, Caleb Bolander, and Mikey DiPrima in the 4x200 relay with a 1:37.36. Each of the first place finishes earned 10 points for Fort Madison. Caden Barnes took first in the shot put with a hurl of 48-1.75. Dayton Lamar took 1st in the high jump with a 5-10.

Fort Madison's 4x200 relay team of Adam Sobczak, Nik Fullenkamp, Caleb Bolander, and Mikey DiPrima raced to a first-place finish with a 1:37.36.

Central Lee's Tommy Eschman took first place in the long jump with a leap of 20-6. Eschman finished 2nd in the 110 hurdles and the 100 meter dash.

The Bloodhounds finished with 112 points, good enough for second overall to Fairfield's 166 points. Central Lee finished sixth overall in the A Division.

Fort Madison got second place finishes from John Cottrell in the 1600 meter run and the Distance Medley featuring Brody Cashman, Dayton Lamar, Dane Butler, and Cottrell. DiPrima was second in the long jump at 10-6.

In the girls run, Aija Jenkins was part of three- first place

finishes for the Lady Hounds. She jumped 4-10 for the high jump title, opened the FM Shuttle hurdle relay along with Raquel Schneider, Chloe Sokolik, and Hailey Kemper, who won with a 1:13.86. Fort Madison's Lexi Whaley won the shot put at 33-11.

The girls race team results were not readily available.

In Des Moines on Saturday the 4x100 relay team of Tate Settles, Julian Dear, Hayden Segoviano, and Tate Johnson finished 33rd out of 96 teams with a 44.09. Johnson ran a 10.16 on the final split, the 8th fastest time of the day.

Johnson also finished 23rd in the 32-man 100-meter relay field Friday morning with a time of 11.43. The top 8 times in all events qualify for the finals.

#### Girls results: FM – A Division.

100 meters: FM – Jojo Vincent 15.46 (7th), Laci Gathers 17.66 (11th).

200 meters: FM – Kylie Fortune 31.60 (7th), Mazie Hotop 32.29 (9th).

400 meters: FM – Fortune 1:14.32 (6th), Allison Lamb 1:16.02.

800 meters: FM – Emma Berry 3:03.51 (8th).

1500 meters: FM – Lamb 5:55.65 (5th), Katie Dennis 6:17.94 (7th)

3000 meters:

100-hurdles: FM – Aija Jenkins 17.45 (1st), Alexa Walz 20.57 (8th).

400-hurdles: FM – Raquel Schneider 1:11.68 (1st).

4x100: FM – Emily Steffensmeier, Mackenzie Rainwater, Hailey Kemper, Lillian Gelsthorpe 55.95 (3rd).

4x200 FM – Chloe Sokolik, Rainwater, Olivia Buckner, Hotop 2:03.11 (4th).

4x400: FM – Emma Kern, Buckner, Mary Hellige, Vincent 5:20.12 (5th).

4x800: FM – Walz, Hellige, Lamb, Kern, 12:16.94 (5th).

800 Sprint Medley: FM – E.Steffensmeier, Gelsthorpe, Kemper, Dennis 2:05.41 (2nd).

Distance Medley: FM – Jenkins, Gelsthorpe, Kemper, Dennis – 4:41.80 (2nd).

Shuttle hurdle: FM – Jenkins, Schneider, Sokolik, Kemper 1:13.86. (1st).

High Jump: FM – Jenkins 4-10 (1st).

Long Jump: FM – Walz 12-4.5 (8th).

Shot put: FM – Whaley 33-11 (1st), Brylie Lorence 28-2.5 (5th).

Discus: FM – Whaley 84-0 (3rd), Lorence 70-4 (8th).

**Boys Results: FM, Central Lee**

#### (A Division)

100 meters: FM – Adam Sobczak 11.98 (5th), Kaden Durbin 13.09 (11th). Central Lee – Tommy Eschman 11.51 (2nd), Grant Myhre 12.40 (7th).

200 meters: FM – Nick Fullenkamp 24.51 (3rd), Brody Cashman 25.39 (8th). Central Lee – Aden Ross 25.78 (9th), Chase Johnson 26.62 (12th).

400 meters: FM: Thomas White 1:02.51 (10th). Central Lee – Ross 58.35 (6th), Albert Kruse 1:20.61 (13th)

800 meters: FM – Calvin Johnson 2:25.08 (7th), John Cottrell 2:25.10 (8th). Central Lee – Shane Barnhardt 2:57.45 (11th), Noah Gerber 3:00.55 (12th).

1600 meters: FM – Cottrell 5:12.33 (2nd), Cameron Shutwell 5:35.80 (8th). Central Lee – Grant Anderson 5:36.76 (9th), Anthony Galati 6:36.41 (13th).

3200 meters: FM – Cottrell 11:10.47 (3rd). Central Lee – Anderson 11:59.85 (6th).

110 hurdles: FM – Rhoer 16.24 (1st). Central Lee – Eschman 16.28 (2nd)

400 hurdles: FM – Rhoer 1:00.61 (1st). Central Lee – Kegan Damico 1:03.17 (2nd).

4x100: FM – Sobczak, Fullenkamp, Dayton Lamar, Mikey DiPrima 47.32 (3rd). Central Lee -Jayven Thurmand, Brayden Wyrick, Myhre, Ross 48.88 (7th).

4x200: FM – Sobczak, Fullenkamp, Caleb Bolander, DiPrima 1:37.36 (1st). Central Lee -Thurmond, Wyrick, Johnson and Ostyn Moore 1:44.63 (5th).

4x400: FM – Dane Butler, Bolander, Durbin, Cashman 4:07.53 (6th).

4x800: FM – Ike Thacher, Johnson, Shutwell, Gavin Callahan 11:22.72 (6th).

Sprint Medley: FM – Cashman, Rhoer, Fullenkamp, Butler 1:44.82 (4th). Central Lee – Thurmond, Wyrick, Ross, Damico 1:49.68 (6th).

Distance Medley: FM – Cashman, Lamar, Butler, Cottrell 4:13.44 (2nd).

Shuttle hurdle: FM – Rhoer, Sobczak, Bolander, Chandler Fullenkamp 1:10.74 (3rd). Central Lee – Damico, Eschman, Moore and Myhre 1:14.77 (6th).

High Jump: FM – Lamar 5-10 (1st).

Long Jump: FM – DiPrima 19-9 (2nd), C.Fullenkamp 17-9 (6th). Central Lee – Eschman 20-6 (1st), Eschman 20-6 (1st), Myhre 17-6.25 (8th).

Shot put: FM – Barnes 48-1.75 (1st), Thacher 37-9.75 (4th). Central Lee – Brody Fuller 37-7.75 (7th), Moore 33.7 (12th).

Discus: FM – Corey Arnette 102-6 (6th), Luke Hellige 97-2 (10th). Central Lee – Braedon Barlow 76-1 (12th), Fuller 74-9 (13th).

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**MAY 2 - 6**  
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**Monday, May 2**

**Carved Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Corn**

**Tuesday, May 3**

**Roast Beef, Cheese Potatoes, Beans**

**Wednesday, May 4**

**Burnt Ends Sandwich, Tater Tots**

**Thursday, May 5**

**Fried Chicken Dinners**

**Friday, May 6**

**Grilling on the Sidewalk**

## For the Record/Local News

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

04/27/22 - 4:20 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2800 block of Avenue N.

04/27/22 - 10:52 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2100 block of Avenue C.

04/27/22 - 3:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.

04/27/22 - 6:46 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

04/28/22 - 12:46 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

04/28/22 - 12:52 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Doug Alan Daughters, 48, of Montrose, in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

04/28/22 - 2:12 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Sean Michael Molzhon, 47, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 48th Street and Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

04/28/22 - 9:33 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 500 block of Avenue G.

04/28/22 - 10:15 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a

report of a burglary in the 3600 block of Avenue Q.

04/28/22 - 12:23 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Richard Gene Stoermer, 39, of Burlington, at the intersection of 19th Street and Avenue D, on a charge of driving under suspension.

04/28/22 - 12:50 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 100 block of Iris Lane.

04/28/22 - 4:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of 38th Street.

04/28/22 - 5:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Ryne Scott Lefler, 18, of Keokuk, at the intersection of 41st Street and Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

#### Lee County Sheriff Report

04/27/22 - 8:05 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kristofer Lee Walters, 31, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear - citation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/28/22 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

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

### Miller-Meeks to hold local hours

OTTUMWA - Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-02) announced the times and locations that the Congresswoman's staff will hold mobile office hours across the Second District during the month of May.

Staff will be available in the counties below to answer questions and assist Iowans by facilitating casework with the federal government. Staff can help with issues related to Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security, veterans' benefits, passports, immigration issues, and other federal programs.

Wednesday, May 18th

Des Moines County, 9:00 - 10:00am. Mediapolis City Hall  
510 Main St. Mediapolis, IA

Lee County - 11:00am - 12:00pm

West Point Public Library



### Food donation

Lee County Bank, longtime supporters of the Fort Madison Food Pantry, made a \$2,500 donation on Friday April 29, 2022. Pictured from left to right are Shirley Gabel, Cynthia Renstrom, and Mike Culbertson.

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## Iowa News/From the Front

# Fundraiser to help family hold local celebration of hope

**PRIZE** - Continued from Page 1

I was communicating with a friend this week and we talked a bit about how difficult life can be and how we have to recalibrate our lives at times.

The calibration comes by putting value in things where we might be able to find a return on the investment.

Jacob Pothitakis and Xander Wellman, both potential all-state soccer players on the Hounds' boys soccer team, have both suffered season-ending injuries in this, their junior years. They both have extremely positive attitudes about the injuries and fighting back for their senior year.

Wellman will in all likelihood miss his senior year on the Bloodhound football team. Wellman handles the kicking duties and was coming into his own as a wideout and defensive back. Pothitakis was having the best start to a year ever.

But these two have to be asking why? They've put in all the hard work to excel at their craft and to have a very good chance at making the state tournament this year pulled from them is not only a gut-punch for them, but the whole team. This is still a solid team with Class 2A 2021 2nd-team all-state selection Mitchell Pothitakis still fronting the squad.

These two will play again and have a bright future ahead of them. But Lucy's parents are left with a much

heavier recalibration and a big hole in their hearts. We know that process... that pain.

The prize, although it seems more like an inhumane robbery right now, is the three years they got. Ours was the 20 years we got with Kels. Distractions and time should be the salve to the wounds of grief and remembering that life ultimately was the prize. Even when we get shortchanged, it's still the prize. The memories, the joy, and even the pain are part of that prize.

The fundraiser starts at 7 p.m. and money raised will be used to bring Lucy back home with her family and to offset costs associated with those efforts. The night will feature a music trivia with teams of eight for \$120 or \$15 per player.

Silent auction theme baskets will be on hand to bid on, and monetary donations are much appreciated. Let's bring this girl home to her family.

And along the lines of prizes, four Fort Madison boys went to the blue oval of Drake University for the 2022 Drake Relays. The boys finished in the top 1/3 of the field in the 4x100 with anchor speedster Tate Johnson running a 10.16 final leg, which was the 8th fastest time of the day in the high school boys division. Johnson also ran in the 100-meter dash.

It's an accomplishment that once again showcases the recent successes in Fort Madison extracurricular programs. The Lee County Robotics Team just ensnared a runner-up Rookie of the Year award at the International FIRST Robotics competition in Houston. The

building trades team will be headed to Atlanta in May to compete in the National Building Trades competition and I'm sure we'll see some runners at the state track meet next month.

We all suffer in life with loss and pain and injury, but these stories and others, including community efforts to help deaden the pain of the loss of a child, are the prizes we hang on for - But that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at [Charles.V@PenCityCurrent.com](mailto:Charles.V@PenCityCurrent.com).

## IWD receives national award

DES MOINES - Iowa Workforce Development was recognized today for its work to preserve integrity and efficiency in a critical area of its unemployment insurance (UI) system. Announced by the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA), the national award applauds IWD for its strong integration of the State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) to better serve employers and claimants.

IWD is one of 12 states to be recognized for their SIDES system performance in 2021. The award was presented at NASWA's 2022 SIDES Seminar in St. Louis, a gathering for state workforce members, employers, and third-party administrators to discuss developing trends in unemployment systems and how SIDES can be used to enhance integrity measures, streamline claims processing, and reduce agency costs.

"Iowa is once again a national leader when it comes to preserving the integrity, efficiency, and cost savings in our critical unemployment system," said Governor Kim Reynolds. "I commend IWD employees and their hard work in continuing to set the standard for how these systems can best serve all Iowans, even in the face of recent unprecedented challenges."

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Lee County, Iowa  
Board of Supervisors  
Agenda  
DATE: Monday,  
May 2, 2022  
MEETING  
CONVENING TIME:  
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
(CDT)  
LOCATION:  
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Pledge of Allegiance  
Approve Agenda  
Public Input

Consider Approval of Chief Elected Official Shared Liability Agreement with Mississippi Valley Workforce Area

Consider Approval of Funding Agreement with Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority for Broadband

Consider Approval of Letter to Iowa Utilities Board in Support of Revisions to County Pipeline Inspectors' Manual

Discussion of Additions to County Farm to Market System

Consider Approval to Replace Correctional Officer

Consider Approval to Replace Part-time Paramedic

Consider Approval of Business Property Tax Credits for 2021

Consider Approval of Class C Native Wine Permit for Appleberry Orchard

Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution

Consider Approval of Monday, April 25, 2022 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment Personnel Actions:  
A. New Hire-Conserva-

tion

Reports:

A. Manure Management Annual Update for Dobson Family Farms in Van Buren Township Commission or Committee Reports

Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (c)

Consider Approval to Accept Advice from Counsel Submitted During Closed Session  
Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 4, 2022**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug and Garry Seyb. Present electronically was Rich Harlow.

Absent: Rick Larkin and Ron Fedler.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: Sheriff Stacy Weber spoke with the Board about possibly amending the County's Animal Control Ordinance to add penalties for illegal breeding practices.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2022-63. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

**Resolution #2022-63**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY APPROVING SOUTHEAST IOWA LINK (SEIL) REGION 28E

WHEREAS, The Iowa Legislature has passed and the Iowa Governor

has signed SF619 an Act relating to mental health and disability services, to administer and distribute state appropriations in connection with the mental health and disability services regional service fund; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331 expresses the intent of the legislature that Mental Health and Disability Services shall be provided by counties operating together as Regions; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has participated in the initial SEIL 28E Agreement as a member county; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has been engaged in the development of the SEIL Region 28E amended documents; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Van Buren, and Washington have completed the 28E Agreement Amended document with unanimous approval and satisfaction from the SEIL Governing Board Directors,

BE IT RESOLVED that Lee County approves the SEIL Mental Health and Disability Services Region amended 28E.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lee County hereby authorizes Rick Larkin, (Board of Supervisor/Governance Board designate) to authorize and sign the finalized Amended 28E Agreement on behalf of Lee County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April 2022.

/s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Clerk to the Board.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Re-

garding Reimbursement from Southeast Iowa Link Mental Health Region for County Employees, Occupancy and Equipment. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve filling a part-time Security Officer position. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Resolution #2022-62. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

**Resolution #2022-62**

RESOLUTION ABATING CERTAIN TAXES AND DIRECTING THE TREASURER TO REMOVE THE PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted a written application for removal of a certain mobile home from the county system and the abatement of the taxes as uncollectible; and

WHEREAS, Section 445.16 provides in its material part:

If the Treasurer determines that it is impractical to pursue collection of the total amount due through tax sale and the personal judgment remedies, the treasurer shall make a written recommendation to the board of supervisors to abate the amounts due. The board of supervisors shall abate, by resolution, the amount due and direct the treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system.

Accordingly, NOW THEREFORE, based upon the written request by the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to section 445.16 the Board of Supervisors hereby by this Resolution abates the amount due and directs the Treasurer to strike the amount due

from the county system on the following mobile home. The mobile home shall be removed from the county system. Owner: Cierra Lyn Ridens 1975 W H KNAPP mobile home VIN-0102709154 56-AB61752N

Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 4th day of April, 2022.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve an update to the Pandemic Policy. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve Monday, March 28, 2022 Board Minutes. Motioned carried.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a new hire for EMS, Audrey Friday, Paramedic, \$20.16/hr., effective 4/4/22 and a new hire for the County Attorney's Office, Amanda Walden, Legal Secretary, \$17.17/hr., effective 4/4/22. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for C & M Hogs in Charleston Township.

Committee Reports: Harlow reported on a Children First Board

meeting. Seyb reported on a meeting with PV Pallet Company, a tour of the North Lee Courthouse and a meeting with the Sheriff regarding the Animal Control Ordinance.

At 10:25 a.m. a motion was made by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

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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 20, 2022

2. Approve hiring additional staff for the 2022 swimming pool season

3. Approve Liquor License renewal for MK

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consider the final reading of an Ordinance

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**  
**West Burlington City Hall**  
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**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

CLOSED SESSION  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

restricting parking on Division Street from Broadway to S. Gear Ave.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider the Renewal of Health, Dental & Life Insurance for 2022 with IGHCP
2. Consider a Resolution hiring Temporary Summer help for the Public Works Department
3. Consider a Resolution amending the City's Master Fee Schedule to include Swimming Pool Fees
4. Consider a Resolution approving funding for the 2022 4th of July Celebration
5. Consider the first reading of an Ordinance setting Water Rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
6. Consider the second 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

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

8. Consider the second 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 the second 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

10. Consider entering into a contract for Concession services at the Swimming Pool during the 2022 pool season.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

ADJOURN

### PUBLIC NOTICE West Burlington Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 20, 2022

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 20, 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, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andy Crowner

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Jesse Logan, Fire Chief/Building Inspector Shaun Ryan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, IT Administrator Brad Newberry, and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager

CALL TO ORDER

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL  
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young  
CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on April 6, 2022

- Approve payment to Bauer Built for tires - \$7,948.80

- Approve payment to Spear Financial, Inc. - \$7,100

- Approve payment to J&M Display for 2022 4th of July Fireworks Display - \$11,000

- Approve payment to Snyder & Associates for Engineering Services related to the Water Tower Project - \$16,000.81

- Approve Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for February 2022

- Approve payment of Claims as listed on the April 20, 2022 Expense Approval Report for \$156,651.01

Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

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

- ADMINISTRATOR:

- PUBLIC WORKS:

- POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

- CLERK/FINANCE/IT:

- OTHER STAFF REPORTS:

### COUNCIL REPORTS: COMMUNITY REPORTS:

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No inquiries.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mayor Teater opened the Public Hearing on a proposal to amend the Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and issue Taxable Sewer Revenue Improvement and Refunding Bond, Series 2022. In July of 2017, the City issued \$10,985,000 in Sewer Revenue Bonds. In October of 2020, the City

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issued \$1,189,000 in Sewer Revenue Bonds. The balance remaining on both loans is \$9,522,000. The proposed amended Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement will combine the two outstanding loans into one. Mayor Teater opened the floor for comments from the public. There were no written or verbal comments received. Mayor Teater closed the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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. Following the public hearing, Council considered a Resolution approving the Amendment to the SRF Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and providing for the issuance of the Taxable Sewer Revenue Improvement and Refunding Bond, Series 2022 in the amount of \$9,522,000.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Resolution authorizing and approving an amended Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Resolution setting a Public Hearing date of May 18, 2022 on the Budget Amendment for FY 2021-2022

Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to approve a Resolution setting a Public Hearing date of May 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. on the Budget Amendment for FY 2021-2022. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Discuss options for Concessions at the Swimming Pool for the 2022 pool season

Council discussed options for providing concessions during the 2022 swimming pool season. Staff presented two

options for the 2022 pool season, which included contracting with a food truck or using a vending service. Council agreed that they wanted to provide a hot food option and asked City Administrator Mandsager to draw up a contract to work with a mobile food truck to provide concession services during the 2022 pool season.

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

At the last meeting, a representative from COBO International, located along Division Street, asked Council to consider postponing the final reading of the Ordinance until they could budget for the expansion of their parking lot. The COBO representative indicated that he would be discussing the expansion with the company and would report back on their plans and timing for expansion. City Administrator Mandsager had not heard back from COBO regarding the time frame for their proposed expansion. Council agreed that they wanted to work with local businesses and agreed to table the final reading until the May 4, 2022 meeting.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to table the final reading of an Ordinance restricting parking on Division Street from Broadway to S. Gear Ave. until the May 4, 2022, Council Meeting. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young

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 Public Works Director Mike Brissey explained to Council that having tracer wire on water and sewer lines will make it easier to locate services in the future and is a requirement of the International Building Code. Council considered the first reading of an Ordinance

amending Section 90.11 of the City Code to include paragraph 90.11 (3) which reads as follows: "3. All newly constructed or reconstructed water service lines and mains shall have a tracer wire installed to locate the line. The tracer wire shall be a minimum size of 10 gauge, insulated, single-conductor copper wire, and run parallel with the pipe from the curb box to the meter setting. The tracer wire shall have a termination point above ground in an access box next to the curb box with a minimum of 2 feet of slack wire. The tracer wire access box is manufactured explicitly for this purpose and shall be purchased from the city."

Moved by Young, seconded by Johnson, to approve 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. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young

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

Council considered amending Chapter 96 of the City Code by adding a new paragraph 96.09 titled "Tracer Wire" that reads as follows: "96.09 TRACER WIRE. All newly constructed and reconstructed sewer lateral pipes and mains shall have a tracer wire installed for the purpose of locating the line. The tracer wire must be a minimum of 10 gauge, insulated, single-conductor copper wire and installed adjacent to and over the full piping length. The tracer wire must have an above-ground access box purchased from the city and placed at the cleanout, between the building drain and the sewer main. The Public Works Director or authorized city representative shall

determine the tracer wire termination."

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve 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. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young

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

Council discussed amending Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances to include a new Section 90.22

titled "THEFT OF SERVICES AND TAMPERING", to read as follows:

"90.22 THEFT OF SERVICES AND TAMPERING. No person or entity shall knowingly, without consent of the Public Works Director or an authorized representative of the City:

1. Open valves at the curb or meter that have been turned off by the Public Works Director or authorized City personnel;
2. Break, pick or damage cutoff locks;
3. By-pass water meter(s) in any way;
4. Use unmetered water from hydrants by anyone other than authorized City personnel;
5. Use sprinkler system water service for any purpose other than fire protection;
6. Remove, disable, or adjust water meters and water meter registers;
7. Connect to or intentionally damage water lines, valves, or other appurtenances to steal or damage utility equipment;
8. Move the meter or extend service without the permission of the Public Works Director;
9. Intentionally deface, destruct, or vandalize utility property or intentionally block or obstruct the use of utility equipment.

Any person or entity performing any of the

foregoing actions shall pay the City's costs of investigation, attorney's fees, repairs for any resulting damage and/or replacing any removed item(s) and be responsible for other liabilities resulting or arising from such tampering and/or theft. Any person or entity found responsible for the declared actions shall be in violation of the Code of Ordinances to which the standard penalties under Section 1.14 of the Code shall apply, and a citation may therefore be issued. In any case, where it cannot be determined who was being supplied, the property owner may be held responsible for the tampering or theft of service."

Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance adding a new Section 90.22 prohibiting theft of services and tampering with the water service system. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young

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 Council considered the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 91 of the City Code of Ordinances by adding a new Section 91.11 to read as follows:

"91.11 METER TAMPERING. No person, without the consent of the Public Works Director or a duly authorized representative of the City, shall remove, alter, adjust, manipulate, damage, disconnect, reconnect, or bypass any water meter. Any person or entity performing the foregoing actions shall pay the City's cost of investigation, attorney's fees, repairs for any resulting damage, replacement materials, or other liabilities resulting from such tampering. Any person or entity found responsible for the declared actions shall be in violation of the Code of Ordinance to which the standard penalties under

Section 1.14 of the Code shall apply, and a citation may therefore be issued. In any case, where it cannot be determined who was being supplied, the property owner may be held responsible for the tampering or theft."

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve 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. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution accepting Quit Claim from Westland Mall Realty Holding LLC for Lot P in Westland Mall Plat Two Subdivision (Re: Lot with drainage ditch) Westland Mall Realty Holding, LLC has agreed to transfer ownership of Lot P in the Westland Mall Plat Two Subdivision to the City of West Burlington. Lot P serves as a drainage area for a large area around the mall and Gear Ave. properties. Having the property in the City's name will allow for the property maintenance of the drainage area.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve a Resolution accepting the Quit Claim Deed for Lot P in the Westland Mall Plat Two Subdivision. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Potential action to ratify an agreement following the Exempt Session

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the Tentative Agreement with the Police Department Union as negotiated. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Johnson, Lees, and Young

**OLD BUSINESS**  
**CITIZEN INQUIRIES**  
**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Approved  
Ron Teater, Mayor  
Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

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## From the Front

# Henbit dotting area fields

# 2x4s for Hope on Tuesday agenda

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almost daily, we couldn't help but think of the educator we did not know. Love and peace to you, too, Nohema.

I took it home, but we had henbit on our evening salad. It's rather chewy and has a somewhat earthy taste with a slight minty smell. It's okay. No worse than parsley. One man's weed is another man's garden salad.

Henbit is back—perhaps in honor of Nohema also. Its pink or lavender color is beginning to dot the no-till farm land throughout Iowa and the Midwest. Henbit is an invasive weed that springs up quite rapidly this time of year and is a major source of irritation to farmers, not to mention it's a nutrient-and-moisture robber. Henbit is quite pretty and can be confused with a cover crop. A non-native plant, it gets its name because it was originally brought to the United States for chicken fodder. Now it has a stranglehold on spring planting. Artists like to paint and photograph fields of henbit, farmers like to eradicate it. On the plus side, the entire henbit plant, from stem to flower, is edible, and can be used in salads.

For all of you out there battling weight control, here's my best tip of the day. After struggling for years to reach what I consider to be my optimal desired weight of 180 lbs, and reaching it, now the fight becomes one of maintaining it, i.e., not going under or over 180 lbs, which can be tricky. I'm an aerobic exercise fanatic (or nut). Ginnie and I have our own dedicated exercise room, with two treadmills and one elliptical machine, that we use daily. I have discovered, after buckets of sweat, that 150 calories burned on the elliptical machine equates to one pound of weight loss. I always weigh myself before and after exercising. Therefore, if I'm 183 lbs before exercising, I know that I need to burn 450 calories on the elliptical

machine, which takes about 40 minutes (or if I'm 190 lbs, I need to, well, yikes!). 150 calories per pound of weight is a pretty good rule of thumb. It varies of course according to the individual, type of exercise and intensity. You can figure your own formula simply by weighing yourself before and after exercising. Do the math, avoid the fast.

My doctor tells me not to get too hung up on BMI (Body Mass Index). It was popular back in WW II as a gauge for military inductees. If I reached the desired BMI for my height, I'd be skin and bones. My high school football weight was 172 lbs. Will I settle for 180? U-be'tcha!

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Monitored customers would see the same percentage increases in volume charges from \$1.91 per 1,000 gallons currently to \$2.10 in July, \$2.31 in July of 2023, \$2.54 in July of 2024 and \$2.62 in July of 2025. Monitored customers are billed for a minimum of 30,000 gallons of water per month.

Past due fees will be subject to a 10% late fee.

The ordinance to amend the rates is being presented to the council on a first reading. Ordinances typically require three readings, but the third reading can be suspended if approved by the council.

Also on the agenda is the sale of 2833 Avenue J to 2x4s for Hope for \$1. The organization is planning to build a set of mini homes in the area for at-risk veterans.

The council will also be voting on a cost-share

agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to develop a fueling station and launching docks at the Fort Madison Marina, currently under construction.

The cost-share grant award from the DNR is not to exceed \$52,468 as a reimbursement and represents 75% of the actual cost of the improvements at the marina.

The council also has a resolution to consider that sets fees for the vacant building registration ordinance that's on its third and final reading for approval.

The fees would set a minimum \$10 annual fee for registering vacant buildings with the city. The fee is \$10 for buildings starting at 576 square feet. The fee increases incrementally after that for single family residences larger than 1,000 square feet at \$25 to

\$250/year for 20+ family residential units.

There are also fees for commercial/mixed use buildings of \$25 for up to 2,000 square feet, to \$250 for 20,000+ square feet. The rates on residential and commercial buildings double in the third year of the program and double again in the fourth year. Penalties for failure to register vacant properties with the city range from \$100/month to \$1,000 per month for large commercial buildings over 20,000 square feet.

The council amended the ordinance on the last reading two weeks ago to exempt property owners that show utilities active and insurance equal to the cost of demolition. The owners are exempted from the annual fees associated with the ordinance, but are not exempt from registering the property.

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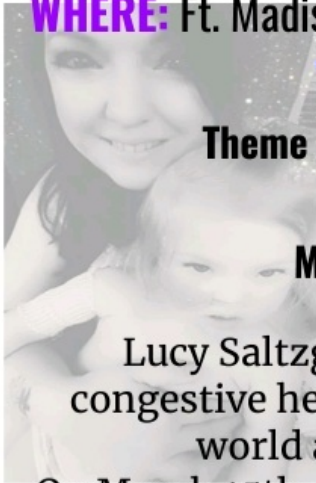
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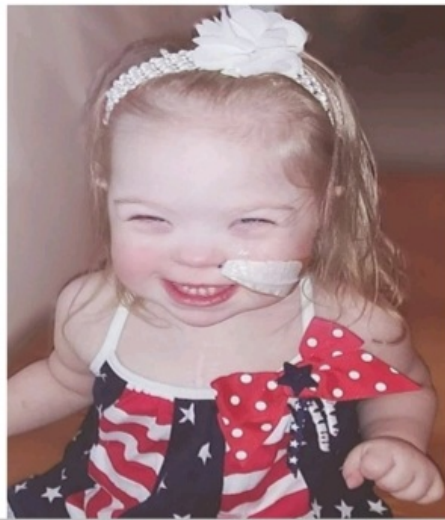
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**Town Wide Yard Sales** 8 a.m.  
**Live Music in Shelter House** 7 p.m.  
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### SATURDAY

**Breakfast at Fire Station** 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.  
**Town Wide Yard Sales** 8 a.m.  
**Custom Cars & Pickups** 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
**Wiffle Ball Game** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Sidewalk Chalk Contest** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
**Tractor Parade** 1 p.m.  
**Silver Steppers** 2:30 p.m.  
**Pedal Tractor Pulls** 2:30 p.m.  
**Live Auction** 4 p.m.  
**Pork Meal in Shelter House** 5 p.m.  
**Live Music in Shelter House** 5:30 p.m.  
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### SUNDAY

**Breakfast at Church** 7:30 a.m.  
**Church in Shelter House** 10 a.m.  
**Ham Ball Dinner at Church** 11 a.m.  
**Tractor Parade** 1 p.m.

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