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Wintry mix ices roads



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The wintry mix of precipitation caused havoc on Lee County roads Thursday afternoon. Emergency crews responded to three rollover accidents and three others in a four-hour period. Above, a Ford Explorer lost control on a 100% ice covered 303rd Avenue just south of the Hwy. 61 bypass at about 3:15 p.m. A Lee County Secondary Roads pickup spreads some salt and sand at the scene to help emergency crews and other traffic with traction.

ACCIDENTS: Emergency crews respond to multiple accidents on Thursday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The winter weather that hit the area Thursday afternoon was to blame in many of the seven accidents that were reported between just noon and 5 p.m.

The most serious accident took place at the intersection of 255th Street and Hwy. 27 when a semi-trailer and pick-

up truck collided at the intersection.

The driver of the semi was taken to area hospitals by Lee County EMS in serious condition. The driver of the pickup was reportedly uninjured.

Emergency crews respond to a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of 255th Street and Hwy. 27 on Thursday afternoon. The driver of the semi-trailer was taken to

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DONNELSON

Davis convicted on homicide charges in Horns' deaths

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A Donnellson man has been found guilty of two counts of homicide in the deaths of Michael and Linda Horn, also of Donnellson.

On Friday, February 18, 2022 Chad

Ray Davis, 55, pleaded guilty as charged to two Counts of Homicide by Vehicle While Operating Under the Influence, both Class B Felonies under Iowa law.

Davis now faces sentencing on the convictions, which are each punishable by up to 25 years in prison, for his

involvement in the traffic accident on Highway 2, east of Donnellson on August 4, 2020. According to reports from the accident, Davis was driving a pickup truck and struck the Horns from behind. Michael Horn was driving a

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Miller starts inquiry into fertilizer prices

Iowa Fertilizer Co. gets letter from AG looking for information

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller announced Thursday that he's launching an inquiry into what he called "unprecedented" increases in fertilizer costs in the state.

Miller is working in conjunction with eight other states and some agriculture economists as well as representatives from some of the world's largest fertilizer companies for a closer look at why prices have spiked.

"Farmers saw higher-than-average prices for corn and soybeans last year, but any profits will be eaten by increased fertilizer prices," Miller said.

Miller, who's currently serving as the president of the National Association of Attorney Generals, declined to name the other eight states in the collaboration.

He said a robust debate and public discussion will be key in helping the inquiry along.

"We think this is really important for our ag community. The price increases I've described were just astronomical, so we approach this from that point of view," Miller said Thursday.

"We think public discussion of this is very much a part of what we think will be helpful to get to some resolution."

Miller said since January 2021, anhydrous ammonia has increased 315%. Urea has increased by 214%, liquid nitrogen by 290%, monoammonium phosphate (MAP) by 171%, and potash by 213%, according to the most recent data supplied by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Services.

"These sudden and significant price

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MILLER

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FRI 25 Feb..... Cloudy & Cold, 29° F/18° F
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Obituaries/Local News

OBITUARIES

LARRY J. HOLLAND

Larry J. Holland, 72, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 1:40 am Thursday, February 24, 2022 at this home. He was born July 11, 1949 at Keokuk, Iowa, a son of Edward Jr. and Burma Jean (Parrish) Holland.



HOLLAND

Larry lived most of his life in the area and was a 1967 graduate of the Fort Madison High School. For 35 years, he worked as a gold melter for Sheaffer Pen. He liked fishing, hunting, building model cars, watching others fly remote control airplanes and writing songs. He enjoyed traveling, especially going south.

Larry is survived by two sisters: Trudy Eid (Jason Hart), of Fort Madison and Patricia Holland, of Burlington, Iowa; seven nieces and nephews; eighteen great nieces and nephews and other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, David Holland, brother-in-law, Kevin Eid and great niece, Lillian.

Family will greet friends from 10:00 to 11:00 am Monday, February 28, 2022 with the funeral service to follow starting at 11:00 am at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, with Pastor Kyle Sadler officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at or mailed to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Holland family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

Miller-Meeks leads effort for COVID cocktail

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Last Week, Reps. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-02), Bill Foster (IL-11), Mark Green (TN-07), and Kim Schrier (WA-08) led a bipartisan group of eight Members of Congress in calling for greater federal efforts to research and develop COVID-19 combination therapies, or drug “cocktails”.

In a letter to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci, and National Institutes of Health Acting Director Dr. Lawrence Tabak, the Members wrote:

“Decades of experience combating HIV and

other viruses have shown that combination therapy, or ‘cocktails’ of multiple therapeutics, is frequently the most effective way to combat viruses. [...]

“However, the pharmaceutical companies that developed [the existing COVID-19 treatments] do not have a natural commercial incentive to formulate and test therapeutic cocktails. Similarly, generic drugs that are off patent do not have a natural advocate for inclusion into cocktails. Therefore, it is necessary for the federal government to aggressively step in and run – or at the very least, fund – these trials.”

Fort Madison YMCA readies for Shamrocked bicycle event

FORT MADISON - Gather the troops for The Fort Madison Family YMCA's 3rd Annual Breakfast, Bike, & Brew!

The Fort Madison Family YMCA will host the “Shamrocked” theme Breakfast, Bike, & Brew event on Saturday, March 19th.

A Pancake Breakfast will kick off the event at the Fort Madison Elks Lodge from 8:00am to 10:30am. The breakfast is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and is offered at a free will donation. Proceeds from the breakfast will assist in the upkeep and maintenance of the Fort Madison Family YMCA facility. The annual Bike & Brew will follow the breakfast and will take riders to local businesses throughout Fort Madison.

Bikers participating in the Bike & Brew will collect their route maps during the Pancake Breakfast, and no later than 10:30am, and begin their ride at 11:00am. Participants will follow their route maps to local businesses throughout Fort Madison where they will complete fun tasks and answer trivia questions. All teams will meet at the final destination on their routes where prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- BEST DRESSED TEAM
- MOST TEAM SPIRIT
- HIGHEST POINTS SCORED

Registration is now open. Team and Individual fees are as follows:

\$50 for teams of up to 5 people, \$15 per additional team member \$15 per person – (if registering solo please register in-person)

There is no limit to the number of members on a team. For teams registering over 15 members, please register in-person.

Registration is available online or in-person. Team registration deadline is Sunday, March 6th.

Late and Day-Of registration will continue through 10:30 am on the day of the event for last-minute participants. Shirts will not be guaranteed to participants registered after March 6th.

Register online at fortmadisonymca.org

Register in-person at Fort Madison Family YMCA 220 26th St. Fort Madison, Iowa

For more details/questions call Kaylin Featheringill, Program Director, at 319-372-2403.

Participation waivers will need to be signed by all participants. Waivers are available at the Fort Madison Family YMCA now through March 18th and will be available the day of the event. Registration is final, no refunds will be issued.

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

VICKI L. LARSON

Vicki Lee (Aniskewicz) Larson, 75, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.



LARSON

Vicki was born in Long Branch, New Jersey, on August 7, 1946, the daughter of Edward and Cecelia (Schmitz) Aniskewicz. She graduated from Pulaski High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1964. Vicki married Richard E. Larson on December 17, 1966, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He preceded her in death on September 27, 2017.

After starting their family in Rockville, Maryland, Vicki and Richard moved their three sons (and her cherished houseplants that filled a '67 VW Bug towed behind the family station wagon) to Richard's hometown of Keokuk, Iowa, in 1978. Vicki enjoyed cooking for her family and keeping a happy, caring home. As her boys moved on from elementary school, Vicki earned a teaching certificate. She was a pre-school Head Start teacher for twenty-six years. Vicki loved attending her children's and grandchildren's school and sporting events and capturing countless photos and videos. Vicki's favorite time of the year was the Christmas season. She had a large Santa Claus collection and loved decorating her home in the holiday spirit. Her favorite decorations would remain on display all year. Above all, she loved her family and always did whatever she could for them.

Vicki is survived by three sons: Eric Larson of Donnellson, Iowa, Kurt Larson of North Liberty, Iowa, and Scott (Michele) Larson of Coralville, Iowa; four grandchildren: Brant, Millie, and Caleb Larson of Donnellson, Iowa, and Kate Larson of Coralville, Iowa; one sister: Doreen (Larry) Walton of Neshkoro, Wisconsin; one brother: Edward Aniskewicz of Lyndon Station, Wisconsin; and one niece: Tanya (David) Bosshard of Neshkoro, Wisconsin.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2022, from 3 to 5 pm, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk. A private graveside service will follow at Keokuk National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Donnellson Fire Department, 616 N. Main Street, Donnellson, IA 52625.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk, Iowa, is providing arrangements.

Davis facing up to 50 years in prison

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motorcycle with Linda seated behind him as a passenger on the vehicle.

Sentencing is set for April 15, 2022. If ordered concurrent, Davis will be sentenced to up to 25 years within the Iowa Department of Corrections. If ordered consecutive he could face a 50-year indeterminate sentence.

He remains in custody at the Lee County Correctional Center pending sentencing.

The Iowa State Patrol and the Lee County Sheriff's Department were the responding and investigating agencies.

The matter is being prosecuted by Lee County Attorney Ross Braden.

OBITUARIES

STEVEN C. CHANEY

Steven Clark Chaney, 62, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at his home. He was born on July 31, 1959 in Champaign, IL to William J. & Nancy A. Whitcomb Chaney. He served in the U.S. Navy and enjoyed riding his unicycle, fishing, shooting pool, mushroom hunting and arrowhead hunting. One thing about Steve was he always made people laugh and had a story to share. He lived life on his own terms.



CHANEY

Steve is survived by: 1-daughter: Alea Moomey of Fort Madison, IA; 1-grandson: Jaxon Moomey of Fort Madison, IA; 1-brother: Bill Chaney of Fort Madison, IA; 3-sisters: Kathy (Russ Wallace) Hood of Gulfport, MS, Karen (Dick) Pieper of Fort Madison, IA & Doris Chaney of Pensacola, FL and his dog, Pikachu. He was preceded in death by his parents.



Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences to Steve's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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CURRENT-LEE

Old Pilot Grove Town Cemetery Meeting – The Old Fort Genealogical Society is having Joel Garretson speaking on Old Pilot Grove town and cemetery as well as his efforts to clean up the cemetery. The meeting is Sat Feb. 26 at 11 a.m at the Fort Madison Public Library meeting room. This is open to the public. Joel will be presenting the move of the town, information on the cemetery, and will be showing his prints that he is selling as fundraiser. The money is being raised to help restore the Old Pilot Grove Cemetery. If you have questions, please contact me by email or Phone at 319-371-5681.

Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner – Tickets still available for the Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner on Feb. 25 at McAleer Hall 415 11th Street. Cocktails are at 5:15 with dinner starting at 6 p.m. Call 319-372-5471 for more information.

Sam Lozano's FMAAA Art Exhibit – The reception for the March exhibit at Fort Madison Area Arts Association will be held March 4 from 5 p.m to 7 p.m. with viewings open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday throughout the month. The gallery is located at 825 Avenue G.

ISU Extension Gardening workshop – A 2-hour workshop on beginning gardening will take place on March 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lee County Extension Office at 414 N. Main in Donnellson. Contact Whitney Weisinger at 319-835-5116 for more information. Registration required by March 10 and the event is free to Lee County residents, and \$10 for non residents.

United Way of the Great River Region Golf Outing – This year's event is set for Friday, May 6 with a noon shotgun start. Contact the UWGRR at 319-524-5404 or director@unitedwaygrr.org for more information.

Getting Ahead Open House Meet & Greet – Come meet the graduates of Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' by World. Talk with graduates and learn what the program has done for them, see what Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' by World can do for you, learn how you can become involved. Thursday, March 3, 6-8pm, First Lutheran Church, 1101 Blondeau, Keokuk. Refreshments will be served.

Hope Revealed Through Bible Prophecy – A continuing series of presentations of hope for today's world from Fort Madison Seventh-day Adventist Church. FREE admission, Bibles, books, DVD, Bible study materials, child care up to 12 years, and refreshments provided. The seminar starts Friday, March 4, 7pm at the Quality Inn & Suites, 6169 Reve Court, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Women of Faith are Invited to the Worldwide Live-Streamed IF: Gathering 2022 at FUMC of MP – We invite you to IF: Gathing to be held Friday, March 4th from 6-9:30 pm and Saturday, March 5th from 9am-4pm. The event will be held at First United Methodist Church at 309 N Main St, Mount Pleasant, IA 52641. IF: Gathering 2022 is a two-day live streamed event, where women all of the world gather together to watch dynamic speakers and discuss being women for God in this time and place. Iowa Wesleyan Students are FREE. Sign up online is preferred. The information is available on First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant Facebook page or at: https://firstmethodistonline.org/if-gathering-2022?fbclid=IwAR0_1H6jydU-v6cj5m_jlv87vdp_gbRi0t44Ng4WZmoG0cyWvG99Fasrr5OI.



Photo courtesy of LCSD

Emergency crews respond to a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of 255th Street and Hwy. 27 on Thursday afternoon. The driver of the semi-trailer was taken to an area hospital in serious condition.

Icy roads lead to mishaps

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an area hospital in serious condition. Photo courtesy of Lee County Sheriff's Department.

Lee County Sheriff deputies were on scene for more than three hours as the vehicles were removed. Traffic was closed to the northbound side of the highway and rerouted down 255th Street.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said rain was falling in the county with temperatures near 24 degrees and many roads in the county started icing over.

While deputies were handling the collision at 255th Street, another vehicle lost control about a mile south of that accident and entered the ditch. Minor injuries were reported in that accident.

Another accident at 303rd Avenue and near 313th Avenue resulted in a Ford Explorer rolling after losing control on the 100% ice-covered roadway. No information on the driver's condition was available at press time.

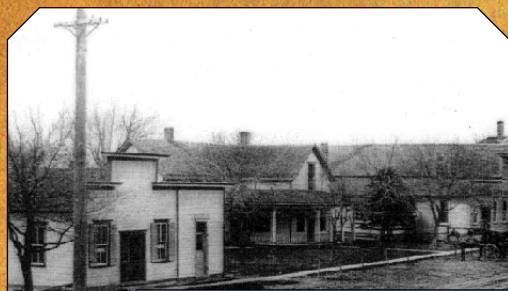
Fort Madison police responded to a possible rollover on 2nd Street just as the weather started, but no injuries were reported at that scene.

Two other two-car collisions also happened in that time span. The first was in Donnellson with no injuries and the second was at the intersection of Avenue D and 18th Street, with no injuries.

The icy road conditions also prompted the postponement of the Fort Madison Bloodhounds Substate semifinal game with Clear Creek-Amana. That game will be made up at 7 p.m. Friday in Fort Madison.

The National Weather Service issued a winter weather advisory for the Fort Madison area until 3 a.m. Friday morning with up to 3 inches of snow possible.

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Education News/From the Front

Fertilizer prices could be legal, but not justified

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increases warrant an analysis into the underlying causes," Miller said. "We are not looking at any legal theory or from an enforcement point of view at this time. We want to know, to the extent possible, why this happened, what were the basic factors that caused the price increase, and whether the increases can be explained by supply and demand."

Miller said it's possible the increases could be legal, but not justified and not right, and the inquiry should help shed light on the pricing structures.

"That's the approach we're taking," he said. "It's different than usual, but the right approach."

He said the state's corn growers brought the issue to his attention.

Twelve years ago, the AGs office did a similar inquiry into the unsubstantiated increase in natural gas prices.

"We had an economist do a study and the increases there had no correlation to supply and demand. Over time the prices did decrease."

Miller also referenced a Texas A&M study that showed since 1970, increase in crop returns for farmers tend to coincide with even higher increases in fertilizer expenditures.

"The data suggest that manufacturers are taking advantage of higher farm incomes to increase their returns, but we need more information," Miller said.

U.S. Sec. of Agriculture and former Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack has also spoken with Miller about the issue and will be looking at activity at the federal level.

Letters were sent from Miller's office to five fertilizer companies, including OCI N.V., the owner of Iowa Fertilizer Company in Wever.

Efforts to obtain comments from Iowa Fertilizer Co. officials on the inquiry and Miller's letter to the company were unsuccessful Thursday.

Other manufacturers included Mosaic, Nutrien, CF Industries, and Koch Industries. The letters request that the manufacturers provide their reasons for the price increases.

Miller said a price increase was expected, but he wants to get more information on the degree to which it occurred.

"We'll be looking at this backward and forward," he said.

He has also discussed the issue with the leaders of the Iowa Soybean Association.

"Farmers have faced rising input costs in recent years, including price increases in fuel, feed, seed, and

fertilizer. While weather and other external factors have contributed to these rising costs, production limitations and concentration are a cause for concern. USDA is working to address these types of challenges in other parts of the supply chain through its \$4 billion Build Back Better Initiative, with a quarter of that already dedicated to meat and poultry processing capacity," Secretary Vilsack said. "We welcome the market study announced today and look forward to working with the Attorney General's office on this effort. Farmers deserve transparency in the marketplace and to have confidence that their input costs are fair and equitable.

"The fertilizer increases could hit the pocketbooks of all consumers in the form of higher food prices," Miller said. "I hope to use my presidency to draw attention to this crisis."

FM students place at BPA leadership conference

WEST BURLINGTON - Eight students from Southeastern Community College's Computer Club and three from its Business Club earned top ranks at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference held this month.

BPA is the top career and technical student organization for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology, and related career fields.

Participants compete in several categories, including Personal Financial Management, Prepared Speech, Computer Security, and Web Design.

Each computer club member is in SCC's network administration and cyber security program.

Blake Birkenstock, West Burlington, William Kraut, Burlington, Landon Lemmon, New London, Nicholas Neira, Danville, Timothy Squier, Carthage, Charles Taylor, Fort Madison, Blaze Vincent, Fort Madison, and Daniel Walters, Fort Madison, earned 23 honors combined at the state competition. Each student earned at least one first place award.

SCC network administration and cyber security instructor, Brenda Wamsley, is the co-advisor of the Computer Club.

"I'm so proud of all the hard work they have done," Wamsley said. "Students are recognized nationally among their peers and gain valuable insight as to what it takes to work in the IT and business industry."

Business Club members Riland Coombs, Burlington, Aidan Pealer, New London, and Faith Woodsmall, Burlington, earned 23 awards combined. Each participant earned at least one first place award, and the trio placed first in the Small Business Management Team category.

Trisha Hopper, SCC business administration instructor and co-advisor of the business club, was proud to see her students excel.

"It's wonderful to see students succeed at the competitions," says Program Coordinator Trisha Hopper, "But the experience of the conference, itself, is the best part. Each student makes life-long connections."

The students are all eligible to compete against 2- and 4-year colleges from across the nation at the BPA National Leadership Conference this May in Dallas, TX.



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FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 307 East Monroe Street, second floor meeting room. The meeting was called to order by Mayor and the roll being called there

were present Steven K. Brimhall in the Chair and the following named Councilmembers- Present: Engberg, Crull, McWilliams, White, Griffith, Batty Absent: None It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council approve the following consent agenda items with one roll call motion vote: the minutes of the January 24, 2022, City Council meeting;

the payment of bills totaling \$122,857.19; the report of officers including the following receipts for January – \$84,241.19 General Fund; \$105,116.43 Road Use Tax; \$91064.36 Cap. Loan Notes/Sales Tax; \$14.95 Capital Projects; \$145,600.65 Sewer Revenue; \$40,247.49 Solid Waste; \$121.16 Library-General Fund; \$5,422.52 Library – Gift Fund; and the following disbursements for January - \$381,427.40 General Fund; \$111,496.62 Road Use Tax; \$13,500 Debt Service; \$117,708.48 Sewer Plant Improvement; \$31,299.53 Capital Projects; \$200.00 Trust & Agency; \$178,189.39 Sewer Operation & Maint.; \$63,169.25 Solid Waste; \$37,928.69 Library - General Fund; \$502.69 Library – Gift Fund; Transfer Resolution No. 2022-7 approving the following interfund transfers for December- \$28,862 from General Fund to Library General Fund Purpose: 1/12th of FYE22 budget annual allocation for Mt. Pleasant Public Library expenses; \$150,000 from Sewer Revenue Fund to Sewer Oper. & Maint. Fund Purpose: To reimburse the operating fund for current month expenses; \$94,573.68 from Sewer Revenue Fund to Sewer Sinking Fund Purpose: 1/12th of FYE22 annual Sewer Revenue Bonds/SRF; the renewal application of a Class C Beer, Class B Wine and Sunday Sales Permit for Dollar General Store at

710 N. Grand Avenue. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried. Councilmember Griffith moved and was seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council approve the agenda. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried. It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember McWilliams that the Council approve the third reading, adopt, and assign ordinance # 1391: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, BY REZONING AND CHANGING THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM "R-3" MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO "B-3" GENERAL RETAIL AND SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND TO A CONDITIONAL RE-ZONING AGREEMENT Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried. Councilmember White moved and Councilmember Griffith seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-8: RESOLUTION APPROVING CONDITIONAL RE-ZONING AGREEMENT Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes. 5:32 p.m. A public hearing was held as advertised for proposed adoption of amendment No. 2 to Mount Pleasant Urban Revitalization Plan (Amended and Restated) 5:33 p.m. it was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember McWilliams that the hearing close. No oral or written arguments were presented. Motion carried 6-0. It was moved by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-9: RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO MOUNT PLEASANT URBAN REVITALIZATION PLAN (AMENDED AND RE-STATE) Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes. Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-10: RESOLUTION APPROVING 2021 TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING WITH THE HENRY COUNTY ASSESSOR Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes. It was moved by Councilmember Engberg and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-11: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2022, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-12: RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT 2022/2023 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes. Councilmember McWilliams moved and Councilmember Griffith seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRADY M. BASS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVES Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes. Councilmember White moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council approve the mayoral appointment of Brent Schrader to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Terry McNair. 5:45 p.m. Public hearing pursuant to Iowa Code Section 372.15 at the request of Steven Dykstra. Steven Dykstra addressed the Council at this time and requested he be reinstated as a police officer. 6:16 p.m. Councilmember Engberg motioned, and Councilmember White seconded that the public hearing close. Councilmember Crull moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council table Steven Dykstra's request to be reinstated to his job as police officer to a later date. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion approved. It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:17 p.m. to meet February 23rd, 2022. Steven K. Brimhall, Mayor ATTEST: Lori Davis, City Clerk

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes. Councilmember McWilliams moved and Councilmember Griffith seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2022-13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRADY M. BASS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVES Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes. Councilmember White moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council approve the mayoral appointment of Brent Schrader to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Terry McNair. 5:45 p.m. Public hearing pursuant to Iowa Code Section 372.15 at the request of Steven Dykstra. Steven Dykstra addressed the Council at this time and requested he be reinstated as a police officer. 6:16 p.m. Councilmember Engberg motioned, and Councilmember White seconded that the public hearing close. Councilmember Crull moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council table Steven Dykstra's request to be reinstated to his job as police officer to a later date. Roll call vote 6-0. Motion approved. It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:17 p.m. to meet February 23rd, 2022. Steven K. Brimhall, Mayor ATTEST: Lori Davis, City Clerk

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Fort Madison Police Report

02/17/22 - 11:47 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3300 block of Avenue L.
 02/17/22 - 1:41 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 100 block of 2nd Street.
 02/17/22 - 1:46 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue B.
 02/17/22 - 3:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue H.
 02/17/22 - 7:03 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of 25th Street.
 02/18/22 - 7:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue N.
 02/18/22 - 7:55 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue E.
 02/18/22 - 11:15 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested John Mathew Shields, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 17th Street, on a charge of assault w/bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/18/22 - 11:39 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H.
 02/18/22 - 4:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue D.
 02/19/22 - 12:28 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2700 block of Avenue O.
 02/19/22 - 4:40 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Adam Ray Sutton, 43, of Montrose, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300. He

was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/20/22 - 4:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of Avenue D.
 02/21/22 - 12:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 600 block of 8th Street.
 02/21/22 - 3:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue M.
 02/21/22 - 6:06 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2700 block of Avenue H.
 02/22/22 - 3:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 2000 block of Avenue B.
 02/22/22 - 10:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Eleesha Gabrielle Estrada, 20, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 6th Street and Avenue E, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
 02/22/22 - 10:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Cameron Olan Medland, 22, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 6th Street and Avenue E, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.
 02/22/22 - 10:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Blake Ryan Feuerhammer, 21, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 6th Street and Avenue E, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
 02/23/22 - 7:51 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 14th Street and Avenue H.
 02/23/22 - 10:08 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Sara Ann Pauly, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 3500 block of Avenue N, on a warrant for failure to appear and a charge of driving under suspension.

02/23/22 - 1:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 02/23/22 - 2:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2100 block of Avenue B.
 02/23/22 - 2:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Seth Thomas Wright, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300.

Lee County Sheriff Report

02/17/22 - 12:22 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwys. 16 and 61. According to the report, a vehicle being driven by Cindy Kay DiPrima, 43, of Wever, was traveling eastbound approaching the intersection, attempting to stop, when she slid into the southbound lanes of Hwy. 61 and was struck on the driver side front and rear doors by a vehicle being driven by Lorri Beth Bliss, 62, of Fort Madison. Both vehicles were towed from the scene and Bliss was transported by ambulance to the hospital. No other injuries or citations were reported.
 02/17/22 - 1:49 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2700 block of Hwy. 61. According to the report, a snowplow driven by Robert John Kirchner, 52, of Donnellson, was traveling southbound on Hwy 61, when it was struck on the rear passenger side by a vehicle being driven by Michael Alan Pauly, 31, of Fort Madison. No injuries or citations were reported and neither vehicle was disabled.
 02/17/22 - 7:10 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Joseph Matthew Haage, 38, of Keokuk, in the 1800 240th Street, on a charge of 1st offense trespassing. He was

taken to the Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.
 02/18/22 - 4:58 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Natasha Louise McCarty, 35, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/19/22 - 9:32 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Gregory Lane King, 60, of Denmark, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on time served.
 02/19/22 - 7:31 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Shane Mathew Carrell, 23, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 263rd Avenue and Hwy. 61, on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.
 02/20/22 - 1:57 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Ross Benjamin Vantiger, 23, of Mount Union, in the 1400 block of Pilot Grove Road, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.
 02/20/22 - 7:43 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Derek Alexander Westwater, 37, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/20/22 - 10:51 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 1800 block of Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle being driven by Madison Elizabeth McGlasson, 14, of Keokuk, was traveling north on Hwy. 61 when she lost control of the vehicle, slid sideways across both lanes of traffic, left the roadway entering the ditch, struck a reflective road marker, and came to rest in a muddy field. No injuries were reported, the vehicle sustained heavy damage and the driver was cited for failure to maintain control.
 02/21/22 - 6:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 218 N. According to the report, a deer entered the roadway in front of a vehicle being driven by Alexis Louisa Ullrich, 33, of Mt. Pleasant, causing her to slow down and a vehicle being driven by Isabel Catherine Vandenberg, 20, of Columbia, to strike the rear of Ullrich's vehicle in the roadway. No injuries or citations were reported.
 02/21/22 - 10:35 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Troy Francis Markham, 55, of Hamilton, in the 2200 block of McKinley Avenue, on a warrant for violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/22/22 - 10:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Dennis Lee Hitsman, Jr., 33, of Davenport, at the sheriff's office, on 3 warrants for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/23/22 - 12:03 p.m. - Lee County

Sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2400 block of Hwy. 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Brendan August Sanford, 30, of Shawnee, Okla., and a vehicle driven by Jonathan David Finn, 36, of Bonaparte, were both traveling west on Hwy. 218 with Finn's vehicle following Sanford's. The driver's side of Sanford's vehicle was struck by Finn's as he was attempting to make a u-turn. Finn had minor injuries, but refused medical attention. Finn's vehicle was towed from the scene. No other injuries or citations were reported.
 02/24/22 - 2:10 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Michael Austin Vaughn, 28, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/24/22 - 7:15 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff deputies arrested Brandon Ray Raszler, 30, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

02/08/22 - Kristen M Gollither, age 36, was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Domestic Battery. Gollither remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 02/08/22 - Joseph D Leeper, age 46, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Retail Theft and Resisting a Peace Officer. Leeper was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/10/22 - Casey L Gunning, age 41, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Probation Violation on original charges of Drug charges. Gunning remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 02/10/22 - Brett L Traman, age 32, of Fort Madison, IA was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended and Obstructing Identification. Traman was also arrested on Lee County Warrants charging him with Violation of Parole, Failure to Appear/ Pay on original charges of Driving While Barred and Criminal Mischief. Traman was released to Lee County Authorities.
 02/10/22 - Ryan K Shaw, age 37, of Dallas City, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Shaw was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/12/22 - Megan A Garcia, age 27, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/ Pay on original charges of Driving While License Suspended and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle and No Valid Registration. Garcia was released after posting the required bond

and given a future court date.
 02/12/22 - Yony S Palma, age 45, c+f Carthage, IL was given a Notice to Appear at a future court date for No Driver's License and No Insurance.
 2/13/22 - Kael S Robinson, age 37, of Quincy, IL was arrested and charged with Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, and Escape. Robinson remains lodged in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 02/15/22 - Kady G Cox, age 23, of Macomb, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Resisting or Obstructing a Peace Officer. Cox was also arrested on a Schuyler County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/ Pay on original charges of Disorder. Cox was released to Schuyler County.
 02/15/22 - Candi I Medina, age 28, of Burnside, IL was arrested on a Lee County Warrant charging her with Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unauthorized Use of Credit Card, and Forgery. Medina was released to Lee County Iowa Authorities.
 02/16/22 - Jerry P Orth, age 40, of Niota, IL was arrested and charged with Contempt of Court. Orth was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/17/22 - Courtney Lampkins, age 37, of Macomb, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Pay original charges of Obstructing Identification. Lampkins was also arrested on a McDonough County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Pay on original charges of Disorderly Conduct. Lampkins was released to McDonough County Authorities.
 02/18/22 - Franz G Dunsworth, age 61, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Dunsworth remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 02/19/22 - David M Farran, age 47, of Lomax, IL was arrested on a Henderson County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Pay on original charges of Battery. Farran was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
Those listed above are charged with a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

02/21/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one dog rescue call, three medical calls, and one report of gas odor.
 02/21/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to nine medical calls,
 02/21/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls.

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