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City remembers



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison City Councilman Tom Schulz addresses a crowd of about 40 at Fort Madison's Battlefield Park Monday morning in front of the marble memorial honoring those buried near the original site of Fort Madison. The annual memorial service accompanied the regular Oakland Cemetery event.



OPINION



Is answer to gun issue in big tobacco

Guns.

Boy, I don't know.

I'm torn on the social discussion, as guns are almost like the third rail. You start talking gun control and you can really create some animosity with friends in a small town.

I keep going back to a freedom is a privilege lost when abused.

We certainly have an abuse, but the freedom is too entrenched to lose.

If I was a Democrat running in primaries anywhere in the country, and we were less than a week from a national primary, and we just had another massacre committed at the hands of someone clearly suffering from mental illness, I would say this to the voters.

"There's nothing we can do."

I'm all about transparency, but the National Rifle Association is just too powerful. And there's nothing we can do politically."

It took all of three minutes following the Uvalde shootings for the GOP to jump on mental illness and how we have to do more to combat mental illness. Misdirection is in every politician's briefcase.

I can't help but think of a conversation with State Rep. Martin Graber who said a bill to eliminate the deadline for open enrollment was rushed through the Iowa legislature because of a video that surfaced about an LGBTQ party being held at an Ankeny public school.

They had the numbers to pass that

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COUNTY NEWS

Area man sets festival to benefit Ukrainian refugees

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – There's a party taking place on Sunday at the Lee County Fairgrounds and it's all to benefit Ukrainians.

David Roth, the organizer of the event, said watching all the events of the war in

Ukraine unfold, made him want to get involved. But it was posts on social media from a friend in Ukraine that shook him.

"Let me very blunt. I was sitting on my ass in my recliner watching my tv and wondered what can I do to help. Drove my wife crazy for about two weeks," Roth said.

"But I have a Facebook friend from

Ukraine and we collect vinyl records. He's sent me stuff that's very disturbing and sometimes I cannot even watch it. He fled to Poland with his granddaughter."

Roth said that under the skin, we're all brothers and sisters, and we're put on earth,

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WEATHER

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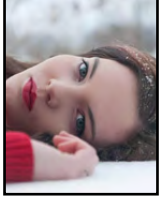


Obituaries

OBITUARIES

HALEY J. DOYLE

Haley Jade Doyle graced this world with her beautiful presence March 10, 2000. The “baby” of four children and the only girl. Haley was truly the “cherry on top” for her parents and brothers. From the time she was a little girl she had a personality that was all her own. Prone to tripping over air or walking into things. You could often hear a “thunk” from another room followed by a little voice proclaiming loudly,



DOYLE

“I’m otay!” She was a joy to her entire family, especially her younger cousins who she treated like her own siblings. She graduated in 2018 from Central Lee High School, she loved nature, especially butterflies, adventure, art and all kinds of music. She had the voice of an angel and if you were close enough to get her to come out of her shell, you might be blessed enough to hear her sing a beautiful rendition of “In the Garden” or then again maybe “Here I Go Again” at the top of her lungs with the windows rolled down driving down the highway.

She had the bluest eyes and the most beautiful smile you’ve ever seen. She could be tough as nails but tender when it really counted and for that and so many other reasons, she made this world a better place for all of us. Though we grieve the loss of our sweet Haley Jade, heaven rejoices as her voice joins with the angels around the throne.

Haley is lovingly remembered by her parents, Jason Doyle, Michelle Holtkamp and husband Bob; brothers, Benjamin Doyle and wife Carrie, Landon Doyle and wife Victoria Brooke, Brennan Doyle and wife Kaylee, sister by choice, Emileigh Doyle; nieces and nephews she treated as her own, Fallon Rae, Levi, Luke, Emery, Noah and Macey and many other friends and family members.

Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. with services following at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Ozark View Funeral Home in Clinton, Arkansas with Brent Smith officiating. A celebration of life gathering in Iowa will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Ozark View Funeral Home. To leave condolences or share a memory, please go to www.ozarkviewfuneralhome.com.

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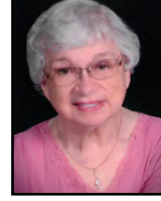


OBITUARIES

DELPHA E. WALLINGFORD

Delpha Elizabeth Wallingford, 96, of the New London Specialty Care in New London, formerly of Mount Pleasant, passed away at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, May 29, 2022 in New London.

Born on June 9, 1925, in New Boston, Iowa, the daughter of Harry John and Luella May (Powell) Philp. Delpha married Donald R. Wallingford. He preceded her in death. She later married William C. Swan. He preceded her in death.



WALLINGFORD

Survivors include her children: Dorothy R. (the late William) Brickey of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Donald R. (Norene) Wallingford of Farmington, Iowa, Dale R. (the late Jacque) Wallingford of Stockton, California, and Doris R. (Michael) Dickey of New London, Iowa.

Also surviving are twelve grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, with one on the way in July and eleven great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, parents, husbands: Donald R. Wallingford, William C. Swan; daughter-in-law Jacque Wallingford; son-in-law William Brickey; four sisters: Marion L. Hubbard, Evelyn M. Roth, Alice L. McGraw, Dorothy A. Philp in infancy and brother John H. Philp.

Delpha was a former member of Asbury Methodist Church, Big Mound, Iowa, First United Methodist Church, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, National Association of Tax Practitioners, American Notary Association and was registered with the IRS. She worked for the Mount Pleasant Public Library as an assistant to the librarian. She founded her accounting and income tax practice, along with working as an accountant for Peterson Incorporation for twenty-nine years. She closed her practice after thirty-three years. Delpha enjoyed her children, grandchildren and visiting at the lake in Minnesota and Canada. She did lots of crocheting and quilting for her family.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Keokuk, with Reverend Larry Wallingford officiating.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donors choice.

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

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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Fort Madison Police Report

05/26/22 – 8:37 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue H.

05/26/22 – 9:57 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of Vica Lane.

05/26/22 – 11:21 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Jeremiah James Young, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of 28th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/26/22 – 12:23 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run at the intersection of 22nd Street and Avenue F.

05/26/22 – 1:43 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 500 block of Avenue G.

05/26/22 – 7:17 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Brian Lee Scott Ray, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue N, on a warrant for 2nd degree theft and a warrant for driving while suspended. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/26/22 – 10:55 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jesse Martin Spray, 42, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue H, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

05/27/22 – 12:06 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism at the Police Department.

05/27/22 – 1:36 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Brandon Lee Manning, 24, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of 35th Street, on a warrant for probation vio-

lation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/28/22 – 4:06 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Andrea Jean Hoenig, 38, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 38th Street and Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/28/22 – 10:20 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 17th Street and Avenue E.

05/29/22 – 11:18 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 100 block of 29th Place.

05/29/22 – 12:37 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue F.

05/30/22 – 1:22 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of 21st Street.

05/30/22 – 1:36 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

05/30/22 – 11:17 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Tristin Hunter McKinney, 26, of Mt. Pleasant, at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/31/22 – 7:56 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2100 block of Avenue G.

05/31/22 – 8:16 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Avenue E.

Lee County Sheriff Report

05/26/22 – 10:35 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Michael Charles

Sanford, 62, of West Point, in the 2100 block of West Point Road, West Point, on a warrant for Domestic assault – bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/26/22 – 10:39 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Marrison Fawn Ash, 38, of Kahoka, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

05/26/22 – 2:20 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested John William White, 38, 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 and later released on bond.

05/26/22 – 4:27 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Ashley Michelle Cluney, 29, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of assault w/i injure law officer/other. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/26/22 – 5:27 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2300 block of Peach Orchard Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Gage Alexander Roberts, 19, Montrose, was traveling westbound on Peach Orchard Road, and

a vehicle driven by Jordan Alexis Vorwaldt, 16, of Montrose, was traveling eastbound on Peach Orchard Road, when they collided toward the center of the unmarked road. No injuries or citations were reported.

05/26/22 – 6:12 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested William Francis Rankin, 43, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/27/22 – 6:00 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brittney Dawn Helms, 29, of Mt. Pleasant, in the 2700 block of Avenue Q, Fort Madison, on a warrant for interference with official acts. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

05/28/22 – 7:20 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Devin Wayne Schofield, 28, of Donnellson, in the 200 block of University Avenue, Donnellson, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

05/29/22 – 1:39 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Michael Lynn Mason, 43, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later

released for time served.

05/29/22 – 2:10 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Amber Ann Boeckentstedt, 38, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/29/22 – 2:54 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Hezekiah Tyreese Heidelberg, 21, of Cedar Rapids, in the 3400 block of Hwy. 61, Keokuk, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

05/29/22 – 2:54 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jessamyn Janae Neaveah Johnson, 19, of Cedar Rapids, in the 3400 block of Hwy. 61, Keokuk, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

05/30/22 – 8:43 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Whitney Kay Mackey, 30, listed as homeless living in Keokuk, in the 2500 block of 280th Street, Montrose, on charges of 3rd degree burglary – vehicle 1st offense, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/30/22 – 3:28 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Michael Anthony Kempker, Jr., 37, of West Point, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for contempt – failure to pay fine/cost. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/30/22 – 10:39 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Stanley Joe Davis, 32, of Montrose, in the 2900 block of Hwy. 218, Montrose, on a charge of domestic assault – bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report


05/27/22 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call, and one garbage fire.

05/28/22 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one burn complaint.

05/29/22 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls and one false alarm.

05/30/22 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to eight medical calls, one motorist assist, and a river investigation.


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Sports/Iowa News

Lady Hounds split with Davenport North Friday

FIRST WIN: Fort Madison gets first win of the year in doubleheader

BY PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Neeley Rehm went all seven innings giving up six runs on six hits and went 2-of-4 from the plate with two RBI and a run scored to lead Fort Madison in an 8-6 win over Davenport North.

The win gave the Bloodhounds a split in the Friday affair at Hoskins Field in Fort Madison as North took the night cap 10-6.

Fort Madison lead 1-0 going into the fourth inning in game 1 after Emily Steffensmeier was plunked on the second pitch of the game. She would steal second and score on Rehm's RBI single.

Neither team would plate a run again until the top of the fourth when Rehm led off by hitting sophomore Allison Boynton. A courtesy runner would score on Lauren Durst's double to center to tie things up at 1. Durst would move to third on a sacrifice bunt and then get thrown out trying to steal home to end the threat.

North would tie things up in the top of the sixth when Lay-

la Muhammad homered on a liner to left, but Fort Madison would put a six-spot up on the bottom half highlighted by a two-run error on the Wildcats. Lexi Whaley's hard grounder to third scored two when the ball was misplayed. Logan Johnson and Lauryn Helmick both singled to follow Whaley, scoring two more runs for an 8-2 Bloodhound lead.

The Wildcats would rally in the top of the seventh. Durst singled a 2-0 pitch into right field and then Jordan Snaar took a ball out to left cutting the lead to 8-4 with no outs. Rehm got the next hitter on strikes looking. An error in right allowed a baserunner at second and then a single put runners at the corners.

Zelly Muhammad then singled to left scoring one and leaving runners at 2nd and 3rd on the throw home. A sacrifice fly to center plated another run to make it 8-6. Rehm would give up a walk to bring the tying run to the plate, but a ground out to short would give the Hounds the win.

Rehm, Elle Ruble and Helmick each had two hits in the game. Whaley, Logan Johnson, Erika Kruse and Taylor Johnson each had hits. Taylor Johnson, Helmick and Logan Johnson had RBIs in the win.

Rehm gave up six runs, four earned on six hits while fanning nine and walking one in the win.

In the second game, Kruse took the loss surrendering 10

runs, eight earned on nine hits while walking eight, striking out four and committing eight wild pitches.

Davenport opened the game with three runs in the top of the first and two in the top of the third for a 5-2 lead. The Wildcats put up five more in the top of the sixth sparked by an RBI double by Cassandra Bergthold. The Hound put the first five hitters on with walks and errors before getting a ground out. Bergthold hit her double to put the Wildcats up 10-2.

Fort Madison would put on four runs in the bottom of the seventh started by a Whaley double. Johnson would walk and score on an error off Helmick's grounder to short. After a Kruse popout in foul territory, Elizabeth Tanner and Ruble would both single and then Taylor Johnson doubled to center scoring Ruble. Tanner was thrown out after stealing second and trying to score on Ruble's single.

Steffensmeier would pop out in foul territory to end the game.

Whaley, Logan Johnson, Taylor Johnson and Kruse each had two hits. Steffensmeier, Tanner and Ruble each had hits. Rehm pitched 1 2/3 with two strikeouts and no hits, walks or runs.

The Bloodhounds (1-5, 0-0) travel to Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday to open Southeast Conference play with a double header.

HTC girls roll Danville in opener

BY PCC SPORTS

WEST POINT – Mary Hellige went the distance giving up just three hits and one earned run in Holy Trinity's 9-1 win over Danville at South Park Friday night.

Hellige also drove in four runs going 2-of-4 from the plate with a couple singles to lead the Crusaders. Laura Mehmert also had a couple hits and two RBI for HTC. Hailey Cain, Anna Sobczak, and Kayla Box also had two

hits against the Bears. Cain and Mehmert each had extra base hits.

Holy Trinity opened the scoring with two runs in the bottom of the third, but Danville countered with a run in the top of the fourth.

The Crusaders would blow things open in the bottom of the fifth with five runs and then added two more insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth, while Hellige held the Bears in check the rest of the way through.

Holy Trinity played a clean game with no errors and combined for 13 total hits.

Brooke Mueller, Jenna DiPrima and Kelly Meierotto all has singles for HTC (1-0, 1-0).

The Crusaders travel to Mediapolis on June for a 7 p.m. start. Due to low numbers HTC is trying to get games played varsity first and then junior varsity, so check scheduled for actual starting times.

Mobile museum coming to Heritage Days

DES MOINES – The State Historical Society of Iowa's mobile museum hits the road this month, packed with 56 artifacts and a video that explores 13,000 years of Iowa history.

Housed in a custom-built Winnebago, the 300-square-foot museum on wheels launched in 2017 and completed its first 99-county tour in 2019, making 175 stops along the way and attracting nearly 65,000 visitors, including 11,400 students. The current exhibition, "Iowa History 101: Iowa's People & Places" debuted last year and will continue its new 99-county journey through 2023.

"Our first tour was a success because we shared an engaging Iowa history experience in towns across the entire state, and Iowans are eager for us to come back with a new exhibition," State Historical Society of Iowa Administrator Susan Kloewer said. "We're grateful to our community hosts

and generous sponsors who are helping make this next 99-county tour possible."

"These images and objects remind us of the role Iowans played in global events," State Curator Leo Landis said. "It's easy to overlook the significant contributions Iowans have made in promoting equality and liberty, but this exhibit can inspire all Iowans to understand and appreciate Iowa's past and promote these values."

EMC Insurance Companies sponsored the first tour and renewed its support for the new exhibition.

"EMC Insurance Companies has deep roots in Iowa," Beth Nigut, EMC Executive Vice President, said. "We're proud to be a part of our state's history and excited to help share it with Iowans across the state."

The idea for the mobile museum emerged in 2014 from a series of community conversations organized by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, which oversees

the State Historical Society of Iowa. Iowans care deeply about history and made it clear they wanted new ways to access the State Historical Museum's resources.

Iowans may request a visit from the mobile museum for their local schools, libraries, museums, community festivals, county fairs and other places where people gather. Visits are complimentary and the tours are self-guided.

To date, "Iowa's People & Places" is already scheduled to visit the following communities:

- June 2: Mason City, Preserve Iowa Summit
- June 4: Denmark, Heritage Days
- June 7-9: Sac City, Sac City Public Library
- June 11: Jefferson, Bell Tower Festival
- June 14-16: Sumner, Sumner Public Library
- June 17-19: Adair, Adair Sesquicentennial
- June 24-26: Fairfax, Fairfax USA Days



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Lee County News

Central Lee honors retiring facilities director for 45 years

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELSON — The Central Lee Community School District honored Chris Gray, Director of Facilities, on Friday morning for his 45 years of service to the district.

Gray, who is retiring effective June 30, began working at Central Lee while he was a high school junior. After he graduated, he took on a full-time position at the Montrose School. In 2000, he was named Director of Facilities, a position he has held for the past 22 years.

During his tenure as Director of Facilities, Mr. Gray has overseen classroom additions to the PK-8 building, classroom additions to the high school building, geothermal/HVAC installation to all facilities on campus and, most recently, a \$13 million, state-of-the-art addition and renovation to the high school and PK-8 building. He has also been instrumental

in numerous renovation projects, including the high school weight room and high school family/consumer science room.

“Chris is irreplaceable not only as a highly skilled facility director, but also as a person. He is what we desire from all employees. He is kind, trustworthy and reliable,” said Dr. Andy Crozier, Superintendent. “It has been an honor to work alongside Chris the past six years. I wish him the absolute best in his retirement.”

At the retirement reception held Friday morning, Mr. Gray was presented with a new service award, named the “Chris Gray Award.”

In the future, this award will honor staff members who have served the district for more than 20 years. The award reflects dedication and loyalty to Central Lee’s students, staff, families and community members.

“It is quite rare for the Central Lee Community

School District to name an award, building or field after an individual. We recognize that we can always do more to honor the employees who have been with us for many years,” Dr. Crozier said. “This award will enshrine Chris’s legacy for years to come, and we are grateful to be able to present the inaugural award to Chris himself.”

Central Lee will honor the rest of its retiring staff at the annual end-of-year breakfast on Tuesday, May 31. The district will also announce its annual employee awards at that time.



Courtesy photo

Dr. Andy Crozier, Superintendent of Central Lee School District, presents Chris Gray, Central Lee Director of Facilities, with an award Friday. Gray is retiring after 45 years of service with the district.

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West Burlington City Hall
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approve minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on May 18, 2022

2. Approve the Liquor License Renewal for Wal-Mart

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

4. Approve payment to Burlington Public Library -

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5. Approve promotion of Jason Shackelford and Ethan Allen within the Fire Department

6. Approve payment of Claims as listed on the June 1, 2022 Expense Approval Report for \$1,036,751.27

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

- ADMINISTRATOR:
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- FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider a Resolution Setting a Date
2. Discuss changes to the external power on the North side of City Hall
3. Consider purchase of vehicle for the Police Department
4. Consider Pay Request #5 for the South Lift Station Project
5. Consider a Resolution accepting the South Lift Station Project and release of Retainage
6. Consider a Resolution authorizing End of the Year Transfers for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
7. Consider a Resolution temporarily closing certain streets for the annual 4th of July Celebration
8. Consider a Resolution amending Wages for Swimming Pool Employees for the 2022 Pool Season
9. Consider a Resolution setting Non-Union Wages for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
10. Consider the final reading of an Ordinance setting Water Rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

OLD BUSINESS

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

CLOSED SESSION

1. Council will hold a Closed Session in accor-

dance 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 individuals' reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

ADJOURN

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MONTROSE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 2, 2022
4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MONTROSE CITY HALL
AGENDA**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public during discussion. If you wish to speak, please step up to the Council table, state your name and address for the record and limit the time used to present your remarks to five minutes in order that others may be given the opportunity to speak. The normal process on any particular agenda item is that the motion is placed on the floor, input is received from the audience, the Council is given an

opportunity to comment on the issue or respond to the audience concerns, and the vote is taken. On ordinances, there is time provided for public input at the time of the first reading. In consideration of all, if you have a cell phone, please turn it off or put it on silent ring.

CALL TO ORDER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time the Council members vote on the motion.

1. Approve Agenda as written.
2. Approve May 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; and May 10, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.
3. Approve May 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented.
4. Approve Payment of Claims as presented.

PUBLIC FORUM: This is a time set aside for comments from the public on topics of City business other than those listed on this agenda. Please understand that the Council is not likely to

take any action on your comments at this meeting due to requirements of the Open Meetings Law, but may do so at a future meetings. The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public; however, at no time is it appropriate to use profane, obscene, or slanderous language. The Mayor may limit each speaker to five minutes.

EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Public Safety, General Government & Enterprise, Culture & Recreation, Public Works, Economic & Community Development.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 6-2022 approving raising the GRRWA Integrated Waste Fee to \$2.59 or \$2.60 per household. ROLL CALL VOTE
2. Resolution 7-2022 approving the Lee County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the City of Montrose, Lee County, Iowa.
3. Resolution 8-2022 approving raising the price of a grave from \$200 to \$400. ROLL CALL VOTE.
4. Consider and possibly approve audio/video recordings of Council meetings.

5. Consider and possibly approve a new City Hall all-in-one machine from Access Systems.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Casey's 2022-2023 Cigarette Permit.
2. Consider City taking down dead ash trees on private property for a certain amount of money.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

ADJOURNMENT:

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From the Front

Event set for Sunday

FESTIVAL - Continued from Page 1

ultimately, to help each other.

"Where are those kids going to go? I get a little emotional sometimes over this. Sometimes I get a lump in my throat so big I can't swallow it down."

To help swallow the emotion, Roth started putting together an event that will take place Sunday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. called "To Ukraine from Iowa with Love".

It's six hours of local musical talent, including locally renowned The Ozone Ramblers, Kirk Brandenberger, Brian Wagner, Joel Garretson, Chaz and The Channel Cats, Garret Hardy, Big Huge, Lee-Henry Line, and local favorite rockers Ghosts of Judas.

Roth said there will also be food vending from Rick and Janice Eckle, the Argyle Adult Sunday School will be on hand selling popcorn and bottled water, and the Lee County Fair Board has opened up the grandstands for the event and will be selling wine coolers and beer.

All proceeds from the event will go to Ukrainian refugees through a non-governmental organization called Global Ministries. Roth said he looked for the organization that most wholly supported refugees.

"They do it through a church in Hungary. And they can afford to give 100% of all proceeds to refugees because they have an endowment that pays for their administrative fees," Roth said.

Roth said pulling together the talent and vendors for the event was more than simple.

"I didn't even have to ask. These folks just came and asked if they could play at the event. I was going to have to rent porta potties, but the fair board opened the grandstands. Everyone has just been wonderful. My stepdaughter and her family are even here from Virginia to help," Roth said.

"This is going to be a wonderful event and, if you come out and don't have a good time, it's your own damn fault."

There's no admission charge for the event but free will donations are being accepted. There will be several volunteers with buckets to collect donations on the property. Roth said one anonymous benefactor has already donated \$500 to the event.

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GOP changed law after Ankeny video

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bill on the emotion and disgust alone of what they saw in the video. The value of tolerance be damned.

Yet the focus gets shifted as video rolls in about 19 children and 2 teachers killed at an elementary in Uvalde, Texas. Where's the emotion there? Beto O'Rourke, the former presidential candidate who unveiled his candidacy in 2018 in Fort Madison, interrupted Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott's press conference on the shooting, pointing at him and telling him the massacre was on his hands until he decided to do something.

O'Rourke was escorted from the event.

If it's okay for a knee jerk reaction based on a video of students exercising rights as Americans to identify as they choose, it's probably okay for a knee jerk reaction to eliminate guns.

But Iowa doubled down and passed a bill allowing AR-15s to be used to kill antlerless deer in January in all 99 counties. Statements from Charles City Rep. Todd Prichard indicated these weapons can fire ammunition up to 2.5 miles as semi-automatics and still take a deer. But where does it go when they miss?

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But if the GOP can pass a last-minute law that seriously messes with public schools' abilities to budget and plan because of a video that was shared in the hallways, certainly this massacre... this time, would carry a vastly larger motivation

for a quick bill to change the law.

It won't happen. The NRA is just too powerful. There's nothing we can do. Not because they aren't law-abiding citizens who are fighting to maintain 2nd amendment rights. I have Republican friends and I believe in their right to carry a firearm and defend themselves. I believe in allowing shotguns and rifles for hunting. I have many, many friends who hunt and that's critical to our ecosystems, environments, and economies.

But just like I believe it's Mark Zuckerberg's and Elon Musk's ultimate responsibility to get our children off their phones and back outside playing, it's the NRA's responsibility to cut into the frequency of mass shootings through education and marketing campaigns.

We did it with big tobacco and kids are smoking less and less.

We don't have to go after the guns because, for the most part, people are responsible with them and they have a right to continue to enjoy their lives that way. We don't pass laws aimed at taking guns, we pass laws with added taxes to ammunition and firearms that are used specifically for mental health campaigns, gun safety courses, hunter safety courses, enhanced conservation programs, and educational programs aimed specifically at curbing violent behavior.

The NRA is too big, too powerful, and too influential. They can and will lobby against higher prices for ammunition and guns. So did Phillip Morris, But that's Beside the Point.

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