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WP may assess landfill fee

UTILITY BILL: City hasn't charged residents for landfill since 2014

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A 256% increase in fees paid by the county as part of an Integrated Waste Services contract with Great River Regional Waste Authority got no opposition from Lee County Supervisors Monday.

Austin Banks, the director the landfill, said the authority hadn't taken a rate increase in 15 years and the move is to better position the landfill for the future, as well as helping fund methane mitigation starting in 2025.

"Integrated Waste Services fee is going up. It was \$1 per household roughly, to \$2.50," he told the board.

Banks said the landfill built a new cell this year that will add 4.5 years of life to the landfill at current waste levels and he said in 2025 and 2030, the landfill will add additional cells.

"The 2025 cell will give us an additional five years with the next cell being built in 2030. That cell will be a bigger cell and give us more life, but unfortunately in 2025 we are most likely going to tip an EPA regulation based around greenhouse gases and methane is a big hitter in this," Banks said.

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PANDEMIC

LCHD to stop weekly COVID reporting

LEE COUNTY - For almost two years (since March of 2020), Lee County Health Department (LCHD) has been very engaged in keeping Lee County residents and local response partners updated with COVID-19 guidance, and reporting weekly available data provided by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

However, due to the shifting in the state of Iowa's COVID-19 surveillance activities and of state resources, the Iowa Department of Public Health will be changing how they will be collecting and reporting COVID-19 data points.

As a result, this will also change LCHD's weekly data reporting. This is largely due to Governor Reynolds' Public Health Disaster Emergency Proclamation expiring on February 15, 2022. Both the state's www.coronavirus.gov and www.vaccinate.iowa.gov websites will be decommissioned and no longer available. Therefore, Lee County Health Department will no longer be providing weekly COVID-19 data reports taken from these websites after February 15, 2022.

Starting on February 16th, LCHD will be directing those in need of Iowa's COVID-19 publicly available data to visit the Iowa Department of Public Health's website.

The state health department will publish weekly reports on this website that will include various data points and other data resource links for the general public.

LCHD will continue to monitor local public health surveillance systems in place as LCHD does for any reportable communicable disease and will remain available to county residents, schools, business and industry, and health care organizations for needed local public health intervention and guidance.

LCHD wants the public to know that these changes do not mean that the COVID-19 community transmission risks are over and still encourages and promotes use of best practices to minimize risks for severe illness and spread of virus activity in the county. Best practices for reducing risks include wearing a well-fitted facemask when in indoor public settings, social distancing,

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PIONEER CEMETERIES



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Historic Preservation Commission chairman Chris Sorrentino has set his eyes on a city pioneer cemetery lot on the city's east side.

City's historic commission to look at pioneer cemetery

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The city's Historic Preservation Committee has been working to clean up and refurbish the City Cemetery, but now efforts may also include a smaller historic pioneer cemetery on the city's east side.

As Lee County ramps up its efforts to help maintain some of the county's 60 plus pioneer cemeteries, HPC Chairman Chris Sorrentino is wanting to see where the city can help with the Hoffmeister Cemetery just off 2nd Street in Fort Madison.

The plot is the burial ground of at least 13 members of the Johann Hoff-

meister family, including former ISP physician Augustus W. Hoffmeister who lived in the house on the property and had a private practice on the second floor.

Hoffmeister was also the only physician at the time seeing offenders on site

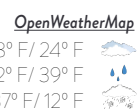
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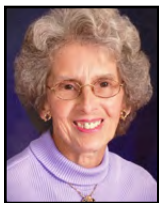


Obituaries

OBITUARIES

KATHLEEN A. SPIESZ

Kathleen A. "Kathy" Spiesz, 78, of Croton, Iowa, passed away at 4:03 p.m. Saturday, February 12, 2022, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa.



SPIESZ

She was born on April 30, 1943, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the daughter of Harry A. and Genevieve (Pauley) Moeller. On July 24, 1971, she married Francis L. Spiesz at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa.

She is survived by her husband: Francis; two sons: Michael (Allison) Spiesz and Dean (Jean) Spiesz; two granddaughters: Erin and Emma Spiesz; brother: Herbert Moeller; sister: Winifred Fritz and brother-in-law: Eugene Spiesz. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother: Francis Moeller; sister: Rosemarie Wickenkamp; sisters-in-law: Letha and Joanne and brother-in-law: Dale.

Kathy was a graduate of St. John's Catholic High School in Houghton. She worked for Sheaffer Pen Company in Fort Madison until her sons were born then she became a homemaker. She was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington and the Altar and Rosary Society of the church. Kathy enjoyed going on car rides, gardening, tending to her yard and most of all, playing with her granddaughters.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening. A parish rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington with Father Dennis Hoffman as celebrant.

Burial will be at String Prairie Cemetery, rural Argyle, Iowa.

A memorial has been established in her memory for String Prairie Cemetery.

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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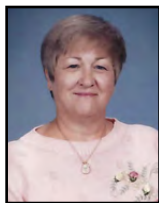
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DONNA L. BETTS

Donna L. Betts, 81, of Keokuk, IA died Friday, February 11, 2022 at her home. She was born on March 27, 1940 in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of Myron A. and Cecil M. (Summers) Davis. She graduated from Keokuk Senior High School with the Class of 1958.



BETTS

On December 27, 1959, Donna was united in marriage to Louis E. Betts, Jr. He survives.

She is also survived by her son, Gary L. Betts (Alma) of Keokuk, her daughter, Deborah S. Hosemann of Hoover, AL, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, her brother-in-law, Jack Betts of Keokuk, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Lori Ann Betts, one son-in-law, Paul Hosemann, two sisters, Betty McKinley and Myra Gates and one brother, Richard Davis.

Donna was a faithful member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Keokuk and was also an active member of the Christian Woman's Fellowship of the church. She had been a member of Rainbow Girls as a teen.

Donna had worked in retail and retired as facility manager at Keokuk Savings Bank in Keokuk. She was a people person and enjoyed her job working with her fellow employees and her customers.

She enjoyed working in her garden and taking care of the yard. Donna was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved spending time with her family especially time with her grandchildren.

A Memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Wednesday at the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Keokuk with Pastor David Turner officiating. The service will be live streamed and may be viewed on the First Christian Church facebook page.

Burial will be at a later date in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 1 - 3 p.m. at the church with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, the P.A.W. Animal Shelter or First Christian Church Disciples of Christ.

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

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

EVELYN I. PARKER

Evelyn Irene Parker, 95, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 5:43 p.m. at The Kensington in Fort Madison. She was born on December 30, 1926 in Ottumwa, IA to Tillett & Lena Albertson Blanchard. She married



PARKER

Wayne Orlo Parker on November 21, 1946 in Ottumwa, IA. He preceded her in death in 1993. She was a bank teller for many years and also a homemaker.

Evelyn is survived by: 2-daughters: Susan (Rusty Dennison) Parker of Scottsdale, AZ & Linda (Bob) Reding of Fort Madison, IA; 3-grandchildren: Mary (Tanner) Reding Shonka of Tripoli, IA, Sam Reding of Cedar Falls, IA & Brian J. Buckner of Cedar Falls, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 4-brothers & 1-sister.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A private graveside service will be held at a later date at Batavia Cemetery in Batavia, IA. Online condolences to Evelyn's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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For the Record/From the Front

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

02/11/22 – 9:00 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4000 block of Avenue O.
 02/11/22 – 2:14 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 3000 block of County Road 103.
 02/11/22 – 4:13 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Avenue E.
 02/11/22 – 5:00 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jack Wallace Stinson, Jr., 22, of Burlington, in the 1000 block of 33rd Street, on a charge of city: dog at large.
 02/11/22 – 9:29 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue F.
 02/12/22 – 1:34 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 38th Street and Avenue O.
 02/11/22 – 10:49 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Jeremiah Jacob Prockish, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue N, on 2 warrants for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/12/22 – 1:31 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Belinda Lorene McWhorlor, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue I, on a charge of driving while barred.
 02/12/22 – 10:51 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Victoria Lynn Rainey, 51,

of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 23rd Street and Avenue I, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 02/13/22 – 9:46 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 400 block of 12th Street.
 02/13/22 – 8:19 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary at the intersection of 13th Street and Avenue C.
 02/13/22 – 8:30 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Wade Lee Shaffer, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue F, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 02/14/22 – 2:49 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of Avenue G.

Lee County Sheriff Report

02/11/22 – 12:09 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Donald Ray Bauswell, Jr., 39, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a weekend serve.
 02/11/22 – 7:27 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident in Hwy. 27 N. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Francis Xavier Franer, 35, of Wentzville, Mo., was traveling northbound on Hwy. 27 when the trailer it was hauling began fishtailing and jackknifed off the vehicle, coming to rest in the inside lane. The deputy assisted the driver in flipping the trail-

er back up on its wheels and moved off the roadway. The trailer was towed from the scene, but the vehicle was not damaged. No injuries or citations were reported.
 02/11/22 – 4:02 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brett Lee Tra-man, 32, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a charge of violation of parole and a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/12/22 – 2:34 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brandon Lee Gutierrez, 33, of Burlington, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.
 02/12/22 – 2:41 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested IC Frederick Christy, 34, of Argyle, in the 1700 block of 320th Street, on a charge of 1st offense domestic abuse assault. He was later released on bond.
 02/12/22 – 3:16 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Karley Rachele Schmitz, 28, of Argyle, in the 1700 block of 320th Street, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

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

WP official drawing up resolution to pass landfill fee on to residents

RATE HIKE - Continued from Page 1

Banks said the EPA tightened regulations in 2021 from 50 megagrams to 34 megagrams of methane output. He said that would put the landfill in a "triple x" additional monitoring status and all methane would have to be harvested.

"There's different ways to deal with this methane. One would be a big flare, and we could look at other options. Instead of being hit with this regulation, we want to kind of prepare for it as it comes. It is a lot of infrastructure that our landfill is going to need," Banks said.

He said there was an increase in tipping fees to the public and contractors as well as the integrated contracts the landfill has with governmental agencies to fund the landfill.

The county was paying just under \$55,000 per year under the contract, but the new contract will generate \$148,000 or an increase of 256%.

Board Chairman Matt Pflug said it was probably time to revisit the rates.

"I would say if we haven't done it for 15 years it's probably a good time to revisit," Pflug said.

Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said in the past the county has bonded for improvements and Banks said that was a long time ago.

Supervisor Rick Larkin said the move shows the landfill is trying to be proactive in keeping the landfill viable.

"If we do what we're supposed to and follow what we're supposed to and get it done, I think we'll be miles ahead," Larkin said. Seyb said it was good to be leaning into the future and preparing for future regulations.

"We're looking into the future and we're already preparing for that and

have the regulation hit and then all of a sudden we have to come up with a bunch of money to sustain those operations. It's a testament to you and your leadership out there leaning forward and looking at that and the long range plan," Seyb said.

Seyb said it was important for the public to understand the increase is to fund long-term planning and not just generating extra money.

West Point had the increase on their agenda Monday night as well.

City Administrator Dennis McGregor said the city used to assess the fee on residents' utility bills through West Point Utilities.

However, he said for some reason, the city stopped collecting the fee in 2014 and has been paying the bill for the past seven years at about \$432 a month. The increase will put the fees at \$992 per month.

Councilman Dan Walters said that fee should be included in county taxes.

"What we're looking at is if we're going to pay it out of the city budget or charge the residents," Walters said.

McGregor said the city would end up paying the bill, but would collect the money as a pass through from the West Point Utility.

"I didn't know if the council wanted to continue the payment as we have been doing..." McGregor said.

Walters said if it used to be on the utility bill but the city's just been footing the bill for the past seven years, then the fee should be put back on those bills.

McGregor said he would draw up a resolution to put the landfill fee back on the utility bill and the council could vote on the resolution.

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Sports

Central Lee boys end year at West Burlington

Hayes excited for the future as Hawks got experience running young squad onto the floor this winter

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST BURLINGTON – Central Lee Head Coach Kritter Hayes said Monday’s season-ending loss to West Burlington was a storyline for the Hawks’ season this year.

The Hawks fell out of Class 2A District 12 substate action and ended their basketball season with a 69-23 loss to the Falcons in West Burlington.

Freshman Brayden Wyrick led the Hawks with 11 points in the loss. Wyrick led Central Lee in scoring all year.

Central Lee shot a chilly 4 of 14 in the first half including a 1-of-7 start in the first period. The Falcons were almost as poor from the field in the first quarter but heated up in the second to pull away quickly.

Wyrick hit a 3-pointer from the right wing with 5:21 left to cut the lead to just three at 11-8 in the second period.

West Burlington then hit eight of its nine next shots from the floor including three 3-pointers in a row from Parker Rau, Caleb Allen, and Austin Applegate to push the lead to 19 at 29-10, sparked by a 16-2 run.

With a 33-13 halftime lead, Corbin Pohren came out and hit a jumper to start the third period, and then Central Lee missed six of its next seven shots, while the Falcons opened up a 44-17 lead and never looked back.

Hayes said the Hawks moved Wyrick, who typically plays in the post, out to the top of the offense in the half court to try and bring West Burlington’s big men out from the center to open up the offense.

“We were working on trying to get their bigs out a bit. Brayden is getting better with the ball in his hands and then we just kinda got away from it,” Hayes said.

“They sped us up like they’ve done in the past, but our guys gotta learn how to get back into it and trust what they can do. When we executed in the half court, we looked pretty darned good.”

Hayes loses three seniors in Bryce Finney, Alex Sandoval, and Maddox Doty from this year’s squad and returns a young squad that got a lot of experience, despite going just 1-21 on the year.

“I’m happy about the future that we’re headed for. The direction is right and we’re very young. We just lost three seniors, but its about modeling their work ethic. It’s not always about basketball skill, it’s just about being good people and then we overcome the other things. That’s what my job will be,” Hayes said.

Wyrick’s 11 was tops on the night for Central Lee. Cory Jones had five and Kegan Damico had four for the Hawks. Wyrick had eight boards to lead the Hawks in rebounding. Jones had four.

Hayes said despite the lopsided score, the Hawks never gave up during the game or during the year.

“There’s no quit in our guys. That’s for sure,” he said.

“We just learned a lot this year about facing adversity head on. You can’t hide. Tonight was just a storyline of our season. They never gave up, they kept fighting. I’ve learned a lot about these guys this year – the work ethic they have and what it’s going to take to overcome some of the things we struggle with.”



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee’s Cory Jones (21) goes up for a reverse layup in the first half of Monday’s 63-29 loss to West Burlington in Class 2A District 12 action. West Burlington’s Zachary Webb defends from behind. The loss ended the Hawks’ season at 1-21.

Holy Trinity Catholic boys fall in districts to Hillcrest Academy

Gehling and Hellige score in double figures in Monday loss

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

The Crusaders trailed by 13 at the end of the first half, but closed that to ten at 38-28 in the third quarter. But the Ravens, behind Bender’s effort, put up 23 points in the final period to

KALONA – The Holy Trinity boys lost 83% of their scoring from last year and that showed up Monday as the Crusaders’ season ended with a 61-36 loss to Hillcrest Academy.

The Ravens (12-4, 15-6) got 29 points from junior Grant Bender, including 17 in the second half, where Hillcrest pulled away. Bender’s 12 fourth-quarter points put the game away.

send HTC back to Fort Madison with the season behind them.

Conner Gehling, who led the Crusaders (6-16) in scoring throughout the year, ended the year the same way with 11 points. Freshman Luke Hellige had 10 points. Nick Fullenkamp scored

five points all in the final period. Adam Sobczak had four, Tyler Snaadt had three points, and Mikey DiPrima had two in the loss.

“We had a great season. We lost 83% of our scoring and only had four upperclassmen, none with any real experience,”

Hellige said.

“To win six games in the south SEISC with two freshman and two sophomores to go along with the upperclassmen was a huge building year for us. We’re super excited for

the bunch coming back.”

Holy Trinity ends the year at 5-11 in the Southeast Iowa Superconference and 6-16 overall. They finished seventh out of nine in the SIESC South Division.

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REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 7TH, 2022
7:00PM
CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor D. Ellingboe, with Council Members Weber, Mar-

shall, Moeller, Newton & Estrada present.

Motion by Estrada, second by Moeller to approve the agenda: all ayes.

Citizen comments - None

Motion by Newton, second by Marshall to approve the minutes of the January '22 meeting: all ayes.

Motion by Weber, second by Moeller to approve the January '22 financial reports: all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Estrada to approve the January '22 disbursements and February '22 bills to be allowed: all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Marshall to approve Tax Abatement Application for 719 Dewey for new detached garage: all ayes.

Motion by Weber,

second by Estrada to approve sidewalk grant for 719 Dewey to replace sidewalks: all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Estrada to approve Class C Liquor License for Green Acres Club: all ayes.

Motion by Estrada, second by Weber to approve the Class B Beer Permit for Lee County Fair: all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Estrada to approve committee appointments for 2022: all ayes.

Mayor ProTem - Moeller, Parks & Buildings - Estrada & Marshall, Streets & Sidewalks - Newton & Estrada, Water & Sewer - Marshall & Weber, Insurance & Salaries - Weber & Moeller, Public Safety - Newton & Estrada, Library - Moeller & Weber.

Motion by Moeller, second by Weber to approve payment arrangements for 605 University of \$50 a month on past due balance due to water leak: all ayes.

Public Hearing to Amend Current Budget - no written or oral comments.

Motion by Newton, second by Moeller to approve

Resolution No 2022-02 Amendment of Current Budget #1: RCV all ayes.

Public Hearing for Proposed Property Tax Levy - no written or oral comments.

Motion by Moeller, second by Newton to approve Resolution No 2022-03 Proposed Property Tax Levy of 10.44 (\$262,602): RCV all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Weber to set public hearing for FY2023 Budget for March 7th, 2022 @ 7pm: all ayes.

Motion by Weber, second by Moeller, to approve Resolution No 2022-04 Authorizing Deputy Clerk, Amber Roberts on banking accounts at Pilot Grove Savings Bank: RCV all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Weber to make a \$200 donation to Paws Animal Shelter for assistance with animals running at large: all ayes.

Motion by Moeller, second by Weber to accept the resignation of Brenda Knox, library director effective March 15th 2022: all ayes.

Motion by Moeller, second by Newton to approve the revised Vulnerability Assessment & Emergency Response Plan for Water System: all ayes.

Police Report - There were 26 calls for service in January, 7 traffic stops and 27 building checks.

Clerk Report - effective July 1st GRRWA will implement a rate increase of \$6,900 for the next fiscal year. Council to discuss how to cover the rate increase in the budget. The City of Donnellson is creating a new website which will allow residents to sign up for notifications. Donnellson Vision is creating a community club for community members to engage with each other to plan & host community events. More info to come.

There being no other business to come before the Council, motion by Marshall, second by Moeller, Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned: all ayes.

Dave Ellingboe, Mayor Attest: Rebecca Schau, City Clerk

Summary of All Receipts: General

\$10,792.61 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$10,031.06 Employee Benefit \$312.83 Local Option Sales Tax \$9,618.85 Debit Service \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$20,954.44 Water Sinking USDA \$1,816.00 Sewer \$27,011.00 Sewer Sinking \$0. Summary of All Disbursements: General \$24,751.99 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax -\$2,858.19 Employee Benefit \$1,405.97 Local Option Sales Tax \$504.00 Debit Service \$0 Capital Project Fund \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$22,964.45 Water Sinking \$1,816.00 Sewer \$6,217.00 Sewer Sinking \$0

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WINDSTREAM, internet/ phone..... 383.89
ALLIANT ENERGY, Electric..... 5,865.87
GRRWA, sanitation 378.00
MCFARLAND SUPPLY, Supplies..... 358.01
CITY OF FT MADISON, Lab Billing 340.00
MID AMERICAN ENERGY, Gas 747.73
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAXES 3,800.72
IPERS, IPERS-REGULAR..... 2,324.70
TODD HERDRICH, Reimbursement..... 50.00
DAILY DEMOCRAT, PROCEEDINGS ... 515.24
J & S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, Contract 830.48
HUFFMAN'S FARM AND HOME, Supplies/Postage

404.89
SEIRPC, Comp Plan 4,000.00
EVERLASTING CIRCLE OF KD, Egg Hunt.. 100.00
POSTMASTER, Box Service 92.00
CITY OF WEST POINT, Wages 3,095.00
LEE CO AUDITOR, Election..... 458.21
WEX BANK, Fuel.. 819.31
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES, Testing 25.00
VERIZON, Data.... 120.03
BAKER CONCRETE, Concrete 4,092.00
USPS, Water bills 148.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, Testing..... 13.75
IOWA ONE CALL, One Calls..... 21.60
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, Sales Tax 836.59
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, Wet..... 3,333.34
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER, Bulk Water 5,718.00
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Rathbun Loan 1,816.00
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C., Lawyer 992.69
ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, Annual Check .. 46.65
MEYERS DRIVEWAY & SEPTIC, Sewer 400.00
INGRAM, Library .. 921.73
A NEXT DEGREE COMM CO, Phone..... 65.91
QUILL, Local & Fam History..... 45.63
RSM US LLP, IT Service 2,971.00
POPULAR WOODWORKING, Magazine 24.95
COUNTRY MAGAZINE, Magazine 20.00
ALLIANT ENERGY, Street Lights 1,397.78
IPERS, Interest wage adjust..... 10.19
MARC, Degreaser 4,481.00
CITY OF WEST POINT, Chiefs Fuel 12.00
RSM US LLP, Network Support 60.00
IMMENSE IMPACT LLC, Website..... 914.95
PAYROLL CHECKS, TOTAL PAYROLL 19,827.49
CLAIMS TOTAL 74,501.17

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Education News/From the Front

Pioneer cemetery work finds its way into city limits

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at the prison. He was also a Civil War veteran.

The cemetery was registered with the Lee County Pioneer Cemetery Association in 2004 and a Pioneer Patriots Day was celebrated there in Sept. 2012.

Sorrentino said the end game is preservation.

“What I would like to see is if the Pioneer Association has it, let them keep it and maybe step in and assist them in a joint venture to preserve it,” Sorrentino said.

“There are some instances with these where it’s going to take more than one commission and more than one group to get things done.”

Carol Vradenburg, who lives in the home on the property with the cemetery, said she used to work to keep the plot cleaned but has since had a stroke and can’t get back to the lot which is about 100 yards into the timber on the northwest side of the property.

The last person to be buried on the lot was Robinson Berthl who was buried in 1962.

The State of Iowa defines “pioneer cemetery” as “a cemetery where twelve or fewer burials have taken place in the past 50 years. The Hoffmeister Cemetery hasn’t had a burial in the last 50 years.

The lot has cement vault blocks that cover about 10 of the sites. There is also rumored to be three children plots that have yet to be identified.

Vradenburg said there were several descendants of the family, including Jean Hoffmeister, who attended the 2012 celebration and put flowers on the graves for the dedication.

“The effort is to find out if the Pioneer Association is looking at this or if they are looking to maybe step in with the HPC and see if we can’t approach it from a joint venture,” Sorrentino said.

“This is the original house and I’d like to preserve both of these if we can.”

Sorrentino said neither the plot or the home are listed with the National Register of Historic places but, because Augustus Hoffmeister was a civil war veteran and a surgeon at the time, and built the home on the property, it could be something for future consideration.

Lee County’s Pioneer Cemetery Association is undergoing a resurgence of late and submitted a budget this year to the county for consideration for fiscal year 2023 starting July 1.

The association wants to identify ways to help clean up and preserve the cemeteries throughout the county.

LCHD will offer Pfizer vaccines to children 5-11 years old

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washing hands frequently or using hand sanitizer, staying home when ill, and choosing to be up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations if eligible.

LCHD will also continue to strongly recommend COVID-19 vaccinations and offer COVID-19 vaccine clinics based on the needs in the county. Beginning in March 2022, LCHD will be offering COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics every other week. March clinic dates will be March 2nd, 16th, and 30th from Noon-4:00 pm at LCHD’s clinic office located at #3 John Bennett Drive in Fort Madison. LCHD will continue to have all three vaccines available – Moderna, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson – for initial and boost doses. Appointments are encouraged, and can be made by calling (319)372-5225.

LCHD will begin to offer the Pfizer vaccine available for 5-11 year-olds at their regular monthly Immunization Clinics starting in March. Clinics are held every 2nd Thursday of the month from 1:00pm-4:30pm at Trinity United Methodist Church (2330 Plank Road) in Keokuk, and every 4th Thursday from 1:00pm-4:30pm at LCHD (#3 John Bennett Drive) in Fort Madison. Appointments are encouraged, and can be made by calling (319)376-4767.

All vaccine consent forms and vaccine information sheets can be found on the LCHD website (www.leecountyhd.org).

LCHD will provide updates regarding scheduled vaccine clinics, or other county COVID-19 related information when necessary. This will include information released on the LCHD’s website page (www.leecountyhd.org) in the COVID Information section, on the LCHD Facebook page, and through the media.

SCC partners with Toyota for program

WEST BURLINGTON, Iowa – Students entering Southeastern Community College’s automotive technology program this fall will have a new opportunity to earn a certification as a Toyota Maintenance Technician. This certification level is the first step in building a career as Toyota Technician at a dealership. Thanks to a new partnership with Toyota Motor North America (TMNA), the new Technician Education College Support (TECS) Elite program will prepare completers for technician

positions at Toyota and Lexus dealerships, and service centers across the country.

“We’re excited to partner with Toyota,” said Ashlee Spannagel, SCC’s dean of career and technical education. “Our students will have the chance to learn on the latest and greatest training technology provided by Toyota. It’s a great opportunity for them to add to their skillset so they’re even more employable once they graduate.”

As a TECS Elite partner, Toyota will supply SCC with vehicles for the automotive technology program, curriculum content created by

Toyota, and access to training resources for automotive students.

SCC will be the only TECS Elite program in the Midwest.

SCC automotive instructor and TECS Elite program lead, Tim Hunter, is impressed with the partnership.

“Thanks to TECS Elite, we now have everything we need to teach students about Toyotas,” said Hunter. “All of the training equipment they’re providing — cars, engines, diagnostic computers – is going to enhance our program and improve student learning.”

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