

# P.A.W. to start build



Courtesy photo

The Fort Madison P.A.W. Animal Shelter is hoping to break ground on their new \$5 million Adoption Center and Shelter by the end of the summer.

## **DONATION:** Anonymous benefactor helps building campaign funding

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A large benefactor has put a \$5 million new animal shelter in Fort Madison back on track.

According to Brad Walker, president of the the P.A.W. Animal Shelter, construction of the new animal shelter will begin this summer.

Fundraising for the new shelter project suffered during the pandemic but an anonymous donation has put the project actually in front of fundraising goals.

Although the total \$5 million hasn't been raised, Walker said enough has been secured to begin construction and fundraising will continue to finish off the project. He said the board is doing everything it can to stick to the \$5 million cost that was projected several years ago, despite increased costs of construction goods.

Schickedanz Construction of Fort Madison has been hired as the contractor for the work.

"We're trying to remain around that level so we've scaled some things back, but we still plan on having the structure up by this time next year and be in it. Then we'll finish it as we go," Walker said.

"Fundraising will continue to go on. We'd like to have some money left in the bank for operations to keep us in the black

every month. We don't have it all raised yet, but we're hoping the money we do have will get us 75% of the way there."

Protectors of Animal Welfare of North Lee County, better known as P.A.W. Animal Shelter has been serving Fort Madison and Lee County for well over 40 years. The last 30 out of their current building located at 2031 48th Street.

In late 2010, a new Director was hired to oversee P.A.W. and things would soon begin to change. New staff, fundraisers, and most importantly – more animals being adopted.

The new facility is designed to be efficient, easy to navigate, and will allow the public to have a more hands-on approach to the animals waiting to be adopted. There will be inside/out kennel runs so no animals will be living outside- a "MUST have", according to P.A.W. Director Sandy Brown.

The new shelter and adoption center will have Meet-n-Greet Rooms. Cats will be on one designated side, dogs housed on the other. Nurseries, a true isolation room, play areas, a surgery room for spay clinics, laundry rooms, and much, much more.

Throughout the last 12 years, P.A.W. has grown from adoption of 75 animals a year to consistently adopting well over 600-800 animals a year. They now have pets in 29 states as well as Germany and St Croix.

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## EDUCATION NEWS

# Bids delayed in FMCS D construction project

District extends bidding time frame in hopes of getting more bidders

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Another slight delay has hit the Fort Madison Community School District facility improvement project.

Bids were supposed to have been opened last week in an afternoon special session of the FMCS D board of directors, but that bid opening was delayed two weeks to allow for more bid interest.

At Monday's regular meeting of the board, Chris Smith, Vice President of Construction with Carl A. Nelson, told the board the company isn't getting the commitments they'd like to see for the work.

The district is bidding projects that will ultimately close the current Lincoln and Richardson Elementary buildings and move them into space on the campus of the Fort Madison Middle School. Additionally, 7th and 8th graders will be moved to the Fort Madison High School campus, putting all students on the two campuses.

The Fort Madison Middle School will become a Prek-6th grade facility and the high school will house 7th-12th grades.

"There's more people on the fence than what we'd like," Smith said Monday.

"We'd like more people to be firm commitments. It's just a sign of the busy market right now. It's our hope that with this two-week extension will give people some time to work on it, and attract more bidders."

In August, Carl A. Nelson informed the

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## WEATHER

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**WED 18 May**..... Rain, 76° F/ 62° F  
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**FRI 20 May**..... Rain, 74° F/ 61° F

## IOWA LOTTERY

**LUCKY FOR LIFE 05/16**.....2 10 11 18 22, Lucky Ball: 17  
**PICK 3 05/16 MIDDAY**.....10 0  
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**PICK 4 05/16 EVENING**.....7 7 4 3  
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### KATHLEEN M. BLINT

Kathleen Mary Blint, 76 years, of Lincoln, Nebraska died at 12:55 a.m. Friday, May 6, 2022. She was born on September 3, 1945, to Henrietta and Ralph (Pomberg) Blint at Sacred Heart



BLINT

Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa. She earned a degree in Social Sciences from Marycrest College in 1967, Davenport, Iowa. She went on to become an English Language Arts and Social Studies teacher and a track coach at Pilgrim Park Junior High in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. She was on the board of directors for the Elm Brook Education Association. After marrying she moved to Colorado, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and then finally to Nebraska.

She was a huge fan of The Nebraska Cornhuskers and never missed watching a game, although at heart she would always remain an Iowa Hawkeye. She often had all the televisions in the house set to watch football games at once. She would get very animated, cheerlead, and wear her "special Huskers shirt."

She loved to cook and was skilled at adapting recipes to make them healthier for the family. She was famous for her hors d'oeuvres and appetizers. Her secret: she added garlic to everything! The meal was always on her schedule, it might have been late, but it was worth the wait. She was an avid gardener from vegetables to flowers. She enjoyed working on landscaping and manicuring the yard.

She absolutely adored dogs and for 20 years there was

always at least one dog by her side. She was a "dog mom" to 6 large-breed dogs over the years. Her Norwegian Elkhound, Brandy, was her favorite, they seemed to have similar personalities. She always said she wouldn't allow them inside the house, but every winter ALL the dogs were welcomed and warm in the house each with their own blanket.

You could often find her at the kitchen table applying her makeup, drinking her coffee, reading the newspaper, folding paper napkins while simultaneously watching "her show." They were all her shows. She watched every episode of Remington Steele, Murder She Wrote and Hart to Hart.

She loved to dress up and she had a large collection of costume jewelry to coordinate her look. She enjoyed talking about paper dresses with Nicole and seeing the latest photo shoot. She really enjoyed dancing if country music was playing. She became a supporter of the Omaha Symphony and often attended shows with friends.

She loved supporting her grandson, Britton, and attended all his school functions, birthdays, and events. She was very proud and showed everyone in the nursing home all of the pictures from the varsity bowling team. She loved when her niece, Sara, would send pictures of her family. She enjoyed hearing about Connor, Mason, and Reagan's accomplishments back home in Iowa.

As the Nebraska winter would settle in, she would put up her lighted village and plan her annual trip via train to Iowa

for Thanksgiving or Christmas on the farm. She loved to make Christmas chocolates and sweets every year for family and friends.

Survivors include her stepdaughter; Nicole Battelle Van Hook and grandson: Britton Van Hook of Lincoln, Nebraska; Niece and Nephew-in-law: Sara and Brian Holvoet of Wever, Iowa; Great Niece and Nephews: Reagan Holvoet, Mason Holvoet and Connor Holvoet of Wever, Iowa; Nephew: Craig Blint of Fort Madison, Iowa, Sister-in-Law: Tina Blint of Fort Madison, Iowa. Thank you to her lifelong friends Bill Graf and Jan Wojciuk-Graf of Tucson, Arizona. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Larry Blint.

Kathleen's family will greet friends 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2022 at the Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home in West Point. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow and begin at 1:00 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2022 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, with Father Dennis Hoffman as celebrant. Burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery, West Point. Memorials may be made to the Nebraska Humane Society and the West Point Public Library in loving memory of Kathleen, contributions may be mailed to the Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home, P.O. Box 247, West Point, Iowa 52656 or left at the funeral home and church during the time of services. Barr-Holtkamp Funeral Home is honored to serve the Blint (Battelle) family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrholtkampfuneralhome.com](http://www.barrholtkampfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### KENNETH J. ALMENDINGER

Kenneth John Almendinger Jr., 80, of Burlington, died at 3:25 AM Sunday, May 8, 2022, at his home.

Born November 6, 1941, in Burlington, he was the son of Kenneth John and Pauline Melba Peterson Almendinger Sr. He married Bettie Jean Ford. They later divorced.



ALMENDINGER

Kenneth graduated from Burlington High School in 1962. He lettered in track, baseball and football.

He worked at his father's TV repair business then drove for Hostess/Wonder Bread for 26 years before retiring.

Kenneth met with a group of classmates once a month for a class reunion. He enjoyed fishing, camping and duck hunting. Kenneth was always able to make people laugh and loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include one son, John Almendinger of Burlington; three daughters, Kim (Kevin) Long of Burlington, Trina Menken of Riverview, FL, and Kendra (Sean) Brockett of Valrico, FL; 10 grandchildren, Natasha Long, Zackery Almendinger, Tyler Almendinger, Nikki (Jeff) Grim, Randi Almendinger, Dillon Long, Hunter Menken, Ashton, Carson, and Holton Brockett; one great-grandchild, Adalee Almendinger; one sister, Mary Granaman of Burlington; one brother, David Almendinger of Burlington; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Cheryl Almendinger and his great-granddaughter, Alexis Long.

Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM Friday, May 13, 2022 at Prugh-Thielen Funeral Home.

The funeral service for Mr. Almendinger will be 2:00 PM Friday, May 13, 2022, at Prugh-Thielen Funeral Home. Burial will be in Aspen Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Diabetic Research. Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements. Condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Kenneth's obituary at [www.prughfuneral.com](http://www.prughfuneral.com).

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### VERA M. NEUENDORF

Vera Mae Neuendorf, 92, long-time resident of the Keokuk area, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at Montrose Health Center in Montrose, Iowa.

Vera was born at home in rural Farmington, Iowa, on June 12, 1929, the daughter of James Edward and Vacil Mae (Park) Anthony. She attended Farmington, Iowa high school. Vera was united in marriage to Jackie "Jack" Ferris Neuendorf on September 24, 1947. He preceded her in death on June 19, 2015.

Vera was employed as a bank teller at Farmington Bank where she made many friends. Then she discovered her love for sewing and became an extremely talented seamstress. Vera had a revolving door of people in her home for fittings. She also enjoyed gardening in her spare time. Vera was a 4H leader and a Sunday School teacher. She attended First Baptist Church and United Presbyterian Church of Keokuk. Vera always considered raising her children as her most important and treasured job.

Vera is survived by two children: Mark (Kelly) Neuendorf and Debby (Stephen) Baum, both of Keokuk, Iowa; three grandchildren: Patrick Willis (Carmalitta) Baum, Andrea Melody (Casey) Long and Michael Anthony Neuendorf and several great-grandchildren. Vera is preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk followed by a family luncheon and then burial at the Sharon Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at the funeral home from 2:00 to 7:00 P.M. with family meeting friends from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Memorials may be directed to the Sharon Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com). DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk, Iowa, is in charge of arrangements.



NEUENDORF

## OBITUARIES

### MARY CAMERON

Mary "Janet" Cameron, 82, of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

She was born May 3, 1940 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of John C. and Vera Replinger Cameron. Janet graduated from Kahoka High School with the class of 1959. She attended Patricia Stevens College.

Janet was a member of Cameron Farm Inc., All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk and the Keokuk Hospital Auxiliary.

Janet loved farm life and especially loved spending time on the family farm riding her horse, Kokomo.

She was a talented saxophone player in her younger years and played in the Kahoka High School Band and enjoyed sewing and embroidery work throughout her life. Janet liked to roller skate and she also enjoyed to ride her moped in parades. She loved animals and had many pets through the years.

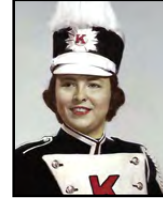
She is survived by two sisters, Jeanne Albertin (Marc) of Atlanta, IL and Clare Schmidt (Dick) of Lincoln, IL, one brother, Lawrence Cameron (Debra) of Keokuk and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, John C. Cameron, Jr.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, at All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk with Reverend David Brownfield, Ph.D. officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m., Saturday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with the family meeting with friends at that time.

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



CAMERON

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### MARY JO GRIFFIN

Mary "Jo" Griffin passed away Thursday, May 5th, 2022, after a short stay at the Ocala Regional Hospital in Ocala, Florida. She was born in Burlington, Iowa on November 18, 1937, to Harry Kirkpatrick and Wilma Genevieve (Raines) Smith. At a young age she met and fell in love with James "Jim" Griffin, and they later married. They were together for 39 years until his passing in March 1995. Together they had 5 children. She was a homemaker.



GRIFFIN

Jo was preceded in death by her mother and father, husband, youngest son Marty Griffin (October 21, 2009), youngest brother David Asher and oldest sister Ilene John. She is survived by two sons; James J Griffin II of Austin, TX, and Clark Griffin and wife Nannette of Ft. Madison, Iowa, two daughters; Vickie Thomas and husband David of Ocala, FL, and Sharri Powell and husband Billy of Harrisburg, IL. Jo also was survived by a brother, Larry Kirkpatrick, and 4 sisters, Annalee Lockridge, Judy Harding, Linda Neff and Connie Franklin. Also surviving her were 14 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Everyone that knew her knows how devoted she was to her family. She would always welcome anyone to her home with open arms. She loved to cook, sew, knit, quilt, arts and crafts, and gardening. She loved animals, especially dogs, listening to music and most of all she loved to be around laughter.

Graveside services will be held at Metropolis Memorial Gardens on Saturday, May 21st, 2022 at 2:00 pm.

The family would like to thank the staff at Ocala Regional Hospital, TimberRidge Nursing and Rehab in Ocala Florida as well as Eldorado Rehab and Healthcare in Eldorado Illinois, for the wonderful care and love they provided to her.

## OBITUARIES

### KYLE E. SAVAGE

Kyle Edward Savage, 36, of Keokuk, passed away on Monday, May 9, 2022, at University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

A lifelong resident of Keokuk, Kyle was born on July 19, 1985, in Keokuk, the son of Kirk and Ramona (Stott) Savage. He graduated from Keokuk Senior High in 2004 and worked at Roquette as an operator from 2014 until his passing. Kyle loved being on the river, fixing up his jet skis, and working in his garage. He adored his dog Oscar and loved to cruise in his station wagon and his custom-built side-by-side. Kyle was always road-tripping and the leader of many shenanigans. Kyle was a salvage expert and knew no stranger. He was known for the life he brought to his work in the garage as well as being the life of the party.



SAVAGE

Kyle is survived by his parents Kirk and Ramona Savage of Keokuk; his daughter Madlyn Ashley of Edwardsville, Illinois; his maternal grandmother Judy Stott of Keokuk; two brothers: Dustin (Amanda) Savage of Keokuk and Brandon (Nicole) Savage of Canton, Missouri; his girlfriend Heather Sparrow and her children Ethan and Tyler Sparrow, all of Keokuk; nine nieces; one great-niece; two great-nephews; several aunts, uncles and cousins; and many close friends.

Kyle is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Ramo Stott and his paternal grandparents Clarence and Virginia Savage.

Funeral services will be held at 7 pm on Friday, May 13, 2022, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk, with visitation at the funeral home from 4 to 7 pm on Friday directly before the service. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Kirk or Ramona Savage for Madlyn's education fund or a river safety program.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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**PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS MONTROSE COUNCIL MEETING MAY 5, 2022**

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Present: Holland, Junkins, Rubey, Uhlmeier.

Absent: Sciumbato  
Motion carried approving Consent Agenda as written. All ayes. April 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; April 2022 Treasurer's Report. Payment of Claims.

Receipts: Gen \$101866.03; RUT \$11238.54; Trust & Agency \$340.00; Water \$13329.49; Sewer \$10742.26.

Disbursements: Gen \$41521.42; RUT \$6777.36; Water \$11494.88; Sewer \$12722.27.

**Claims Paid:**

AIRGAS-LEASE RE-NEWAL..... 353.50

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Re-elect Rob Sand as State Auditor**

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ALLIANT (PD)-ELECTRICITY..... 1,963.48  
ALLIANT ENERGY-STREET LIGHTS ..... 1,387.73  
AMERICAN EYE CARE-CONS/PRO FEE .. 856.20  
BAIER, JIM-REPAIR/MAINT ..... 226.03  
BLOMME TRUCKING-MAINTENANCE ..... 93.90  
CITY OF FORT MADISON-TESTING ..... 480.00  
COMPASS MINERALS-SNOW REMOVAL SUPPLIES ..... 2,173.65  
D.A. TIRES-REPAIR ..... 10.70  
DAILY DEMOCRAT-LEGAL PUBLICATION ..... 226.31  
DARKSIDE TINT & GRAPHIX (PD)-SUPPLIES ..... 3,826.00  
GATEHOUSE IOWA HOLDINGS-ADVERTISING JOB ..... 115.20  
GRAY QUARRIES-STREET SUPPLIES ..... 2,691.94  
GRRWA-INT WASTE FEE..... 359.00  
HUFFMAN'S-SUPPLIES/REPAIR/MAINTENANCE ..... 314.47  
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES-SUPPLIES ..... 110.00  
KEYSTONE LABS-TESTING ..... 263.75  
KOHLMORGAN-GARBAGE FEE..... 2,233.00  
LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT (PD)-AGENCIES ..... 150.00  
LIBERTY UTILITIES-NATURAL GAS

USAGE ..... 850.91  
LYNCH DALLAS ATTORNEY-ATTORNEY FEE ..... 52.50  
MCFARLAND-SWAN OFC-SUPPLIES ... 239.53  
MEDIACOM (PD)-PHONE..... 46.19  
MONTROSE SEWER DEPR-TRANSFER TO SAVINGS..... 4,380.33  
MONTROSE SEWER RESERVE-TRANSFER TO SAVINGS..... 33.33  
MONTROSE WATERWORKS DE&IF-TRANSFER TO SAVINGS ..... 3,598.83  
MUDDY MISSISSIPPI GUNS & AMMO-SUPPLIES ..... 572.00  
RATHBUN REG WATER ASSO-WATER USAGE ..... 4,742.40  
RUBE'S LOCK & KEY-MAINTENANCE ..... 227.36  
SHADETREE AUTOMOTIVE-REPAIRS..... 290.02  
UHLMEYER, JEFF-SUPPLIES ..... 85.78  
UHLMEYER, JEFF (PD)-SUPPLIES ..... 1,171.84  
VERIZON-WIRELESS ..... 80.02  
VISA (PD)-JOB APPS; POSTAGE; SUPPLIES ..... 656.95  
WELLMARK BC/BS (PD)-GROUP INSURANCE ..... 4,374.47

Totals per fund:  
Gen \$14509.66;  
RUT \$6310.84; Water \$11264.14; Sewer \$7152.68.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

Motion carried approving the City's FY2022 Budget Amendment. Roll call voting 4-0 aye.

Motion carried waiving the second reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, IOWA BY CHANGING THE TIME OF COUNCIL MEETING FROM 7:00

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p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Roll call voting 4-0 aye.

Motion carried approving third reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, IOWA BY CHANGING THE TIME OF COUNCIL MEETING FROM 7:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Roll call voting 4-0 aye.

Motion carried to put in the form of an ordinance changing the fee for a cemetery grave from \$200.00 to \$400.00. All ayes.

Motion carried to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All ayes.

Matt Mullins, Mayor  
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**May 18, 2022 - 6:00 PM**  
**West Burlington City Hall**  
**122 Broadway Street**

#### REVISED AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
ROLL CALL  
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approve minutes from the Special City Council meeting on May 4, 2022
  2. Approve minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on May 4, 2022
  3. Approve Liquor License renewal for Casey's 501 E. Mt. Pleasant
  4. Approve payment to Dorse & Whitney for legal

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services related to the 2022 G.O. Bond Issuance - \$9,000

5. Approve payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the Water Tower Booster Station Project - \$19,600.81

6. Approve payment to Boomerang Corporation for work completed on the Water Tower & Booster Station Project - Pay Request #13 - \$155,752.50

7. Approve application for Five-Year Residential Tax Abatement for Mary Klein, 520 Vernon

8. Approve payment to Karen Dewey for mileage reimbursement for Planning & Zoning Commission conference - \$91.26

9. Consider hiring additional staff for the Swimming Pool

10. Approve the purchase of Firehose nozzles and ground monitor package from Sandry Fire Supply - \$13,796.50

11. Approve the purchase of Extrication Equipment for the Fire Department from Heilmann - \$20,000

12. Approve the purchase of Genesis tools for the Fire Department from Sandry Fire Supply - \$12,992

13. Approve Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for March 2022

14. Approve payment of Claims as listed on the 051822, Expense Approval Report - \$312,835.67

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

- ADMINISTRATOR:
- PUBLIC WORKS:
- POLICE DEPARTMENT:
- FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:
- CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
- OTHER STAFF REPORTS:
- COUNCIL REPORTS:
- COMMUNITY RE-

PORTS:

a. Jeremy Hess, Economic Development Director will give an update from the Greater Burlington Partnership

b. Sara Sandburg, Airport Director & Hans Trousil, West Burlington's Representative on the Airport Board will give an update on Southeast Iowa Regional Airport Authority CITIZEN INQUIRIES PUBLIC HEARING

1. Budget Amendment for FY2021-2022 NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a Resolution approving the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

2. Consider options for vending services at the West Burlington Swimming Pool

3. Consider donating daily admission passes to the Burlington Public Library for their summer reading program

4. Consider amending Resolution 2022-20 - Wages for Swimming Pool Employees

5. Consider the second reading of an Ordinance setting Water Rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

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

8. Consider the final 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 final

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 a Resolution of Support for a Workforce Housing Tax Credit application

OLD BUSINESS CLOSED SESSION

1. Council will hold a Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5.1(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

2. Council will hold an Exempt Session related to Non-union/Exempt Personnel in accordance with Iowa Code Section 497.8.3 and 21.9.

3. Council will hold a Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5.1 (j) "To discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property."

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## Iowa News/From the Front

# Shelter hopes to break ground in September

**PETS** - Continued from Page 1

Walker said he's flattered at how the community has supported P.A.W. efforts at a time when there is so much need.

"There's plenty of worthy causes out there and we're just trying to fill a need. There's mental health and child care and people in need. But we've been lucky enough to have good support no matter what," he said.

P.A.W. also works closely with the Lee Co. Sheriff's Dept., the Fort Madison Police Department, as well as other local law enforcement in the surrounding areas, taking in strays and animals pulled by animal control officers. P.A.W. is the largest no-kill facility in the area.

The talk of a new shelter began in 2018 when the board was given the opportunity to purchase four acres just north of their current location. Knowing "someday" would come, P.A.W. Animal Shelter purchased the property along with two acres they had been leasing for the last 30 years.

All the land was paid in full in 2019.

Dolly Stancil, who has served on the shelter board for the past 32 years, said the new building will be a tremendous upgrade from current facilities.

"It's almost like a palace compared to what we're sitting in now. It's going to be so fantastic. Right now, there is no meet-and-greet for people to visit with the dog. We don't have that now. You're either out in the weather or you're crowded in this little place up front. It's not going to be that way in this new facility," Stancil said.

She said initial estimates approached \$10 million, but she said the board was very frugal in cutting from plans to create a sustainable project that was about half the costs.

"We've got a very nice plan now. We're still doing fundraisers and taking donations, but it's our hope that no later than September we're breaking ground."

The new facility will also have an on-boarding room where animals coming into the facility can be screened and treated, and even segregated if presenting with any diseases.

Brown wrote in the release that the new adoption center and shelter will be a place the community and those that have supported the shelter operations so faithfully can be proud of.

"We could not have done this without your faithful support, generosity, and belief in what we do," she wrote.

Anyone wishing to donate to the P.A.W. Building fund may do so by clicking on the donation button on their website ([pawfortmadison.com](http://pawfortmadison.com)) use their Pay Pal, Venmo, mail to 2031 48th Street, Fort Madison, IA 52627, or by taking your donation to Lee Co Bank and Trust, 801 Ave. F, Fort Madison, IA.

# Board refuses to table agenda item at board members request

**BOARD** - Continued from Page 1

board that the project, which was originally slated to begin this summer, had to be delayed about a year due to pandemic-related supply chain issues. Procuring materials for construction work has been an issue globally, but the project is still planned for an Aug. 2024 completion.

The first phase of the construction, which includes getting all the students into the two facilities, is estimated to cost around \$25 million. Additional phases of improvements to the facilities are also under consideration and would require other funding mechanisms to implement.

In other action, the board:

- approved master contracts with the Fort Madison Education Association, and bargaining agreements with the Teamsters Units and AFSCME. Board member Brad Menke voted against all the agreements after asking to have them all tabled for further discussion.

- approved salary lists and supplemental salary schedules for the 2022-23 school year.

# Cedar Rapids woman behind Beckett waiver dies

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Human Services was deeply saddened to learn of Julianne "Julie" Beckett's passing. Ms. Beckett, of Cedar Rapids, was a pioneering advocate and champion for children with serious and complex medical issues.

Julie was a wife and mother from Cedar Rapids whose daughter, Katie, contracted a brain infection when she was five months old, resulting in a lifelong need for supportive care. Katie lived in a hospital for two years until the family's private insurance reached its maximum benefit limit. Medicaid then covered her care, but at that time, the Medicaid program only supported hospital-based care, meaning Katie's complex care needs wouldn't be covered if she was discharged. Julie knew she could care for her daughter at home and resolved to change the system. Julie's tireless advocacy gained the attention of President Ronald Reagan and, in 1982, he signed what became known as the "Katie Beckett waiver," which allows children with serious and complex medical needs, for the first time, to receive Medicaid supports at home.

Katie went home and lived a life full of friends and family. Like her mom, she also became an advocate for others. Katie passed away at the age of 34 on May 18, 2012, outliving her doctor's initial life expectancy three times over. Julie consistently expressed her certainty that Katie's life - both in quality and quantity - were significantly improved because she was able to be supported at home.

Katie Beckett waiver programs became the foundation for Medicaid home and community-based supports across the United States. The program has improved the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of children with complex medical needs by allowing them to be cared for in their home and not in an institution. Until her passing, Julie continued her advocacy for community integration, including supporting recent DHS initiatives to improve and expand community-based options for Iowans.

Julie dedicated her life to championing the cause of children with complex medical needs. While we mourn her passing, we also celebrate the life of an Iowan whose work touched the lives of countless children and families across the United States. Julie will be deeply missed.



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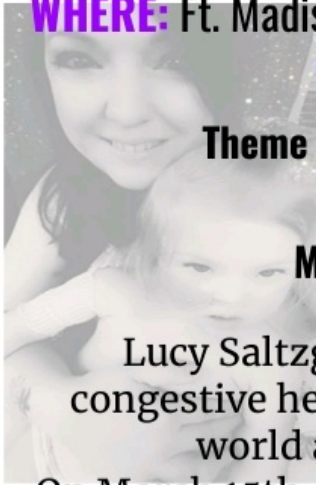
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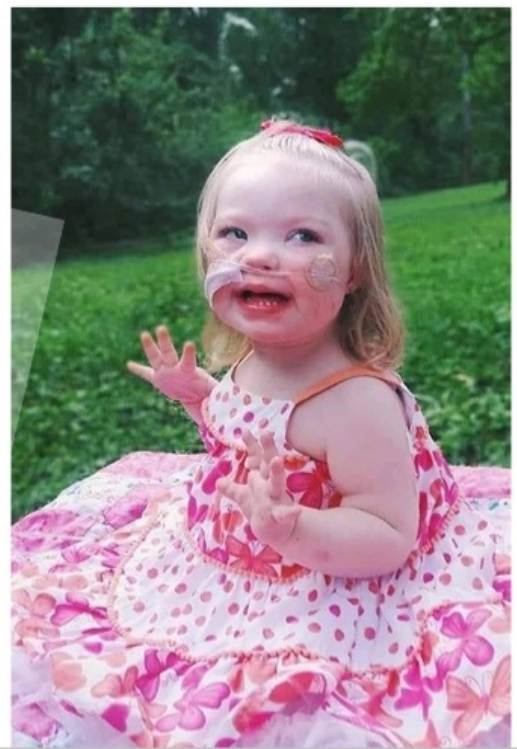
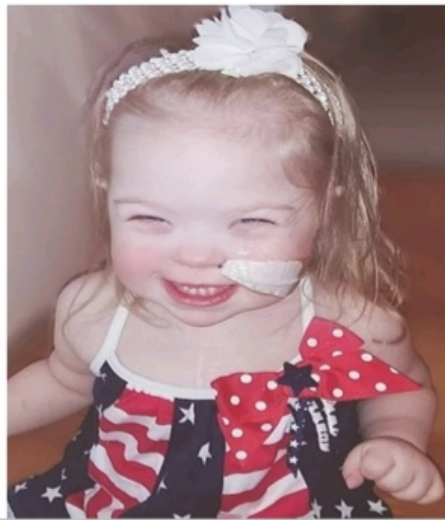
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**Town Wide Yard Sales** 8 a.m.  
**Live Music in Shelter House** 7 p.m.  
 by Stump Town.

### 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.  
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