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## OCl inks deal with Navigator

**IOWA FERTILIZER:** Companies to partner in carbon capture services

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Navigator CO2 Ventures LLC (“Navigator”) announced today that it has entered into an agreement with OCI N.V.’s wholly-owned Iowa Fertilizer Company facility (“OCI”) to provide CO2 transportation and storage services on its carbon capture and storage (CCS) system, the Heartland Greenway.

The project is backed by BlackRock’s Global Energy & Power Infrastructure Fund III, which invests in essential, long-term infrastructure assets, and is commercially anchored by Valero.

The agreement signed by both companies outlines the key terms for Navigator to provide CO2 transportation and storage services under a long-term agreement for up to 1,130,000 metric tons of CO2 per year, equivalent to the carbon emissions of approximately 245,000 vehicles driven annually. The project will have two phases, with the first phase focused on process gas representing approximately 500,000 metric tons of CO2 per year, and the second phase for the balance, subject to regulatory enhancements

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## VACCINES

### District court judge enjoins CMS mandate

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A Missouri U.S. District Court judge has granted a petition on behalf of the state of Missouri to enjoin 10 states, including Iowa, from enforcing a mandate from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that requires all health care providers getting Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements to be vaccinated.

Judge Matthew T. Schelp issued the order Monday writing that the “CMS likely did not lawfully enact its mandate” and “the plaintiffs have put forth evidence this mandate would have a detrimental effect on the health and well-[being] of their citizens.”

Hospitals and health care providers already suffering staffing shortages would experience additional workforce issues if the mandate was upheld, Schelp wrote in his order.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

The cast of “It’s A Wonderful Life” takes their spots for the live radio play at Old Fort Players during a dress rehearsal Monday night. The production takes stage starting Friday in downtown Fort Madison.

## HOLIDAY PRODUCTION

### OFP players bring radio to life this weekend

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Old Fort Playhouse gets turned into a radio sound stage for the holiday production of “It’s A Wonderful Life” coming this weekend to historic downtown Fort Madison.

Paul Wilkerson takes on the role of the hard-luck, but blessed, George Bailey in the live radio play that takes the stage Friday-Sunday Dec. 3-5, and 10-12. Friday and Saturday shows open at 7:30, while Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m.

Wilkerson is in his first ever role in the Old Fort Players and plays

alongside wife Bonnie Wilkerson who takes on the role of Mary Hatch Bailey.

Wilkerson’s reads carry the emotion of the 1946 play made famous by Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. The two bring the holiday classic to

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## WEST POINT

### Club hosts Wine & Beer Walk

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – A little holiday season seasoning will be going on Friday on the square in West Point.

The West Point Community Club’s annual Wine & Beer Walk will be taking place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the square with 10 vendors sharing local spirits, while a different kind of spirit will be taking place at the American Legion Hall.

The Club this year is creating a Hat-and-Mitten Tree where donat-

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**TUE 30 Nov**.....Overcast, 54° F/ 40° F  
**WED 01 Dec**.....Light Rain, 59° F/ 43° F  
**THU 02 Dec**.....Scattered Clouds, 66° F/ 48° F

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### RANDY R. FLAMBEAU

Randy Rhea Flambeau, 69, of Warsaw, IL passed away suddenly on November 26, 2021 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.



FLAMBEAU

He was born on March 9, 1952 in Keokuk, IA the son of Rhea and Ferne Flambeau.

Randy graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1970. He graduated from Muscatine Community College in 1972 and then graduated from Northeast Missouri State University in 1974.

On July 22, 1972 Randy was united in marriage to the love of his life Kay Satterthwaite in the outdoor garden of the Laura Musser Art Museum in Muscatine, IA.

Randy was a school teacher for seven years. He was proud of his unconventional classroom setup including no desks, a bathtub reading corner, a treehouse, and all sorts of unique classroom animals.

He was also the proud owner of Prime Cuts Sound and Light Shows and Photo by Flambo for over 40 years. He successfully grew Prime Cuts to an eight unit sound show business providing music and entertainment to the tri-state area. This was more than just a business to him, he absolutely loved making people feel special no matter if it was photographing a senior portrait or DJ'ing a great party for a new bride and groom.

Randy and Kay made lots of memories over the years while running their nightclub "In The Mood." He was a talented drummer and a member of Fifth Avenue Funk, The Aliens, Midwest, and many other bands around the area. Randy was the life of the party where he could always be found dancing, telling hilarious stories, and having fun. He was most known for his love of music.

For years you could find him with his family out on the Mississippi River cruising on the Flamboat or watching the sunset from their campground. He was also an avid NASCAR fan. He found joy in designing and building many outdoor projects including a beautiful log cabin for his family on the Lake of the Oaks. Randy was so proud of his family. He absolutely adored his 11 grandkids. But most of all, he cherished the love of his life Kay. At any time you could ask him how long they had been together and he could tell you down to the day.

He is survived by his wife Kay of Warsaw IL; his four children Amber Schierberg (Earl Gardner) of Port Clinton OH; Kaila (Javier) Ruan of Yorktown VA; Jaun-Paul (Whittany) Flambeau of Quincy IL; and Rhea Flambeau (Brianna Steinkamp) of Carthage IL; his brother Larry (Gwynn) Flambeau of Keokuk IA; eleven grandchildren; Taylor, Brody, Oakley Schierberg; Roselani, Randi, and Javi Ruan; Khi and "Baby C" Flambeau; Aiden, Lincoln, and Shepherd Flambeau; and many nieces and nephews that he cared greatly about.

He was preceded in death by his mother Ferne Flambeau Eppers, father, Rhea Flambeau, step-father, Chuck Eppers, sister, Linda Schilson, brother, Roger Flambeau, and his in-laws, Paul and Verna Satterthwaite.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 30th at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 30th, after 12 p.m. with the family meeting with friends from 1p.m. until time of service at 3pm.

After the service, the family has asked you to join them in a celebration of life at the Southside Boat Club from 4-6pm.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

## OBITUARIES

### DENNIS A. MEKEMSON

Dennis Alan Mekemson passed away on November 10, 2021, from Frontotemporal Dementia, at home with his loving family by his side in Libertyville, IL. Beloved husband of Sheryl Schrepfer-Mekemson, sweethearts from the age of 16, dedicated father to son Newell (Matthew) Mekemson and daughter Catherine Mekemson, both of San Diego, CA.



MEKEMSON

Preceded in death were his parents G. Earl and Pauline (Green) Mekemson formerly of Fort Madison IA, sister Kay Lynne Myers, Kansas City, MO, Stanton and Ernestine Schrepfer formerly of Fort Madison, IA. He is survived by his brother Dr. Robert (Laura) Mekemson of Exeter, CA and brother-in-law Charles Myers, Kansas City, MO.

He loved all his in-laws: notably, his Mother and Father in law, Ernestine and Stanton Schrepfer, formerly of Fort Madison, IA, who considered him a third son; Terry and Paulette (Davis) Schrepfer, Fort Madison IA, Sheila (Schrepfer) and Dana Rodenbaugh, Woodland Park, CO and Kurt and Lynn (Bauer) Schrepfer, Shawnee, KS, and his nieces and nephews.

Dennis ("Mek") was a basketball and football player for Fort Madison Bloodhounds. He was an avid guitar and banjo player, loved sailing, skiing, the beach in Carmel, California, and especially whale watching at Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Cape Cod. Golfing was a favorite pastime and he loved playing with his Golden Retrievers.

Dennis was a 1972 graduate of University of Iowa with a triple major in business, insurance, and marketing. He dedicated 48 years to his career in insurance, specializing in reinsurance and treaty underwriting, most notably ending his career as senior Vice President of treaty underwriting at SCOR-RE, Chicago. After retirement, he served on the board for IFG Companies, NY. He made many friends world-wide and loved the insurance industry due to the people he met.

### DALE A. FOX

Dale Allen Fox, 68, of Keokuk, IA, died Thursday, September 30, 2021 at Blessing Health Keokuk.

He was born on September 23, 1953 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Marion Lee and DeLores Louise Belt Fox. He was a graduate of Keokuk High School.

He had been employed at Beck Oil Company in Keokuk

Dale was a premier Keokuk historian and a valuable asset to the community as he shared his vast knowledge of the history of Keokuk. He created and administered the Historic Keokuk, Iowa Facebook page and also Down the Halls of Keokuk High School Facebook page. These pages had many followers who were eager to learn new historical facts and share memories.

He is survived by one sister, Sharon Campbell of Moline, IL and other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters, Brenda Kaye Pennock and Janet Marie Fox.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk.

Visitation for friends and family will be held prior to the service on December 1, from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

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# For the Record

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### Fort Madison Police Report

11/24/21 – 9:29 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of burglary in the 500 block of Avenue G.  
 11/24/21 – 10:03 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue N.  
 11/24/21 – 11:24 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of 8th Street.  
 11/24/21 – 1:04 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of burglary in the 500 block of Avenue G.  
 11/24/21 – 1:18 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Tyler Scot Grooms, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 500 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for prohibited acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 11/24/21 – 1:41 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Avenue G.  
 11/24/21 – 1:56 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of 5th Street.  
 11/24/21 – 2:47 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Lexys Christine Jarrell, 22, of Fort Madison, in the 500 block of 21st Street, on a charge of 3rd degree harassment.  
 11/24/21 – 3:12 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 400 block of Avenue D.  
 11/24/21 – 9:04 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Caroline Ann Little, 30, of Fort Madison,

at the intersection of 17th Street and Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension.  
 11/24/21 – 9:53 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Luke Austin Hummell, 43, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 23rd Street and Avenue I, on a charge of driver's license denied/revoked. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 11/25/21 – 2:16 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Chloe Alexys Williams, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue Q, on a charge of driving under suspension.  
 11/25/21 – 6:01 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Gunnar Weston Ward, 28, of Fort Madison, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of 5th degree criminal mischief. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 11/25/21 – 6:55 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 400 block of 23rd Street.  
 11/26/21 – 8:35 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Jason Edward Ramlow, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue M, on charges of violation of a no-contact order-domestic and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 11/26/21 – 8:35 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Shana Umbarger, 49, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue M, on a charge of violation of a no-contact order-domestic. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 11/26/21 – 1:20 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Shaqwan-

za Aviance Trotter, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred.  
 11/26/21 – 4:30 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 3600 block of Avenue L.  
 11/27/21 – 7:35 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.  
 11/28/21 – 8:19 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of 33rd Street.  
 11/28/21 – 9:55 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Jennifer Rae Eid, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue M, on a warrant for parole violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 11/28/21 – 11:03 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of 8th Street and in the 1500 block of Avenue E.  
 11/28/21 – 1:13 p.m. – Fort

Madison police cited Shelby Lynn Stacy, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of 35th Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.  
 11/28/21 – 1:30 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jeremy Loren Schrader, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of 35th Street, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.  
 11/28/21 – 1:30 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Adam Paul Carlson, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of 35th Street, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
 11/28/21 – 4:26 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Charles Joseph Lozano, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 20th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 11/29/21 – 8:44 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to

a report of vandalism in the 3400 block of Avenue N.

### Lee County Sheriff Report

11/26/21 – 5:35 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jordon Douglas Junker, 27, of Mt. Pleasant, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 11/29/21 – Lee County sheriff deputies reported 3 accidents involving deer with no injuries reported.

### Hancock County Sheriff Report

11/23/21 – Jerry P Orth, age 40, of Dallas City, IL was arrested and charged with Contempt of a Court Order. Orth was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 11/25/21 – Dantwon H Jackson, age 30, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with

Driving While License Revoked and Aggravated Driving Under the Influence. Jackson remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.  
 11/27/21 – Adam M Sparrow, age 40, of Warsaw, IL was issued a Notice to Appear in court on a future date for Speeding.  
 11/28/21 – Damyen L Mills, age 22, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Mills was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 11/28/21 – Keaten D Fecht, age 18, of Carthage, IL was issued a Notice to Appear in court on a future date for Illegal Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor. *Those listed above are arrested or cited on a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



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# Sports

## Crusaders rebuilding after losing seven seniors

*Freshmen will be counted on for depth for HTC*

**BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP**  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – John Hellige knows there is plenty of work ahead for the Holy Trinity boys basketball team.

The Crusaders lost four of their top seven players from last season — “Eighty-three percent of our scoring,” Hellige said — and with only six upperclassmen on the roster this season, the opening days of practice were a lot different than last season.

“Last year, we had everything installed on day one, because we had so many players back,” he said. “This year, we’re kind of starting from square one, learning how to work hard, learning fundamentals, and trying to put in things we can use.”

Hellige does have three seniors — Tyler Snaadt, Mike DiPrima and Jack Malinski.

Snaadt, a 5-foot-10 points guard, started 15 games last season, averaging four points per game. He had 30 rebounds and 19 assists.

“He played a pretty big role last year,” Hellige said. “I’m looking forward to him stepping up, filling some gaps, being a leader.”

DiPrima, a 6-2 forward, started seven games, with 54 rebounds and 20 steals.

“He’s a big-time hustle guy,” Hellige said. “Defender, rebounder, diving on the ground. He just does everything like that.”

Malinski, who played in eight games, will see his role increase this season. The 6-2 center can provide strength inside.

“He’s a big body,” Hellige said. “We’ll expect him to step in and play some perimeter defense. He’s been a good role model for our younger group.”



The 2021-22 Holy Trinity Catholic Crusaders boys basketball team

Junior Nick Fullenkamp played in five games last season.

“He’s really athletic and physical,” Hellige said.

Connor Gehling and Maddox Rung both saw time as freshmen last season.

Gehling played in 21 games, starting six.

“He’s long and athletic,” Hellige said. “He’s a really good shooter, really good defender. He got some good playing time last season, and that helped.”

Rung played in nine games, but he’ll see more time this season.

“He grew a lot between last year and this year,” Hellige said. “He’s a good shooter, smart player.”

Hellige will be counting on six freshmen to provide depth.

“Really excited about this freshman class,” he said.

“It’s kind of my opinion the toughest gap to close in high school sports is the gap between eighth-grade

and ninth-grade basketball. It’s a lot to ask of kids as a freshman.”

Hellige’s son, Luke, and Adam Sobczak have been impressive in the preseason.

“They’ve played a lot since third grade,” Hellige said. “They’ve seen a lot of court time.”

Brayton Schneider, Koby Jones, Tate Green and Henry Graham are the other freshmen.

“Hopefully we can get all of the freshmen court time in the JV games and get them experience,” Hellige said.

Hellige said with such an inexperienced roster, the Crusaders might do different things, especially on defense.

“I’m kind of a chameleon,” he said. “We’re going to have to outscout teams, adjust to who we’re playing.”

He knows the season is a work in progress.

“We’ve got a long ways to go,” he said. “But this is a good group that works hard and is willing to learn.”

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## Lee County News/From the Front

# FEMA offering to help with COVID-related funeral costs

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is a foundational member of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board and would like to share with our family of partner agencies information regarding its COVID-19 Funeral Assistance program.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought grief to every corner of our nation, taking the lives of over 700,000 people. FEMA is committed to reducing the financial burden of these deaths and is providing individuals who incurred COVID-19-related funeral expenses with funding for eligible costs. Since FEMA began the program, over one billion dollars in assistance has already been distributed.

FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred on or after January 20, 2020.

Like other federal assistance, these funds cannot be used in duplication of other programs. We are seeking your assistance to help get the word out to individuals who may be eligible to apply. Click here on FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>) for guidance and eligibility requirements and types of services funded. Instructions on how to apply for this assistance through FEMA's dedicated helpline at 1-844-684-6333 can also be found on the website.

Helpline representatives are trained to provide personal application support and answer any questions regarding program eligibility. Since this program is not administered by United Way Worldwide or the EFSP National Board, all questions should be referred to the FEMA Helpline or its website, <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>, for more information.

## AmeriCorps Seniors to hold winter clothing drive

LEE COUNTY – AmeriCorps Seniors/Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) and United Way of the Great River Region are hosting a Winter Coat drive from Dec. 1 until Dec. 22 at the United Way Resource Center in Fort Madison. The coats can either be new or gently worn. Gently worn clothing must be freshly laundered. We will also be accepting new hats, gloves, and scarves.

The donations can be dropped off at the United Way Resource Center in Fort Madison at 3421 Avenue L between the hours 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

The donations will go to local area residents in need of these items. Area residents can come to pick up needed items on Monday Jan. 17, and Wed. January 19, 2022 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

United Way of the Great River Region supports non-profit organizations and agencies that provide programs addressing needs in health, education, and financial stability to residents in Clark, Hancock, and Lee counties. All donations are tax-deductible.

# Harlow reprises role of announcer in holiday spin

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life and sometimes it makes sense to close your eyes for a while in your seat and just take in the voices and background noise that used to come through the old RCA radio players.

The charm of the production may be Lee County Supervisor Rich Harlow reprising his 2013 role as the radio announcer, who's timing is perfect in rolling out the radio play, but also ushering in the commercial breaks for sponsors of hair products and "toilet" soap to keep your auto clean.



HARLOW

Harlow's base in seasoned radio and announcing prowess comes through to set the pace for the production. Jim Posz moves easily between multiple characters including Clarence, an angel 2nd class, who's in desperate search for his wings and the approval of Joseph the Archangel, voiced by Matt Abel.

Posz has appeared in plays dating back to 1982 and was most recently in Harvey. Abel has been part of the Old Fort Players for several years and his family has been involved in almost all of the productions over the past five years.

Jan Jud takes on the roll of the crotchety Mr. Potter, but has to move at times quickly between voicing the role of Uncle Billy. When Billy unintentionally hands a critical deposit to Potter, Jud jumps back and forth during the exchange with surprising ease.

Several cuties play the roles of the Baileys' children and young George and Mary. Shelley Dowling, an OFP veteran, takes on the role of Violet Bick and other background characters, while Kim Albers handles a plethora of voice casts including Rose Bailey, Matilda, and Mary's mother.

Kelly Shields directs the action from a seat in the back of the live play, setting a few doors and adding some of the old fashioned sound effects that took radio plays into the imagination of those on the floors next to the living room radio.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and military personnel and veterans, and \$10 for students ages five and up. Tickets can be purchased by calling 372-9559, at [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com) or by email at [oldfortplayerfm@gmail.com](mailto:oldfortplayerfm@gmail.com).

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
PROCEEDINGS  
FORT MADISON  
CITY COUNCIL  
11/16/2021**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 11/16/2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Rink, Bowker, Schulz, Amandus, Cangas, Lair and Andrews present. On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 11/1/2021; Claims dated 11/10/2021, October Manual Claims and the October Finan-

cial Report; Payroll of 10/22/2021; Cigarette Permit Refund: Fort Madison Tobacco & Liquor Outlet Plus, \$37.50; The 2021 Financial Report for FY ending 6/30/2021; and Liquor License Renewals: Aldi, 927 Avenue G, effective 11/4/2021, Simple Table, 617 – 7th Street, effective 12/1/2021, and Chuong Garden, 712 – 9th Street, effective 12/1/2021. Public Works Director Mark Boussetot gave a report concerning the City's Adopt A Garden program. On motion, Council approved the second reading of an Amendment to Title 10, Zoning,

Chapter 18, Signs, Section 3, Permitted Signs; Residential District. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 3, Building, Chapter 1, Building Code, Chapter 2, Plumbing Code, Chapter 3, Electrical Code, and Title 5, Fire, Chapter 2, International Fire Code, by adopting 2018 International Codes with Addendums. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-60, setting public hearing concerning an amendment to Title 1, Chapter 16, Sections 1 and 2, entitled "Wards; Precincts" to change Ward Boundaries as a result of the 2020 U.S. Cen-

sus population counts. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order #8, for PIP 2020-03, Great River Health Systems – Fort Madison Community Hospital Foundation: Fort Madison High School to Rodeo Park Trail. On motion, Council approved the purchase of an end loader for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$169,789 from Martin Equipment of Palmyra, MO. On motion, Council approved the bid of Meller Excavating & Asphalt, Inc., of Fort Madison, in the amount of \$31,183.60 for the 2021 Creek Debris Removal Project. On motion, Council al-

located \$50,000 from the hotel/motel tax receipts as a contribution to the Pickleball Group for the construction of pickleball courts in Fort Madison and is contingent upon the City's review to ensure the project meets City standards and the City Attorney's review.

A discussion was held regarding downtown sidewalks. At 6:57 P.M., the meeting adjourned until December 7, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$69,010.47
Special Revenue	166,639.13
Road Use	109,228.38
Debt	5,075.00
Capital	1,407,459.78
Water	61,077.09
Sewer	38,311.18
Solid Waste/IWC	13,498.44
Storm Water Util.	2,145.40
	<u>\$1,872,444.87</u>

PAYROLL		11/5/2021
General	\$185,834.80	
Old Fort	4,310.70	
Road Use	28,927.69	
Tourism	1,126.50	
Water	30,568.96	
Sewer	32,262.37	
Solid Waste	13,669.24	
Airport	486.54	
Storm Water	3,808.09	
	<u>\$300,994.89</u>	

REVENUES		11/15/2021
General	166,522.13	
Special Rev.	240,928.55	
Road Use	7,520.24	
Capital	441,009.91	
Water	1,977.52	
Sewer	8,567.71	
Solid Waste/IWC	3,747.08	
SW Utility	283.81	
	<u>\$870,556.95</u>	

**CLAIMS - 11/16/2021**

ABRA, DOOR SHELL	\$341.00
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC	\$387.20
ALTORFER INC., CABLE	\$1,125.56
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, THUMB DRIVES	\$575.99
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, WINTER JACKET	\$1,175.06
ASKEW SCIENTIFIC CONSULTING, PRE-TREATMENT PROJECT	\$10,494.91
BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD INC., SIGNS	\$297.16
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL	\$565.00
BRIAN S GREEN, CLOTHING REIMB	\$215.52
BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., SEWER SUPPLIES	\$8,227.90
BUILDING MATERIALS INC, BUILDING SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$1,466.06
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA TESTING	\$153.00
C.U.R.E. SOLUTIONS, MONTHLY FEES	\$4,711.25
CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION CO., ROCK	\$185,744.00
CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE TREATMENT	\$1,795.66
COMPLETE RENTAL, CORE DRILL BIT	\$93.50
COMPUTER PROJECTS OF IL., ANNUAL OPEN FOX LIC	\$360.00
CULLEN CONSTR. & EXCAVATING, HOUSE DEMO	\$17,000.00
CULLEN PEST CONTROL, MONTHLY SER-	

VICE	\$121.00
DAILY DEMOCRAT, HELP WANTED AD	\$671.43
DAVIS RADIOLOGY PC, ON JOB INJURY	\$170.00
DELONG CONSTRUCTION, INC, JETTY & MARINA DREDGING	\$439,398.73
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, PRINTING	\$203.50
DOUDS STONE, LLC, CLEAN STONE - MARIANA NON-FEMA	\$4,660.80
EDDIE MENDEZ, SAFETY SHOE REIMB	\$99.99
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, RADIO REPAIR	\$3,735.95
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT CO., PUMP HYDRAULIC & FILTERS	\$1,220.95
FAETH, W. R., PARADE CANDY	\$390.00
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$23.37
FORT MADISON PARTNERS, PAINT FOR PIER PRIORITY BOATS A	\$216.65
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY, UNIFORMS	\$757.20
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, LANDFILL FEES	\$12,998.43
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$121.50
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$756.35
HACH CHEMICAL CO., LAB SUPPLIES	\$217.20
HELLIGE LAWN CARE, TRIMMING CEMETERIES	\$1,275.00
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 INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC, MOTORS WHEEL .....\$128.74  
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 JASPER ENGINEERING & EQUIP, ALARM REPAIR .....\$914.01  
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 KELLY HEAGY, REFUND CHARGED INCORR AMT .....\$270.00  
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 KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C, DEPOT SUPP AGR #3.....\$48,385.47  
 LANI GRAY, PROCURING - SERGEANTS TEST .....\$50.00  
 LEE CO. BANK, INTEREST - TOWER REHAB .....\$26,865.85  
 LEE COUNTY RECORDER, REZONE PROPERTY FILED.....\$250.00  
 LISCO, PHONE/INTEREST.....\$2,066.23  
 M2DCON, SSDX QUART BOTTLES .....\$153.60  
 MCFARLAND, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES.....\$38.99  
 MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, VEHICLE DOLLIES .....\$142.10  
 MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICE, FOAM .....\$1,732.00  
 MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC, LOW PRESSURE HOSE W/ENDS .....\$202.59  
 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY EMBROID, HATS .....\$506.00  
 MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, REPAIR WORK RIVERVIEW PARK.....\$180.70

MUNICIPAL SUPPLY COMPANY, METERS & PARTS .....\$18,152.24  
 MWCNC, BRACKETS .....\$850.00  
 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PARTS.....\$699.95  
 PITNEY BOWES, RENTAL .....\$171.00  
 POEPPING STONE & BACH, CODE REVIEW .....\$3,316.25  
 POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON, PO BOX RENTAL.....\$226.00  
 QUILL CORPORATION, OFFICE SUPPLIES .....\$238.94  
 R&J QUALITY DECALING INC., SIGNS .....\$843.10  
 RAINBO OIL COMPANY, OIL.....\$131.60  
 RHINO INDUSTRIES, INC., CHEMICALS .....\$1,490.00  
 RICK KIEMAN, TRAVEL EXPENSES .....\$1,095.87  
 RIVER CITY MOTORS PLUS, VEHICLE REPAIR .....\$373.30  
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 WOODROFFE SAWMILL INC, GL TIMBERS .....\$425.00  
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 ROAD USE....\$91,188.60  
 CAPITAL PROJECTS .....\$1,379,002.24  
 WATER .....\$55,108.46  
 SEWER .....\$22,697.46  
 SOLID WASTE .....\$12,630.04  
 AIRPORT.....\$414.20  
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ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.....\$40,356.85  
 CENTURY LINK, PHONE/INTENET .....\$183.57  
 CONVERGENT NON-PROFIT SOLUTION, FEASIBILITY STUDY .....\$26,000.00  
 DENNIS HINKLE-CONVERGENT TRAVEL EXPENSES .....\$1,434.04  
 FRANCIS PUMP & WELL SERVIC, WELL DOWN PAYMENT (CH) .....\$12,390.20  
 POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON WATER BILLS/PAST DUES .....\$1,512.87  
 TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, UNCLAIMED PROPERTIES ....\$170.38  
 VALLEY VIEW RENTALS, LLC, PERMANENT LEASEMENT...\$1,000.00  
 VERIZON WIRELESS, PHONES .....\$320.08  
 WELLMARK BC/BS, HEALTH INS PREMIUM .....\$93,852.43  
 WEX BANK, FUEL USAGE - SEPT 2021 .....\$12,264.77  
 TOTAL .....\$189,485.19  
 GENERAL .....\$22,631.55  
 SPECIAL REVENUES .....\$94,295.08  
 ROAD USE....\$18,039.78  
 CAPITAL.....\$28,457.54  
 WATER.....\$5,968.63  
 WASTEWATER .....\$15,613.72

SOLID WASTE ...\$868.40  
 AIRPORT.....\$3,610.49  
 TOTAL .....\$189,485.19

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Notice is hereby given that the Fort Madison City Council will meet in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at which time and place a hearing will be conducted concerning establishing new wards/precincts within the City due to a change in the City's 2020 Census.

You may appear at the hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on December 7, 2021 or delivered before the hearing is closed.

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## From the Front

# Reynolds applauds mandate stay

**VACCINES** - Continued from Page 1

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, who said she believes the vaccine is the best defense against COVID-19, said the ruling is part of her administration's fight against what she called President Joe Biden's attack on individual liberties.

"Iowa is fighting back against the Biden Administration's attack on individual liberties and I applaud the court's decision to enjoin the vaccine mandate rule for Medicare and Medicaid certified providers and suppliers. Medical providers that have been on the frontlines of this pandemic saving lives deserve the freedom and ability to make their own informed health care decisions," Reynolds wrote in release Monday afternoon.

"I believe the vaccine is the best defense against COVID-19, but I also firmly believe in Iowans' right to make health care decisions based on what's best for themselves and their families, and I remain committed to protecting those freedoms. President Biden should do the same."

Great River Health Systems was starting at more than 30% of its workforce on all campuses and facilities being terminated under the mandate.

A group of close to 130 met last Mon-

day at Comfort Inn and Suites in Burlington after a previous meeting the week before in West Burlington to organize opposition to the mandate.

A private Facebook page with more than 1,000 members in it was formed to communicate information about the mandate, along with other exemption discussions and updates on OSHA and CMS mandate status.

Schelp wrote in his conclusion that although the parties disagree in the magnitude of the impact of the mandate on health care providers, there is no argument that there will be a disruption.

The judge cited case law that says there is clearly a robust public interest in safeguarding prompt access to health care and the impending disruption would put that access in jeopardy.

"The Court finds that in balancing the equities, the scales clearly fall on the side of healthcare facilities operating with unvaccinated employees, staff, trainees, students, volunteers, and contractors rather than the swift irremediable impact of requiring healthcare facilities to choose between two undesirable choices - providing substandard care or providing no healthcare at all."

# Agreement will reduce fertilizer plant's carbon dioxide footprint

**AGREEMENT** - Continued from Page 1

of the 45Q program to make installation of the required post-combustion capture equipment economically feasible.

When the new infrastructure is installed, the project has the capability to capture and store materially all of the CO2 emissions from Iowa's largest fertilizer plant. Start of operations for the first phase is expected at the end of 2024.

"OCI is a global leader in the ammonia and nitrogen fertilizer industries - an important component of agriculture - and forward thinking in their plans for decarbonization. We're excited to embark on this project with them to provide a long-term and cost-effective solution for handling their CO2 emissions," says Navigator CEO, Matt Vining. "State-of-the-art nitrogen producers like OCI play a critical role in decarbonizing the agricultural supply chain, as well as industrial feedstocks and fuels, and we look forward to advancing a greener future together."

Navigator will be working with other industrial processing plants in the Midwest to adopt a more sustainable approach in the execution of their services and aid in the reduction of their carbon footprints

through Heartland Greenway.

Once fully expanded, the Heartland Greenway will be able to capture and sequester 15 million metric tons of CO2 annually, which, according to EPA estimates, is equivalent to eliminating the annual carbon footprint of the Des Moines metro area three times over.

Ahmed El-Hoshy, CEO of OCI NV commented: "We are excited to partner with Navigator on this project which allows for an effective and quick solution to reduce our CO2 footprint and offer low carbon products to our customers across the value chain from our world-scale facility in Iowa. We are monitoring the on-going discussions in Congress around enhancements to the 45Q program to support the project economics and potentially open the opportunity to widen the scope of this project to capture more CO2. This agreement follows the announcement earlier this year that we have the ability to produce up to 365,000 metric tons per year of blue ammonia at OCI Beaumont in Texas, and blue and green ammonia projects in Abu Dhabi and Egypt, and marks another milestone towards achieving our sustainability goals

and progressing towards a greener future."

The agreement is subject to finalization of documents.

# Giving again part of the West Point holiday festival

**WALK** - Continued from Page 1

ed gloves and hats will be collected and provided to schools in Lee County. There will also be a Christmas toy drive and anyone bringing in donations for either program this week after 4 p.m. to the Legion Hall will get free raffle tickets for a gift basket raffle.

Nikki Fraise, president of West Point Community Club said the gift baskets were added this year to take the place of the Christmas Tree contest the group has held in the past.

Donated toys for the toy drive, and hats and mittens for the donation tree can be dropped off at the American Legion Hall on the east side of the square.

"We did the trees before and all the businesses in town decorated a tree and then the people could donate to their favorite tree," Fraise said. "But this year we decided it takes a lot of our time and business owners don't always have that much free time, but we wanted to keep fundraising."

"So this year the committee created the baskets with donations from local businesses. We were looking for something that would help raise funds for other projects."

The club provides funding to many city programs including reading programs the library as well as supplying Christmas decorations in the town square park.

"We're also doing a project where all the parks in West Point need changing tables in the restrooms so we're working on that as well," she said.

Raffle tickets will be sold to participants who can then use the raffle tickets on their favorite basket from the all the baskets offered. Funds raised with the raffle tickets will go toward the Pollmiller Park trail renovation project that is currently in the works with the Lee County Conservation District.

Plans are underway to put a new concrete surface on the trail through the park with an estimated cost of \$450,000.

In addition to the 10 vendors for wine and beer, Kim's Confections will also be open for hot chocolate with live music and holiday treats.

Commemorative glasses for the wine walk are on sale now at Sonny's Supermarket, West Point City Hall, Corner Tap, and the 4th Street Bar.

Parking will be available around the square and side streets are available. There will also be a trolley that will be taking residents to the other businesses not on the square including Brad's Pad and Bentler Auto. Having a designated driver is strongly encouraged.

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